

## Wildcats earn conference title

by Brittany Sabers

The MV speech team recently participated in the conference competition at Lisbon High School. Overall results turned out very well in our favor with the 10th - 12th grade team earning the conference title with 108 points. The 10th - 12th grade team performed in 22 events ending the day with 21 Division 1 ratings and 1 Division 2 rating. The 9th grade team performed in 8 events, earning 6 Division 1 ratings and 2 Division 2 ratings.

From both outstanding teams, Maquoketa Valley Speech earned 8 first place positions (10th-12th Readers Theatre, 10th-12th Choral Reading, Ensemble Acting #1, TRVL, 93.14 MATH Radio Broadcasting, Angel Rumbo's Solo Mime, Short Film - The Effect, and One Act), 5 second place positions (9th Choral Reading, Ensemble Acting #3, Short Film #1, 96.8 BABY Radio Broadcasting, and Group Improv #2), and 4 third place positions (9th Readers Theatre, Dustin Heims's Solo Mime, GOTH TV News, and 122.5 XMAS Radio Broadcasting).

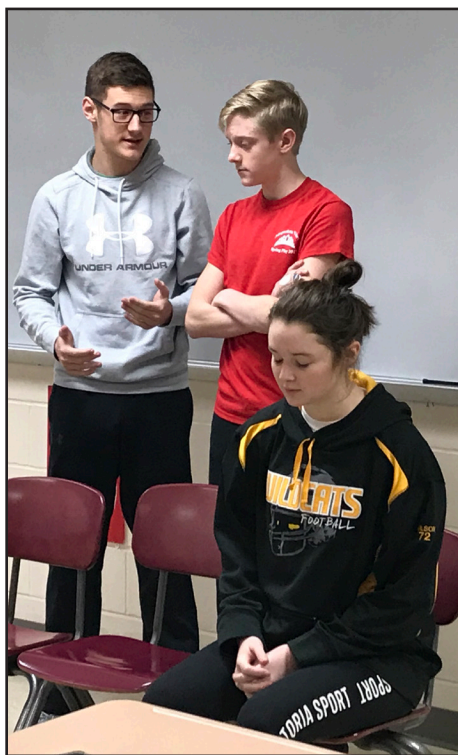
Congratulations to these select groups as well as the four students receiving acting awards in the One Act category including Katilyn Deutmeyer and Lane Coyle as Best Supporting Actress and Actor, and Shelby March and Alex Digman as Best Actress and Actor.

The individual results of each group are as follows:

10-12th Choral Reading -- Rating I (Adrienne Supple, Chloe Roling, Emma Hill, Emmy Prindle, Faith Hunt, Jaiden Porter, Kelly Winter, Kelsey Ries, Kristin Lucas, Lexi Deutmeyer, Madalynne Naab, & McKenzie Lansing)

9th Choral Reading -- Rating I (Allison Dunn, Annisten Trenkamp, Claire Krapfl, Ella Imler, Emerson Whittenbaugh, Krista Ries, Mitch Heims, Reece Mensen, Sarah Goedken, Tara Goedken, Taya Tucker, & Teige Hunt)

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Alex McCusker, Mason Lubben and Brooke Wilson rehearse their ensemble acting piece, "Drugs Are Bad."

## Adv. Construction class builds, installs cabinets

by Maddie Lahr

Within the school renovation project the band room got a little bit of a face lift from some new paint to a completely new storage room.

The old shelving units were taken out of the main room and Mr. Drew's advanced construction class made new ones for the new space. The new storage room needed some cleaning and new storage options. The new cabinets were installed this week by the advanced construction class.

The process all started when Mr. Drew was approached by Mr. Tuetken and asked to make the new cabinets for the band. The cabinets are installed completely and are very safe and effective. He made sure to work well with Mr. Ford to make sure that they would work well for the band students.

Mr. Drew says that the process went very well the guys did a very good job on the project. Mr. Drew also says that it did get long at times especially when finishing up the final details. He says depending on his time frame that he would think about taking on another project like this in the future.



Adam Goedken, Mitch Smith, Alex Elgin (obstructed) and Andy O'Connell install the cabinets. Other students involved were Garrett Hogan, Eric Brehm and Sean Hucker.

## Speech results, cont.

10-12th Ensemble Acting group 1 ("Bullies Anonymous") -- Rating I (Brody Severt, Kristin Lucas, Lucas Rumbo, Maddie Lahr, Megan Beaman, & Mitchell Neuzil)

10-12th Ensemble Acting group 2 ("Drugs Are Bad") -- Rating I (Alex McCusker, Brooke Wilson, & Mason Lubben)

10-12th Ensemble Acting group 3 ("The Unknown Part of the Ocean") -- Rating I (Abby Holtz & Faith Hunt)

9th Ensemble Acting -- Rating I (Andrew Kloser & Madeline Gellersen)

10-12th Group Improvisation #1 -- Rating I (Alex McCusker, Angel Rumbo, Brenden Hogan, & Reiji Smith)

10-12th Group Improvisation #2 -- Rating I (Amber Engelken, Brooke Wilson, Emma McDowell, & Tate Trenkamp)

10-12th Group Improvisation #3 -- Rating I (Derek Mensen, Izabel Niehaus, Katilyn Deutmeyer, & Madison McIntyre)

9th Group Improvisation #1 -- Rating II (Annisten Trenkamp, Miguel Bojorquez, Paige Panosh, & Tony Offerman)

9th Group Improvisation #1 -- Rating II (Claire Krapfl, Logan Johnson, & Zoey Mulford)

10-12th Group Mime #1 -- Rating I (Grace Wegmann, Hannah Clemen, Jordyn Kemp, & Kelly Winter)

10-12th Group Mime #2 -- Rating I (Allie Knipper, Amber Engelken, Emma Hill, Jaiden Porter, & Kailyn Hogan)

10-12th Group Mime #3 -- Rating I (Lydia Helle, McKenzie Lansing, Megan Beaman, & Megan Wulfekuhle)

9th Group Mime -- Rating I (Kailene Chen, Kim Sellner, Paige Panosh, & Zoey Mulford)

Musical Theatre -- Rating II (Jenna Nefzger, Kiesha Stelken, & Nicholas Chen)

One Act -- Rating I (Alex Digman, Allie Knipper, Blake Becker, Brenden Hogan, Brian Heims, Brittany Sabers, Chloe Roling, Dustin Heims, Hannah Lahr, Jon Seibert, Josie Young, Katilyn Deutmeyer, Lane Coyle, Lexi Deutmeyer, Lucas Johnson, Lucas Rumbo, Maddie Lahr, Morgan Hermanson, Reiji Smith, Sean Hucker, Shelby March, Summer Schmuecker, & Tate Trenkamp)

10-12th Radio Broadcasting: 93.14 MATH -- Rating I (Carson Wright, Evan Hoefer, Kelsey Ries, Kiesha Stelken, Lucas Johnson, Megan Rausch, & Norman Wilson)

10-12th Radio Broadcasting: 122.5 XMAS -- Rating I (Carter Hildebrand, Chad Neuzil, Daniel Hunter, Erika Supple, & Kailyn Hogan)



**The choral reading group rehearses "Love Letters."**

9th Radio Broadcasting: 108.3 CWC -- Rating I (Emerson Whittenbaugh, Logan Johnson, Owen Mensen, Taya Tucker, & Zach Digman)

9th Radio Broadcasting: 96.8 BABY -- Rating I (Abbie Sheehy, Kim Sellner, Payton Beaman, & Sarah Goedken)

10-12th Readers Theatre -- Rating II (Abby Holtz, Brody Severt, Emma McDowell, Hannah Lahr, Jon Seibert, Lydia Helle, Madison Imler, Mason Lubben, Mitchell Neuzil, & Shelby March)

9th Readers Theatre -- Rating I (Andrew Holtz, Andrew Kloser, Ella Imler, Krista Ries, Miguel Bojorquez, Payton Beaman, Reece Mensen, & Teige Hunt)

Short Film - It Can Wait -- Rating I (Adrienne Supple, Brooklyn Sands, Grace Wegmann, Hannah Clemen, Jenna Nefzger, Kara Leibold, Lane Coyle, Madison Imler, & Sam Wall)

Short Film - The Effect -- Rating I (Alex Digman, Danielle Schuman, Erika Supple, Maddy Anderegg, & Megan Wulfekuhle)

TV News - GOTH -- Rating I (Brittany Sabers, Brooklyn Sands, Evan Hoefer, Jordyn Kemp, Josie Young, Kara Orcutt, Megan Rausch, & Michael Feldmann)

TV News - TRVL -- Rating I (Blake Becker, Carson Wright, Carter Hildebrand, Gracie Gellersen, Kara Leibold, Maci Freiburger, & Madalynne Naab)

Dustin Heims - Solo Mime -- Rating I

Izabel Niehaus - Solo Mime -- Rating I

Angel Rumbo - Solo Mime -- Rating I

Congratulations to all groups for their hard work leading to a successful Conference competition and best wishes to all groups this coming Saturday as they travel to Cascade for their District competition.

## MV says 'adios' to Valentina

by McKenzie Lansing

Unfortunately at one point in time, all good things must come to an end. We are very sad to say goodbye to our foreign exchange student Valentina Asias. She will be moving back home this weekend to continue her high school education in Bolivia.



Overall, she loved it here at Maquoketa Valley. She enjoyed the people here, especially her host family. At MV she enjoyed the activities and involvement the most. She loved the dance team. Her favorite dance to perform was Hip Hop. When she moves back she will continue to dance. Val's favorite thing about America was the food. She never had a cheeseburger before and this was her favorite food from here.

Education wise, America and Bolivia are very different. In Bolivia students only go to school for five hours. Instead of using laptops, students mostly learn out of books. The biggest difference is class structure. Instead of students switching classrooms, the teachers are the ones who change classes. The teachers move from room to room just like a student would in America.

Although her future is blurry at the moment, she possibly wants to pursue a career as a travel agent. She will definitely come back to America one day. "I will miss a lot of people," Valentina commented. "Thank you so much for giving me this experience." We will miss you so much, Valentina!

## Dance planned for Sat. night

Are you looking for a great way to spend your Saturday night? Join us at the Highway 20 Dance in conjunction with West Delaware and Beckman on January 27 from nine to midnight. There will be dancing with the DJ Randy Demmer, card games, cake walk, photo booth, and many more things for you to enjoy your night! Tickets will be sold today by FFA members during lunch the week before the dance. Tickets will be \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Wrestlers face tough competition, Smith hits 100

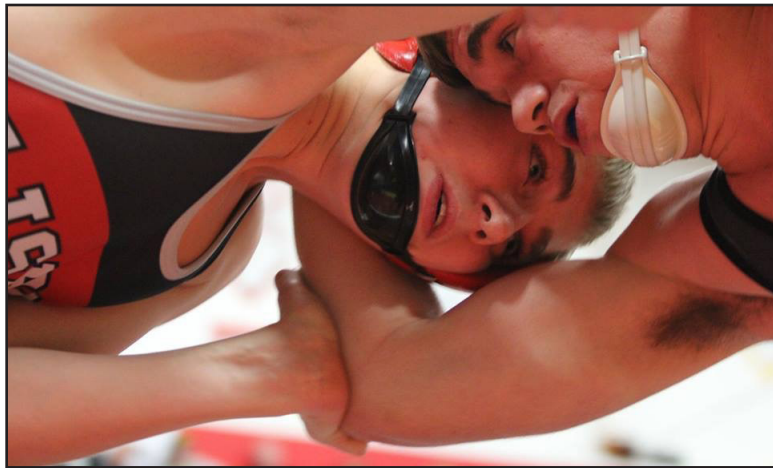
by Chance Downs

Last Friday the Maquoketa Valley Wrestling Team went to Lisbon for a dual against the Lions accompanied by the Midland Eagles and North Linn Lynx. This dual was originally set for last Thursday but due to inclement weather the meet was pushed back a day.

The boys started off the night versus the Midland Eagles. The Wildcats once again mauled the Eagles in impressive fashion 57 to 24. Those who received a pin were: Robert Hildebrand at 1:47, Evan Elgin at 0:22, and Dylan Happel at 0:16! Tim Harmon won by decision 13-12. Dylan Lane, Chance Kemp, Chance Downs, Carter Stahlberg, Mitch Smith, and Carson Wright all received a forfeit.

The wrestlers then moved on to face their toughest competition of the night, Lisbon. The Cats but up a fight but in the end it was the Lions who came out victorious 63 to 18. Those who received a win were: Mitch Smith by fall at 2:26, Michael Feldmann by fall at 1:58, and Dylan Lane by fall at 3:15.

The Wildcats wrapped up the night against North Linn. In a tightly fought battle the Wildcats beat the Lynx 45 to 35. Hildebrand won by decision 8-6. Parker



Mitch Smith strategizes against his Lisbon opponent last week. Smith earned his 100th win that night in a forfeit and his 100th win was also celebrated Saturday at Cascade when he defeated an opponent.

Sternhagen, Chance Downs, Mitch Smith, Carter Stahlberg, Carter Kruse, Happel, and Michael Feldmann all received forfeits.

The next day the boys woke up early and traveled to Cascade for the annual Cougar Invitational. This meet held no shortage of competition with multiple 1A, 2A, and 3A teams in attendance. The Wildcats sent nine wrestlers in total, with five receiving medals. Downs received 3rd place. Hildebrand and Smith received 4th place. Feldmann earned 5th place. Tim Harmon finished in 6th place.

Coach Andrews had this to say

about the team's performance Friday and Saturday: "Overall I was pleased with our guys effort Friday night and Saturday. Anytime you have to go back to back especially being out later on a Friday night and having to get up early for an all day tournament on Saturday it's tough. Our guys did not make excuses and came out fighting on Saturday in a very tough field. They fought from whistle to whistle whether they were feeling 100% or not. It was a very busy week for us and we were able to pick up six dual meet victories with only one defeat. As an entire team hopefully we can get healthier as we move toward the postseason."

## *With a little 'tude*



The dance team performed a hip hop routine at the game with Springville Tuesday night. (photos by Lesa Parmely)



Maci Freiburger has her eyes set on the hoop Tuesday night in the conference matchup with Springville. In recent basketball action, the girls defeated Bellevue Marquette Catholic 49-42 and lost to Springville 40-58. Tonight they travel to Ed-Co.



# Boys get the W over Springville



**Brian Heims works around a Springville defender Tuesday night. (photo by Lesa Parmely) by McKenzie Lansing**

The boys' basketball team has been busy this past weekend playing two conference teams at the start of the week. They ended their week last week with a Pink Out game at home against Marquette Catholic. The boys fought hard in the end-but lost with a final score of 41-72.

"We started out fairly well with Bellevue. They were hitting three pointers and we were hitting two pointers. Therefore they went up fairly big fairly quickly," Coach Dunlap commented. "After this it was hard to recover."

Leading in points was Tyson Tucker with 14, Trevor Elgin with seven and Adam Goedken with six.

"We acted like we were not mentally invested into the game," Coach Dunlap stated. "We didn't respond well to their intensity. When Andrew got hurt it was the end of our good effort. We needed to do a better job of staying in the game and staying positive when things don't go well."

On Saturday, the boys travelled to the U.S. Cellular center to play North Linn. The Lynx unfortunately won with a final score of 20-88.

Elgin scored 8 points. Willenbring put up a total of 6 points. Tucker scored 4 points for the team.

The boys started this week with a home game against Springville on Tuesday.

This game ended in a victory for the Wildcats with a final score of 57-53.

"Springville took the lead in the second quarter. We didn't fall apart. We didn't panic. We continued to play the game which was huge for us," commented Coach Dunlap.

Leading in points was Tyson with 15 points total. Trevor Elgin followed with 12 points. Following Trevor was Brian with 10 points total.

Leading in rebounds was Heath with 8 total. Trevor followed with 7 rebounds. Tyson picked up 6 rebounds.

They boys improved their free throws, only missing four while making 10 of 14. Andrew Holtz did an exceptional job, having 6 assists total. Cole led in steals, with 4 total.

"Cole came in the third quarter and had some nice threes, which had the crowd going and the boys going. Cole played outstanding both offensively and defensively. Heath, Brain and Tyson all did a good job on the offensive board," Coach Dunlap stated. "Trevor did a really nice job on defensive boards. As a team we had 12 turnovers and Springville had 13. If you can win that battle, you can win the game, especially with a tight game like that."

Tonight the boys will travel to Ed-Co to face the Vikings.

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Chance Downs

Sport: Wrestling

**What do you enjoy most about wrestling?**

I love seeing how all of your extra work and dedication will pay off in the end. Wrestling, like many sports, requires you to train all year around. And you truly get out of it what you put into it.

**What's something about wrestling that others might not know?**

Wrestling requires more mental strength than physical strength.

**How do you mentally prepare for a match?**

I just try to move myself from a conscious state of mind to a sub-conscious state of mind. I want my matches to flow and be natural - overthinking can diminish a performance.

**What's your goal this season?**

My goal is to be the 2018 Iowa Class 1A 145 pound State Wrestling Champion.

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

My wrestling role model is my former club coach and Wartburg College wrestler, Jaime Gray. His knowledge and love for the sport has helped me grow immensely, and I aspire to achieve the things he has accomplished -- on and off the mat.



Name: Kara Leibold

Sport: Dance

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

Just dancing in general and being able to use it as a stress relief.

**What's the hardest part of it?**

Learning dances so quick and having to clean then efficiently and dealing with the misconceptions of who we are.

**What's your favorite routine you've ever been a part of?** freshman year state hiphop because of the choreographer and the choreography.

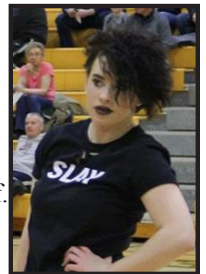
**What's something about dance most people don't realize?**

That is it a sport and that it is a difficult thing to do. We are doing over 60 different moves in a minutes time and learning a dance a week as well as combining balance and coordination.

**If you could choreograph a routine, what kind would it be?** Pom to "Work"

Iggy Azalea

*"Not only is she a great dancer..she's one one of the nicest girls I know. Kara goes out of her way to help & really cares about everyone & their feelings."* —Coach Teymer



# Honor band director aims to educate

Front row: Kelly Winter, Kristin Lucas, Jordyn Kemp, Hunter Glass, Maddie Lahr, Jaiden Porter, Kailyn Hogan  
Back row: Ryan Dunn, Tate Trenkamp, Miguel Bojorquez, Jon Seibert, Andrew Kloser



by Kristin Lucas

On Monday, January 15th, twelve band members travelled to Springville for the day for the Tri-Rivers conference honor band, accompanied by Mr. Ford.

Honor bands allow students to play in a larger ensemble, surrounded by other excellent young musicians.

The guest director for the day was Steve Stickney, who is the director of bands at Mount Mercy University. He enjoys guest directing these types of events because it allows him to share his knowledge and experience. His goals for the day were to make sure everybody learned one or two things and had a great experience. The day consisted of several hours of practicing. One comment that Mr. Stickney pointed out was that most bands put together a concert in several months, but we were able to pull it off in several hours. Mr. Stickney thought the final concert went very well. "Everyone made tremendous improvement on what we worked on through the course of the day, and I thought tonight was by far the best representation of that," he said.

## Comedy Corner

by McKenzie Lansing

Warning: These puns are snow laughing matter.

Winter? Snow thanks.

What did the pepper say during winter?  
"I'm a little chili."

What do dinosaurs wear when they go out in the snow? A Jurassic Parka.

What does a geometry teacher like to do in the snow? Make Snow Angles

Why did the snowman call his dog Frost?  
Because Frost Bites.

## Netflix & Chill



by Emma McDowell

**Grey's Anatomy-** I'll be the first to admit that I'm late to the Grey's train. This show has been around for a long time and I am just now starting it from the first season. My mom is a huge fan of the show and there have been times where I watch a few episodes with her. There is something just so engrossing about the unpredictability of hospital dramas. You never know if a patient will make it or what obscure medical condition will pop up next. Combine this tension with the personal lives of doctors and you have a great show. There have been many like it, but none have come close to *Grey's Anatomy*. Even if you don't like blood or doctor offices, this could be your next favorite show.

## Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

- Bob Ross lost his left index finger during a carpentry accident as a teen.
- The first Forever 21 store was called named Fashion 21.
- Shimmer is added to lipstick and eyeshadow by adding ground up fish scales.
- Des Moines was made the state capital in 1857.
- The fairy fly has the smallest heart of any living creature.
- Cyberphobia is the fear of computers.
- Crash injuries have been reduced by 24% by airbags.
- There are 44,000 Subway locations across the world.
- Oscar the grouch from Sesame street was originally orange.
- Judge Judy makes \$45 million a year.

# Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Madison Imler  
Activity: Speech



**What events are you in for speech?** Readers Theatre and Short Film

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** My favorite part about large group speech is competition day. I love going to watch everyone else's performance.

**Who is your speech role model?** All the speech coaches. They put so much extra time into our work to make it better.

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be? Why?**

Improv. I love going to watch all the different improv groups, and to me improv is probably the funniest event.

*"Madison is a hard worker and has not shied away from stepping outside her comfort zone in readers theatre. I appreciate her dancing and singing at the top of her lungs!"* —Mr. DeVore

Name: Abby Holtz  
Activity: Speech



**What events are you in for speech?**

Readers Theatre and Ensemble Acting

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** You get to explore so many different situations, be a completely different person, and you don't have to do it alone.

**What have you learned through these events?** If you're worried about how you look or sound, you're missing the point. Do your part unapologetically and to the best of your ability.

**Who is your speech role model?** My sister, Ali. If anyone has made me more comfortable about being a complete dork in front of people it's her.

**If you could judge a large group speech event, what would it be?** Probably group improvisation. If a group of people are able to create a coherent storyline on the spot with a clever resolution, that's talent right there.

*"Abby is constantly looking for new and different ways to transform her character in readers theatre. She asks lots of great questions and is definitely not afraid to step outside her comfort zone. She is also a problem solver when it comes to potential issues such as time constraints or blocking scenarios."* —Mr. DeVore



# what's up?

**What is one thing you think everyone should do at least once in a lifetime?**

**by Tyson Tucker**

Cody Hunter - Get arrested

Mrs. Hunt - See how the other half (poor) live

Abe Miles - Serve in the military

Norman Wilson - Listen to Wheeler

Walker Jr.

Owen Mensen - Skydive

Trevor Elgin - Go on a road trip with friends

Josie Young - Go to a third world country

Casey Fry - Skydiving

Ella Imler - See the ocean

Adrianne Supple - Travel

Carson Wright - Grow a mullet

Brock Hillers - Experience a Tyson v.

Heath wrestling match live

## Cutest Couple

**Luke Voss & Brooklyn Sands**

**by Izzy Niehaus**

**How long have you been dating?**

8 months

**How did you meet?**

At a bonfire with friends

**What's your favorite place to eat?**

Buffalo

Wild Wings or Firehouse Subs

**Funny/Favorite Memory**

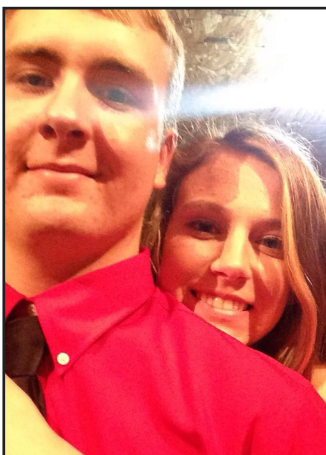
Luke: Brooklyn trying to order at Panch

Brooklyn: I have a lot, but some favorites are when Luke let me do his makeup or

when we went to the drive-in movie

**Favorite things to do together**

Go out on dates, try new restaurants, take naps, go to Kernel's games, drive around and listen to music, eat food, play with the dog, go shopping



## Hall Smarts

**by Brody Severt**

Hello, Wildcats, and welcome to the first Hall Smarts of second semester. This week we are going to try and start off on the right foot with questions about winter weather. Our contestants trying to endure this week's cold forecast will be Heath Gibbs, Brooke Wilson, Derek Mensen and Emmy Prindle.



What is absolute 0 in Fahrenheit?

Heath: -273°F

Brooke: -50°F

Derek: -80°F

Emmy: 0

Answer: -273°F

Which country has the most glaciers?

Heath: Malaysia

Brooke: Antarctica or Iceland

Derek: Greenland

Emmy: Antarctica

Answer: Pakistan

Which state gets the most snow?

Heath: New York

Brooke: Alaska

Derek: Montana

Emmy: Alaska, is that a state?

Answer: New York

How many inches of snow = 1" rain?

Heath: 12

Brooke: 10

Derek: 1.5

Emmy: 5

Answer: 10

Are all snowflakes unique?

Heath: false

Brooke: Yes

Derek: no

Emmy: No, they are all the same

Answer: proven false

Wow, Wildcats, that one was tough. But good job and we will see you all back next week. Make sure that you all keep bundled up outside and drink some cocoa.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV

**the week of January 21, 2018**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018**

1. HS Vocal to Meistersinger Festival at Wartburg College in Waverly (Van Leaves at Noon)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018**

1. Deadline for February Newsletter Articles - Please Give to Sue Kramer

2. 9th Grade Class Ring Information Meeting - Auditorium - 2:55 PM (During WIN)

3. Junior High Boys Basketball at Alburnett - 4:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:05 PM)

4. MV School Board Meeting - HS Conference Room - 6:00 PM

5. HS Vocal at Meistersinger Festival at Wartburg College in Waverly (Van Returns at 10:00 PM)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018**

1. HS JV/V G & B BB - HOME (Parents' Night for BB & Dance) - C.C. - JV @ 4:30 PM / V @ 6:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018**

1. 10th Graders to Tour JREC at Kirkwood in Monticello - 8:30 AM (Bus Leaves at 8:00 AM)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018**

1. HS JV/V G & B Basketball - HOME - Monticello - JV @ 4:00 PM / V @ 6:00 PM

2. HS JV/Varsity Wrestling at C.P.U. (also with Maquoketa & Starmont) - 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves 3:50 PM)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 2018**

1. 9th Grade Class Ring Order Taken - During Lunch Hour (Noon - 12:30 PM)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018**

1. Tri Rivers Conference HS Wrestling Tournament at Alburnett - Noon (Bus Leaves at 8:50 AM)

## Brain Teaser

**by Mason Lubben**

What do you call a bear with no teeth?

*Answer: A gummy bear!*