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From Service to Sacrifice

By Tasha Stoll
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, November 11th, Stanberry students and many community members gathered in the gym to honor those who serve and have served our country. To start the day, NHS members prepared breakfast for our veterans. After breakfast, the veterans went to the gym to view the Veterans Day program put on by grades K-12.

Once the veterans were welcomed into the gym and were seated, everyone stood up for the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner." As soon as that was done, elementary STUCO members welcomed our veterans. After they had their warm welcome, junior

Cooper Spaulding gave his very own speech prepared for the veterans. When his speech was completed, our primary students went on stage to sing "God Bless America." When their wonderful performance was completed, they left the stage and sophomore Thor Cameron came up and read his outstanding speech that he prepared for the veterans. Thor stated, "It felt right to return recognition to those who gave us our freedom, as well as others! All I did was give a speech; the veterans did much more, and I'm glad to thank them for that."

Following Thor's speech was Elementary STUCO's

presentation called "Thank you Veterans." Once finished, the program continued with Keegan Schultz presenting his speech to thank the Veterans. Afterwards, NHS members walked in with each branch's flag, and veterans saluted as Mr Dias read each branch, and the band played each branch's song. When this was done, everyone recited the "Pledge of Allegiance." To end the program, sophomore Ellie Dias performed "Taps" to honor those lost in battle. Ellie said, "It was amazing to be able to recognize the veterans and what they did for us. It was an honor to be able to play "Taps" for them and thank them for

their service."

Stanberry R-II had once again completed another successful year hosting the Veterans Day program. Thank you to all who participated and helped make this possible. Thank you so very much to all the veterans who serve our country!



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Inside the 1st Grade Classroom

By Olivia McQuinn
Staff Reporter

1st grade has been full of fun-filled, educational activities. The teachers are Mrs. Mackenzie Shifflett and Mrs. Danielle Worley. Mrs. Shifflett's class has 15 students, including Colt Boone, Ella Bower, Bryan Brooke, Correna Gibson, Kacey Luke, Gunnar Maudlin, Heidi McClurg, Lexianne Newman, Paisley Newman, Tate Sager, Brentlee Thomas, Haizlee Ward, Mackenzie Willets, and Isabella Wilmes. Mrs. Worley's class also has 16 students, including Payden Butler, Cooper Lemons, Amelia Luke, Ethan Luke, Peyton Luke, Beckett McMillen, Kourtney Meyer,

Millie Monoz Ruiz, McCoy Newman, Jaelyn Pierce, Bowen Reiff, Findley Runde, Chloe Strough, Kane Taylor, Joel Wideman, and Abbigail Wiederholt.

In math, students have been adding and subtracting within 20, as well as learning new strategies to help with fact fluency. They have reviewed all letter sounds and learned how to read and write words with all of the short vowel sounds in phonics. They're also learning several different spelling rules that go along with short vowels to help read and write words. In reading, the kids have learned about story

elements, including character, setting, problem, solution, and sequencing. This quarter, they are really diving into non-fiction texts. The children learn about daily sky patterns and how sound is created in science. During social studies, they talk about important US symbols and will soon be moving on to learning about winter holidays celebrated around the world.

Mrs. Worley commented, "This is a fun group of students to work with, and I am very proud to see how much learning they have accomplished already this year!"

Mrs. Shifflett and Mrs. Worley are also teaching their students skills that will help them in the real world, such as how to win or lose, memorizing classmates' birthdays, saying thank you, excuse me, and please!

Mrs. Mackenzie Shifflett said, "It's been so fun watching this group learn and grow! They are all so eager to learn new things- That's a teacher's dream!"

The 1st graders have all been working very hard, and we can't wait to see what they will accomplish as Stanberry-RII students!

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Wes Bashor



Avery Calhoun



Alana Evans



Zander Heyde



December Jeffery



Konnor Keough



Josi Moffat



Abrianna Straughn



Mattea Williams



Parker Ginther



Aiden Graham



Hudson Groomer



Jax Heyde



Max Hilton



Emmett Meyer



Kaitlin Porterfield



Brooke Robinson



Cayleigh Spaulding



Dalton Taylor



Brock Hutchcraft



Cooper Spaulding

Juniors Putting in the Work

By Allie Schieber
Staff Reporter

This year, the junior class has worked hard preparing for prom. To raise money for the event, they have been running concession stands throughout the school year. Junior class sponsor Ashley Schmitz shared, "The junior class is almost finished with their concession stands for the year, and then we will move to start planning for prom. We hope to have raised enough money through concession stands to provide a memorable prom!"

Hosting prom for the seniors has been a long-standing tradition in

Stanberry, and this year's juniors are committed to keeping that tradition strong.

In addition to fundraising, the juniors have also been exploring their plans. On October 9th, they attended the Northwest Missouri State University Fair, where they were introduced to a variety of universities and trade schools. Many students have also taken individual college visits. Junior Hudson Groomer toured Mizzou last month to learn more about the campus and whether it might be the right fit for him. "It was a great

experience to learn about the campus and where I might want to go in my future," he said.

Even with all of the planning and responsibilities that junior year brings, many students still find it enjoyable. Junior Brooke Robinson shared, "Junior year has been a very relaxed and enjoyable year. Being an upperclassman has shown me that there are many new opportunities to experience. I'm looking forward to my senior year to be able to experience even more opportunities!"

This year's juniors have done a remarkable job

setting an example—not only as hardworking students, but as kind and responsible leaders. Several A+ program participants tutor elementary students on Friday mornings during pride time, and it's clear that the younger students truly look up to them.

Keep up the great work, Class of 2027!



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FBLA members pose in front of the first lift created by Altec Industries.

FBLA Tours Altec Industries

By Allie Schieber
Staff Reporter



The FBLA chapter takes an educational field trip each year, and this year they traveled to St. Joseph on November 6th to tour the Altec Industries facility. During the tour, students learned about the detailed process behind creating boom lifts and gained a deeper appreciation for the amount of work and craftsmanship involved.

After exploring the facility, the chapter headed to the North Shoppes, where students had time to shop, relax, and enjoy lunch together. Following their time there, the group made their way to the Bode Ice Arena for the fun portion of the day. Ice skating has become a favorite FBLA tradition over the past few years, and this trip continued that trend. "I was really excited to tour the Altec factory, and then we had lots of fun ice skating and

shopping/eating at the North Shoppes. Days like these are the best because we make the most memories!" said second-year member Ellie Dias. Chapter advisor Sidney Eckard also reflected on the experience, sharing, "Altec was very informative and a great educational experience. We are very thankful these businesses will allow us to come and tour them. Ice skating has been a fun tradition to continue!"

As winter approaches, chapter members will begin signing up for contests that cover a wide range of categories, including business, marketing, sales, and more. Students who advance through the early stages may qualify for the state contest and potentially move on to national competition. We wish the FBLA members many more memories, successes, and great experiences ahead!



FCCLA members attend Regional Meeting on the campus of NWMSU.

Building Skills, Changing Lives: Stanberry FCCLA

By Olivia McQuinn
Staff Reporter



The FCCLA regional meeting was held on October 16th at Northwest Missouri State University. 50 members attended, as well as advisor Mrs. Jennifer Meyer. In the morning session, there was a speaker who spoke about the future. There were also speeches from current regional officers, along with games that some select students from different schools participated in. FCCLA chapter reporter Alana Evans said, "The FCCLA regional meeting was a fun experience for our chapter. We learned about communication and how it was a key tool to our futures, while being able to interact with other schools. I enjoyed learning about new opportunities and how they may benefit me in the future."

After a lunch break on campus, workshops were

held for all students to attend. Some of these included line dancing, yoga, poster making, and so much more. These workshops were fun activities that helped attendees learn more about FCCLA and how to be a better leader. They were also a great opportunity to socialize with fellow members and make new friends. When asked about the eventful day, Mrs. Jennifer Meyer said, "I feel like we had a really good speaker and our individual sessions in the afternoon were very educational and enjoyable. I think the kids all liked the line dancing one. It got them all up and moving."

After raffle prizes and awards were handed out, the chapter called it a day and headed back to Stanberry.

Altogether, Stanberry FCCLA had a great, educational day.

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Attendees included, front row Blanche Eckard, Kaitlyn Van Draska, Baylee Albright, Mrs. Noble. Back row Lane McGinley, Jaren Stoll, Kylee Runde, Cortney Merrigan, Tess Edson, Avery Calhoun.



A highlight of the trip was the tour of the Louisville Slugger museum.

Shaping the Future of Agriculture at National Convention

By Tasha Stoll
Staff Reporter

This year, the members of Stanberry FFA Chapter attended the 2025 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The members who went were: Cortney Merrigan, Jaren Stoll, Avery Calhoun, Lane McGinley, Blanche Eckard, Tess Edson, Baylee Albright, Kaitlyn Van Draska, student teacher Ms. Fountain, and Advisor Mrs. Korinne Noble.

The students loaded up bright and early on Monday, October 27th. First, they stopped and picked up a couple of other schools, including Maysville, Hamilton, Gallatin, and North Harrison. Some of the activities they attended were the First General Opening Session, College and Career Show, Expo Center, and an Ella Langley concert. Jaren Stoll entered a competition at the Expo Center and ended up winning, and for his reward, he earned a Milwaukee tool set! They also participated in several

tours while on the trip; they visited the Hannibal Riverboat Tour Center, Burrus Seed Headquarters, Churchill Downs, and Louisville Slugger. Senior member Cortney Merrigan stated, "It was a good last experience to travel and tour various cool places. I enjoyed meeting new people from all over the country. It was also fun to see many different agricultural businesses and make connections that could help us in the future."

The group packed up and headed back home on October 30th. Overall, the trip was a huge success, and they had lots of fun! Second-year member Lane McGinley added, "The National Convention was a fun experience. We went to a handful of places that I enjoyed visiting. As a chapter, we had a good time. I really hope to make it back in the years to come!" Good luck to the FFA Chapter for the upcoming Fall Contests they are entered in.



Stanberry Students Build their Future

By Tasha Stoll
Staff Reporter



On October 22nd, a handful of Stanberry R-II students attended a program called "Build Your Future" in Bethany. Jax Heyde, Zander Heyde, Russell Kerwin, Max Hilton, Brock Hutchcraft, Jaren Stoll, Parker Ginther, Cayleigh Spaulding, William Ellsworth, and Wes Bashor all attended this event.

They were all allowed to experience a different type of learning platform that covered career paths in construction and skilled trades as an alternative to a four-year college degree. Senior Jaren Stoll commented, "The Build Your Future' was a great time to go and see what interested us. There were a bunch of different colleges and trade schools, such as State Tech, Tarkio Tech, and Caterpillar. We also got to get up into some equipment, which was very fun!"

"Build my Future" is a very interactive career day for kids in high school; they can explore careers in many different fields and gain some knowledge about what that looks like through hands-on activities, exhibits, and demonstrations. The goal was to showcase these opportunities in trades and other related fields. Brock Hutchcraft and Parker Ginther both stated, "We ran equipment and learned all the different types of equipment and what they did. We learned the importance of many different things, and what all the different opportunities there are for people to start."

Overall, everyone who attended had a lot of fun and would recommend it for anyone who is interested in a skilled trade or career opportunity!



Russell, Max, Brock, Jaren, and Parker check-out the inside of a semi.



Students attending the "Build Your Future" event pose with an MFA t-shirt.

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The Art Room was set up so attendees could create their own paper dragons.



Jacqueline Maronde shows off her paper dragon creation.



Students created a large tower at the bridge making station.

A Night of STREAM Exploration

By Olivia McQuinn
Staff Reporter

STREAM night was held on October 27th at Stanberry R-II. It was an event where families could come and see some of the work their students were displaying. STREAM night is an opportunity to educate families and students alike on how to have fun with technology.

When asked about the night, Mrs. Kristi Porterfield said, "I love that the STREAM night allows us to showcase all the amazing things our students and staff are doing each and every day. It's also nice to see so many families in our building."

The theme for the night was *Around the World*.

There were lots of activities for families to do, such as making paper dragons, designing animals in Tinkercad, mazes for the mini spheros, bridge building, traveling the U.S. with the Dash robots, and much more. Several classes created things for the night, such as world flags, state research, bridges, and travel destination information, with success. Many people came who loved to interact with the students as well as observe what those kids had created. Mrs. Kelli Hilton said, "It was a fun night of family, challenges, and learning."

STREAM night was such an accomplishment for teachers and students alike!

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Bulldogs Shoot for Success

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter

The high school boys' basketball team started their practices on November 3rd, and the football players joined the rest of the team on November 5th. The boys have been working really hard in practice. Nick Groomer is returning for his 16th season as the Bulldog's head coach and will again be assisted by Austin Schwebach. Mr. Groomer commented on the upcoming season, "I am excited to start the new season and see the growth of all the boys from last season until now. Our goals are to improve upon last season's record and improve our skills. We have come a long way, and I am looking forward to seeing us move forward."

There are 18 players this year, which consists of senior Jaren Stoll; juniors Aiden Graham, Parker Ginther, Hudson Groomer, Jax Heyde, Konnor Keough; sophomores Brant Jensen, Parker Evans, Drew Parman, Lucian Simmerman; and freshmen Pax Schieber, Jaxon Baker, Quinn Jensen, Drake Ginther, Jude Spence, Drevyn Spence.

The Bulldogs traveled to King City for the jamboree on Thursday, November 20th. The regular season kicks off on Tuesday, November 25th, at home against Mound City.

With Jaren being the only senior on the team this year, he commented, "I'm really excited for the season

to start. I'm excited to get to work with the team and see what the year will bring. Some goals I have for my senior season are to be a role model and for some of the underclassmen to look up to. Also, I want to improve my defense and increase my shooting percentage. I am looking forward to seeing how we can learn and build off our good moments and our struggles as a team. Another goal I have for this year is to improve every day, even if it is just a little bit. Also, we have a good group of boys who are willing to show up every day and work as hard as they can to get better for themselves and the team. Finally, I am not concerned about the win-loss column, but as long as everyone is having fun and getting along, that's the biggest thing for me, because if there is drama or someone isn't having fun, it's going to bring the joy down for the team. These are some goals I have for this season. I'm super excited to see what the season brings."

We look forward to watching the boys succeed in their upcoming season.

Lady Bulldogs Kick Off 2025 Season



By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter

The high school girls started preparing for the basketball season on November 3rd. The head coach, Taylor Wendt, will be assisted by Ashley Schmitz, who is new to our team this year.

The team has 14 players consisting of seniors Cortney Merrigan, Eva Cameron, and Lindsey Hailey; sophomores Kynzee Adcock, Ellie Dias, Tasha Stoll, Allie Schieber, and Hannah McMillan; freshmen Katelyn Shisler, Alexa Horne, Addison Graham, Madison Wilmes, and Emily Santa Cruz. Senior Eva Cameron commented, "I'm excited for the upcoming freshman and to see how they do."

The team participated in the jamboree in King City on November 20th, and the regular season kicks off on November 25th with a home-opener against Mound City. This year marks Coach Wendt's fifth year, and she commented about the upcoming season, "I am looking forward to seeing the growth this team has made since last season. With only losing one player a season ago, we have

gained several freshmen to add depth to our team. I expect us to be competitive and to be a team that everyone is scared to play because of what we will bring to the court. I am excited to have Coach Schmitz with us, as she brings a lot of knowledge to the game. There isn't much we will do differently this year than in years past. However, I do hope we can add more pressure on the defensive end, whether that is full court or half court. For my goals, I want to improve each day as a team, play for a trophy in all tournaments, play in the district championship, and whether we win or lose: learn and grow from it, but make sure we are having fun while doing it." With the Lady Bulldogs gaining a new assistant coach this year in Coach Schmitz, she has a lot of experience with basketball and can bring a lot of knowledge to our team. The coaches are excited for this season and have big goals for the team.

Good luck to the Lady Bulldogs on their season this year!

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Post Season Honors



Josi Moffat



Tasha Stoll



Brooke Robinson



Harper Heyde



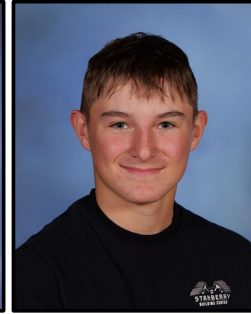
Alyssa Wallace



Kynzee Adcock



Sam Simbro



Pax Schieber



Drew Parman

POST SEASON FOOTBALL AWARDS:

GRC West All-Conference:

Sam Simbro-2nd Team-Special Team: Kicker

Pax Schieber-2nd Team-Special Team: Returner

Drew Parman-2nd Team-Special Team: Punter



Carter Mattson



Ellie Dias



POST SEASON SOFTBALL AWARDS

All-Conference, All-District, All-Region, & All-State:

Josi Moffat- 1st Team All-District & 1st Team All-Region Outfield

Tasha Stoll- 2nd Team All-District Infield

Brooke Robinson- 1st Team All-District & 2nd Team All-Conference Infield

Harper Heyde- 1st Team All-District & 1st Team All-Conference Infield

Alyssa Wallace- 1st Team All-District, 1st Team All-Conference, & 1st Team All-Region Infield

Kynzee Adcock- 1st Team All-District, 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-Region, & 2nd Team All-State Infielder

MUSIC HONORS:

Carter Mattson: JH All-District Band
2nd Chair Trumpet

Ellie Dias: All-District Concert Band
6th Chair Trumpet



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It's
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What is your favorite
Thanksgiving food?

By Allie Schieber
Staff Reporter



Seventh grader
Paislee Schieber,
"Grandma's fried chicken."



Eighth grader
Jared Henggeler,
"Turkey."



Fifth Grader
Lexi McGinley,
"Turkey."



2nd Grader Kolsyn
Moffat, "Turkey."



Custodian Natalie Lewellyn,
"Donna Graham pies."



High School Special
Education teacher Kate
Wiederholt,
"Turkey."



Freshman
Jacob Jamieson,
"Stuffing."



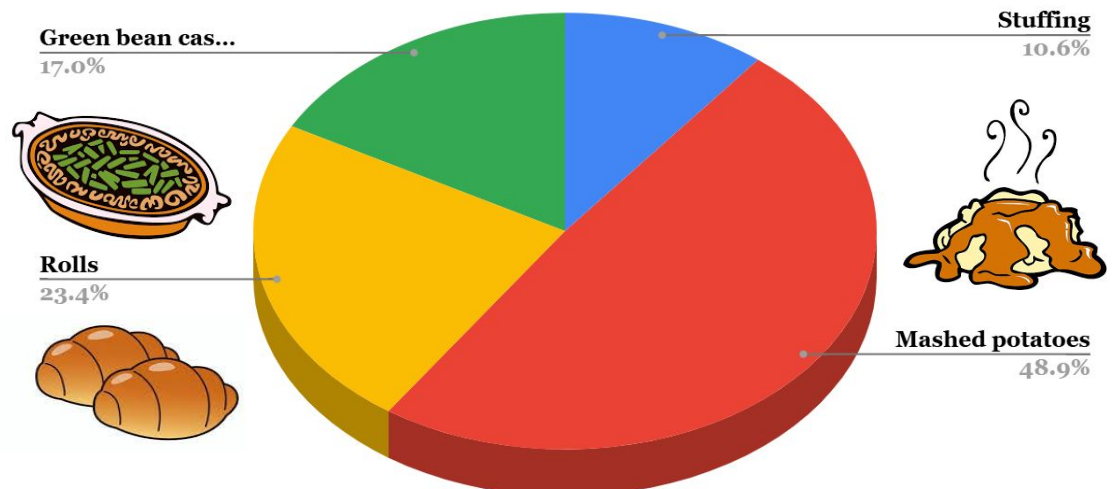
Senior
Cortney Merrigan,
"Turkey."

Survey Results

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter

Students in grades 7-12
were asked the question: What
is your favorite side dish for
Thanksgiving? 47 students
responded.

Their options included
mashed potatoes, corn, stuffing,
cranberry salad, or green bean
casserole.



ENTERTAINMENT

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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 October, the featured teacher was **Mrs. Kristine Palmer**. Who do you think November's staff member is?



Are you married, if so how many years?

Engaged, One month

Do you have any children, How many?

No

What do you enjoy most about your teaching?

Getting to know my students.

How long have you been teaching for?

4 months

What school activities were you involved in in high school?

Softball, basketball, FFA, FBLA, StuCo

December Activities

Monday, December 1st-BB@Albany Tournament

Tuesday, December 2nd

BB@Albany Tournament

5:30-VW@Home-Quad

Wednesday, December 3rd-BB@Albany Tournament

Thursday, December 4th-BB@Albany Tournament

Friday, December 5th

VGW@ Lafayette

BB@Albany Tournament

Saturday, December 6th

HS All-State Band Auditions

BB@Albany

Monday, December 8th-6:30-Elementary Winter Concert

Tuesday, December 9th-7:00-HS Winter Concert

Thursday, December 11th

4:00-VW@Polo Duals

5:00-VBB@NEN

Friday, December 12th-5:00-VBB@Home-North Andrew

Saturday, December 13th

NW District Band Clinic

9:00-VW@Lawson Invitational

Monday, December 15th-7:00-BOE Meeting

Tuesday, December 16th

5:00-VBB@King City

5:30-VW@ Home-Tri

Thursday, December 18th-7:00-Fall Sports Awards Night

Friday, December 19th-END OF 2nd Quarter

VW@Battle of Katy Trail-Sedalia

12:39-EARLY OUT

5:00-VBB@Home-Albany

Saturday, December 20th-VW@Battle of Katy Trail-Sedalia

December 22nd-January 5th-NO SCHOOL-CHRISTMAS BREAK

Monday, December 22nd-VGBB@Lawson

Monday, December 29th-3:00-Holiday Hoops

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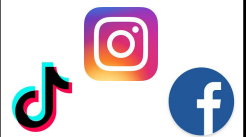
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