

# Wildcat Echo

A publication by the students of Maquoketa Valley High School

## FFA chapter works together for major fundraiser



## Holiday concert to be presented Monday

The FFA chapter, under the guidance of seniors Amanda Fortman, Kyle Richter and Jacob Bonert, parents Kenny and Vicki Fortman, and Mr. Hansen, unloaded and sorted \$80,000 worth of fruit, cheese and meat on Monday.

## TEL promotes healthy choices

The band rehearses its music for Monday night's concert.



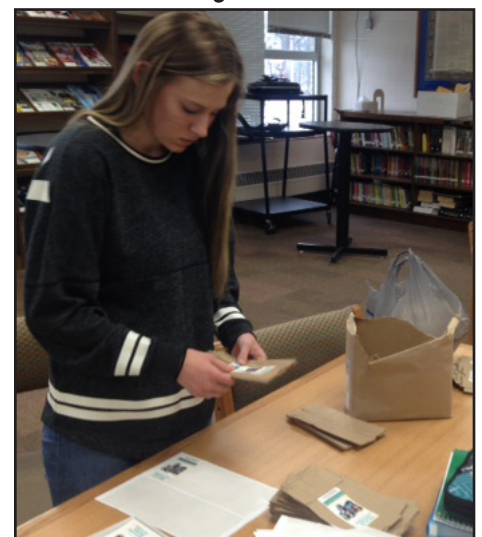
### by Lawson Roof

It's the most wonderful time of the year, which means that the music department's annual Christmas concert is just around the corner! Monday, December 12th, our band and concert choir will be performing at St. John's Church in Delhi at 7 p.m. As usual, the concert is free of charge (which is all the more reason to come and enjoy some wonderful Christmas music)!

As stated previously, the concert includes amazing selections by both the band and choir. The band will be playing four different songs on the concert, including my personal favorite, "A Christmas

Tale." This song includes many classic Christmas carols, however, they're all set in a minor key. The choir will be singing many different genres of music at the concert, including a contemporary piece "Heaven Everywhere," and the oh-so-classic "Peaceful, Silent Night" that the choir sings annually.

This is the perfect opportunity to get out and support your school's music department all the while getting into the Christmas spirit. I know personally that this concert is the best way to kick off the holiday season and will spread great holiday cheer! We would be thrilled to see you there!



Brooklyn Sands, TEL member, applies stickers on popcorn bags that are used at junior high games. The sticker, along with posters around school, reminds people of what they lose when they consume alcohol.

# Wrestlers earn six dual wins, looking to fill gaps

Last Thursday, the MV wrestling team traveled to Central City to take on Midland, East Buchanan and Central City. The Wildcats came out victorious in all three duals.

“Overall I was very pleased with the results,” stated Coach Andrews. “The guys came out and were ready to go from start to finish. Hopefully we can keep this momentum going as we move into a very busy next two weeks.”

Match results:

**MV-45 Midland-29** Aden Atwell, Justin Krapfl, Chance Downs, Alec McDowell and Cole Kruse all won by forfeit. Trent Koopmann won by fall in 1:07, Norm Wilson won by fall in :45, and Eric Heims won by decision 6-1.

**MV-51 East Buchanan-24** Atwell, Koopmann and McDowell all won by forfeit. Justin Krapfl won by decision 3-2, Zach Cornell won by fall in 1:56, Matthew Hucker won by fall in 3:36, Norman Wilson won by fall in 4:27, Cole Kruse won by fall in 3:50 and Eric Heims won by fall in 6:43.

**MV 57 Central City 6** Atwell, Derek Mensen, Krapfl, Downs, Hucker, Wilson, McDowell and Cole Kruse all won by forfeit. Koopmann won by a decision 10-9 and Heims won by fall in 1:09.

Last Friday, the team traveled to Cascade for the Cascade Duals to take on Clayton Ridge, Starmont, Washington JV, Washington and MFL Mar-Mac. The Cats came away with three dual meet victories and two defeats.

Coach Andrews saw some great efforts at the duals: “This was a great night for a couple individuals as Alec McDowell and Chance Downs (including beating highly ranked 2A opponent from Washington) each won five matches and Cole Kruse came away with four. We had more holes in the lineup than what I wanted as we still have 10 guys who have yet to take the mat for us. Giving up 3-4 forfeits a meet is very difficult to overcome versus top notch competition. Hopefully next week we can have a full lineup for the first time. With that said, it was encouraging to pick up six dual meet victories in two days to kick off the season.”

Match results:

**MV- 54 Clayton Ridge-21** Downs, Wright, Heims, Mason Kruse, Atwell and Koopmann all won by forfeit. McDowell won by fall in 1:12, Cole Kruse won by fall in 1:30,



Zach Cornell takes on a Midland opponent at the Central City meet last week. (photo courtesy of MV Athletic Boosters)

and Derek Mensen won by fall in 3:11.

**MV- 36 Starmont- 24** Atwell, Krapfl, Downs, McDowell and Cole Kruse all won by forfeit. Mason Kruse won by fall in 4:46.

**MV- 54 Washington JV- 21** (Atwell, Krapfl, Downs, Hucker, Wilson, Cole Kruse and Mason Kruse all won by forfeit. McDowell won by fall in :55 and Eric Heims won by fall in 1:05.

**MV- 21 Washington 54** Wilson won by

forfeit. McDowell won by fall in 1:31, Cole Kruse won by decision 5-4, Eric Heims won by fall in 1:18 and Chance Downs won by decision 6-4.

**MV- 15 MFL Mar-Mac- 61** (McDowell won by fall in :27, Cole Kruse won by a 4-2 decision, and Wilson won by fall in :44.

Last night the team competed at North Linn. Results will be in next week's issue.

## Despite losses, improvement shown

by McKenzie Lansing

The boys played in a close game during Ed-Co last Friday at home. The final score was 44-50, a win for the Vikings.

“The team did very good at causing turnovers,” stated Coach Dunlap, “I thought Kyle Wilson had a great game. The team effort was very excellent. Ed-Co's length had us rushing our shots.”

Our top scorers of this game were Kyle Wilson, Jacob Bonert and Brock Hillers. Kyle scored 16 points. Jacob scored a total of 8 points. Brock scored 7 points.

The top rebounders of this game were Brock Hillers, Kyle Wilson, and Trevor Elgin. Brock had a total of 9 rebounds. Kyle picked up a total of 7 rebounds. And Trevor had a total of 6 rebounds.

Although there was a loss, the boys did some good things. Jacob Bonert had 6 steals and Brock Hillers had 5. Kyle Wilson did great shooting wise. He made 75% of his two-point shots and 60% of his free throws.

“As a team, our shooting percentage could've been improved. Our free throw percentage could also use improvement,” said Coach Dunlap.

The boys played again on Tuesday at Springville. The final score was 67-45, a win for the Orioles.

“The first quarter was excellent. The team did a good job of controlling the pace of the game. We also had good defensive stops,” said Coach Dunlap. “There was good defensive intensity during the second quarter.”

The top scorers of this game were Tyson Tucker, Jacob Bonert and Clint Krapfl. Tyson scored a total of 14 points. Jacob scored a total of 12 points. And Clint scored a total of 6 points.

The top rebounders were Tyson Tucker, Clint Krapfl, Brock Hillers and Garrett Hogan. Tyson and Clint each had 7 rebounds. Brock had a total of 5 rebounds and Garrett had a total of 4 rebounds.

Although the team had 10 steals, they also had 15 turnovers. “We need to work on controlling the ball more to avoid this,” stated Coach Dunlap. The team had a free throw percentage of 64.29%. “We lost track of the three-point shooter, which ended up hurting us,” Coach Dunlap explained, “We were impatient in our offense. We are working hard this week and are hoping to prove that against Marquette.”

The boys' next game will be tonight against Marquette Catholic at home. Come pack the gym and cheer on your boys!

## Girls defeat Vikings, fall to Orioles

by McKenzie Lansing

The girls competed at home for their second home game of the season last Friday. They played the Ed-Co Vikings and they took away a win with a final score of 55-24.

“I was very proud of the way our kids came out of the gates in this game,” said Coach Moenck. He continued, “We didn’t have a great practice the night before, so it was nice to see all the kids really step up. Our seniors are doing an excellent job of being leaders.”

The top scorers of this game were Brianna Mensen, Sam Wall and Gracie Gellersen. Brianna scored a total of 18 points. Sam scored a total of 15 points. Gracie scored a total of 9 points.

The top rebounders were Sam Wall, Brianna Mensen, Payton Ries, Gracie Gellersen and Olivia Hoeger. Sam and Brianna each had a total of 6 rebounds. Payton and Gracie each had 5 rebounds and Olivia had 4 rebounds.

The ladies had many great things happen on the court during this game. Gracie Gellersen had 4 steals. Sam Wall and Abby Holtz each had 3 assists. Brianna Mensen made 75% of her two-point shots, she went 6 for 8. Sam Wall made 75% of her three-point shots, going 3 for 4. Overall, the team made 26 points off of turnovers.

“I was pleased with our defense, but we still need to do a better job of taking care of the basketball,” Coach Moenck explained. “We’re off to a great start, but we have a long ways to go.”

The girls played at Springville against the Orioles this Tuesday and lost 58-62 in overtime to the top ranked team. Those stats will be in next week’s Echo, along with the stats from tonight’s game against Marquette Catholic at home. Come out and pack the gym to support your Cats!

## Fine Artists of the Week

Name: Shelby March  
Activity: Speech



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

Large Group: Reader’s Theater and Ensemble Acting

Individual: Expository Address and Storytelling

**What do you enjoy most about large group speech?** The people who are involved in speech.

**What have you learned through speech?** I have learned to not care what people think and just put it all out there.

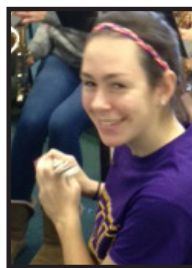
**Who is your speech role model?**

My sister

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

*“Shelby spends time working on the interpretation of her lines and is not afraid to get crazy during practice which adds a ton to her character.” —Mr. DeVore*

Name: Nichole Winter  
Activity: Band



**This past Saturday you represented MV at the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association honor band.**

**What did you enjoy about the day?** I loved

being in a band with so many different types of kids who all had so much talent. The music was amazing, and I made some new friends.

**How did playing with some of the most outstanding musicians from this part of the state feel?** Playing with those kids felt like an honor. For some of those kids, music is what they are trying to build their life around. I was amazed by how talented everyone was and how well we sounded together.

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

I like how the class is focused on creativity and having fun rather than studying, homework, and getting good grades. I have made lots of new friends, too.

**What life lessons have you learned from band?** You can have lots of different friends. Not all of my friends are in band, and not all of my friends do sports. I love them all.

## Athletes of the Week

Name: Chance Downs  
Sport: Wrestling

**What weight are you wrestling at this year?** 145

**What are your goals this year?** 2017 Iowa High School Athletic Association Class 1A 145 Pound Wrestling State Champion

**What’s the hardest part of wrestling?**

The hardest thing about wrestling is being flexible. Not only literally, with physical strength, but being able to balance and adapt your emotions, focus, physical strength, and time, to constantly improve. If you are unable to do this you will learn a hard lesson from someone who has.

**What’s something about wrestling non-wrestlers may not know?** It is

probably one of the most, if not the most, demanding sports there is. It takes a certain amount of mental/physical strength, determination, perseverance, and sacrifice that the normal human is willing to give.

**What’s a great warm-up song?** I don’t like to listen to music before I warm up. It distracts me from the reality of what I am about to do.

**How did you prepare for this wrestling season?** I continuously wrestled every day from last season. I constantly worked towards getting better. The only way I did this, and the only way anyone can do this, is by showing up every day with a positive attitude ready to empty your gas tank. I look forward to a battle every time I step out on that mat with the intention to break my opponent.

Name: Kyle Wilson  
Sport: Basketball

**What position do you play?** Post

**What do you enjoy most about basketball?** The feeling of making a shot or passing

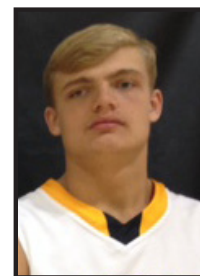
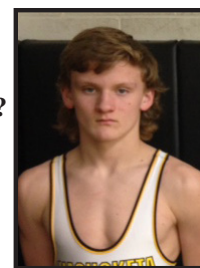
to a teammate for a score

**How does this year’s team differ from past teams?** We have a lot of depth. This team has a different attitude towards the game of basketball.

**What’s your favorite drill in practice?** partner shooting

**What’s your least favorite drill?** lane rebounding

**How do you mentally prepare for the game?** I just try to lock it in. I imagine the team and me doing well.



# Meet the Freshmen



## Derek, Chad, Ci'Ann & Holly

Name: Holly Offerman  
 Siblings: Tony, Justin, Casey  
 Activities you plan to be in: MVDT, play, choir  
 Favorite subject: Horticulture  
 Career aspirations: Cop (F.B.I.)  
 Hobbies: Fishing, four wheeling, eating chicken  
 Something cool about you: Can snapchat 40 people at a time.

Name: Derek Mensen  
 Siblings: Reece Mensen  
 Activities you plan to be in: Cross Country, Wrestling, Golf  
 Favorite subject: Science  
 Career aspirations: Computer Programming  
 Hobbies: Programming my own game  
 Something cool about you: words can't describe

Name: Ci'Ann Richardson  
 Siblings: Canyon Richardson  
 Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, Musical, Jazz Choir  
 Favorite subject: Math or Reading  
 Career aspirations: Teacher  
 Hobbies: cooking and teaching  
 Something cool about you: I like to sing and cook.

Name: Chad Neuzil  
 Siblings: Natalie, Mitchell  
 Activities you plan to be in: Cross Country, Wrestling, Track  
 Favorite subject: Basic construction  
 Career aspirations: Industrial Tech  
 Hobbies: being with friends  
 Something cool about you: I love food.

—typist: Maddie Lahr

# Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Here are ten buzzworthy facts about your favorite social media sites

- 70% of snapchat users are female.
- You can change your language on Facebook to pirate.
- The first video uploaded to Youtube was a video of the creator of the site going to the zoo.
- Twitter was also named “friend-stalker.”
- Selena Gomez is the most followed celebrity on Instagram.
- 75 million of those use Instagram every day.
- 400 hours worth of video are uploaded to Youtube every minute.
- There have been more than 22,500 articles about cats posted to BuzzFeed.
- The most retweeted tweet is Ellen Degeneres’ 2014 Oscar selfie.
- Syria, China, Vietnam, and Iran have banned Facebook.

# Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

I have keys, but no lock. I have space, but no room. You can enter, but can't leave. What am I?

Answer: Keyboard

# Cutie

by Kelly Winter

She lives in Earlville. She's in basketball. She's a senior. She has brown hair. She has brown eyes.



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Amanda Fortman



**You led the fruit unloading and sorting project for FFA on Monday. How did it go?** It went really well. We had a few mix ups, but we learned as we went. Things were crazy and we were super busy all day. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help and patience.

**It takes leadership skills to accomplish a project like that. What skills did you use?** The big one we used were team work. I tried to make sure everyone was helping and working well with one another. Another skill was organization. We tried to organize things to make things work smoothly and helped to make this day successful.

**As FFA president, what goals do you have for the chapter?** This summer as an officer team we set some goals that we wanted to see our chapter achieve. We wanted to see more membership and we accomplished this goal with membership going up this year. We also set a goal to have more member involvement from them getting involved in trips, contests, and helping the chapter out. We also want to make sure that members are informed and always know what is going on in our chapter, so if you ever have any questions be afraid to ask any of the officers or me your questions.

Amanda, Kyle Richter and Jacob Bonert were the student leaders of the sorting. Amanda was nominated by Mrs. Mausser.

# 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:

12/14- Jacob Bonert

# Best Buds



**Raven Eatman-Dietiker & Destiny Clayborne**  
by Kristin Lucas

**What's your favorite memory together?**

Raven: Vocal Jazz Kirkwood event last year  
Destiny: when she almost kills us when she drives

**How did you meet?**

Raven: we hated each other, met through mutual friends

Destiny: when she moved here

**What's the best part of your friendship?**

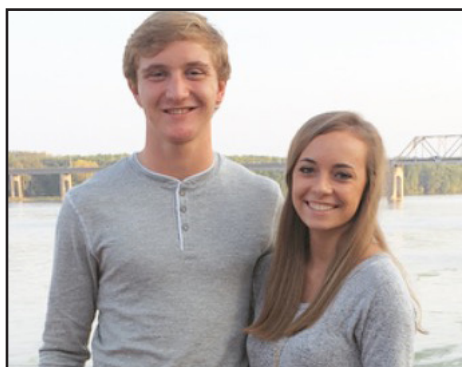
Both: the humor

**What word would you use to describe the other person?**

Raven: funny

Destiny: crazy

## Cutest Couple



**Norman Wilson & Taylor White**  
by Rebekah Hill

**How long have you two been dating?**

11 months

**What did you do on your first date?**

Went to Buffalo Wild Wings with Becky and Mae

**What's your favorite thing about each other?**

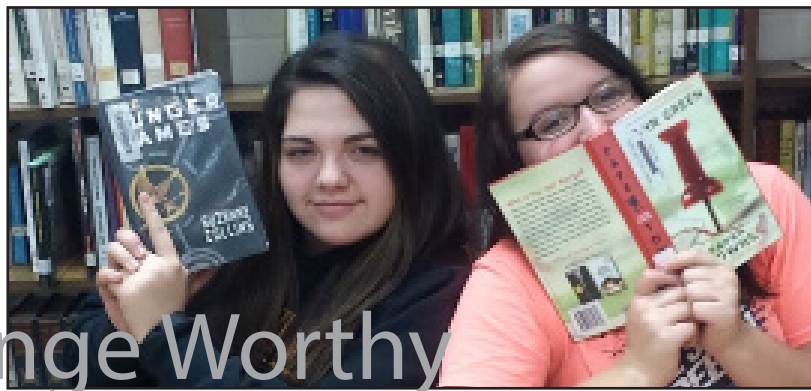
Taylor: His style (besides the wanting a mullet phase) and his laugh

Norman: Her sense of humor

**What is your favorite thing to do together?**

Taylor: Collect rocks

Norman: Paint nature



# Binge Worthy

Rebekah & Amanda:

**Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult:** Ruth Jefferson has been a delivery nurse for over twenty years. In those twenty years she has never faced a challenge quite like this one. Turk and Brittany seem like an average couple until they ban Ruth from working with their newborn baby simply because she is African American. However, one day when she is alone with the baby, he goes into cardiac distress. She starts to intervene but this could cost her her career. This leads to controversy and a court case. This book deals with the important issue of racism and discrimination. This is a very eye opening book and a must read for all ages.

Rebekah:

**Hannah Montana Radio on Pandora:**

Whenever I am doing homework I plug in my headphones, whenever I am at home cleaning I blare this on my radio, this is my go to station. There is always good songs that come on, from old Hannah Montana to new Disney stars. I love this station and every song that comes on! A definite listen if you are a love of Hannah Montana like I am.

**A Walk to Remember:** "But our love, is like the wind, I can't see it, but I can feel it." This is one of my absolute favorite quotes from this movie. A heart-wrenching story of the dynamic love of Landon and Jamie. Jamie is a sweet innocent girl, lover of music and Jesus, owner of the world's biggest heart. Landon is a bad-boy, who values his reputation over anything else. That is until the two cross paths. Jamie helps Landon learn lines for the play that he is being forced to do, and something sparks. We follow their love story, and they encounter struggles, yet make it through. A tragic ending to a fantastic movie.

**The DUFF:** D.U.F.F. Designated Ugly Fat Friend. "You either know one, you have one, or you are one." This movie pointed out something that many teenagers feel. Bianca is a girl who is told that in her friend group she is the DUFF. She rejects it, but then realizes that it is the truth. She stands up for herself and changes her ways so that she becomes more accepted. However, she realizes that she doesn't need to change, and that she should just be herself. A hilarious movie that always had me laughing. A must laugh if you want a laugh.

Amanda:

**The Darkest Minds by Alexandra**

**Bracken:** The world has changed. Children are no longer normal but gifted with abilities. Not everyone sees it as a gift. Many fear these kids and lock them into rehabilitation camps. Ruby is considered dangerous and she is on the run to the sanctuary that is rumored to protect kids like her. Along the way she joins another group of runaways. In this world that is totally against them they must stick together and do anything they can to survive.

**iZombie:** Forget everything you know about zombies, iZombie takes a fresh, hilarious take on what it means to be undead. Olivia Moore wanted nothing more than a regular life, but when she attends a boat party a zombie outbreak occurs and she gets turned into a zombie. These zombies aren't the mindless, brain eaters but rather mostly civilized beings that just have a slight hankering for brains. To turn this negative into a positive, Liv becomes a medical examiner and helps the police to solve cases. Throughout the show we see her take on multiple personalities and solve several cases. This show is hilarious and interesting from beginning to end.

**Hairspray Live:** Wednesday is the night Hairspray Live premiered on the NBC channel. I am a fan of the original so when they announced this I was a bit scared. From what I have seen so far (I'm watching it as I write this) it is pretty good. The characters are pretty close to original characters but with new fun twists. It may never be as good as Hairspray the movie (ya know the one with Zac Efron) but it is still a must see for any fans.

# what's up?

## What is your favorite thing to do on a snow day?

by Nichole Winter

Mac Callan: Watch Christmas movies and drink hot chocolate or bake cookies

Colin Wendt: Build snow fort and put a sign on it that says no girls allowed.

Brianna Mensen: Sleep and watch movies.

Mrs. Hunt: Veg out on the couch and watch TV. And I mean veg out.

Kelly Winter: Watch Christmas movies

Caitlin Schuman: Make some sugar cookies.

Grace Wegmann: Watch Netflix

Emmy Prindle: Watch Netflix and drink hot cocoa

Lea Ries: Sleep

Lawson Roof: Sleep in

Nicholas Chen: Stay inside and relax or watch Netflix

Hannah: Watch movies

Madison Ott: Sleep and eat food

Robert Hildebrand: Watch TV

Chad Neuzil: Sleep

Carter Hildebrand: Catch up on homework

Madison McIntyre: Sleep and watch Netflix

Austin Snyder: Go trail riding

Maci Freiburger: Go outside if I feel like it and watch TV

Aspen Kraus: Not go outside

## FFA Soup Supper/Bake Sale

Thursday, Dec. 15

4:00-8:00

HS Cafeteria

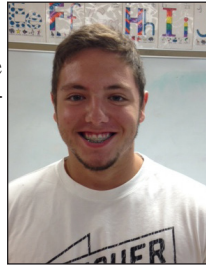
Cost: \$6

Cheer on the wrestlers and enjoy some soup, maidrites, veggies and dessert while supporting MV FFA.

# Hall Smarts

by Brody Sevart

Well, Wildcats, it's getting to be that time of year again. Kids building snowmen, houses decorated in wonderful lights, and more snow than most of us would prefer. I felt that it would only be right if the next week or two honored this festive time of the year. So this week let's see what our jolly contestants know about those classical Christmas jingles. This week we have Hunter Glass, Taylor White, Tate Trenkamp and Jack Smith.



*Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus...*

Hunter: Right down Santa Claus lane

Taylor: Right down Santa Claus lane

Tate: Here comes Santa Claus sleigh

Jack: Right down Santa Claus lane

Answer: Right down Santa Claus lane

*'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la la!*...

Hunter: Deck the halls

Taylor: pack yer bags and do be holly

Tate: deck the halls with balls of holly

Jack: Don we now our gay apparel

Answer: Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la la la!

*Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock...*

Hunter: I don't know the rest of the song

Taylor: Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring

Tate: jingle bell rock

Jack: jingle swing and jingles ring

Answer: Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring

*Frosty the Snowman, was a jolly happy soul...*

Hunter: with a corn cob pipe and a button nose

Taylor: with a corn cob ear and a button nose

Tate: with a corn cob pipe and a button nose

Jack: with a corn cob pipe and a button nose

Answer: With a corn cob pipe and a button nose...

*Then one foggy Christmas eve Santa came to say:*

Hunter: Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight

Taylor: Something about children

Tate: Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight

Jack: Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight

Answer: "Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Good job to this week to Jack who got all the jingles correct. These were some pretty tricky jingles. Only 16 more days until Christmas and most likely many more days of snow and this bitter cold. That's all for this week, folks. Have a great weekend, and we'll see you in the next issue of the Wildcat Echo.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of December 11, 2016

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

1. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM
2. MV High School Christmas Concert - St. John's Church, Delhi - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016

1. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - MS Room 302 with Mrs. Grimm - After School until 4:00 PM
2. HS JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball at Lisbon - JV 4:30 PM / V 6:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)
3. HS JV/V Wrestling at Ed/Co (also with Clayton Ridge & Postville) - 5:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:45 PM)
4. Youth Wrestling Practice - HS Wrestling Room - PreK through 2nd: 6-7 PM / 3rd through 8th: 7-8:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016

1. 7th & 8th Homework Assistance - MS Room 305 with Mrs. Moorman - After School until 4:00 PM
2. MV Middle School (6h-8th) Christmas Concert - MS Multi-Purpose Room - 1:30 PM
3. MV Fine Arts Booster Club Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016

1. MV HS FFA Soup Supper - HS Cafeteria - 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
2. HS JV/V Wrestling - HOME - Alburnett (also with Edgewood/Colesburg) - 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016

1. HS JV/V G & B Basketball - HOME - East Buchanan HS - JV at 4:30 PM / V at 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016

1. HS JV/V Wrestling Tournament at North Linn - 8:30 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:00 AM)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

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