

The Wildcat Echo

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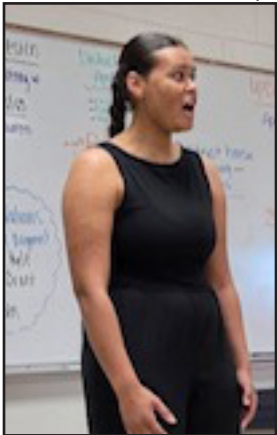
Musicians reap rewards for efforts, Ambundo earns accolades

by MaryEllen Smith

Saturday some band and choir students competed in the IHSMA's Solo/Ensemble contest.

The students perform for a judge who offers some oral comments and a rating from I-V. A I means Superior, a II means Excellent, and a III means Good.

The judges also choose an entry as the Outstanding Performer who will then share their talents at the Outstanding Performer Showcase in May.



MV junior Sellah Ambundo was named an outstanding performer for her vocal solo.

Here are the results for the Band:

- Olivia Begle Flute Solo-I
- Cecilia Charles Flute Solo-I
- Abby Nieman Flute Solo-II

- Cheyenne Eike Flute Solo-II
- Ryleigh Moriarity Clarinet Solo-I
- Trish Dieteker Clarinet-II
- Taylor Saunders Alto Sax Solo-II
- Colt Haas Tenor Sax Solo-II
- Maya Smith Trombone Solo-I
- Gracin Harris Tuba Solo-II
- Breanna Bush Marimba Solo-I
- McKayla Weber/ Maya Smith Duet-II
- Olivia Begle/ Ryleigh Moriarity Duet-I
- Karl Zumbach/Colt Haas Duet-III
- Taylor Saunders/ Maya Smith Duet-II
- Flute Quartet-II
- Saxophone Quartet-II
- Brass Ensemble-I

Here are the results for the Choir:

- Ryleigh Moriarity/Addie Wilson Vocal Duet-II
- Underclassman Ensemble-I
- Trish Dieteker/Carly Dirks Duet-II
- Gracie Palmersheim Solo-II
- Carly Dirks Solo-I
- Upperclassmen Ensemble-II



The saxophone quartet of Taylor Saunders, Colt Haas, Emily Rudd and McKalya Weber perform Saturday. They earned a Division II (Excellent) rating.

- Omnia Sol-II
- Trish Dieteker Solo-II
- Emily Rudd/Taylor Saunders Duet-II
- Tenor/Bass Group-II
- Ollie Hunter Solo-II
- Sellah Ambundo Solo-I (Outstanding Per-

- formance)
- Sellah Ambundo/Ollie Hunter Duet-I
- Ryleigh Moriarity Solo-I
- Owen Boring Solo-I
- Small Choir-II
- Gracin Harris Solo-II

Preppin' for prom

Under the guidance of prom sponsor Mrs. Teymer, decorations for this year's Gotham City-themed prom are underway. Right: Alaina Leytem works in a tree.

Below: Jeanie Teymer and Tessa Intorf brave the elements to work on a backdrop.



Rain or shine, the track athletes will get 'er done

Boys track

by Lanni Beaman

On Thursday April 9th, our MV boys team traveled to Independence to face good competition. Through the cold rain, our boys team still performed well throughout the meet. The boys placed 8th as a team out of the total 10 boys teams competing. Here are the results from Independence (shown are those who scored points):

100m Dash: Kash Hunt: 11.52, 4th
200m Dash: Macoy Stone: 23.55, 3rd
400m Dash: Kenyon Baker: 55.23, 5th
800m Run: Owen Smith: 2:18.67, 6th
1600m Run: Kenyon Baker: 5:09.28, 3rd
Sprint Medley Relay: Keegan Rahe, Jaxson LeGassick, Carter LeClere, & Owen Smith: 1:42.07, 6th
Distance Medley Relay: Preston Salow, DaShawn Strickland, Tyler Beitz, & Owen Salow: 4:13.13, 5th
4x200m Relay: Dylan Knipper, Jaxson LeGassick, Kash Hunt, & Macoy Stone: 1:35.96, 5th
Shot Put: Preston Salow: 45' 11", 5th

Last night the boys competed at West Delaware. Results will be in next week's issue.

Girls track

by Alaina Mead

Last Thursday the girls track team traveled to Independence for a meet against 12 other schools. The team ended



Colin Smith comes out of the blocks for a relay at Independence.



Jaxyn Weber finishes her leg of a relay last Thursday night.

the night with a 5th place finish scoring in multiple events! The following events are listed below:

100m Dash- Rylee Reed; 6th
200m Dash- Audra Burbridge; 3rd
400m Dash- Audra Burbridge; 2nd
1500m Run- Anna Feldmann; 5th
Discus- Sellah Ambundo; 1st
Shot Put- Sellah Ambundo; 1st
High Jump- Taylor Salow; 3rd
Long Jump- Magda Petermann; 5th
Shuttle Hurdle- Ries, Flannagan, Recker, Wilson; 5th
Sprint Med- Reed, Kraft, Burbridge, Burbridge; 4th
Distance Med- Glew, Lanning, Burbridge, Feldmann; 4th

"We had some really nice bright spots at the meet at Independence," stated Coach Dunlap. "Junior Sellah Ambundo won both the shot and disc throwing 37-10 in the shot and 105-8 in the disc. Sellah has been very consistent in the shot and continues to grow and improve. It is early with the discus as we are just getting some outdoor meets in. I feel like she is going to have success in both events all season long.

"Another nice surprise for the team is our exchange student junior Magda Petermann. She jumped 14-8 in the long jump. She is fairly new to the event and is still figuring some of the techniques out but should keep improving. She also really wants to get better and has been putting in extra work to improve.

"We ran a couple relays that impressed me as well. The distance medley relay running Khloe Glew, Payton Lanning, Taryn Burbridge and Anna Feldmann placed fourth with a time of 4:45.81. Anna Feldman has been really tough and determined to finish this race the right way. It

has been fun watching her run people down. Anna also competed in the 1500m later in the night placing 5th with a great time 5:48.42.

"The shuttle hurdle relay team ran for the first time this season. We did it in a steady downpour of rain which is not ideal. Junior Natalie Ries, junior Haydin Flannagan, junior Ruby Recker and freshman Carly Miller placed 5th with a respectable time of 1:20.86. This group has worked hard and I know big improvements are going to come.

"Sophomore Audra Burbridge ran well in both the 400m dash and 200m dash. Audra placed 2nd in the 400m dash with a great time 1:01.79. She also placed 3rd in the 200m dash running our team's best open 200m time so far this season 27.38.

"This was a difficult meet with the rain and chill later on in the night. Our girls showed some toughness and grit competing as well as they did."

This Monday a few individuals on the girls track team also traveled to the Iowa Valley meet, in Marengo for an extra meet. Results:

400m Dash- Lanni Beaman; 1st, Audra Burbridge; 3rd
4x100 Relay- Reed, Kraft, Burbridge, Glew; 3rd
4x200 Relay- Glew, Lanning, Burbridge, Kraft; 3rd
Sprint Med- Reed, Kraft, Burbridge, Burbridge; 2nd
High Jump- Taylor Salow; 1st
Shot Put and Discus- Sellah Ambundo; 1st

Yesterday the girls competed at the MFL meet and will have their home meet next Monday as well as Alburnett on Tuesday. More results to come in next week's Echo!

Botos, Leytem, Dougherty earn medalist honors

by Maya Smith

On Friday, the girls competed against North Linn and Central Elkader. The girls won the meet, scoring 201. Central Elkader scored 214, and North Linn did not score. Ever Botos medaled with a 44. Here are the meet scores:

1st - Ever Botos: 44
 3rd - Maya Smith: 47
 6th - Olivia Begle: 54
 8th - Eva Mensen: 56
 9th - Morgan Clemen: 58
 12th - Macee Nolan: 63

The next day, the girls went to the Ed-Co Invitational Tournament. They placed 4th with a 460. Ever Botos got medalist runner up with a 98.

2nd - Ever Botos: 98
 19th - Eva Mensen: 114
 29th - Morgan Clemen: 122
 32nd - Macee Nolan: 126
 37th - McKenna Moneart: 132
 42nd - Ella Reicher: 144

On Monday, the girls competed against Ed-Co at home. They lost, scoring a 204 while Ed-Co scored a 198. Here are the meet scores:

3rd - Ever Botos: 49
 4th - Eva Mensen: 50
 7th - Morgan Clemen: 52
 9th - Macee Nolan: 53

10th - Olivia Begle: 54
 11th - Maya Smith: 56

Coach Zietlow comments: "4/10 I thought the girls bounced back after struggling Tuesday. I was pleased with our team score and Ever Botos medaling. I look forward to this team improving each meet.

4/11 The girls played in the Ed-Co Invitational. Lone Pine is long for girls, and the wet conditions made it even longer. Ever Botos played really well for us. She was able to get up and down for par on her last hole to secure 2nd place overall.

4/13 I liked everyone's positive attitude during and after the meet. I know as a team we didn't have our best stuff but saw lots of positives. We need to cut down on 3+ putts per green. That is the main factor in my opinion. In practice, we will be working on 50-100 yard shots along with 20-30 foot putts. We need to crack down on 3+ putting on each green. Once we do that, our scores will drop dramatically."

Last night, the girls competed against Calamus-Wheatland and Easton Valley. Results will be in the next issue.

On Friday, the boys competed against North Linn and Central Elkader. The boys placed second with a 164. Eli Dougherty medaled with a one over par 36. Here are your meet scores:

1st - Eli Dougherty: 36
 4th - Trevor Grimm: 40
 6th - Zach Leytem: 42

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Athletes of the Week

Name: Eli Dougherty

What is your favorite part of playing

golf? I love playing golf with my friends and having fun out on the course.

What's your favorite course to play in high school competition? So far I have liked Willow Run GC in Denver

when we played there last year.

If you could golf anywhere, where would you golf? I would golf at TPC Sawgrass because it looks like a fun course.

What's been a favorite golf memory?

My favorite golf memory is the van rides to Mason City freshman season.



Name: Ever Botos

What is your favorite part of playing golf?

My favorite part about playing golf is spending time with my teammates and trying to get better every day. And the giggles that are created on the golf course

What's your favorite course to play in high school competition? My favorite course to play in a high school competition would have to be Hartridge.

If you could golf anywhere, where would you golf? If I could golf anywhere I would go to Indian Lake Hills in Michigan.

What's been a favorite golf memory?

My favorite memory of golf would be after the meets when all the girls would sit at a table and talk about their rounds, some may have not been the best but there would always be something funny to go around. Or when we gave the seniors their gifts my freshman year!



Maya Smith drives on in a recent meet.

Golf, continued

14th - Braden Gardner: 46

15th - Anderson Holtz: 47

16th - Dalton Africa: 47

On Monday, the boys competed against Ed-Co at home, scoring a 156, beating Ed-Co's 201. Zach Leytem got meet medalist with a 37. Eli Dougherty was runner-up with a 38. Here are your meet scores:

1st - Zach Leytem: 37

2nd - Eli Dougherty: 38

3rd - Dalton Africa: 38

4th - Trevor Grimm: 43

5th - Anderson Holtz: 44

6th - Braden Gardner: 47

Coach Conner comments: "We had much better weather for this meet compared to our first meet of the year. Even though we didn't post our best team score, I was really proud of how our guys handled themselves. Our top 4 golfers had penalty strokes for going out-of-bounds at some point in the round. They did not hang their heads when this happened and put a few holes of great golf together. Eli Dougherty ended his round with an eagle, sinking a 20-foot putt to do so. Zach Leytem played his final 4 holes at -1, and Trevor Grimm played his final 5 holes at -1. Again, we are playing great golf at times; now we just need to get off to a good start and minimize the big numbers on certain holes.

"We had great conditions to play golf against Ed-Co. We finally put together three scores that I thought we were capable of coming into the season. Zach Leytem



Braden Gardner chips one in at a recent meet.

was the meet medalist, and he shot a +2, 37. Dalton Africa had a great round on his birthday and was the meet runner-up, shooting a +3, 38. Eli Dougherty struggled at times during his round but finished strong and also shot a +3, 38. Trevor Grimm was our 4th scorer, and he shot a 43. I do feel like we are capable of scoring even lower than 156 in a 9-hole round. I am really happy with how we played as a team. We still need to work on limiting big numbers from penalty strokes on certain holes, but I really like the direction that we are

headed as a team. As the range gets open at Hart Ridge, we will get more reps with certain clubs and work on keeping the ball in play or hitting to certain targets to avoid these penalty strokes."

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Jaelyn's Journeys



photo by Jaelyn Butikofer

Where in the school can you find this object? Be the first one to correctly name the place to Mrs. Temple to win something from the prize box!

Fantasy Fiction: The battle of many but few

A series
by Abby Nieman

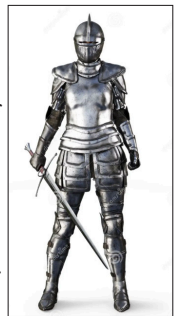
I wake to a loud crash, which rattles the whole forest floor. I look up to see through the leaves that night has come, and there are stars in the sky. 'Shoot shoot shoot, there is no way to get back into town,' I hear another loud crash and in a second 10 more. The forest before turns dark and black. The same tree branches as before come and take me further into the dark. I don't try to resist; they grab me lightly and hastily as I sit up and see a small bomb drop where I was lying. It takes a second for the trees to get me to a safe spot, but it also takes the bomb longer to explode. The boom from the bomb is defining; my ears ring with a painful sound.

Nothing in my body is wounded.

The trees take me deeper in the forest than I have ever been before. There is nothing except for me, no spirits. The booms keep going off one after the other as if they are being launched from multiple areas. There is a sound from behind me. I turn around and find that there is a bright red fox that is now by my side. It circles me and walks toward the direction that I think the bombs are flying from.

I follow the fox as we get closer and closer to where the firing is coming from. The shots and the explosion get louder. Everything is overwhelming, but I keep following the fox as it is the only thing I can see.

The army is nowhere in sight as we come out of the forest. We are on the far end of the enemy's formation. The fox walks to the side of their formation. I hesitantly follow. The way the enemy has their formation, they are in one line with catapults for every three people. The further towards the center we go, the bigger the catapults get. The middle has the general station. The table sits in the middle of the path that leads out of town. The fox freezes and puts his tail on my leg as Knut turns around and sees me.



Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Arianna Nolan

What is your role in the spring play?

Narrator! But I also do a lot backstage with set changes and also making the set!

What do you enjoy most about being a

part of this show? The creative freedom we have with it! Also making so many memories with the underclassmen.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? The comedy! This play is very funny and there are a lot of easter eggs from different productions and famous references to other Broadway shows.

What will you miss most about being involved in the drama productions?

I will miss being on stage the most. Performing on stage during musicals and plays with my friends, making the audience laugh, and seeing the show come together is such a magical experience that I wish I could experience it all over again.



Name: Ollie Hunter

What is your role in the spring play?

I play Booth Operator, William Shakespeare, Female Lead, Actor 1, Thomas Putnam, and Emily

What do you enjoy most about being a

part of this show? With new directors come a new way of doing things, and it's nice to have more creative freedom to take direction and really make this show our own.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? I hope they notice how much fun we are having putting it all together. There are also allusions to all sorts of different shows and productions that I think a lot of people will get a kick out of.

What will you miss most about being involved in the drama productions? The family of it. You get so close in the three months that you have together, and that time flies fast when you realize it's your last. I'll miss all of them, and I hope they miss me when I'm gone.



One at a Time

by Arianna Nolan

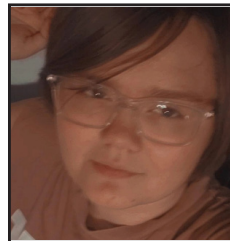
*Trigger warning:
Content references
sexual assault.*

They looked at you with loving eyes while they did it. Even when you said no. They still did it. But they looked at you with those eyes.

However, behind those eyes with a fire of rage. If you said no, would they still love you? If you said no, would they leave you? Maybe you're the problem. It's your fault. Your. Fault. You wanted it, right? Right?

These are the common thoughts of sexual assault victims. After they have been assaulted, they are often left with this pit of guilt and shame, as if they were the ones who chose to go through what they did. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), and this month I want to cover the importance of providing support for these victims and what we can all do to help.

First, let's start with the facts. A study done by the Office of Victim Crimes in 202 states that every minute, a woman is raped. If we put that into a bigger scope, that means that every hour, 60 women are raped. Every day, 1440 women are raped. One out of eight women in the United States has been raped, and out of these cases, 61% of them occur before the woman has turned 18. But, it isn't just women



being affected by these tragic crimes. According to the same source, one in six men will experience sexual assault during their lifetime. This does not even include the fact that men are less likely to report their experiences.

After a person has been sexually assaulted, they have incurred many risks to their mental and physical health. Men are at risk of HIV/STDs, while women have the same risk plus the chance of being pregnant. Mentally, these victims will go through many changes. Their eating habits and sleeping patterns may change. Nightmares and flashbacks from PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) will plague the victim.

What can these victims do to receive help? Directly after the assault, victims should get to a safe place and then call 911, a rape crisis center, or a local hospital. During these times, you may want to shower, brush your hair, or change your clothes—but it's important that you don't, as it's proof of what happened to you. For treatment after these actions have been taken, therapy is your best option. Having a professional to talk to about your trauma can help you to start your slow but amazing healing journey.

If you have been a victim of sexual assault, just know that I see you, and I know what it feels like. You are not alone, and I am here to help all of you. If you want to speak out against what happened to you, please talk to a trusted adult and go on the journey to receive treatment. I love you all, and I will see you all next week! Go Cats!



¡Buena practica! The Spanish IV class recently put their Spanish to the test at Los Aztecas Mexican restaurant Wednesday.

Rachael Hoefler



Activities involved in during high school: 4-H, Band, Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra, Large Group Speech
Which activity affected you the most? How?

Band has affected me the most because it challenged me and made me get out of my comfort zone.

What advice do you have for freshmen? Don't wish away your time in high school. It really does go by fast.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?

I appreciate how small our school is and how much the teachers want everyone to succeed.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school?

My favorite classes have been math classes with Mrs. Lewin or Mr. DeVore.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?

Mrs. Temple because she really cares about all of her students and is always willing to help.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. George was my favorite elementary teacher. She really made learning fun and had such a positive personality.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? I loved when Mrs. George walked us down to the gas station to get treats for her birthday and I will always remember when Ian dented my locker.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will attend the University of Northern Iowa to major in accounting.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?

I am most likely working or spending time with my dog, Rebel.

Emily Rudd



Activities involved in during high school: Theater, speech, Scouts BSA, band, Choir
What advice do you have for freshmen? Focus on loving yourself instead of trying to have everyone else love you. It's a

lot easier to be nice when you're not worried about what the applied math class thinks about you, because, do they even know you?

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I have truly loved almost every teacher I've had. Being able to have such close relationships makes it easier to come to school each day and be actually excited to learn.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? Being able to spend all my time with friends and go on the random sidequests that become inside jokes and stories to tell everyone.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? I have enjoyed all of my science classes in high school. A personal favorite has been Anatomy and Physiology because of how interesting it is.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why?

The teacher I'm the most inspired by is easily Mrs. Droezieler; her teaching and passion for science introduced me to my future career and my own love for biology, genetics, and anatomy.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm accepted to Iowa State and plan on majoring in biology and genetics. After I graduate from there I hope to go to a police training academy to finally become a forensic scientist with the police force.

What's your favorite school lunch? I really like the potato bar. You can always count on me loading up a baked potato.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?

Currently out of school I'm working a lot, but I'm hoping to be able to spend the summer outside soaking up the sun once the weather gets nicer.

Alexa Ries



Activities involved in during high school: FFA
Which activity affected you the most? How? FFA, there's an opportunity for everyone and teaches life skills.
What advice do you have for freshmen? Take all of the college classes you can!
What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers truly care about the students and their successes.
If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be? Homecoming week or prom. It's an enjoyable time to be with the class and have fun with each other.
What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Anatomy & Physiology
Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Ms. Droezieler is always willing to help and cares about the success of her students.
What does your future look like? I plan to attend Kirkwood for Nursing and then obtain my BSN online. After that, I plan to get accepted into a nurse practitioner program and ultimately become a family nurse practitioner.
What song will always remind you of high school? "Where the Wild Things Are"
When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Being with friends/family, working at the hospital, or working with livestock.

Elizabeth Kraft



Activities involved in during high school:

Track Freshman, Sophomore years; XC Manager Freshman, Sophomore years; Speech Freshman year; FCCLA Senior year

Which activity affected you the most? How?

FCCLA taught me that paperwork

isn't as scary as it sounds.

What advice do you have for freshmen? In 10 years, what sports you did and the awards you received will never matter as much as how you treated those around you.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The elementary teachers who taught me how to learn my way.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Anything with Mrs. Downs.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Can I pick two? I'm going to pick two. Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Besler. Mrs. Downs teaches important life lessons and skills some students don't get the chance to learn at home while Mrs. Besler takes the time to teach her students in the way they learn.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? I'm going to pick two again. Mrs. Frasier and Mrs. Bonert because they helped me overcome my reading challenges.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Playing two hand touch football at recess.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending Carlson College of Massage Therapy in Anamosa, Iowa in the fall and then opening my own business shortly after that in Manchester. I hope to be published around the time I graduate from Carlson.

What's your favorite school lunch? Walking Taco

What song will always remind you of high school? "After the Rain" by Nickelback

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Working or writing.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Likely the large group effort it took to TP my house senior year.

Arianna Nolan



Activities involved in during high school:

During high school, I was involved in musical, play, individual and large group speech, choir, Wildcat Echo, and I was the president of the Maquoketa Valley Literature Club.

Which activity affected you the most?

How? The activity that affected me the most was definitely speech. Before I joined speech, I had a really hard time speaking in front of people and even having small talks, because of my severe anxiety. But now I am no longer afraid to spark a conversation with a stranger and can now successfully order my own food at a restaurant.

What advice do you have for freshmen? Be involved. I made so many great memories

and friends by being involved in the fine arts! I have grown so much as a person by going to practices, singing, and performing.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why?

If I could relive any moment in high school, it would be going to Jazz Championships during junior year and getting second place. I had so much fun getting to stay overnight in a hotel and seeing my jazz group's hard work finally pay off.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? The class I enjoyed most while I was in high school was A.P. U.S. History. Mr. Huegel is a wonderful teacher, and the people in that class made it so fun to learn! We would have study sessions and help each other when we needed it. It truly felt like such a safe space.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? The most inspirational high school teacher to me is a combination of Mrs. Temple, Mr. Huegel and Ms. McCrary. They have all taught me important skills, but most importantly, made me feel loved and cared about at times when I thought the world was ending. Mrs. Temple taught me the importance of words and standing up for what's right. Mr. Huegel taught me the importance of hard work and determination. Ms. McCrary taught me the importance of being myself no matter what. All of these teachers will reside within my heart forever and their lessons will carry on with me way beyond high school.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending the University of Northern Iowa and majoring in Interactive Digital Studies, which is basically a double major of marketing and graphic design. With this major, I hope to get a career with a company being their social media manager, creating logos and designs for them, and being able to market for their company. Either that, or I want to be able to freelance from the comfort of my own home.

What song will always remind you of high school? A song that will always remind me of high school is "Let Down" by Radiohead. Throughout the song, the band describes a bug being smashed with its legs twitching. There were many times throughout high school that I felt "let down," crushed, and useless. But through these hard times, I saw the light and realized that one day I would be able to "grow wings." Through the harsh storm, my petals would still blossom into something beautiful, inspiring others to do the same.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? I am most likely hanging out with my friends, listening to music, drawing, reading, or writing. Or I am doing a combination of these activities while cuddling with my cats.

Jocelyn Kelchen



Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball, Speech, Musical, Jazz Choir
Which activity affected you the most? Speech
How? affected

me the most because it helped me learn how strong I was when I was able to push through when things got hard.

What advice do you have for freshmen?

High school is what you make it. If you want something to be fun, it will be fun.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate the teachers and how much they care.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? Jazz championships my junior year.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? I really enjoyed the atmosphere during my U.S history class.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Mr. & Mrs. DeVore is the most inspirational because they are amazing people and they have helped me a lot.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. George was my most inspirational elementary teacher because she helped me learn to be creative

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite elementary memory is when Rachael and I wrote a book in 1st grade.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to attend Hawkeye Community Colleges PTA program

What's your favorite school lunch? Chicken Tetrizzini

Tyler Hoeger



Activities involved in during high school: Basketball and FFA

What advice do you have for freshmen? Get involved with some activity that forces you to meet new people and get out of your comfort zone.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate that the teachers take time to help each and every student and provide opportunities for you to succeed.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? I have enjoyed all of Mr. Palmer's shop classes the most because of the hands-on aspect and seeing what projects I can create and learn from.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite middle school memory is being undefeated in basketball during our 7th and 8th grade seasons.

What does your future (college and career) look like? My future plans are to attend Kirkwood Community College and then return to the family farm.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? I am most likely working on my family's farm when not in school.

Anderson Holtz



Activities involved in during high school: Football, Basketball, Golf, FCCLA, Large Group Speech
Which activity affected you the most? How? Definitely sports, not a particular one just all of them have taught me

so many life lessons.

What advice do you have for freshmen? Get out of your house and try new things.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? Supportive staff

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? Every single football and basketball game, except for freshmen year West Branch.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Foods classes with Mrs. Downs.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Mr. Cassutt, not only because he was my coach for a little while but he taught me through middle school and high school and I really enjoyed his classes.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. Dever because she was super kind and always brought such a great, joyous energy every day.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? 8th grade undefeated basketball season.

What does your future (college and career) look like? Go to Iowa State University to study business management.

What's your favorite school lunch? Mandarin Chicken

What song will always remind you of high school? "Springsteen"

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?

Working or spending time with friends and family.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Homecoming shenanigans

Gavin Kemp



Activities involved in during high school: FFA

What advice do you have for freshmen? Use your time in class to do your work.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? How you know everyone.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Applied Math

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? Mr. Palmer because he taught me the skills that I will actually use the most in my daily life outside of school.

What does your future (college and career) look like? Apprenticeship with J&B Electric then I will be a journeyman electrician.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing?

Working or hunting

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?

I'll probably wait till at least 20 years.

Keely Recker



Activities involved in during high school: cheerleading 3 years, golf 2 years

Which activity affected you the most? How? The activity that affected me the most was cheerleading because the girls and Coach Teymer have all been amazing to be around. We all got along and learned so many things from one another.

What advice do you have for freshmen? Be involved and try new things.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers we have are always willing to help and work with you to make sure you are doing the best you can.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? Anatomy and Physiology because that class was the most interesting to me. Mrs. D also made it very fun.

Who is your most inspirational elementary or middle school teacher? Why? Mrs. Dever was my favorite teacher because she was very fun.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to attend Capri and go to their cosmetology program. After that I plan to work in a salon as a hairstylist.

What's your favorite school lunch? Chicken nuggets

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? Probably hanging out with friends

Madison Thompson



Activities involved in during high school:

During high school, I was involved in Basketball for 4 years, Softball for 3 years, and Volleyball for 1 year.

Which activity affected you the most? How?

Basketball has affected me the most because it has taught me many life lessons and to keep pushing through when things are tough.

What advice do you

have for freshmen? Take advantage of college credit classes in high school and have fun.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate the teachers and staff at Maquoketa Valley because they are always willing to help and want what is best for students.

If you could relive any moment in high school, what would it be and why? If I could relive any moment in high school, it would be homecoming week because there are so many activities going on and they are a lot of fun.

What class have you enjoyed most in high school? I have enjoyed Anatomy and Physiology the most in high school because the class is very interesting and I have learned a lot about the human body.

Who is your most inspirational high school teacher? Why? My most inspirational teacher in high school is Mrs. Lewin because she teaches very well and helps students with any questions they have.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite elementary school memory was playing Delhi Little League softball and MV youth basketball with my friends.

What does your future (college and career) look like? My future consists of attending Hawkeye Community College for their Occupational Therapy Assistant program, then transferring to Allen College for their Doctor of Occupational Therapy program.

When you're not in school, what are you most likely doing? When I am not in school, I am most likely hanging out with friends and family, shopping/getting nails done, working, at the gym, or going on a walk.