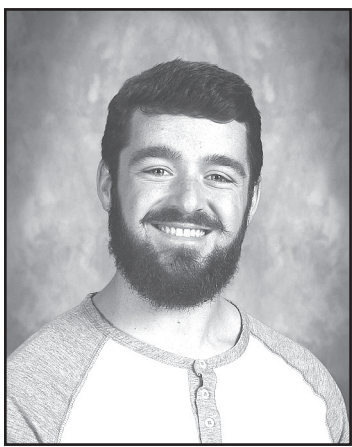


Samuel Bender



Samuel Bender

Attend Parkland and then transfer to the University of Illinois

What activities were you involved in at VGHS?

Student Council, Class Officer, Baseball, Football, Track

What are you most proud of during your time at VGHS, and why?

Getting inducted into the NHS my sophomore year because not everyone gets into NHS that early.

What is your favorite memory at VGHS?

Beating Tuscola in baseball my junior year.

Who was the most influential person throughout your high school career and why?

My most influential person was my mom.

If you could, what advice

would you give yourself on your first day of VGHS?

Don't stress out over every assignment.

What is your favorite quote, or one that best describes you?

Don't sweat the small things.

Jesse Paul Bessent

Parent's Names:

Paul and Mandy Bessent

Plans after Graduation (ex-college/field of study, military, employment):

Study at Florida Gulf Coast University.

What activities were you involved in at VGHS?

Science Club, Golf, Scholastic bowl, ACES

What are you most proud of during your time at



Jesse Paul Bessent

VGHS, and why?

Receiving a scholarship from my dream school, FGCU.

What is your favorite memory at VGHS?

Having classes with all of my friends.

Who was the most influential person throughout your high school career and why?

Jimmy Buffett, because his message is to just "go with the flow."

If you could, what advice would you give yourself on your first day of VGHS?

"It goes by quick. Enjoy it while you can."

What is your favorite quote, or one that best describes you?

"I've gotta go where it's warm."

my fire science then go to the Air Force for firefighting.

What activities were you involved in at VGHS?

Football, Basketball, Track

What are you most proud of during your time at VGHS, and why?

NHS. It was an exciting time for me.

What is your favorite memory at VGHS?

Friday night football.

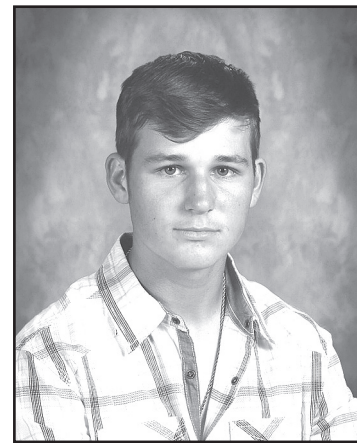
Who was the most influential person throughout your high school career and why?

My family and friends.

If you could, what advice would you give yourself on your first day of VGHS?

Make your years count, they go by fast.

Carson Ritchey Block



Carson Ritchey Block

Parent's Names: Ryan and Jeana Block
Plans after Graduation (ex-college/field of study, military, employment):

Plan to possibly continue my education at Parkland studying Precision Ag and working full time at Hettinger Farms.

What activities were you involved in at VGHS?

Football, Baseball, Basketball, FFA

What are you most proud of during your time at VGHS, and why?

Being football captain and helping lead my team to the playoffs.

Who was the most influential person throughout your high school career and why?

My mom and dad.

If you could, what advice would you give yourself on your first day of VGHS?

All girls are the same.

Emma Carolynn Bratten-Noise



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Parent's Names: Andrea and Darren Lewis; Dan and Brandy Noise

Plans after Graduation (ex-college/field of study, military, employment):

My plan is to attend SIU to major in nursing. Eventually, after working for a few years, go back to school and get my master's.

What activities were you involved in at VGHS?

Student council two years, yearbook four years, NHS three years, softball three years

What are you most proud of during your time at VGHS, and why?

I am most proud of obtaining my CNA certification through Parkland, all while going to high school.

What is your favorite memory at VGHS?

My favorite memory was when we won against Arcola my senior year and we all ran out onto the field.

Who was the most influential person throughout your high school career and why?

The most influential person throughout my high school career was Mr. Cordes because he was always willing to help me out in math, yearbook, ETC.

If you could, what advice would you give yourself on your first day of VGHS?

If I could go back, I would tell myself to enjoy my time in high school because it goes fast.

What is your favorite quote, or one that best describes you?

My favorite quote is by Tony Gaskins and he says, "Don't live someone else's dream, live yours."

Emma Paige Buesing



Emma Paige Buesing

Parent's Names: Bill and Christel Buesing
Plans after Graduation (ex-college/field of study, military, employment):

My Plans after graduation are to go to Southern Illinois University Carbondale to study Aviation Flight and Aviation Management.

What activities were you involved in at VGHS?

Student Council, FFA, Track, Cross Country, Basketball, NHS, S.W.A.T., ACES

What are you most proud of during your time at VGHS, and why?

My most proud moment is having the privilege to be in National Honor Society.

What is your favorite memory at VGHS?

One of my favorite memories was being on the senior homecoming court.

Who was the most influential person throughout your high school career and why?

My parents because they always pushed me to be the best student and person that I could be.

If you could, what advice would you give yourself on your first day of VGHS?

I think I would tell myself not to worry and to go easy on myself because, at times, I was a little too hard on myself.

What is your favorite quote, or one that best describes you?

My favorite quote is Matthew 6:34 from the Bible.



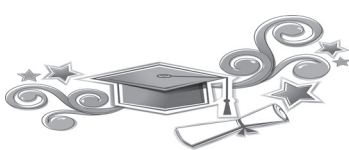
VILLA GROVE HOMECOMING COURT ATTENDANTS, starting at the front and left to right, Neville Linton, Ryan Lillard, Kurt Zimmerman, Jobella Crafton, Alison Pangburn, Kyler Williams, Maci Clodfelder, Emma Bratten-Noise, Emma Buesing, Samantha Hunt, Parker Stevens, Luke Zimmerman, William Jones, Jacob Gilles. *Submitted photo.*



SENIOR VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS Maci Clodfelder and Jada Chandler were celebrated during senior night. *Submitted photo.*

Congratulations
Graduates!

Best of luck in your future endeavors!



GRADUATING SENIOR FFA MEMBERS just retired their FFA jackets, left to right, Emma Buesing, Madison Logan, Maci Clodfelder, Peyton Smith, Dalton Logan, Gavin Kiser, Luke Zimmerman, Will Jones. *Photo by Dominik Stallings.*

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