

# Wildcat Echo

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## Band, choir students share talents at concert

The high school band and choir held their winter concert at St. John's Monday night. Right: Mr. Hadley conducts the band. Below: Members of the mixed choir perform.



## NHS members spread holiday joy

National Honor Society members adopted three families in need for Christmas this year. They raised money to purchase gifts for the family through a bake sale this fall and by collecting donations at last Friday's basketball game. Right: Mrs. Besler and Amanda Fortman took the money NHS earned and purchased gifts, candy and some groceries.



# Boys take Marquette to OT, defeat Lisbon

by McKenzie Lansing

The boys played Marquette Catholic last Friday at home. The Wildcats played a good game, but lost in overtime with a final score of 60-65, a win for Marquette Catholic.

"As a team we did a really good job with defensive pressure, which caused a lot of steals. However we had way too many turnovers," stated Coach Dunlap. "Our team intensity was great and at one point we were up by 14 points in the 2nd quarter. But we allowed them to crawl their way back into the game."

The top scorers of this game were Brock Hillers, Jacob Bonert and Kyle Wilson. Brock had a total of 24 points. Jacob scored 11 points. And Kyle had a total of 10 points. "Brock Hillers had a great game. He did a good job at taking the ball to the basket. He also drew out a lot of fouls and shot excellent," Dunlap said.

The top rebounders were Tucker, Wilson, Hillers and Hogan. Tyson picked up 12 rebounds. Kyle had 10 rebounds. Brock and Garrett each had 5 rebounds. "Kyle Wilson and Tyson Tucker did an outstanding job with rebounds. We beat them as a team in the rebound category," commented Coach Dunlap.

As a team, there was a total of 13 steals. The team did a phenomenal job at

picking up rebounds, with a team total of 41.

"We need to do a better job of controlling the ball," said Coach Dunlap. "Marquette Catholic drew 6 chargers, therefore we need to be more careful about not pushing off when we go to the hoop. Overall, it was a great game after the Springville loss, even though we lost in overtime."

Next, the boys travelled to Lisbon to face the lions. They came home with a victory, with a final score of 61-47.

"We doubled them up on steals," stated Coach Dunlap. "Our defensive intensity was great. However, we had too many turnovers. We are not taking care of the ball, getting into too much of a hurry, or telegraphing our passes. We had two kids with double-doubles."

The top scorers were Tucker, Trevor Elgin and Bonert. Tyson scored 15 points. Trevor scored 13 points. And Jacob scored a total of 12 points.

The top rebounders of this game were Elgin, Tucker and Bonert. Trevor had a total of 14 rebounds. Tyson picked up 10 rebounds. Jacob had a total of 5 rebounds.

Some great things happened during this game. Jacob made 100% of his shots from the field, going 6 for 6. As a team, we had a total of 10 steals. However, we had 20 turnovers.



**Brock Hillers puts up two of his 24 points against Marquette Catholic.**

"We took 2 charges. Our goal in defense is to move our feet and take chargers," said Coach Dunlap. "We need to do better, but it's a good start. We have been, as a team, outstanding with rebounds, in particular Tyson and Trevor. Jacob also did an outstanding job shooting from the field."

## Girls go toe-to-toe with last year's state champs Springville, lose in OT

by Patrick Hansen

The girls basketball team travelled to Springville last Tuesday to take on the reigning state champions. The game ended in an overtime thriller, but Springville came out on top and won 62-58.

Coach Moenck had mentioned that he was very proud of how the girls had competed in the game, and that he was happy with how well they had shot the ball. He noted that the difference in this game was that Springville has had experience in tight games which is something that MV girls haven't had much experience with.

All 58 points were scored by only four players. Brianna Mensen had 19 points, Sam Wall with 17, Gracie Gellerson with 16, and Payton Ries with six points. Leaders in assists are Abby Holtz with five, Mensen, three and Wall, two. The team grabbed 27 rebounds with Mensen taking ten, Ries with five and Wall with four.

Defensively, the team had seven steals and three blocks. The leaders were Ries with two steals and one block, Olivia Hoeger with two steals and Gellerson and Mensen both had one steal and one block.

Last Friday night the Wildcats also hosted Marquette Catholic but



**Abby Holtz and Brianna Mensen put some pressure on a Bellevue Marquette player. (photos courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)**

couldn't grab the win as they lost 50-67. Coach Moenck said that they have to move on from the loss and that they got outplayed and outcoached in every aspect of the game and finished with saying that they will learn from it and get better.

Top scorers in the game were Mensen with 24 points, Wall with 16 points and Gellerson with five points. With the assists Abby Holtz led with four assists, Wall with two assists, then Mensen and Geller-

son with one assist each.

This Tuesday the girls defeated conference foe Lisbon 70-27. The Wildcats had a 51-13 halftime lead and held Lisbon scoreless in the third quarter.

Eight players made buckets for the 70 point win: Mensen, Ries, Gellerson, Wall, Kara Orcutt, Macy Hoeger, Olivia Hoeger and Lydia Helle. Mensen was hot with ten steals on the night.



# Wrestling team gets big wins

It's cold outside, but the wrestling team is certainly heating up the mats as they now have a 13-2 dual record.

Last Thursday, the Maquoketa Valley wrestling team traveled to North Linn to take on Central Elkader, Central City, North Linn, and Postville. The Wildcats came away with four victories including a hard fought one over 8th ranked North Linn via criteria.

## MV - 69 Central Elkader - 4

This dual team win was highlighted by Eric Heims winning by fall over Matt Whittle in :36 and Norman Wilson winning by a 4-3 decision over Drew Reinhart.

## MV - 72 Central City - 6

Some highlights to this dual included Carter Stahlberg winning by fall in 5:43 over Kyle Marsh and Eric Heims winning by fall over Wyatt Starry in 1:19.

## MV - 34 #8 North Linn - 33

There were several keys to victory in this dual as numerous Wildcats came away with some big wins to help take down North Linn. Wildcats who won matches in this dual include: Eric Heims (forfeit), Robert Hildebrand (6-3 decision over Trevor Cherry), Zach Cornell (12-6 decision over Austin West), Mitch Smith (5-2 decision over Quinton Rechkemmer), Norman Wilson (fall over Blake McGraw in :56), Alec McDowell (forfeit), and Cole Kruse (fall over Alex Waskaw in 3:46).

## MV - 48 Postville - 30

Highlights in this dual included Norman Wilson winning by fall over Aldo Gonzalez in :29 and Eric Heims winning by fall over Cole Spain in 5:04.

"I was very happy with how we came together as a team to pick up four victories tonight," stated Coach Andrews. "Coming in I was not sure how we would match up with North Linn who has been wrestling very well this year. To come away with a victory against them in a tougher environment was a good feeling for everyone involved with the program."

## Aplington-Parkersburg Tournament

This past Saturday, the Wildcat wrestling team traveled to the Aplington-Parkersburg tournament (Keith Vry Invite). Wrestlers that finished in the top 5 include: Robert Hildebrand (4th place at 138), Chance Downs (3rd place at 152), Mitch Smith (5th place at 160), Alec McDowell (1st place at 182), Cole Kruse (4th place at 195), Eric Heims (3rd place at 220).



Justin Krapfl works over his opponent at Saturday's tournament. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

"Coming into this tournament I knew there would be a lot of good competition and wanted to use this to see where we were at and what we needed to work on going forward," stated Coach Andrews. "We got what we wanted and overall I was very happy with how the kids performed given the tough competition. It was a proud moment for our team to get an individual champion with Alec pinning 7th ranked Bodie Garnier from Sumner-Fredericksburg in the finals. It was also good to get a couple third place finishers in such a tough field with Chance and Eric."

Tuesday night the wrestlers went to Ed-Co and defeated Ed-Co, Clayton Ridge and Postville. Eric Heims earned his 100th career win there.

Last night MV hosted Alburnett and Ed-Co and defeated both teams. The team now with its 15-2 record sits at the top of the conference with Lisbon.



Congratulations to Eric Heims' on his 100th win!

# Athlete of the Week

Name: Brianna Mensen

Sport: Basketball

**What position do you play?** I play as both a guard and a post.



**What do you enjoy most about basketball?** I love the atmosphere of games and playing with each one of my teammates.

**How does this year's team differ from past teams?** We have different talents this year than we have on past teams which means we play a different style than we have in the past.

**What's your favorite drill in practice?**

One more pass drill or progressive 3's

**What's your least favorite drill?** 5 on 5 vs. motion

**How do you mentally prepare for the game?** I think about what I need to do to help make our team successful and I go over scouting reports for the other team.

**What's the best motivational song out right now?** "Heart of a Champion" by Nelly

*"Brianna has always been an exceptional leader on and off the court. She has really stepped her game up this year to help make her team successful."* —Coach Moenck

# Birthday Shoutouts!

## by Chance Downs

Upcoming birthdays are:

12/16- Aspen Kraus, Alec McDowell

12/17- Grace Wegmann, Josie Young

12/19- Lucas Rumbo

12/20- Chad Neuzil

12/22- Paula Wear

12/29- Gabriela Guetzko

12/30- Andy O'Connell, Lawson Roof

1/1- Brian Heims

1/3- Faith Hunt

1/4- Eric Brehm, Megan Wulfekuhle

1/5- McKenzie Lansing

1/7- Alison Sheehy

1/10- Ty Domeyer

1/11- Emilio Aguayo

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Katilyn Deutmeyer

Activity: Speech

**What event(s) are you in for speech?**

I am in solo mime and group improvisation.

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?**

I get to work with some of the funniest and nicest people in Improv! It is the best way to start the day for sure! Solo mime is also a group speech event and even though it is just me I get to work with Mrs. DeVore which is such an awesome experience.

**What have you learned through speech?** It breaks you out of your bubble and you get to meet amazing people at contests and make great memories. I think everyone should go out for speech. It has been an amazing opportunity for me.

**Who is your speech role model?** Mrs. DeVore has been really fun to work with. Last year I got to work with her for my After Dinner speech and we got all ones at state! I was really thankful to have her as my speech coach. Same with Solo Mime. I hope we can be successful in that category as well.

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** I would pick Group Improvisation for group speech. It is my favorite event and it would be fun to watch other groups and give my critic. And with that event, you never know how the group will take their topic. It would be fun to see everyone's ideas!



Name: Brody Sevat

Activity: Speech

**What event(s) are you in?** Readers theater

**What do you enjoy most about speech?** Getting to know people better, and eating at the contests

**What have you learned through speech?** How to be more comfortable speaking in public

**Who is your speech role model?** Mrs. Temple, she was an amazing coach my freshman year

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** It would have to be one readers theater.



*"Brody comes to practice ready to try new things and put himself out there! He is willing to step outside his comfort zone and make a fool of himself, which can be a real asset in the world of contest speech." —Mr. DeVore*

## Did you know?

### Every day vs. everyday

There's a difference between every day and everyday. Everyday is an adjective, and every day is adverb (most of the time).

Ex: *I like to study every day. Every day I try to make this world a better place. My everyday look is classy with a twinge of lazy. I appreciate the everyday occurrence of being greeted by Mr. Meehan.*

### Then vs. than

These are different words even though we Iowans seem to pronounce them the same. Consider the differences in these sentences: *I would rather treat someone with kindness than ignore him or her. I will greet others with a smile, and then I will verbally acknowledge them.*

Make this world a better place and stop confusing these words!

## Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

I have a name that's not mine, and no one cares about me in their prime. People cry at my sight, and lie by me all day and night. What am I?

Answer: Tombstone

## The right moves

The dance team performs its state pom routine at last Friday night's game. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)



## 1ST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

JANUARY 9th

1ST PERIOD 8:05 – 9:25

3RD PERIOD 9:35 – 10:55

WIN TIME 11:00 – 11:30

LUNCH 11:30 – 12:00

5TH PERIOD 12:05 – 1:25

7TH PERIOD 1:35 – 2:55

JANUARY 10th

2ND PERIOD 8:05 – 9:25

4TH PERIOD 9:35 – 10:55

WIN TIME 11:00 – 11:30

LUNCH 11:30 – 12:00

6TH PERIOD 12:05 – 1:25

8TH PERIOD 1:35 – 2:55

### Semester Examinations Incentive

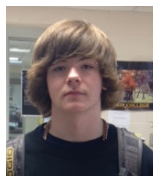
Any 9th through 12th grade student for the semester who has not violated the student tardy policy and has not had a discipline referral will only be required to attend their scheduled testing period. If a student violates the tardy policy or has a discipline referral, the student will be required to report to school each day and will be assigned to a study hall if not scheduled for a testing period.

Junior and Seniors may qualify for an open lunch from 11:00 till 11:55 if the students have not violated the student tardy policy during 1st semester, have not had a discipline referral 1st semester and does not have a D or an F in any of their classes as of the end of the day on December 11th.



# Meet the Freshmen

Name: Storm Brandenburg  
Siblings: Samantha, Blaze, Jaric  
Favorite subject: PE  
Career aspirations: Counseling



Hobbies: Basketball, Skateboarding, BMX (but not after my concussion)  
Something cool about you: I don't smile for posed pictures and I like working with little kids.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...** students and staff...**UGLY SWEATER DAY** is Wednesday, December 21. A winner for each grade and staff will be chosen and awarded a **PRIZE**.

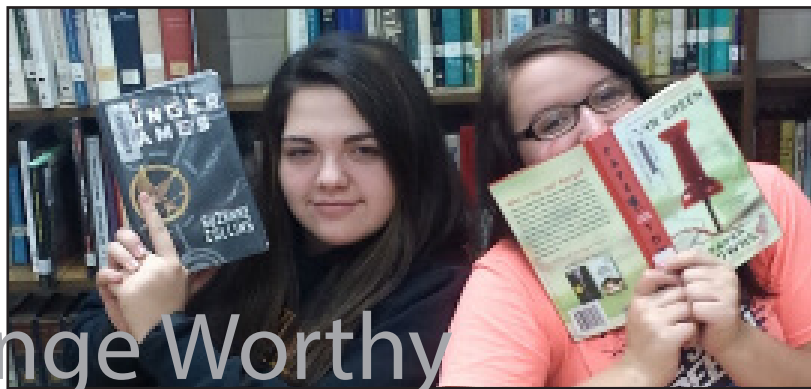
Also, a donation box for the local food pantry will be in the front lobby next week. If everyone would bring one or two items, think how many people this will help! Please make sure to not bring anything outdated!



## What food are you looking forward to most for Christmas?

by Nichole Winter

Rejji Smith- All of it  
Cassi Westhoff- Pie  
Maddie Lahr- Pie  
Zachary Lansing- Bacon  
Jacob Bonert- Pizza  
Adam Goedken- Brisket  
Eric Brehm- Chocolate  
Ms. Mausser- Kolaches  
Mr. K- Brisket  
Brooke Wilson- Prime rib and crab legs  
Alex Digman- Deer tenderloins with buttered noodles and fudge  
Justin Krapfl- Pumpkin Pie  
Destiny Clayborne- Pie  
Brooklyn Sands- Mashed Potatoes  
Kara Leibold- Soup  
Brittany Hines- Eggnog  
Madison McIntyre- Julie Lahr's Christmas cookies  
Morgan Hermanson- Crab  
Trent Koopmann- Cookies  
Jaiden Porter- Apple Pie  
Wyatt Kuhns- Apple Pie  
Alex McCusker- Fudge



## Binge Worthy

**Rebekah & Amanda: Soundless by Richelle Mead:** Imagine you can't hear. Now I don't mean you got selective hearing, I mean you have never heard anything for your entire life not a cry, a cough, or the voice of another. Now imagine the sense you rely most on, your sight, is slowly also disappearing. What would you do to protect yourself? Would you do the impossible? This is the case in Fei's mountain village. For hundreds of years nobody has been able to hear but when Fei's sister starts to go blind, Fei knows she must embark on a dangerous mission to protect the village she holds dear. She will do the impossible to restore what has been lost to the village. This book is a super quick read that has an unusual and interesting twist that keeps you guessing until the very end.

Rebekah:

**The Mistle-Tones:** Since Christmas is fast approaching all my picks are going to have to do with one of my favorite holidays. The Mistle-Tones is one Christmas movies that I watch every single year. I just love it so much. Holly's dream has always been to sing in the Snow Belles; it was a singing group that sang every year at the mall during Christmas. Her mother has been in the group, and since her mother is gone, she wants her to stay alive through this group. However, she does not get accepted into the group. She feels defeated, but eventually she finds a way to retaliate. Along the way she makes new friends and finds new love. An amazing movie!

**The Mistletoe Promise by Richard**

**Evans:** My mom, sister, and I all finished this book in under a week! It is a cute story, that is a must read during the holiday season. Christmas can be a hard time of year for anyone, especially Elise and Nick. Elise is divorced and has suffered great pain, and Nick is tired of getting asked about a girlfriend. They make a "promise" to help each other out during the Christmas season. A beautifully written book.

**"Breath of Heaven" sung by Amy**

**Grant:** This my friends, is one of my favorite Christmas songs. It tells the tale of the Virgin Mary. It talks about Mary's sacrifices, her feelings, and how she turns to God. An amazing, heart-felt song.

Amanda:

**"Hallelujah" sung by Pentatonix:**

Pentatonix has done it once again. They have taken one of my favorites and made it even better. If their hauntingly, beautiful rendition of Hallelujah doesn't give you goosebumps then you definitely need to go listen to it again and again. Their voices are just spectacular and make the hair stand up on my arms. Their voices are raw and just so full of emotion. It's just so great, go check it out!!! Also go check out all of their Christmas songs, you will thank me later.

**Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell:**

Rainbow is one of my favorite authors and this book is no disappointment. We have all felt like outsiders one time or another in our lives but the moment we made a connection with someone we knew that we would be all right. Eleanor has never belonged, she stuck out with her red hair and unique clothes. Park has always just wanted to blend in. An instant, a mistake bring these two together and set them out on the rollercoaster that is love and life. This book makes you realize that their is a somebody for everybody.

**Good Witch:** As I just set out on the adventure of this new series I have no idea what to expect, I'm going in pretty blind. I honestly don't even know if it is about witches. Cassy is what many might call a herbalist. Her "medicine" keeps many in their town healthy. When a new doctor moves in next door her secrets and practice might be in danger.

# The Cat Box Hall Smarts

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



A best wishes meow to Mr. King who graduates from UNI tomorrow.



An appreciative meow to the student section at last Friday's game who emptied their pockets to help support the NHS's adoption of some families for Christmas.



You saw this one coming: a furball to the cold.



A rock on meow to Eric Heims for achieving a milestone for wrestlers: a 100th win!

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*Aspen Britt*



"She is a fast learner and works well independently. Currently, she is nearly finished with her second photo quilt. Both of the quilts are being made as gifts. She has put in a lot of time and effort into making these and I am so pleased with what she has accomplished." —Mrs. Downs

# Cutie

by Rebekah Hill

This week's cutie has blonde hair. She lives in Earlville with her two sisters.

This week's cutie belongs to TEL, NHS and many other non-athletic activities.

You can find this cutie on the weekend with her boyfriend, who attends a different school.



by Brody Seavart

Season's greetings, Wildcats. This is the last Hall Smarts of 2016 and that means the Christmas season is even closer to us. The snow is packing down and the icicles are forming. So that means that this week we are going to have some more Christmas-themed trivia questions. This week our lucky contestants are Payton Ries, Adam Goedken, Mr. King and Rejji Smith.



What was the Grinch's dog's name?

Payton: Max  
Adam: Buddy  
King: Buddy  
Rejji: Mutt  
Answer: Max

How many ghosts in A Christmas Carol?

Payton: 3  
Adam: 4  
King: 4  
Rejji: 24 no go with 12 no I change it to 3  
Answer: 4

In National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation what does Clark plan to do with his Christmas bonus?

Payton: build a pool  
Adam: go on vacation  
King: build an in-ground pool  
Rejji: get a hot tub or jacuzzi  
Answer: Build a pool

What plant do you kiss under on Christmas?

Payton: mistletoe  
Adam: mistletoe  
King: a mistletoe  
Rejji: nothing if you're single  
Answer: Mistletoe

How many points does a snowflake have?

Payton: 5  
Adam: 6  
King: 8  
Rejji: all snowflakes are different, trick question  
Answer: 6

Totals: Payton 3 Adam 3 King 3 Rejji 0  
Good job this week to all our merry contestants this week. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. That's all we have for you this year, Wildcats. Have a safe break and we'll see you right back here in 2017.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of December 18, 2016

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

1. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 4-5 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

1. HS JV/V G & B BB at Central of Elkader - JV 4:00 PM / V 6:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:40 PM)  
2. MV Board of Directors Monthly Meeting - Earlville Elementary - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016

1. HS College Panel for 12th Graders - Auditorium - During WIN 11:00 AM  
2. HS JV/V G & B BB at Easton Valley in Miles - JV 4:00 PM / V 6:15 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:15 PM)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016

1. 6th Grade Class Trip to Castle Theater in Manchester to see "Moana" (Bus Leaves at 9:00 AM)  
2. Junior High Sports Awards Assembly - Middle School Gym - 9:35 AM  
3. HS College Panel - Auditorium - 11th Graders During WIN 11:00 AM / 8th @ 11:30 AM to Noon  
4. 7th Graders Go Christmas Caroling Around Delhi - 11:30 AM until Noon  
5. EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:05 PM in Delhi / 1:15 PM in Earlville & Hopkinton  
6. Del. Co. Pesticide Re-Training Class - HS Auditorium - Registration 6:00 PM / Class @ 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016  
through MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2016

1. NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

1. CLASSES RESUME  
2. Junior High Boys Basketball Practice Begins - After School until 5:30 PM  
3. HS JV/V Wrestling in Anamosa - 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:10 M)  
4. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball - HOME - North Linn - JV @ 4:30 PM / V @ 6:00 PM









