

Wildcat Echo

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Moving day approaches



The front office space and foyer have passed inspection and moving has begun. The front doors will be open on Monday, and the office will officially be up and running as are the common bathrooms.

First band concert of year is Tuesday



by Kelly Winter

It's time for the band's first concert of the year! All bands 5th grade through high school will be playing at a concert next Tuesday, October 24 in the middle school multi-purpose room. The concert will start at 7 p.m. and will last about an hour.

The 5th graders have been work-

ing really hard and have improved tremendously, so coming to the concert to cheer them on would really bring up their confidence! The high school students will also be playing, so stop on by and support your fellow classmates.

It's free! Go Wildcats!

Red Ribbon Week to be celebrated

Our local TEL chapter is promoting dress up days to recognize Red Ribbon Week.

Next Friday students are invited to a tailgate from 11:30-12:30 sponsored by TEL. Weather permitting, it will be outside; otherwise, it will be in the gym. TEL members will have games set up.

Monday: Put a Cap on Drugs...wear a cap/hat

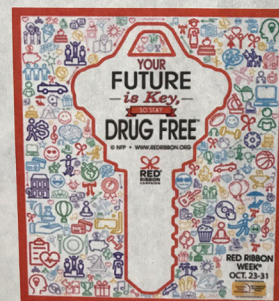
Tuesday: Pledge to be Drug Free...wear R/W/B

Wednesday: I am Drug Free 24/7 365...wear Red

Thursday: I have the Power to be Drug Free...dress up as your favorite super hero

Friday: These Paws Don't Touch Drugs...wear black and gold.

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Action on the gridiron favors the Wildcats

The Wildcats improved their record to 7-1 with a win over North Cedar last Friday night.

Tyson Tucker completed nine of his 14 passes for a total of 142 yards. Two of his connections with Norman Wilson ended with touchdowns.

The other three touchdowns were from running plays with Mitch Smith and Tucker scoring once and twice, respectively. Smith rushed for 65 yards while Garrett Hogan had 69 yards and Derek Becker had 58.

On returns, Becker gained 38 yards on two kick off returns and 17 yards on two punt returns.

Polo Pillon made good on a field goal attempt as well as three of his five PATs.

Defensively, Robert Hildebrand was credited with 8 tackles, and Smith had 5.5. Norman Wilson had three tackles.

Trent Koopmann recovered a Knight fumble.

Tonight the Wildcats take on Bellevue in a 7:00 varsity-only night. A victory tonight may lead to post-season play.

Brock Hillers sets up the Polo Pillon's kick. Tyson Tucker is the holder. (photos courtesy of Lesa Parmely)

Tonight's dress up theme is Black and Gold!



Both boys teams claim second place finish in TRC by Chance Downs

Last Thursday the Wildcat Cross Country Teams wrapped up their regular season with the Tri-Rivers Conference Meet at North Linn. The Wildcats all raced smart and had fun while some also claimed their season bests. Coach Meehan stated he was pleased with the results. "Almost all athletes ran their personal best or close to their personal best."

The individual girls' times go as follows:

11th	Ci'Ann Richardson	28:34
22nd	Hannah Lahr	31:22
25th	Maddie Lahr	32:12
27th	Abbie Sheehy	34:01

The varsity boys finished up their regular season with a very close second place team finish behind Calamus-Wheatland.

Coach Meehan stated, "The boys' varsity race was a very hard fought race. [We ran] head to head with 8th ranked Calamus-Wheatland. I was proud how our boys performed. They accepted the challenge but came up just short." The varsity boys' individual times go as follows:

7th	Chance Downs	17:29
8th	Brenden Hogan	17:57
10th	Derek Mensen	18:20
14th	Tate Trenkamp	18:26
19th	Mason Lubben	18:51
28th	Daniel Hunter	19:25
32nd	Jon Seibert	19:39

The junior varsity boys completed their season with several personal bests. They too finished second place in the team race behind Calamus-Wheatland. The JV boys' individual times go as follows:

7th	Canyon Richardson	20:35
8th	Alex McCusker	21:00
9th	Lane Coyle	21:15
10th	Blake Becker	22:51
11th	Mitch Neuzil	22:55

The varsity boys competed in the State Qualifying meet in Solon yesterday. Results will be displayed in next week's issue.

Life saving learning



Once again, Nurse Mary is leading CPR training for all the seniors. Above: Students in the seventh hour class practice compressions.



The marching band uniforms have been back on the field for the last two home football games.

what's up?

by Tyson Tucker

What's your favorite scary movie?

Eric Deutmeyer - Human Centipede
Cole Willenbring - Scary Movie 2
Carter Kruse - Lights Out
Mrs. Besler - None of the above
Mitch Neuzil - Get Out
Tanner Parmely - Chucky
Casey Fry - Insidious
Megan Wulfekuhle - HATE THEM
Daniel Hunter - Purge
Josie Young - Hush
Mrs. Temple - Silence of the Lambs

Athletes of the Week

Name: Derek Mensen
Sport: Cross country

What do you enjoy most about cross country? The freedom of running and being able to get what ever been bothering you all day off your shoulders

How has cross country changed you? It's giving me something to work for in a sport

What has been your favorite memory of cross country? Winning the Cascade meet

Where would you love to have a meet? Why not try to find a place where MV can host? That would be really neat.

Birthday Shoutouts!

by Chance Downs

It's never too early or too late to tell a fellow classmate Happy Birthday!

This week's birthdays are:

Alex Digman - 10/25
Chloe Roling - 10/27



Fine Artists of the Week: Fall Musical Version

Name: Kristin Lucas

What role do you play in the musical? I am a brother named Naphthali, a bodyguard, and a backup singer.

What's your favorite part of the show? My favorite part of the show is when I'm a bodyguard for Potiphar, mainly because I get to wear a fedora.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? I enjoy the practices when we learn new dances. It's completely chaotic but super fun.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? I would love to play the role of Maria in "The Sound of Music." I've always loved this musical: the music, the characters, the storyline, all of it. My favorite song is "My Favorite Things."

How has participating in the musical affected you? Musical allows me to make new friends and become closer with people I'm already friends with. We all put in to much work and spend so much time together, it's hard to not make friends.

Name: Brenden Hogan

What role do you play in the musical?

The brother Simion and Potiphar

What's your favorite part of the show?

Heel clicking in one of the dances

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? When we first learned the dance we had no idea what we were doing

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? If I could sing better, Aladdin

How has participating in the musical affected you? Put more stress on me but the things I enjoy it outweigh the things



Name: Shelby March

What role do you play in the musical? I am a wife of Jacob's, a dancer and a choir member.

What's your favorite part of the show?

My favorite scene is probably the scene with the little kids in the beginning.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? When Emma McDowell and I were recording a dance and she ripped her paper. We laughed for a solid minute and got the whole thing on tape!

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? Belle from Beauty and the Beast

How has participating in the musical affected you? Before I was in musical I was very shy and not out going at all, now I am more confident on stage and have made so many friends because of it!

Name: Logan Johnson

What role do you play in the musical?

I am Zebulun, one of the 12 brothers, and one of Potiphar's guards.

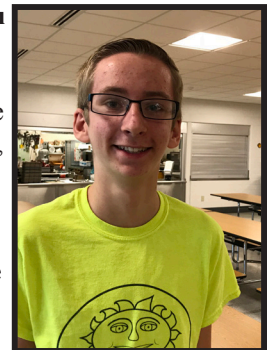
What's your favorite part of the show?

Probably when Kristin and I arrest Tony and throw him into jail.

What's your favorite memory from rehearsals? Probably Tony's reaction when he learned that he was going to be in the seductive dance scene.

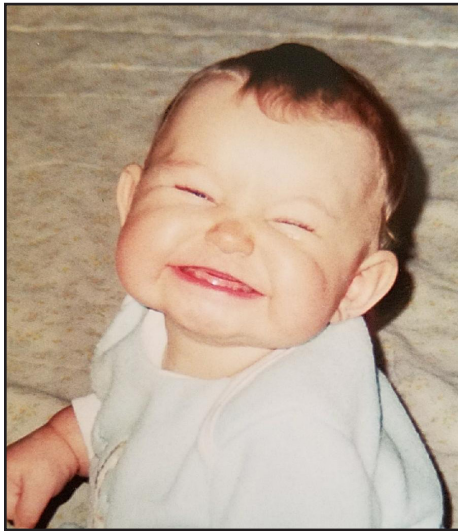
If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? I would want to be Lego from Aladdin.

How has participating in the musical affected you? It has made me less of a procrastinator since I am losing time later in the day.



Cutie

by Kristin Lucas



This cutie is a junior girl from Delaware. She has brown hair and hazel eyes. She is involved in cross country, speech, band, and golf. She has two dogs and a freshman brother.

Last week's Cuties were Justin Krapfl and Lucas Johnson.

The Cat Box

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



A meow to the start of large group speech rehearsals.



A meow to the excitement of the MLB playoffs.



A congratulatory meow to the efforts of the cross country team this season. The future bodes well for the program.



A meow to all of the dedicated, smart substitute teachers MV has.



A meow to the (almost) completion of this phase of the renovation project.



A meow to the volleyball team for its outstanding finish at the conference tournament last weekend.

Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

- Did you know that these are some Wildcats' favorite foods?
- Knees weak, arms heavy, Blake Becker's favorite food is mom's spaghetti.
- Kelsey Ries would eat chicken every day if she could.
- You'll find Sam Wall enjoying a nice pint of ice cream.
- Heath Gibbs loves himself some freshly picked strawberries.
- Mr. Huegel would go crazy for a steak pizza.
- Brittany Hines' absolute favorite food is good old fashioned goulash.
- A Claire Krapfl le encantan tacos.
- Logan Johnson can't think of his favorite food; there are too many options.
- Madison Imler is always snacking on some teddy grahams.
- Ella Imler could chow down on pizza any day of the week.



Netflix & Chill

by Emma McDowell

Jane the Virgin- Señora has recommended this show time and time again, and now it's time for me to offer up my opinion. In short, I love this show. The drama and conflicts go from real life problems we all face to over the top situations that would never happen in real life. It's a perfect mix that makes the show down to earth, but also crazy enough that you never quite know what to expect. The characters are well developed and have their strengths as well as some flaws. The writers of the show maintain a delicate balance between the absurd and reality. One moment you're going from a scene about chasing drug lords to one about Jane's abuela trying to get her green card. Even I can admit the show can be a little hard to follow sometimes. There's so much going on with the plot and so many characters that it's hard to keep them all straight. But now is as good of time as ever to sit down and binge because season four has just started, and Netflix already has the three previous seasons waiting for you.

Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

In British Columbia, you can not take a picture of someone with a wooden leg. Why not?

A: You can't take a picture with a wooden leg anywhere, you use a camera.

Josie's Jibber

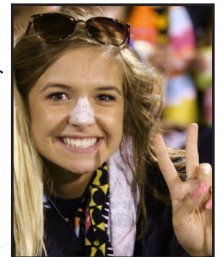
by Josie Young

So we are going to take a turn off of the school discussion road and go down the dating road.

Many people think dating is a thing of the past, and, frankly, I agree. You do not see boys going up to you asking if you would like to go out to a movie or out to eat sometime; instead, we see people "talking" and eventually someone will ask if the other wants to hangout sometime. Boys no longer go to your house, pick you up, and take you to a movie or out to eat.

Instead of waiting for the person who asked you for your number call you, we are waiting on the Snapchat from the person who got our username from social media or from one of our friends. Going on a date is not going to another person's house and just hanging out.

If you're going to make the commitment of being in a relationship, you can spend a little extra time on the person who is supposed to be a high priority in your life.



Yearbooks on sale!

Order your 2017-18 year online now! You can get it for \$50 with a few perks if you order before Jan. 26. The cost then goes to \$60. The last day to order will be May 25.

Meet the Freshmen



Tim, Trayce, Carter & Nick

Typist: Hannah Lahr

Name: Nick Gibbs
Siblings: Caitlyn and Cody
Activities you plan to be in: Band and golf
Favorite subject: Science
Career aspirations: Something to do with technology
Hobbies: I play video games
Something cool about you: I know someone from Canada

Name: Tim Harmon
Siblings: 2 sisters: Josy and Jeorjia
Activities you plan to be in: Football, Baseball, Track, Wrestling, and Musical
Favorite subject: Earth Science
Career aspirations: Pilot or Sports therapist
Hobbies: I love to be outside with nature.
Something cool about you: I can put my foot over my head.

Name: Carter Kruse
Siblings: Cole and Kaleb Kruse
Activities you plan to be in: Football, wrestling, and FFA
Favorite subject: Basic construction
Career aspirations: Dairy and crop farmer
Hobbies: Trapping and farming
Something cool about you: I like showing dairy cattle

Name: Trayce Klostermann
Siblings: Tierra
Activities you plan to be in: Football, baseball, track
Favorite Subject: Diesel Mechanic
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, and trapping
Something cool about you: I'm an outdoorsman.

Volleyball team earns second place finish in TRC tourney



by McKenzie Lansing

The Wildcats had a busy week last week. On Tuesday they travelled to Springville to play the Orioles. After playing some good volleyball, the Cats unfortunately lost 0-3 in their last game of the regular season. Scores were 15-25, 17-25, and 17-25.

Leading in serves was Macy Hoeger having success with 9 of 9. Abby Holtz had success with 8 of 8 serves. Maddy Anderegg had success with 6 of 6 serves. Payton Ries led in aces with 3 total. Macy Hoeger scored 2 aces.

On the offensive side, Holtz led in assists with 10 total. Ries had 5 kills and Macy Hoeger had 4 kills.

Defensively, Macy Hoeger had 8 digs. Maci Freiburger and Ries each had 7 digs. Holtz had 6 digs.

The Cats spent their Thursday night at Springville to play Alburnett and Springville to determine if they would play on Saturday. They played the Alburnett Pirates first and won 2-0. Scores were 21-10 and 21-16.

Leading in serves was Holtz, having success with 11 of 11 serves. Ries also led and serves as well as aces. She had success with 10 of 10 serves. She scored 3 aces. Freiburger had 2 aces.

Offensively, Holtz had 10 assists. Anderegg had 4 assists. Freiburger led in kills with seven. Macy Hoeger and Ries each had 3 kills.

Defensively, Macy Hoeger and J Freiburger led in digs with 6 each. Emerson Whittenbaugh had 5 digs. Holtz and Olivia Hoeger each had 4 digs.

The ladies ended the night playing Springville. After a great game, the girls unfortunately fell to the Orioles 2-0. Scores were 7-21 and 21-10.

The girls did a great job serving this game. They were 100% efficient, serving 18 and having success with 18. Leading in serves was Ries having success with 4 of 4 serves. Macy Hoeger scored one ace.

Offensively, Ries led in kills with 3 total. Freiburger and Whittenbaugh each scored 2 kills. Holtz had 3 assists and Olivia Hoeger had 2 assists.

Defensively, leading in digs Holtz

had 6 digs. Macy Hoeger and Madison Imer had 4 digs each.

On Saturday the girls travelled to Midland to play the rest of the Conference Tournament. They played Marquette Catholic first. Scores were 25-14 and 25-14, a win for the Wildcats.

Leading in serves were Holtz, Anderegg and Ries. These girls also led in aces. The girls only missed one serve of this game, having success with 40 of 41 serves.

On the offensive side, Holtz led in assists with 11 and Anderegg had five. Leading in kills was Freiburger, Ries and Whittenbaugh.

Defensively, leading in digs was Macy Hoeger, Freiburger and Holtz.

The girls moved on in the tournament and played East Buchanan. The ladies also won this game 2-0. Scores were 25-16 and 25-23.

Leading in serves were Ries, Freiburger and Anderegg.

On the offensive side, Holtz, Anderegg and Olivia Hoeger led in assists. Leading in kills were Ries, Macy Hoeger and Freiburger.

Leading in digs was Macy Hoeger. Following here was Freiburger, Whittenbaugh and Holtz. Olivia Hoeger had 3 big blocks as well.

The girls moved onto the Championship game against Springville. They fell to Orioles 0-2. Scores of this game were 17-25 and 11-25.

Leading in serves was Abby Holtz, Maddy Anderegg, and Maci Freiburger. The girls also did very well serving having success with 28 of 29 serves.

Offensively, Holtz had 6 assists and Anderegg had 2. Leading in kills was Macy Hoeger, Ries, Freiburger and Whittenbaugh.

Defensively, Freiburger led in digs followed by Macy Hoeger, Ries and Anderegg.

They begin their playoff game at home against East Buchanan on Monday night. The theme is Prep Out.

Tales of TPing

by Rejji Smith



Crawling to Safety

I was waiting for the other half of my group to meet up with me. They started getting a house early. I then got a call; it was the group we were going to meet up with. Spoiler alert: we never ended up TPing with them. They were in desperate need of a rescue, as they were trapped in a cornfield hiding from an enraged parent. Four of those who were lucky enough to escape the grasp of this said parent needed to be rescued before she found out that there were more kids hiding. After we picked them up, we were informed that they had to crawl on their hands and knees through the cornfield.

Moral of the story: Be careful who you TP. Remember, it's not your friends who own the property; it's their parents.

DO's and DON'T's of the Spooky Season

by Kara Orcutt

Halloween is only a little over a week away! Get out and enjoy the fun!



DO participate in the Halloween dress up we will have at school!

DO go to pumpkin patches!

DO watch all the wonderful Halloween movies on that are showing on TV.

DON'T forget to buy candy for the trick-or-treaters in your neighborhood!

DO enjoy the candy, but DON'T have too much! We don't want any sick Wildcats!

DO carve or paint pumpkins with friends and family, and

DON'T be afraid to show the work you've done on social media!

DO go to haunted houses!

DO make sure to live it up! This is some of the best weather of the year!

That's all for this week. Happy Halloween!

Hall Smarts

by Brody Sevart



Hello, Wildcats. As we are getting closer to Halloween, I find it only fit to do at least one spooky Hall Smarts. Our questions will be about some scary movies and our contestants for the week are Aspen Kraus, Katilyn Deutmeyer, Cole Willenbring and Ella Imler.

Which movie stars a possessed girl's doll?

Ella: Chucky

Aspen: Annabelle

Kate: Annabelle

Cole: The Conjuring

Answer: Annabelle

What is the clown's name in It?

Ella: Bubbles

Aspen: Pennywise

Kate: it's not It

Cole: Ronald McDonald

Answer: Pennywise

Where is the dead girl in The Ring?

Ella: Closet

Aspen: a Well

Kate: She lives in the well on the TV

Cole: a Well

Answer: A well

How many times do you need to say Beetlejuice?

Ella: 3

Aspen: 3

Kate: 3

Cole: 3

Answer: 3

Hannibal Lecter is in which scary film?

Ella: Texas Chainsaw Massacre

Aspen: I don't watch movies

Kate: Silence of the Lambs

Cole: The A-Team?

Answer: Silence of the Lambs

Great job to our contestants this week. Halloween is right around the corner so get your spook on. A side note, the first quarter is almost done so make sure you keep in touch with grades.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of October 23, 2017

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017 "Put a Cap on Drugs" - pay 25¢ to wear a hat
1. HS Varsity Regional Volleyball Tournament - HOME - MV vs East Buchanan - 7:00 PM

2. MV School Board Meeting - Johnston Elementary - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017 "I Pledge to be Drug Free" - wear Red, White & Blue

1. HS FFA to National Convention in Indianapolis, IN (3 Vans Leave at 6:00 AM)

2. 5th - 12th All-Band "Informance" Concert - Middle School Gym - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017 "I am Drug Free 24/7 365" - wear Red

1. 10th Graders to NICC in Peosta for Career (Bus Leaves at 9:00 AM)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017 "I Have the Power to be Drug Free" - dress as a super hero

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017 "These Paws Don't Touch Drugs" - wear Black & Gold

1. End of 1st Quarter - 46 Days

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017
FUNDamental Basketball Camp for Grades 3rd through 6th - HS & MS Gyms - 8:30 AM

2. HS FFA at National Convention in Indianapolis, IN (3 Vans Return at 8:00 PM)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017
MV Athletic Boosters Arts & Crafts Show - MS Gym & Commons, HS Cafeteria - 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

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Choir reflects on concert, growth and goals

by the MV choir

Rushing backstage, whispers of choir students are rolling, “What if I mess up?” “I’m so nervous,” “I can’t do this.” We walk out slowly, nerves and adrenaline fight for control over our bodies. The lights go on, hot and bright. We’ve been working at this for almost three months. We have put everything into this performance. We repeat the same three seconds of the song, just to get two notes right. We get upset at each other for little things. We put emotions into the song. We practice and practice and practice. We’re ready. This is what it’s like to be in the choir.

This past weekend the choir students held their annual dessert concert, also known as MV’s Got Talent.

The turnout was not what we expected. We were expecting around 200 people but sadly only around 130 showed up. This concert was our one fundraiser of the year and we put lots of effort into it, so some of us were very disappointed. We were hoping for more support from students, staff and the community as a whole.

We interviewed some students who attended the concert. Brock Hillers had nothing but positive comments to say about the performance. He answered, “My favorite part was seeing students whom I don’t know very well come out of their shell and impress me with their vocal talent! I thought everyone did a great job! I can tell you guys enjoy it!”

Cheyenne Cooksley also stated, “I love how you guys work together as a team. It was very enjoyable. I hope that more people do solos next year.”

Thanks to those students who did take the time out of their weekend to attend this concert. We put a lot of work into our



Megan Beaman is featured on one of the girls’ songs.

concerts, and it is great to have support.

In the first quarter we have accomplished a lot. The songs that we performed this last weekend were a capella. That means that we have no accompaniment. This can be very difficult, but we accomplished it with very little errors.

Many of the incoming freshman were confident enough to sing solos, duets, and small group pieces. Some included: “Tin Man” (featuring Madeline Gellerson and Abbie Sheehey), “Die A Happy Man” (featuring Tony Offerman), and “Chasing Cars” (Featuring Allie Dunn, Emma Gray, Paige Panosh and Annie Trenkamp) For many of these freshmen this was out of their comfort zone, but with the support from peers they stuck through it and did great.

Overall the concert was a great success. We had a few hiccups here and there, but nothing major. The choir, as a whole, sang a Pentatonix song called “Light in the Hallway” which has been performed by countless a capella groups. This was a well liked song that we had fun performing.

This year has come with many changes for us. The upperclassmen are not used to having a large boys group. This year we have great numbers. We have 47 in the choir all together, with 18 being boys. This is great not only for the balance, but it will allow us to sing songs we otherwise would not be able to. When students asked Brenden Hogan what he thought about how the boys did, he replied, “They sounded really good. I really liked the duets during the song ‘Standing Outside the Fire’.”

Some of the solos that had great reviews were “The Words” featuring Paige Panosh, “Beautiful Soul” featuring Nicho-

las Chen and “Break Away” featuring Megan Beaman. These students, as well as many others, chose to give up their free time to practice this music and become proficient. One of the most unique performances was given by freshman Brianna Pohlman who sang a song that she wrote herself called “Falling.” She also accompanied herself on guitar. If that isn’t dedication, I don’t know what is.

The choir has many goals for the upcoming year including: getting a Division I at small and large group vocal contests, becoming more confident as a whole, and singing more a capella songs. With these goals comes lots of work and every day third hour we are working up to the bell to become better singers.

Choir is more than just singing. Mrs. Mueller puts a lot of time into finding music that will fit our voices but also music we will enjoy. The main focus in class is that we are doing our best. We don’t have to be perfect, but when it comes down to it, we work as hard as we can on each part to get it right. The best part about messing up, is that you never lose support from your peers. Saturday included many mistakes, but those who made the mistakes pushed through them and ended confidently.

We held out the last note, blending perfectly. All of our hard work had paid off. We held our breath and huge smiles formed after hearing the reward of the crowd’s applause. As a group, we accomplished another great performance.

Our next concert is Thursday, December 21 at 7 pm at the St. John’s Church here in Delhi. The admission is FREE, and we would love to see all of you there. Students and staff, there will be a small thank you for those who attend.



Tony Offerman sings while Mrs. Mueller and Sean Hucker accompany him. (photos by Brock Hillers)