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7-12 Winter Concert Showcases Music Department's

Hard Work

By Bryttani Sparks
Guest Reporter

The junior high and high school music concert took place on December 7. The junior high choir, under the direction of Mrs. Michele Kelley, opened the festivities for the evening. Their selections included "Can Your Hear the Bells" by Roger Emerson, "Winter Troika Ride" by Cristi Cary Miller, "Hanukka Shalom" by Ruth Elaine Schram and Linda Marcus, "Please Don't Sing An-



The choir ladies sing "A Festive Noel."



Junior high choir performs "Please Don't Sing Another 'Fa La La'" with the high school choir class members.



"Good King Wenceslas" was played by the fifth & sixth grade band.

other 'Fa La La!' by Greg Gilpin. The sopranos were Riley McQueen, Hailey Stoll, Hannah White. The altos include Iris Hartley, Amy Hoover, and Anna Phipps. The baritones were Stephen Henggeler, Evan Saxton, Dakota Wagner, and Braylee Woods. The junior high were accompanied by the high school choir class members, which included Allison Kidder, Paige Kelley, Bryant Sparks, Grady Mattson, Philip Angle, Tristin Stoll, Brendan Smith, and Vince Carroll.

The fifth and sixth grade band went next. The fifth grade band played "Jingle Bells" and "Good King Wenceslas." Featured

performers were Taryn Hunter and Katie Angle; Kiley Mattson and Emma Phipps; Addison Shanks; Caroline Fanning; Alex Wilson; Adam Jensen; Rhona Henggeler and Owen Gregory. The flute players were Taryn Hunter and Katie Angle; clarinets were Addison Shanks and Rhona Henggeler; alto saxophones were Emma Phipps, Caroline Fanning, Kiley Mattson, and Zach

Summa; trumpet was Alex Wilson; trombone was Adam Jensen; and the bell player was Owen Gregory. The sixth grade band played "Tacos and Salsa" arranged by Lew Davison, and "Up On the Housetop" arranged by Jack Bullock. The flute players were Astasia Brown and Lydia Dokken; clarinets were Mattison Davis; bass clarinet Reece Green; alto saxophone was Bailey Wallace; and percussionists were Tarynn Mattson and Austin Hill.

Next was the high school choir. The choir started off with a cheerful song called "A Festive Noel" by Victor Johnson. They

then performed "Mary Sat A-Rockin'" by Greg Gilpin, "In the Silence" by Craig Courtney and Pamela Mart, and "Underneath the Tree" arranged by Ed Lojeski. Mrs. Patricia Hensley and Colton Williams accompanied "In the Silence". The sopranos include Charity Buntin, Abi Davis, Erin Foehring, Sarah Jennings, Marissa Jensen, Megan Jensen, Emilee Maurer, Maria Moreno, Skylar Shanks, Madison Summa, Kelsey Wiederholt, Jenna Williams, and Halley Wilmes. The altos include Rylee Ellis, Taylin Hunter, Paige Kelley, Allison Kidder, Peyton Messner, Kalie Peterson, Bryttani Sparks, Geena Stoll, Lainey Stuart, Brooke Summa, Autumn Wagner, and Sierra Wagner. The tenor and bass singers are Philip Angle, Vince Carroll, Bryce Jennings, Grady Mattson, Grant Osborn, Brendan Smith, Bryant Sparks, and Tristin Stoll.

The junior high and high school band went last. Their first performance was "December Triptych" arranged by Ryan Nowlin. The other performances were "Take the Blues Train" by Robert Longfield and "A Crazy Mixed-up Christmas Concert" by David Shaffer. The flutes were Marissa Jensen and Geena Stoll; the clarinets were Valerie Pickering, Andaya Brown, Anna Phipps, Skylar Shanks, Aubry Williams, and Allison; the bass clarinet was Emily Davis; the contro-alto clarinet was Megan Jensen; the alto saxophones were Katlyne Pappert and Charity Buntin; the tenor saxophone was Bryce Jennings; the trumpets were Keltan Munns, Dustin Jensen, and Sami Catlett; the trombones were Philip Angle and Abi Davis; the tuba was Stephen Henggeler; the percussionists were Brendan Smith, Colton Williams, Alexis Simmerman, Mateo Messner, and Jenna Williams.

Megan Jensen proclaimed, "I feel as if the band had a great performance. We did exceptionally well since a majority of the band are all newcomers or have never played an instrument before. Therefore, I am very happy with the outcome and all of the hard work put forth by all of my band mates."

Choir members and seniors Sarah Jennings, Kelsey Wiederholt, and Peyton



Katlyne Pappert, Charity Buntin, Emily Davis, and Bryce Jennings follow Director Tricia Hensley closely.

Messner all agreed, "The concert was a great success. All of our hard work finally paid off, and it was a great last winter concert for the seniors."

Band director Mrs. Patricia Hensley said, "I am very proud of my students. After another extended marching band season, they were able to take their limited rehearsal time, learn three new pieces, and perform a concert. Very few ensembles are given the opportunity for such a demanding performance schedule, and our band students rise to the challenge every year."

Vocal director Mrs. Michele Kelley stated, "I don't think I have ever had a junior high choir improve as much in one semester as this year's group. I am so proud of the progression they have made and how they presented themselves at the concert. They are definitely to be commended!" She went on to say, "The high school choir was really solid. It is no easy feat to undertake two acapella pieces, and they performed them beautifully. I especially want to thank Mrs. Hensley and Colton Williams for lending us their talents. They helped make "In the Silence" a wonderful experience for everyone."

Community Members Needed to Nominate School for Grant

Stanberry R-II School is currently in the process of applying for Monsanto's America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant. This grant is for \$10,000 and will be used to purchase computers and science equipment for our school. Last year we were finalists in the state, but we just missed receiving it. We are hoping this year will be different. We need your help to make this happen. Part of our application score is based on the number of local farmers who nominate our school. Nominating is easy! Farmers who are actively farming a minimum of 250 acres of corn, soybeans and/or cotton, or 40 acres of open field vegetables, or at least 10 acres of vegetables grown in protected culture can nominate our school. Simply fill out a nomination online or call 1-877-267-3332 to make your nomination. There is a direct link on the Stanberry PTO Facebook page and on the Stanberry R-II school webpage. You can also go to www.growruraleducation.com and select fill out a nomination. Thank you for supporting our school!

Just a Thought...

By Kathy Donaldson
Staff Reporter



“Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting.” Thomas S. Monson

We all know what it is like to get caught up in all of the items that we could be receiving on Christmas day, like a the newest Ipad or tablet, the most up-to-date smartphone, a new sweater. These are all unnecessary luxuries. Sometimes we get so caught up in what we want that we forget to show holiday spirit. We should start focusing on giving. There are people in our world who barely have enough money to buy their family anything during Christmas. So, this year you may not get the newest Ipad or tablet, and that's okay. You do not have to have the most money to give. You can give affection or a helping hand. Sometimes giving a compliment or a warm smile can make someone's day. Make your New Year's Resolution to be a more generous person. This can easily be achieved; maybe you could write an old friend a letter or compose an email. Reach out to family you haven't seen in a while. The little things make a greater difference.

Movie Review

The Martian



By Trent McQueen
Guest Reporter

The Martian is a very well-thought out movie starring Matt Damon. Matt Damon plays Mark Watney, an astronaut that is presumed dead by his crewmates and left on Mars. With Mark's team gone he has to live alone, and the communication system was damaged when the team left, so he must struggle to make contact with mission control on Earth to let them know he is alive. Mark, a botanist, has to use his knowledge to make food grow on a planet with no water. Mark eventually gets the communication running and food growing. Communicating with Earth, Mark has to keep a food supply for a year and a half before help can arrive. It is not easy going, but Mark keeps his sanity and perseveres. Both his former crewmates and an international team of scientists work to try to rescue him.

This is one of my favorite movies from the past year. It was in theaters in October of 2015 and is currently available on amazon. It is a little bit of a longer movie, stretching two and a half hours, but it keeps the viewer intrigued throughout the movie. The Martian has been nominated for seven Academy Awards, including one for Matt Damon as Best Actor and one for Best Picture. I would recommend this movie, rated PG-13, for everyone 13 and up.

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It's Your Call

If you could back to the past is there anything you'd change about yourself? Why?

By Kathy Donaldson
Staff Reporter



Seventh grader Andaya Brown said, "I would choose a parrot so that I could have a companion and somebody to talk to."



Eighth grader Brianna Newman decided, "A bear so I can fight it."



Freshman Tyra Grayson stated, "A shark because I can use it for protection."



Sophomore Halley Wilmes said, "A monkey because I can dress it up and take it everywhere with me."



Junior Tristin Stoll declared, "A water buffalo so I can ride it in the water."



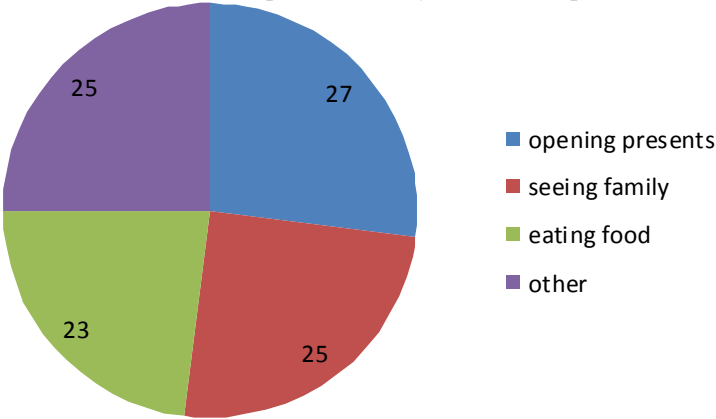
Senior Gavyn Redmond stated, "I would chose a white lion cub because they are adorable when they are young, and then they become large, powerful, beautiful beasts."



FACS teacher Mrs. Sara White said, "An elephant so I can have extra storage space."

Survey

One hundred people were asked to participate in this non-scientific poll: What is your favorite part of winter break?



Elementary Winter Concert Takes Santa’s Show to Branson

By Blythe Mattson
Staff Reporter

The annual elementary winter program was held on Tuesday, December 8 under the direction of Mrs. Michele Kelley. As always, the concert is a musical; this year the overview of the play is that the elves of Santa’s workshop needs more money to continue to make toys. The elves suggest that they sell 50/50 raffle tickets like the choir or sell grapefruits like the FFA. None of these suggestions work for the head elf, so they decide to put on a show in Branson, Missouri! This show, titled *Santa’s Holiday Hoedown*, began with the K-6th grades performing “Goin’ To Branson. The kindergarteners then sang “Jingle Bells,” and then the second graders took over with “We’re Not Reindeer,” featuring Katie Libby, Macie Gibson, Hannah McQuinn, and Jaren Stoll. Stella Starr teamed up with the fourth grade to sing “Layin’ It All On the Line” featuring Kolton Dias and Reagan Heyde. “Elves Lives” was sung by the third grade, and then Santa Claus and the fifth grade treated the audience to “I Ain’t No Willie Nelson.” “Will Santa Come Through?” featuring Parker Ginther, Zander Heyde, Avery Calhoun, and Jax Heyde, was performed by Mrs. Claus and the first grade, and then the title song of the play, “Santa’s Holiday Hoedown” was performed by the sixth grade.

The speaking parts in the musical were performed by sixth graders. Landon Marticke played the role of Dwight, while Austin Schwebach was Yoakam. Ethan Oldham was Garth, and Tyler Schwebach was Brooks. Billy Ray was played by Benjamin Messner, and Angel Farnsworth was Cyrus. Lexi Craig, Astasia Brown, and Reece Green were Mary, Chapin, and Carpenter, respectively. Gwendolyn Phelps portrayed Reba, and Mattea Davis was McEntire. Rudolph was played by Bailey Wallace; Prancer by Alexis Carter Gaona; and Comet by Jackson Williams. Taking on the role of Santa was Austin Hill, with Lydia Dokken as Mrs. Claus. Austin Colvin played Tex Glitter, Korbin Fletchall played Roadie Valet, and Tarynn Mattson was Stella Starr.

Many people helped with the setup of the play. Custodian Rick Blumer built the portable stairs and set up the stage. Elementary principal Bob Hedding helped set up each day. SHS choir alumnus Reid Osborn ran sound for all of the rehearsals as well as the performance. Art teacher Addie Hunter designed and painted the 10-foot pair of cowboy boots. Cara Mattson and Eckards’ Home Improvement donated construction materials. High school choir members Vince Carroll, Rylee Ellis, Paige Kelley, Grady Mattson, Kalie Peterson, Brendan Smith, Bryant Sparks, Brytanni Sparks, Lainey Stuart, and Brooke Summa all worked as stage hands for the production. Director Michele Kelley said, “We couldn’t do what we do without all of these wonderful people.”



Sixth graders join in the closing number.



Korbin Fletchall really gets into his role as Roadie Valet.

Hannah McQuinn enjoys singing “We’re Not Reindeer.”



Third graders do their best Elvis impersonations for “Elves Lives.”



First graders Jax Heyde and Avery Calhoun sing “Will Santa Come Through?”



Mary (Lexi Craig) has a great idea how the elves can raise money for the trip to Branson.



Fourth graders get into the hoedown spirit.



Second Graders Progress and Grow Together

By Jazmin Lee
Staff Reporter

This year the second grade class, consisting of twenty students is divided between two teachers, Mrs. Kali Newcomer and Mrs. Diane Jensen. In Mrs. Jensen's class of ten there are Lindsey Chu, Miley Davis, Brayden Dias, Davien James, Russell Kerwin, Hannah McQuinn, Ally Santa Cruz, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Jaren Stoll, and Isabella Wilson. In Mrs. Newcomer's class of ten there are Olivia Blessing, Eva Cameron, William Ellsworth, Macie Gibson, Evan Gregory, Walker Johnson, Katie Libby, Lilyana Santa Cruz, Vincent Smithson, and Nathan Taylor.

When asked outlook for this year is, Mrs. Newcomer responded, "I am exceptionally proud of the hard work my students have put forth to learn and grow this year! The progress they have already made is phenomenal; I am excited to see them continue to make new discoveries!"

Mrs. Jensen responded, "I am very proud of the progress and growth that I have seen in this group of children since the beginning of the school year. I also have a wonderful group of parents to work with. Together we can make a difference!"

Both teachers decided, "In second grade there is rarely a dull moment. In reading, our philosophy is in order for us to become better readers we have to practice a lot. So we are reading every chance we can get. We have also been learning several different strategies to make reading easier for us. Currently, we are reading stories about neighborhoods and communities.

In math we are working on time, temperature and measurement. We are also writing Christmas story problems. We like to write fun stories and friendly letters. We are also learning how to write in cursive. It is exciting to go to 'Camp Cursive' each day to see what new letter we will be learning. We are really looking forward to learning how to write our names in cursive."



Olivia Blessing, Walker Johnson, Katie Libby, and Nathan Taylor are all very attentive during math.



Evan Gregory and Lilyana Santa Cruz sit patiently while Mrs. Newcomer gives them instructions.



Brayden Dias and Hannah McQuinn ponder a question.



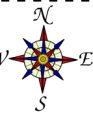
Davien James and Miley Davis listen to Mrs. Jensen as she teaches.



Second graders enjoy their part in the winter concert.

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Character Trait: Caring and Compassion

By Blythe Mattson
Staff Reporter

This month's character trait is caring and compassion. Caring and compassion involves showing understanding of others by treating them with kindness, compassion, generosity, and a forgiving spirit.

You can show caring this holiday season by helping others that have less than you. Adopting a family shows caring by buying items that are not for you or your family. Bringing food for a food drive provides families food for the holiday that they might not be able to provide for themselves. Bring good into the lives of others!

Showing compassion for others involves showing them that you care about them. Some options include baking goods for your neighbors or spreading Christmas spirit to those around you. Maybe you could hang Christmas lights on the front of a neighbor's house while they are out and about just like Glade's newest candle commercial. Whatever you do during the holiday season, remember that caring and compassion are important traits to demonstrate all year long.

JV Teams Gain Valuable Playing Time

By John Conover
Staff Reporter

The junior varsity Bulldogs went to Princeton on December 10th to play the Tigers. The ladies tamed the Tigers with a final score of 52-16. The Bulldogs' highest scorer of the night was Jaden McKune, clocking in 18 points. Tyra Garyson contributed 12 points to the win, while Kalie Peterson and Madelyn Luke each scored 6 points. Rylee Ellis chipped in 4 points, and Marissa Jensen scored 2 points.

The Bulldog boys played Princeton and lost with a final score of 28-42. Austin Kidder and Quentin Duley led in scoring with 6 points each, while Levi Murphy and Kaden Bremer each knocked down four points.

On December 11th, the junior varsity boys played Northeast Nodaway for two quarters before the varsity games and scored a victory with a final score of 20-18. Leading in points were Levi Murphy and Aiden Gregory with 4 points apiece.



Cole Durbin moves around a Northeast Nodaway defender.



Aiden Gregory makes the most of a fast break.



Despite heavy defense, Kaden Bremer scores for the Bulldogs.



Freshman Tyra Banks drives to the lane.



Irina Ziergiebel puts up the shot.



Marissa Jensen looks to move the ball to one of her teammates.

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Junior High Hoopsters Trounce Opponents

by Madesen Gage
Staff Reporter

The Bulldogs traveled to Albany to face the Warriors again on November 17th. Looking to get their revenge on the warriors, Ashley Peterson was the high scorer of the night with 8 points. Allie Gage scored one point, Brianna Newman had 7 points, and Elle Ellis chipped in 2 points. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs came up short 8 points, losing to the Warriors with a final score of 18-26.

The junior high girls' team had their final home game on the 19th of November. Stanberry faced the Maysville Wolverines. The final score ended up a decisive victory, 39 to 10. Ellis and Katlyne Pappert were the top scorers of the night with 11 points each. Sydney Mattson contributed 4 points of her own, and Peterson also had 4 points. Gage put up 5 points, and Newman and Hallie Law each had 2 points of their own.

The ladies traveled to Northeast Nodaway to play the Blue Jays on the 23rd. The Dawgs trounced the Blue Jays 39 to 4. Pappert was once again the high scorer of the night with 9 points. Ellis put up 8 points of her own, Mattson had 6, Riley McQueen and Peterson had 4 points each, and Gage had 4 of her own. Newman and Law each scored 4 points.

The Bulldogs traveled to South Harrison for their next and final game on November 24th. The girls played the following day against the Bulldogs. The ladies outscore South Harrison by 32 points. The final score was 34 to 2. The Stanberry Bulldogs played excellent defense. Ellis and Peterson were the high scorers of the night with 7 points each. Mattson put up 4 points, Braelyn Cowan had 2, McQueen chipped in 5, Pappert had 6, and Gage scored 4.

Eighth grader Sydney Mattson commented on the season, "Our team played better than expected, and we worked really well together. We accomplished a lot, and I'm so ready for high school next year!"

Seventh grader Morgan Wallace said about the season, "The season went very well. We lost very few games, but we improved after each of those losses. We got better the more that we played together."

Head Coach Kate Wiederholt declared, "I'm very pleased with the junior high basketball season. I had a great group of girls to work with, and they worked really hard

throughout the season. They worked really well together and made great progress. I'm looking forward to working with the girls next season."



Braylee Woods moves against fierce defense.

**By Cameron Gage
Staff Reporter**

Following the King City Tournament, the junior high boys had four games left on the schedule. Traveling to Albany on November 17th, they defeated the Warrior boys' team 40-30. Leading in points, Collin had 19, Hunter 14, Kameron 3, Braylee and Tanner 2.

On November 19th, the boys hosted Maysville and lost; the final score a close loss for the Dawgs, 17-24. Collin Sager led the team in points with 12 points. Hunter Johnson scored 4, and right behind him was Braylee Woods with 1.

Stanberry traveled to Ravenwood on November 23rd to battle the Blue Jays. the final score was 27-37. Collin Sager contributed 7 points. Hunter Johnson and Clayton McKune tied at 6. Braylee Woods and Tanner Derks tied at 4 points.

The final game of the season was against South Harrison on November 24th. Unfortunately, Stanberry suffered a defeat, 20-33. Collin Sager put up 8 points and Hunter Woods 7 points in the loss. Clayton McKune and Tanner Derks scored 2 points, and Dustin Jensen had 1.

"We had a great season and became a lot better as a team towards the end of the year. We had a 6-7 record. I'm ready for next year!" stated Collin Sager.

"We had a rough start at the beginning of the season, but we fought through it and became a lot better," declared Hunter Johnson.

"This team improved so much over the season. We saw every individual get better, and the team made great strides. I am looking forward to seeing these boys continue to get better and help improve our program moving forward," commented Coach Nick Groomer.

Katlyne Pappert takes the ball to the hoop in the King City Tournament.

Lady Dawgs Win 3 of First 4 Games

By Madesen Gage
Staff Reporter

The Lady Bulldogs kicked off the season in the Albany Tournament. The first game was on November 30th at Albany High School. The ladies faced the Princeton Tigers for their first round. The final score ended up a Bulldog victory, 47 to 14. The scoring for Stanberry was well distributed; Madi Sager led with 10 points, followed by Lainey Stuart's 8, and Lily Osborn with 7 points. Taylor McQueen added 5 points to the board; Kalie Peterson, Megan Jensen, and Madesen Gage chipped in 4; Cameron Gage scored 3, and Savana Wiederholt added 2. M. Gage was the leader of assists on the night with 5; she also had 8 steals.

The next game for the Lady Bulldogs was against the King City Wildkats. The game was held on the 3rd of December. The final score of the game was 35 to 23 in the Bulldogs' favor. The ladies advanced to the championship round, which has not happened in quite sometime! Osborn was top scorer with 10 points; Sager contributed 8 points. McQueen and M. Gage added 6, Stuart scored 4 points, and Peterson knocked down 2. Osborn led the team in assists with 3. Stuart was the steal leader with 4 steals.

The Bulldogs faced the South Harrison Bulldogs on Saturday night for the 1st place trophy. The final score was 42-44 in South Harrison's favor. The game was very close, but in the end, Stanberry's shots weren't falling. Osborn had a whopping 17 points on the night; M. Gage knocked in 8; McQueen again gave 6 points, Peterson added 4, Sager and Stuart had 2, Jensen sank one free throw. Stuart, Osborn, and Sager each had 2 assists, and M. Gage had one assist. Stuart was again the leader of steals with 2. The Stanberry Lady Bulldogs came into the game as the underdogs and only came up short of the



Lily Osborn sets up the offense against King City. Osborn scored an impressive 17 points in the win.



Madi Sager rises above the Princeton defense in the season opener.



Madesen Gage concentrates on making her free throws.

championship by 2 points. Congratulations to the Dawgs for bringing home the 2nd place trophy!

The Lady Dawgs hosted the Northeast Nodaway Blue Jays on Friday the 11th of December. The final score was 47 to 23 in the

Bulldogs' favor. M. Gage's 15 points led the way, followed closely by Osborn's 14 points. Sager put up 6 points; Rylee Ellis chipped in 4; and McQueen, Peterson, Hannah Bracken, and Allison Marticke all had 2 points. Peterson led the team with 3 assists. Stuart was, once again, the leader in steals. She had 5 for the night.

Senior Lainey Stuart stated, "So far this season has gone really well. We have been accomplishing many goals and have made a lot of progress since the beginning of this season's practices. I believe we will have a great season this year, and I look forward to seeing what is in store for us."

Junior Cameron Gage said about the season, "We are doing better than I expected. The team really needs to focus on communication. We are lacking that quality, and once we get that strong communication, I think we will surprise a lot of people. I'm excited to see what we accomplish."

Head Coach Karla McQueen commented on the season thus far, "The ladies are off to a good start. We have had successful balanced scoring so far, and that will be the key to this team's success. The Lady Dawgs are improving physically and mentally each game. January will be a tough month full of excellent competition, but we are ready for the challenge."

Wrestlers Pick up Pins on the Road

By Cameron Gage
Staff Reporter

The Stanberry wrestling team traveled to Lathrop for their first quad meet of the year on December 10th. Their first opponent was Higginsville. The final score was 33-42. Reuben Gage, Zach Oldham, Chad Boatwright, and Elory Anderson all pinned their opponents. Kenny Summa won by points, and Mark Donaldson and John Shanks each had a bye. The next team to wrestle was Lathrop, and the Dawgs lost a tough one, 12-60. Dylan Pappert and Elory Anderson recorded the only Dawg victories in that round with byes. The last opponent of the night was Adrian; the final score was 18-54. Summa was able to pin his opponent, and Z. Oldham and Anderson had byes.

The team then traveled to Polo for the Polo duals on Saturday, December 12th. Overall, the team placed 4th out of 10 schools. The first opponent for the day was Platte County. The ending score was 15-57. Clayton Stoll won by points, and Boatwright and Anderson picked up byes. Next was Rock Port. The Bulldogs defeated the Bluejays 42-30. Gage, Summa, and Anderson all pinned their wrestlers. Sam Oldham, Dylan Pappert, Mateo Messner, and Clayton Stoll all had a bye. After Rock

Reuben Gage comes back from an eye gouging to win his match.



Clayton Stoll takes on a Maryville competitor.



Chad Boatwright is at a critical point in his match.

Port, Stanberry went up against Higginsville and beat them this time 42-30. Summa and Boatwright had pins, and Mark Donaldson, S. Oldham, Messner, Gage, and Anderson had bye. West Platte was next, and the Dawgs racked another team victory, 48-24. Gage and Anderson lead the way with pins. Byes were recorded by Donaldson, S. Oldham, Pappert, Messner, Stoll, and Summa. Then the last opponent of the night was Cameron; Stanberry was unable to defeat the Dragons, losing 24-48. Three Bulldogs pinned their opponents: Donaldson, Gage, and Stoll, while Boatwright won by bye.



John Shanks scores 2 points and is looking to score 3 points by putting his opponent on his back.

Special thanks to Penny Woods for taking such great photos and posting them to the Stanberry High School Sports Facebook page!

Undefeated Dawgs Have Eyes on the Prize

By Bryttani Sparks
Guest Reporter

As Bulldog basketball takes off, it started with the Albany Tournament. The first game was on November 30th at Albany High School. They boys played South Harrison for the first round. The game was not a challenge for the Bulldogs. The final was 70 to 38; this by far was a team effort with sophomore Bradley Hailey leading with 16 points, senior Daniel Hailey's 14, senior Alex McQuinn's 13, and junior Cole Craig's 10. Senior Preston Aye added 7 points, junior Cory Luke with 6, and both seniors Shelby McMillen and Trent McQueen added 2 points. The boys advanced to the second round in the tournament.

The next game was against Princeton, which was a little more competition for the Dawgs. This game was held on December 3rd with an ending score of 53-38, a Bulldog victory. The leading scorer was D. Hailey with 23 points. McQuinn added 20 points, B. Hailey added 6 points, and both Luke and McMillen added 2 points. D. Hailey and McQuinn recorded 6 rebounds each. The Bulldogs then advanced to the championship game.

On December 5th, the Bulldogs played for first place. They played Worth County and received 1st place with a winning score of 69-61. D. Hailey led with a total of 22 points, followed by McQuinn with 20 points, and McMillen with 11 points. B. Hailey added 8, Luke added 4, and Craig added 2. McQuinn and D. Hailey hit the boards hard, with 12 rebounds each, along with D. Hailey adding 7 assists. D. Hailey was named MVP of the tournaments with a whopping 60 points over three games. The Bulldogs had a hard week and came out on top with a championship trophy!

The Bulldogs returned home the next week, hosting a game against Northeast Nodaway on Friday December 11th. The Bulldogs had no problem beating the Blue Jays, with a blowout score of 73-18. By the end of the first the Bulldogs were up by 18, with McQuinn adding in a dunk. D. Hailey led with a total of 19 points, followed by McQuinn with 15 points, and Luke added 11 points.

Senior Dan Hailey had to say, "We are doing good so far, and we are putting emphasis on getting better every day to achieve the final goal; win districts and then go on to win state. I have seen great improvement in all players, and I am very excited to see what the rest of the season holds for us."

Junior Cory Luke proclaimed, "The season has been going great so far. As a team, I think that we have made great improvement, and I believe that we can win districts and make it to the state game. If we keep our goal in mind the rest of the season we will do great things."

Brad Hailey blows past the Princeton defense to score two for the Dawgs.



Alex McQuinn gets some air on the way to the basket against Northeast Nodaway.



Dan Hailey displays his well-deserved Albany Tournament MVP award



Activities

January 4-
School Resumes
January 5-
7-12 Student Council Mtg. 8:00
JV & V Basketball w/ Jefferson 5:00
January 6-
FFA Greenhand Conference
January 7-
Jostens Class Ring Delivery 12:00
JV Basketball @ Maysville 6:00
January 8-
JV & V Basketball w/ Braymer
Court warming 5:00
Football Chili Supper 5:00
January 9-
V Wrestling @ Rock Port 9:00
Elem. Basketball Practice
Alumni Basketball Tournament
January 11-16-
V Basketball Stanberry Tourn.
January 12-
V Wrestling @ Lawson 5:30
January 14-
V Wrestling @ West Platte 6:00
January 16-
V Wrestling @ Plattsburg 9:30
Elem. Basketball Practice
January 18-
NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service
JV Basketball w/ N. Harrison
School Board Mtg. 7:00
January 19-
V Basketball w/ Maysville 6:00
V Wrestling @ Bethany 6:00
January 20-
Elementary StuCo Meeting 3:15
January 21-
Class & Casual Pictures
V Wrestling @ Tarkio 5:30
January 22-
JV & V Basketball @ King City 5:00
January 23-
Four State Honor Choir
V Wrestling @ Lathrop 9:30
Elem. Basketball Tourn. @ Jefferson
January 25-30-
V Basketball King City Tourn.
January 27-
FCCLA Region I STAR Events @ NWSMU
January 28-
V Wrestling @ Home Quad
January 30-
V Wrestling @ Polo GRC Tourn.
Elem. Basketball Practice



Sixth Grade Bailey Wallace with her spooky houses work declared, "If I had a chance to create my own project I would probably do something with houses because I like to work on the farm."

Artists of the Month

By Seth Trimble
Staff Reporter



Second grader Lindsey Chu declared, "If I had a chance to make my own project it would be dinosaurs because I like to do hard projects that make it challenging." She is shown here with her warm/cool printed cityscape project.



Third grader Jordyn Wright, here with his fall reflections piece, stated, " If I had a chance to create my own project I would draw our space because I like science."



Fourth grader Taelyn Derks said, " If I had a chance to create my own project I would use sticks to use to build my barbie doll house because it would be fun to do." She is displaying her folk art landscape

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Book Review

I'll Give You The Sun

By Jandy Nelson
Review by
Alexis Simmerman

Noah and Jude are inseparable twins, as well as best friends. Noah is known as being artistically talented from his many sketches and paintings, all of which are praised by his mother. Jude is equally artistic and makes sand sculptures, but no one ever sees them before they wash away with the tide. Everyone thinks Jude's only passions are wearing short skirts and being boy-hungry. Noah, though, is also obsessed over boys, especially one boy in particular, but is afraid to announce his sexuality. He believes he won't be an outcast if he gets accepted into CSA, a high school dedicated to the fine arts. The only question is whether or not he can keep his emotions in check and be a "good enough artist".



Now, three years later, everything has changed. The twins' mother has died, and their father no longer lives with them. Jude, not Noah, goes to CSA. Noah has a girlfriend, and Jude has banned boys from her life. Worst of all, Noah and Jude hardly speak to each other anymore.

What happened within three years that completely changed their lives? Will anything be the same again? Noah tells of life before the change, and Jude narrates what happens after. Each twin has secrets to tell that will leave you at a loss for words. Brace yourself.

In Tune

Emiliana Torrini
By Leslie Peters
Staff Reporter



Emiliana Torrini is an Icelandic singer best known for her 2009 hit single "Jungle Drum". Torrini discovered her love for music at the young age of seven when she joined a choir as a soprano. She grew up in Kopavogur, Iceland. Torrini is also well known for her song "White Rabbit," which was the soundtrack for the action fantasy film *Sucker Punch*.

Torrini's most recent work was her album titled *Tookah*, which was released in 2013; it is her sixth studio album. To me her music seems to be fun and adventurous, like as you're listening to her music you're going on an adventure with her.

Torrini's music videos are very interesting as well; in the video for "Tookah" she is a mermaid luring the viewer into the creepy dark water. Torrini's music videos are very much fantasy-filled and remind me of Harry Potter and *Lord of the Rings*.

Torrini has actually made music for the *Lord of the Rings* film titled "Gollum's Song." I personally think the song is really neat, and I do love the *Lord of the Rings* films.

I would recommend listening to "Gollum's Song" and "Jungle Drum". "Gollum's Song" will definitely make you think of fantasy and adventure. "Jungle Drum" is a song I would listen to when I'm having a bad day because the song is very upbeat, has a happy tone and is about love. So If you're getting depressed over the winter weather, go and listen to "Jungle Drum".



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