

## Teacher assistants gain skills, help others

by **Brittany Sabers**

MV has recently began the Teacher Assistant Program where students have the ability to volunteer their time to help our elementary through high school teachers. Teachers who were interested in having an assistant asked for one, and then they were matched with a student (or two).

The program was initiated by Señora Ries who said her inspiration to begin the Teacher Assistant program came from Instagram. "I follow other teachers and I saw that they had programs similar to this in their classrooms. This program also gives those students who want to pursue a career in education classroom experience to see what it is like."

Sra. Ries added that she's glad she has students working with her. "This program brings my stress level down because they are doing tasks for me that I no longer have to worry about doing. I have my assistants do small tasks like cutting, preparing games and worksheets, decorating bulletin boards, or helping underclassmen to study."

Senior Danielle Schuman is a teacher assistant and said she likes the re-

lationship she can develop with the teacher she's helping. "I like the teacher assistant program because it gives us an opportunity to help out the teachers and the ability to receive recommendation letters."

Senior Josie Young, who works with Mr. Bruening, said she likes the program because it will help her in the future. "I like the teacher assistant program because it allows me to prepare to become a teacher assistant in college and allows me to practice my science skills before college."

Junior Maddy Anderegg concurs: "I like interacting with the children and I want to be a teacher so it gives me the opportunity to see what the job will be like."

Teachers are also benefiting from the program. Mr. Bruening said he appreciates the flexibility that the students have with the program. "Josie typed up a lab that I didn't have time to write. It frees up time for me to be able to give students extra help and feedback that they need."

Mrs. Downs added, "This program helps me to do things that I don't normally get time to do. My assistants do things like filing and sorting. Chance is one



of my assistants and he helps with grocery shopping, carrying them in, and putting things away. I like that we are able to work around the kids' schedule because they are volunteering their time to help out."

Some teacher assistants help most every day while other students help when the teacher lets them know there's a task.

## Dance team earns two Division I ratings

by **Emma McDowell**

Last Thursday, the Maquoketa Valley dance team traveled to Des Moines to compete in the Iowa State dance competition.

Their pom routine got sixth in their class by receiving a 61.5. They placed fourth in hip hop and got 64.125 points for the routine.

Team co-captain Hannah Lahr said it was a success. "We were in a really hard but talented division for pom."

Megan Rausch added, "It was a really cool experience, there's a lot of different styles and dance teams you get to watch." When asked if there was any dances that inspired her she said, "There are some moves that we could try in the future."

The team performed its hip hop on the 21st for the whole school and its pom routine at a basketball game. The team will continue to perform this winter.



Members of the dance team perform their pom routine at a home basketball game. (photo by Lesa Parmely)

# Wrestlers compete in back to back meets

by Chance Downs

Last week Thursday, the Maquoketa Valley Boys Wrestling Team started off the 2017-2018 season at Midland High School where they competed against Midland, Central City, and East Buchanan. The Wildcats won their first dual of the season against the fellow Central City Wildcat in a dual meet score of 60-15. The following matches were included:

106 Dylan Lane (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

120 Parker Sternhagen (Maquoketa Valley) over Jacob Kula (Central City) (Fall 3:02)

126 Aden Atwell (Maquoketa Valley) over Evah Owens (Central City) (Fall 1:42)

132 Tryston Engen (Central City) over Canyon Richardson (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 1:13)

138 Tim Harmon (Maquoketa Valley) over Cole Silver (Central City) (Fall 5:59)

145 Deecel Staner (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

152 Chance Downs (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

160 Robert Hildebrand (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

170 Mitch Smith (Maquoketa Valley) over Isaiah Dam (Central City) (Fall 1:28)

182 Isaac Kramer (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

195 Dylan Happel (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

220 Wyatt Starry (Central City) over Michael Feldmann (Maquoketa Valley) (Dec 6-2)

285 Nile Coghlan (Central City) over Unknown (For.)

After their impressive win, the Wildcats faced their toughest competition of the night: East Buchanan. In a bloodbath of rivalry, the Wildcats fell short 36-39. The following matches were included:

106 A.J. Kremer (East Buchanan) over Dylan Lane (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 1:04)

113 Sebastian Beatty (East Buchanan) over Unknown (For.)

120 Chance Kemp (Maquoketa Valley) over Garrett Beatty (East Buchanan) (Fall 0:58)

126 Parker Sternhagen (Maquoketa Valley) over Devin Duggan (East Buchanan) (Fall 2:51)

132 Aden Atwell (Maquoketa Valley) over Tate Fults (East Buchanan) (Fall 0:18)

138 TJ Lau (East Buchanan) over Tim Harmon (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 3:19)

145 Maxwell McGraw (East Buchanan) over Deecel Staner (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 0:36)

152 Braydon Nunemaker (East Buchanan) over Chance Downs (Maquoketa Valley)



Cole Kruse has the upperhand on his opponent last Friday (photos by Lesa Parmely)

(Fall 3:26)

160 Robert Hildebrand (Maquoketa Valley) over Jacob Kelly (East Buchanan) (Dec 8-6)

170 Evan Elgin (Maquoketa Valley) over Dillon Connolly (East Buchanan) (Fall 2:26)

182 Mitch Smith (Maquoketa Valley) over James Mossman (East Buchanan) (Fall 3:47)

195 Heath Weber (East Buchanan) over Isaac Kramer (Maquoketa Valley) (Dec 7-1)

220 Cole Kruse (Maquoketa Valley) over Luke Recker (East Buchanan) (Dec 7-4)

285 Taylor Fox (East Buchanan) over Michael Feldmann (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 3:40)

The Wildcats wrapped up the night against the Midland Eagles, where the Wildcats came away with the victory 54-30. The following matches were included:

113 Dylan Lane (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

120 Chance Kemp (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

126 Parker Sternhagen (Maquoketa Valley) over Ryan Wariner (Midland) (Fall 0:46)

132 Trevor Gudenkauf (Midland) over Aden Atwell (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 0:23)

138 Austin Fairley (Midland) over Deecel Staner (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 0:48)

145 Carson Hunter (Midland) over Tim Harmon (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 5:13)

152 Robert Hildebrand (Maquoketa Valley) over Jacob Shoaff (Midland) (Fall 3:56)

160 Chance Downs (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

170 Carter Stahlberg (Maquoketa Valley) over David Flores (Midland) (Fall 3:50)

182 Mitch Smith (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

195 Dylan Happel (Maquoketa Valley)

over Alex Thomas (Midland) (Fall 0:27)

220 Michael Feldmann (Maquoketa Valley) over Trevor Fitzpatrick (Midland) (Fall 0:14)

285 Brett Schoenherr (Midland) over Unknown (For.)

106 Damon Huston (Midland) over Unknown (For.)

Coach Andrews showed great optimism with his statement following Thursday Night: "Overall I was happy with how our team came out for the first meet of the year. I thought the guys did a great job of responding to the task and wrestling from whistle to whistle. This showed us where we are at as a team and the work it will take to get to where we need to be."

The Wildcats also traveled to Cascade for the annual Cascade Dual Tournament last Friday. The Wildcats wrestled three times in their respective pool before being placed into either the gold pool or the silver pool. The Wildcats started out the night against Bellevue, Clayton Ridge and Washington. The Cats went 2-1 in the their first pool's duals, with their only loss coming to Washington. The individual matches included were:

## **Bellevue vs. Maquoketa Valley:**

152 Robert Hildebrand (Maquoketa Valley) over Ethan Nemmers (Bellevue) (Fall 2:00)

160 Harrison Haynes (Bellevue) over Mitch Smith (Maquoketa Valley) (Dec 7-6)

170 Hunter Clasen (Bellevue) over Isaac Kramer (Maquoketa Valley) (Dec 5-1)

182 Zach Bullock (Bellevue) over Carter Kruse (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 2:27)

195 Dylan Happel (Maquoketa Valley) over Lucas Knief (Bellevue) (Dec 5-1)

220 Cole Kruse (Maquoketa Valley) over Kane Krabbenhoft (Bellevue) (Fall 1:33)

285 Michael Feldmann (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

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106 Ryan Kilburg (Bellevue) over Dylan Lane (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 4:18)  
 113 Dustyn Talbot (Bellevue) over Unknown (For.)  
 120 Parker Sternhagen (Maquoketa Valley) over Zach Roeder (Bellevue) (Fall 1:03)  
 126 Austin Michels (Bellevue) over Canyon Richardson (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 1:49)  
 132 Aden Atwell (Maquoketa Valley) over Mark Althaus (Bellevue) (Fall 3:53)  
 138 Tim Harmon (Maquoketa Valley) over Brandon Bowman (Bellevue) (Fall 2:34)  
 145 Chance Downs (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

The Wildcats beat the Comets 45 to 30.

#### **Clayton Ridge vs. Maquoketa Valley:**

145 Chance Downs (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)  
 152 Robert Hildebrand (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)  
 160 Mitch Smith (Maquoketa Valley) over Andrew Mitchell (Clayton Ridge) (Fall 0:00)  
 170 Ben Anderegg (Clayton Ridge) over Isaac Kramer (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 3:22)  
 182 Colten Lawrence (Clayton Ridge) over Carter Kruse (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 2:49)  
 195 Hunter Friederick (Clayton Ridge) over Dylan Happel (Maquoketa Valley) (Dec 9-2)  
 220 Cole Kruse (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)  
 285 Michael Feldmann (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)  
 106 Dylan Lane (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)  
 120 Parker Sternhagen (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)  
 126 Aden Atwell (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)  
 132 Canyon Richardson (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)  
 138 Tim Harmon (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)

The Wildcats dominated the Eagles 60 to 15.

#### **Washington vs. Maquoketa Valley:**

160 Mitch Smith (Maquoketa Valley) over Dylan Farmer (Washington) (Fall 3:39)  
 170 Tristin Westphal-Edwards (Washington) over Isaac Kramer (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 3:54)  
 182 Collin Murphy (Washington) over Carter Kruse (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 0:25)  
 195 Logan Escher (Washington) over Dylan Happel (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 0:57)  
 220 Tanner Murphy (Washington) over Michael Feldmann (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 1:48)

285 Mitchell Huisenga (Washington) over Unknown (For.)  
 106 Matt Collett (Washington) over Dylan Lane (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 0:44)  
 113 Brennan Murphy (Washington) over Unknown (For.)  
 120 Parker Sternhagen (Maquoketa Valley) over Unknown (For.)  
 126 Brandon Dickel (Washington) over Aden Atwell (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 1:37)  
 132 Dillan Sanders (Washington) over Canyon Richardson (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 1:33)  
 138 Garrett Ikerd (Washington) over Tim Harmon (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 1:32)  
 145 Chance Downs (Maquoketa Valley) over Kiowa Keith (Washington) (TF 15-0 4:15)

152 David Hora (Washington) over Robert Hildebrand (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 4:45)

The Wildcats lost 17 to 66.

After going 2-1 in their original pool, the Wildcats advanced to the gold pool where they faced MFL Mar-Mac and Ed-Co.

#### **MFL Mar-Mac vs. Maquoketa Valley:**

170 Mitch Smith (Maquoketa Valley) over Dylan Corlett (MFL MARMAC) (Dec 5-0)  
 182 Nathan Johangimiere (MFL MARMAC) over Isaac Kramer (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 1:22)  
 195 Garret Keehner (MFL MARMAC) over Dylan Happel (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 3:12)  
 220 Cole Kruse (Maquoketa Valley) over Jacob Trudo (MFL MARMAC) (MD 18-5)  
 285 Korby Keehner (MFL MARMAC) over Unknown (For.)  
 106 Dylan Lane (Maquoketa Valley) over Logan Englehardt (MFL MARMAC) (Fall 2:48)  
 113 Ethan Stubbs (MFL MARMAC) over Unknown (For.)  
 120 Parker Sternhagen (Maquoketa Valley) over Chaise Zigler (MFL MARMAC) (Fall 1:31)  
 126 Max Havlicek (MFL MARMAC) over Aden Atwell (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 1:33)  
 132 Michael Egan (MFL MARMAC) over Unknown (For.)  
 138 Hunter Miller (MFL MARMAC) over Tim Harmon (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 3:59)  
 145 Chance Downs (Maquoketa Valley) over Brady Olson (MFL MARMAC) (MD 12-2)  
 152 Robert Hildebrand (Maquoketa Valley) over Zach Howe (MFL MARMAC) (Fall 4:59)  
 160 Evan Elgin (Maquoketa Valley) over Avery Smith (MFL MARMAC) (SV-1 4-2)

The Wildcats lost a tough one 32 to 42.

#### **Ed-Co vs. Maquoketa Valley:**

182 Isaac Kramer (Maquoketa Valley) over Max Bahls (Edgewood-Colesburg) (Dec 8-2)  
 195 Dylan Happel (Maquoketa Valley) over Andrew Hoeger-Pint (Edgewood-Colesburg) (Fall 1:33)  
 220 Cole Kruse (Maquoketa Valley) over Cory Kloser (Edgewood-Colesburg) (Fall 2:46)  
 285 Michael Feldmann (Maquoketa Valley) over Elijah Elliot (Edgewood-Colesburg) (Fall 1:02)  
 106 Dayne Bergan (Edgewood-Colesburg) over Dylan Lane (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 0:17)  
 113 Elijah Keck (Edgewood-Colesburg) over Unknown (For.)  
 120 Parker Sternhagen (Maquoketa Valley) over Kal Hoeger (Edgewood-Colesburg) (Fall 2:38)  
 126 Cameron Kirby (Edgewood-Colesburg) over Aden Atwell (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 0:06)  
 132 Alex Jones (Edgewood-Colesburg) over Canyon Richardson (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 2:23)  
 138 Tim Harmon (Maquoketa Valley) over Jordan Wegmann (Edgewood-Colesburg) (Fall 2:31)  
 145 Chance Downs (Maquoketa Valley) over Bo Struble (Edgewood-Colesburg) (Fall 0:42)  
 152 Robert Hildebrand (Maquoketa Valley) over Xavier Reeves (Edgewood-Colesburg) (Fall 1:03)  
 160 Killian Welsh (Edgewood-Colesburg) over Evan Elgin (Maquoketa Valley) (Fall 5:36)  
 170 Mitch Smith (Maquoketa Valley) over Spencer Amling (Edgewood-Colesburg) (Dec 5-4)

The Wildcats claimed the final dual of the night 48 to 30.

After Friday nights' 3-2 dual record, Coach Andrews stated, "Overall I thought the guys did a very good job of competing on back to back nights to kick-off the season on the varsity level. I was very impressed with the younger guys stepping up for us and helping us take care of a business versus some very respectful opponents."



**Robert Hildebrand dominates his EB opponent.**

# Girls put up tough battle against #1 Orioles, defeat Vikings

by Kara Orcutt

Last Tuesday, the Wildcats took the road and headed to Springville to take on the No. 1 ranked in 1A Orioles. The Wildcats came out to a slower start, getting down 9-17 during the first quarter. As the Wildcats are known to do, they found themselves right back in the game going into half-time tied with Springville, 28-28. Throughout the third quarter, the two teams continued to battle, leading into the fourth quarter with the score of 40-45, with Orioles leading. The Wildcats fell short at the end, losing to the very talented Orioles, 49-57. Leading scorers for the night were Sam Wall with 19 points and Gracie Gellersen right behind her with 18 points. Macy Hoeger and Payton Ries also worked hard on the boards with a total of 9 rebounds together. The JV worked hard with just six girls able to play to come out on top with a final of 58-22. Coach Moenck says "We didn't get off to good start in this game. To our kids' credit, they never gave up. I was very proud of them for that."

Last Friday, the Wildcats hosted the Ed-Co Vikings. The girls were looking for a big win, and they came out of the gates hard from the start taking over the first quarter, 15-5. The Wildcats did not slow down either, leading into halftime with the Wildcats on top, 34-9. The Wild-



Lydia Helle goes to the charity stripe during the Central City game. Stats from that victory will be in next week's Echo. (photos by Lesa Parmely)

cats came out strong once again, outscoring the Vikings 15-4. And the Wildcats were able to add another win to their record, defeating the Vikings 60-24. Leading scorers on Friday were Sam Wall with 18 points, and Maci Freiburger following her with 12 points. The leading rebounder for night was Ella Imler with 5. JV Wildcats remain unbeaten, finishing 60-8 over the Vikings. "I felt we did a good job of reacting and being active with our hands," says Coach

Moenck. "We have a very tough stretch of games before Christmas break so we have to do a better job of cleaning up our mistakes."

Stats on Tuesday's win against Central City will be posted in next week's issue.

The Wildcats hit the road to take on the Lisbon Lions tonight. We hope to see lots of black & gold in the stands!

## Football Team Awards

### Varsity Peer Awards

Big Hitter Award: Garrett Hogan  
Most Improved: Heath Gibbs  
Best Lineman: Cole Kruse  
Dedication Award: Brock Hillers  
Defensive MVP: Robert Hildebrand  
Offensive MVP: Tyson Tucker  
Special Teams MVP: Derek Becker

### JV Peer Awards

JV Big Hitter Award: Isaac Kramer  
Most Improved: Trayce Klostermann  
Best Lineman: Carter Kruse  
Dedication Award: Andrew Hildebrand  
JV Defensive MVP: Carter Stahlberg  
JV Offensive MVP: Parker Sternhagen  
JV Special Teams MVP: Zach Digman

## Boys look to rebound after two conference losses



Senior Trevor Elgin brings the ball up court during the Central City game Tuesday night. Top scorers were Brock Hillers with 12, Tyson Tucker with 12 and Trevor Elgin with 10. Tucker had a double-double, pulling down 11 rebounds. The Wildcats fell 49-57. The boys lost to Ed-Co last Friday night, 47-63. Leading scorers were Tucker with 13, Garrett Hogan and Andrew Holtz with seven apiece.



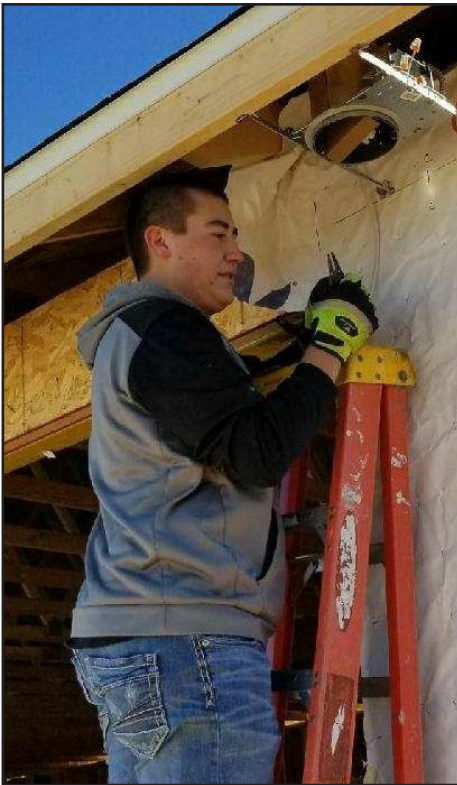
# what's up?

## What takes up too much of your time?

by Tyson Tucker

Mitchell Nuezil - Sleeping  
 Alex McCusker - Homework  
 Amanda Engleken - Fighting with sisters  
 Gracie Gellersen - Phone  
 Mrs. Hunt - Cleaning  
 Cole Willenbring - School  
 Gianpolo Pillon - Homework  
 Tanner Parmely - Farming  
 Cassi Westhoff - Phone  
 Andrew Holtz - Basketball  
 Owen Mensen - Talking to Tyson Tucker  
 CJ Kruse - Farming

## Beyond school walls



Thanks to Mrs. Spellerberg, many juniors and seniors have been job shadowing all semester in various sites throughout the area, both indoors and outdoors. Above, Alex Elgin participates in a job shadow through Wulfekuhle Electric.

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Kiesha Stelken

Sport: Dance

**What do you enjoy most about dance team?**

Dance is a way to put myself out there and show that I can do different things. It takes a lot of time and dedication.



**What's the hardest part of it?** The hardest part would have to be cleaning a routine because you want to make sure that everyone is doing the same moves. Cleaning also takes the most time, but once that is completed the routine is ready to be performed.

**What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of? What did you like about it?** My favorite routine would be state hip-hop from my sophomore year because it was up beat and had a lot of energy in it.

**What's something about dance most people don't realize?** Dance is a sport. We put in a lot of time and effort into our routines to make them look simple, when in reality they are fairly difficult.

**If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be and what song would you use?** This year I will be choreographing a pom routine with some kick elements thrown in. I will be using a sped up version of the senior's class song "Verge" by Owl City. It will be performed on January 25 at the varsity girls halftime game and February 6 and the varsity boys halftime.

*"Kiesha is my 110% girl. From helping with fundraisers, driving the freshman to practice & has great ideas. She's ALWAYS willing to help & ALWAYS try's her best. She doesn't complain and has the biggest heart."* —Coach Teymer

Name: Ella Imler

Sport: Basketball

**What position do you play?** Point guard

**What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?** I love coming to basketball

because I know I get to be with my teammates. I love the environment that we create; everything is always so positive.

**What's something about the sport that others may not know**

**about?** Basketball takes a lot of dedication and hard work. In order to be successful you have to put in a lot of extra time.

**What's been a favorite basketball memory?** We were doing our can drive to raise money for our travel gear. Kara was driving her dad's truck, and all of a sudden Madison, Kara and I looked back and saw cans flying out of the back of the truck. A bag ripped in half, and cans were going everywhere. We had to stop and pick up all the cans, and then we started driving again. About 10 seconds after we started driving again two whole bags fell out of the truck so we had to stop again.

**Who's your basketball role model?** Brianna Mensen, Abby Holtz, and Sam Wall

Name: Parker Sternhagen

Sport: Wrestling

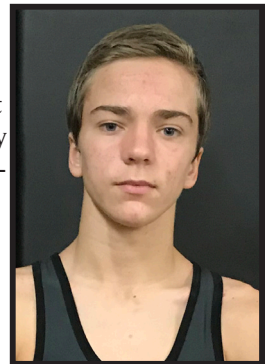
**What do you enjoy most about wrestling?** I really enjoy the competition of this sport because it's very tough.

**What's something about wrestling that others might not know?** Wrestling is a very mental sport.

**How do you mentally prepare for a match?** I try to focus on my setups and which moves will work best against my opponent.

**What's your goal this season?** Qualify for state

**Who's your wrestling role model?** Alec McDowell



## Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

- If you're standing at the North Pole, any direction you point towards is south.
- Jim Carrey was almost casted as Buddy the Elf in the movie Elf.
- Many people say that every snowflake is different, but in 1988 two identical snowflakes were found after a storm in Wisconsin.
- During his term, Teddy Roosevelt banned Christmas trees from the White house due to environmental reasons.
- Nuremberg, Germany is the "Gingerbread Capital of the World."
- Chionophobia is the fear of snow.
- The movie Christmas Story was based of the book, In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash.
- The first Santa Claus impersonator appeared in 1890.
- The man who invented Rudolf, Robert L. May, almost named him Reginald.
- 22 million pounds of salt are used on road in the USA in the winter.

## Netflix & Chill

by Emma McDowell

*How The Grinch Stole Christmas* - It's December which means it's basically Christmas, so that means it's time to plan some Christmas movie marathons. Sadly, Netflix doesn't carry many of the classics we've come to love, but it's redeemed because it has *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*. And yes, it's the awesome Jim Carrey version and not the weird, old animated one. No offense if you like the original more; it's just that the new version is funnier and looks a lot better. Jim Carrey has so many memorable moments in it, I bet you'll hear someone reference one of his lines at some point this holiday season. This amazing movie also gives us the hit song by Cindy Lou Hou, "Where are you, Christmas?" which deserves a place on everyone's Christmas playlist. It's time to get into the holiday spirit, go on and watch cheesy movies, sing Christmas songs without shame, and chug some hot chocolate!



## Best Buds



**Shelby March & Allie Knipper**

by Kelly Winter

**How long have you been friends?** Since we were 4.

**What do you like about each other?**

Allie: I like that I can always go to Shelby and talk to her about everything. She always has my back and gives me humor in my life.

Shelby: She keeps me sane. She laughs at my jokes, even when nobody else does :)

**Who do you guys resemble as a pair?**

Dory and Marlen from Finding Nemo. Dory is really random, and Marlen is always yelling at her.

## Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

What always brings you down but never picks you up?

A: Gravity

## 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:

Allison Dunn - 12/11

Dylan Lane - 12/12

Holli Hogan - 12/14

Jacob Leytem - 12/15

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing

Who likes to rap during the holidays? Dr. Dre- Del

What do cats like to sing during the holidays? "Here comes Santa Claws!"

What song will Kim Kardashian sing to her family? "Kanye hear what I hear!"

When playing rock, paper, scissors, what song would you sing? "Jingle Bell Rock."

What line of the 12 days of christmas is a scientist favorite? "And a Partridge in a Petri."

## Hip Hop: Fourth place finish





## Meet the Freshmen



**Sarah, Zoey, Brian & George**

Typist: Hannah Lahr

Name: Bryan Wilson  
Siblings: Becky, Tim, Kenna  
Activities you plan to be in: baseball  
Favorite subject: lunch  
Hobbies: archery, fishing, hunting, trap shooting  
Something cool about you: I hold about an average of 86% at trap shooting.

Name: Zoey Mulford  
Siblings: two  
Activities you plan to be in: volleyball, golf, softball, speech, spanish club  
Favorite subject: English  
Career aspirations: nurse practitioner  
Hobbies: four wheeling, fishing, hanging out with friends  
Something cool about you: I have a step-dad who plays semi-pro baseball

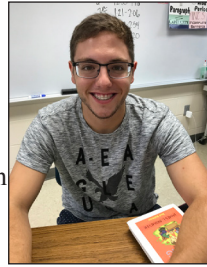
Name: George Blair  
Siblings: 3: Bobby, James, Bella  
Activities you plan to be in: football  
Favorite subject: lunch  
Career aspirations: joining an apprenticeship  
Hobbies: watching movies  
Something cool about you: Everything is cool about me!

Name: Sarah Goedken  
Siblings: Tara and Courtney Goedken and Matthew Lansing  
Activities you plan to be in: Spanish Club, FFA, speech, basketball, track  
Favorite Subject: Math  
Career Aspirations: dairy farmer  
Hobbies: being outside on the farm  
Something cool about you: I know a lot about dairy farming

## Hall Smarts

by Brody Severt

Hello, Wildcats, and welcome to another fine week of Hall Smarts. Have you ever realized how much stuff you walk past but never see? Well, this week our contestants are going to try and remember where they have seen some stuff. They are Alex Elgin, Emerson Whittenbaugh, Kristin Lucas and Dustin Heims.



1.  
Alex: Drew's Room  
Emerson: Drew's room  
Kristin: Ag room  
Dustin: Ag Room  
Answer: Boiler room/ Science class



2.  
Alex: Study Hall  
Emerson: Study Hall  
Kristin: Study Hall  
Dustin: Didn't know we had one  
Answer: Study hall



3.  
Alex: Library  
Emerson: Somewhere south of us  
Kristin: "Over there" the library  
Dustin: Library  
Answer: Library



4.  
Alex: End of soph. Hall  
Emerson: The office  
Kristin: End of Soph. Hall  
Dustin: by the Choir room  
Answer: End of Soph. hallway



Excellent job contestants. That's all we have for you this week. Only nine days left until break so make sure you are keeping up with everything!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of December 10, 2017

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Learning Day  
2. MV Fine Arts Booster Club Meeting - MS Commons - 5:30 PM  
3. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM  
4. FFA Christmas Party - Beckman HS in Dyersville - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

1. HS JV/V Wrestling at Clayton Ridge (also with Ed/Co & Postville) - 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:50 PM)  
2. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball - HOME - Alburnett - JV 4:30 PM / V 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

1. MV Elementary Concert Rehearsal in Delhi - 9:00 AM (Earlville & Johnston K-2 Buses Leave at 8:45 AM)  
2. MV Elementary Concert Rehearsal in Delhi for Grades 3rd 5th— 1:00 PM until 2:30 PM  
3. MV All-Elementary Christmas Concert - Multi-Purpose Room - JK-2nd @ 6:15 PM / 3rd-5th @ 7:15 PM  
4. HS JV/V Wrestling at Alburnett (also with Edgewood/Colesburg) - 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:50 PM)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017

1. Deadline for January Newsletter Articles  
2. HS Students to College Visit at Hawk-eye Community College (Van@8:15 AM)  
3. 6th Grade Catapult Contest - Middle School Gym - 11:45 AM until 1:18 PM  
4. MV Dollars for Scholars Soup Supper - HS Cafeteria - 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM  
5. HS Basketball - HOME - N.L. - JV G at 4:30 PM (MS Gym) - JV B After / V Girls at 6:00 PM (HS Gym)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017

1. HS JV/V Wrestling Tournament at North Linn - 8:30 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:00 AM)  
2. HS JV/V G & B Basketball - HOME - Midland - JV at 1:00 PM / V at 3:00 PM