

## Choirs spread Christmas cheer by singing loud for all to hear

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Holyoke choirs took their cue from Buddy in the movie “Elf” when he said, “The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.” Vocalists certainly got audience members in the holiday mood during their Christmas concert Monday, Dec. 10 in the HHS auditorium.

The concert featured junior high and high school choirs as well as Select Choir, all under the direction of Marcia Dalton. Maury Kramer also directed Select Choir, and Sharon Strauss assisted on the piano throughout the evening.



**Brandon Struckmeyer and Alexandria McCallum sing a special part during the high school’s “Go Tell It on the Mountain.” □ □ —Enterprise photo**

Junior high chorus performed “You’re a Mean One Mr. Grinch” with soloists Drew Stewart and Regan Van Overbeke and “A Charlie Brown Christmas” with soloists Mackenzie Golden and Tyler Lamm.

The junior high’s “Season’s Greetings Medley” featured soloists Regan Van Overbeke, Autumn Higgs, Drew Stewart, Logan Osborne, Tara Krueger, Cassidy Hale, Emily Krogmeier, Brook

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Prottzman, Jaxie Gerk and Tristan Sullivan.

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” kicked off the high school portion, with soloists Brandon Struckmeyer and Alexandria McCallum. They also sang “An Amy Grant Christmas” with soloists Megan Vieselmeyer and Taylor Goldenstein, “One Candle” with soloists Dani Brandt and Lori McWilliams and “Christmas in about Three Minutes.”

Select Choir opened with “Whisper, Whisper,” featuring Elissa Baker, Luke Stewart, Eva Penzing, Wyatt Powell, Kaety Overton and José Jaquez. Next, the Select girls sang “Believe,” and the entire group came together for “Carol of the Bells.”



**It’s all about the “North Pole Rock and Roll” as Select Choir members Lori McWilliams (left) and Megan Vieselmeyer (right) snap to the beat as Ben Martinez (center) takes it away for a solo. —Enterprise photo**

Select boys had the audience swooning at their version of “Mistletoe” with guitarists Jaydin Goldenstein and Ben Martinez and soloist Trevor Dalton.

Members of Select Choir pumped up the energy with “North Pole Rock and Roll,” complete with choreography and solos by Dani Brandt and Ben Martinez.

Monday’s concert also featured a number of solos and small ensembles.

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Singing duets were Victoria Hatton and Bailey Hamaker, “Halleluja, Light Has Come;” Gabriela Masis and Rosmery Turcios, “Last Christmas;” and Megan and Erin Vieselmeyer, “Jesus Born on this Day.”



**Eighth-grader Whitney Powell is one of many soloists at last Monday’s Christmas choral concert.**

**—Enterprise photo**

Vocal solos were performed by Megan Humphreys, “Welcome to our World;” Whitney Powell, “Silver Bells;” Jentry Andersen, “The Christmas Shoes;” and Camille Elliott, “White Christmas.”

Sisters Eva, Juana, Dominique and Tamara Penzing sang “Jealous of the Angels.”

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### **Hospice of the Plains' Tree of Lights on display**

Hospice of the Plains had their Tree of Lights on display at Holyoke High School for the Monday night choir concert. Angel ornaments, in memory of loved ones, were purchased for donations for Hospice.

Representative Julie Dirks presented the tree and those being honored this year. The Tree of Lights ceremony provides a time to reflect and remember those who have touched lives and are no longer living. It's also a time to celebrate the hope Hospice brings to the terminally ill and their families.

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