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Stanberry Invitational Tournament

By Marli Hilton
Staff Reporter



This year marked the forty-ninth annual Stanberry Invitational Basketball Tournament. It was held on the week of January ninth. It started off with the Stanberry girls playing the Mound City girls on Monday. It was a close game and both teams fought hard to win, but Mound City won, 41-50. The Stanberry boys also played Mound City on Monday and lost, 41-37. Both

the girls and boys team went on to play on Wednesday. The girls played Worth County, who they had previously lost to, and ended up winning, 31-22. They went on to play North Nodaway on Friday in the Consolation game, winning 46-33. The boys went up against King City, playing a hard fought game, but losing 49-56. This dropped them out of the tournament.

Platte Valley and Mound City girls played for first place.



The Stanberry girl's congratulate each other on a consolation win against North Nodaway during the 49th Annual Stanberry Invitational Tournament.

Platte Valley won with a score of 57-27. Of the boy's teams, Platte Valley and North Andrew played for first with Platte Valley winning with a final score of

60-34.

Congratulations to all teams on their accomplishments in the Stanberry Invitational Basketball Tournament.

JH/HS Second Quarter Honor Roll

Regular Honor Roll

7th Grade: Kynzee Adcock, Thor Cameron, Blanche Eckard, Tess Edson, Parker Evans, Faith Gregory, Lauren Henggeler, Allie Schieber, Tasha Stoll, Alyssa Wallace

8th Grade: Avery Calhoun, Josi Creason, Liam Gregory, Jax Heyde, Zander Heyde, Brookelynn Robinson

9th Grade: Miley Davis, Hannah McQuinn, Ally Santa Cruz, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Vincent Smithson

10th Grade: Maranda Evans, Marli Hilton, Colby McQueen, Gabe Simbro, Jordyn Wright

11th Grade: Taelyn Derks, Kolton Dias, Reagan Heyde, Lexi Kerwin, Ava Saxton, Tucker Schieber, Morgon Showers, Bella Wright

12th Grade: Bladden Greenhalgh, Owen Gregory, Rhona Henggeler, Adam Jensen, Grace Mattson, Sylvia Redmond, Kaedon Showers, Katelyn Stoll, Zac Summa, Lance Wallace

High Honor Roll

7th Grade: Elle Dias, Lane McGinley, Hannah McMillan, Olivia McQuinn

8th Grade: Alana Evans, Hudson Groomer, Emmett Meyer, Kaitlin Porterfield

9th Grade: Eva Cameron

10th Grade: Decker Heyde, Calvin Smithson, Paige Woods

11th Grade: Maci Duley, Jayden Gust, Peyton Hume, Colby McQuinn, Amelia Wallace

12th Grade: Katie Angle, William Beggs, Gavin Cameron, Caroline Fanning, Kiley Mattson, Emma Phipps

Elementary Second Quarter Honor Roll

Regular Honor Roll

4th Grade: Michael Cochran, Gunner Edson, Waverly Groomer, Kasyn Redig, Tanner Runde, Sophia Sager, Kynnadi Schieber, Hudson Hague, Lauren Henggeler, Alex Holtzclaw, Blakely Hutchcraft, Kayden Ledford, Lily Phipps, Owen Shisler, Ruby Wright

5th Grade: Brantly Donovan, Harlan Eckard, Jared Henggeler, Quinn Heyde, Noah Beggs, Quincy Cameron, Steven Edwards, Caiden Jensen, Emily McMillan, Madelyn Sidwell

6th Grade: Drake Ginther, Bryson Hume, Kaleb Evans, Serenity Keough, Sam Simbro, Jacob Jamieson, Brenden Ledford, Jude Spence, Kaitlyn Van Draska

Principal's Roll

4th Grade: Lexi Appley, Macie Baumli, Owen Dias, Ryker Horne, Isaac Jensen, Miley Ackley, Ian Jensen, Brady McMillen, Trevin Smithson

5th Grade: Jaicee McGinley, Kayla McQuinn, Trevor Strough

6th Grade: Baylee Albright, Jaxon Baker, Addison Graham, Benton Gregory, Kylee Runde, Drevyn Spence, Emily Santa Cruz, Katelyn Shisler, Kiara Willoughby, Alexa Horne, Pax Schieber, Jayden Wilson, Zoey Chambers, Charlotte Jennings, Kaci Porterfield, Harper Heyde, Quinn Jensen, Madison Wilmes

B.U.G (Bringing Up Grades) Honor Roll

4th Grade: Blaze Hutchcraft, Bella Rippetto, Landon Lynn, Austin Sterkis, Cade Wiederholt

5th Grade: Chandler Albright

6th Grade: Payden Fones, Ellison Vietz

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Jase Adcock Nova Chambers Avaian Evans Myles Evans Dane Farnan Caroline Gillespie Abigail Jensen Nathaniel Judy Brylie Luke



Kyler Newman Maddeline Page Parker Runde Laith Wallace Zayne Worley Gwyneth Cameron Skylar Coffey Easton Fletchall Grayce Gade



Jasper Heyde Olivia Jennings Grayson Johnston Lincoln Lindner Tucker Runde Paisley Schwebach Donny Steinhauser Glenn Sterkis Trent Strough



Axton Henggeler Violet Strueby Jackson Varney Elli Wiederholt Delila Wilson Mrs. Shelbi Luke Mrs. Mikayla Louiselle



Third Grade is on Point

By Marli Hilton
Staff Reporter



The third grade classes started this year strong. The teachers for this year are Mrs. Shelbi Luke and Mrs. Mikayla Louiselle. This is Mrs. Luke's tenth year teaching and Mrs. Louiselle's first year teaching at Stanberry.

Mrs. Luke's class consists of seventeen students, including Gwyneth Cameron, Skylar Coffey, Easton Fletchall, Grayce Gade, Jasper Heyde, Olivia Jennings, Grayson Johnston, Lincoln Linder, Tucker Runde, Paisley Schwebach, Timothy

(Donny) Steinhauser, Glenn Sterkis, Trent Strough, Violet Strueby, Jackson Varney, Elli Wiederholt, and Delila Wilson.

Mrs. Louiselle's class consists of sixteen students, including Jase Adcock, Nova Chambers, Avian Evans, Dane Farnan, Caroline Gillespie, Axton Henggeler, Abigail Jensen, Nathaniel Judy, Brylie Luke, Kyler Newman, Maddeline Page, Parker Runde, Laith Wallace, and Zayne Worley.

This year so far the third grade have been learning about story elements, main idea, point of view, and informative and personal stories. They have also learned multiplication, life sciences, and about the Missouri government. They are currently learning about fractions, story themes, opinion writing, and Missouri history.

Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Louiselle said their year has been good so far. Mrs. Luke has enjoyed seeing the growth each

student has made, whether big or small. Both teachers are excited to see what the rest of the year brings. Good luck, third grade, we hope you have a great rest of your year.

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A Day in the Life: Mrs. Noble

By Sylvia Redmond
Staff Reporter



As students, we don't always think of teachers outside school, so we thought we'd investigate what a teacher's day typically looks like.

Up first is Mrs. Korinne Noble, our Vocational Ag Instructor. She starts her day off by waking up and making coffee and getting herself ready for the day. Usually by the time she is close to being done getting ready, Tate, her son, is awake and she starts to get him ready for the day. She makes breakfast for both of them. It's off to daycare for Tate, and Mrs. Noble is then headed to school. Once here, she refills her coffee and proceeds to check her email, and then classes start. Mrs. Noble's first two hours fly by, and then she has a plan period.

During her plan period she gets more coffee and runs any errands she needs to and has a snack. As her day finishes, she does a final check of her email and finishes her "to do" list before leaving school. When she gets home she tries to take 30 minutes to herself, whether it's reading a book or watching a show before her husband, Brian, and Tate get home. During this time, she is also beginning dinner. Once all three are home for the evening, they all eat together. Some nights they might have meetings or a practice after supper, but if not they end their night playing with Tate, relaxing and winding down, gearing up to do it all again the next day. It ends up that teachers are pretty normal people outside school.

New Year's Resolutions

By Lance Wallace
Staff Reporter



A New Year's resolution is a goal people set for themselves at the beginning of a new year. While most have the best intentions, a lot of people seem to drop them within the first few weeks. With the first few weeks of 2023 behind us, we wondered if any students had goals for themselves this upcoming year.

Senior William Beggs is working to try to become a better person and to do the right thing. Health goals top junior Amelia Wallace's list as she stated she was going to work on drinking less pop and to be nicer to people.

Senior Owen Gregory is going to continue working hard to achieve a good career coming out of high school as he sees his senior year wrapping up in the coming months. Better time management is the main resolution for junior Colby McQuinn in 2023.

While many find it hard to stick to resolutions past the first few weeks of a new year, these students all seem to have set goals for themselves that are attainable and will be very beneficial in the long run. What goals have you set for yourself in the new year?



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Olivia Blessing Eva Cameron Miley Davis Brayden Dias



William Ellsworth Macie Gibson Evan Gregory Lindsey Hailey



Russell Kerwin Katie Libby Hannah McQuinn Alexis Rogers



Ally Santa Cruz Kenzi Santa Cruz Lily Santa Cruz Vincent Smithson



Jaren Stoll Hayden Swan Nathan Taylor Danielle Van Draska



Jorjah Webster Isabella Wilson



Freshmen Learn the Ropes

By Isabella Wright
Staff Reporter

As the freshmen begin their first year of high school they have a lot to learn. Coming from junior high is a big adjustment, learning more time management skills and how to take on harder classes. The kind of organizations and sports they get to be involved in expands, too. Since starting the school year, the freshmen have started thinking about what they want to do after high school. When asked

about her thoughts on how high school has been, Eva Cameron stated, "It hasn't been bad at all this year; I think I was expecting this year to be way more difficult. Although it is still stressful because the classes have gotten harder, overall it really isn't that different from junior high." The freshmen class have been taking on freshmen year great and plan on continuing their success the next three years.

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Chinese New Year: The Year of the Rabbit

By Isabella Wright
Staff Reporter



Chinese New Year, or Lunar New Year, or Spring Festival, is a festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year. It originally was meant to honor deities and ancestors; it also has become a time to feast and visit family members.

This holiday fell on Sunday, January 22nd this year. The date of Chinese New Year differs each year depending on the Chinese lunar calendar. Usually, it is

somewhere between the 21st of January and February 20th.

Each year is associated with an animal sign, called the Chinese zodiac cycle. The cycle includes a rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig. 2023 is the year of the rabbit. The rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity. 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.

Senior Memories

By Lance Wallace
Staff Reporter



As we end any chapter in our life we tend to reflect back on the memories. As seniors, we have a few months before we wrap up our educational journey. Most of us have been together since preschool, and all those years together have brought many memories.

Going back to sixth grade, the boys in our class lived either in the principal's office or the wall outside at recess. Our sixth grade year consisted of, well, sixth graders making noises, talking a lot, and just being

annoying. We had consequences, but every day seemed like a consequence when journeying through our last year of elementary school. Mr. Hedding and a few of the boys became very acquainted, and we have quite a few stories from our time with him. Unfortunately, the hall or the office became our norm, sometimes for reasons we didn't quite know.

While some of the details of this year are better left to the imagination, this year for the seniors was definitely a year to remember.



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Aiden is declared the winner at a home match.



Russell gets in position to take on his opponent.

Wrestlers Look Toward Districts

By Morgon Showers
Staff Reporter

After the winter break our high school varsity wrestling team kicked off the remainder of the season by competing at the St. Joseph Central tournament. Here, the Bulldogs ended their day really well! Vincent Smithson took third place as well as Russell Kerwin. Recognizing others as well, Aiden Law and Reagan Heyde both earned second in their weight classes!

On January 6th and 7th

our wrestlers went to Mid-Buchanan where Vincent Smithson got 4th place and Lexi Kerwin took 2nd out of thirty-four teams. The team participated in the Polo duals where they took 4th place. Due to our smaller team, we were not able to win the Stanberry dual over all. Out of the number of matches they wrestled, they did win over all. Aiden Law tells us, "It's been a good and fun season for the most part

so far but there is definitely some work that still needs to be done before districts." Lexi Kerwin states, "The season seems to be going by so fast. This season has definitely been my best one yet, and our team already has accomplished so much for being so small. I can't wait to see how far we can get in districts!" Coach Jason Dias informs us, "Altogether as we approach the core of our season, the team has put the

time and work into being successful in the past season. I look for several of them to make some noise as the dark horse as the second half of the season continues."

As the wrestling season continues, make sure to come and support our varsity girl wrestlers on February 10th at Kearney as well as our boys on February 17th at Lathrop for their battle at districts.

Support our Bulldog athletes as they head into district action in the upcoming weeks!



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It's
Your Call

By Gavin Cameron
Staff Reporter

*What is your
favorite college
football team?*



**Seventh grader
Alyssa Wallace**



**Seventh grader
Thor Cameron**



**Fourth grader
Laith Wallace**



**Fourth grader
Brady McMillen**



**Junior
Leo Fletchall**



**Sophomore
Decker Heyde**



**Superintendent
Dr. John Davison**



**HS Principal
Lisa Craig**

Survey Results

By Adam Jensen
Staff Reporter

Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: *What is your favorite genre of music?* 52 students responded.

Their options included country, pop, r&b, hip-hop, rock, classical, or rap.



R&B

1.9%

Classical

1.9%

Hip-Hop

5.8%

Country

48.1%

Rap

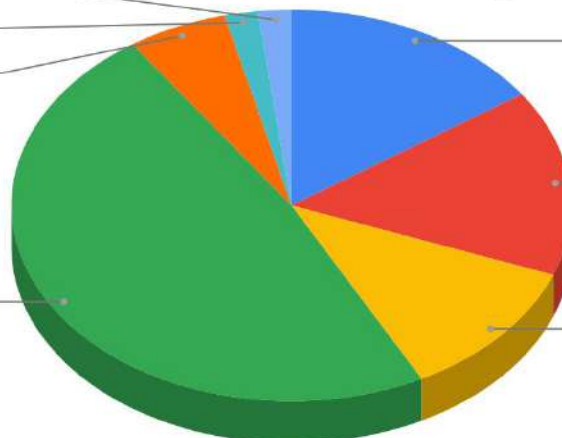
15.4%

Rock

15.4%

Pop

11.5%



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Video Game Review: Red Dead Redemption 2

By Gavin Cameron
Staff Reporter

Red Dead Redemption 2 is an open world action adventure game developed and published by Rockstar Games. The game is set in a vast and beautiful world that has action, storytelling, and gameplay. Players take on the role of Arthur Morgan, a member of a notorious outlaw gang, as they navigate the harsh and unforgiving wilderness of the American frontier.

The game's storytelling is top notch, with an engaging and emotional narrative that keeps players invested from beginning to end. The characters are well written and well acted, and the game's world is rich and detailed, with a wide variety of locations to explore and activities to engage in. The gameplay is excellent, with a



wide range of weapons and equipment to use, as well as a horseback riding and hunting system.

The game's realistic detail is truly amazing. Overall, *Red Dead Redemption 2* is a wonderful and open world action adventure game. This game's storyline is just amazing and the graphics are terrific, overall this game is a must play for anyone.

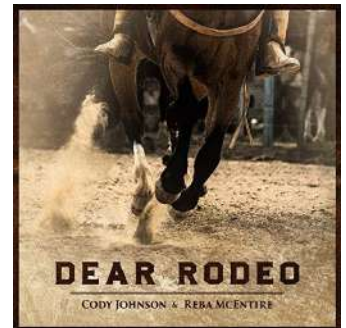
Song Review

By Morgon Showers
Staff Reporter

Throughout the past year one of my favorite artists has been Cody Johnson. One of my most favorite songs was "Dear Rodeo". I loved listening to this song during summer/fall nights because I always enjoy going to rodeos and tractor pulls. Cody Johnson released this song back in 2020.

The story of this song is very interesting. Back before this country music singer became famous he was involved in the rodeo sport. Cody started his career in his early years competing in mutton bustin'. He then retired from bull riding in his teenage years when his friend convinced him to write songs about his past profession.

I recommend not only this song but every other song by Cody Johnson.



Song: "Dear Rodeo"
Artist: Cody Johnson
Album: Dear Rodeo
Release: 2020

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Being Brutus the Bulldog

By Bladden Greenhalgh
Staff Reporter

Being Brutus for the first time was a tremendous experience for me. It was fun entertaining the audience at the game and seeing the smiles on the children's faces, especially when music comes on, like "The Monster Mash" or "Thriller." Every single person started screaming, dancing, and roaring with excitement. I also threw some dance moves for kids and had them copy me during the games. It was the funniest experience to bond with kids and other teenagers. Although some didn't participate, I knew they left with a smile.

In the beginning, it was a bit of a struggle with the

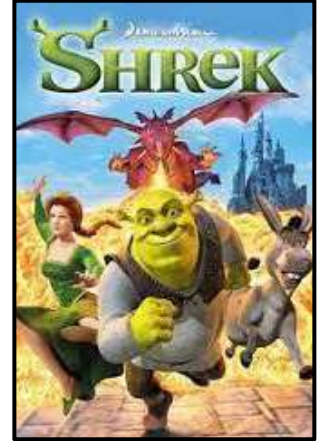
heat. The costume was so hot I had to sit down a couple of times to catch my breath. The costume barely fit me as well, because I was too tall. The football pants weren't my size, so I had to use basketball shorts most of the time. The costume emitted a stench throughout the entire football season.

Along the way, thanks to the cool weather, the costume felt much better and I didn't have to take so many breaks. Brutus is a great way to be yourself and pep up the fans. Just remember to consume a lot of water to avoid dehydration during those hot months!



By Sylvia Redmond
Staff Reporter

My favorite movies I have ever watched are the *Shrek* Movies. There are many *Shrek* movies. They were all made in the early 2000's and *Shrek 5* is currently in the making. The thing I love most about the *Shrek* movies are they all end happily ever after. Shrek and Fiona are two ogres that fall in love. In all of the movies they carry on their life together. There are some battles between



Shrek
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multiple characters they have to overcome, but they make it through and live happily ever after.

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Cold Weather Fashion Trends

By Katrina Blessing
Staff Reporter

As many people know, fashion trends change with the seasons. So you may be asking yourself, what are the fashion trends this winter? Many fashion pieces that were big in the past are making a comeback. Knitted sweaters are a staple piece in winter fashion this year. Ripped denim or skinny jeans are also very common items found in almost anyone's closet.

Senior Katie Angle said her go-to colors this season are neutrals and her favorite winter fashion piece is a puffer jacket or vest. Katelyn Stoll said her go-to colors are dark greens and blues. Her go-to winter fashion item is a thick knit sweater. Amelia Wallace's favorites are more casual pieces as she picked joggers and



Stanberry senior
Katelyn Stoll models a
winter sweater.

hoodies. When it comes to winter fashion the main thing to remember is the weather determines a lot of what we wear, when it's cold, bundle up!



Cooking with Karl

By Kaedon Showers
Staff Reporter



You want to make a fun meal that everyone will eat and doesn't take long to make? Or how about something to make for a party? Well, nachos are the perfect way to go.

These are the basic ingredients you'll need for making nachos: tortilla chips, ground hamburger, and nacho cheese.

Step 1: Get your favorite tortilla chips. My favorite brand of chips are the Tostitos brand.

Step 2: Get the amount of hamburger you need based on the number of people you plan on feeding. For a normal sized family, one pound should be perfect. Put your preferred taco seasoning on the meat,

browning it until it is cooked through.

Step 3: Grab your nacho cheese and heat it up in either the oven or microwave until hot; no one wants cold cheese for their nachos.

Step 4: This food is made for everyone to make their own plate so everybody can have the preferred amount of everything they want.

These are the basic steps to make nachos. If you wish to add anything else such as peppers, hot sauce, salsa, lettuce, or sour cream, go right ahead. The more things you add, the better it's going to taste.

Please stick around next month to get more cooking tips with Karl.

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First grader Emily Luke with her watercolor face creation.



Second grader Maia Weaver Fletcher displays her penguin chalk and charcoal drawing.



Fourth grader Isabella Rippetto shows her watercolor landscape.



Fifth grader Quincy Cameron with her dragon eye.



Artist of the Month

By Katrina Blessing
Staff Reporter

This month's artist of the month focuses mainly on the elementary, beginning with first grader Emily Luke. The first graders learned about face proportions and were given options on each facial feature to try, some chose closed eyes, a pointed nose, or wide open smile. Proportions were discussed so the eyes were between each ear, the nose below the eyes and in the middle, and the mouth below the nose. The size of the neck was measured with the student's hand width, and a coat and scarf were added...though the head was left open. What did all of this amount to? Well, how else do you show that it is windy in a portrait? Emily Luke used a straw and blew liquid watercolor where her hair should be. Many students became enthusiastic with the blowing of paint, so many breaks were taken. Emily said her favorite part about this project was painting the background.

Up next is second grader Maia Weaver Fletcher. Penguins are not a new subject matter for these second graders, but making one that is realistic by using a new medium such as chalk and charcoal is something new. Looking at Maia's artwork, you cannot even tell how difficult it can be to keep black charcoal off the white chalk while blending them at the edges. Maia took care to carefully draw and blend her penguin, as well as her background. It was hard to get the artwork away from her each day after class! Mia said her favorite part of the project was drawing the penguin.

Isabella Rippetto's new project for fourth graders looks at artist Jen Aranyi who uses pen and watercolor for her landscapes. Students looked at her miniature works and talked about the foreground, middle ground, background, and horizon line of the mountain landscapes she is fond of creating. Students were able to

decide how they wanted to create their scene, shading was created with hatching lines for the shadows in the mountains. The most fun for Bella was creating the watercolor sky on wet paper and then having the teacher apply salt, the reaction this created wasn't fully viewed until the following class period when students scraped it off. Isabella's favorite part of this project was using watercolors to paint the sky.

Finally, we have fifth grader Quincy Cameron's close-up dragon eyes with bright oil pastels and watercolor paints that were created by first focusing on the pupil of their imagined dragons. Examples were given to generate ideas for the students' own eyes. The way she thickened the lines around the pupil and iris exaggerated it so it doesn't get lost in all the scales. Her color scheme also lends to the visually pleasing piece of artwork; you can tell

she was intentional with her paints. Quincy said her favorite part of this project was coloring everything in at the end.

The elementary has a very talented bunch of artists. Stay tuned for more featured artists next month.



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Bulldog Sports History: Basketball

By Adam Jensen
Staff Reporter



For this month we'll be looking into the history of boys' and girls' basketball here at Stanberry. Starting off with boys' basketball the earliest record of the boys' team we could find in past yearbooks is 1929, and since then we have had quite a few accomplishments starting in 1971 as state champions. The second decade of the 2000s had the Bulldogs headed to state back to back in 2013, finishing in 2nd place, and 2014 in 3rd place. 2016 was the year of the Gauntlet when the boy's basketball and football teams walked away as state champions. Our most recent run at the state championship was last year in 2022 where we walked away with 2nd place. On top of our state accolades the Bulldog boys were district champs in the years 1980, 1981, 1988, 1989, 1990, 2091, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2021, 2022. Our current head hoach Mr. Groomer was head coach for all but one of those state runs, so naturally we had to know what he felt about all the success he's had. He stated, "I have taken four teams to the state final four. All four teams were different in their own way and each has a special place in my heart. I was so proud of these teams to go down to state and represent our community and school. It was an honor, and I

will never forget the many memories I have from those trips." Fans look forward to seeing the future success of the boys' basketball teams in Stanberry.

Now to the girls' teams. The first girls' basketball team debuted in 1973-1974, which was 45 years after the boys' played their first game in 1929. The Lady Bulldogs have had their fair share of success over the years as district champs in 1986, 1996, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2010, 2019, 2019, 2021. Their first state qualifier team was in the year 2019 in which they walked away as second in the state. Karla McQueen was head coach when the girls made it to state and she commented, "I have several fond memories while coaching Stanberry girls' Basketball. The year we played in the state tournament was definitely one of them. I was blessed with a great group of girls, a supportive administration, and an awesome assistant, coach Kelli Hilton. The 2019 State Runner-Up team contributed to the strong tradition of Stanberry Basketball. #soproud"

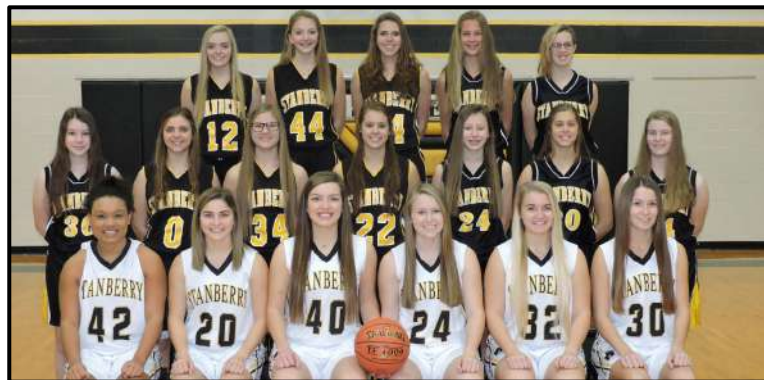
Overall, basketball in Stanberry has seen great success, and we hope we can continue the success into the future.



The 1971 State Champs. Front row: Mike Sears, Dan Dannevik, Jim Donovan, Jerry James, Chuck Buntin. Second row: Coach Bill Meyers, Manager Ted Wooten, Bruce Newman, David Hibbs, Manager Dale Gard, Assistant Coach Gary Howren. Third row: Kenny Talmadge, Larry Marticke, Terry Kurtright, Verlin Danner, Steve Gage.



The 2016 Basketball State Champs. Front row: Bryant Sparks, Tristen Lager, Seth Trimble, Shelby McMillen, Alex McQuinn, Daniel Hailey, Preston Aye, Trent McQueen, Quentin Duley, Aiden Gregory. Second row: Head Coach Nick Groomer, Grady Mattson, Garrett Mattson, Grant Osborn, Bryce Jennings, Mitchell Carroll, Elijah Murphy, Austin Kidder, Assistant Coach Chris McMillen. Third row: Trey Schieber, Cole Durbin, Levi Murphy, Brad Hailey, Cole Craig, Cory Luke, Kaden Bremer, Tristin Stoll.



The 2019 State Runner-Up. Front row: Tyra Grayson, Peyton Gage, Madi Sager, Lily Osborn, Kierstyn McMillen, Allison Marticke. Middle row: Astasia Brown, Riley McQueen, Katlyne Pappert, Sydney Mattson, Andaya Brown, Tarynn Mattson, Sadie Runde. Back row: Elle Ellis, Morgan Wallace, Ashley Peterson, Lexi Craig, Samantha Bashor. Not pictured Head Coach Karla McQueen and Assistant Coach Kelli Hilton.

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Mrs. Tammy Graham



Mrs. Danielle Worley



Mrs. Kaleigh Meyer



Growing Our Teachers

By Bladden Greenhalgh
Staff Reporter



Stanberry is very fortunate because many of the faculty and staff here in Stanberry R-II were actual graduates of our school. Thirteen of our current staff members have returned to their alma mater to teach or work.

Our most recent graduate to make her return to the halls of Stanberry is Mrs. Kaleigh Meyer kindergarten teacher. She graduated from Stanberry R-II in 2014. Mrs. Meyer says about teaching, "Throughout the school year, teachers learn something new every day from students and teachers surrounding them. Having a great mindset can really help

teachers. I love seeing smiles, stories, and hugs from my kindergartners. Choosing this grade level improved my childhood development. I chose this career path to help students grow and develop for later on in the future."

First grade teacher Mrs. Danielle Worley graduated in 2010. She says, "Having lots of real-life experiences really helps with becoming a teacher. I started teaching lower grade levels until I encountered the 1st-grade classes. At this point, I knew I belonged here due to the student's determination and

excitement to learn something new. I couldn't think of any other career to do. These students today create bonds I could never imagine."

The class of 2001 grew quite a few teachers for Stanberry R-II. Mrs. Kristi Porterfield, Mr. Nick Groomer, and Mrs. Tammy Graham. Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Porterfield says about her experience at Stanberry, "Back then I had many amazing teachers. Thanks to them, I wouldn't be the teacher I am today. I chose fifth graders because of their energetic personalities. My

students are also a little independent and mature. I've always wanted to be a teacher ever since I was little and I decided to spread my love for learning to other young students." Mr. Groomer, the junior high history teacher says, "It takes lots of time and experience to become the teacher I am today. I enjoy teaching young minds and having them learn the history of our country." And elementary principal Mrs. Graham stated, "I always knew I wanted to work

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(continued from previous page) with children. I was not sure if I wanted to teach elementary or high school when I started college. My college advisor enrolled me in a 1st-grade class at Horace Mann for practicum hours to help me make a decision. I knew after my very first day in the 1st-grade class that elementary teaching would be my choice and major. After I graduated from NWMSU with my elementary education degree, I was asked if I would be interested in becoming a graduate assistant at the Horace Mann Lab School to help teach 5th and 6th grade. Since I was a graduate assistant, I had to immediately enroll in graduate school and start my path to earning my Master's degree. I chose to work towards earning my degree in educational leadership. At the time, I was unsure if I would ever use the degree to become an elementary principal. I babysat children all through high school. When I started college, I loved being in classrooms and helping children learn new content or overcome difficult situations."

The graduating class of 2000 brought us Mrs. Kelli Hilton, Mr. Jason Dias, and Mrs. Amanda Blessing. Mrs. Hilton, our librarian, commented about her journey back to Stanberry that, "It only took a bit of patience and dedication in high school. I wasn't interested in reading books until I went to college. Being a librarian is fun to share with both students and staff." High school math teacher Mr. Dias says, "I wanted to be a HS math teacher my senior year in high school. I went to NWMSU to get a math education degree. I took several math classes and education classes. Math came somewhat easy to me, and I knew I wanted to be a teacher and coach. I figured that would be my best route, and there are always job opportunities in teaching mathematics. I grew up around teaching. Both of my parents were in education and still are. I have 2 aunts that were in education, and I was always at school functions helping set up events." Amanda is one of our fantastic lunch room staff. She strives to make nutritious meals

each day and greets each student with a smile.

Mrs. Susie Wiederholt, elementary reading teacher, graduated from Stanberry R-II in 1987. She commented about her path into education, "I didn't plan on becoming a teacher. Actually, I stayed home with my children and helped my husband with his business. I started working with students in Stanberry R-II in 2008. I worked mostly with students who had problems with reading and spelling. Doing this earned my MEGA certification program. I enjoy reading and listening as the students grow their learning of reading. When I was little, my family and I moved a lot. With that, I've made lots of connections with many teachers from other cities. I am proud of these students' improvements and I feel rewarded by helping them learn and read."

Mrs. Anita Noble, one of the central office secretaries, graduated in 1986. "I went to college at NWMSU and earned my bachelor's degree in accounting. I worked in St. Joe

for a couple of years before I got married and moved back to Stanberry. When my kids got older, the bookkeeping position came open, and I thought I would love to be a part of our school district's family, so I applied. I have always been proud of our school and was very excited to be offered the position. I have been here through building the new parts of the school but still remember the old building and have lots of memories of things that happened in the old building. As the years go by, I am also making memories in the new parts of the building. I really enjoy working with the staff and watching the students grow up."

One of our vital custodians, Mrs. Shella Angle, graduated from Stanberry R-II in 1983. Shella has a great sense of humor and loves helping others around the building. She also works hard by sweeping and cleaning up after games or school times.

Our other central office secretary, Mrs. Karen Luke, graduated in 1975. She works alongside Anita to ensure the finances of our school stay organized and up-to-date.

To finish up our returning staff, we have Mrs. Marsha Dias, a 1973 graduate. Mrs. Dias has spent many years teaching in various elementary classrooms and currently helping with Title math.

These faculty and staff members were once young students here in the halls of Stanberry R-II and turned into teachers, principals, custodians, and our secretaries today. They worked very hard to make their progression from student to staff and we are very thankful they made the choice to return to their alma mater to influence new generations of Bulldogs.



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Brutus' Corner

By Kaedon Showers
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 Mrs. Shay Albright. Who do you think January's staff member is?



Where did you go to college?

Northwest Missouri State University

How many years have you been at Stanberry?

14

What is your favorite thing about teaching?

The students and coworkers

How many kids do you have?

4

Who is your favorite student?

All of them

What is your favorite color?

Black and gold

Are you married?

Yes

February Activities

Wednesday, February 1st

FBLA DLC Day 1 @ MOWEST

4:00-Gentry County Spelling Bee at King City

Thursday, February 2nd

7:00-FFA Farm Show

5:30-Varsity Wrestling-Trenton Tri

Friday, February 3rd-6:00 Varsity BB @ Trenton

Saturday, February 4th

Honor Choir

9:30-Varsity Wrestling@Albany Tournament

Monday, February 6th-4:00-JH Scholar Bowl @ Home (SJC)

Tuesday, February 7th-5:30-VBB@ Home vs. Bethany

Wednesday, February 8th

FBLA DLC Day 2 @ NWMSU

4:00-Gentry County Spelling Bee Make Up Date

Friday, February 10th-Varsity Girls Wrestling Districts @ Kearney

Saturday, February 11th

Varsity Girls Wrestling Districts @ Kearney

VBB @ King City-GRC Crossover

Monday, February 13th

FCCLA Week

4:00-JH Scholar Bowl @ North Andrew

Tuesday, February 14th

2:30-Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

5:30-VBB@ Maysville

Thursday, February 16th-5:30-VBB @ Home vs. Gallatin-Senior Night

Friday, February 17th-NO SCHOOL-Teacher In Service

Varsity Wrestling Districts @ Lathrop

Saturday, February 18th

Varsity Wrestling Districts @ Lathrop

JH Music Contest

Monday, February 20th

NO SCHOOL-Presidents Day

FFA Week

Varsity BB-Districts @ King City

Tuesday, February 21st

Varsity BB-Districts @ King City

7:00-BOE Meeting

Wednesday, February 22nd

Varsity Wrestling State @ Columbia

Varsity BB-Districts @ King City

Thursday, February 23rd

Varsity Wrestling State @ Columbia

Varsity BB-Districts @ King City

7:00-FFA Community Breakfast

Friday, February 24th

Varsity BB-Districts @ King City

Saturday, February 25th

Regional HS Science Olympiad

Varsity BB-Districts @ King City

Monday, February 27th

First Day of Spring Practice

4:30-JH Wrestling @ Rock Port

5:00-FCCLA Officer Installation

Tuesday, February 28th-4:30-JH Wrestling @ Tarkio

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