

# Wildcat Echo

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## Band, choir students share some holiday spirit

*Concert choir*



*Jazz band*



The high school choir and band students presented their annual winter concert Monday night. Various groups, including the jazz band, performed. (photos courtesy of Lori Trenkamp)

*Concert band*



### Modified schedule for Wednesday, Dec. 22

Period 1  
8:03 - 8:32 am  
Period 2  
8:35 - 9:04 am  
Period 3  
9:07 - 9:36 am

Following 3rd period students will report to the commons / gym for activities and games  
College Panel  
9:20 - 10:05 am All Juniors will be dismissed by Brandy via intercom from 3rd period at 9:15 am to report to the HS auditorium; College panel for seniors to follow

Games / Activities for all students  
9:40 am - 1:00 pm • Games in the gym  
• Board Games / Cards / Coloring in Commons  
• Other activities

*Bass choir*





## Boys go 1-1 in recent play



**Brock Daack squares off with an East Buchanan defender in the home game Tuesday night.**

by Chantel Crowley

On Saturday, Dec. 11, the MV boys basketball team put up a strong game against Lisbon, but lost 59 to 37.

Top scorers were Avery Holtz with 13, Kody Hoeger with eight, Brock Trenkamp and Noah DeVore with four each, TJ Cook and Lucas Orcutt with three each, and Brock Daack with two.

For rebounds, Hoeger had five and Holtz and Trenkamp had four each. Landen Deutmeyer had three rebounds, Orcutt, Lance McShane, and DeVore had two each, and Daack and Cook had one each.

As for assists, Holtz had two and Hoeger and Deutmeyer had one each.

The boys' next game was home Dec. 14 against East Buchanan where they won 65 to 36. Fourteen points were made by Holtz, and Orcutt, Trenkamp, and Hoeger scored 12. McShane had seven points, Cook had five, and Deutmeyer had one.

Seven rebounds were made by Cook, and six each were made by Orcutt, Trenkamp, Hoeger, and McShane. Five were made by Holtz, four by Deutmeyer, and one each made by Daack and DeVore.

For assists, six were made by Holtz, three by Deutmeyer, two by McShane, and one each made by Orcutt and Cook.

## Wrestlers compete at North Cedar, Davis is champ

by Katlyn Nolan

The MV Wildcats competed at the North Cedar Invitational last Saturday with the team placing sixth out of 14 teams.

Brady Davis (220) came out on top in his weight class after defeating Landon Hummell of Solon. Wrestling at 152, Michael Schaul placed second after losing 9-2 in the championship match. Nathan Beitz earned third place at 195 after winning by fall. Aiden Salow (182) lost 7-6 in the third place match. At heavyweight, Devin Smith lost the third place match 4-3.

Arion Rave at 126 lost by fall in round one of the consolation bracket. In the third place match, Brendin Frasher lost by major decision 2-10. In the consolation semi-final match, Tyreese Crippen, wrestling at 138, lost by decision. In round one of the consolation bracket for the 145 weight class, Mason Jolley lost by fall. Kobe Peters lost in the consolation bracket for the 160 weight class by fall.

The Wildcats hit the floor last night at Starmont. Results will be in the next issue.



**Brady Davis earned the top spot on the podium at the North Cedar meet last Saturday.**

## Girls defeat RiverHawks, Lions; fall to Bucs

by Toby Grimm

Last Tuesday, the Wildcats girls basketball team took on the Easton Valley RiverHawks and won big by a final score of 54-20.

Defensively the team was lights out only allowing 20 points and forcing 27 turnovers. To lead the forced turnovers were Caelyn Sands, Kennedy Rausch, and Carissa Sabers had 4 each, followed by Bianka Ronnebaum, Paige Winter, and Ella Mensen with 3 each, and ending with Erin Knipper and Liz McDowell had 2 each. The team had 19 steals led by Kennedy Rausch and Bianka Ronnebaum with 4 a piece, next was Sands and Knipper with 3 each, and lastly was Kylie Chesnut and Haley Ronnebaum with a pair each.

On the scoring end, Sands led with 12 points on 4 three pointers, followed by Bianka Ronnebaum with 8, next was Mensen, Knipper, Chesnut, and Rausch with 6 each, ending with Haley Ronnebaum who contributed with 4 to complete their fourth win of the season.

On Saturday, the team competed against the Lisbon Lions and won 49-22 and continued the streak of 12 straight wins against the Lions.

Offensively, Caelyn Sands and Bianka Ronnebaum led with 9 points each, followed by Carissa Sabers who had 8,



**Carissa Sabers puts up a shot in a sea of blue. (photos by Lesa Parmely)**

Kennedy Rausch and Kylie Chesnut had 6 each, ending with Haley Ronnebaum and Erin Knipper pitching in with 4 apiece.

The Cats dominated on the defensive end pulling down 27 rebounds and getting 17 steals. Leading both was Sabers with 7 rebounds, Chesnut had 6, Haley Ronnebaum and Liz McDowell with 4 each, ending with Bianka Ronnebaum and Erin Knipper with a pair each. Sabers grabbed 7 steals, right ahead of Bianka Ronnebaum who had 5, next to Haley Ronnebaum with 2.

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## Girls basketball, continued

The win ended the week on a high note, upgrading their record to 5-2 on the season.

The girls team challenged the undefeated Bucs of East Buchanan this Tuesday night and unfortunately lost the tough game 41-23 in a defensive battle. This was only the second game the Bucs had beat the girls team since 2010.

On the scoring side, Carissa Sabers led with 8 hard fought points, followed by Kylie Chesnut who had 5, next to Bianka Ronnebaum with 4, lastly was Erin Knipper and Haley Ronnebaum with 3 each.

Defensively, the Cats out rebounded the Bucs led by Chesnut with 8, Haley Ronnebaum had 5, Kennedy Rausch and Carissa Sabers with 4, ending with Liz McDowell and Bianka Ronnebaum with a pair each.

Tonight the team travels to Troy Mills to take on the Lynx of North Linn in a huge rivalry game. The statistics for that game will be in the next Echo.

## Big Games on the Big Stage

Let's throw it back to December 9th when the Iowa Hawkeyes men's basketball team played their in-state rival, the Iowa State Cyclones. For the first time since 2017, the Cyclones defeated the Hawkeyes 73-53 in a dominating game in Ames. The question of whether the Hawkeyes are falling from grace after losing two star players or if the Cyclones got a fire lit under them after last year's terrible season has been tossed up. The Hawkeyes haven't played a game since, so they should have time to kick it back into gear before they play Saturday against Utah State.

After the Cyclones played dominantly against the Hawkeyes, they played the following Sunday against Jackson State in a low-scoring game in which they won 47-37. The men's basketball team's next game is against SE LA (Southeastern Louisiana in case you weren't sure) this Sunday on their home turf.

The Hawkeye women's basketball team still hasn't played a game since suffering a loss to Iowa State, but they'll be playing this Saturday against UCF.

Name: Noah DeVore

**What position do you play?**

Center

**What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?**

The fact is that it's a hobby and a place for me to clear my head with any stress I'm dealing with.



**You decided to go out for basketball as a senior. What prompted you to do that?**

This was the first year that I felt able to do basketball.

**What's been a favorite basketball memory?**

Definitely when we got our first win and we were jamming out to music in the locker room.

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

I've always liked watch Steven Adams playing the NBA.

## Athletes of the Week

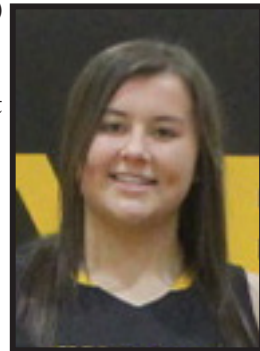
Name: Erin Knipper

**What position do you play?**

Four or five (Post)

**What do you enjoy most about playing basketball?**

I enjoy the atmosphere of the game and the cheering from the crowd.



**How has your role on the team changed this year?**

Last year I was an underclassman trying to figure out the game and my role on the team. Where this year, being older I feel more confident in who I am as a player, and enjoy being able to support my team.

**What's been a favorite basketball memory?**

My favorite basketball memory is our trips to Spirit Lake and all of the moments leading up to state.

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

My basketball role model is Ella Imler. I admire her for her passion for the game of basketball and how it drove her to be the best player that she could be.

Name: Brady Davis

**What do you enjoy most about wrestling?** Competing with the team.

**How do you train in the off-season?**

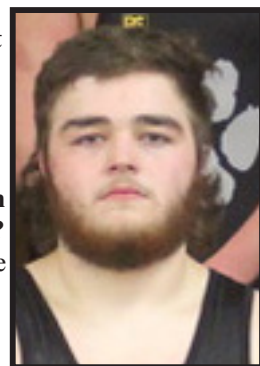
Big Game practice in North Liberty

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

Warm up and get my heart rate up.

**What's your goal this season?** Place at state.

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



The Iowa State women's basketball team played last Sunday, December 12th, against yet another in-state rival, the UNI Panthers. It was a close game, but Ashley Joens' Cyclones pulled through and won 80-79. Their next game is Sunday against Prairie View with the Cyclones expected to win.



by Kaitlyn Nolan

At least the Hawkeye wrestling program is performing well, right? They haven't hit the big mat since their big win against Iowa State, but expect a great time when you watch the Rofkin Duals on Monday.

The Cyclone men's wrestling team competed in the UNI Open on December 12th, and all of the men performed well. They compete December 19th against Purdue.



## Diversity Spotlight: National Human Rights Month

by Matthew Brehm

As December is both National Human Rights Month and the month that the Montgomery Bus Boycotts began, the Diversity Club felt it only right that we pay homage to the Civil Rights Movement and one of its key players.

On December 1st, 1955, Rosa Parks was coming home from her job as a tailor's assistant in Montgomery, Alabama. Being thoroughly fed up with the oppression Black people had faced for hundreds of years, she paid no mind to the segregation laws prohibiting her from sitting in the front of a bus she entered. When asked to leave her seat so that a White man could sit, she promptly stood for her liberties and refused the demand. It was at this point that the police were called and Parks was arrested and fined. She later said in an interview concerning the event that, "I had decided that I would have to know, once and for all, what rights I had as a human being and a citizen." For over a year following the incident, Black people of Montgomery refused to ride public transit, severely hurting the income of the city.

Though her protest was a peaceful one, it led to much civil unrest in an already politically-charged climate. As the court case of Brown v. Board of Education—the case that illegalized segregation in schools—had occurred just prior, the Montgomery Bus Boycotts added fuel to the Civil Rights fire. Martin Luther King Jr. rose as a prominent figure of Black people's fight for rights, with the turmoil continuing well into the 60s and having a degree of success to show for it.

For the remainder of this month, as the holidays come to pass, do not forget the efforts of our fellow Americans and the struggles they went through and go through to gain basic human rights. The relentless protesting and boycotting that took place in the South and its effects show the lengths oppressed peoples will go to to be heard. Listen for the cries of these people, as they began fighting long before the Civil Rights Movement and have continued fighting ever since. In our current political climate, a little bit of empathy, listening, and communication can go a long way.

## Basketball girls collect toys to donate



The girls basketball team, including Carissa Sabers, Kylie Chesnut and Liz McDowell (pictured above), collected toy donations during the last three home games. The toys will be distributed to families in need.

## Cutie

by Matthew Brehm

This cutie is a sophomore who lives in Hopkinton. She likes to spend time taking part in dance, cheer, band, choir, speech, TEL, and Diversity Club. She has blonde hair and notes that she happens to have a very deep and loud laugh.

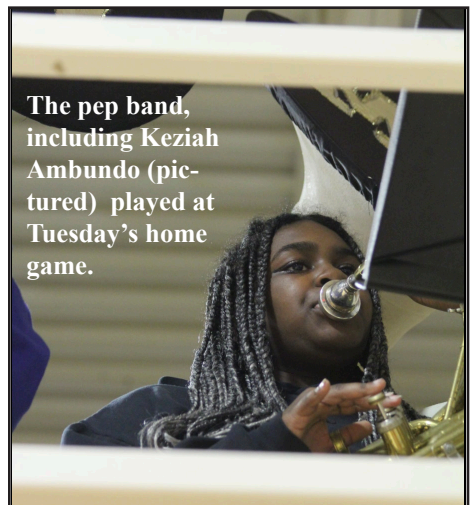
*Last week's Cutie was Logan Clemen.*



## MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Paige Winter

Alcohol can impact your memory, reactions and attention span. judgement are still developing when you are under 18. Alcohol is a depressant, which means it can disrupt the balance of your brain, affecting our thoughts, feelings and actions – and sometimes your long-term mental health.



The pep band, including Keziah Ambundo (pictured) played at Tuesday's home game.

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by Paige Winter

Why can't a nose be 12 inches long? Because then it'd be a foot.

Did you hear the rumor about butter? Never mind, I shouldn't spread it.

What did the drummer call his two twin daughters? Anna one, Anna two.

I'm not a big fan of stairs. They're always up to something.

What do you call a boomerang that never comes back? A stick.

What to hear a joke about paper? Never mind, it's tearable.

## Meet the Freshmen



**Lili, Mason, Izzy & Ryan**

Name: Mason Jolley  
 Siblings: Nia, Kylynn, and Autumn  
 Activities you plan to be in: Speech, FFA, baseball, vocal jazz, play  
 Favorite subject: Psychology  
 Career aspirations: English  
 Hobbies: Biking, swimming, sports  
 Something cool about you: I like dogs

Name: Lili Bauers  
 Siblings: none  
 Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, track  
 Favorite subject: P.E.  
 Career aspirations: I don't know yet  
 Hobbies: Waterskiing  
 Something cool about you: I live on the lake

Name: Ryan Aulwes  
 Siblings: 1 sister  
 Activities you plan to be in: Speech  
 Favorite subject: Not sure  
 Something cool about you: I got 4 dogs

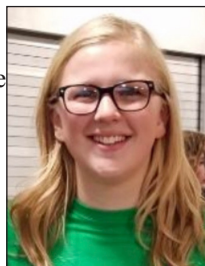
Name: Izzy Heffernan  
 Siblings: Lylah (6th grade MV) Kenzeth (3rd grade Centerpoint)  
 Activities you plan to be in: Speech, track, softball  
 Favorite subject: Spanish  
 Career aspirations: Air Force  
 Hobbies: Listening to music or working and babysitting  
 Something cool about you: I like old music and I love the mountains

—typist: Kaitlyn Nolan

## Hall Smarts

by Cadence Freiburger

With Christmas just around the corner, I thought it'd be nice to see how much Maquoketa Valley Wildcats know about the holiday.



1. What is another name for eggnog?  
 Kaya Knipper: Milk  
 Trinity Chadwick: Christmas Drink  
 Leah Reicher: I don't know  
 Answer: Milk Punch
2. What department store is Miracle on 34th Street based on?  
 Kaya: Macy's  
 Trinity: Macy's  
 Leah: Macy's  
 Answer: Macy's
3. What three words are used in an alliteration to describe the Grinch?  
 Kaya: Stinky, smelly, scary  
 Trinity: I have no idea  
 Leah: Stink, Stank, Stunk  
 Answer: Stink, Stank, Stunk



## What color best describes your personality?

by Paige Winter

Amanda Mohr: Teal/aqua blue  
 Devin Smith: green or blue (personally I would describe Devin as beige)  
 Ashton Goldsmith: purple  
 Adrienne Freiburger: metallic gold  
 Mr. Ford: purple or blue  
 Michael Schaul: black  
 Kobe Peters: gray  
 Mr. Arnold: black or white, the opposite of gray. There is nothing gray about me  
 Liz McDowell: blue but not in a depressing way  
 Macy Thompson: red  
 Mrs. Hunt: gold

## Abstractions

by Matthew Brehm

Finding the right jeans is a regular struggle for me, as I'm sure it is for many others, so when I recently got a stain on my favorite pair, I needed a quick solution. The ones I had been wearing were—for better or worse—well-worn. I estimate that I'd been wearing them consistently since I entered high school. They had seen many messes and been washed many times.

As they were my favorite pair, I decided I would take a look online and find the same jeans I had come to love so dearly, and I ended up being successful. I hadn't anticipated, however, that the new pair would be far darker in color than the old pair. The two looked almost nothing alike without seeking out the finer details.

As I thought more and more about this, it brought a new idea to mind. I started to think about how we change things that we attach ourselves to. As humans, one of our primary functions is taking something old (or in this case, new) and transforming it into something completely different. What makes the situation with my jeans unique in my eyes is that I didn't even realize that they were growing lighter over the years.

This could be a commentary on the way we interact with our surroundings over long periods of time. To cite a larger application, I could reference the ways we change the people in our lives without always noticing it. In our roles as high schoolers, upperclassmen, teachers, or simply friends, we have lasting impacts on the paths others take. As seeing what they would be like without our influence is an impossible task, we may discount the effects we have on others.

That said, it's important that we use this concept to apply it in a positive way. We can enforce negative influences on the people around us, thus limiting them or even pushing them down; or, we can use our presence as a way to build others' confidences and lift them up. Your ability to affect the people in your proximity is a gift that should never be taken for granted, and it's one that must be used wisely. Try to notice the long-term changes you have on those around you. Be sure that they are leading to improvements, not destructions.

