



BULL DOGS BARK

*****ECRWSS*****

Local
Postal Customer

VOLUME 26 ISSUE 6-2016-2017

STANBERRY R-II HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2017

Due to increased printing & mailing costs and a decrease in advertising revenue over the past few years, *The Bulldog Bark* would like to start a voluntary subscription fee of \$10 per year per household. If you would like to advertise in *The Bark*, which is mailed to over 900 households per month, or subscribe, please mail a check to Stanberry R-II, 610 N. Park St, Stanberry MO.

Elementary Basketball Teams Finish Tournaments

By Levi Murphy
Staff Reporter

The fifth and sixth Grade boys and girls played in several tournaments this month, including Stanberry, King City, and Albany. They played at Stanberry on February 4th. The fifth grade girls lost their first game against Albany and won the second over Jefferson 16-12 taking third place. The sixth grade girls took also took third losing the first game and winning the second against Jefferson. The fifth grade boys took second place in the tournament winning against Northeast Nodaway 14-8 and losing to Maysville 14-22. The sixth grade boys took home second after winning against Maysville but losing to Jefferson by 6 in the championship.

The King City tournament was held on Saturday February 11th. The fifth grade girls lost both their games to Northeast Nodaway and Jefferson and took fourth place. The sixth grade girls got third place; they lost the first game against Jefferson and won the second against Maysville 16-12. The fifth and sixth grade boys both got consolation. The sixth graders lost to Northeast Nodaway 14-20, and lost to Maysville 18-26. The fifth graders lost to Albany 12-14 and Ravenwood 14-22.

The last tournament was at Albany on the 18th of February. The fifth grade girls won the tournament taking home first place They beat Albany first and took out Northeast Nodaway 22-14 for first. The sixth grade girls won the first game against Albany and lost the second to Jefferson 8-18; they ended up with second place. The fifth grade boys were tournament champions for the day, winning against Albany and Northeast Nodaway. The sixth grade boys placed second, winning the first game against Albany and then losing to Jefferson 14-24 in the second game.



School Board Action

During the February Board of Education meeting, the board approved the hiring of Ms. Ashley Clune for the K-12 Vocal and Instrumental Music position left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Patricia Hensley. Ms. Clune is a resident of Joplin, MO and a graduate of Missouri State University in Springfield. This will be her first year as a full-time classroom teacher. The board members also approved principal contracts for both secondary principal Lisa Craig and elementary principal Bob Hedding for the 2017-2018 school year. In addition, the board accepted the resignation of 10-12 Science teacher Ms. Jodie Houchin.

In other board news, the group discussed the future of summer school at Stanberry. Superintendent Brian Garner explained the different options he looked at to minimize losses to keeping the summer school program. Stanberry R-II would face deficit spending of between \$19,000 and \$25,000. Albany and Maryville school districts have offered their summer school program for our K-8 students. If 40 or more students from Stanberry sign up with Albany's summer school program, Albany would provide a bus for transportation. Albany also offers free breakfast and lunch. Albany, Maryville, & King City will allow our senior high students to tutor for A+ hours. Mrs. Craig and Karla McQueen are looking for other alternatives for HS students to acquire necessary hours for the A+ program. After Board discussion, the Board voted to eliminate summer school for this year.

JH Scholar Bowl Competes in Short Season

By Vanessa Purcell
Staff Reporter

Junior high Scholar Bowl began on February 20th. The team, led by Coach Eric McCrerey, includes seventh graders Austin and Tyler Schwebach, and eighth graders Jazrin McCrerey and Stephen Henggeler. The team competed against King City at home, for the first meet of the season on February 6th. With scores of 190-160 and 220-110, the team celebrated a win during both matches. The second match was February 13th at St. Joe Christian.

HS Scholar Bowl Hits the Buzzers



Front: Vanessa Purcell, Charity Buntin, Hailey Stoll, TJ Rogers, Coach Michele Kelley. Back: Aiden Gregory, Grant Osborn, Tyler Hunter, Garrett Mattson, Brendan Smith.

By Vanessa Purcell
Staff Reporter

On Monday, February 27th, high school Scholar bowl team competed against Pattonsburg and North Andrew. On the team are seniors Tyler Hunter and Garrett Mattson; juniors Grant Osborn, Vanessa Purcell, and Brendan Smith; sophomores Charity Buntin and Aiden Gregory; freshmen TJ Rogers and Hailey Stoll. The team is led the year for the first time by Coach Michele Kelley. The first match of the night Stanberry celebrated a win over Pat-

tonsburg with a decisive score of 320 to 130. Garrett Mattson answered the most questions of the match, with a total of eight questions. In the second match Stanberry played for the night, Stanberry had a loss to North Andrew; the score was 280 to 360. Garrett Mattson scored seventeen times during the match.

When asked about her hopes for the season, Coach Michele Kelley said, "I obviously hope the team is successful in terms of wins and losses, but more importantly I hope we learn as individuals. Scholar Bowl is a test of knowledge!"

Stanberry took the win with a score of 220-160 in the first match, but suffered a loss in the second round with the close score of 220-230. The last match was at home against North Andrew on February 20th. The Dawgs had one win with a score of 190-175 and one loss of 180-210. The team was small, but ended the season with an impressive 4-2 record. Coach



Stephen Henggeler, Tyler Schwebach, Coach Eric McCrerey, Austin Schwebach, Jazrin McCrerey

McCrerey said, "The season was short, but overall it was fun while it lasted."

Just a Thought...

By Colton Williams
Guest Reporter

February is not as bad as you think. Even if you do hate it, it only lasts 28 to 29 days. Spring time starts in this month which means the bitter cold is dissipating. Also it is just a month created by humans and has no real relation with anything. Humans made up time if you really think about it. Everything we use to keep time was created by humans. We could have no sense of time except for day and night. Years, months, days, minutes, seconds, it would all be non-existent. Also, Abraham Lincoln was born on February. Really the only reason to hate it is because you have no one on valentine's day which is selfish. So reasons not to hate February are the following: It is the shortest month of the year, it is just a month, Abraham Lincoln was born on February, and you get to spend time with a partner on Valentine's Day.



It's Your Call

Is it easy for you to ask for help? Why or why not?

By Keltan Munns
Staff Reporter



Seventh grader Reece Green said, "I do not like to ask for help because that person might not understand what I'm asking or make it more confusing."

Eighth grader Clayton McKune answered, "Yes, because I know that the teacher will help me with what I need."



Freshman T.J. Rogers replied, "No, not quite. I get paranoid and nervous, but the teachers are always nice and want to help."

Sophomore Jenna Williams decided, "Not quite; it makes me feel like I'm showing weakness by wanting assistance."



Junior Anna Taylor said, "No, because I'm independent and don't really like anyone else's help."

Senior Thomas Harsh said, "Yes, it is easy for me to ask for help, but do I ever need it? No! because I'm the man."

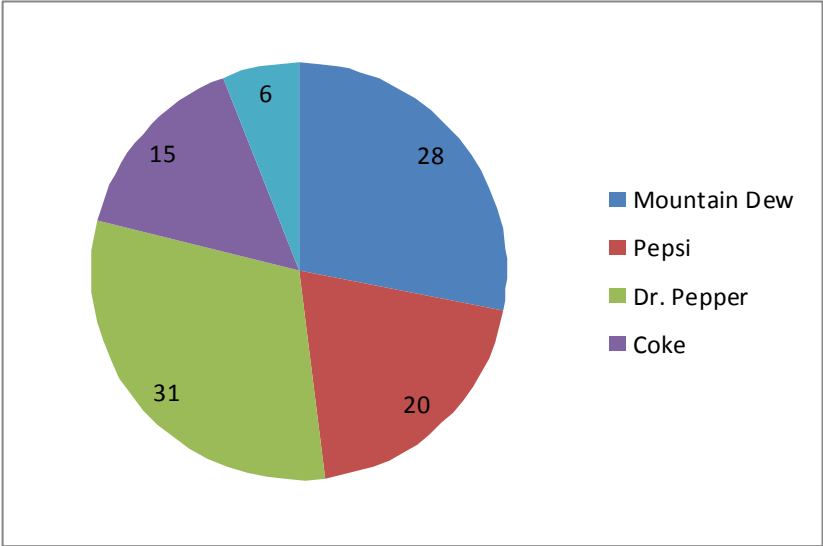


FACS Instructor Mrs. Sara White answered, "No, I usually try to figure it out on my own, but if I can't, then I ask for help."

Survey

One hundred people were asked to participate in this nonscientific survey.

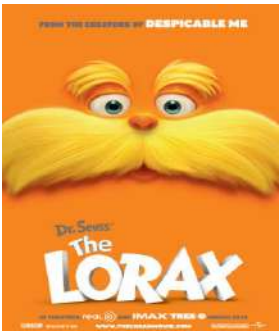
What is your favorite kind of soda pop?



Movie Review

The Lorax
By Leslie Peters
Staff Reporter

The Lorax, the film adaptation of the famous Dr. Suess book, came out in 2012. Rated PG, the movie is about a town that is completely artificial; everything is fake: the trees, grass, and flowers. The movie centers around a young boy named Ted (voice by Zac Efron) who likes a girl named Audrey (voice by Taylor Swift). When Ted learns that she longs to see a real tree, he goes on a mission to find a real tree for her in hopes that she will like him in return. The boy goes outside the walled community to find the Once-ler, a old businessman who ruined the town by making profit off the trees and destroying the land. The Once-ler then tells Ted how the Lorax tried and tried to warn the Once-ler of what would happen to the land. As Ted learns about all of this, the mayor of the town tries to stop him from bringing the trees back, and the movie escalates into a mission to find a tree and to bring the trees back. It's a great movie, and it teaches kids to care about the environment.



Abbie Stoll Photography

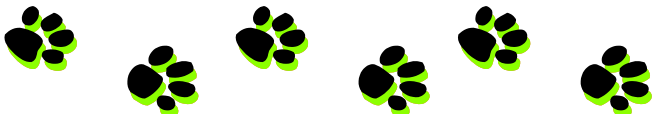
2017 Seniors

This is YOUR time to SHINE!!

Session & Proofs starting @ only \$50!

Located in Stanberry, 660.541.3598

2016-2017 Bulldogs Bark Staff



Vince Carroll
Darin Ellis
Keltan Munns
Levi Murphy

Leslie Peters
Vanessa Purcell
Alexis Simmerman
Madison Summa

Advisor: Sheryl Walker

Signed letters to the editor are encouraged and printed at the staff's discretion. Letters may be sent to Bulldogs Bark, 610 N. Park Street, Stanberry MO, 64489

Spellers Compete in County Bee

By Keltan Munns
Staff Reporter

The Gentry County Spelling Bee was held in King City on Thursday, February 9th. Fifth through eighth graders are eligible to compete. The spelling bee was divided up into two portions: the written and the oral. The written consists of 50 words for each grade level, while the oral pits the grade levels against each other. The fifth graders that went were Reagan Heyde, Kolton Dias, and Colby McQuinn, and alternate Aiden Law. The sixth grade team was made up of Katelyn Stoll, Braxton Shanks, Caroline Fanning, and alter-

nate Alex Wilson. The seventh grade team consisted of Tyler Schwebach, Austin Schwebach and Austin Hill. The eighth grade team consisted of Hannah White and Jazrin McCrerey.

Once again, Stanberry was well-represented at the bee. Colby McQuinn scored second place on the written portion of the spelling bee, as did Caroline Fanning. Austin Hill scored 1st on the written, and Austin Schwebach scored 2nd on the written portion. In the oral competition, Austin Schwebach placed 3rd. The top two in the oral competition move on to the regional level in St. Joseph, so Schwebach will be the alternate if either of the top two finishers are unable to compete. All of the teams did an excellent job.



Fifth grade spellers Aiden Law, Reagan Heyde, Kolton Dias, and Colby McQuinn



Sixth grader spellers Katelyn Stoll, Caroline Fanning, Braxton Shanks, and Alex Wilson



Seventh grader spellers Hannah White and Jazrin McCrerey

SHS Musicians Perform at Events

On Saturday, February 4th, five Stanberry vocalists traveled to South Harrison High School to take part in the Grand River Conference Honor Choir. Junior Grant Osborn and sophomores Abi Davis, Marissa Jensen, Grady Mattson, and Geena Stoll represented SHS in the vocal group. After rehearsing with the large group most of the day, the members performed for the public at 7:00pm.

The sixth through eighth grade section of the Stanberry music department got their chance to perform on

Saturday, February 18th. District Music Festival at Northwest Missouri State University saw several musicians performing in front of judges to be rated, and they all brought home great scores.

Sixth graders Kiley Mattson and Emma Phipps, and eighth graders Andaya Brown, Stephen Henggeler, Jazrin McCrerey, Katlyne Pappert, and Anna Phipps took part in the contest. The woodwind trio of Andaya, Anna, and Katlyne earned a 1 rating, as did the alto saxophone duet of Kiley and Emma, and both Stephen's tuba solo and vocal solo. Jazrin's snare drum solo received a 2 rating. Congratulations to all of these young performers!



Eighth grader spellers Austin Schwebach, Austin Hill, and Tyler Schwebach

Character Trait: Citizenship

By Madison Summa
Staff Reporter

This month's character trait is citizenship. Citizenship is being law abiding and involved in service to school, community, and country. We as people can show citizenship by getting involved in clubs, volunteering, and working for someone. There are many clubs offered in our community. PTO, sororities, Jay-Cees, and American Legion are just a few of them. Volunteering is always appreciated. Mosaic Life Care Hospice program is always needing volunteers to sit with a patient or even just delivering supplies to them. You can also volunteer at the school by tutoring kids or

help with the Clothing Center. Many people in the community are looking for staff to employ. Pineview Manor is always seeking employees from CNAs to dietary staff. They are also have an open armed and caring atmosphere to encourage employment there, and the residents love having the company.

It is very important to have good citizenship. Our country is built on men and women fighting for us. Demonstrating good citizenship pays back those men and women for their sacrifice. Paying back our schools, communities, and country for everything they have done for us is a respectful thing to do.

Schuring-Utermarkt

Sims McCleach VerMeer,

PC

Certified Public

Accountants

224 N. Park Stanberry

660-783-2757

www.sucpa.com



Eye exams, glasses, & contacts
Now in Stanberry!
783-2870
M&TH 9-5

the spec shoppe

Creative Cuts & Tanning

Tonya & Melissa

Stanberry 660-783-2122

Fourth Graders Take on Life in the Intermediate

By Jazmin Lee
Guest Reporter

This year the fourth grade class is taught by Mrs. Shelbi Luke. This is her second year teaching at Stanberry. The class consists of twenty-two students: Cooper Adcock, Paige Campbell, Brody Carroll, Maranda Evans, Preslea George, Bryan Graham, Wyatt Hartley, Decker Heyde, Marli Hilton, Jencie James, Brea Jenson, Trista Lager, Colby McQueen, Calvin Smithson, Hannah Stevens, Devin Strawhacker, Evan White, Payton Williams, Treston Williams, Chloe Wilson, Paige Woods, and Jordyn Wright.

The fourth graders have been working on preparing for the upcoming grade-level assessments in math and language arts that all third through eighth graders must take (formerly the MAP test). They have been making use of the chrome-books in many of their lessons. In addition, the fourth graders adjust to life as intermediate rather than primary students. This includes having a locker, moving to the intermediate hallway, and eating lunch on a different shift.



The fourth graders work on a variety of projects during class time.



Jencie James consults Bryan Graham in art.



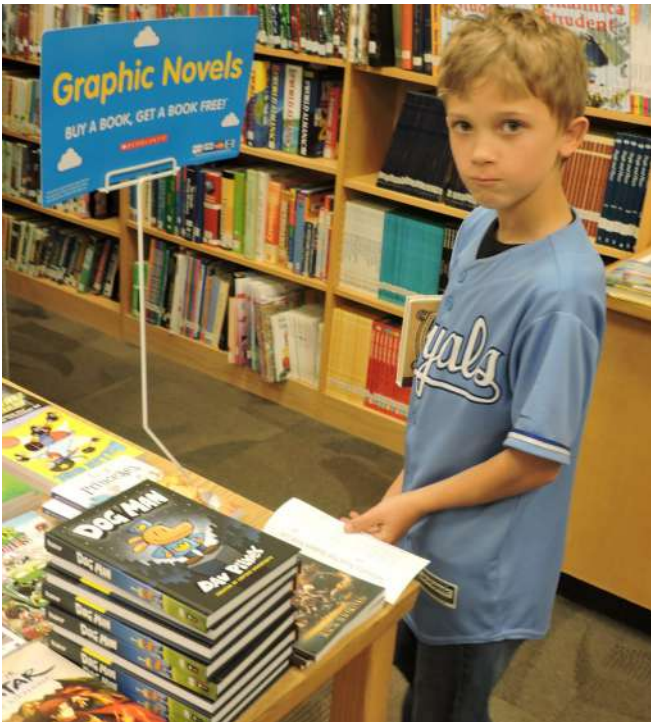
Devin Strawhacker, Paige Campbell, and Preslea George browse at the annual book fair.



Decker Heyde checks out the graphic novel section of the book fair.



Wyatt Hartley reads the book jacket to see if he wants to purchase it.



JH Wrestling Small but Mighty

By Vince Carroll
Staff Reporter



Dustin Jensen proudly holds his trophy from the Tarkio meet.

This year's junior high wrestling team consisted of seventh grader Ethan Oldham and eighth grader Dustin Jensen. Mr. Jason Dias once again coached the crew. Unfortunately, Ethan broke his a bone in his hand and was unable to compete in any meets.

Dustin won 3 matches at the Rock Port meet on February 27th and lost one, not too bad for the first meet of the year. The group turned around and competed the next night, April 28th, at Tarkio. Dustin went off at the Tarkio meet, winning all 4 of his matches, and getting the fastest pin with a time of 8 seconds.

Check out the school website www.sr2.k12.mo.us for the daily announcements, lunch & breakfast menus, monthly calendar, teacher websites and much more!
Don't forget the Stanberry Bulldogs Facebook page to keep up on Bulldog action in the classroom and in the world of athletics!

Three Wrestlers Advance to State Tournament

By Cameron Gage
Guest Reporter

On February 1, the wrestlers went to South Harrison. Their first dual was against Cameron. Mateo Messner had a major win against Cameron with a win of 11-2. Dyon Pappert started the team off with their first pin of the night. Then Rueben Gage, Jason Kelso, and John Shanks followed him with pins as well. Clayton Stoll won by major decision, 16-5. Then Zack Oldham pinned his opponent, and Elory Anderson had a bye. The team beat Cameron 44-36. Next up was South Harrison. Pappert got another pin for the night. Sam Oldham, Mark Donaldson, Gage, Kelso, and Z. Oldham had byes, and Anderson won by minor decision with a close score of 1-0. The team beat South Harrison 39-28.

On February 2nd the next meet was at Stanberry. Gallatin and Lafayette were the visiting teams, with Lafayette up first. John Shanks, Zack Oldham, and Elory Anderson pinned their adversaries. Ruben Gage won by minor decision, 6-0, and Mateo Messner, Dylon Pappert, Sam Oldham, and Mark Donaldson, and Clayton Stoll all had byes. The final score was 51-6 over Lafayette. Gallatin was next and was a much tougher round for Stanberry. The final score to this dual was 12-53. Stoll won by minor decision 6-3, Anderson won by minor decision 4-2, and Sam Oldham recorded a win with a bye.

The Albany Invitational was held February 4th. Taking 1st place on the day was Dylon Pappert with 3 pins and 2 minor decisions and Elory Anderson with a tech fall, 2 pins, and 1 minor decision. Clayton Stoll earned 2nd place with 3 pins and 1 minor win, as did Zack Oldham with 4 pins. Coming in 3rd place was Sam Oldham with 2 pins and Mateo Messner. Rueben Gage took 4th place with 2 pins. Although Mark Donaldson didn't place, he did pin two of his opponents, and Jason Kelso added to the Bulldog tally with 1 pin and 1 major decision.

The district wrestling tournament was February 10-11. This was the make or break point for the wrestlers--if they placed in the top four, they advanced to state. Anything less, and the season would be done. Three Bulldogs made the cut: Elory Shanks led the way, taking 2nd place with 1 win by major decision and 1 by minor decision; John Shanks had 2 pins and placed 4th, and Clayton Stoll had 2 major decision wins to earn 4th. Other Dawgs had successes during the tournament: Sam Oldham and Rueben Gage both had pins before losing out, and Mark Donaldson and Zack Oldham each won by major decision before ending their seasons.

February 16-17th was state in Columbia. On Thursday, Elory Anderson won his first match of the day, while John Shanks

and Clayton Stoll both lost their first matches. In the second round, John won because of a medical forfeit since his opponent from Richmond was injured in the previous match, and Clayton won by minor decision.

On Friday, Elory had to face Brooks Baker, who took home a state championship last year. Unfortunately, Elory lost. John wrestled next in the second round wrestlebacks. He wrestled a good match, but he had to face Drew Rorebeck from Trenton, who John was unable to beat earlier in the season. John was unsuccessful, so he was knocked out of competition. John had a great junior year and hopefully he will be able to return to state next year and get a medal. Clayton had



Clayton Stoll gets ready to take on his opponent from Centralia .



Elory makes his move at the state tournament.

to wrestle Kodie Bellury of Knob Noster for his second round of wrestlebacks and was unable to win. Clayton wrestled well this season and was able to get his 100th career win, which is a major accomplishment.



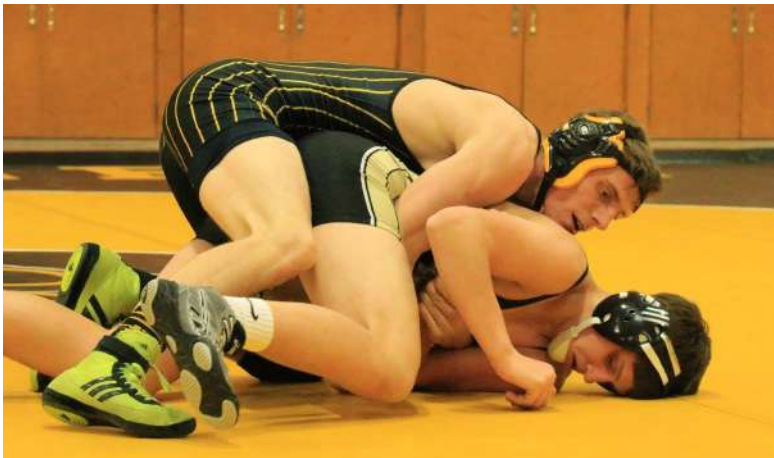
Elory wrestled Ayden Easton of Versailles and pinned him. Elory wrestled again Friday night, facing Holden's Isaac Hill. Elory and Hill wrestled a great match and were tied 1-1 after the third period, which sent the match into overtime. In the first period of overtime no one scored, and into the second we went. Elory chose to start down; normally he is able to get up quickly and get an escape, but this kid was too big. Elory was unable to get up and was also hurt. His shoulder/chest area was hurting, which did not help him any. In the third period of overtime Hill chose to start down. Elory tried to put his legs in but was too high on Hill's arms. Hill was able to shake Elory down and eventually pin Elory all in a short 30-second period. With this loss, Elory's state tournament was over. Elory has had a very successful wrestling career; he qualified for state his sophomore year got fifth his junior year and then qualified as a senior.

The entire Bulldog team



John takes his victory at state.

Rueben Gage dominates his match at the last home meet of the season.



Lady Bulldogs Have a 18-5 Record at the Start of Districts

Photo Credits: Penny Woods



Taylor McQueen pushes the ball down the court.



Peyton Gage waits for the opening inside.



Jaden McKune makes one from underneath.

By Madison Summa
Staff Reporter

On February 3rd Stanberry traveled to Trenton for the Inter-conference Championship. The Lady Bulldogs had a disappointing loss with a final score of 37-51. Although they lost, they also played their hearts out. The top scorer of the night was Lily Osborn with 23 points scored, including four 3 point



Lily Osborn lines up her shot.

shots. The community was very proud of the girls and still continue to show their pride for them. Stanberry had a little struggle with Trenton's number 15, Whitley Richman, who scored 25 points.

February 7th was a home game against South Harrison. This was a very competitive game. The final score was 64-56 with a Stanberry win. The game went into overtime. All of the Stanberry points scored in overtime were all from free throws due to fouls, except for one 3 point shot by Lily Osborn. Osborn was also the top scorer of the evening with 24 points made. Tyra Grayson was put in for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters and shone. Grayson ended the night with 7 points and 3 personal fouls to her name.

February 10th the Lady Bulldogs yet again traveled to Trenton, but this time they had a little different outcome. The final score was 43-39 with a Stanberry win. Coach McQueen put more pressure on Richman and shut her down to only 4 points the whole game, and both of those baskets were scored in the 4th quarter. Madi Sager was the top scorer of this game with 18 points made. The girls were very excited with this win.

February 14th Stanberry traveled to Maysville. Maysville was hosting a fundraiser for a girl in the fifth grade who is suffering from leukemia. The Stanberry girls all ordered t-shirts and wore them as warmups, and each of the boys gave the little girl a flower since this game was played on Valentine's Day. The event raised quite a bit of money for her, and Stanberry was very honored to have been asked to be apart of it. The Lady Bulldogs brought home a W with a final score of 53-32. Madi Sager was the high scorer for the second game in a row, ending the night with 19 points to her name.

On February 17th the Stanberry Lady Bulldogs played their final game of the



Camron Gage proves you've got to want it to win it.

season at home. This was also senior night, the last time the class of 2017 will ever play on their home court. For the girls only two seniors were recognized. Those two were player Cameron Gage and manager Madison Summa.

Both girls have been actively involved with the basketball program all four years of their high school career. The team thanks them for their hard work and wishes them good luck in their future. With it being senior night the ladies achieved a memorable win against Gallatin with a final score of 50-37. Madi Sager continued her sweep, earning the high scorer of the night yet again with 18 points.

The week of the 20th-25th was the start of District Tournament. This year districts was held at Mid-Buchanan in Faucett. The Lady Bulldogs played their first game against Princeton on Monday, February 20th. The final score was 66-22 with a definitive Stanberry win. The high scorer of the night was a tie between Madi Sager and Lily Osborn, both earning 15 points. The junior varsity girls got some playing time this game as well.

The second game of districts was played on Wednesday, February 22nd against Gallatin. This game was a nail biter with a final score of 51-49. Madi Sager ended the night with 13 points and was the top scorer of the game. This game was a lot closer than the last time the Lady Bulldogs played Gallatin. The last time Gallatin was missing two of their really good players, and this time they were back.

The third and last game played was on February 24th against Mid-Buchanan. The final score was 54-70. The Stanberry Lady Bulldogs finished their season with a 23-6 record and a 2nd place District Title. The top scorer of this game was Madi Sager with 14 points scored. With the loss, the girls are now more determined to do better than this season for the next season. They plan on working harder over the summer to better their skills and techniques so that next year they will beat Mid-Buchanan. Graduating only one senior, the Lady Dawgs should be force to be reckoned with next year.



Kalie Peterson rises above the defense.



Madi Sager pushes past her defender.

Several of the Bulldogs were recognized for post-season honors. Madi Sager was a unanimous pick for 1st team All-Conference; Lily Osborn was also name to the 1st team All-Conference, and both Taylor McQueen and Jaden McKune were named to the 2nd team All-Conference. Madi and Lily were also selected to the All-District team.

Dawgs Give Class 2 Teams Serious Competition

By Levi Murphy
Staff Reporter



Cole Craig goes up strong for the basket.

The Stanberry Bulldogs faced the Trenton Bulldogs to kick off february. The game was at Trenton and it was played on the third of the month; this game was for the conference championship. Our boys came out slow, and at half we were behind on the scoreboard. After half the boys came out with some fire under them. We had the score tied up 49 to 49; with seconds left on the clock the Trenton Bulldogs grabbed the ball and hit a buzzer-beater shot to win the game 49-52. Brad Hailey led in scoring for Stanberry with 20 points; Cole Craig put up 15 points, Tristin Stoll scored 9, and Cory Luke added 5 to the effort. Hailey hit the boards for 10 rebounds, and Luke and Craig led the way in assists with 6 each.

The boys then shifted their attention to South Harrison on February 7th wanting to show that they shouldn't have lost the last game. The Bulldogs made quick work of South Harrison. Brad Hailey scored 28 points that night and had 20 rebounds. Cole Craig knocked down 16 points, Cory Luke chipped in 14, Tristin Stoll scored 2, and Cole Durbin hit a free throw for 1 point. Luke also grabbed 13 rebounds and once again led the team in assists with 8. The remaining Bulldogs were all still fired up, and they ended the night coming out on top 67-46.

Stanberry had another shot at the Trenton Bulldogs just one week after the loss. The SHS team was ready to show that we were definitely the better team. They started the game and everyone was flying around and giving their all. The boys were a little too fired up as Coach Groomer said; once we got relaxed, we started hanging more points on the board. Our Bulldogs never let up once during the game and kept their feet on Trenton's throat the entire time. Stanberry ended the night 63-51 proving that they were the better team on the court. Brad Hailey and Cole Craig were the leading scorers; Hailey had 24 on the night and Craig had 16. Cory Luke added 12 to the board, Levi Murphy contributed 6, Trey Schieber 3, and Tristin Stoll 2 point. Luke led in rebounds with 10, while Craig passed for 7 assists.

The next step was Maysville on Valentine's Day, and the boys made quick work of the Wolverines. The Dawgs got up on them early, 20-6 at the end of the first quarter and didn't let them have any hope the rest of the game. They finished the night 62-40. Brad Hailey led scoring with 27 points; Cole Craig scored 15, Cory Luke 9, Levi Murphy 6, Tristin Stoll 3, and Kaden Bremer 2 points. Hailey snatched 16 rebounds, and Luke 8. Luke also had 8 assists.

The last regular season game was at home against Gallatin on February 17th, and all the senior boys wanted to leave on a good note. The Gallatin boys gave up a good fight, but they just couldn't hang with our Bulldogs. Stanberry trounced Gallatin 56-44. Brad Hailey recorded 19 points; Cole Craig shot for 15 points; Cory Luke 10. Both Tristin Stoll and Tyler Hunter scored 4, and Levi Murphy and Trey Schieber both chipped in 2 points. Luke led in rebounds with 10 and led in assists with 12.

Our Stanberry boys wanted to come into districts full bore. This year class 2 Districts were held at Mid-Buchanan High school. The Bulldogs faced Polo on February 21st for the first round. Our boys came out slow in the first half. They were hanging with our boys pretty much the first half, with a score of 28-19 at halftime. Then Brad and Cole started showing why they were All-Conference players, hanging more points on the board and helping the team pull away from Polo. The boys won 54-44, and Cole Craig and Brad Hailey had a combined 35 points on the night. Cory Luke put up 12 points Levi Murphy 4, Trey Schieber 2, and Cole Durbin 1 point. Hailey hit the boards for 10 rebounds, and he and Luke tied with 4 assists. The boys were glad to get the rough game out of the way and were ready to face Plattsburg.

Stanberry took on the Tigers on February 25th. The team was ready to fight for the entire game--they were ready to play the game. Stanberry started off quickly and got on top in the first quarter. Our boys won the first quarter 15-9 and began the second a little slower. The Dawgs battled hard all first half and went into half up by one 22-21. After half the Bulldogs showed what they were made of; they hung 20 more points up on the board in the third quarter. The game was winding down, and our boys were up by 12 points for a final score of 41-39. Cory



Levi Murphy lays one up and in the hoop.



Cory Luke waits for the offense to settle into position.

Luke was the leading scorer of the night with 19 points. Brad Hailey scored 14 points, Cole Craig 13, Tristin Stoll 4, and Levi Murphy 1 point. Hailey led in rebounds with 14, and Cole Craig also hit the boards hard with 8, while Stoll fed the ball to his teammates for 6 assists.

They heading to the District Championship game against Mid-Buchanan. The championship game was held on Saturday, the 25th of February. The boys had nothing to lose. They were the smallest team in Class 2, going up against one of the biggest schools in Class 2. For the first time in a few years, the Bulldogs were the underdogs. The game started, and the Dawgs had their hands full this time. The boys started doing their thing and got to playing ball, knowing they had to work together to accomplish their goal. The game started off at a really fast pace--both teams were playing their hardest. The first quarter rolled to an end, and the Dragons were up by 1. The game went on and the crowd was on their feet as the first half came to an end with the Bulldogs up 17-16. After half our boys were still fired up and ready to play. The third quarter began; the game was back and forth, and our boys were hustling to every play. One thing that the Dragons had on our team was that they rotated 5 players at a time. Stanberry only played 7 the whole game, so our team was a little worn down. The Dragons were up 25-26 at the end of the third quarter. When the last quarter began, we were in a little

Photo Credits: Penny Woods



Brad Hailey puts up a jumper over the Mid-Buch defense.



Tristin Stoll knows free throws are essential to winning.

foul trouble, but we had to play smart and aggressive. Soon we had 7 team fouls, while the Dragons had 0. Soon Mid-Buchanan got to shoot to free throws and began to take the lead. Our boys did everything they could to stay with them. Soon we were in major foul trouble, and they began to grow a good lead on us. Stanberry lost to Mid Buchanan 38-51 but have nothing to be ashamed of. Tristin Stoll led in scoring with 12 points; Brad Hailey knocked down 10; Cole Craig 6; Levi Murphy and Cory Luke 4, and Tyler Hunter 2 points. Hailey led rebounds with 8, while Luke and Craig each had 3 assists. The smallest Class 2 team gave one of the biggest a run for their money and had them thinking they took off a bigger bite than they could chew.

Stanberry accomplished many goals and were one of the best teams to watch during the season, finishing with a 23-5 record. While the Dawgs will miss their five seniors next year, they should still be a dominant force in the conference and beyond.

Activities

March 1-
FCCLA Regional Officer Installation 6:00 MPR

March 3-
3rd Quarter Ends
JH Wrestling Home Quad 6:00

March 6-
HS Scholar Bowl home 4:00
JH Wrestling @ Albany 5:30

March 8-
SCHOOL DISMISSED 12:25
Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:00-6:00
FFA Chapter Officer Interviews

March 9-13-
NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

March 14-
School Resumes
Stanberry Elem. Wrestling Tourn 6:00

March 15-
Transition Skill Day 9:00 am

March 20-
FFA Savannah Contest
HS Scholar Bowl @ St. Joe Christian 4:00
Board of Education Mtg. 7:00

March 22-
V Golf Home 4:00

March 23-
FFA Trenton Contest
V Track @ Worth Co. 3:30

March 24-
Prom Setup 8:30 Junior Class

March 25-
Prom 6:00 @ NWMSU Ballroom

March 27-
HS Scholar Bowl @ North Andrew 4:00

March 28-
JH Track @ Worth County 3:30
HS Track @ Lathrop 4:00
District FFA Contest

March 29-
V Golf @ Mound City 4:00



Dr. Steve Nickell

Veterinarian
144 N. Park
Stanberry 783-2325

Artists of the Month

By Levi Murphy
Staff Reporter

During the month of February these following three students showed their talent in their art work. Kaitlyn Porterfield a second grader made an America poster using pastels and blending colors together. Third grader Hannah McQuinn used yarn and wove it together making a tree. Fourth grader Marli Hilton showed her talent by weaving paper back and forth.



Kaitlin Porterfield



Hannah McQuinn



Marli Hilton

Book Review

Untwine
By Alexis Simmerman
Staff Reporter



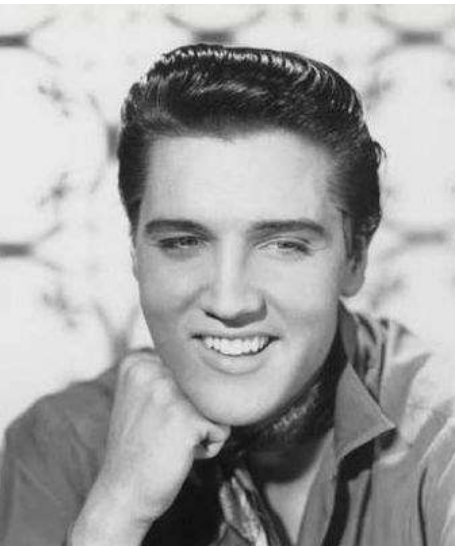
In *Untwine* by Edwidge Danticat, two identical twins may look exactly alike, but they have very different personalities. Giselle and Isabelle are seventeen and decided long ago they would be their own people. They take different classes, have different friends and interests. Giselle is fascinated by the history of art, while Isabelle is serious about playing her flute in a concert band. Isabelle stays at the beach with a boy watching whales be rescued, and Giselle goes to school and takes a mock SAT. Only one similarity kills Isabelle, though.

Their family is going to Isabelle's concert at school. Giselle makes them late by making extra preparations for a boy. Once on the interstate, Isabelle begins freaking out about being late. In a quiet moment, the twins sense danger and take each other's hands. A red minivan swerves into them, on Isabelle's side. Waking up confused in the hospital, Giselle learns she has been mistaken for Isabelle and her twin is dead.

Now Giselle is unsure if she wants to live. If she does, she will leave the only life she's ever known--the one with her twin. Will she always have this empty feeling in her heart that something is missing? How can she continue aging without the girl she was born with?

As a fan of realistic fiction, I fell in love with this book. It made me realize just how much someone's life can change in an instant. I recommend *Untwine* to anyone intrigued by tragedies or has ever experienced one themselves.

In Tune



Elvis Presley
By Leslie Peters
Staff Reporter

Everybody knows Elvis Presley; he's known as the king of rock n' roll. Elvis was involved in many different genres of music such as gospel, pop, blues, and country. Elvis has many albums; here are just a few: *Jailhouse Rock*, *Blue Hawaii* and *How Great Thou Art*. Those are just a small portion; there are many, many more. At eighteen, Elvis paid four dollars to make his first record, and it was a gift to his mom. Elvis also recorded Christmas music as well; his most popular Christmas song is "Blue Christmas." Elvis has also starred in many movies--in almost every movie he sings, of course. Some of the movies he has starred in are *Love Me Tender*, *Frankie and Johnny*, and *It Happened at the World's Fair*. If you have never taken an interest in Elvis, I would highly recommend his music or movies; Elvis has something for everybody to like. I personally love everything about Elvis.

Pierce Lumber & Concrete

Stanberry MO 64489
660-783-2300
South Side of the Square

SHANE WALKER BUILDING & REMODELING

New Homes, Additions, Pole Barns, Decks, Windows, Siding
660-582-1184

Eckard's Home Improvement

118 W. Main Stanberry
(660) 783-2611



Kent Peterson, Agent

Home Business Auto Life
Stanberry, MO 64489
(660) 783-0600

