

Wildcat Echo

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Palmersheim and Westhoff finish third

Junior Andrew Palmersheim, left, evaluates the cattle as part of the Beef Extravaganza last week.



The 2014 Beef Extravaganza took place on the Iowa State University campus, and 22 teams competed. The scholarship event, which is for students interested in cattle and beef production, involved 70 high school students from around Iowa. They competed for cash scholarship awards for the top four teams that totaled \$7,650. Students were challenged at 10 different stations to demonstrate their skills and knowledge.

The team of Trent Westhoff and Andrew Palmersheim of the Maquoketa Valley FFA finished third. The Maquoketa Valley FFA team also won the Seedstock Merchandising division, placed second in Credit and Finance and third in Industry Issues. The team was coached by MV FFA advisor Dawn Mausser.

Scholarship dollars won at the Extravaganza can be used at any university or community college. In addition, if the student will be attending Iowa State University College of Agriculture, Kirkwood Community College, Hawkeye Community College, Muscatine Community College, Des Moines Area Community College or Iowa Lakes Community College, those institutions offer additional matching scholarships to students on the top four teams.

Team scores at the 10 different

stations were added to determine the winners. Each station tested specific skills and knowledge of the students. Teams scoring the highest number of points at each station were also awarded plaques, which were sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

FFA makes donation to food pantry



On December 6, 2014 MV FFA members Gabriela Guetzko, Jacob Bonert, Ryan Parmely and Curtis Nefzger delivered 30 mixed boxes of fruit to Kay Harris for use at the Food Pantry as a way to give back to their community.

Wrestlers upset #1 team

If you read this morning's sports section of The Gazette, you would see that The Predicament has Alburnett's wrestling team ranked first in class IA.

If you continue reading, you'll see that MV defeated Alburnett 47-34 at home last night.

Coach Andrews said every match up against Alburnett was vital. He made some switches in the weight classes for his wrestlers which proved to be a smart move.

He said Steve Huber's pinning his opponent set the tone for the evening as did Eric Heims' win by fall. Zach Cornell, wrestling a tough Alburnett opponent, also came through for the team by fighting all six minutes and not giving up team points. Dylan Wright's win by pin ended it on a good note, said Coach Andrews.

MV also defeated Ed-Co 72-11.

Sports Connection

Lady Cats defeat Warriors, Eagles and Lions--oh my!; lose by 2 to Orioles

by Shaylyn Trenkamp

The girls basketball team of Maquoketa Valley lost in a tough match against the Orioles of Springville last Tuesday, after their win the previous weekend against Central Elkader. Last Friday, the Wildcats then faced the Eagles and came out on top for another conference win.

At Central Elkader, Maquoketa Valley led a strong game, scoring higher than the Warriors each quarter and winning by 20 points. In the first quarter, Maquoketa Valley scored 11 points against Central Elkader's seven. Finishing the half, the Wildcats received 16 more points, bringing the score to 27-16. Maquoketa Valley continued to bring it in the third and fourth quarter, earning 13 points and 11 points respectively. The Warriors only brought in 15 points in the last half, making the final score 51-31, Wildcats. Sophomore Brianna Mensen led the points with a total of 16 and Erin Digmann grabbed a total of nine rebounds, the highest for her team.

Points: Erin Digmann, 14; Megan Mensen, 9; Brianna Mensen, 16; Angie Wilson, 2; Annie Fjelstul, 6; Kristi Goedken, 1; Abby Jay, 3. Field goals made: Erin Digmann, 6; Megan Mensen, 4; Brianna Mensen, 7; Annie Fjelstul, 2; Abby Jay, 1. Three pointers made: Erin Digmann, 2; Megan Mensen, 1. Free throws made: Brianna Mensen, 2; Angie Wilson, 2; Annie Fjelstul, 2; Kristi Goedken, 1; Abby Jay, 1. Offensive rebounds: Erin Digmann, 2; Megan Mensen, 1; Brianna Mensen, 3; Angie Wilson, 2; Annie Fjelstul, 1; Morgan Manternach, 1; Abby Jay, 3. Defensive rebounds: Erin Digmann, 7; Brianna Mensen, 3; Annie Fjelstul, 1; Morgan Manternach, 4; Abby Jay, 5; Abby Holtz, 1. Assists: Erin Digmann, 1; Megan Mensen, 1; Brianna Mensen, 6; Angie Wilson, 1; Morgan Manternach, 2; Abby Jay, 3. Steals: Erin Digmann, 1; Megan Mensen, 1; Brianna Mensen, 4; Angie Wilson, 1; Kristi Goedken, 1; Abby Jay, 3. Blocks: Brianna Mensen, 1; Abby Jay, 2. Fouls: Erin Digmann, 3; Megan Mensen, 4;

Brianna Mensen, 2; Angie Wilson, 4; Annie Fjelstul, 4; Morgan Manternach, 1.

Last Tuesday, Maquoketa Valley traveled to Springville and were defeated by two points. The Wildcats started off the game strong defensively, allowing only two points from the Orioles and also scored seven points with a three pointer from Brianna Mensen. The second quarter, the Orioles took over, playing great defensively, and bagged double the points of MV. In the third quarter, the Wildcats had some trouble with turnovers and bad passes, but managed to earn 10 points from mostly free throws and rebounds. Orioles earned nine, but then earned 10 in the final quarter. The fourth quarter for the Wildcats consisted of numerous steals, but also a substantial number of missed shots. Maquoketa Valley scored nine points in the last quarter, leaving them two points behind the Orioles. The last half was incredibly close, but left Maquoketa Valley suffering their first loss of the season with a final score of 35-33.

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Annie Fjelstul pivots around a Midland defender to complete a pass. (photo by Shaylyn Trenkamp)

gan Mensen, 3; Brianna Mensen, 5; Angie Wilson, 2; Annie Fjelstul, 2; Morgan Manternach, 2; Kristi Goedken, 1; Abby Jay, 3.

Last Friday the team hosted the Eagles of Midland and won 54-35 after a 27-11 half-time lead.

Leading scorers for the night were Brianna Mensen with 19 points, Abby Jay with 10 and Erin Digmann with nine.

Jay pulled down 13 rebounds, and Digmann had seven, and Brianna Mensen and Annie Fjelstul each had six rebounds. Brianna Mensen was also credited with five assists and six steals. Jay had five blocks.

This Tuesday the team traveled to Lisbon and defeated the Lions 58-28.

Tonight they take on East Buchanan.

what's up?

by Nichole Lucas

What are you looking forward to this Christmas break?

Savannah Salow- spending time with family

Dylan Wright- food

Shaylyn Trenkamp- spending time with my family

Madison Imler- getting to see my cousins

Andy Huber- hoping it snows and food

Ryan Parmely- hanging out with Heather Mikayla Callan- sleep

Clint Krapfl- eating some good food

Josie Young- spending time with my family

Brycen Askeland- presents

Best Buds



Madi Schaul and Christie Fry
by Annie Fjelstul

How long have you been friends?
7 years

What do you like to do for fun?
Anything to have a good time.

Describe your friendship in one word.
Crazy

What's your most embarrassing moment together? One time spaghetti came out of Christie's nose because they were laughing so hard.

Fine Artist of the Week

Name: Shaylyn Trenkamp
Activity: Large group speech

What events are you in for speech?

Large Group: Ensemble Acting and Choral Reading

Individual: Review

What do you enjoy most about large group speech?

I love getting to know people you wouldn't see much of otherwise and working together with others to step outside of your comfort zone.

What have you learned through this event? I've learned that communication is important, and everyone's opinions should be heard and valued. Also, you should never be afraid to try something new.

Who is your speech role model? Mr. and Mrs. DeVore, Stacey Murray, Ali Holtz, Olivia Hill, Annie Fjelstul, and many more

How has speech helped you step outside of your comfort zone? Speech helps with confidence and getting you to say or do things that you wouldn't normally say or do. For example, this year I have to kiss a girl and that's pretty far outside my comfort zone... so yeah.

Name: Abby Jay
Activity: Large group speech

What events are you in for speech?

Group Improv. and Ensemble

What do you enjoy most about large group speech?

Being forced to step outside your comfort zone and talking to new people.

What have you learned through this event? To not be afraid to try new things and just be yourself

Who is your speech role model?

Mr. and Mrs. DeVore. They have been my coaches all four years!

How has speech helped you step outside of your comfort zone?

It made me try new things and it helped improve my public speaking, which I'll always be thankful for that!



Athletes of the Week

Name: Brianna Mensen
Sport: Basketball

What position do you play? Point Guard

What do you enjoy most about basketball? I like working towards our goal and playing with our team.

How does this year's team differ from past teams? There are different people playing different positions.

What's your favorite drill in practice? Situations

What's your least favorite drill? Rotation rebounding

How do you mentally prepare for the game? I think about what I'm supposed to do in the game and what we will need to do to win.

What did you eat for breakfast? Bagel

What's the best motivational song out right now? "The Champ"

Name: Trevor Koopmann
Sport: Wrestling

What weight are you wrestling at this year?
160 pounds

What are your goals this year? To make it to state

What's the hardest part of wrestling? Cutting weight and conditioning

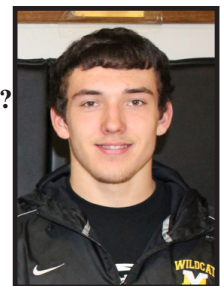
What's something about wrestling non-wrestlers may not know? It's a physically hard sport and you have to be mentally tough.

How is this year's wrestling season different than other years? I am a senior and it's my last year wrestling as a Wildcat.

Who's your favorite sparing partner?
Alec McDowell

What's a great warm-up song? "Beast" by Timeflies

Do you have any pre-meet traditions?
Drilling with Alec McDowell



Meet the Freshmen



Brody Severt, Brycen Askeland, Cassi Westhoff and Payton Ries

Name: Cassi Westhoff
 Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, basketball, softball, speech
 Favorite subject: Algebra
 Career aspirations: nurse assistant
 Hobbies: being with friends
 Something cool about you: I was adopted.

Name: Payton Ries
 Siblings: Lea & Nolan
 Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, basketball, softball, play, speech
 Favorite subject: photography or Spanish
 Career aspirations: Physical Therapist
 Hobbies: sports
 Something cool about you: My hair is red!

Name: Brody Severt
 Siblings: Chanelle Helle
 Activities you plan to be in: speech, football, basketball, baseball, track, play
 Favorite subject: math, Mr. Drew's classes
 Career aspirations: Robotics or engineering
 Hobbies: swimming
 Something cool about you: I'm smart.

Name: Brycen Askeland
 Siblings: Jackie, Jennifer, Jordyn, and Tamala
 Activities you plan to be in: soccer, cross country, basketball, track
 Favorite subject: basic construction
 Career aspirations: engineering
 Hobbies: running
 Something cool about you: I like to run
 —typist: Mikaela Reth

Angie's Angle

by Angie Wilson
 Count Your Blessings
 this Season



The real meaning of Christmas is starting to fade in today's society. Of course, the main reason of Christmas is the birth of baby Jesus. Although, those who don't believe or practice that religion still celebrate the holiday of Christmas. It's a holiday filled full of joy and blessings. Blessings aren't the presents under the tree, the candy in the stockings, or the food that fills the table. It's the meaning behind those physical objects. It's the blessing of having your family with you. Having a warm house to gather in. Being able to celebrate the holiday, the way you want to celebrate it.

Christmas is about spreading the love and joy. Why love and joy? Because this is the time where we stop and really count our blessings.

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. Not because of the things I receive or the pretty decorations that I put up. Christmas it for sure my favorite time of year because of the atmosphere. There is a different sense of joy and more cheerful people throughout the community. I enjoy little moments that are often overseen. The giggles that are spread throughout the children's church play. The buzzing of people in and out of stores saying "happy holidays" with a smile and a wave. That's what Christmas is about spreading the love and joy. Why love and joy? Because this is the time where we stop and really count our blessings. So my goal for you this week is to really enjoy your break and spread joy throughout because you took the time to count your own personal blessings.

Happy Holidays!

Do's and Don'ts of Holiday Break

by Shaylyn Trenkamp



You've been hanging on for a long time, and now the countdown is finally dwindling. That's right, holiday break begins next week! Before you get too excited though, take some time to consider these tips to make your holiday break memorable.

Do spend tons of time with family and friends.

Don't forget the simple "thank you"s that your family and friends deserve. Anyone who takes the time and thought to buy you a gift or even just to wish you a happy holidays deserves some gratitude in return.

Do donate to good causes, such as the Food Pantry and Giving Tree projects that have been going on at Maquoketa Valley. And donating doesn't have to mean spending money; donating your time is often just as appreciated.

Do, now that you'll have the time, get to those things done that you've been putting off.

But... don't stress when you don't actually get them all done. It's break for a reason; don't be afraid to relax.

Do sleep in, but don't sleep your whole vacation away.

Don't miss out on the holiday spirit. Make plans, do the seasonal activities available, give gifts and thanks, and don't forget to be joyful. Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah, happy Kwanzaa, and happy New Year, everyone!

MV dominates at home meet (twice), goes 1-3 at Western DBQ

Steve Huber poses after his 100th win last week with his wrestling coaches Brian Wegmann, Mr. Andrews, Mike Beatty and Dan Beitz.



by Emily Krapfl

Last Thursday, December 11, the Maquoketa Valley Wildcats hosted their first home wrestling meet of the season. Other teams at the meet were North Linn and Central City.

Steve Huber earned his 100th win that night, making him the third Wildcat this year to reach a monumental marker.

The Wildcats wrestled North Linn in the first dual, defeating them with a final team score of 73-6. Wrestlers who helped get these team points were Greg Guetzko (7-3 decision), Tanner Parmely (14-4), Bryant Meyer-Kemp (forfeit), Mason Hermanson (forfeit), Zach Cornell (forfeit), Cole Kruse (pin), Mitch Smith (pin), Dylan Wright (forfeit), Trevor Koopmann (pin), Alec McDowell (forfeit), Steve Huber (forfeit), Eric Heims (forfeit), and Ryan Parmely (pin).

Next, the wrestlers faced Central City and also won with a score of 66-9. Helping get these points were wrestlers Tanner Parmely (pin), Bryant Meyer-Kemp (forfeit), Zach Cornell (19-9 decision), Dylan Wright (forfeit), Trevor Koopmann (forfeit), Alec McDowell (8-4 decision), Steve Huber (17-2 tech. fall), Eric Heims (pin), Ryan Parmely (forfeit), Kaleb Kruse (forfeit), Greg Guetzko (forfeit), and Carson Wright (forfeit).

Coach Andrews had this to say about his team's performance. "Overall I was very happy with how the guys came out tonight and dominated from start to finish. It was also great to see Steve get his 100th victory via technical fall in the second period. Great night for wrestling and two encouraging victories for us as we move into the weekend at a very tough Western Dubuque Bobcat duals."

Last Saturday the Wildcat wrestlers traveled to Epworth for a dual team tournament. The team ended the day 1-3 overall.

The first dual of the day for Maquoketa Valley was against a team full of highly ranked wrestlers from Dakota, Illinois. The wrestlers lost this dual with a final score of 24-49. Helping get team points were team members Alec McDowell (forfeit), Steve Huber (pin), Ryan Parmely (pin), and Kaleb Kruse (forfeit).

Next the team battled North Scott and lost with by a score of 28-42. Getting team points were wrestlers Alec McDowell (pin), Steve Huber (11-2 decision), Ryan Parmely (pin), Tanner Parmely (win by injury default), Mason Hermanson (2-1 decision), and Cole Kruse (7-2 decision).

The next dual was against Williamsburg, and the team lost with a final score of 24-49. Helping to get 24 points on the board were wrestlers Steve Huber (pin), Ryan Parmely (pin), Tanner Parmely (forfeit), and Trevor Koopmann (pin).

The Wildcats won the last dual of the day against Davenport-West with a team score of 54-25. Wrestlers who helped win the dual were Steve Huber (pin), Eric Heims (pin), Ryan Parmely (pin), Greg Guetzko (pin), Tanner Parmely (forfeit), Mason Hermanson (forfeit), Zach Cornell (forfeit), Trevor Koopmann (pin), and Alec McDowell (forfeit).

Coach Andrews had this to say about his team's performance Saturday at Western Dubuque. "Overall I like how the guys competed today and not once did somebody throw in the towel or give up no matter who we wrestled or what the score was. The younger guys got a first hand look at grade A competition and hopefully has them more prepared when the opportunity presents itself again. These meets are good for us in terms of showing the guys that we need to continue to improve and get better every day as we head into Christmas break practices and the second half of the season."

Tuesday the Maquoketa Valley Wildcats hosted a meet featuring Ed-Co, Postville and Clayton Ridge. The wrestlers came out on top by winning all three of the duals.

The first dual of the night was against the Ed-Co Vikings, and the Wildcats won with a final team score of 66-12. Wrestlers who helped to get team points were Mason Hermanson (pin), Zach Cornell (forfeit), Cole Kruse (forfeit), Dylan Wright (forfeit), Trevor Koopmann (pin), Alec McDowell (pin), Steve Huber (forfeit), Ryan Parmely (forfeit), Kaleb Kruse (forfeit), Justin Krapfl (forfeit), and Tanner Parmely (forfeit).

The next dual of the night was against Postville, which the Wildcats also won with a final score of 72-09. Wrestlers who won their matches were Cole Kruse (pin), Dylan Wright (pin), Trevor Koopmann (pin), Alec McDowell (forfeit), Steve Huber (pin), Eric Heims (pin), Ryan Parmely (forfeit), Kaleb Kruse (pin), Justin Krapfl (forfeit), Greg Guetzko (pin), Tanner Parmely (pin), Mason Hermanson (pin).

The Wildcat wrestlers finished off the night by beating Clayton Ridge in the team dual with a final score of 71-12. Helping the team win the dual were wrestlers Zach Cornell (technical fall), Dylan Wright (pin), Trevor Koopmann (pin), Alec McDowell (pin), Steve Huber (pin), Ryan Parmely (pin), Kaleb Kruse (pin), Greg Guetzko (forfeit), Carson Wright (forfeit), Bryant Meyer-Kemp (forfeit), Tanner Parmely (pin), and Mason Hermanson (pin).

Monday night the freshmen wrestled in the West Delaware Freshman Tournament.

Tanner Parmely finished in first place with three pins and earned 16 team points. Robert Hildebrand also finished first with two pins and scored nine team points. Mitch Smith, with his three pins, added 16 points to the team pool with his first place finish.

Finishing in second place was Brody Sevart who earned seven team points.

Cole Kruse finished in third place and added four points to the team.

Finishing in fourth place with two team points were Justin Krapfl and Carson Wright.

Quotastic

Hello, dear readers! As you may notice, I was rather absent last week and this week do not have a quote for you. All of my inspiration has left me for other various things within life the past couple weeks such as my reflective essay and this and a poem I wrote after my grandfather passing late last week. That being said, my family and I had to say one huge goodbye to our father, uncle, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. Now, with that out of the way, here's my latest batch of drabbles:

If anyone, for some random reason, were to ask me my least favorite word, I would tell him/her that it is "goodbye."

"Whatever for?" One might ask.

"Because," I'd say, "it's far too final. It leaves no room for another time. There is no, 'I'll see you later.' There is no chance of reunion."

Sure, people say this all the time. They might say it when ending a phone call or leaving their friend's house. One might say it to a sibling headed off for college.

However, we always hope that none of those things are final. I hope to see our friends the next day at school or text them as soon as we get home. We always plan on our parents and siblings waiting at home to annoy us as soon as we get there every day. Our siblings in college will always come home for the holidays and perhaps the random weekend. We can always go back to middle school or our elementary to see our teachers if we so desire. Next year, all of us seniors will be able to come back to high school to see our friends and teachers and talk about college. The cycle goes on and on. However, not every day can be so routine. Eventually, somebody in our lives is going to give their final earthly goodbye.

As much as it pains us, as much as we wish we could have told them "goodbye" one last time before they took that one last breath, not all of us can. However, I like to believe that, even after our family and friends go on to the next phase of their life, wherever that may or may not be, that it's never really goodbye. We will one day see them once more and be able to feel their embrace and see their smiling face and once again say, "Hello."

Until then, though, we all have to stay here on Earth for each other, coping in our different ways with each and every goodbye until it is our turn to say our last goodbyes, take our last breath, and move on like all the others.

It's an endless cycle.

Hall Smarts

by Emily LaGrant

Last week, everything was about major holidays that aren't centered around our culture. The results weren't pretty. This time, it's about Christmas. Let's see how the games compare. The contestants are: Abby Holtz, Lawson Roof, Kaleb Omar Handel and Zach Smith.



1) Who celebrates Christmas?

Abby: Christians

Lawson: Christians

Omar: Everyone

Zach: Christians

A: Christians

2) What happened on Christmas?

Abby: Jesus was born

Lawson: The birth of Jesus Christ

Omar: Jesus was born

Zach: Jesus was born

A: Birth of Jesus Christ

3) What is exchanged on Christmas?

Abby: Gifts

Lawson: Presents

Omar: Presents

Zach: Gifts

A: Gifts/Presents

4) Which holiday figure is Christmas known for?

Abby: Santa

Lawson: Santa

Omar: Santa

Zach: Santa

A: Santa

5) How many reindeer are there?

Abby: 9

Lawson: 9

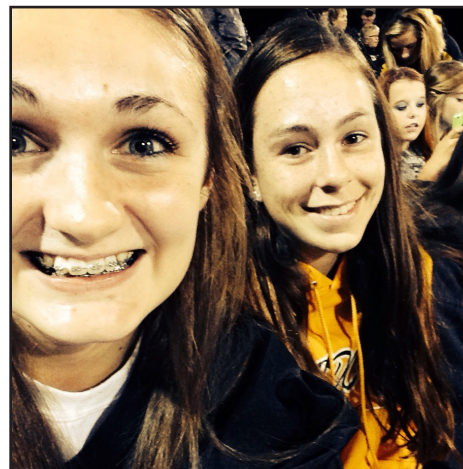
Omar: 12

Zach: 9

A: 9 (counting Rudolph)

Zach, Lawson, and Abby tied for first with all 5 points. Omar received last with 3. It's amazing how much we know about our own celebrations but what about the other ones? I encourage everyone to learn more about other cultures and their celebrations over break. Happy Holidays, everyone, and great job!

Best Buds



by Destiny Clayborne

How long have you been friends?

Nichole- 1.5 years

Cassidy- negative ten days

How did you meet?

Nichole-Choir

Cassidy- She made me give her a piggyback ride from choir one day in eighth grade

What do you do for fun?

Nichole- Run together

Cassidy- go for runs and prank call Kyle until he cries.

Most embarrassing moment?

Nichole- every time we're in public

Cassidy- Whenever she tells me to "stop making a scene, we're in public!" pssh it's fine

Favorite things about the other?

Nichole- "she is HILARIOUS!" (inside joke)

Cassidy- When she gets really excited about little things or how she is always positive and pushes me to be better.

The Cat Box

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



A meow to Christmas break and finishing the semester on a good note!



A meow to the success of the band and choir student. Kudos to Mr. Hadley and Mrs. Mueller for picking piece that fit the groups perfectly. A meow to so many teachers for coming to the concert.



A furball to people who said they didn't bring in items because they've already helped people this year.



A meow to Kirkwood classes being over and for everyone who did well.



*Christmas Concert
2014*



Cutie



by Heather Sabers

This cutie is a freshmen.
She is originally a blonde.
This cutie is in mime.
She drives a blue G6.
This cutie lives in Earlville.
This cutie is in speech. She'll be rockin' public address this year.

Macy's Message

by Macy Anderegg

Christmas time is the time of giving to others and spending time with our families. This year, the student council and the student body are having a food pantry held for families of less fortune in our area.



Not only are we giving food to these families because they may not be able to afford a lot to give, but because everyone should have the opportunity to sit around a table and share a meal together. During the holidays when you are eating your Christmas meal with your loved ones, alive and well, with your bellies getting stuffed with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, bread rolls, fruits, and desserts, think of how lucky you are to be able to experience what others aren't so fortunate to have.

So, what I ask of all of you to do is out of the kindness of your hearts, please bring items to donate.

Boys basketball searching for a conference win

by Megan Hogan

The boys basketball team has put some miles on the bus as they traveled to two conference match ups recently. They did play at home last Friday night in another conference game, and even home court advantage wasn't enough to change the momentum as the team suffered three losses.

On Tuesday December 9th the Maquoketa Valley boys traveled to Springville. The boys played a tough game but lost in the end with a score of 40-52.

Here are a few highlights from the game: Brock Hillers had 2 points, 2 rebounds, and 3 fouls. Ryan Goedken had 6 points, 1 rebound and 1 foul. Jacob Bonert had 2 rebounds and 1 foul. Zach Salow had 13 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block and 4 fouls. Kyle Wilson had 3 points, 2 rebounds, and 1 foul. Jordan Schindler had 3 rebounds, and 1 foul. Kalvin Orcutt had 4 points, 3 rebounds and 3 fouls. Kody Orcutt had 12 points, 6 rebounds, and 2 fouls.

On Friday, December 12th the Wildcats hosted the Midland boys for a very intense game. The boys lost with a score of 38-60.

Here are a few highlights for the game. Brock Hillers had 2 points, 4 rebounds and 2 fouls. Jacob Bonert had 3 points, 2 rebounds and 1 foul. Zach Salow had 14 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 foul. Clint Krapfl had 3 points, 1 rebound

and 3 fouls. Kyle Wilson had 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal and 4 fouls. Jordan Schindler had 3 points and 1 rebound. Kalvin Orcutt had 7 points, 5 rebounds, and 1 foul. Kody Orcutt had 2 points, 3 rebounds and 3 fouls. Garrett Hogan had 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 block and 1 foul. The boys' next game was away at Lisbon High School.

On Tuesday, December 16th the Wildcats traveled to Lisbon High School. The boys lost 25-69. Although we lost, many of our boys who don't get a lot of varsity playing time did get to play Tuesday.

Here are a few highlights from the game: Brock Hillers had 3 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 fouls. Ryan Goedken had 1 foul. Jacob Bonert had 1 rebound, 1 assist and 1 steal. Zach Salow had 2 points, 1 rebound, and 4 fouls. Kyle Wilson had 11 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal and 2 fouls. Jordan Schindler had 2 points and 4 rebounds. Kalvin Orcutt had 7 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block, and 4 fouls. Kody Orcutt had 1 rebound. A few of the players that did get to play, rather than sit on the bench, included: Travis Knipper, Garrett Hogan and Brandon Guedenkauf.

The next game is tonight at home. Make sure you come out to watch not only the girls and boys basketball games but our fantastic dance team!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Our Students of the Week this week are Madi Schaul, Olivia Hill, Dylan Salow, Trevor Koopmann and Mike Mast. This first hour senior study hall crew was nominated by Pam for volunteering to put up the Christmas tree, lights and other decorations.

