



# Holiday Concert

**P**ella High students performed for the community during their 2015 holiday concert on December 14. This concert is an annual tradition.

The choirs that performed at the concert were Concert Choir, Select Choir, and Madrigolds. Songs that were performed by Concert Choir were "Rudolph," "Coventry Carol," "Wassil," "Hallelujah Chorus," and "Pat-a-pan."

"'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer' was my favorite song performed because it was fun and a classic," said freshman **Jackie Weiser**.

Popular songs had an effect on the song arrangements this year. The Pentatonix, an acapella vocal group, released a new holiday album entitled *That's Christmas To Me* that inspired the music selection this year.

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Every year, the holiday concert has invited the audience to come up on the stage to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" with the choir.

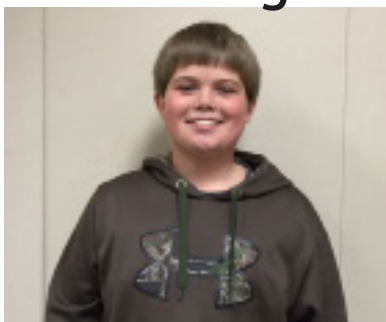
"My favorite part of the choir concert was when we all came together to sing the hallelujah song," said sophomore **Kirsten Veenstra**.

The choir director for this concert was **Michelle Chaplin**. **Chaplin** has been the choir director at Pella for thirteen years, teaching every song and setting up every concert.

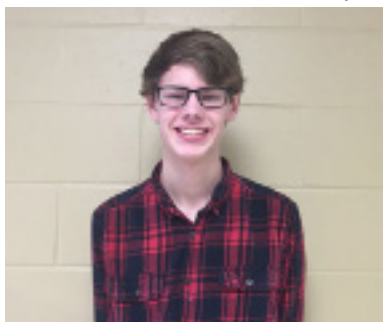
"All choirs performed beautifully during this year's holiday concert. We were very pleased," said **Michelle Chaplin**.

## The Bill of Rights turns 220

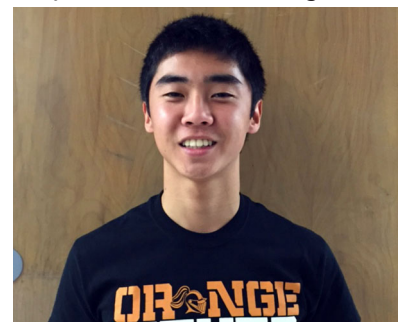
Do you know your 1st Amendment rights?



"Now that I know my amendment rights, I can better understand the rights that we have. I will be able to tell someone what they are if someone asks me," said freshman **TeeJay Brackin**.

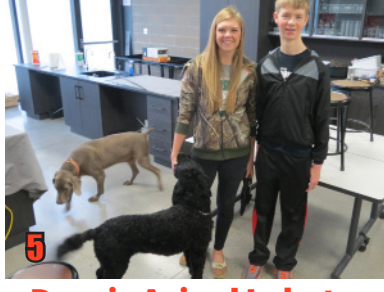


"It's more important to know your rights because you can use them in the real world to defend yourself, express yourself, and you know what you can and can't do," said sophomore **Dakota Bigbee**.



"I think it's important to know [amendment rights] because as an American citizen, it allows you to better understand your rights and your government, which allows you to contribute to society," said junior **Nick Bernhagen**.

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**Dogs in Animal Industry**

- 1** Sydney McGloughlin and Alex Weers listen to the heartbeat of McGloughlin's dog. Students were asked to bring in their pets to Survey of the Animal Industry class, so they could check their vital signs.
- 2** Kayte Simmons and Angela Ball hold Amanda Simon's dog to calm him down in preparation for their physical examination.
- 3** Kayla Langstraat and Jaiden Versteeg check the vital signs of Langstraat's hunting dog.
- 4** Sara Aguilar and Molly Langstraat check the dog's pulse and heartbeat. They followed the process that a vet follows for a dog's first visit.
- 5** Paige Anderson and Brenden Dieleman spend time with Anderson's dog, Ruby.

# Wrestlers honor Bill VanHorn

This year's Bill VanHorn Wrestling Invitational took place on December 19. It is held as a memorial to the late Athletic Director Bill VanHorn who was the head wrestling coach at Pella High from 1989 to 2001. Pella placed eighth out of eight teams. The highest placing Pella boys were juniors **Ethan Speltz** and **Ashton Messer**. Both boys placed third in their weight division.



ABOVE ▷ Junior **Ethan Speltz** holds his opponent. **Speltz** has been wrestling since kindergarten. "It was an honor [to wrestle in the Bill VanHorn Invitational] because I've heard that Bill VanHorn was a great guy and a good coach," said **Speltz**.

## Your [MOMENT] Q&A

With Junior...

### **Amanda Stanley**

**Q: Why are you planning to work in the animal industry as a Veterinarian Technician?**

**A:** I chose the animal industry because I love animals. The world would be completely different without them, and I want to help take care of them as much as I can.

**Q: Did you enjoy working with dogs in your Survey of the Animal Industry class? What was your favorite part of that experience?**

**A:** I loved the dog visit. They're so cute and cuddly. My favorite part was that I got to bring my dog Shaggy, and he got to interact with other dogs.

**Q: How has Pella High School helped prepare you for your future goals?**

**A:** The Ag classes I have taken have prepared me best for my career choice. By taking those classes, I have learned more about the world around me and more about the animals I love.



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