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Senior candidates Kaedon Showers and Katelyn Stoll.



Senior candidates Emma Phipps and Adam Jensen.



Junior attendants Taelyn Derks and Kolton Dias.



Sophomore attendants Trista Lager and Jordyn Wright



Freshman attendants Dani Van Draska and Brayden



Queen Katie Angle and King Gavin Cameron.



Crown bearers Ava Luke and Mavryck Worley.



Candidates and attendants wait for pictures to conclude after the announcement of king and queen.

#### 2022 Sportswarming

By Bella Wright Staff Reporter

This year's Sportswarming took place December 9th at home against Bishop LeBlond Eagles. Despite their best efforts, both girls' and boys' basketball teams took tough losses that night.

Earlier in the week Sportswarming kicked off with dress up days. Monday was everyone's long standing favorite: pajama day. Tuesday was jail break where students dressed as prisoners and teachers as guards. Wednesday was country versus country club. Thursday everyone wore their favorite jersey, and

Friday wrapped up the week with the traditional black and gold day.

Coronation took place during the boys' halftime. Freshmen attendants were Brayden Dias and Dani Van Draska. Sophomore attendants were Jordyn Wright and Trista Lager. Junior attendants were Kolton Dias and Taelyn Derks. Senior Candidates included Gavin Cameron. Adam Kaedon Jensen, Showers, Katie Angle, Emma Phipps, and Katelyn Stoll. Crown bearers this vear were kindergarteners Mavvrck Worley and Ava



Students dress of for jailbreak day with Mrs. Craig as the guard.

Luke. Gavin Cameron and Katie Angle were crowned king and queen by last year's king Ethan Oldham.

After the ball game the high school students had the opportunity to attend a volleyball tournament sponsored by the student council. Student council sponsor Roxanne Hoover was asked what she enjoyed

about Sportswarming, she stated, "Sportswarming is always fun. I enjoy watching the volleyball tournament. Congrats to Katie Angle and her team for winning."

All is safe to say that the tournament was a great success and the students made many memories that night.

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#### **Second Grade Class of 2033**

By Marli Hilton Staff Reporter

The second grade classes have been hard at work this year, learning subjects like math, social studies, and reading. The teachers are Mrs. Kendle Luke and Mrs. Christina Webb. This is Mrs. Lukes fourth year and Mrs. Webbs third year teaching second grade at Stanberry.

Mrs. Luke's class consists of nineteen students, including Hunter Appley, Daysha Albright, Avalynn Crawford, Karli Ginther, Hyatt Goomer, Maximus Holtzclaw, Lennox Horne. Brooklyn McMillen, Jace Newman, Cora Rylin Poff, Blake Rippeto, Rosier, Vaida Schieber, Benjamin Steinhauser, Mackenzie Strough, Nathan Strough, Collin Tucker, and Maia Weaver Fletcher.

Mrs. Webb's class has a total of twenty-one students, including Amelia Brooke, Wyatt Clayton, Jaxson Denney, Macoy Hilton, Izabell Holtzclaw, Eli Horne, Juan Leon, Jordyn Libby, Skylar Luke, Walker Mattson, Lexi McGinley, Gunner Newman, Olivia Pierce, Amelia Poff, Madilyn Redig, Talon Sego, Molly Sidwell, Madison Varney, Keine Vinzant, Chelsea Weatherd, and William Wiederholt.

Students just got done learning how to add two-digit numbers and are moving on to subtracting two-digit numbers. In reading, they are learning how to identify the problem and solution of a text and also how to identify the difference between proper and common nouns. In social studies they finished their Native Americans Unit and are now moving on to Christmas around the world. This is where

they choose a country and learn about how it celebrates Christmas.

Both classes have worked hard so far this year and have had a lot of fun in and outside the classroom. We're excited to see how the rest of their year goes. Good luck, second grade!



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### Elementary "Bring on the Snow"

By Marli Hilton Staff Reporter

This year the elementary put on their yearly winter concert to the musical "Bring On the Snow." Mrs. Michele Kelley came back after six years to teach music and put on the concert. Mrs. Kelley stated, "I was so proud of our kids! The teamwork, energy, and smiles are what performances like that are all about, and those things were plentiful that night. From the beginning, I've said that this bonus year is a gift, and that show definitely had a great big bow on it!" She also thanked all of those who made the night possible, some including the high school choir members helping behind the scenes, and the elementary teachers who helped herd the students on and off the stage. She also thanked Tammy Graham keeping everyone together.

The concert started with

kindergarten through fifth grade singing the opening song, "Bring On the Snow." The paperboy, played by Kaleb Evans, and the mounted deer, played by Pax Schieber and Sam Simbro, came out in between each song and told jokes.

First grade was first to perform, coming on stage with Emily Santa Cruz, who played Flurry the snowflake instructor, and Addison Graham, who played Flake the student snowflake. The first grade was dressed in all white and had pom poms as props; they sang "Ready, Set, Snow."

There were mini skits acted out between each song, Kaci Porterfield and Kylee Runde acted as Mom and Jamie, and Harper Heyde and Kaitlyn Van Draska played Mabel and Dot, the snowmen.

The next grade to perform

was kindergarten; they performed the song "Jingle Bells." Drake Ginther, Alexa Horne, Addison Graham, Emily Santa Cruz, and Payden Fones, played the goose family. The second grade classes sang "Over the River."

Bryson Hume played the game show host. Alexa Horne played contestant one, the skier; Drake Ginther played contestant two, the lumberjack, and Kylee Runde played contestant three, an honor student from Stanberry R-II. Bryson asked each contestant a question related to Christmas; the winner was Kylee Runde, the honor student.

Next to perform was the third grade; they sang "Seven Feet of Snow." The fifth grade then performed "Hot Chocolate," and the whole sixth grade sang "Angels in the Snow." To conclude the class songs, the fourth graders sang "Blizzard on the Way."

To end the performance kindergarten through sixth grade again sang "Bring On the Snow," as the finale.

Mrs. Kelley and all of the students and teachers worked hard and put a lot of time and effort into making this year's concert one to remember.



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Jordyn Wright



#### Say hello to the sophomores!

By Morgon Showers Staff Reporter

The sophomore class is kicking off the year strong! They have done a few fun things already starting off with ag students attending Hundley Whaley Day in Albany. During this, freshmen and sophomores around our area were able to take a break from school and learn just a little bit more about agricultural life in our economy. The sophomores were able to visualize what it was like to be in a car accident. They saw butterfly gardens, learned about farm machinery, and even got to put on a glove and feel the inside of a cow! Marli Hilton tells us, "This was a very fun experience, and I learned so many new things about

agriculture!" Trista Lager says she, "loved seeing the number of students who attended the event, and I had so much fun!"

Another September event was Homecoming. sophomore class built a Scooby Doo themed float together at Colby McQueen's house, and attendants included Marli Hilton and Decker Heyde.

Finally, December in students celebrated Sophomore Sportswarming. attendants included Trista Lager and Jordyn Wright. The class of 2025 is enjoying high school so far. They're looking forward to being upperclassmen next year and knocking the next two and a half years out of the park!



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#### Winter Concert Enjoyed by All

By Gavin Cameron Staff Reporter

The Stanberry R-II junior high and high school winter concert took place on December 6, 2022. The band was under the direction of Mrs. Cindy Clements and the choir was under the direction of Mrs. Michele Kelley.

Junior high and high school choirs sang "A Festive Noel", "Carol of the Bells", "How far is it to Bethlehem", and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer". Decker Heyde also had a solo performance during the "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer". He did really well with it, and the audience was very impressed. Choir member Jayden Gust stated, "I feel like it went really well and we sang our very best!"

The sixth grade band then performed "Light Row",



"London Bridge Duet", "A Mozart", "Melody", and "Jingle Bells".

Junior high and high school bands rounded out the evening playing "Appalachian Carol", "Mele Kalikimaka", "I'll Be Home for Christmas", and "Christmas Feast".

Those who attended really enjoyed this year's concert; the students did a wonderful job, and all the practicing paid off. The choir did a really fantastic job. All the songs they sang were sung extremely well, and they sounded great. The band has also really improved this year under the direction of Mrs. Clements. Parents and students in attendance thought this vear's concert was amazing and very well put together.





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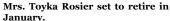
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Mrs. Sheryl Walker plans to retire at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

### Stanberry to Say Farewell to Rosier and Walker

By Bladden Greenhalgh Staff Reporter

Mrs. Sheryl Walker and Mrs. Toyka Rosier are planning their retirement this school year. Mrs. Rosier retires in January and Mrs. Walker at the end of this school year. They are both very excited and ready for this next big step. The students and staff are really going to miss these two hard-working teachers.

Mrs. Rosier will continue her work as an Activity Director at the Gentry County Library. Although excited, Mrs. Rosier has mixed emotions about her retirement. She says, "Through the 20 years of teaching, I'm going to miss everyone. Many students I've helped have told me that I'm a polite and amazing helper." Mrs. Rosier has a lot of memories here at Stanberry R-II, and she will keep them as she moves on to

Mrs. Walker has been teaching here at Stanberry R-II for a total of 25 years. Her retirement plans are to stay home and spend time with her family. She also wants to have the time to garden and plans to help more with her family's farm, auction and construction businesses. While her future is not set in stone, she does still plan to substitute teach. She is really going to miss everyone and all the memorable moments in her classroom over the years. Mrs. Walker is excited about her future plans and can't wait to see her plans come to action.

Students and staff are very proud of these teachers and will miss seeing them each day. We can't wait to see what the future holds for them.

the next chapter of her life.



### What Students Are Asking For This Christmas

By Gavin Cameron Staff Reporter

Santa and his elves are going to be very busy this year. They'll have lots of gifts to make and deliver to the children who have been nice this year.

The popular presents this year range from clothes to electronics, to name a few. When polling the students from elementary, junior high, and high school we received various responses.

In elementary some students said they want Apple watches, clothes, and Barbie items. The intermediate kids want NBA 2k23, VR goggles, clothes, and four wheelers. The junior high kids want a new PC, drone, Iphone 14, and a PS5. High Schoolers this year are wanting VR goggles, PC, tools, and a mini fridge.

So, if Santa is still looking for last minute ideas for kids 18 and under, here are some great ideas. Merry Christmas, everyone!



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#### **Christmas Around The World**

By Bella Wright Staff Reporter

With Christmas right around the corner almost the whole United States is getting ready to celebrate the holiday season. Although not all people celebrate Christmas the way you are probably used to, usually differences are due to religious beliefs and the way that country/culture developed their way of celebrating.

One country that celebrates Christmas differently, although there are similarities to the United States, is Switzerland. In Switzerland, instead of receiving gifts on the twenty-fourth they will get a bag of chocolates, peanuts, and mandarin oranges to share with one another. The guy who brings them the bag of goods is called Samichlaus with his helper Schmutzli.

Samichlaus will knock on the door and will be invited in, he even has a donkey who carries the bag to help him sometimes. Once he is inside, he will tell Schmutzli to open the bag and call everyone down and give them a report on how they behaved the past year. If the child is good, then they will receive a handful of treats. He will even mention things they need to improve at and will sometimes praise them by singing. If the child wants one last chance to prove they deserve treats, then they will have to recite a poem about Samichlaus or about Christmas; then the child will be saved. If they fail to do so, then they will receive a punishment from Schmutzli or be stuck in the bag



and carried off.

Another country that is different but very similar is Mexico. Mexico typically celebrates Las Posadas which is from December 6 to January 12. Some events that will occur during this holiday re-enactments of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter. The last Posada takes place on Noche which would Buena, Christmas Eve and is usually followed by a late mass known as Las Misa Del Gallo (The Mass of the Rooster). The mass is named after the rooster because it is believed that the rooster was crowned on the night Jesus was born. After the mass everyone will enjoy a huge

dinner filled with lots of food. The next day is for relaxing and spending time with family. The holiday season officially comes to an end on January 6 during El Dia De Los Tres Reyes (Day of the Three Kings), which is where, in some parts of Mexico, children will leave a shoe out the night before hoping the Three Wise Men will leave something for them. Usually the Three Wise Men will leave presents and a round cake called roscoe and candied fruits.

No matter what you decide to celebrate, spending time with your loved ones is always important, even if it isn't the holiday season.



The junior class delivers Methodist church Pastor Bob Caldwell with a Christmas tree.



Mrs. Albright's fifth graders play pictionary with their high school buddies Mrs. Meyer's juniors.



Seventh graders Ellie Dias and Emma Mattson give bus driver Larry Marticke a Christmas tree as a thanks for all he does.



Freshmen are paired up with the second grade this year for Pride Time buddies.

#### **Pride Time Activities**

By Sylvia Redmond Staff Reporter



Many students feel we have made somewhat of an impact by just going and spending 30 minutes of our time with the elementary students. It is evident they enjoy us being there just as much as we do. Sixth grader Harper Heyde states,



"I enjoy Pride Time buddies because it allows us to play games in the morning to start our day." High school English teacher Mrs. Walker said, "We like going down to Mrs. Simbros class to interact with the sixth graders. Mrs. Simbro's always makes us feel welcome and has activities prepared for us." Mrs. Simbro even provided a hot cocoa bar for the seniors.

Another activity we have done within our Pride Time classes is students have made Christmas tree books to give to community and church members. The Stanberry community and churches have made a huge impact in our school, and we felt it was the right thing to give back to those who have been involved. Students are enjoying doing these activities and making an impact in our community.

## SPORTS

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Reagan is preparing to take down his opponent.



Marissa is about to get the pin on the Albany opponent.



Peyton gets caught in a tie-up against a Maryville Spoofhound.



Vincent is declared a victor against Albany.

#### **Football Awards**

#### **All District:**

Tucker Schieber-1st Team RB Lance Wallace-1st Team DE/LB Kaedon Showers-2nd Team OL Gavin Cameron-2nd Team RB Nate Giffin-Honorable Mention- Punter

#### **All State:**

Tucker Schieber-2nd Team RB





Aiden warms up on the mat prior to his first match.



Wrestlers huddle up as their home match gets underway.

am is Everyone is there for each other to cheer them on, win or lose. Everyone is ready to support their team in any way that they can." "One of the things I am looking forward to this year is

Alec looking forward to this year is rwin-135, seeing how much I improve Vincent during the season," stated Evan Vincent.

The girls had their first wrestling meet on November 22nd in Lathrop. Lexi got fifth place, and Marissa walked away with first place. The girl's second meet was on December 2nd at St. Joseph Central where Lexi and Marissa both received third place.

The boys had their first meet on December 3rd at St. Joseph Central. Vincent and Evan both got third place, and Russell, Aiden, and Reagan all second place. On December 10th the wrestling team traveled to Polo and wrestled in a dual tournament. For not having very many wrestlers, we did very well in the tournament. We placed 3rd out of 7 as a team. On December 13th both the boys' and girls' wrestling teams traveled to Maryville to take part in a wrestling quad. We, unfortunately, did not win any

of our duals. December 15th the Stanberry Bulldogs hosted their first meet of the year. We invited Maryville, Albany, and Lafayette to partake in this event. We did not do very well as a team, but individually all of our wrestlers did a good job. Stanberry R-II can not wait to see what our wrestling team can accomplish this year.

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announcements, lunch & breakfast menus,
monthly calendar, teacher websites, and
much more! Also, follow Stanberry Bulldogs
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#### **Wrestling Season Underway**

By Katrina Blessing Staff Reporter

This year's wrestling team is eager for the season to start. The team consist of senior: Marissa Webster-190, juniors: Aiden Law-138, Peyton Hume-144, Heyde-150, Reagan Saxton-132, Lexi Kerwin-135, freshmen: and Smithson-106, William Gregory-113, and Ellsworth-285. The team is coached by Mr. Jason Dias and Ray Walder and managed by Rhona Henggeler, Katrina Blessing, and Jorjah Webster.

The wrestling season is from November 22nd to February 23rd, with wrestlers practicing after school every day in the new wrestling room. Marissa said her favorite part of wrestling so far is, "the camaraderie that is on the team.

## OPINION

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By Kaedon Showers Staff Reporter



What are you looking forward to most over break?



Eighth grader Zander Heyde



Seventh grader Luke Phipps



Fifth grader Quincy Cameron



Sixth grader Paxton Schieber



Junior Tucker Schieber



Senior William Beggs



PE Teacher Shane Hilton



HS Principal Lisa Craig

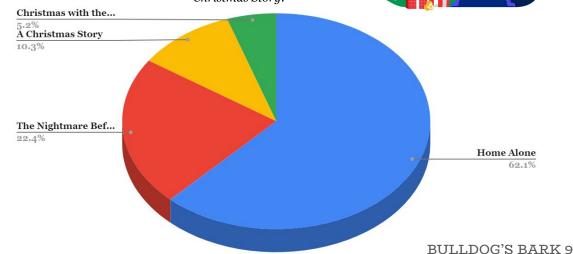
#### **Survey Results**

By Sylvia Redmond Staff Reporter

Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: *What is your favorite holiday movie?* 58 students responded.

Their options included Home Alone, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Christmas with the Kranks, and A Christmas Story.





## OPINION

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### Video Game Review: Just Dance 2023

By Bladden Greenhalgh Staff Reporter

Just Dance 2023 was created by Ubisoft Paris on November 22nd, 2022. This online dancing game is a great way make to connections, hang out with friends, do solo dances, or compete against each other. Just Dance can be played on Playstation 5, Xbox X/S, and Nintendo Switches. This game has many artists, including Dua Lipa, Rupaul, Ava Max, Imagine Dragons, and many more.

Just Dance also has a story mode, where you get to dance until you hit the end of the story. Many players have played this and really loved the meaning behind it, especially when there is an evil villain in this game. Sara and her friends are the main characters in this game. Sara and her friends go through each



dimension, defeat the Night Swan, and restore the cast members to their original selves.

Though I don't have the game, I still like Just Dance. I have always since I was little playing Just Dance 2015. My friends would play this game until we were completely worn out. I may not have Just Dance 2023, but sooner or later I would like to. As for now, I have the reactions on YouTube.





By Morgon Showers Staff Reporter

As of right now one of my favorite songs is "Revival" by Zach Bryan. This song came out in 2020 along with the rest of the album known as "Elisabeth". Although this album has many good songs, the album "American Heartbreak" takes first place for me.

When "Revival" was released Zach told reporters "It's songs like this that just give you hope for the future. These songs are the ones that make you feel something deep in your soul. The kind of songs that can peel back the bitterness in your bones and actually restore your joy in country music again."

I enjoy listening to Zach Bryan in general, but this song just hits home. If you like country music, want a song you can understand every lyric to, and something you love being able to scream out loud, this song is for



Song: Revival Artist: Zach Bryan Album: Elisabeth Release: 2020

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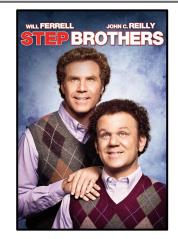
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By Lance Wallace Staff Reporter

Step Brothers will always be an appropriate movie to watch with your family (but keep in mind it is rated R for language). It is a great way to bring laughter into a movie night.

It consists of Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly, two of the funniest actors, becoming step brothers at thirty-some years old because they both still live with their parents. They are brought together when their parents start a relationship and the two are then forced to try to get jobs. They are the biggest failures until they make a



Step Brothers Available to rent on various platforms

cringe music video which blows up on the internet and they get rich.

This movie is rated R and I would approve of this movie for any movie night where you want a good laugh. You are welcome!

#### Advice for the New Year

By Brayden Hague Guest Reporter

As high school students, it can be easy to get caught up in the daily grind of classes, extracurricular activities, and social events, but it's important to remember life doesn't end after high school. There are many exciting opportunities and challenges that await you in the next phase of your life.

One thing to keep in mind is that college or university is not the only option after high school. There are many other paths you can take, such as trade schools, vocational programs, or entering the workforce directly. Consider what your interests and goals are and research different options to find the best fit for you.

Another thing to consider is the importance of building your skills and experiences. In addition to getting good grades, try to get involved in clubs, sports, or volunteer activities. These can not only be enjoyable but can also help you develop valuable skills and make connections that can be beneficial in the future.

It's also important to start thinking about your finances. Start by creating a budget and learning how to manage your money. This will be crucial in the future when you are on your own and responsible for paying bills and making important financial decisions.

Finally, don't be afraid to ask for help or advice. Your parents, teachers, and counselors can all be valuable resources as you navigate the transition to life after high school.

In conclusion, while high school is an important time in your life, remember it is not the end. There are many exciting opportunities and challenges ahead, and by preparing and planning, you can set yourself up for success in whatever path you choose.

#### **Winter Travels**

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By Lance Wallace Staff Reporter

A lot of people enjoy traveling over the holidays, which can include a variety of activities such as ice skating, sledding, snowboarding or skiing, and snowmobiling. There are a lot of places you can go for all of these things and some of them you don't have to even leave home for.

A good place to go snowboarding and skiing is in Granby, Colorado. My family and I have been traveling there these past few years and I highly recommend it. Snowboarding is my favorite

activity while there.

Some may prefer the heat instead of cold. For this, I recommend traveling south to the warmer states or even Mexico or the Caribbean. Many people I know love these places for their beaches and swimming or boating.

Whichever is your style, getting out and enjoying nature and traveling doesn't have to be put to a halt just because it is winter. So, book your next trip and enjoy traveling with family and friends this Christmas.



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### ENTERTAINMEN

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Sophomore Calvin Smithson with his sketch of actor John



Seventh grader Thor Cameron displays his perspective drawing.



### Kooking with Karl

By Kaedon Showers Staff Reporter



Krasinski.



Fourth grader Ian Jensen shows his snowman drawn from a worm's eye view.





#### Artist of the Month

By Adam Jensen Staff Reporter

This month's high school artist is sophomore Calvin Smithson. He drew and shaded a picture of John Krasinski. When asked what his favorite part of the drawing was he said, "It's not really the drawing part I enjoy; it's the freedom I feel while doing it."

The junior high artist of the month is seventh grader Thor Cameron. Thor drew perspective drawing of the road going into the distance. When asked what he enjoyed the most about his drawing he said, "the skv."

The last artist of the month is fourth grader Ian Jensen. Ian drew a picture of a snowman looking down, which was a

challenge considering it was their first time ever drawing something from a worm's eye view.

To view other art projects, Strough has other wonderful drawings hanging up in her hallway along the walls.



Do you ever want pizza but don't want to spend the money or time making it? Well pizza rolls are the perfect choice and will take very little time to make. Follow these steps to make the perfect pizza rolls every

**Microwave instructions: Step 1:** Purchase your favorite kind of pizza rolls. There are various kinds like pepperoni, cheese, supreme, sausage and many more, so pick whichever you like best. My favorite is Totino's pepperoni or combination.

Step 2; Put the pizza rolls on a plate and place them in the microwave for 1 minute and 30 seconds per serving. A serving is 6 rolls and for every extra serving you have, add another minute.

Step 3: Once your pizza rolls are done, take them out and let them cool.

If you don't want to microwave them, here are the **oven instructions**:

Step 1: Purchase your favorite kind of pizza rolls.

**Step 2:** Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

Step 3: Put pizza rolls on a cooking sheet.

**Step 4:** Once the oven is preheated, place pizza rolls in oven for 10-12 minutes

**Step 5:** Once the pizza rolls are done, take them out of the oven and let them cool.

Following either of these steps will lead you to perfectly cooked pizza rolls. A delicious thing to do is to dip your pizza rolls in ranch, trust me it is sooooo good.

I went around school and asked some people what their favorite kinds of pizza rolls are, and Mr. Dias and Mrs. Noble like pepperoni, William Beggs and Mr. Hilton like combination, and Quincy Cameron likes cheese. Maybe these are some flavors you can try! Thanks for reading and stay tuned for more cooking tips with Karl!

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### **Bulldog Sports History:** Football

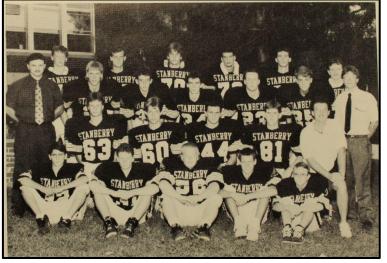
By Adam Jensen Staff Reporter



Over the years our Stanberry sports have evolved to what we offer today. Currently, students have the option to play football, basketball, cheer, wrestling, softball, and golf, but that wasn't always the case. Over the next few months I am going to be going over the history and evolution of sports here at Stanberry R-II.

Starting with football, the earliest date I can confirm we had football is 1929. We had an 11 man team until the fall of 1990. The Stanberry school board voted to move to 8-man during the 1989-1990 school vear. After some research I found a player named Bryan Peterson who played during the switch to 8-man and asked him what the transition was like and what it was like with switching from 11 to 8-man plays. First, Bryan commented about that final season of 11-man and how they played Worth County in an 8-man game in the fall of 1989. To do so, Coach David Meyers converted the 11-man offense to an 8 man offense for Coach Jim Ahearn. Coach Meyers did not act as assistant in 1990, yet Coach Ahearn used the same basic playbook. During the 1989-90 season, Stanberry had 10-14 good football players yet needed 18-20 to really compete in 11-man football. Practices consisted of "half line" football because they didn't have enough healthy bodies to go 11 on 11 in practice.

Once the official switch was completed Bryan stated, "We didn't view the transition to be difficult. Stanberry had very few, if any winning seasons in the previous 20 years. We lost our first game of the year to Nodaway-Holt, but they went on to win the state title; they had a very good team. Our second game was against South Holt. We won the game, yet it was not an easy win." Bryan also remembers their quarterback, Brian Stoll, saving they were going to need to learn how to win football. In basketball they expected to win every game when they stepped on the floor; in football that was a new concept. Luckily, they would learn and go on to make it to sectionals in the spring of 1991 and finish the season with a winning record of 5-3. It is worthy to note though that due to our late arrival in the 8-man world, the Bulldogs did not have a full schedule or a conference that first year. This was also due to the loss of two key players in the second to last game of the season, Scott Gage quarterback Brian Stoll. With those losses the Bulldogs had to drop the last two games of the season. While at first Bryan was reluctant about the switch to 8-man he noted, "As I look back, it was the right move and I am happy the board didn't listen to my thoughts!"



The 1990 Dawgs consisted of front row: Brad Gage, Jeremy Lewis, Chad Stuart, Jamie Hughes, and Bobby Skidmore. Second row: Chris Allenbrand, Brent Jennings, Scott Gage, Corey White, and coach Jim Ahern. Third row: Assistant coach David Karns, Brian Stoll, Aaron Graham, Brandon Strausbaugh, Max Ellis, Chris McMillen, assistant coach Kevin Fisher. Back row: Jamie Graham, Mark Wisdom, Mike Mercer, Eric Cameron, Bryan Peterson, Russ Haddock. (Not pictured Nathan Colston). Information taken from the 1990 Bokane.

It's evident the Bulldogs have had great success since the switch from 11 to 8 man. Over the past 30 years the Bulldogs have won multiple district and conference championships, sent multiple teams to state competition and achieved a feat few teams in the state can say: winning the Gauntlet. It's safe to say the

switch back in 1990 was the right move. While this is my last year playing, I look forward to watching the Bulldog football team continue with their legacy of success.

Thank you, Bryan, for your help with this article. Stay tuned for next month when I research the history of our basketball team.



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#### **Brutus' Corner**

By Katrina Blessing 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. November, the featured teacher was Mrs. Kirsten Maronde. Who do you think December's staff member is?



What is your favorite color? Turquoise & Pink

How many kids do you have?

What is your dream vacation?

Ireland

Are you married?

Yes, for 14 years

Did you play sports in

highschool and college?

Yes, cheerleading

What do you like about your iob?

Building positive relationships with students and coworkers and seeing the impact on each.



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#### January Activities

January 1st-3rd-WINTER BREAK

Tuesday, January 3rd

5:00-Varsity Basketball @ Worth County

5:30-Varsity Wrestling @ Gallatin Tri

Wednesday, January 4th-SCHOOL RESUMES

Friday, January 6th

5:00-Varsity Basketball @ Home vs. St. Joseph Christian

5:30-Varsity Girls Wrestling @ Mid-Buchanan Tournament

Saturday, January 7th-9:00 Varsity Wrestling @ Mid-Buchanan Tournament

Monday-January 9th-Saturday, January 14-Stanberry Invitational Tournament

Tuesday, January 10th-9:00-FFA Greenhand Conference Thursday, January 12th-6:00-Varsity Wrestling @ Maysville Quad Saturday, January 14th-9:00-Varsity Wrestling @ Plattsburg Tournament

Monday, January 16th-NO SCHOOL-MLK Day

9:00-Varsity Girls Wrestling @ Plattsburg Tuesday, January 17th

5:00-Varsity Basketball @ Home vs. North Andrew 5:30-Varsity Wrestling@Gallatin Tri

7:00-Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, January 18th

FCCLA Star Events

8:15-K12 Group, Class Casual, & Winter Sports Pictures

Thursday, January 19th-5:30-Varsity Wrestling @ Home-Tri Friday, January 20th-5:00-Varsity Basketball @ King City

Saturday, January 21st

9:00-Varsity Girls Wrestling @ North Liberty

9:00-Varsity Wrestling @ Lathrop Tournament

5:00-4 State Honor Band Concert

Monday, January 23-Friday, January 27th-King City BB Tournament

Thursday, January 26th-5:30-Varsity Wrestling @ Home-Tri

Saturday, January 28th

8:00-Project Prom 5th/6th Grade Basketball Tournament 9:30-Varsity Wrestling @ Bethany-GRC Tournament

Monday, January 30th

4:00-JH Scholar Bowl@ Home vs. King City

6:30-PTO Meeting

7:00-FFA Greenhand Night

Tuesday, January 31st

4:30-Varsity Wrestling@West Platte Scramble 5:30-Varsity Basketball@Pattonsburg

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