

# Thunderstruck

## Halftime Show Wows Audience

*Below:* Freshman Leah Kaminsky smiles while holding her flag during the marching band's half time performance. Photo by Maddie Naeve.



### Leading with authority

*On the right:* Senior drum major Quinnie Rodman passionately conducts the marching band during her last ever home half time show. Photo by Maddie Naeve.



### Marching with Passion

*Left:* Sophomore Juan Mendoza holds head high while playing his trumpet.

*Above:* Freshman Ashlyn Steen stays focused during an incredible halftime performance.

*Far Above:* Junior Mandy Morrical leads the trumpet section on the home field. Photos by Maddie Naeve.

## Singin' in the Rain



Senior Alanah Malone and eighth grader Dallas Olberding perform in the halftime show as members of the color guard. Photo by Maddie Naeve. View it here: <https://themustangmoon.com/10435/>

# Marching Mustangs Storm Chicago

## Musicians perform in Thanksgiving Day Parade

By Lauren Kephart



Mount Vernon's marching band traveled to Chicago to march in the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade. Mount Vernon's band marched as the 35th band in the parade. The band was towards the beginning of the parade and played their song "Jingle Bell Jam." The Thanksgiving Day Parade was broadcasted on WGN, among other TV stations. The band warmed up in a back alley and spent around two hours outside in the 34-degree

temperature day.

"Marching in Chicago was different than an average halftime show," junior Amaya Mahoney said. "The cold air made it difficult to feel my fingers, but the adrenaline derived from the loud crowd made it easy to push through."

Mount Vernon band represented the entire state of Iowa in the Chicago parade for the second year. "It was a wonderful trip, and we have great kids," said Scott Weber, MVHS band director.



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MARCHING BAND *Front Row:* Jesse Schwiebert, Sabrina Cooklin, Emily Baker, Kathryn Edwards, Quinn Alles, Sadie Player, Kellen Mahoney, Kayla Wallace, Kode Banwart, Quinnie Rodman, Henry Maddock, Sean Pitlik, Jake Kadlec, Derek Jordan, Cooper Bechthold, Diego Torres-Roe, Adam Vig, Lucy Maddock, Kaleigh Jordan, Tryston Locke. *Row 2:* Cathleen Morgan, Kaylynn Burgin, Dallas Olberding, Shianne Sneed, Leah Kaminsky, Jessica Belding, Tyler Fall, Adrian Dale, Elsa LaFollette, Emily Merriman, Ellie Barkalow, Faith Roudabush, Rachel Lochner, Sydney Ulch, Emma Walsh, Ashley Grice, Sabrina Bleile, Amaya Mahoney, Jaden Houghtaling, Erin Fenel, Lillie Hawker, Audi Eichhorn, Alanah Malone. *Row 3:* Sarah Homrighausen, Daniela Torres-Roe, Kasia Wiebel, Olivia Zach, Lauren Swartzendruber, Haley Hepker, Rafe Pisarik, Eli Krob, Julia Dietsch, Ella Wischmeyer, Sage McVay, Jaegen Bechthold, Reilly Gross, Maddy Steen, Maddie Dickson, Ashlyn Steen. *Row 4:* Mae Owens, Matthew Tijerina, Steve Wolfe, Isabel Klawiter, Jacob Russell, Kailey Shannon, Ava Dimmer, Margaret Player, Sophia Andrews, Cedar Zangerle, Lily Cripe, Evan Tvedt, Vance Arnold, Ben Johnson, Dominic Jacinto, Caleb Bennett, Natalie Spinsby, Jasper Rood, Kai Yamanishi, Danielle Homrighausen, Aden Grudzinski, Xander Hunt. *Row 5:* Mandy Morrical, Nicole Homrighausen, Juan Mendoza, Isabelle Krapfl, Jack Ossenkop, Thomas Meineke, Kael Dimmer, Kayle Fairchild, Oliver Crocker, Elijah Webster, Megan Baumler, Kian Hageman, Jake Stanerson, Sage Boettcher, Jackson Brus, Mark Liberko, Philip Hyde, Ellen Crock, Sofia Torres-Roe, Matthew Recalde, Ashton Hunt.