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Front row: Coach Kristi Porterfield, Kaitlin Porterfield, Kaci Porterfield, Avery Calhoun, Charlotte Jennings. Back row: Lane McGinley, Emmett Meyer, Cooper Spaulding, Hudson Groomer, Kaleb Evans.

## Bulldogs Bring the Brain Power



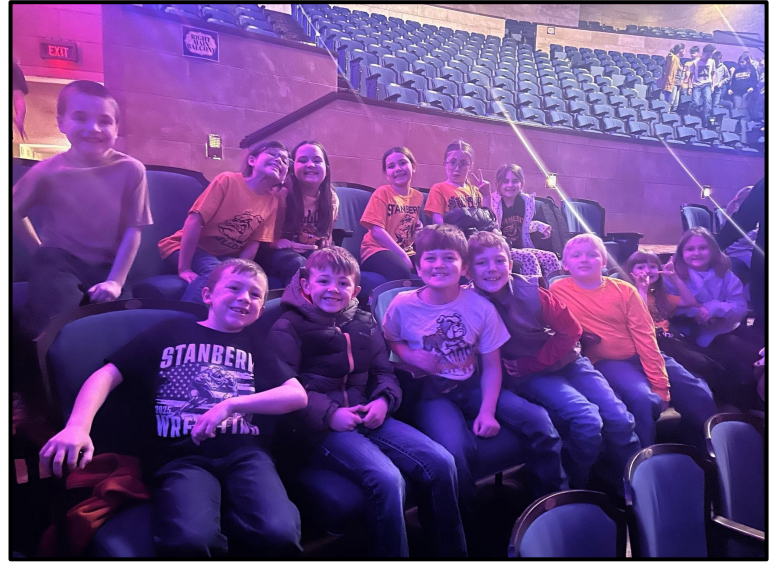
By Olivia McQuinn  
Staff Reporter

The high school Scholar Bowl team began their season a few weeks ago. Team members include Hudson Groomer, Kaitlin Porterfield, Emmett Meyer, Avery Calhoun, Cooper Spaulding, Lane McGinley, Charlotte Jennings, Kaci Porterfield, and Kaleb Evans. They are coached by Mrs. Kristi Porterfield. When asked about the season, she noted, "We have a strong team this year with a wide range of knowledge and lots of experience. It should be a good season, and I look forward to watching them compete!"

The team's record is currently 2-2, with wins against Pattonsburg and Worth County and losses to King City and St.

Joseph Christian. The JV team also secured a victory in their match against King City. Each meet involves three teams, with each team playing two matches. A match consists of two halves with 11 toss up questions per half. If a team answers a toss up correctly, they earn the chance to answer a three-part bonus question. Each correct answer on the tossups and bonuses is worth 10 points.

Team member Kaitlin Porterfield commented, "I am looking forward to districts. I hope we are able to do as well as we did last year." The team competes in two more home meets before districts. Good luck to the Bulldogs!



Mrs. Luke's second grade class get ready to watch the Robidoux Resident Theater's production of *Annie*.

## Curtain Call for the Bulldogs



By Tasha Stoll  
Staff Reporter

On March 3rd, elementary students and staff traveled to downtown St. Joseph to attend a production of *Annie* at the historic Robidoux Resident Theatre. The performance featured the classic characters and songs that audiences love, delivered with fantastic acting and vocals. This annual trip is generously funded by the PTO, and the students and staff are incredibly grateful for the opportunity!

Sixth-grade teacher Mrs. Holtzclaw shared her enthusiasm for the tradition: "This is something I look forward to every year. Students get to experience a professional theater with grand seating, beautiful architecture, and, of course, a live orchestra. Prior to

the trip, the 6th graders watched the original *Annie* movie so they could compare and contrast the live musical with the film. The students found the songs and characters so enjoyable that everyone was singing along by the end."

The show was a hit across all age groups. Kindergarten student Ella Mattis commented, "My two favorite parts were when Annie hid in the laundry basket and when she met Sandy."

The school has continued this tradition for many years to provide students with a rich cultural experience, and it is clear that this year was no exception. We are glad everyone had a wonderful time!

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High School Science Olympiad first row: Alexa Horne, Blanche Eckard, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Olivia McQuinn. Back row: Tasha Stoll, Kaci Porterfield, Alyssa Wallace, Hannah McMillan



Junior High Science Olympiad first row: Charlotte Schultz, Quinn Heyde, Sophia Taylor. Back row: Carter Mattson, Emily Santa Cruz, Kiara Willoughby, Brady McMillen, Brenden Ledford, Austin Sterkis.



Mrs. McClurg with the state qualifiers Brady McMillen and Sophia Taylor

## Bulldog Scientists Engineer a Path to the State Competition

By Olivia McQuinn  
Staff Reporter

Junior high and high school students traveled to Northwest Missouri State University on February 21st to compete in Regional Science Olympiad. The junior high team included 7th graders Macie Baumli, Brady McMillen, Sophia Taylor, Austin Sterkis, and Tanner Runde, along with 8th graders Charlotte Schultz, Quinn Heyde, Kayla McQuinn, and Carter Mattson. The 9th-grade participants were Brenden Ledford, Kiara Willoughby, Emily Santa Cruz, Kylee Runde, Kaci Porterfield, and Alexa Horne. The team is coached by Mrs. Brittney McClurg.

The students brought home a long list of awards. Brenden and Kiara earned 3rd place in Water Quality, 2nd in Dynamic Planet, and 4th in Entomology. Brady and Austin placed 3rd in

Anatomy & Physiology, while Brady and Sophia took 1st place in Helicopter. Kayla and Kylee secured 3rd in Experimental Design and 2nd in Crime Busters. Emily and Carter placed 2nd in both Code Busters and Meteorology. Austin and Charlotte won 3rd place in Solar System, and Kiara and Austin took 4th in Circuit Lab. Additionally, Brenden placed 3rd in Metric Mastery, Charlotte and Quinn took 4th in Disease Detectives, and Kiara earned 2nd in Heredity. Brady and Austin placed 2nd in Remote Sensing, and Emily and Carter rounded out the awards with 2nd place in Rocks and Minerals.

Overall, the junior high team earned 3rd place as a group! Two students, 7th graders Brady McMillen and Sophia Taylor, will advance

to the state competition at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg to compete in the Helicopter event. When asked for advice for future competitors, Brady noted, "Don't wait until the last two days to prepare."

The high school team, coached by Mrs. Roxanne Hoover, consists of senior Kenzi Santa Cruz; sophomores Alyssa Wallace, Blanche Eckard, Hannah McMillan, Olivia McQuinn, and Tasha Stoll; and freshmen Kaci Porterfield

and Alexa Horne. In their events, Alyssa and Blanche placed 4th in Bungee Drop, and Kenzi placed 3rd in Anatomy & Physiology and 2nd in Rocks and Minerals. Kenzi and Hannah also earned 2nd place in Designer Genes. Reflecting on the season, Kenzi Santa Cruz commented, "It was really cool to see so many new people try different events."

Congratulations to everyone who competed and good luck to our state qualifiers!

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## 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

### Elementary Third Quarter Honor Roll

#### Regular Honor Roll

**4th Grade:** Max Jensen Lukas Regalado, Wyatt Taylor, Casen Sullivan, Bentley Vietz, Braylee Thomas, Kambry Brown, Jackson Jensen, Wyatt Morris, Adeline Newcomer, Daisy Runde, Nora Shisler, Danny Simbro, Wynston Vinzant, Kaelyn Wiederholt

**5th Grade:** Hunter Appley, Wyatt Clayton, Quade Ellis, Cora Poff, Vaida Schieber, Talon Sego, Raiden Atkison, Hyatt Groomer, Macoy Hilton, Eli Horne, Olivia Pierce, Amelia Poff, Rose Schultz, William Wiederholt

**6th Grade:** Nova Chambers, Jase Adcock, Easton Fletchall, Parker Runde, Paisley Schwebach, Gwyneth Cameron, Maddi Page, Tucker Runde, Glenn Sterkis

#### Principal's Roll

**4th Grade:** Hailey Carroll, Madison Donovan, Lawson Hague, Audrey Jensen, Meleigha Henggeler, Emily Luke, Julianne Mattson, Drea Parman, Ella McMillan, Bentley Moffat, Rosie Moore, Sadie Sager, Lucas Strueby, Rhett Wiederholt

**5th Grade:** Daysha Albright, Lennox Horne, Skylar Luke, Brooklyn McMillen, Benjamin Steinhauser, Mackenzie Strough, Madison Varney, Jordyn Conover, Karli Ginther, Lexi McGinley, Jace Newman, Madi Redig, Molly Sidwell, Nathan Strough, Keine Vinzant, Chelsea Weatherd

**6th Grade:** Elli Wiederholt, Avian Evans, Axton Henggeler, Violet Strueby, Jackson Varney, Myles Evans, Caroline Gillespie, Brylie Luke, Kyler Newman, Trent Strough

#### B.U.G Honor Roll

**5th Grade:** Hunter Grimes, Walker Mattson, Blake Rippetto, Collin Tucker

### JH/HS Third Quarter Honor Roll

#### Regular Honor Roll

**7th Grade:** Owen Dias, Waverly Groomer, Hudson Hague, Lauren Henggeler, Alex Holtzclaw, Ryker Horne, Lily Phipps, Tanner Runde, Paislee Schieber, Trevin Smithson, Austin Sterkis, Sophia Taylor, Ruby Wright

**8th Grade:** Brantly Donovan, Jared Henggeler, Quinn Heyde, Brenzlee Moffat, Gabby Regalado, Grayson Wiederholt

**9th Grade:** Kenyon Affuso, Jaxon Baker, Drake Ginther, Addison Graham, Benton Gregory, Alexa Horne, Connor Jenkins, Kylee Runde, Sam Simbro, Kaitlyn Van Draska

**10th Grade:** Kynzee Adcock, Jontae Bond, Thor Cameron, Emma Mattson, Trinity Regalado, Zach Welch

**11th Grade:** Aiden Graham, Hudson Groomer, Zander Heyde, Max Hilton, December Jeffery, Konnor Keough, Josi Moffat, Cayleigh Spaulding, Abriana Straughn

**12th Grade:** Olivia Blessing, Miley Davis, Evan Gregory, Russell Kerwin, Katie Libby, Ally Santa Cruz, Nathan Taylor, Dani Van Draska

#### High Honor Roll

**7th Grade:** Lexi Appley, Macie Baumli, Blakely Hutchcraft, Ian Jensen, Isaac Jensen, Brady McMillen, Sophia Sager, Kynnadi Schieber

**8th Grade:** Quincy Cameron, Emilee Groven, Carter Mattson, Jaicee McGinley, Emily McMillan, Kayla McQuinn, Charlotte Schultz, Madelyn Sidwell, Trevor Strough

**9th Grade:** Baylee Albright, Zoey Chambers, Kaleb Evans, Harper Heyde, Charlotte Jennings, Quinn Jensen, Kaci Porterfield, Emily Santa Cruz, Katelyn Shisler, Kiara Willoughby, Madi Wilmes

**10th Grade:** Ellie Dias, Blanche Eckard, Tess Edson, Parker Evans, Lane McGinley, Hannah McMillan, Olivia McQuinn, Allie Schieber, Tasha Stoll, Alyssa Wallace

**11th Grade:** Avery Calhoun, Alana Evans, Parker Ginther, Jax Heyde, Emmett Meyer, Kaitlin Porterfield, Brooke Robinson, Dalton Taylor

**12th Grade:** Eva Cameron, Hannah McQuinn, Cortney Merrigan, Lexie Rogers, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Vincent Smithson, Jaren Stoll, Hayden Swan



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## Rockets, Robots, and Reading: A Wild Year for 5th Grade

By Lindsey Hailey  
Staff Reporter

The fifth grade class has had a very eventful year so far! The students are taught by Shay Albright and Kristi Porterfield. Mrs. Albright teaches reading and writing, while Mrs. Porterfield teaches the other half of the class science, math, and social studies.

The students have participated in numerous fun projects and activities, including tie-dyeing t-shirts with foil canister rockets, maintaining both hydroponics and vermicomposting in the classroom, holding a "Potato Olympics," and dissecting

owl pellets. In science, the students are currently learning about Earth science, and in social studies, they are learning about important people and events of the Civil War. In math, the fifth graders have been working on adding, subtracting, and multiplying fractions. Mrs. Porterfield stated, "My favorite part of this year is getting to know my students and seeing them get excited about learning."

This class has also been very busy with reading and writing. During this quarter, the students are completing a creative book project; so

far, they've made slideshows, dodecahedrons, and trifolds. Their latest work was displayed at the reading fair on March 19th. In the final quarter, students will be creating exciting book trailers. On the writing side, the fifth graders have developed their skills across multiple genres, including personal narratives, opinion papers, and research papers. They will wrap up the year by diving into realistic fiction storytelling. Mrs. Albright commented, "What I love most about this class is the same thing I love about every class—getting to know each

students and watching them grow. 5th grade is such a fun age!" These students are such hard workers.

Good luck to the fifth grade class for the remainder of the school year!

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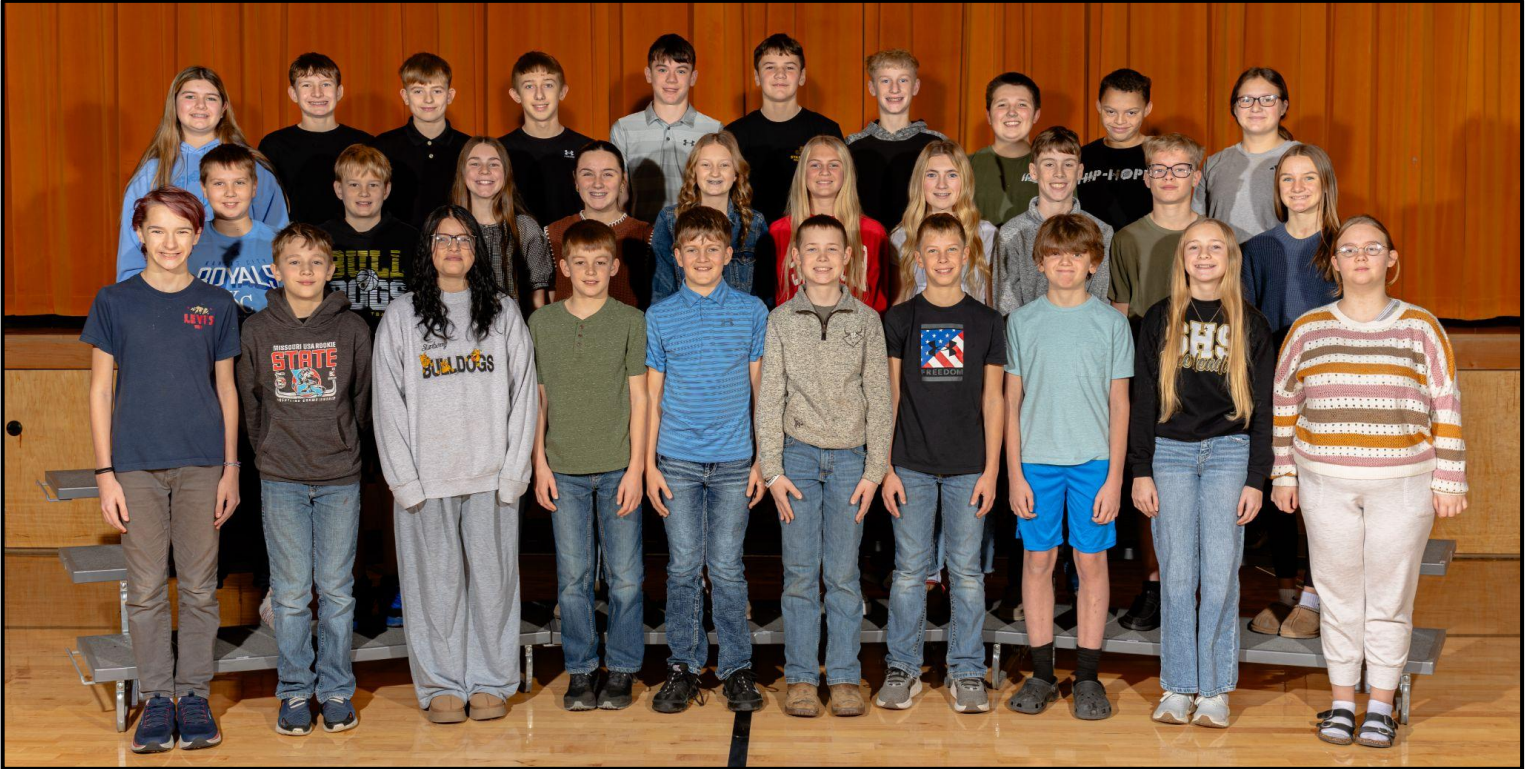
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## Seventh Grade Excels in Junior High

By Allie Schieber  
Staff Reporter

As the school year winds down, Stanberry's seventh graders are wrapping up a year full of growth, new opportunities, and memorable experiences. The transition from elementary school to junior high has brought more independence, new responsibilities, and plenty of chances to get involved.

Student Sophia Sager summed it up well, saying, "Seventh grade gave us a little more freedom—more space to choose, and figure things out on our own." With that added freedom, students have started to take more ownership of their learning while also discovering

what interests them most.

One highlight of the year is the Careers class, where students explore different career clusters and begin thinking about their future paths. Whether they're discovering something they enjoy or realizing what might not be for them, the class helps guide those early decisions. Guest speakers Tyler Lupfer, Kevin Schieber, Shaun Jensen, and Lexi McQuinn also visited, giving students a real-world look at different professions and what those jobs are actually like.

Seventh graders didn't just stay busy in the classroom,

they also jumped into school activities. From building floats for Homecoming to creating shopping carts for Sportswarming (where they took home the win), students had plenty of chances to work together and show their creativity. Class sponsor Roxanne Hoover shared, "The seventh graders participated in both homecoming and sports warming, and they learned a lot about float building."

Outside class, students explored a variety of extracurriculars, including basketball, football, softball, track, wrestling, Science Olympiad, Scholar Bowl, and

the Spelling Bee. These activities gave them opportunities to try new things, build skills, and connect with others.

As the Class of 2031 heads toward eighth grade, we wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors!



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## Bulldogs Basketball: The Season in Review



By Lindsey Hailey  
Staff Reporter

The boys' basketball season wrapped up with a hard-fought loss to Mound City in the first round of districts. As the team's only senior, Jaren Stoll reflected on his time on the court: "I really enjoyed playing basketball with the team; I gained many memories from the 2025-2026 season. I really wish the season hadn't ended so soon and that we could've gone further in districts." The team worked hard all season and never gave up. Head coach Nick Groomer stated, "The boys played a very tough schedule and found a way to be competitive in every game. I saw lots of growth this season, and I'm looking forward to next year. We return most of our team and will be looking to build on our success." Additionally, congratulations to Paxton Schieber on receiving 2nd Team All-Conference honors.

The Lady Bulldogs also concluded their season after a second-round district loss to Mound City. The team bid farewell to three seniors: Lindsey Hailey, Eva Cameron, and Cortney Merrigan. "The season didn't

end the way I wanted it to because I had high goals for our team, but I'm glad that I was able to spend my last year with this group," Cortney Merrigan stated. "I'm grateful for the goals we accomplished, the memories made, and the bond I built with my team! Overall, we had a very fun and successful season."

In regards to post season honors, congratulations to Katelyn Shisler and Kynzee Adcock on being named Unanimous 1st Team All-Conference; Ellie Dias was awarded 2nd Team All-Conference. Katelyn and Kynzee also earned All-District and KMA Land Team honors, with Katelyn receiving "Elite" status and Kynzee earning 3rd Team. Ellie was awarded Honorable Mention. Finally, a special congratulations to Katelyn on being named the GRC West Athlete of the Year for Girls' Basketball.

We wish all the seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors and look forward to watching both teams grow over the coming years!

## Post Season Honors

### BASKETBALL

#### GRC All-Conference Awards:

**Paxton Schieber**  
2nd Team



**Kynzee Adcock**  
Unanimous 1st Team



**Katelyn Shisler**  
Unanimous 1st Team



**Ellie Dias**  
2nd Team



#### All-District Awards:

**Kynzee Adcock**  
**Katelyn Shisler**



#### GRC West Player of the Year:

**Katelyn Shisler**

### SOFTBALL ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

**Ellie Dias**  
**Harper Heyde**  
**Hannah McQuinn**  
**Olivia McQuinn**  
**Josi Moffat**  
**Broke Robinson**  
**Ally Santa Cruz**  
**Kenzi Santa Cruz**  
**Katelyn Shisler**



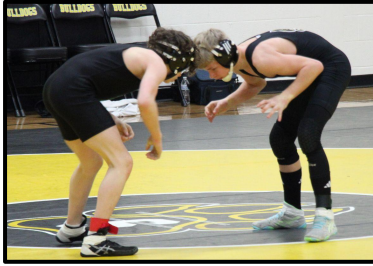
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Kayden Welch squares up against his opponent.



Jared Henggeler finishes strong on the mat.

## Short Season and Big Results for JH Wrestlers

By Olivia McQuinn  
Staff Reporter



The junior high wrestling season was short but sweet, with a compact schedule of meets on March 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 9th. Such a busy stretch required the athletes to be exceptionally mentally tough.

The seventh graders involved this year were Owen Dias, Alex Holtzclaw, Blaze Hutchcraft, Eli Meyer, Tanner Runde, Austin Sterkis, Kayden Welch, and Macie Baumli. The team's lone eighth grader was Jared Henggeler. The team is coached by Ray Walder and assisted by Laverne Smithson.

When asked about the season, Assistant Coach Laverne Smithson said, "I thought it was a very productive season. We saw improvement from each of the kids, and I look forward to seeing how they continue to grow. I hope to watch them succeed in high school."

As the only eighth grader on the team, Jared served as the natural leader. He did a great job being a role model for the seventh graders to look up to and learn from. Team member Blaze Hutchcraft summed up the team's mindset with the motto: "Pain is temporary; pride is forever." The team used this as their inspiration to never give up, even when things got difficult, knowing that the lessons and skills learned in wrestling stay with you for a lifetime.

As the only girl on the team, Macie Baumli shared some advice for future wrestlers: "It is hard work, but it pays off in the end."

It was a great season for the Bulldogs, and we wish Jared the best of luck as he moves on to high school next year!



Bulldog Golfers front row: Benton Gregory, Rylan Worley, Parker Ginther, Lane McGinley, Evan Gregory. Back row: Head Coach Nick Groomer, Hudson Groomer, Aiden Graham, Cooper Spaulding, Zach Welch.

## Back on the Green

By Allie Schieber  
Staff Reporter



Spring sports have officially begun, and the boys' golf season is now underway. Coached by Nick Groomer, the team is preparing for the 2026 season with a mix of returning players and new additions.

This year's roster includes freshman Benton Gregory and sophomores Lane McGinley, Zach Welch, and Rylan Worley. Juniors Parker Ginther, Aiden Graham, Cooper Spaulding, and Hudson Groomer are expected to contribute significant experience, while senior Evan Gregory provides leadership as the team's sole senior.

The team is gearing up for its first meet, scheduled for March 26th at home. As the season approaches, both players and coaches are focused on improvement and

consistency.

Coach Groomer shared his thoughts, "I'm looking forward to the beginning of the season. I hope we have good weather, and I'm hoping to see improvement from the boys and a stronger performance than last year."

Junior Hudson Groomer also expressed confidence in the group, saying, "I think we have a lot of potential as a team, and I expect growth from all of us."

After falling short of state qualifications last season, the team is determined to change that outcome this year. With a balanced roster and a focus on development, the Bulldogs look to remain competitive and improve with every match.

Good luck to the boys' golf team this season!



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High school girls' track team front row: Emily Santa Cruz, Baylee Albright, Brooke Robinson, Harper Heyde, Olivia McQuinn, Zoey Chambers, Kiara Willoughby, Josi Moffat, Madi Wilmes, Abrianna Straughn. Back row: Coach Shane Hilton, Coach Kelli Hilton, Jayden Wilson, Ellie Dias, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Alana Evans, Alyssa Wallace, Hannah McMillan, Tasha Stoll, Dani Van Draska, Alexa Horne, Manager Kaitlyn Van Draska.



High school boys' track team front row: Brodie Gibson, Max Hilton, Emmett Meyer, Jax Heyde, Jaren Stoll, Blake Mercer. Back row: Coach Shane Hilton, Coach Kelli Hilton, Thor Cameron, Jake Holtzclaw, Drew Parman, Parker Evans, Drevyn Spence, Manager Kaitlyn Van Draska.

## Bulldogs Sprint into the 2026 Season



By Tasha Stoll  
Staff Reporter

Track practice officially kicked off on Monday, March 2nd. Due to the cold weather, the team began the season with indoor practices to stay sharp. This year's high school teams are led by head coaches Shane and Kelli Hilton.

The girls' roster includes seniors Dani Van Draska and Kenzi Santa Cruz; juniors Brooke Robinson, Josi Moffat, Alana Evans, and Abrianna Straughn; sophomores Alyssa Wallace, Tasha Stoll, Olivia McQuinn, Ellie Dias, and Hannah McMillan; and freshmen Madi Wilmes, Emily Santa Cruz, Jayden Wilson, Harper Heyde, Zoey Chambers, Baylee Albright, Alexa Horne, and Kiara Willoughby.

The boys' roster features senior Jaren Stoll; juniors Jax Heyde, Max Hilton, and Emmett Meyer; sophomores

Parker Evans, Thor Cameron, Jake Holtzclaw, Drew Parman, and Blake Mercer; and freshmen Drevyn Spence and Brody Gibson.

The Bulldogs look strong across the board this year, with talent returning in the relays, throwing events, individual sprints, and jumps. Returning state qualifiers include the boys' 4x800m relay, the girls' 4x400m, 4x200m, and 4x100m relays, as well as Ellie Dias in pole vault and Dani Van Draska in javelin. Dani commented, "I am so excited for this track season! I believe everyone will bring 100% to each meet so we can achieve great things as a team."

Coach Kelli Hilton is equally optimistic: "The tracksters are off to a strong start! Not only are times ahead of last year, but the

athletes are working with a positive attitude and energized competitiveness, which will only lead to great results."

The team travels to Worth County for their first meet on Thursday, March

26th. With everyone pushing each other in practice, the Bulldogs are ready to turn that hard work into success on the track.

Good luck to both the boys' and girls' teams as the season hits full stride!



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Junior high girls' track team front row: Lexi Appley, Sophia Sager, Quincy Cameron, Brenzlee Moffat, Paislee Schieber, Ruby Wright, Waverly Groomer, Blakely Hutchcraft, Kynnadi Schieber. Back row: Manager Sophia Taylor, Coach Jennifer Meyer, Madelyn Sidwell, Quinn Heyde, Emily McMillan, Kayla McQuinn, Emilee Grove, Jaicee McGinley, Coach Kirsten Maronde.



Junior high boys' track team front row: Tanner Runde, Ian Jensen, Eli Meyer, Chandler Albright, Trevin Smithson, Brady McMillen, Lane Ellis, Austin Sterkis. Middle row: Hudson Hague, Kasyn Redig, Blaze Hutchcraft, Isaac Jensen, Grayson Wiederholt, Ryker Horne, Carter Mattson, Brantly Donovan, Kayden Welch. Back row: Coach Jennifer Meyer, Alex Holtzclaw, Owen Dias, Harlan Eckard, Owen Shisler, Trevor Strough, Caiden Jensen, Coach Kirsten Maronde. Not pictured: Lucas Bond.

## Power in Numbers for the Junior High Track Season

By Olivia McQuinn  
Staff Reporter

Junior high track practice began during the first week of March. The team is exceptionally large this year, with 25 boys and 16 girls participating.

Reflecting on the start of the season, Mrs. Maronde said, "We have just completed two weeks of practices and are excited about how nice the weather has been. With so many junior high athletes out, it is wonderful seeing them work with each other, collaborate with the high schoolers, and give their best effort at every practice. We are excited for this season!"

Because of early cold spells, the first few days of practice were held indoors alongside the high school team. This allowed the older students to mentor and push the younger athletes as they began their training. Once the weather cleared, the team moved outside to begin prepping for field events. Eighth grader Quincy Cameron offered some words of encouragement for the season, "Keep going, even when it gets hard."

The team's first meet is scheduled for March 31st at Grant City. Good luck to all the athletes this season!

## BAND DISTRICT SOLO & SMALL ENSEMBLE RESULTS:

### Gold-STATE BOUND



**Trumpet Solo**  
Ellie Dias



**Vocal Solo**  
Charlotte Jennings



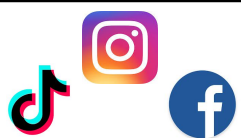
### Silver Brass Trio

- Clarinet Solo-Charlotte Jennings**
- Clarinet Solo-Trinity Regalado**
- Vocal Solo-Blake Mercer**
- Trombone Solo-Konnor Keough**

### Bronze

- Snare Solo-Cooper Spaulding**
- Vocal Solo-Kiara Willoughby**

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# OPINION

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It's  
Your  
Call



What is your  
favorite flower?

By Tasha Stoll  
Staff Reporter



Seventh grader,  
Kynnadi Schieber,  
"Daisies."



Seventh grader,  
Lucas Bond,  
"Roses."



Fourth Grader  
Casen Sullivan,  
"Daisies."



First Grader  
Peyton Luke,  
"Tulips."



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Jeffrey Maronde,  
"Tulips."



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Liz Simbro,  
"Hydrangea."



Senior  
Cortney Merrigan,  
"Tulips."



Sophomore  
Alyssa Wallace,  
"Tulips."

## Survey Results

By Lindsey Hailey  
Staff Reporter

Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: What is your favorite ice cream flavor? 55 students responded.

Their options included strawberry, vanilla, cookies and cream, chocolate, cookie dough, or mint chocolate chip.

**Strawberry**

3.6%

**Vanilla**

5.5%

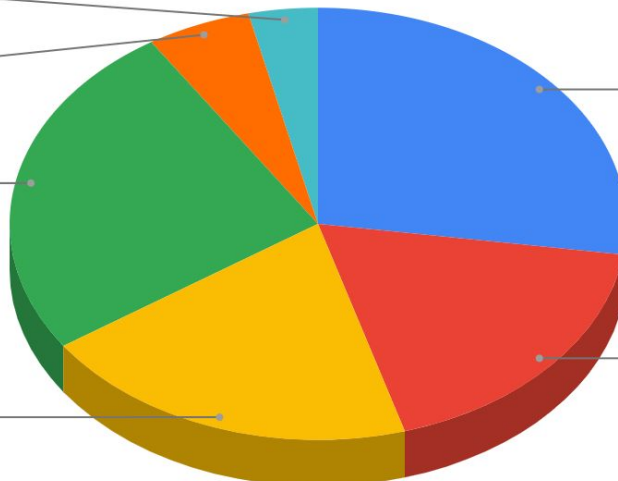
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## Brutus' Corner

By Allie Schieber  
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 February, the featured staff member was **Mrs. Tori Hague**. Who do you think March's staff member is?



Are you married? If so, how many years?

Yes, 16 years in May.

Do you have any children? How many?

Yes, 3.

What do you enjoy most about your teaching?

I enjoy the students and staff.

How long have you been teaching/working at Stanberry?

9 years

What school activities were you involved in in high school?

Basketball, track, FFA, FCCLA, FCA

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## April Activities

Wednesday, April 1st  
8:30-FFA District CDE @NWMSU  
3:30-VT@King City  
4:00-BG@Mound City  
5:00-Baseball@Rock Port

Thursday, April 2nd-4:00-JHT@King City

Friday, April 3rd-NO SCHOOL-GOOD FRIDAY

Monday, April 6-NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK

Tuesday, April 7  
1:00-VT@Albany  
5:00-Baseball@Home vs. North Platte

Wednesday, April 8  
4:00-BG@Home-Tri  
7:00-NHS Induction

Thursday, April 9  
2:00-JHT@Albany  
4:00-BG@Gallatin  
5:00-Baseball@Home vs. Pattonsburg

Friday, April 10-4:00-VT@Home-Stanberry Invitational

Saturday, April 11  
8:00-PTO Muffins with Mom  
8:00-Book Fair

Sunday, April 12-State FBLA

Monday, April 13  
State FBLA  
8:00-Book Fair  
9:00-BG@Albany Tournament  
5:00-Baseball@North Harrison

Tuesday, April 14  
State FBLA  
8:00-Book Fair  
1:00-VT@Rock Port

Wednesday, April 15  
FFA State Convention@Columbia  
8:00-Book Fair  
5:00-Baseball@DeKalb

Thursday, April 16  
FFA State Convention@Columbia  
4:00-JHT@Home  
5:00-Baseball@Home-Princeton

Friday, April 17-FFA State Convention@Columbia

Saturday, April 18-State Science Olympiad@Warrensburg

Monday, April 20  
5:00-Baseball@North Andrew  
7:00-BOE Meeting

Tuesday, April 21  
1:30-VT@Worth County  
4:00-BG@Maysville  
5:00-Baseball@Home vs. Stewartville/Osborn

Wednesday, April 22  
9:00-BG@Home  
6:00-FFA @Maryville Awards Night  
7:00-Spring Concert

Thursday, April 23  
4:00-JHT@Maryville  
5:00-Baseball@Home vs. Albany

Friday, April 24-3:30-VT@West Platte

Monday, April 27  
8:00-BG@Albany  
5:00-Baseball@SJC

Tuesday, April 28  
4:00-VT@Home  
5:00-Baseball@Home vs. South Holt

Wednesday, April 29-7:00-Vocational Awards Night

Thursday, April 30  
HS State Solo/Small Ensemble  
3:30-JHT@Worth County  
5:00-Baseball@Home vs. King City