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Korbin Fletchall



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Lexi Craig



Alexis Carter Gaona



Reece Green

Next Set of Bulldog Graduates

By Austin Hill
Staff Reporter

The 2022 senior class is preparing for their final months at Stanberry R-II. There are 19 graduating seniors. The future plans and goals of these students are as follows:

Astasia Brown plans to go to college for a career in the health/medical field. Lexi Craig plans to attend college and major in ag business with a minor in plant science. Austin Colvin plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University and major in applied health science. Lydia Dokken plans to go to a community

college for two years in an undecided field and maybe go to a university afterwards. Angel Farnsworth plans to open a daycare after graduation. Korbin Fletchall plans to attend the University of Missouri and get a degree in agriculture systems technology with a certificate in precision ag. Reece Green plans to attend State Tech for welding and metal sculpting. Austin Hill plans to attend a university and major in computer science. Landon Marticke plans to attend Southwest Iowa Community College and study

electrical work. Tarynn Mattson plans to attend college and major in early childhood education. Benjamin Messner plans to attend North Central Missouri College to get an associate's degree and then attend NWMSU and get a bachelor's degree in conservation. Ethan Oldham plans to attend State Technical College for heavy machinery operations. Sadie Runde plans to go to college and major in ag business. Alexis Carter Gaona plans to possibly run a coffee shop with her family. Austin Schwebach plans to attend

college and major in chemistry. Tyler Schwebach plans to attend college, possibly play sports, and major in health and exercise science. Bailey Wallace plans to attend Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Florida and major in business marketing. Jackson Williams plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University as an undecided major. Cody Sealey was unavailable for comment at the time of publication. Best of luck to all graduating seniors in their future endeavors.

*Not pictured Cody Sealey

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Disney Theme Sets Tone for Homecoming 2021

By Austin Colvin
Staff Reporter

Homecoming was an outstanding success this year supporting a *Disney* theme. Mrs. Hoover, StuCo sponsor, loves Homecoming week because “it brings the classes together through the spirit days, float building, and the pep rally. You get to see a different side of both students and teachers.”

The week’s events got underway on Monday with the theme of *Marvel*. Everyone got to dress up as their favorite superhero. The senior boys came together to make their own capes and designed them to be the ‘Super Dawgs.’ Tuesday was Dynamic Duo Day. Many of

the students dressed up, whether it was Timon and Pumba, or ketchup and mustard, to two of the boys wearing peanut butter and jelly costumes. Wednesday was the traditional class color day seeing the highest participation across the classes by the students and staff. The middle of the week was one of the most exciting days throughout the week with it being the first night of float building and the bonfire. Everyone put in effort to get a jump start building their floats, and the seniors rallied at the bonfire getting everyone pumped up for the game on

Friday. Thursday’s dress up day was your favorite *Disney* character day. Students were seen dressed up as princes and princesses. It sure was a hilarious thing to see some of the boys in tutus!

Friday was the day everyone was waiting for: Homecoming Day. The day for the entire student body and community to get pumped up for the game. To start off the day, all junior high and high schoolers attend their float building spots to finish up decorating the floats. Around 11 a.m. everyone came back to the school to enjoy some pizza before the pep assembly. The pep assembly was thrilling as always with all of the students dancing, watching the cheerleaders do their acts, listening to the band, and getting to see all of the exciting games that went on. Within all of this, the seniors came away with the spirit stick, which this class had also won as juniors last year! Then is when all of the high schoolers’ hard work is paid off. Ethan Oldham said about the pep assembly “It was

very cash money. I liked the pep assembly because everyone got pumped.” Following the pep assembly, the parade began, which included all of the floats being judged. The winning float was that of the freshman class.

To round out the week, Friday evening was the football game with a match up against the North Shelby Raiders. At halftime, the king and queen, Benjamin Messner and Tarynn Mattson, were announced and crowned by last year’s queen Morgan Wallace along with crown bearers Daisy Runde and Rhett Wiederholt. Other attendants included seniors Landon Marticke and Lexi Craig, and seniors Ethan Oldham and Bailey Wallace. Juniors were Adam Jensen and Emma Phipps, sophomores Leo Fletchall and Taelyn Derks, and freshmen Cooper Adcock and Trista Lager. Homecoming week concluded that evening following the football game with a dance in the multipurpose room where candidates were announced and students danced into the night.

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Homecoming was an exciting time for kindergarten students who got to ride on trailers and throw candy.



A highlight of the year is always visiting the fire station!



Kindergarteners display their numbers.



The class of 2034 poses in front of the old school insignia.

Kindergarten Ready for First Year of Full Days

By Austin Hill
Staff Reporter

The kindergarteners are back once again after having a successful year of preschool. Mrs. Meyer is returning for her third year of teaching, and Mrs. Parman is back for her second.

Mrs. Meyer's class consists of students Madison Donovan, Kymber Farnsworth, Lawson Hague, Meleigha Henggeler, Hailey Hornback, Audrey Jensen, Jackson Jensen, Emily Luke, Braxton Lynn, Bentley Moffat, Adeline Newcomer, Drea Parman, Kinsley Rosier, Daniel Simbro, Lucas Strueby, Kerrigan Thompson and Wynston Vinzant.

Mrs. Parman's class consists of students Kambry Brown, Hailey Carroll, Max

Jensen, Scarlett Judy, Julianne Mattson, Ella McMillan, Elizabeth Moore, Daisy Runde, Peyton Runde, Sadie Sager, Nora Shisler, Hayven Smallwood, Casen Sullivan, Wyatt Taylor, Bentley Vietz, Kaelyn Wiederholt and Rhett Wiederholt.

With 18 students in Meyer's class and 17 in Mrs. Parman's class, the Kindergarten teachers are going to be quite busy teaching new things. When asked about her year, Mrs. Parman stated, "This year is going great! I can't believe how fast it is going!" By the sound of it, Kindergarten should be another good year in the books for the class of 2034.

Band Competes at Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree

By Lydia Dokken
Staff Reporter



In the early morning of Saturday, October 2nd, the Stanberry R-II band crammed their tired selves into a bus with all their instruments and made their way to Clarinda, Iowa for the yearly marching competition.

We showed up bright and early, uniformed and fired up to compete. Our determination quickly waned as tons of huge bands marched past us to get to their spots. One very notable band was entirely dressed as Batman. Stanberry R-II marched their hearts out and sweated their butts off, and out

of 18 places, placed 9th.

Band director, Bradley Sheeley, thoughts on the placement were, "we had a great day participating in the Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree in Clarinda, Iowa! We placed 9th in our class, keeping up, and ahead, of our local rivals. We look forward to improving our performance for Northwest Missouri State University's homecoming parade on October 30th." Percussionist Austin Hill said, "It's quite exciting that we've done so well." Great job band members!



2021 band members include: 1st row-Austin Hill, Peyton Hume, Owen Gregory, Nate Giffin, Hudson Groomer, Brandon Baker. 2nd row-Band Director Bradley Sheeley, Katlyn James, Rhona Henggeler, Jorjah Webster, Lydia Dokken. 3rd row-Reagan Heyde, Kiley Mattson, Marissa Webster, Jencie James, Emmett Meyer, Zander Heyde. 4th row-Jax Heyde, William Ellsworth, Kolton Dias, Evan Gregory, Parker Ginther. 5th row-Aiden Graham, Brayden Dias, Decker Heyde, Brayden Hague, Liam Gregory, Konnor Keough, and Johnny Clark.

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Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA): Complaint Procedures

This guide explains how to file a complaint about any of the programs that are administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA).

1. What is a complaint? For these purposes, a complaint is a written allegation that a local education agency (LEA) or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) has violated a federal statute or regulation that applies to a program under ESSA.
2. Who may file a complaint? Any individual or organization may file a complaint.
3. How can a complaint be filed? Complaints can be filed with the LEA or with the Department.
4. How will a complaint filed with the LEA be investigated? Complaints filed with the LEA are to be investigated and attempted to be resolved according to the locally developed and adopted procedures.
5. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the local level (LEA)? A complaint not resolved at the local level may be appealed to the Department.
6. How can a complaint be filed with the Department? A complaint filed with the Department must be a written, signed statement that includes:
 1. A statement that a requirement that applies to an ESSA program has been violated by the LEA or the Department, and

2. The facts on which the statement is based and the specific requirement allegedly violated.

7. How will a complaint filed with the Department be investigated? The investigation and complaint resolution proceedings will be completed within a time limit of forty-five calendar days. That time limit can be extended by the agreement of all parties. The following activities will occur in the investigation:

1. Record. A written record of the investigation will be kept.
2. Notification of LEA. The LEA will be notified of the complaint within five days of the complaint being filed.
3. Resolution at LEA. The LEA will then initiate its local complaint procedures in an effort to first resolve the complaint at the local level.
4. Report by LEA. Within thirty-five days of the complaint being filed, the LEA will submit a written summary of the LEA investigation and complaint resolution. This report is considered public record and may be made available to parents, teachers, and other members of the general public.
5. Verification. Within five days of receiving the written summary of a complaint resolution, the Department will verify the resolution of the complaint through an on-site visit, letter, or telephone call(s).

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9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated?
10. What happens if the complaint is not resolved at the state level (the Department)?

6. Appeal. The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the U.S. Department of Education.

8. How are complaints related to equitable services to nonpublic school children handled differently? In addition to the procedures listed in number 7 above, complaints related to equitable services will also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, and they will receive all information related to the investigation and resolution of the complaint. Also, appeals to the United States Department of Education must be filed no longer than thirty days following the Department's resolution of the complaint (or its failure to resolve the complaint). The Department will initiate an investigation within ten

days, which will be concluded within thirty days

9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated? from the day of the appeal. This investigation may be continued beyond the thirty day limit at the discretion of the Department. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Department will communicate the decision and reasons for the decision to the complainant and the LEA. Recommendations and details of the decision are to be implemented within fifteen days of the decision being delivered to the LEA.

10. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the state level (the Department)? The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the United States Department of Education.

Check out the school website www.sr2.k12.mo.us for daily announcements, lunch & breakfast menus, monthly calendar, teacher websites, and much more! Also, follow Stanberry Bulldogs on *Facebook* and *Twitter*!

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Warming Up the Barn: Barnwarming 2021

By Austin Colvin
Staff Reporter



This year's Barnwarming had an exciting 'twang' to it. All FFA members joined together on Saturday, October 2nd in the ag shop. Members spent all week setting up and decorating for it. There were multiple events that went on.

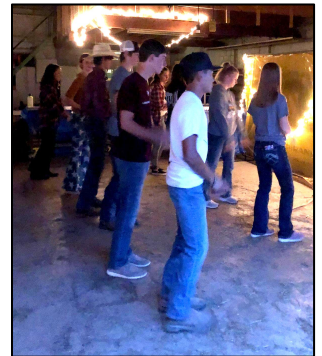
First, they started off with dancing. Mrs. Noble played line dancing songs and she said "It was so fun to watch the students do the line dances I have taught the past couple of years." Secondly, she stated "We also had our annual egg toss which is always entertaining and

competitive." To win the egg toss Korbin Fletchall and Adam Jensen made a full-court toss to win the competition. Lastly, everyone loaded up onto a trailer and went on a hayride. The hay was supplied by Lance, Leslie and Trevor Wallace.

Gavin Cameron shared with us that "It was amazing. I danced my butt off. The food was extremely good! I lost the egg toss because my partner sucked and threw it too high." All members had a fun night and it is an event they look forward to each year.



Above: FFA members enjoy a hay ride; Right: Adam & Korbin were the winners of the egg toss and Tarynn & Trista show their excitement for their win; Below: Kiley, Korbin, Ben, Colby, Astasia, Sadie, Lexi, & Katelyn pose in front of the decorations; Bottom Right: members enjoy line dancing throughout the evening.



First Quarter Honor Roll

Regular Honor Roll

7th Grade: Josi Creason, Parker Ginther, Aiden Graham, Dalton Taylor, Mattea Williams

8th Grade: Olivia Blessing, Evan Gregory, Russell Kerwin, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Jaren Stoll, Hayden Swan, Nathan Taylor, Dani Van Draska, Isabella Wilson

9th Grade: Cooper Adcock, Marli Hilton, Colby McQueen, Lindsey Sherman, Gabe Simbro, Calvin Smithson, Kannah Stevens, Jordyn Wright

10th Grade: Taelyn Derks, Reagan Heyde, Katlyn James, Lexi Kerwin, Tucker Schieber, Morgon Showers, Isabella Wright

11th Grade: William Beggs, Katrina Blessing, Gavin Cameron, Bladden Greenhalgh, Owen Gregory, Adam Jensen, Grace Mattson, Zac Summa, Lance Wallace, Marissa Webster

12th Grade: Alexis Carter Gaona, Lydia Dokken, Korbin Fletchall, Austin Hill, Landon Marticke, Ethan Oldham, Sadie Runde, Tyler Schwebach

High Honor Roll

7th Grade: Avery Calhoun, Alana Evans, Liam Gregory, Hudson Groomer, Jax Heyde, Emmett Meyer, Kaitlin Porterfield, Brookelyn Robinson

8th Grade: Eva Cameron, Hannah McQuinn, Ally Santa Cruz, Vincent Smithson, Jorjah Webster

9th Grade: Johnny Clark, Maranda Evans, Decker Heyde, Paige Woods

10th Grade: Kolton Dias, Maci Duley, Brayden Hahn, Peyton Hume, Colby McQuinn, Amelia Wallace

11th Grade: Katie Angle, Caroline Fanning, Rhona Henggeler, Kiley Mattson, Emma Phipps, Kaedon Showers, Katelyn Stoll

12th Grade: Astasia Brown, Lexi Craig, Austin Schwebach, Cody Sealey



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Elementary Academic Bowl Season Underway

By Lydia Dokken
Staff Reporter

Stanberry's elementary academic bowl season is underway with a few matches already completed. The teams had their first match on October 5th against King City. The sixth grade won at a score of 135-90. The fifth grade won 95-85. Fourth grade, unfortunately, lost at 50-160.

On October 12th, they attended another match in Maysville. The sixth grade won at a score of 150-95. The fifth

grade had a loss at 80-125. The fourth grade won at 70-30.

"I am looking forward to this season," said Mrs. Porterfield. "Our teams have a lot of talented students with a wide range of knowledge, and they are excited to compete."

The next elementary academic bowl is on October 19th, another home match starting at 3:45. Good luck to all 3 teams!



Fourth grade team- front row: Kayla McQuinn, Emily McMillen. Back row: Madelyn Sidwell, Trevor Strough, Grayson Wiederholt.



Fifth grade team- front row: Kasey Porterfield, Zoey Chambers, Caleb Evans. Back row: Charlotte Jennings, Emily Santa Cruz, Harper Heyde.



Sixth grade team- front row: Lane McGinley, Drew Parman, Thor Cameron. Back row: Hannah McMillen, Olivia McQuinn, Ellie Dias



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Environmental Science students include: Front row-Alexis Carter Gaona, Lexi Kerwin, Taelyn Derks, Jayden Gust, Johnny Clark, Brandon Baker. Back row-Lydia Dokken, Bladden Greenhalgh, Kaedon Showers, Colby McQuinn, William Beggs, Brayden Hahn, Kolton Dias, Gavin Cameron, Dillon Johnson.

Recycling Program Comes to Stanberry R-II

By Jackson Williams
Staff Reporter

The high school Environmental Science class, along with the library media center, has partnered with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to promote recycling plastic bottles. Their goal is to recycle at least half a ton of plastic bottles over the school year.

Mrs. Hoover says, "The program is doing well and the Environmental Science class is doing a great job with it." Mrs.

Hoover and Mrs. Hilton were able to get a grant to buy all of the recycling bins. Each classroom, along with bins at the football and softball games have helped to create a climate of recycling. Once a week, the environmental science class goes out during fourth to empty out the bins. The program is asking for students and staff to save their empty and rinsed bottles to put in the bins to help them reach their goal!



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Video Game Review: Spider-Man

By Jackson Williams
Staff Reporter

Insomniac's *Spider-Man* was an instant hit with everyone who played the game. The game is set in Manhattan as you traverse the city trying to defeat whatever the sinister six throw at you. As you play throughout the story you earn new abilities and gadgets to help you fight enemies. These gadgets make the game more fun as you find new ways to use them. The game also has what I feel is one of the best traversal systems in any game released in the past couple years, because of the web swinging and running across buildings mid swing. The game tries to be as realistic as possible, like how the webs

stick to buildings as you swing and if you're in the park you can barely swing because of the lack of tall buildings. As you play the game it sets up the story for an action-packed sequel that has many people excited.

I feel like the build up to a sequel near the ending of the game is a great way to conclude the game. One of the best features in this game is the many different suits you can create and wear so you don't just have to wear the beginning outfit. I think trying to get all of these suits would make a fun goal to try to achieve as you play through the game.



Book Review

By Lydia Dokken
Staff Reporter



This month I read a book titled *Everything, Everything* written by Nicola Yoon. I have read one other book by the same author which I enjoyed, and the plot of the book sounded very interesting to me. *Everything, Everything* is about teenage girl, Madeline Whittier and her struggles with a rare disease that prevents her from leaving her house - essentially, she's allergic to *everything*. Her disease is called severe combined immunodeficiency and despite having never left her house since her diagnosis as a baby, she takes interest in a new next-door neighbor. Madeline begins to wonder whether a life spent in total isolation is really living at all. Things escalate between the two and she finds herself taking huge risks for love.

From the beginning, I felt incredibly invested in the story. Madeline is a relatable and loveable character I couldn't



Everything, Everything
by Nicola Yoon

help but feel sorry for. It felt like the plot advanced very quickly, but that may have more to do with me reading it all in one night than with the story's writing. At the end, I couldn't help but feel there were certain questions left unanswered - certain things left unresolved. I quickly searched to see if there was a sequel, but found nothing. I really loved this book and I find it incredibly disappointing it ended on the note it did. I'm going to have to give a 4/5 to a book that could have easily been a 5/5.

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By Jackson Williams
Staff Reporter

What is your favorite thing about Halloween?



Eighth grader Vincent Smithson enjoys "the candy!"



Seventh grader Mattea Williams loves "scaring people."



Fourth grader Chandler Albright says "the candy!"



Third grader Landon Lynn enjoys "scaring the little kids" on Halloween!



Senior Tarynn Mattson stated "trick or treating and watching scary movies" are her favorite Halloween activities.



Sophomore Alec Saxton says his favorite thing about Halloween is "the candy!"



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Mrs. McQueen's favorite thing about Halloween are "the candy pumpkins!"



Mr. Maronde loves "all the candy" during Halloween.



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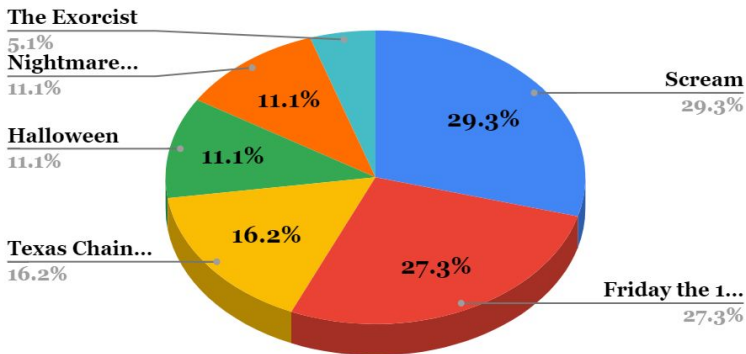
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Survey Results

By Austin Colvin
Staff Reporter

Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: *If you had to be in a horror film, which one would you be in?* 99 students responded.

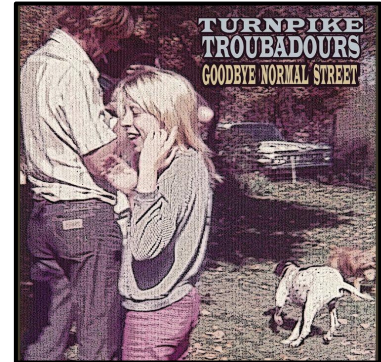
Their options included: *The Exorcist, Nightmare on Elm Street, Halloween, Texas Chainsaw Massacre, Scream, and Friday the 13th.*



Song Review

By Austin Hill
Staff Reporter

This month, I've chosen the song *Before the Devil Knows We're Dead* from Turnpike Troubadours album *Goodbye Normal Street*. I chose it because it has a nice country/bluegrass blend to it. It's truly a throwback to old country with a big fiddle solo, guitars and a fast beat. The song recognizes moments in the narrator's past where they lived life to the fullest. It pokes fun at continuing to live life recklessly and hoping to avoid the consequences of doing so. I enjoy the swiftness and instrumentation in the song and would recommend it to anyone who enjoys bluegrass influenced country.



Song: *Before the Devil Knows We're Dead*
Artist: Turnpike Troubadours
Album: *Goodbye Normal Street*
Release: 2012



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Junior High Boys' Basketball Fired Up for Season

By Landon Marticke
Staff Reporter



The junior high boys are prepping for the start of their basketball season. The team members include eighth graders, Vincent Smithson, Jaren Stoll, and William Ellsworth. The seventh graders are Jax Hyde, Parker Ginther, Aiden Graham, Hudson Groomer, Max Hilton, Wes Bashor, Zander Hyde, Emmett Meyer and Konner Keough.

The team has been practicing and working hard to improve before the season starts. When asked about the

start of the season Coach Nick Groomer stated, "The team has several challenges to overcome due to their young age and little experience. However, I am very excited to build and grow over the course of the season."

The team plays their first game on Tuesday, October 19th at Hopkins. Eighth grader Aiden Graham said, "I'm excited to get the opportunity to play under Coach Groomer and win some games." Good luck to the boys on their season.



2021 Bulldog JH Boys' Basketball. 1st row: Wes Bashor, Emmett Meyer, Konner Keough, Jax Heyde, Parker Ginther, Max Hilton. 2nd row: Aiden Graham, Jaren Stoll, Vincent Smithson, William Ellsworth, Hudson Groomer.



2021 Bulldog JH Girls' Basketball. 1st row: Kenzi Santa Cruz, Dani Van Draska, Ally Santa Cruz. 2nd row: Eva Cameron, Lindsey Hailey, Brookelyn Robinson, Josi Creason, Hannah McQuinn.

JH Girls Led by New Head Coach



By Austin Hill
Staff Reporter

This year the junior high basketball girls have a new head coach. After stepping down from high school girls' basketball last year, Mrs. Karla McQueen has now taken the reigns of the junior high program. When asked how she feels about the season she stated, "I am really excited about the season this year. The girls are working hard, and they all have great attitudes.

I look forward to watching them grow as athletes."

The team consists of seventh graders Josie Creason and Brooke Robinson and eighth graders Eva Cameron, Lindsey Hailey, Hannah McQuinn, Ally Santa Cruz, Kenzi Santa Cruz, and Dani Van Draska. Their first game is Tuesday, October 19 at Hopkins. Best of luck to the girls in their season.

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2021 Junior High Football & Basketball Cheerleaders 1st row: Kenzi Santa Cruz, Hannah McQuinn, Avery Calhoun, 2nd row: Josi Creason, Ally Santa Cruz, 3rd row: Kaitlin Porterfield, Katie Libby, Coach Susie Wiederholt, Alana Evans, and Braelyn Williams.

Junior High Cheerleaders Prep for New Season

By Landon Marticke
Staff Reporter

While the junior high football season has come to an end, the basketball season is just heating up and the cheer team is ready to cheer them on.

The junior high cheer team is made up of the following: Ally Santa Cruz, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Katie Libby, Hannah McQuinn, Avery Calhoun, Josi Creason, Braelyn Williams, Kaitlin Porterfield, and Alana Evans. They are coached by Susie Wiederholt in both football and basketball.

It can be a hard transition from football cheers to basketball cheers and learning the new cheers and routines can be challenging, yet the team has been flying through it with ease. Coach Wiederholt stated, "The season started out with 7th

grade girls really gaining experience with the help of our 8th graders. They have progressed and are having fun now! They especially enjoyed the football game against St. Joe Christian when the boys won! They were so excited to cheer them on. We only have one more JH football game before they roll into basketball season to support their Bulldog teams. I am especially proud of the girls this year. They have worked hard and look and sound great."

The team has more work to do, but are making great progress. Cheer member Josi Creason said, "The switch between sports is hard, but this year has been fun and I'm excited for basketball cheer."

November Activities

Tuesday, October 26th

3:45-Elementary Academic Meet @ Home

5:30-Junior High Basketball @ Home vs. King City

National FFA Convention

Thursday, October 28th

3:15-PTO Fundraiser Delivery

5:00-JH Basketball @ Home vs. Worth County

Friday, October 29th

8:00-Book Fair

2:30-Elementary Classroom Parties

7:00-Varsity Football Districts TBA

Saturday, October 30th

8:00 a.m. to 10 -PTO Donuts with Dad & Book Fair

9:00-NWMSU Homecoming

Monday, November 1st

Book Fair

5:30-JH Basketball @ Platte Valley

Tuesday, November 2nd

12:45-Picture Makeup/JH Basketball/Organizations

Book Fair

4:00-Elementary Academic Meet @ Union Star

5:30-JH Basketball @ NEN

Wednesday, November 3rd

Last Day of Book Fair

4:30-Area FFA Fall Speaking Contest

Thursday, November 4th-5:30-JH Basketball @ Home vs. North Andrew

Sunday, November 7th-1:00 PTO Shopping Extravaganza

Monday, November 8th-Thursday the 11th: JH Basketball @ KC Tourney

Wednesday, November 10th-4:30-District FFA Fall Speaking Contest

Monday, November 15th-6:30-PTO Meeting

Tuesday, November 16th-5:3-JH Basketball @ Albany

Wednesday, November 17th-8:00-Gifted Think Ahead Works grades 4-6

Thursday, November 18th-5:00-JH Basketball @ Home vs. Maysville

Friday, November 19th-7:00-JH Winter Dance

Monday, November 22nd-7:00-BOE Meeting

Tuesday, November 23rd

5:30-JH Basketball @ Mound City

5:00-Varsity/JV Basketball @ Home vs. Mound City

Wednesday, November 25th-NO SCHOOL

Thursday, November 26th-NO SCHOOL-HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 27th-NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 29th-NO SCHOOL-TEACHER INSERVICE

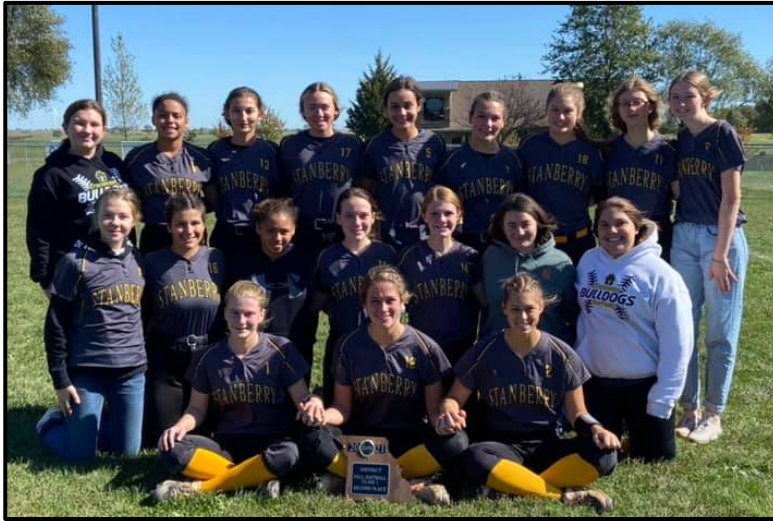
Monday, Nov. 29th-Saturday, Dec. 4th-Varsity BB @ Albany Tourney

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District Runner-up! Front row: Sadie Runde, Lexi Craig, Tarynn Mattson. 2nd row: Trista Lager, Maranda Evans, Jencie James, Marli Hilton, Katie Angle, Morgon Showers, Brea Jensen. 3rd row: Paige Campbell, Katlyn James, Taelyn Derks, Sylvia Redmond, Amelia Wallace, Jayden Gust, Kiley Mattson, Payton Williams, and Katelyn Stoll.

Lady Dawgs Finish Strong

By Austin Colvin
Staff Reporter

The softball girls had an amazing season. They finished the regular season with a record of 9-13. Sadie Runde, Lexi Craig, and Tarynn Mattson are graduating seniors this year, however they are a big part of this team. They shared with us how they looked forward to districts. Sadie stated "We started out pretty strong. We kind of struggled the last few weeks, but I think we'll get back to where we want to be." Lexi went into districts with high hopes. She said, "The beginning of the season was definitely our strong point so far. We have been working harder at practices to get back to it. I think we still have yet to hit our peak and I'm excited to see how we will finish." Coach McClurg stated in her run down of the season, "this season has been one to remember. Having a

challenging year leads to many emotions. We had several injuries from key players that forced us to get creative and try to figure out who was ready to step up and play. We did an amazing job at 'never giving up.' The heart, drive and determination resulted in a presence in the district championship game. An accomplishment that seemed bleak earlier in the season. Injuries normally lead to uncomfortable situations that really test your confidence offensively and defensively."

The girls wanted to prove that, even though they were seeded low in districts, they were still a force to reckon with. That was made obvious when the ladies beat King City, the host of districts, out of the first round, and then continued their momentum and eliminated the

Girls' Golf Wraps Season

By Landon Marticke
Staff Reporter

The girls golf team wraps up their season on a good note. Over the course of the season the team has improved drastically. Coach Ronda Carroll stated, "overall I thought we had a successful season. The whole team placed high in several meets. I also saw a lot of improvement individually in each golfer. I'm excited to see where next season takes us."

The team consists of Bailey Wallace, Grace Mattson, Lindsey Sherman, Isabella Wright and Emma Phipps. At



Golfers Isabella Wright, Emma Phipps, Lindsey Sherman, Grace Mattson, and Bailey Wallace take a break from district prep to pose for the camera.

the district tournament none of the members placed but played some good golf. Isabella Wright's thoughts on the season were, "It was a fun season and I improved over the year. I'm looking forward to next season to hangout with the team and try to make it to state."

top seed, Platte Valley, whom they have plenty of history with. The girls finished 2nd at districts, but they celebrated more than just a title. They celebrated personal growth and team cohesiveness. The team battled through the unexpected and the unwanted, never giving up or never settling.

Mrs. McClurg also informed us about her plans for next year stating, "as far as next year goes, we will focus on individual health and injury prevention training, and will continue to work on teamwork. We will be working extra hard to replace 3 strong defensive players who are not only consistent, but aren't afraid of doing whatever it takes to make a play. I plan on doing several things in the off season to better ensure our endurance and consistency. I can't wait to see

what next season entails."

Congratulations to the Stanberry Softball Team for placing 2nd in districts. The girls finished their season 11-14.

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2021 Football Cheerleaders: 1st row-Angel Farnsworth, Bailey Wallace. 2nd row-Marissa Webster, Caroline Fannings, Emma Phipps. 3rd row-Katlyn James, Paige Woods, Brutus: Reece Green, Jayden Gust, Morgon Showers, and Cheer Coach Jessica Santa Cruz.

Football Cheerleaders Shine

By Lydia Dokken
Staff Reporter

The high school football cheerleaders started off a great football season. This year's high school cheerleading team consists of seniors Angel Farnsworth and Bailey Wallace; juniors Marissa Webster, Emma Phipps and Caroline Fanning; sophomores Jayden Gust, Morgon Showers and Katlyn James; and freshman Paige Woods. Brutus is back this year and led by senior Reece Green.

Senior Angel Farnsworth states she is, "excited to continue our season and improve our routines, both new and old." Cheerleading coach, Mrs. Jessica Santa Cruz, commented on the season, "We

are super excited to show everyone what we have been working on," she explained. "This group of young ladies has been a lot of fun to work with. They have a lot of great ideas and are really focused on getting the crowd involved at games!" She noted their biggest obstacles have been and continue to be covid-related issues.

Many spectators have commented that these cheerleaders have done better than we've ever seen them do before at this year's Homecoming pep assembly. It was a very entertaining event, and we wish them luck in the rest of this year's endeavors. :)

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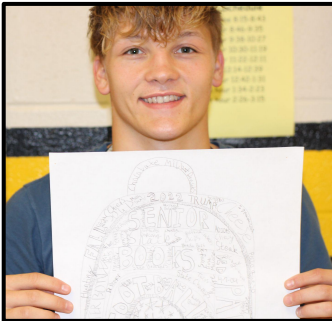
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Sixth grader Hannah McMillen displays her oil pastel cake.



First grader Karli Ginther created her cake using watercolors.



Senior Ethan Oldham shows off his backpack sketch.



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Artist of the Month

By Jackson Williams
Staff Reporter

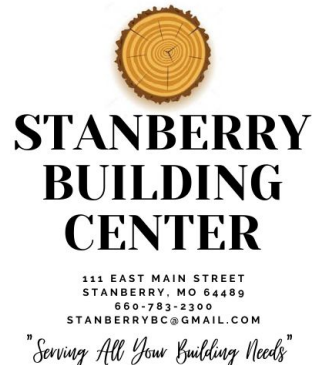


The elementary artists of the month are first grader Karli Ginther and sixth grader Hannah McMillen. Karli painted a cake using watercolors. She had kept all of the colors from mixing in with each other and created a cake with defined lines and definition. Hannah had been learning about oil pastels and perspectives. Using her new knowledge, she created a cake with a slice missing showing all of the details and giving it a life-like, 3D effect.

The high school artist of the month is Ethan Oldham. Ethan drew his backpack, putting meaningful words, like football and family, throughout the backpack to display what's important to him. This project was to show perspective and all of the small details. Great job to all artists this month. For more artwork on display see the intermediate hallway where Mrs. Strough always has many projects up for everyone to enjoy!



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Brutus' Corner

By Landon Marticke
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 September, the featured teacher was Mr. Nick Groomer. Who do you think October's staff member is?

Do you have any kids, if so how many?

Yes, three

Where did you graduate high school?

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How many years have you been teaching?

4 years

Are you married?

Yes, for 4 years

What is your favorite part about teaching?

Building long lasting relationships with students.

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