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**STANBERRY R-II SCHOOL**

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Third graders perform their songs during the winter concert.



Fifth grade students perform under the direction of Mr. Sheeley.



Junior high and high school choir combine efforts.



Flutes and trombones show off their skill at the high school concert.



First grade shows some attitude during their performance.



Fifth grade band students showcase what they have learned first semester



The men's section of the choir show off their vocal talent.



Junior high choir might be small in numbers, but not in talent.



Fourth grade takes to the stage on the second night of performances.



Sixth grade students put on a stellar show for their final elementary concert.



Junior high and high school band members exhibit their talents.



Senior choir members, Anna Phipps and Stephen Henggeler, perform a duet.

## Winter Music Concerts

By: Lydia Dokken  
Staff Reporter

### Elementary

This year the elementary concert was split into two nights with attendance limited. It took place on the nights of December 8th and 9th. On December 9th, the 4-6 grades, directed by Mr. Bradley Sheeley, performed songs, including "Jingle Jive," "Old-Fashioned Holiday," and "Everlasting Fruitcake." The band students of Mrs. Porterfield's class played "First

Sounds" and "Good King Wenceslas," and the band students of Mrs. Palmer's class played "Children's Christmas Carol" and "Jingle Bells."

On December 8th, the kindergarten through third grade, directed by Ms. Paige Kelley, performed the mini-musical "Dear Santa." During this, the third grade read letters to Santa, and all of the classes got to perform their own songs. At the beginning and end of the musical, they performed "Sending a Letter to Santa Claus," in which all

grades were singing. While attendance was limited, the concerts were still both well attended and everyone was thankful for the time and effort put in by all to make the concerts happen this Christmas.

### High School

The high school concert took place on December 7th. Because of covid-19 concerns, each band member was given 12 tickets to give to family members, and the audience was required to mask up and

socially distance while attending. First was the junior high choir, then the high school performed with them, followed by a duet of "I See The Light" by Anna Phipps and Steven Henggeler. After that the junior high band performed, then the high school joined them, and finally the high school band performed some songs on their own. The band looks forward to performing even more songs during their next concert in the Spring.

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Sportswarming 2020: Freshman-Maci Duley, Sophomore-Kiley Mattson, Junior-Sadie Runde, Seniors-Mallory Wood, Anna Phipps, 2019 Royalty-Hailey Stoll and Drew Johnson, Senior-Stephen Henggeler, Junior-Benjamin Messner, Sophomore-Lance Wallace, and Freshman-Colby McQuinn. Crown bearers-Karli Ginther and Gunner Newman. 2020 Queen-Andaya Brown and King-Evan Saxton. Not pictured: Senior candidate Will Wood.



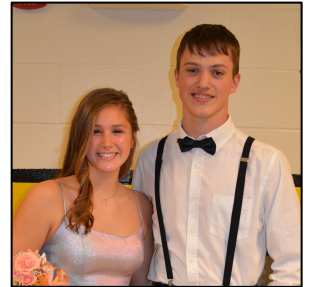
Seniors: Anna Phipps and Stephen Henggeler



Juniors: Sadie Runde and Benjamin Messner



Seniors: Andaya Brown, Stephen Henggeler, and Mallory Wood



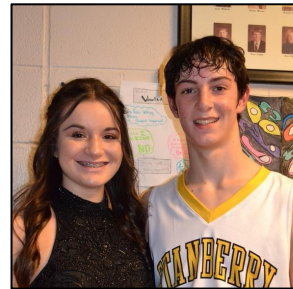
Sophomores: Kiley Mattson and Lance Wallace



2020 Queen and King: Andaya Brown and Evan Saxton



Crown bearers: Karli Ginther and Gunner Newman



Freshman: Maci Duley and Colby McQuinn

## Sportswarming 2020

By Katlyne Pappert  
Staff Reporter

Sportswarming took place on Friday, December 11th. The Bulldogs hosted the Bishop LeBlond Golden Eagles. The girls were able to come away with an exciting win! The crowd was pumped up with excitement, as both the girls and boys teams tried their best the entire game. Unfortunately, the boys fell to the Eagles.

The coronation of king and queen took place during the halftime of the boys game.

Senior attendees included Andaya Brown, Anna Phipps, Mallory Wood, Stephen Henggeler, Evan Saxton, and William Wood. William Wood was unable to attend due to a conflicting wrestling meet. Junior attendees were Sadie Runde and Benjamin Messner. Sophomores were Kiley Mattson and Lance Wallace. Lastly, freshmen included Maci Duley and Colby McQuinn. Andaya Brown and Evan Saxton were

crowned king and queen by last year's king and queen, Hailey Stoll and Drew Johnson. Crown bearers were Karli Ginther and Gunner Newman.

Following the basketball games, in lieu of a dance, students engaged in a volleyball tournament sponsored by Student Council. The tournament was a success, as several students made valuable memories with their classmates.

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Katrina Blessing Rhona Henggeler Adam Jensen Katie Angle



William Beggs Gavin Cameron Caroline Fanning Bladden Greenhalgh



Owen Gregory Randall Harbour Kiley Mattson Emma Phipps



Sylvia Redmond Kaedon Showers Katelyn Stoll Zac Summa



Lance Wallace Marissa Webster



## Sophomores Settle in to High School Life

By Collin Sager  
Staff Reporter

This year's sophomore class consists of Katie Angle, William Beggs, Katrina Blessing, Gavin Cameron, Caroline Fanning, Bladden Greenhalgh, Owen Gregory, Randall Harbour, Rhona Henggeler, Adam Jensen, Kiley Mattson, Emma Phipps, Sylvia Redmond, Kaedon Showers, Katelyn Stoll, Zac Summa, Lance Wallace, and Marissa Webster.

When asked if there was a big difference between freshman year and sophomore year, Gavin Cameron replied, "Sophomore year is way easier

than freshman year because we already have a year of high school completed and it's not as overwhelming as freshman year." The sophomores are still busy taking core classes, with all of them enrolled in Language Arts II, Biology, and a mixture of math classes.

They all seem to be excelling this year, even with all the restrictions and uncertainties surrounding Covid, and each are excited to see where the following two years will take them at Stanberry R-II.

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**Congratulations to Katlyne Pappert & Samantha Bashor on graduation!**  
**Both are graduating at semester.**  
**Best of luck to you both!**

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Amelia Van Horn Miley Ackley Emery Lucas Clayton Michael Cochran Owen Dias Gunner Edson Waverly Groomer Hudson Hague Sophia Hartley



Lauren Henggeler Ryker Horn Blakely Hutchcraft Blaze Hutchcraft Peyton James Jr. Ian Jensen Isaac Jensen Kayden Ledford Landon Lynn



Brady McMillen Logan Ortiz Lily Phipps Kasyn Redig Hunter Rosier Tanner Runde Sophia Sager Kynnadi Schieber Paislee Schieber



Owen Shisler Trevin Smithson Austin Sterkis Cade Wiederholt Ruby Wright Mrs. Kendle Luke Mrs. Christina Webb



## Second Grade Expand Skills

By Collin Sager  
Staff Reporter

Time has flown by for this year's second graders and they are now halfway to becoming third graders. The second grade is split into two sections. The two teachers are Mrs. Kendle Luke, with sixteen students, and Mrs. Christina Webb, with seventeen students. They second graders are having a fun year so far and are excited to keep learning and growing. In second grade, students begin learning how to write in cursive, something many people think isn't taught any longer, but in fact is. They

continue to expand their reading skills and become more fluent readers. Math and English continue to expand and become more challenging as well, in preparation for third grade! Mrs. Kendle Luke's students were super excited to find out she finally had her baby at the beginning of December. They are excited to have her back in the classroom after the first part of the year. Second graders have really grown and matured this year and continue to learn and work hard each day.

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# OPINION

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## Video Game Review: Raft

By Evan Saxton  
Staff Reporter



Raft's concept is a simple one at first glance; you float on a raft in the ocean to survive while collecting debris. As you float, you'll see islands in the distance which your raft floats to and you then collect resources and food. The island doesn't consist of much, just little pieces of land you can explore in less than a minute. While on the island, you build a satellite radio to use to direct yourself towards a massive island. After you leave the first island, you'll gather blueprints from barrels floating in the water to make more advanced equipment. The further you progress into the game the more you find out about the lore and the characters that were in the world before you just trying to survive.

One aggravating part of the game is it has not fully developed a meaning to the story. They come out with increments at a time telling the story little by little. This

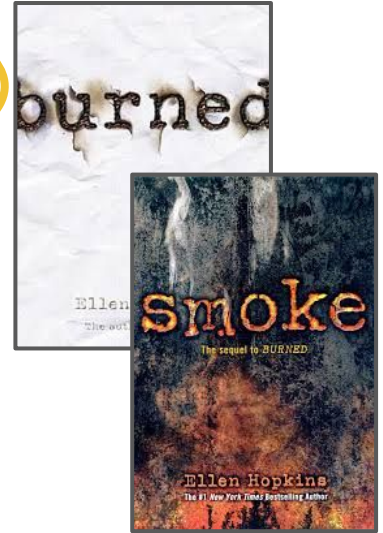
wouldn't be much of a problem if they kept the chapters coming out on a frequent basis but it took them over half a year to release the next addition to the story. You either have to replay the beginning to remember what happened, or just continue with where you left off and try to piece together what you remember from the last time you played.

Overall, the game is fun but needs to be developed a little more for the story to fully progress and the gameplay to shine. One of the biggest perks of the game is the ability to play with your friends and progress though the world with them, making it that much more fun.

## Book Review

By Lydia Dokken  
Staff Reporter

This month, I read yet another series by Ellen Hopkins. The series consists of two books; *Burned* and *Smoke*. The reader finds themselves enveloped in a story from the perspective of a teenage girl with an abusive father. Over the summer, her parents send her to live with her aunt in Caliente. She dreads it at first, but comes to find out life is better there, with a family that loves her regardless of her flaws, and a boy whom she quickly finds herself falling in love with. But the summer comes to a close, and so do her newfound feelings of freedom and happiness. As her father's abuse worsens, her need to protect her siblings begins to



*Burned and Smoke*  
by Ellen Hopkins

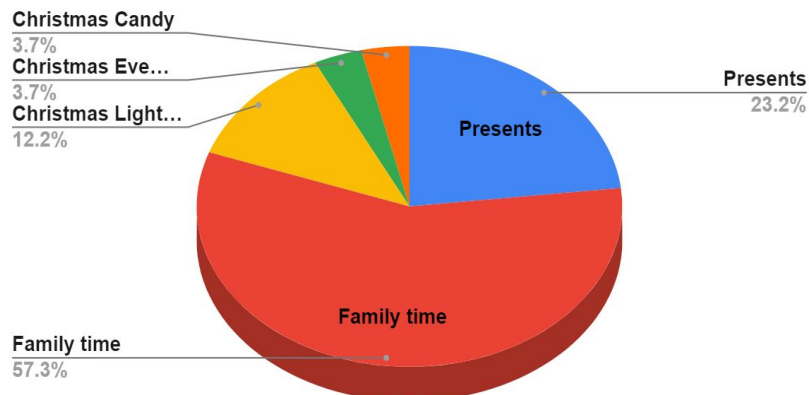
drastically outweigh her fear of her father.

This series is full of unique, three-dimensional characters and twists that are, quite honestly, shocking. If you have the time, this series is *more* than worth the read. The only flaw, in my opinion, is the series does not go on longer. I give this series a 9/10 rating.

## Survey Results

Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: *What is your favorite thing about Christmas?* 83 students responded.

Their options included: presents, Christmas Eve mass, family time, Christmas lights and decorations, or Christmas candy.



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# OPINION

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## It's Your Call



By Evan Saxton  
Staff Reporter

*What is your perfect Christmas gift to receive this year?*



Junior Tarynn Mattson said, "a blanket and food" is all she really needs for Christmas.



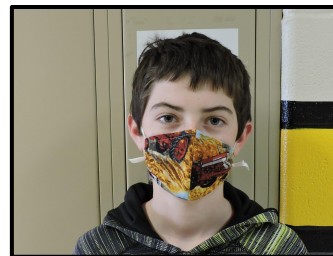
Sophomore Zac Summa would love "a new magnet for fishing".



Fifth grader Ellie Dias says, "to play flag football"!



Third grader Harlan Eckard would love a "new Xbox" as a Christmas gift.



Seventh Grader Jaren Stoll really only wants "a new bike" for Christmas.



Eighth Grader Trista Lager is putting "clothes" on her ideal Christmas list.



By Katlyne Pappert  
Staff Reporter

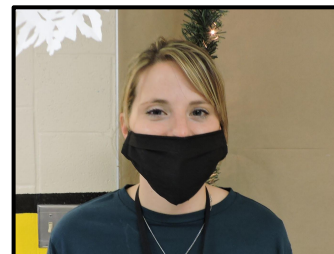
Do you like Christmas movies? Does your family have a tradition that includes watching them? Since Christmas is right around the corner, I have decided to do my movie review over one of the most original Christmas movies, *Dr. Seuss's: How the Grinch Stole Christmas* featuring Jim Carrey. *The Grinch* is entertaining to both adults and children because it is funny. The story line is easy to follow as well. It teaches children to be thankful for what they have instead of what they do not. It helps viewers to get



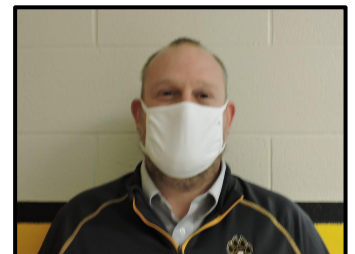
*Dr. Seuss's: How The Grinch Stole Christmas*  
Streaming on Netflix

into the Christmas spirit.

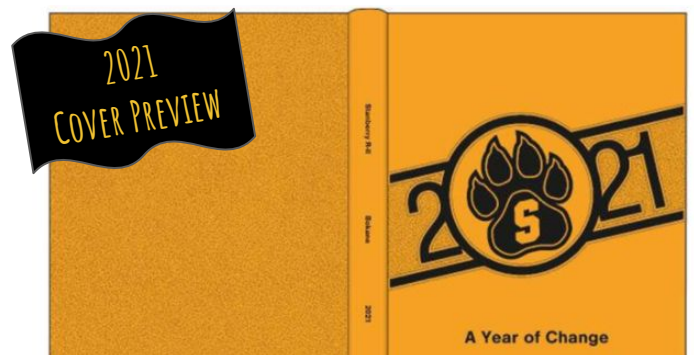
*The Grinch* is a family friendly movie I would recommend watching together, either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. I give this movie a 10/10 because personally, I enjoy watching it.



Ms. Shelby Luke said "to see my family" would be the best Christmas gift this year.



Mr. Dias is asking Santa for a "1 Ton Cummins"!



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# SPORTS

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2020 Bulldog Wrestlers. 1st row: team managers: Amy Hoover, Rhona Henggeler, and Anna Phipps, 2nd row: Will Wood, Peyton Humes, Katlyn James, Lexi Kerwin, Marissa Webster, Kolton Dias, Brayden Hahn, 3rd Row: Alec Saxton, Kaedon Showers, Stephen Henggeler, Austin Colvin, Tucker Schieber, Ethan Oldham, and Head Coach Jason Dias. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Ray Walder.

## Wrestlers Start Season Strong

By Evan Saxton  
Staff Reporter

The wrestlers travelled to Iowa for their first meet on December 3. They came away with a win, prepping them for numerous meets throughout December. While they don't have any Saturday meets this year due to Covid, they are trying their best to make up for it by scheduling some new meets with different schools and various classes. The wrestlers this year include Seniors: Will Wood (145), Steven Henggeler (182), Juniors: Ethan Oldham (132), Austin Colvin (285), Sophomores: Kaedon Showers (170), Marissa Webster (137), Freshmen: Alec Saxton (113), Brayden Hahn (120), Kolton Dias (126), Peyton Hume (138), Tucker Schieber (160), Lexi Kerwin (132), and Katlyn James (127). Managers this season are Anna Phipps, Rhona Henggeler, and Amy Hoover. The Bulldogs are coached by Head Coach

Jason Dias and Assistant Coach Ray Walder.

With so many freshmen on the team, the older members have a lot to teach them and get them ready for meets. Senior Will Wood says, "we have to do practice a little different while meets are smaller than what they usually are, but it is still a lot of fun." The head coach Mr. Jason Dias says "we have to get a little creative with practices and keep a better list of who practices with whom, and I have to always be ready to change my roster at any moment."

The wrestlers have worked extremely hard already this year and look forward to the upcoming meets in January. While there are many precautions they have to follow this season, they are all just happy to be able to have a wrestling season and continue a sport they love.



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Freshman, Brayden Hague, proudly displays his self-portrait illustration.

Fourth grader, Baylee Albright, with her tree line shadow painting.



Seventh grader, Jaren Stoll, displays his intricate reflective circles project.

Kindergartener, Talon Sego, proudly displays his snowman painting.

## Artist of the Month

By Evan Saxton  
Staff Reporter

For this month's edition, we start strong with a self-portrait the high school students have made. Brayden Hague illustrates the finer details and even adds a little extra flair to his picture than what had initially been taken. The addition of all the extra objects to the picture adds character to it, while also making it more interesting to and maybe even get a quick laugh.

The junior high made reflective circles using their name and a multitude of different colors. While all the kids' projects looked fantastic, Jaren Stoll's was out of this world with his bright vibrant

colors that work well with each other to make this artistic piece.

The fourth grade made tree lines showing the shadows fall with the sun setting in the background. Baylee Albright did great with her shading, while also having the colors of the setting sun in the background captivate you and really bring you into the scenery of the art piece.

The kindergarten made snowmen to show their Christmas spirit and get them in the Christmas mood right before break. Talon Sego showed his Christmas spirit the best, showing his snowman having a blast in what anyone would call a winter wonderland.

## January Activities

### CHRISTMAS BREAK-DECEMBER 23rd-JANUARY 4th

Saturday, January 2nd-9:00 a.m.-Basketball at Home vs. Albany

Monday, January 4th-NO SCHOOL-Teacher Inservice

Tuesday, January 5th  
SCHOOL RESUMES  
5:00-Basketball @ Grant City  
5:30-Wrestling Quad-Lawson

Friday, January 8th  
9:00 a.m.-FFA Greenhand Conference  
5:00-Basketball at Home vs. St. Joe Christian

Monday, January 11th-Stanberry Invitational Basketball Tournament

Tuesday, January 12th-Stanberry Invitational Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, January 13th-Stanberry Invitational Basketball Tournament

Thursday, January 14th  
Stanberry Invitational Basketball Tournament  
6:00-Wrestling @West Platte

Friday, January 15th-Stanberry Invitational Basketball Tournament

Saturday, January 16th-Stanberry Invitational Basketball Tournament

Monday, January 18th-NO SCHOOL-MLK Day  
5:30-JV Basketball @ Tarkio (East Atchison)

Tuesday, January 19th  
5:00-Basketball @ Home vs. North Andrew  
5:30-Wrestling @ Gallatin Tri

Wednesday, January 20th-8:15-K-12 Casual & Class Group Pictures

Thursday, January 21st-5:30-Wrestling@Tarkio Quad

Friday, January 22nd-5:00-Basketball @ King City

Monday, January 25th  
King City Invitational Basketball Tournament  
7:00-Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, January 26th  
King City Invitational Basketball Tournament  
6:00-Wrestling @ Home vs. East Atchison and Bethany

Wednesday, January 27th-King City Invitational Basketball Tournament

Thursday, January 28th  
King City Invitational Basketball Tournament  
6:00-Wrestling @ Home vs. Trenton, Rock Port, & North Andrew

Friday, January 29th-King City Invitational Basketball Tournament

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## Brutus' Corner

By Collin Sager  
Staff Reporter

Each month *The Bulldog's Bark* will feature a school staff member. It is your job, based on the clues, to guess who the staff member is. The answer will be revealed in next month's issue. In November, the featured teacher was **Mrs. LeAnn Jessmer**. Who do you think December's staff member is?

Do you have kids? If so, how many?  
**Yes, one.**

Where did you graduate high school?  
**Cross County High School**

How many years have you been teaching?  
**Seven Years**

Are you married? If so how long?  
**Yes, 2 years.**

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