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Front row: Avaian Evans, Abigail Jensen, Sophia Taylor, Brady McMillen, Trent Strough. Back row: Isaac Jensen, Charlotte Jennings, Gabriella Regalado, Kaci Porterfield, Quinn Heyde, Baylee Albright.



7th grader, Quinn Heyde, got third place in the Oral portion of the Gentry County Spelling Bee. 8th grader, Kaci Porterfield, got second place in the written bee for her grade level. Quinn will be an alternate for the Regional Bee in March.

Spelling Bee Participants



By Hannah Stevens
Staff Reporter

The Gentry County Spelling Bee took place on February 21st at Albany after numerous rescheduling attempts due to weather. 5th through 8th grade students had the chance to compete, after going through the preliminaries at school. The spelling bee has two parts: the written part and the oral part. Eighth grader Kaci Porterfield won second place in the written portion for her grade level and seventh grader Quinn Heyde won third place in

the oral portion. Quinn will be an alternate for the Regional Bee in March. Mrs. Kristine Palmer was in charge of the bee and stated, "I am incredibly proud of all the spelling bee participants, as their dedication and hard work truly shine through in every competition. It's no easy task to stand up there and spell challenging words under pressure, and their bravery deserves to be celebrated!" Great job participants!

GRC All-Conference Awards:

Colby McQueen
Unanimous 1st team

Kynzee Adcock
1st team

Trista Lager
Honorable Mention



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Junior high scholar bowl members Kaleb Evans, Baylee Albright, Kaci Porterfield, Coach Kristi Porterfield, Kaitlyn Van Draska, Charlotte Jennings, Benton Gregory.

lost to Worth County with a score of 90-210, and to St. Joe Christian with a score of 110-300. The team was supposed to have another meet on Tuesday, February 18th, but due to weather it was canceled. The team has two more meets coming up. The meets will be

on Monday the 24th and Monday the 3rd. When Kaci Porterfield was asked what her favorite part of the scholar bowl meets are she responded, "My favorite part about meets is getting to work with my team on bonus questions."

We wish the team luck on all their future matches!

Buzzing with Knowledge

By Kaitlin Porterfield
Staff Reporter



This year the junior high scholar bowl team is composed of 6 members. All of which are eighth graders. The team consists of Kaleb Evans, Kaci Porterfield, Kaitlyn Van Draska, Baylee Albright, Charlotte Jennings, and Benton Gregory. The players are coached by Mrs. Kristi Porterfield. When coach Kristi Porterfield was asked what she was looking forward to this season she replied, "I am really looking forward to seeing how our team does against other schools. We have a wide range of knowledge among our team

members, and they work really well together. It should be a good season!" They started practices in January when we came back from Christmas break. They practiced twice a week until their meets started.

On Monday, February 10th, the team had their first meet at Worth County. The night consisted of three matches. However, Stanberry only competed in two. The first match of the night was against Worth County. The second match was against St. Joe Christian. Both matches were tough but in the end Stanberry

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January character trait winners are front row: Paxton Schieber, Vincent Smithson, Max Hilton, Drake Ginther, Sam Simbro, Thor Cameron. Back row: Charlotte Schultz, Charlotte Jennings, Brenzlee Moffat, Tasha Stoll, Trista Lager. Not pictured: Konnor Keough.

January Character Trait: Perseverance

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter



January's character trait was perseverance. Throughout the month the junior high and high school students practiced showing perseverance. Students had lessons on perseverance on Tuesdays throughout the month and close to the end of the month each grade level voted on classmates that showed the most perseverance in their daily lives.

The senior award winner is Trista Lager. Trista has persevered through some injuries and through medical issues and always maintains a positive attitude. She continues to work hard and find ways to be able to accomplish things to the best of her abilities.

The junior award winner is Vincent Smithson. Vincent, though small in stature you would not know it, as the heart, drive and

enthusiasm is that of a giant. He may get knocked down but he never stays down for long. Always willing to do whatever needs done for the good of the team, friend or match. He is one of the best examples of a role model that our students can look up to.

Sophomores selected were, Konnor Keough and Max Hilton. Konnor embodies perseverance because he works hard on everything and even when something gets difficult, he keeps trying. If he has his mind set on something, he will not give up until he achieves that goal. Konnor also doesn't let anything get him down. He has a good attitude about everything and is willing to accept a challenge. Max has worked hard in wrestling this year, and his perseverance earned him 2nd place at the GRC

wrestling meet. His classmates have noticed in weights class he is always putting in his best effort to get better. Max has had perfect attendance this quarter despite a lot of sickness and things going on, he shows up to school on time and ready for class.

Thor Cameron and Tasha Stoll were selected for the freshmen. Thor has gone through many personal and family issues while continuing to have a great attitude and he always keeps fighting. Despite a tough year, Thor keeps battling and almost always has a smile on his face. Tasha, in the middle of softball season, worked through a hamstring injury to help the team make history. She worked through her physical and emotional challenges to overcome this obstacle to ensure she was ready for the postseason. She worked hard even when it wasn't easy. She chose to be strong even on the hard days.

The eighth grade award winners are Pax Schieber, Sam Simbro, Drake Ginther, and Charlotte Jennings. Pax keeps going on with his assignments even when they are hard. He never gives up. He is always willing to work and manages to keep working even when he is tired. Sam was chosen because he never gives up. Whenever he makes a mistake, he learns from it. If he's doing something wrong, he fixes it and keeps going. He doesn't quit—he

just keeps trying. He works really hard. Charlotte exemplifies perseverance in both her academics and extracurricular activities, never backing down from a challenge. She pushes through difficulties with determination, always striving to improve and succeed. Beyond her own efforts, she encourages her peers to keep going when things get tough, offering support and motivation. Her positive attitude and resilience inspire those around her to believe in themselves. Charlotte's unwavering dedication and encouragement make her a role model for perseverance. Drake has demonstrated exceptional perseverance by consistently overcoming challenges with determination and a positive attitude. He remains committed to his academic and personal growth, never giving up even when faced with obstacles. His hard work, resilience, and dedication inspire both his peers and teachers.

Finally, the seventh grade selected Charlotte Schultz and Brenzlee Moffat. Charlotte moved here in the middle of the school year last year. She has persevered through meeting new people, and learning things she may not have been taught in her previous school. She never stops trying, even when

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January Character (from page 3)

what we're learning is hard. Brenzlee has great perseverance! No matter how stressed she may be, most likely, you will never know. This week we had multiple tests, but Brenzlee not only worked hard to do well, but she stayed positive and worked to encourage

her classmates as well. We appreciate her perseverance and willingness to help us be successful at the same time.

Next month the character trait is honesty. We look forward to seeing who is honored next month.

FBLA Competes, FFA Hosts FFA Week

By Maranda Evans
Staff Reporter



The weather has had a crazy effect on the planning for field trips, contests, FFA breakfast and FFA week this month. FFA members had initially scheduled their field trip for February 5th, however, it got pushed back to the following Wednesday. Then another whirl of bad weather occurred forcing the field trip to be rescheduled another time for March 4th. Hopefully, the weather holds up so these FFA members can enjoy a nice trip. Once they get to attend their trip they plan to travel to St. Joseph and visit Bio-Zyme. After they are done there they are going to travel even farther to Kansas City, where they will get lunch at Raising Cane's before they go to Breakout KC. At Breakout KC they are breaking up into small groups that the members chose to do breakout rooms with. The bad luck, unfortunately, didn't stop there. FFA week was originally planned for the week of February 18th-21st, however due to weather conditions there was no school. As a result FFA week and the FFA breakfast are now planned to take place February 24th-28th. Hopefully, it is smooth sailing from here on out.

there was more bad weather that came in leading to the cancellation of the contest again. Unlike FFA though, there will be no rescheduling. On January 31st, the following FBLA members attended Missouri Western for preliminaries. Josi Moffat and Brookelynn Robinson for Intro to Social Media Strategy, Tasha Stoll and Alyssa Wallace for Sales Presentation, and Decker Heyde for Public Speaking. Decker made it past the prelims and was scheduled for the final round, but it was canceled. Many students had competed in online tests though and our school had some members that qualified for state competition. Hannah McMillan received 2nd place in Intro to Business Communications; Jordyn Wright placed 3rd in Accounting II; Kaitlin Porterfield took 4th place in Intro to Business Communications; Paige Woods received 5th place in Business Communications; Decker Heyde took 5th in Personal Finance; Cortney Merrigan received 5th place in Accounting I. All of these members will compete at the state level in the following weeks.

This month FBLA had contests planned for February 6th, but unfortunately like FFA they were cancelled and then pushed back. When rescheduled, the contests were intended to now take place on the 13th. By the time FBLA contests were to happen, sadly

As you can see for these organizations it has been a whirlwind of events. As we head towards warmer weather things should start to smooth out. Goodluck to these organizations as they compete at state and regional contests in the coming months.



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Front row: Izabell Holtzclaw, Blake Rippetto, Quade Ellis, Brooklyn McMillen, Olivia Pierce, Mackenzie Strough, Daysha Albright, Hunter Appley, Amelia Poff, Cora Poff. Second row: Nathan Strough, Julian Slagle, Skylar Luke, Raiden Atkison, Karli Ginther, Juan Leon Escamilla, Wyatt Clayton. Third row: Rose Schultz, Madison Varney, Amelia Brooke, Hyatt Groomer, Jace Newman, Breckin Schultz, Madilynn Redig, Mr. Morris. Fourth row: Ms. Smith, Gunner Newman, Talon Sego, Lexi McGinley, William Wiederholt, Molly Sidwell, Chelsea Weatherd, Macoy Hilton, Lennox Horne. Back Row: Eli Horne, Collin Tucker, Walker Mattson, Jordyn Conover, Vaida Schieber, Keine Vinzant. Not Pictured: Benjamin Steinhauser

Fourth Grade Excited for Spring Activities

By Marli Hilton
Staff Reporter

The fourth grade classes have had a great year so far, both classes, taught by Mr. Dylan Morris and Ms. Reagan Smith have a good mix of kids. Ms. Smith's class has twenty students and Mr. Morris has nineteen students. Ms. Smith stated, "I have learned this year how each student brings something special to our classroom family. It is really special to see students working with one another that are so different." The students have been practicing accepting others despite their differences, and Ms. Smith mentioned that the students have instilled that in her as well. She said her class is a unique, hard working class she is honored to teach.

The fourth graders so far

have worked very hard on learning their multiplication facts and division in math. They have also learned about plant and animal adaptations and the earth's ever changing features in science, and how to write personal narratives with proper sentence formatting. Ms. Smith's class also celebrated the Chiefs going to the Super Bowl with a party; they had snacks and drinks and played games.

Currently, they are working on figurative language and how that can make reading more interesting. They are also writing fictional narratives and are practicing using dialogue within their essays. Fourth grade is also working on input/output tables in math and simple machines and force and

motion in science. Towards the end of year, students will learn about circuits and electricity in science. They will get the chance to work with online circuit building as well as snap circuits.

As the year starts to digress, the students' schedules are still filled with fun and exciting things to do. Both teachers commented that their students were looking forward to their field trip to the Roubidoux Theater, track and field day, and STEAM night. At STEAM night, students get to showcase their wax museum creations they are starting to work on.

When asked what his teaching methods are, Mr. Morris commented, "I would say that as far as learning and growing as a teacher and

person, continuing to work with different personalities and just spending time in the classroom has definitely worked to continue to build my abilities as a teacher. No two days are ever the same and learning how to handle different situations comes with experience and it has been exciting to see and work with different students each day. I often feel I can learn as much from them as they do from me and it is always really cool to see all of the different abilities that individual students have."

The fourth graders definitely have two amazing teachers leading them through this year, and many great experiences and memories they get to have and make. Good luck to these students and teachers for the rest of their year!

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Front row: Benton Gregory, Madison Wilmes, Aryanna Clayton, Quinn Jensen, Zoey Chambers, Baylee Albright, Delilah Libby, Avery Adrian-Hatcher, Emily Santa Cruz, Drake Ginther. Second row: Bryson Hume, Serenity Keough, Brodie Gibson, Charlotte Jennings, Kaitlyn Van Draska, Harper Heyde, Alexa Horne, Jayden Wilson, Kaleb Evans. Third row: Paxton Schieber, Jacob Jamieson, Addison Graham, Jaxon Baker, Kylee Runde, Kiara Willoughby. Back row: Samuel Simbro, Kenyon Affuso, Katelyn Shisler, Jude Spence, Drevyn Spence, Brenden Ledford, Kaci Porterfield.

Eighth Grade Prepare for High School

By Maranda Evans
Staff Reporter

The eighth graders this year have achieved many things so far. As they prepare for their final quarter of junior high, they have many things to be proud of.

This year as for athletics, eighth graders have already had their football, softball, football and basketball cheerleading season, basketball, and are currently in their wrestling season, with track season beginning next week. Jude Spence commented, "The school year is going good, and I'm looking forward to high school." As for academics, the eighth graders have had many

opportunities as well. The JH Scholar Bowl is currently in season and is a team of only eighth graders (check out our article on them in this issue). This is the final year eighth graders have the opportunity to participate in the spelling bee, which took place on February 21st. Participants this year included Kaci Porterfield, Baylee Albright, and Charlotte Jennings. On February 22nd, Science Olympiad contests took place, which a few eighth graders also participated in. Benton Gregory stated, "I've liked the school year, and science is way more fun than

last year." Apart from sports and academics, eighth graders got to break out their dance moves at the junior high dance, which was on Saturday, February 22nd from 8pm-10pm.

As you can see the eighth graders have had a busy year so far. At the end of the year the eighth grade will get to have their eighth grade graduation. This is because they will be celebrating graduating junior high and going into their first year of highschool. At this graduation they will also receive any awards they earned from sports and academics throughout the school year.

The eighth grade has been rocking their last year of junior high. We are so proud of them and all they have accomplished. Keep up the awesome work!



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What is your favorite Super Bowl snack?

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter



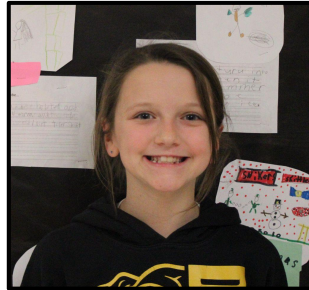
**Eighth grader
Benton Gregory,
"Popcorn"**



**Eighth grader
Harper Heyde,
"Chicken Dip"**



**Third grader
Lucas Strueby,
"Cheez-Its"**



**Third grader
Nora Shisler,
"Pretzels"**



**Fifth grade teacher
Shay Albright,
"Hot Wings"**



**Junior High ELA teacher
Kristine Palmer,
"Jalapeno Popper Dip"**



**Senior
Gabe Simbro,
"Wings"**



**Senior
Lindsay Sherman,
"Corn Dip"**

Survey Results

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter

Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: *Which professional sport do you enjoy watching most?*

51 students responded.

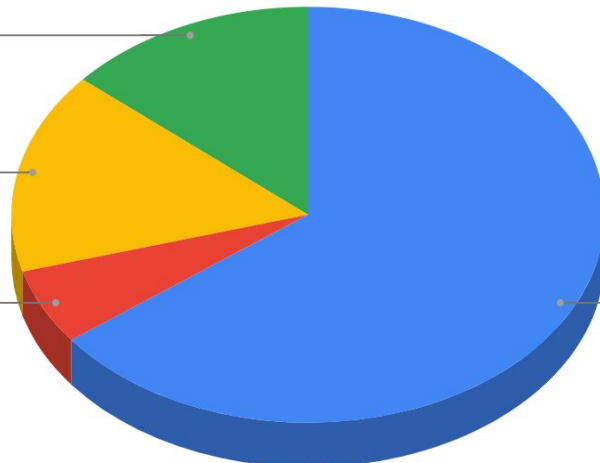
Their options included basketball, baseball, soccer, and football.

Basketball
13.7%

Baseball
15.7%

Soccer
5.9%

Football
64.7%



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Tinker Time



By Kaitlin Porterfield
Staff Reporter

This month the gadget is the Root robot. Stanberry R-II library has 4 of them. They can be coded by bluetoothing to your chromebook. Once paired, you then head to the correct website and can do different levels of coding to make the robot move. The robots will also magnetically attach to the whiteboard and can be coded to draw with dry erase markers. The ones in the school library came with colorful dry erase

markers, erasers, stickers to decorate with, and a space themed foldable whiteboard. When eighth grader Kenyon Affuso was asked what his favorite part about using the Root robot was he replied, "Last year I used it to draw a house."

Stanberry plans to have the kids use them when they host their spring STEAM night. Stay tuned for more STEM gadgets to come.



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Brutus' Corner

By Hannah Stevens
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 January, the featured teacher was **Mrs. Christina Webb**. Who do you think February's staff member is?



Are you married, if so how many years?

Yes, we have been married for 17 years

Do you have any children, how many?

2 children

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I love the relationships you create with the students and with your coworkers.

How long have you been teaching for?

I have been in education for 17 years.

Were you in any school activities growing up?

I was in band, cheerleading, basketball, track, flag corp, FCCLA, and NHS

March Activities

Saturday, March 1-VGB-Districts (Jefferson)

Monday, March 3

4:00-JHSB@Princeton

4:30-JHW@Rock Port

Tuesday, March 4-4:30-JHW@Tarkio

Wednesday, March 5-4:30-Area FFA Officer Interviews

Friday, March 7

End of 3rd Quarter

6:00-JHW@Home

Monday, March 10

8:00-CDE Contest-Lathrop

4:00-HSSB@Worth County

5:30-JHW@Albany

6:00-PTO Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

Large Band Contest

6:15-FFA Officer Interviews

Wednesday, March 12-Monday, March 17-
SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, March 12

Parent Teacher Conferences

4:30-Area FFA LDE Contest

Friday, March 14th-District Music Contest

Monday, March 17

8:00-CDE Contest-Savannah

4:00-HSSB@Home

Tuesday, March 18th-7:00-BOE Meeting

Wednesday, March 19th-8:15-ACT School Test

Thursday, March 20

8:00-CDE Contest-NCMC

5:00-STEAM Night

Monday, March 24

8:00-CDE Contest-North Nodaway

4:00-HSSB@North Andrew

5:00-Baseball@Tarkio

Wednesday, March 26

4:00-BG@Home-Tri

4:30-District FFA LDE Contest

Thursday, March 27

3:30-VT@Grant City (Early Birds)

5:00-Baseball@Home-Gallatin

Saturday, March 29-Prom

Monday, March 31-4:00-HSSB@Princeton

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