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2025 Sportswarming attendants include back row: freshman Tasha Stoll, sophomore Brookelynn Robinson, junior Cortney Merrigan, seniors Lindsay Sherman and Paige Woods, 2024 queen Isabella Wright, seniors Jordyn Wright and Colby McQueen, junior Evan Gregory, sophomore Aiden Graham, and freshman Drew Parman. Front row: crown bearer Amelia Luke, Queen Trista Lager, King Decker Heyde, crown bearer Beckett McMillen



Queen Trista King Lager and Decker Hevde.



Crown bearers Beckett Freshmen McMillen and Amelia Parman





Drew **Sophomores** Aiden Graham Tasha and Brookelynn Robinson.



Juniors Evan Gregory and Cortney Merrigan.



Seniors Jordyn Wright and Paige Woods.



Seniors Colby McQueen and Lindsay Sherman.

Sportswarming 2025

By Marli Hilton Staff Reporter

This year's Sportswarming week was shorter than usual, due to the snowy weather earlier in the week. The theme was "On the Road to Victory". Students came back to school on Wednesday, the dress up day was pajamas, which was the perfect way to come back after a long break. Thursday was red white and blue day, and Friday was traditional black and gold day.

During the week, 7-12 classes got to work on their floats (shopping carts). The carts were provided by local grocery Stanberry store, Grocery and Spirits. Each class

picked a destination and then students went around school or brought things from home to decorate the carts. Kaitlin Porterfield commented, enjoyed getting to be creative and build a small version of our homecoming float." The floats were paraded around during the pep assembly seventh hour on Friday. Class presidents pushed the carts, with candidates and court members following behind their classes float. Band members and cheerleaders performed and the boys and girls basketball teams were announced.

Both boys and girls

basketball teams played on Friday against Worth County, the girls played at 6:00pm. They played a really good game and ended up winning 51-26. The boys played after with the coronation taking place at freshmen halftime. The attendants were Tasha Stoll and Drew Parman, sophomores Brookelynn Robinson and Aiden Graham, and juniors Cortney Merrigan and Evan Gregory. The senior candidates were Trista Lager and Decker Heyde, Lindsay Sherman and Colby McQueen, and Paige Woods and Jordyn Wright. The 2024-2025 Sportswarming king and queen were Trista Lager and Decker Heyde. The boys finished out the game and battled hard but unfortunately

32-54. Volleyball was scheduled for after the games but was cancelled due to weather.

The following day Student Council members arrived at school to decorate and get ready for the dance that was to be held later that night. Students and a few staff members danced all night, and ate snacks brought by StuCo members. Students learned to line dance, took pictures, and chatted all night long. When asked how he liked the dance, Colby McQueen stated, "I loved the dance, it was fun. I liked dancing with all the guys." This week was full of fun activities and the students, staff, and community made many great memories.

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New Year's Resolutions

By Hannah Stevens Staff Reporter



For many people the new year is a time to set goals and try to accomplish these goals. Some people have big goals and some have smaller goals. What do you want to accomplish in 2025?

Many are wanting to live a healthier lifestyle and eat healthier. principal Elementary Mrs. Graham would like to be mindful of her time and balance her time between work and her personal life. The FACS teacher, Mrs. Meyer, also has a similar goal of wanting to have more balance between her work life and personal life.

On the student side of things, senior Maranda

would like Evans buckle down and save money. She would also like to practice cooking since she'll be moving out on her own later this year. Junior Olivia Blessing plans to focus on the second half of the school year so she can enjoy the warm weather of summer and no school. Junior Miley Davis plans to focus on spending more time with friends. Senior Wyatt Taylor set a goal of focusing this last semester of high school on graduating with good grades.

Happy New Year! Have a fabulous year. Keep working towards your goals.







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December character trait winners are Baylee Albright, Kaitlyn Van Draska, Audrey Cook, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Kayla McQuinn, Avery Calhoun, Brooke Robinson, Marli Hilton, Emilee Groven, Treston Williams, Jax Heyde, Jaxon Baker, Noah Beggs.

December Character Trait: Empathy

By Kaitlin Porterfield Staff Reporter

December's character trait was empathy. Throughout the month the high school and junior high students practiced showing empathy in their daily lives. They also had lessons on empathy in the morning on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Near the end of December each grade level voted on people in their class they thought best represented the trait empathy.

This month the seniors selected were Marli Hilton and Treston Williams. Marli consistently demonstrates a high level of empathy, always showing a genuine concern for the feelings and well-being of others. Whether supporting classmates through challenges or offering listening Marli is ear, compassionate and empathetic in her daily attitude to those around her.

Her ability to understand and respect diverse perspectives makes her a valued student of Stanberry R-II. Treston is very empathetic to people when they go through things. He is a great listener and provides good help to those in need.

The junior empathy winner was Kenzi Santa Cruz. She may be quiet, however if someone is in need or not feeling well she is one of the first to ask how they are doing or if there is something she can do to help. Kenzi always seems to look for ways to make other people's days better.

The sophomores had three character trait winners this month. They were Avery Calhoun, Brooke Robinson, and Jax Heyde. Avery shows empathy through talking to her peers and always making sure to

check on them if they seem stressed or upset. She makes sure to communicate that she is always there to help you if you need it, or just to be a listening ear. Brooke always steps up and helps others. She always puts others before herself. When someone is down, whether it is a student or teacher, she always asks them how she can help them. You will never see Brooke without a smile on her face. She is a positive person. Everyone should strive to be more like Brooke. Jax always does his best to understand others' feelings and really puts himself in their shoes. A recent example of this was his empathy towards another student who had been really sick and missed quite a bit of school. Jax understood what that was like and recognized how hard it is to catch up on everything that was missed. Instead of just brushing off his peers' feelings, he strives to be empathetic.

The empathy winner in the freshmen class was Audrey Cook. She is very understanding of other people's situations and willing to help them out when in need.

The eighth grade award winners were Baylee Albright, Jaxon Baker, and Kaitlyn Van Draska. Baylee is an exceptional 8th grader who exemplifies empathy and kindness every day. She is always attentive to her peers, ensuring they are okay and going out of her

way to make others feel supported and happy. Her thoughtfulness and genuine care for those around her positive create a welcoming environment in classroom. Baylee's actions are a true testament to her compassionate nature and dedication to uplifting others. Jaxon is empathetic 8th grader who consistently shows and understanding compassion toward others. He is quick to notice when someone is in need and offers support with kindness and sincerity. His ability to connect with his peers and demonstrate genuine care makes him a valued member of the classroom community. actively He listens and responds thoughtfully, making sure that his peers feel seen and heard. He checks in on others and offers support when they need it most, and he makes an effort to involve everyone in activities. Jaxon is a friend to everyone, and his genuine care for people inspiring. Kaitlyn consistently demonstrates kindness and understanding toward her classmates, making evervone included and valued. Not only does she ask questions, but she listens and ensures that the other student is feeling better before leaving them. Her ability to listen and offer support in both challenging and everyday

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December Character (from page 3)

situations shows her deep care for others. Kaitlyn's actions inspire those around her to be more thoughtful and compassionate, creating a positive and welcoming environment in our class.

To round things out, the seventh grade class chose Kavla McQuinn, Emilee Groven, and Noah Beggs to represent the character trait empathy. Kayla is always there for anyone. She will pick you up when you feel She helps you talk sad. through your feelings and asks if she can do anything to help you. Emilee always checks on anyone that is sad or frustrated. She always makes you feel included. She always tries understand the feelings of others and connect with with others and tries to understand how they are

feeling.

Mrs. Maronde, who organized the assembly, stated, "My favorite part about helping with the character trait assemblies is getting to collaborate with the students and come up with new ideas that they think would be engaging and beneficial to present on the current and next character trait to the student body."

The junior high and high school students picked wonderful nominees for December's character trait. We are so grateful to have these students in our school to make it better. We are so proud of all of them! January's character trait is perseverance, and we can't who wait to see nominated for it!



Elementary Second Quarter Honor Roll

Regular Honor Roll

4th Grade: Quade Ellis, Izabell Holtzclaw, Hunter Appley, Gunner Newman, Blake Rippeto, Amelia Brooke, Wyatt Clayton, Hyatt Groomer, Olivia Pierce, Cora Poff, Collin Tucker

5th Grade: Jase Adcock, Easton Fletchall, Abigail Jensen, Maddeline Page, Parker Runde, Paisley Schwebach, Glenn Sterkis, Jackson Varney, Delila Wilson, Gwyneth Cameron, Nova Chambers, Olivia Jennings, Donny Steinhauser, Zayne Worley

6th Grade: Lucas Bond, Owen Dias, Waverly Groomer, Alex Holtzclaw, Blaze Hutchcraft, Ian Jensen, Kayden Ledford, Eli Meyer, Kasyn Redig, Kynnadi Schieber, Paislee Schieber, Owen Shisler, Trevin Smithson, Austin Sterkis, Ruby Wright

Principal's Roll

4th Grade: Daysha Albright, Skylar Luke, Raiden Atkison, Jordyn conover, Macoy hilton, Lennox Horne, Amelia Poff, Madison Varney, Chelsea Weatherd, Nathan Strough, Keine Vinzant, William Wiederholt, Juan Leon, Madi Redig, Karli Ginther, Eli Horne, Lexi McGinley, Brooklyn McMillen, Jace Newman, Breckin Schultz, Rose Schultz, Talon Sego, Molly Sidwell, Julian Slagle, Benjamin Steinhauser, Mackenzie Strough

5th Grade: Grayce Gade, Caroline Gillespie, Axton Henggeler, Brylie Luke, Trent Strough, Avaian Evans, Myles Evans, Kyler Newman, Tucker Runde, Violet Strueby, Elli Wiederholt

6th Grade: Lexi Appley, Brady McMillen, Sophia Taylor, Macie Baumli, Ryker Horne, Blakely Hutchcraft, Isaac Jensen, Sophia Sager



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Emmy Affuso



Kambry Brown



Hailey Carroll



Madison Donovan





Lawson Hague Meleigha Henggeler



Audrey Jensen



Jackson Jensen



Max Jensen



Emily Luke



Braxton Lynn



Julianne Mattson



Ella McMillan



Bentley Moffat



Elizabeth Moore Adeline Newcomer







Lukas Regalado



Daisy Runde



Peyton Runde







Daniel Simbro



Lucas Strueby



Staff Reporter



Wyatt Taylor



Braylee Thomas



Bentley Vietz



Wynston Vinzant Kaelyn Wiederholt Rhett Wiederholt









This year the third grade classes are taught by Ms. Vanessa Pappert and Mrs. Shelbi Luke, and these two amazing teachers have done a fantastic job at teaching the third grade classes. So far the third graders have learned multiplication and division, point of view, multiple meaning words, theme, main idea organism survival, environment change, and traits and adaptations. Ms. **Pappert** "This group of commented, children is very engaged in learning and loves being at school learning every subject! I am so excited to continue to see them excel in learning and keep pushing to think outside of the

box!" As you can see these students have been working very hard and have learned so many new skills.

Coming up for the rest of the year, the students are going to learn fractions, time, area and geometry, perimeter, structures, Missouri history and geography, and forces and motion. Mrs. Luke stated, "It's been a great year so far! I have enjoyed getting to know each of the third graders and their various personalities. They come each day ready to learn and embrace new challenges."

This group of students have already accomplished so many great things this school year with much more ahead of them



before this school year comes to an end. We are so very proud of these students, and we are thankful for their teachers there to help them every step of the



Ms. Pappert

way! Good luck to this group of students for the rest of their school year.



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Kynzee Adcock



Jastin Affuso



Thor Cameron



Audrey Cook



Jax Davis



Ellie Dias



Blanche Eckard



Tess Edson



Parker Evans



Jake Holtzclaw



Brant Jensen



Emma Mattson



Lane McGinley



Hannah McMillan



Olivia McQuinn



Blake Mercer



Drew Parman



Luke Phipps



Trinity Regalado



Allie Schieber



Keegan Schultz



Lucian Simmerman



Tasha Stoll



Alyssa Wallace



Rylan Worley



Freshmen Settle into High School

By Lindsey Hailey Staff Reporter

This month we are featuring the freshman class. With the first semester done and getting back to school after a long Christmas break, the freshmen are just starting to get a feel what high school is actually like. On top of sports, they've had the opportunity to get involved in FFA, FBLA, and FCCLA. When asked why do you like in organizations, Kynzee replied, "I like being involved

in FFA because it pertains to my life at home."

The freshmen involved in FBLA had a field trip in November. They went to Herzog and after they finished up there they went ice skating. In February, those in FFA and FCCLA will be able to go on field trips similar as well. Along with their field trips, the freshmen in FFA also went to dairy cattle judging at NWMSU. As for fall sports, the freshmen

had the opportunity to be on the football team, softball team, golf team, and cheer squad. The freshmen are getting to experience either the basketball team or the wrestling team during the winter months. When asked what was your goal for this wrestling season and is your favorite part of the year, Keegan replied, "To get stronger for football and to be able to travel." Good luck to the freshmen the rest of their school year!



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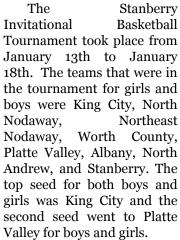
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Stanberry Tournament

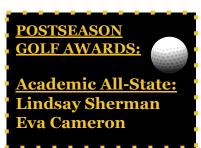
By Lindsey Hailev Staff Reporter



The Lady Bulldogs lost their first game against Platte Valley and then lost their second game against North Andrew in the

tournament, so they were done quickly. When asked Coach Wendt what her thoughts were about the tournament and what she wished to do differently, she replied, "We had a tough first match up with Platte Valley. We knew we could compete with them if we came out hitting shots, playing good defense, and hitting free throws. We got into a little bit of foul trouble early and that hurt our momentum. They are very experienced and aggressive and just couldn't keep up a full four quarters. Then we











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played North Andrew in an elimination game. I was looking forward to match up again after losing our conference game to We didn't them. quite execute the scouting report which allowed their best scorer to finish with 35 points including 7 three points. Considering those stats, we only lost by 9. It just wasn't our night of basketball while it was North Andrew's. After that loss, we had a few extra days recover and come back stronger. The following week has two big conference games that are opportunities for us to turn around and pick up some wins after a few tough losses. Although the tournament didn't go as planned, we are learning from that experience. We are using each game as a

learning experience for us to reach our end of the season goals in Districts."

The boys went on to play Worth County in the consolation game and. unfortunately, lost by 4 points. Coach Groomer commented on the game, "I felt like we came ready to play and we got a win against a very quality team and I am very pleased with the week."

The tournament concluded Saturday with the first place trophies going to Northeast Nodaway girls and the Platte Valley boys.

The Bulldogs look for success next week as they head to King City for their annual tournament. The girls take on Dekalb Monday night at 7:00 and the boys square against Osborn Stewartsville at 8:15. Come out and support the teams!

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OPINION

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By Maranda Evans Staff Reporter



What is your goal for 2025?



Seventh grader Quinn Heyde, "To get better relationships with my family."



Eighth grader Jaxon Baker, "Get better grades."



Kindergartener Oakley Rockstead, "Play in the snow."



Fourth grader Rose Schultz, "To be kind to others"



Kindergarten teacher Andrea Parman, "give myself grace."



Second grade teacher
Kendle Luke,
"To help my students to
continue to learn and grow,
and to spend quality time
with my family."

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Senior Allison Cook, "Get my welding career up and running, and a happy life in Ohio."



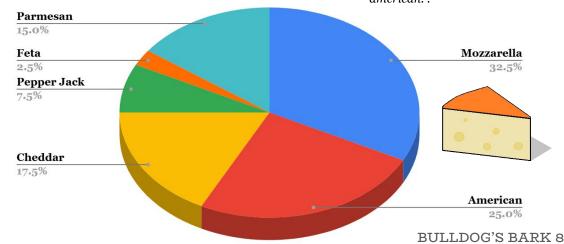
Sophomore Abriana Straughn, "To read more."

Survey Results

By Marli Hilton Staff Reporter Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: *What is your favorite kind of cheese?*

40 students responded.

Their options included parmesan, feta, pepper jack, cheddar, mozzarella, or american.



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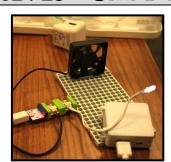
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By Kaitlin Porterfield Staff Reporter

January's STEM gadget winter city blocks more fun. is the LittleBits circuits. Stanberry R-II has acquired Kayla McQuinn was asked 8 sets of the circuits. LittleBits are circuits that can using the littlebits was she make noise, light up, and responded, "I like whenever movement. cause seventh grade STEM class with us for next month's used them to make their



When seventh grader what her favorite part about The they made things spin." Stick STEM gadget.



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JH/HS Second Quarter Honor Roll

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7th Grade: Noah Beggs, Brantly Donovan, Harlan Eckard, Emilee Groven, Quinn Heyde, Caiden Jensen, Carter Mattson, Emily McMillan, Brenzlee Moffat, Gabriella Regalado, Madelyn Sidwell, Trevor Strough, Grayson

8th Grade: Jaxon Baker, Zoey Chambers, Drake Ginther, Addison Graham, Benton Gregory, Alexa Horne, Charlotte Jennings, Sam Simbro, Kaitlyn Van Draska

9th Grade: Kynzee Adcock, Ellie Dias, Tess Edson, Parker Evans, Emma Mattson, Trinity Regalado

10th Grade: Alana Evans, Aiden Graham, Konnor Keough, Abriana Straughn

11th Grade: Olivia Blessing, Eva Cameron, Miley Davis, Lindsey Hailey, Katie Libby, Lexie Rogers, Ally Santa Cruz, Vincent Smithson, Jaren Stoll, Dani Van Draska

12th Grade: Cameron Affuso, Maranda Evans, Jencie James, Lindsay Sherman, Calvin Smithson, Devin Strawhacker, Treston Williams, Jordyn Wright

High Honor Roll

7th Grade: Quincy Cameron, Jaicee McGinley, Kayla McQuinn, Charlotte

8th Grade: Baylee Albright, Zoey Chambers, Harper Heyde, Charlotte Jennings, Kaci Porterfield, Kylee Runde

9th Grade: Blanche Eckard, Lane McGinley, Hannah McMillan, Olivia McQuinn, Alyssa Wallace

10th Grade: Avery Calhoun, Hudson Groomer, Jax Heyde, Emmett Meyer, Josi Moffat, Kaitlin Porterfield, Brooke Robinson, Dalton Taylor

11th Grade: Evan Gregory, Hannah McQuinn, Cortney Merrigan, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Hayden Swan

12th Grade: Cooper Adcock, Brody Carroll, Decker Heyde, Marli Hilton, Colby McQueen, Gabe Simbro, Paige Woods

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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 December, the featured teacher was Mr. Jason Dias. Who do you think January's staff member is?



Are you married, if so how many years? Yes, 9 and ½ years

Do you have any children, how many?

Yes I have 2 children,

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Seeing the excitement when the students make a connection or understand what is being taught.

How long have you been teaching

for?

16 years

Were you in any school activities growing up?

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The Scoop

With Marli Hilton

featuring Cooper Spaulding

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Listen to the fifth episode of the season here with special guest sophomore Cooper Spaulding.

Tune in next month to find out who our next special guest will be.

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February Activities

Saturday, February 1

All-State Music

8:00-Project Prom 5/6 Grade BB Tournament 10:00-VW @ Maryville (Quad State)

Monday, February 3-6:00-JV BB@Home-Trenton Tuesday, February 4 5:00-VB@Home-Princeton

5:30-VB@Hollie-Filiceton 5:30-VW@West Platte Scramble Wednesday, February 5-FFA Field Trip Thursday, February 6 7:00-FBLA DLC Day 2

6:00-Elementary Parent Literacy Night Friday, February 7-6:00-VB@Trenton Saturday, February 8-9:30-VW@Albany Tournament

Monday, February 10-4:00-JHW@Worth County

Tuesday, February 11

5:00-VBB@Home-South Harrison

5:30-VW@Tarkio Scramble

Thursday, February 13-5:00-VBB@Home-Rock Port Friday, February 14-NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

Monday, February 17-NO SCHOOL-Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 18

National FFA Week 4:00-JHW@Home 5:00-VBB@Maysville

7:00-VBB@Maysvine
7:00-BOE Meeting
Thursday, February 20
ProStart Competition
6:30 am-FFA Community Breakfast

5:00-VBB@Home-Gallatin-Senior Night Friday, February 21-5:30-VW@Districts-Lathrop

Saturday, February 22

Regional JH/HS Science Olympiad 10:00-VW@Districts-Lathrop

Monday, February 24

VBB@Districts-Mound City
4:00-JHW@North Andrew
Tuesday, February 25-VGB@Districts-Jefferson
Wednesday, February 26

VBB@Districts-Mound City

9:00-VB@State Tournament-Columbia

Thursday, February 27 VGB@Districts-Jefferson

9:00-VB@State Tournament-Columbia

Friday, February 28 VBB@Districts-Mound City

8:00-JH Dance

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