

Students to present 'Rosie the Riveter' this weekend

by **Emily LaGrant**

On December 7th of 1941, America was changed. This was the day that not only changed the lives of each and every citizen but also the lives of every generation onward. It was the day America joined World War II.



Emily LaGrant stars as Rosie in this weekend's spring play.

As men all across the nation prepared to fight for their country overseas, women prepared on the home front. They filled the shoes of millions of working men and took on the rolls of riveters, welders, and machinists. In *Rosie the Riveter*, written by Trey Clarkson, the story of Rosie O'Connell and the many women that worked alongside her show the power of hard work and dedication. Watch as Rosie "rolls up her sleeves" to become an icon to inspire women to aid in the war effort and join the cause.

Rosie O'Connell is played by Emily LaGrant. Other actors and actresses include Riley Sternhagen as Helen Henley, Patrick Hansen as Eddie Kendrick, Angel Rumbo as John Stanley, Shaylyn Trenkamp as Katherine Hartley, Faith Hunt as Margaret Miller, Amanda Fortman as Marjorie Stinson, Lucas Rumbo as Tommy, Jon Seibert as Jasper, Hannah Lahr as Mary

Jane Hilton, Alex Digman as Colonel Cole, Brendon Hogan as Henry, Hunter Glass as Mary, and Briana March as Melinda. The ensemble is made up of Megan Beaman, Kristin Lucas, Hannah Cleman, Bekah Hill, Adrienne Supple, Kiesha Stelken, Nichole Lucas, Sienna Becker, Kendra Ries, Angie Wilson, Tamala Askeland, Natalie Neuzil, and Briana March. Ali Sheehy, McKenzie Lansing, Emma McDowell, and Kelsey Ries are part of the social club, and the prologue is made up of Jon Seibert, Norman Wilson, Lucas Johnson, Brian Heims, Sean Hucker, Kelsey Ries, Emma McDowell, McKenzie Lansing, Natalie Neuzil, Kristin Lucas, and Megan Beaman.

The shows are on Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th at 7 o'clock on both nights. The event is held in the high school auditorium, and tickets are \$5 per person. There will be refreshments for sale during intermission. Tickets are on sale now.

Artists earn accolades at conference art contest



by **Emma McDowell**

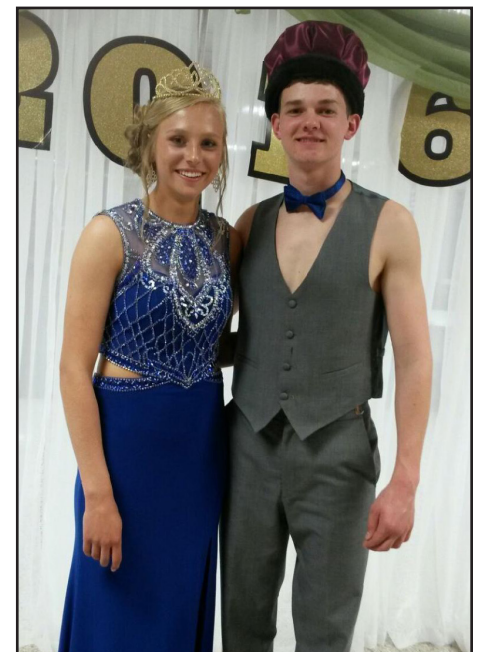
Several students entered artwork to be evaluated at the Tri-Rivers Conference Art Fair last week. MV students traveled to Springville to view student work.

Three MV students won awards. Senior Jazz Niehaus won second place for graphic design with a book cover. Fresh-

man Kelly Winter got honorable mention for an acrylic painting, and junior Bobby Blair got honorable mention for a large stein.

In other art news, senior Cassie Burkle sent a painting into a state senator competition and if she wins, the painting will be hung in Washington for a year.

Prom Queen and King



The junior class voted senior Megan Mensen and Jeremy Fischer as 2016 prom royalty. They were crowned this past weekend.

Sports Connection

Girls finish fourth at Cascade meet

by McKenzie Lansing

The girls' track team competed at Cascade last Thursday. They had a total of 53 points, tying for 4th, with two other teams.

Starting in the running events, in the 200m dash, Megan Hogan ran a 29.39, placing 7th, gaining 2 points. In the 1500m run, Nichole Winter ran a 6:02.85, placing 8th, gaining 1 point. In the 100m hurdles, Angela Wendt ran a 18.79, placing 6th, gaining 3 points. In the 400m Hurdles, Kara Orcutt ran a 1:11.29, placing 2nd, gaining 8 points.

In the relay events, Ashley Stogdill, Madison Imler, Megan Hogan, and Maddy Anderegg ran in the 4x100m relay. They ran a 57.08 placing 4th, gaining 4 points. Kara Orcutt, Brianna Mensen, Aspen Britt, and Rejji Smith ran in the 4x400m relay. They ran a 4:28.33, placing 2nd, gaining 8 points. Caitlin Schuman, Aspen Britt, Brianna Mensen, and Rejji Smith competed in the Distance Medley. They ran a 4:41.56, placing 3rd, gaining 6 points.

In the field events, Alison Sheehy and Rose Haven competed in the Discus Throw. Alison Sheehy threw a 103' 5", placing 1st, gaining 10 points for the team. Rose Haven threw a 78' 4", placing 8th, gaining 1 point. Whitney Wilson and

Rose Haven both competed in the Shot Put. Whitney Wilson threw 30' 0.5", placing 7th, gaining 2 team points. Rose Haven threw a 29' 7.5", placing 8th, gaining 1 point.

The girls then competed in Independence this Tuesday. They scored 28 points, placing 8th.

In the running events, in the 400m hurdles, Cassidy Wilson ran a 1:15.70, placing 2nd, gaining 8 team points.

In the relay events, the 4x100m relay team ran a 54.51, placing 4th, gaining 4 points. The 4x200m relay team ran a 1:54.97, placing 4th, gaining 4 points. The 4x400m relay team ran a 4:18.73, placing 6th, gaining 1 point. The 4x800m relay team ran a 10:31/48, placing 5th, gaining 2 points. The Distance Medley relay team ran a 5:00.66, placing 6th, gaining 2 points. The Shuttle Hurdle team ran a 1:14.47, placing 3rd, gaining 6 points.

In the field events, in the Discus Throw, Alison Sheehy threw a 101' 3", placing 6th, gaining 1 point.

The girls competed yesterday at Central City for the Tri-Rivers Conference Co-ed Outdoor meet. Those stats will be in the next Echo. The next meet is at Central City. Districts are at West Union on Thursday.

Kyle Wilson competes at the Marion meet Monday. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)



Boys take third at Cascade

The boys track team earned 99 points last Thursday to finish third at the Cascade meet. Cascade won the meet with 145 points.

Kyle Wilson was a double-winner by taking home first place in both the 400 meter dash and 800 meter dash. He ran them in 54.15 and 2:07.42, respectively.

Zak Harbach finished second in the 100 meter dash in 11.77 and third in the 200 meter dash in 23.63.

Brenden Hogan was fifth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 57.15 and fourth in the 400 meter hurdles in 1:02.08.

Tate Trenkamp ran his way to a fourth place finish in the 3200 meter run in 11:29.02. Bryant Meyer-Kemp finished eighth in that race in 12:12.58.

Alec McDowell finished seventh in the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 17.63.

In field events, Brody Sevart threw the shot 40-06.25, good enough for third place. In the discus, Clint Krapfl finished second with a throw of 132-06, and Blake Becker finished fifth with a throw of 114-10.

In relays, the 4x100 relay of Mitch Neuzil, McDowell, Krapfl and Harbach finished fifth in 47.11. The 4x200 team of Neuzil, Evan Hoefer, Krapfl and Brock Hillers finished third in 1:40.97. The 4x400 team of Harbach, Hillers, Wilson and Alex McCusker ran a 3:45.73 to finish second. The 4x800 team of Mitch Smith, Lane Coyle, Zac Lansing and Canyon Richardson finished sixth in 9:40.33. The shuttle hurdle team of Wilson, Tyler Britcher, Hillers and McDowell ran third in 1:06.75. The distance medley comprised of Norm Wilson, Angel Rumbo, McCusker and Smith finished sixth in 4:12.25.

The team competed at Marion this past Tuesday and conference last night. They will compete at districts next Thursday in West Union.

Boys golf finishes 11th

by Riley Kay Sternhagen

Monday night the Maquoketa Valley boy's golf teams traveled to Valley Oaks Golf Club in Clinton, Iowa, to participate in the 18-hole Tri-Rivers Conference Meet. Out of the twelve teams competing, Maquoketa Valley took 11th place with a score of 489. The meet was won by the East Buchanan boy's team with a 347. Chris Cooksley from East Buchanan scored a 75, earning himself the gold medal.

About the meet, Coach Andrews stated, "These were not the results that we envisioned coming into the meet. We had hoped that we would finish in the middle of the pack like we have shown we're capable of throughout the year. Although the conditions of the course were very wet, it was the same for everyone golfing. Hopefully we can get the scores back down to what we have been accustomed to before Sectionals."

Maquoketa Valley Individual Scores:

Carter Klostermann- 107, 24th

Jon Seibert- 113, 31st

Tanner Parmely- 122, 47th

Jordy Downs- 147, 62nd

Nate Lansing- 147, 63rd

Logan Fronatt- 155, 65th

Sectionals for the boys will be May 13 at North Fayette Valley.

what's up?

by Nichole Winter

What was your favorite part of prom?

Mac Callan: spending time with all of my friends

Lane Coyle: the bus ride

Alex McCusker: Hypnotist

Bryant Meyer-Kemp: food

Brooke Wilson: the grand march

Kyle Wilson: the bus

Norman Wilson: the bus

Angel Rumbo: post prom

Brittany Sabers: hypnotist

Alec McDowell: the dance

Ali Sheehy: being with my friends

Whitney Wilson: the hypnotist

Kaleb Handel: going home

Cassy Wilson: my date

Angie Wilson: party bus

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Jon Seibert

Activity: Spring play

What is your role in the spring play? Jasper / Prologue Choral Reader

What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? Making new friends and meeting people who are fun to be around.

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? They'll learn more about who Rosie the Riveter was as a person and how she became a WW2 icon.

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? *Silent Library* or *Wipeout*

Name: Emma McDowell

Activity: Spring play

What is your role in the spring play? A narrator in the prologue and Gloria in the social club

What do you enjoy most about being a part of this show? I enjoy the people in it and hanging out with friends

What will audience members enjoy most about the play? The plot

If you could star in any TV show, what would it be? Friends



Athletes of the Week

Name: Jon Seibert

Sport: Golf

What do you enjoy most about playing golf? It's very laid back and no pressure. It's fun to see progression by getting lower scores each meet. I also enjoy being outdoors.

What's something about the sport that non-golfers wouldn't realize? There's a lot more to golf than just hitting a ball in a hole.

What are your golfing strengths? Short range game.

Favorite memory from the golf course? Watching Dalton Becker trying to hit a golf ball for the first time.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Cassie Burkle



You recently sent in a picture to a state senator competition. What was that process? After the painting was complete it was matted with a baby blue color. I had to get a frame for the painting and attach hooks on the back to hang the painting up. Then I had to fill out all the paperwork and bring in the painting to the Rod Blum building in Dubuque.

What medium did you use for the picture? Acrylic paint

What is it of? A bunch of apples on a tree, the style of it is based on Picasso's Abstract paintings. So the proportions are stretched or shrunk in different ways to create the abstract look.

Music department performs concert



Seniors performed their last formal concert with the band and choir Tuesday night in the middle school. Taylor Guthrie was recognized for both her instrumental and vocal success as she received the John Phillip Sousa Award for a senior who displays excellence in loyalty, cooperation, leadership, dependability, dedication and musicianship and the Iowa Choral Directors Outstanding Senior Vocalist Award for superior musicianship, outstanding leadership and personal growth in all aspects of the choral art.



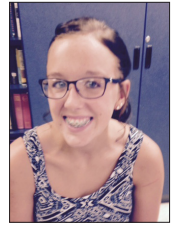
Trenkamp honored by governor



Shaylyn Trenkamp was recognized for her outstanding academic achievement at the Governor's Scholars Ceremony in Des Moines this past Sunday. Each school from throughout the state may nominate a student for this award. She was accompanied by her parents and Mrs. Temple. Shaylyn is pictured with Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds.

Do's and Don'ts of The Single-Digit Countdown

by Shaylyn Trenkamp



A week. We are a week away from being done with high school. A couple days later, we will graduate, and after that, our lives will change completely. Some of us couldn't be more grateful, but some of us are also feeling the sentimentality of it all. With all of these feelings, there are some things to consider though, so here are your tips about the single-digit countdown.

Do continue to treat others with respect. Yes, we are seniors. Yes, we have accomplished a lot and will soon be celebrating with our diplomas! But this doesn't make other people -- underclassmen, teachers, parents -- any less of people. R-E-S-P-E-C-T, use it.

Don't forget to stay in touch, and I don't just mean this summer. Wherever life takes you, remember where you started and who helped you out along the way. Friends and teachers both have strong influences in our lives but are commonly underappreciated. Don't let that be the case.

Do continue to be yourself and go after your dreams. "Go out with a bang!" some may say, but I simply advise this: don't change into someone/something you're not now. You've gotten this far because you are who you are. Take this and let it continue on whichever path you may choose after May 18th.

Don't give up or do anything that will screw it up... And by that I mean, we've come so far. It's not the time now to sacrifice all that you've achieved for a prank or whatever. A week is nothing compared to what we've already been through. Tough it out and don't get into too much trouble.

Do thank people -- everyone! Graduating is an amazing accomplishment, and it feels good! Now spread that good feeling with all those who have made an impact in your lives over the years!

Don't plan out the rest of your life quite yet; it might not work out. That's okay, though. Instead, make goals like helping others, persevering, being positive, and being happy. Don't worry if you don't know your major or you don't know your roommate; everything will fall in place.

Do support your class. (For instance, coming to the play this weekend? Yes, good idea!) We're all celebrating our accomplishments together, and in many ways, we wouldn't have been able to do it without each other. Remember that.

Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson

From the Start

At the beginning of this week I was notified of a very special day; Teacher Appreciation Day. I thought this would be good time to really tell each and every teacher and/or staff of Maquoketa Valley how much their work is appreciated.



Thank you. Thank you for believing in us when that score was an F. Thank you for encouraging us to try our very best. Your support, guidance, and heart is what makes this environment the way it is. I would be lying if I said that these tasks are easy to tackle. But you never seem to give up. For we all know that attitudes reach the maximum high and work ethic slowly starts to decrease as the temperature rises. The job title of a teacher does not mean you are entitled to care for students as your own kids, but there are some that care enough to do just that.

I now have one week of school left. As a senior it's easy to reflect on all of the things my teachers have done for me. As I walk out the doors of Maquoketa Valley for the last time, I shall never forget you who have touched my life. You helped me to realize the importance of the expansion of knowledge. Most importantly I have learned a lot about my character. To be responsible, show perseverance, and to always be kind. Out of the bottom of my heart I say, thank you.

Cutie

by Nichole Lucas

This week's Cutie is a senior from Delhi. She is involved in numerous activities and can be found performing in the play tonight. This cutie has four siblings and her favorite food is taco salad.



Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda:

Butter by Erin Jade Lange: What would you eat for your last meal? You never know when your last meal is, so you can't really decide. But for a boy who's nickname was Butter, this was a choice that he got to make. He got to pick what his last meal was, because he planned the date of his last meal. After being bullied about his size, Butter took matters into his own hands. He decided that he would choose his own fate. As his plan continues to form things in his life change. What will his final decision be? We really enjoyed this book, and the author's ability to portray the messages she wanted to make. It was a quick and great read.

Rebekah:

Leverage: A group of criminals come together for the common good. A thief, hacker, hitman, grifter, and the mastermind. Nate Ford bring together a group and they "take off where the law leaves off." They help people that have been played, people that have lost everything because of something that isn't there fault. This is one of my favorite shows, and I binge watch it every Sunday. Ion channel 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Psych: Another one of my favorite shows. Shawn Spencer pretends to be a psychic and help the police department. He brings his humor into the work he does and helps everyone get a laugh in. People don't always see eye to eye with Shawn, but in the end he always win. Humor, drama, love interests, and James Roday. That is one great show.

Fly by Maddie and Tae: This is one of my favorite songs, I could listen to it on replay all night long. It talks about never giving up and keep fighting through life. I also have a confession with this song. I went to a dance recital the other day and a dance was performed to this song, and I cried. It was beautiful. I love this song, you have to listen to it.

Amanda:


Humble and Kind by Tim McGraw: This song is definitely at the top of my charts. I can not get enough of this song and love the positive message that it brings. It focuses on doing the little things in life that make others happy and will make you feel good. Don't waste the time in your life because you never know how long you have. This song will definitely get stuck in your head and hopefully the message influences you too.


Supernatural: Sam and Dean Winchester get thrown into the life that they hoped they would never have to come back to, the family business of demon hunting. This show follows the life of these brothers as they protect the world from evil clowns, Lucifer, angels, and anyone else who tries to destroy the earth. Also, Sam and Dean are pretty easy on the eyes.


Containment: Day 13 and the city of Atlanta is in ruin. Everyone is either dead, dying, or trying to survive. When an epidemic breaks out love ones are torn apart and the city falls to ruins. Will the community struggle and fall apart or will they grow and survive this. Tune into the CW to watch Containment Tuesday at 8.


The Cat Box Hall Smarts


opinions, ideas and random thoughts from the staff of *The Wildcat Echo*


 A meow to all the students involved in National Honor Society and Academic Excellence for their accomplishments.


 A good luck meow to the band and choir as they prepare for large group contest tomorrow.


 A break-a-leg meow to the cast and crew of the spring play. A special meow to all you Wildcats going to see the show.


 A furball to skipping school on a day when a teacher has planned a special event.


 A meow to the AP Calc students for showing academic fortitude on the test yesterday.


 A furball to students who abuse games during study hall and get privileges taken away from other students.

 A meow to Kaleb Kruse who was part of the ninth place agronomy team at district competition this week.

 A meow to all of you who are planning on supporting the FFA greenhouse and finding something fun for Mom.

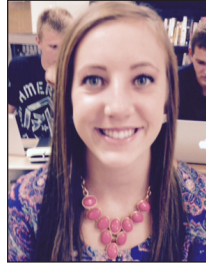
 A meow to the cooks who selected the seniors' favorite meals for next week.

 A meow to our art fair winners: Jazz Niehaus, Kelly Winter and Bobby Blair.

 A meow to musician Taylor Guthrie for her awards presented at the senior awards concert Tuesday night.

by **Shawnae Hoeger**

This week is all about the seniors. This week's seniors are Cody Ries, Colton Nefzger, Caitlyn Gibbs and Nichole Lucas. Let's see what these four seniors can answer!



1. Name one of your classmates who has impacted you in a positive way.

Cody: Andrew Palmersheim
Colton: Rob Bockenstedt
Caitlyn: Cassandra Ingles
Nichole: Megan Hogan

2. What is the one thing you want Maquoketa Valley to remember you by.

Cody: got my stuff done
Colton: black bear
Caitlyn: n/a
Nichole: being sincere

3. Who was your elementary crush?

Cody: Briana March
Colton: Erin Digmann
Caitlyn: Colton Nefzger
Nichole: Andy Huber

4. What is the one memory you remember most from high school?

Cody: football
Colton: football
Caitlyn: my friends
Nichole: when Mrs. Temple told us not to yell out the window because we aren't white trash

5. What day and time will you be graduating from high school?

Cody: May 18th at 7:30pm
Colton: May 18th at 7:00pm
Caitlyn: May 18th at 7:00pm
Nichole: May 18th at 7:00pm
Answer: May 18th at 7:30pm

Well, everyone got the first four right, but it looks like Cody came in first with all five points. Colton, Caitlyn, and Nichole all came in second with 4 and 1/2 points. One more week left, seniors :-)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of May 9, 2016

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

1. HS Softball Official First Day of Practice
2. HS V Girls RC Golf at Valley Oaks Golf Club in Clinton - 9:00 AM
3. HS Girls' & Boys to Co-Ed Track at Central City - 4:30 PM (Bluebird Bus/ Suburban Leaves at 2:30 PM)
4. MV Fine Arts Booster Club Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

1. HS FFA to District Floraculture/ Agronomy at Hawkeye Tech. in Waterloo
2. JH Boys' Tri-Rivers Conference Track Meet at Central City - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)
3. MV HS FFA Greenhouse Open - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
4. JH Girls' Tri-Rivers Conference Track Meet - HOME - 4:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

1. HS FFA to State Horse Judging Contest in Ellsworth (Van Leaves at 5:30 AM)
2. MV Drivers' Ed Classes Begin - HS Auditorium - 7:00 AM
3. MV HS FFA Greenhouse Open - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
4. HS Boys & Girls District Track Meet at N. Fayette - 4:00 PM (Bluebird Bus & Suburban Leave at 2:30 PM)
5. HS FFA Monthly Meeting - Senior Farewell - HS Room # 307 - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016

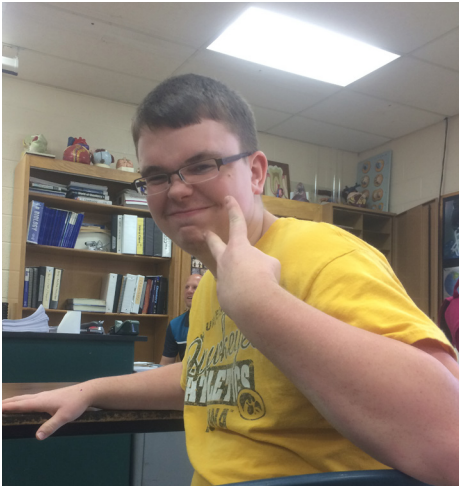
1. HS V Boys' Sectional Golf Meet at North Fayette Valley - 10:00 AM (2 Vans Leave at 7:20 AM)
2. HS Speech & Drama Awards Night - HS Auditorium & Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

1. MV Athletic Boosters Softball Tournament - 8:00 AM
2. HS JV Softball Scrimmage in Monticello (Bus Leaves at 7:50 AM)
3. MV HS FFA Greenhouse Open - 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Last Day

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

1. Baccalaureate - HS Auditorium - 1:30 PM
2. Dollars for Scholars Senior Awards Program - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM



THIS is MV

photos by
Flavia Xavier



Academic achievement recognized at joint event



The Maquoketa Valley National Honor Society chapter is comprised of, front row, from left: Brooke Snyder, Emily Lagrant, Angie Wilson, Emily Krapfl, Whitney Wilson, Riley Kay Sternhagen, Nichole Lucas, Megan Hogan and Megan Mensen; second row: Kelsey Snyder, Shaylyn Trenkamp, Caitlyn Gibbs, Colton Nefzger, Calvin Orcutt, Dylan Wright, Jeremy Fischer, Briana March, Shawnae Hoeger and Sienna Becker; third row: Cassie Burkle, Colin Wendt, Clint Krapfl, Alec McDowell, Taylor Guthrie, Kristin Brehm, Macy Anderegg and Kristi Goedken; third row: McKenzie Lansing, Kendra Ries, Rebekah Hill, Amanda Fortman, Danica Fjelstul, Lea Ries, Cassiddy Wilson, McKayla Callan and Nichole Winter; back row: Amanda Engelken, Danielle Schumann, Peyton Ries, Abby Holtz, Heath Gibbs, Tyson Tucker, Madison Imler, Brittany Sabers and Macy Hoeger. Not present for photo: Brianna Mensen.

Wednesday night students were recognized for their academic accomplishments at the combined National Honor Society induction and the Academic Excellence celebration.

Sixteen students were inducted into NHS based on their scholarship, service, character and leadership. Inductees were Cassie Burkle, Danica Fjelstul, Rebekah Hill, Kendra Ries, Lea Ries, Cassiddy Wilson, Amanda Engelken, Heather Gibbs, Abby Holtz, Macy Hoeger, Madison Imler, McKenzie Lansing, Payton Ries, Brittany Sabers, Danielle Schumann and Tyson Tucker.

Students who were recognized at for Academic Excellence earned that recognition by earning straight As, being in the top seven percent of the class or scoring in the 97th percentile on the Iowa Assessments or the 94th percentile on the PLAN/ACT. Senior honorees also recognized mentors who helped them achieve their success. Riley Sternhagen's mentor was her grandmother, Linda Kirkwood; Emily LaGrant's and Shaylyn Trenkamp's mentors were Mr. and Mrs. DeVore; and Sienna Becker's mentor was softball coach Mike Mensen.

The guest speaker for the night was MV alumna Ann Boffeli Wilson-Bries. She spoke about the importance of striving for one's best in all phases of life.



Students recognized for Academic Excellence include, front row, from left: Riley Kay Sternhagen, Emily LaGrant, Shaylyn Trenkamp and Sienna Becker; second row: Sam Wall, Colin Wendt, Alec McDowell, Nichole Winter and Abby Holtz; third row: Norman Wilson, Heath Gibbs, Brody Severt, Brittany Sabers, Amanda Engleken and Macy Hoeger; fourth row: Kelly Winter, Brooke Wilson, Chloe Rolling, Megan Rausch, Emma McDowell and Hannah Lahr. Not pictured: Brianna Mensen



Top left: NHS president Shaylyn Trenkamp reads the names of inductees while NHS sponsor Mrs. Besler greets them. **Top right:** Senior academic excellence honorees pose with their mentors. (photos by Emma McDowell)
Middle: Sophomore academic excellence students were Brittany Sabers, Abby Holtz, Brody Sevart, Heath Gibbs, Amanda Engelken and Macy Hoeger.
Left: Ann Boffeli Wilson-Bries addresses the crowd.
Above: Brianna Mensen, Alec McDowell, Nichole Winter and Colin Wendt were junior academic excellence winners.

Burlap & Lace: Prom 2016

