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The first four honorees

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Bice

dance. She has previously participated in band, track, and competition cheerleading. Ivy is very dedicated to her academics, having received multiple awards of academic achievement. in English and math. Her good grades also earned her a "certificate of excellence" during her sophomore year at the Iowa State Dance Championships. Ivy has earned multiple awards of honor, those being for drill team, basketball cheer, and track. Ivy is a dedicated leader both in and out of school. She currently serves as captain of the basketball cheerleading team. Beyond her school commitments, she works as head housekeeper at the Mount Ayr Inn, and teaches at Ryan's Dance Academy. One of Ivy's teachers said: "Ivy consistently displays good character in the way she treats both her peers and staff members at school. She shows kindness, respect, and integrity in her interactions, creating positive relationships built on trust and understanding."

I am honored to have grown up with Ivy as my friend, and I have seen her grow and bloom into the amazing person that she is today. She is the kind of person who shows up when you need her most, no matter how busy she is. She is truly deserving of this honor, and I know she will continue to achieve great things. It is my honor to congratulate Ivy Bice on her induction into the National Honor Society.

Dredge

she is a genuine and honest person. One of her teachers said, " Adley consistently demonstrates outstanding character through her kindness, integrity, and strong sense of responsibility. She treats others with respect and compassion, often going out of her way to include and encourage her peers. Adley approaches challenges with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn, showing maturity beyond her years. Her honesty, reliability, and genuine care for others make her a role model among her classmates and a student who positively impacts the school community every day." Adley is involved in track and field and volleyball, earning a varsity letter in both and being awarded Most Valuable Player for JV Volleyball. She was also in FFA for her freshman year and earned her Greenhand Degree. Outside of school, Adley has logged almost 40 hours of community service for the school, community members, and her church. This shows her genuine care for others and willingness to help. I have personally benefited from her positivity and kindness, and I am thankful for her as a friend. At this time, I would like to congratulate Adley on her induction into the National Honor Society.

Gilbertson

kids' triathlon, Izzy has been a helping hand to others. She has been involved in basketball, volleyball, and golf in high school. Some of her achievements are basketball POI conference freshman and sophomore of the year, Academic All-Conference her sophomore year in all three sports, and all-Iowa KMA-Land third team. While excelling as an athlete, she has maintained a 3.94 GPA. Izzy's teachers talk very highly of her. A quote from one of them states: "Izzy is an outstanding student who consistently demonstrates integrity and perseverance. She is self-motivated, chooses the hard right over the easy wrong, and approaches challenges with determination and maturity. Her strong moral character, work ethic, and commitment to excellence make her a role model for her peers, and a student any teacher or coach would love to have in class and on her team." Izzy has made a positive impression on our school and on me- there is never a dull moment when you are around Izzy. She leads by example, and if there is anything that I have learned from Izzy, it is to be yourself. I look forward to seeing Izzy every day, knowing that she will stop to chat and or give me one of her big hugs. I am very honored to know Izzy and to be the first to welcome her into our National Honor Society chapter. Congratulations, Izzy.

Greenland

Granting Committee, and Ringgold Rancher 4-H Club. Through being involved in these activities, she has achieved many awards. These include, All-Iowa Dance Team, and has been placed top 20 two years in a row at the State Dance Solos Competition. Even with being involved in so many activities inside and out of the school, Kelbey has exceeded and maintained a 4.00 GPA and is first in her class. Her outstanding academic standing has helped her to achieve countless ELA and math ISASP awards, such as 2+ year Growth on the ELA and math assessments, and the highest score in her sophomore year in ELA, math, and science assessments. One of Kelbey's teachers speaks highly of her by stating, "Kelbey has always shown a high level of character when it comes to the work she completes and how she works with other students in class. She helps those around her when they need it and works on her own work above expectations." Knowing Kelbey, I do not doubt her teacher's opinion one bit. She is determined and disciplined, but always finds time to squeeze fun into whatever she is doing. To know Kelbey is to love her. Her kind heart and vibrant personality is truly something I look forward to seeing every morning at practice or during school. It is my privilege to be the first to congratulate Kelbey on her induction into our National Honor Society chapter! Congratulations, Kelbey!

Thank You

All your Condolences, Cards Memorial Money, and support was greatly appreciated during this sad time.

Family of Doug Prime and LaDonna Prime

ADVENTURES IN THE AYR

(L to R) Loren Bencomo, Cindy Sobotka, Ivy Bice, Sherry Reynolds, and Diana Huntington serving at the annual Free-Will Offering Thanksgiving Lunch courtesy of Donetta Phelps. Photo by Andy Kellner

Editors Note: Adventures in the Ayr is a new weekly series by MACS student employee Ivy Bice. Adventures in the Ayr will generally be a first-person account of Ivy Bice's weekly "adventures" in and around Mount Ayr from a high school student perspective.

By Ivy Bice

My family and I decided to do something a little different this holiday season. At first, when my parents told me about it, I had no idea the event even existed, but now I can share the news with others who may not know about it either. My family and I decided to help out at the fourth annual Thanksgiving free-will offering lunch, courtesy of Donetta Phelps, the Tingley Betterment Foundation, and the Wagon Wheel Cafe, on Thanksgiving Day. Donetta decided to host this annual event in honor of her daughter, who loved to do good by the lord through serving others. So, in honor of her, we served food from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, offering Turkey and Ham balls with delicious sides, drinks, and desserts. It was held at the Hoover Angus Farm, and until now, I had never stepped foot in the building before. It was a beautiful building for such a wonderful cause. One of the first things I noticed was how much help Donetta had this year. We went around in a circle to introduce ourselves, and the entire time I was standing there, I was thinking about how amazing it was that so many people cared and wanted to volunteer. I hope that Donetta could feel the love in that building, because I sure could. After the initial greeting, we started the day off with preparation. I took on the role of serving food and jumped right in, and started getting everything ready for the big day. We put all of the warm, fresh food (it smelled amazing by the way) into the warmers for display. We servers all put on festive Thanksgiving aprons, slipped on some gloves, and waited in excitement for our first customer. Ranging from community members, children, nursing home folks, and more, a little bit of the whole town came to celebrate. Looking at the joy on everyone's faces was so heartwarming to see. Throughout the day, I could see in each and every one's faces how genuinely excited they were to not just enjoy a meal that feels like home, but to share the blessing amongst others. This adventure was a good reminder of how you can make a big difference with a small act of kindness. This event really brought everyone together and opened people's hearts to philanthropy in the small but mighty community.

Mount Ayr set to usher in Christmas

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baked potato supper sponsored by the First Christian Church from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

There will be a tree lighting for the city's formal Christmas tree located in front of the Skelly gas station at 6:30 p.m.

The Fill a Truck for Faye" fire trucks will be on display and will feature a Hot Cocoa bar, apple cider and baked goods. The fire departments will also be accepting donations at the site during the festivities.

There will be a variety of Christmas themed events taking place inside the Ringgold county court house. In the lobby, guests will be able to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus as they greet children and adults alike to whisper their secret Christmas list to Santa.

The court house will also be adorned with a number of holiday trees named appropriately enough "Tour of Trees"

In the assembly room, the Mount Ayr High School choir will be entertaining visitors with song from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Additional musical entertainment will be provided by members of The First Christian Church as they present "Heartbeat of Christmas"

All and all, the square will be buzzing with the official kick off to the holiday season.

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