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Scholar Bowl Finishes Regular Season Strong

Staff Reporter

Taylor Lager

On March 2nd the Bulldog Scholar Bowl team had an amazing day. The Bulldogs competed in three different matches, one junior varsity and two varsity. The JV had an amazing match against South Harrison, trouncing them 130-10. Brendan Smith was the lead scorer for the JV team with 60 points; Grant Osborn and Colton Williams each scored 30 points, and Darin Ellis contributed 20 points for the team. The varsity team also soundly beat South Harrison with a 290-140 point win. Garrett Mattson and Vanessa Purcell shared leading scorer honors, pitching in 60 points each. John Conover scored 40, and Lucas Raymond 30 points. The varsity group then competed against Worth County, defeating the always competitive Tigers 310-230. Garrett led the team, scoring 80 points. John and Vanessa each recorded 50 points, and Lucas again had 30 points.

On March 9th the team competed against Maysville; unfortunately, both the varsity and JV squads lost. The varsity score was 230-290 with Maysville winning by only a handful of questions. Mattson & Purcell led in scoring with 70 points apiece; Raymond and Smith each contributed 10 points. The varsity team also competed against Gallatin and won with a final score of 280-240. Garrett scored 90 points for the team, Vanessa scored 50, Brendan scored 20, and Lucas helped the team with 10 points. The JV team also lost against Maysville with a final score of 80-130. The JV squad then completed against Gallatin and lost in overtime with a score of 80-50. Garrett added 30 points and Colton 10 points in the loss. The varsity group took on Gallatin and were victorious, 280-240. The scorers for the varsity match were Garrett, 90 points, Vanessa, 50 points, Brendan, 20 points, and Lucas 10 points.

On March 16th the team competed against Polo, King City, and Braymer. The team went 2-1 that day, losing only to King City, a perennial powerhouse in Scholar Bowl. The match against

Polo was a 220-200 win. The leading scorer during the Polo match was Garrett with 70 points; Vanessa added 50 points, Brendan 20 points, and Lucas and John 10 each. Braymer was a 290-210 win for the varsity. John led the scoring with 70; Garrett added 60, and Vanessa 50 to the victory. King City was a tough match, and the Bulldogs lost by a narrow margin, 210-250. Mattson and Purcell each racked up 50 points, Conover 20, and Raymond 10 points. The JV team also competed but only had two matches, both wins for the Dawgs. The Polo match was a fantastic match, ending with a 120-60 win. John and Brendan both scored 40 points in the effort. The JV defeated King City 130-60. John once again led in scoring the JV with 60 points; Brendan Smith contributed 30 points.

On March 23, the Bulldogs competed against Albany and Princeton. The Bulldogs went 1-1 for the day and were beaten by Princeton. The match against Albany went great for the Bulldogs with 260-100 win. Individual scorers for the varsity were Garrett with an impressive 100 points; Vanessa with 40, John with 30, and Lucas with 10 points. Princeton was a great match for the Bulldogs even though they lost by a mere two questions, 200-220. Garrett scored 60 points to make him the leading scorer; John and Vanessa each chipped in 20 points, and Lucas once again got on the board with 10 points. The JV team also went 1-1 but was defeated by Albany. Albany match was a close match for the JV with a final score of 100-110. The individual scorers for that match were Vanessa with 40 and Brendan with 30. The Princeton match was a close one with a final score of 90-80. Individual scorers for the match were Garrett and Brendan with 30 and Grant with 10. The Bulldogs are currently tied for second in the conference. Both the varsity and JV teams have winning records of varsity 6-3 and JV 4-3. The district tournament is scheduled for April 18, and the winner will advance to sectional play.

2015-2016 Color Guard Tryouts Held

By Skye Wagner
Staff Reporter

High school color guard tryouts were held on Wednesday March 4th. Thirteen students tried out; unfortunately, only eight could be selected. All students that tried put in a great deal of effort. The eight selected to be on the 2015-2016 color guard team are juniors Lainey Stuart and Megan Jensen, sophomores Madison Summa and Darin Ellis; and eighth graders Emily Davis, Autumn Wagner, Skylar Shanks, and Abigayle Davis.

When asked what she was looking forward to with next year's guard, Director Patricia Hensley said, "Increased level of performance, ability to work on more difficult routines, a larger

guard, and more colors on the field." Megan Jensen and Autumn Wagner were asked what one of their personal goals are for color guard.

Megan said, "I would like to work on my high tosses and for my team to improve overall."

Autumn said, "I am going to put in my best efforts, so I can improve to benefit my team in the best way possible."



FBLA Qualifies two For State

By Taylor Lager

Staff Reporter

February 12th the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) members traveled to Maryville to compete in the district contest. This is only the second year for the organization at Stanberry, which is sponsored by business instructor Mrs. Sidney Eckard. As a group the team had a great day and competed well. Some of the entrants took online tests prior to the event to compete, while others had to present on the day of the contest. Two members qualified for state competition: Peyton Messner took 3rd in Agribusiness, and Garrett Mattson placed 4th in Personal Finance. Paige Kelley missed the state event by one place in Client Services, taking 5th overall. Emily Smithson and Gabrielle Stuart as a team placed 5th in Digital Design and Promotion. Garrett also competed in Business Math, where he earned 8th. Accounting I was Bryttani Sparks's event, and she came in 9th. Vanessa Purcell competed in Word Processing and got 10th overall. Peyton and Garrett compete at the state level by taking online tests, and state placings will be announced at the state FBLA convention, which will be April 12-14 in Springfield. Mrs. Sydney Eckard stated "FBLA District Contest is an excellent way for students to compete against area school and showcase their skills. Two state qualifiers is a huge accomplishment in our second year of competing."



Garrett Mattson



Peyton Messner

Testing Season Approaches

By Isaac Hedding

Guest Reporter

Birds chirping, grass turning green, and trees budding all mark the beginning of spring. This time of year also marks the start of state assessments, commonly called MAP (Missouri Assessment Program) or EOC (End of Course) tests. Here at Stanberry, students will start testing on April 14th and finish on May 13th. How our students perform can impact how much local control we have over our overall education of the students.

In the elementary grades 3-6 will be tested in English/Language Arts and Math. The fifth grade will be tested in Science. All tested is done online now. Grades 3, 4 & 6 will take tests that are designed to be shorter and completed in one setting. These tests are made up of mostly multiple choice questions with some constructed response (short answer).

The fifth grade will be required to do everything that the other grades have to do with a performance event added to their test. This makes the fifth grade test appear to be harder; in truth it is just measuring more of the same information using an added element--the performance event.

Elementary Principal Bob Hedding's, advice or tip to the students would be, "To do their best and not get stressed out about the test. They have worked hard all year and have been taught by the best teachers you can find, and they are ready to take this test and will do just fine."

The junior high students will be taking the MAP test. The seventh and eighth grade students are tested in English/Language Arts and Math. The eighth grade is also tested in Science.

The high school students will be tested in Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology, English/Language Arts II, and Government, which was taken first semester. All of these tests will have a different mix of students that range from freshman to seniors depending on what classes they are currently taken. All tests, in all grades, will be given online this year, which is different from in the past.

Junior high & high school Principal Lisa Craig advises the students, "Be prepared; the best way to do this is to pay attention in class and utilize practice tests to become familiar with testing questions and the online environment. Get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast. Remain positive in your ability to test. Treat these tests like an athletic event--no one wants to lose to the opposing team, and the same should apply to academics!"



Megan Jensen

Autumn Wagner

Just a Thought...

By Hayley Farnsworth

Staff Reporter



Daylight Savings Time has just occurred Sunday March 8th. Daylight Saving Time gives us the opportunity to enjoy sunny summer evenings by moving our clocks an hour forward in the spring. People are wondering why we participate in Daylight Savings. They are also wondering if we should quit participating in it. Daylight Saving Time has been full of controversy since Benjamin Franklin conceived of the idea. Even today, regions and countries routinely change their approaches to Daylight Saving Time. States and territories in the United States that do not observe daylight saving time, aside from most of Arizona, include: Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Some parts of Indiana did not observe daylight saving time in the past. The Amish also do not participate.

I believe that we should continue to participate in Daylight Savings because everyone enjoys longer summer days but no one wants to keep those long days through winter. After the change of time people seem to drag a little as they begin to adjust. Some people do better at adjusting than others.

Movie Review

By Sarah Jennings

Guest Reporter

The Duff



I went to see this movie hoping for a fun, quirky show with maybe a hint of depth to it. And that was exactly what I got. It is fun, entertaining, and light, and I'm glad that I went to see it.

This movie is about a girl who comes to discover that she is a D.U.F.F. (Designated Ugly Fat Friend). She enlists the help of her neighbor, Wesley, an immature hard-core jock whom she used to be really close with as a kid, to de-Duffify her in exchange for helping him pass his classes. He helps her step out of her shell in several strange, funny ways. Some of them have embarrassing results that cause trouble for everyone.

My only problem with this movie is that it is incredibly predictable. I knew what was going to happen as soon as all of the characters were introduced, and I'm not usually good at predicting what happens. I knew who was going to end up with who and what was going to happen at the end. There aren't really any surprise twists to the story at all. It is all a little cliché'd, but it is still very fun to watch.

Even though it is predictable, this movie has several good attributes. The characters are interesting and vibrant. You can't help loving the main character because of her funny and quirky personality, which adds a lot to the story. She seems a lot more authentic than most teenage girls played in movies do. For instance, she doesn't have a perfect body, but she is still beautiful, and her awkwardness makes her interesting and humorous. In other words, she isn't made to seem perfect, which is a nice change from the usual. And of course, in my opinion, every movie is better with humor, and The Duff definitely has that. Some scenes I'm still laughing about at random times.

Overall, The Duff is a good watch for teenagers. It has a lot to offer: humor around every corner, a little bit of romance, and an interesting and unique cast of characters to tie it all together. It is definitely more of a chick-flick, though--not much action, sorry guys! But, if you're looking for a fun, entertaining watch, I recommend it.



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It's Your Call

What was your idea of fun as a child?

By Aeriell Munns

Staff Reporter



Seventh grader Brianna Newman stated, "I enjoyed playing football and basketball. I also liked hanging out with m friends."

"Playing football with my cousins would be my favorite childhood memory," stated eighth grader Elijah Murphy



Freshman Halley Wilmes responded, "As a child I enjoyed jumping on the trampoline."

"My favorite childhood memory is going swimming," responded Sophomore McKenzie Rose



Junior Megan Jensen said "When I was little, I enjoyed having mud wars with my siblings"

Senior Reverend Hayden Rainey stated, "As a child I watched a lot of History Channel documentaries"

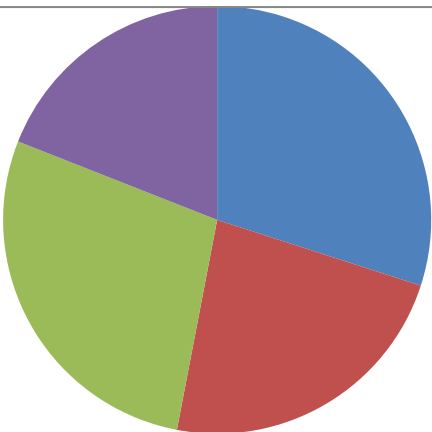


"Bouncing on old inner tubes, or playing on the old tree with my brother and sisters," responded Language Arts Instructor Sheryl Walker

Survey

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

What is your favorite new movie?



Big Hero 6
Interview
Mockingjay
Lucy

Junior High Scholar Bowl Successfully Finishes Their Season

By Lillian Stoll
Staff Reporter

This month the junior high Scholar Bowl team traveled to Worth County on February 24th. The team came home with a fantastic score, winning both of their matches. In the first match, Stanberry scored 390 points, and Worth County scored 120. Aiden Gregory was the leading scorer for the Bulldogs with 140 points, followed by Hailey Stoll with 60 points, Braelyn Cowan with 50 points, and Hunter Johnson with 10 points. The Bulldogs added 130 points to the score during the bonus round. The score of the second match was Stanberry with 240 points and Worth County with 110 points. Once more, Aiden Gregory was the high scorer with 110 points, then on to Hailey Stoll with 50 points, Braelyn Cowan with 40 points, and Sydney Mattson with 10 points. The team added 30 points in bonus.

On March 2nd, the Bulldogs traveled to King City for the meet and came home having won both matches. In the first match, Stanberry scored 390 points opposed to King City, who scored 120 points. The leading scorer was Aiden Gregory with 110 points, Hailey Stoll and Braelyn Cowan both contributed with 50 points each, and Sydney Mattson and Hunter Johnson both scored 20 points. There were 140 points added to the Bulldogs' score in the bonus round. The second match of the evening ended with a score of 330 points, Stanberry, and 100 points, King City. The high scorer was Aiden Gregory with 130 points, Hailey Stoll with 80 points, and Braelyn Cowan with 50 points. The team added 70 points during the bonus.

The final matches of the season were against the Albany Warriors March 10th. Stanberry won the first match scoring 380 points, and Albany scored 140 points. Aiden Gregory was the high scorer for the Bulldogs with 110 points. Baelyn Cowan followed with 90 points, Hailey Stoll scored 50 points, and Sydney Mattson scored 10 points, as well as Hunter Johnson. Stanberry had 110 points in the bonus round. The Stanberry Bulldogs unfortunately fell short to the Albany Warriors in the second contest with a score of 220 points to 280 points. The high scorer of the second match was once again Aiden Gregory with 70 points. Braelyn Cowan followed with 40 points, Hailey Stoll with 20 points, as well as Hunter Johnson. The Bulldogs scored 70 points in the bonus round.

The Stanberry Bulldogs wrapped their season up with an amazing win in the GRC with the most points scored. Altogether, the Bulldogs scored 3050 points during their whole season.

Sydney Mattson said, "Our season ended very well. We met our expectations, and we only ended up losing one match out of three, and that's very good."

Coach Addie Hunter gave us some final thoughts on the season, "I am very proud of how well this group of kids competed this year. Aiden Gregory was the only eighth grader who participated, and he was a great team leader. The seventh graders adapted well to the new question format. It is very different from elementary academic team. I hope they stick with it next year, too. I am also pleased with how they represented our school at both home and away meets. They were always well behaved, and I am very thankful for that."

March Character Trait

by Dustin Ellis
Guest Reporter

Honesty--a word we use daily, yet don't see used correctly very often. Honesty is a delicate word that is the bridge between trust and total abandonment by friends. With honesty comes trust. The two come hand-in-hand when building a foundation for partnership. In today's society, morals aren't sought after as they were in the past. Some individuals believe they should only do what gets them ahead in life, whether that is stealing to make money or lying to get away with a troubling act. With honesty we can bring out the good in the world and promote a better lifestyle for our younger generations to live by.

Math & Computer Teams Earn High Marks at Contest

by Bryttani Sparks
Guest Reporter

Three teams from Stanberry R-II competed in the Northwest Missouri State University Math Olympiad on March 19, 2015. The sophomore team consisted of Cole Craig, Marissa Smithson, Garrett Mattson, Cory Luke, and Shanen Law. The junior team was Paige Kelley, Shelby McMillen, Trent McQueen, Alex McQuinn, and Claire Aka-mine. The senior team was Lillian Stoll, Lucas Raymond, Stacy Fisher, Hailey Murphy, and Allen Liu. Each team did their best, and all placed. This is an impressive feat, considering that schools of all sizes compete in the same division, and Stanberry was up against some very large schools as well as private schools that specialize in math and science. The sophomore class came in third overall, the junior class came in third overall, and the senior class came in second. Paige Kelley declared, "It was a great experience, and we did well."

Also on that day, Northwest hosted a Computer Programming competition. The team consisted of junior John Conover, freshman Jared Rockhold, and senior Hayden Rainey. The team had to solve five programming problems using Python, a programming language. They worked really hard but came up short and did not place. John Conover said, "I feel like we did alright, but if we would have studied more we could have done much better. I think that we did great overall." Both groups had a wonderful day and are ready to work for next year.



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Fifth Grade's Exciting Finish to the Year

By Hayley Farnsworth
Staff Reporter

"We have had a great year full of fun and learning! It is hard to believe we are already in fourth quarter," stated Mrs. Kristi Porterfield, the fifth grade teacher here at Stanberry. The fifth grade consists of twenty students this year, ten girls and ten boys. They are Astasia Brown, Alexis Carter Gaona, Austin Colvin, Lexi Craig, Mattison Davis, Lydia Dokken, Angel Farnsworth, Korbin Fletchall, Reece Green, Austin Hill, Landon Marticke, Tarynn Mattson, Benjamin Messner, Ethan Oldham, Gwendolyn Phelps, Austin Schwebach, Tyler Schwebach, Bailey Wallace, Jackson Williams, and Hunter Wolfe. This is Mrs. Porterfield's first year teaching at Stanberry, though she is a familiar face as an SHS graduate.

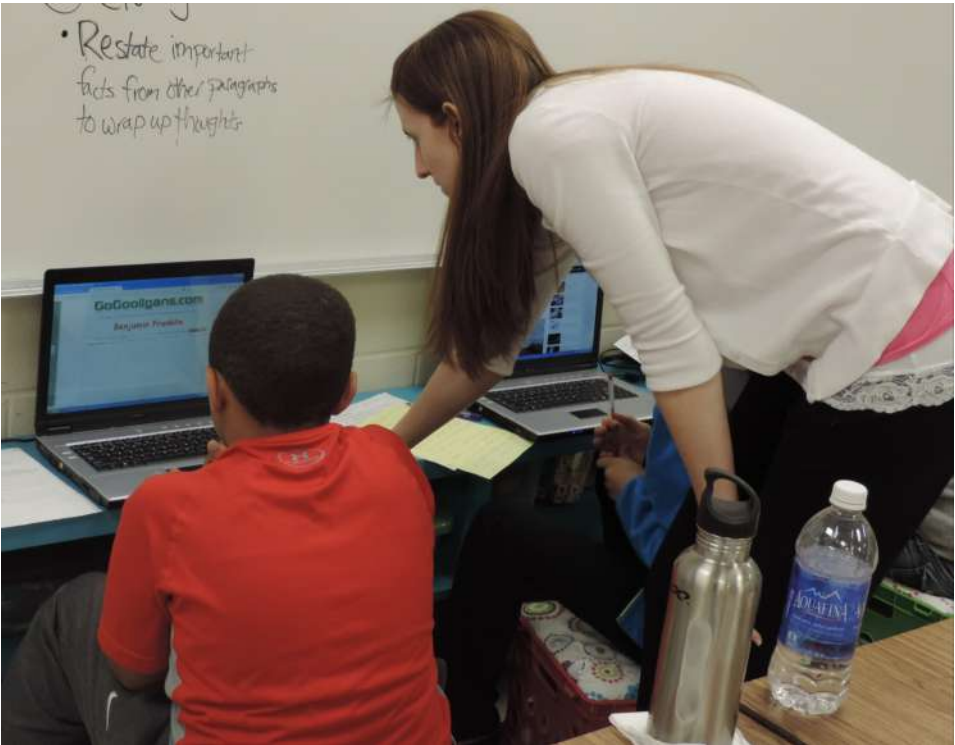
The fifth grade have been working very hard this year on learning new information about each subject. In communication arts, their current theme is One

Land, Many Trails and they are reading about Native Americans and pioneers. In Social Studies, they are learning about the branches of government and the Constitution. In science they have been studying the different states of matter. In math, they are working on the basics of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions.

Alexis Carter Gaona stated, "It has been an exciting year because we do fun stuff like experiments in science."

Another fun thing the fifth grade has been doing is the D.A.R.E program (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education), which they have finished up and celebrated by having a bowling and pizza party Wednesday, March 11th at Bearcat Lanes in Maryville.

The fifth grade has also been putting a lot of time and effort into preparing for the upcoming MAP tests. They will test in English/Language Arts, Math, and Science, all online this year.



Mrs. Porterfield helps Tyler Schwebach practice for MAP testing.



The class pays attention as Mrs. Porterfield teaches them how to divide fractions.



The class listens intently as Mrs. Porterfield presents new material.

Little Bulldog Wrestling

By Skye Wagner
Staff Reporter

The elementary wrestling, coached by Jason Dias with the help of the high school wrestlers, consisted of thirty-one students. These students were first graders Brayden Dias, Vincent Smithson, Russell Kerwin, Katie Libby, Jaren Stoll, Davien James, Walker Johnson, and William Ellsworth; second graders were Cooper Adcock, Wyatt Hartley, Brody Carroll, Treston Williams, Maranda Evans, Jencie James, Decker Heyde, and Evan White; third graders Matthew Baldwin, Tucker Schieber, Kolton Dias, Brayden Hahn, Alec Saxton, Amelia Wallace, and Aiden Law; fourth graders Adam Jensen, Kaedon Showers, Lance Wallace, and William Beggs; fifth graders Benjamin Messner and Ethan Oldham; and sixth graders Dustin Jensen and Evan Saxton.

When asked how the wrestlers did as a whole Jason Dias said "We had five practice dates over a two-week period. All went very well as the kids had fun and learned a few things from each position." Kaedon Showers and Matthew Baldwin were asked what their favorite part of wrestling was, and Kaedon said "When we played the toe touch." Matthew said he enjoyed all of the "actions" they learned.



Matthew Baldwin



Kaedon Showers



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Musicians Rock Solo & Ensemble Contests

By Aeriell Munns
Staff Reporter

The band had three eighth grade girls compete in the Junior High Music Festival on February 21. Alexis Simmerman took a snare drum solo. Geena Stoll and Marissa Jensen competed with a flute duet. All participants received 1 ratings. Band instructor Patricia Hensley stated, "I am very proud of my girls and how they performed. They worked really hard, and they were able to reap the benefits of that work not only in receiving the highest rating, but they are better performers and musicians for doing it. I hope their success at the junior high level will help propel them into doing more complex literature and participating in high school festival next year!"

The junior high choir solo competitors were Grady Mattson, Braylee Woods, and Hailey Stoll. Grady and Hailey received a 1 rating; Braylee received a 2 rating. The girls' ensemble participants were Charity Buntin, Abi Davis, Marissa Jensen, Allison Kidder, Emilee Maurer, Geena Stoll, Hailey Stoll, and Autumn Wagner. The boys' ensemble group participants were Logan Cassidy, Aiden Gregory, Grady Mattson, Bryant Sparks, Braylee Woods. The mixed ensemble group

participants were Charity Buntin , Emilee Maurer, Autumn Wagner, Aiden Gregory, Grady Mattson, and Bryant Sparks. Both of the ensemble groups received 1 ratings.

The high school music students competed in the District Music Festival on March 28th. Four band students performed solos; Stacy Fisher's clarinet solo and Lucas Raymond's trumpet solos received 2 ratings. Bryce Jennings with his tenor sax and Keltan Munns on the trumpet received 3 ratings. The vocal mixed ensemble group participants were Stacy Fisher, Sarah Jennings, Paige Kelley, Bryce Jennings, Lucas Raymond, Brendan Smith, and Tristin Stoll. They received a 1 rating and will compete at state. Choir director Michele Kelley stated "It was a great learning experience for the students. They handled themselves with class and represented Stanberry well. I couldn't have asked for more from them." The high school solo artists were Sarah Jennings, Stacy Fisher, Lucas Raymond, Brendan Smith, and Paige Kelley. Stacy Fisher received a 2 on her solo. Sarah Jennings, Lucas Raymond, Brendan Smith, and Paige Kelley all received a 1 on their solos, advancing to state music contest at Columbia on May 1st.

Spring Events Keep FFA Busy

By Hannah Bracken
Guest Reporter

Stanberry FFA chapter celebrated FFA week the week of February 23- 28. During this week, the FFA members participate in various activities. These activities included Monday an elementary coloring contest; Tuesday-FFA shirt and/or jacket day; Wednesday FFA chore clothes; Thursday elementary agricultural awareness day and Friday FFA/ FCCLA Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day. The winners of the elementary coloring contest are fourth grade Taryn Hunter, third grade Tucker Schieber, second grade Paige Woods and Brody Carroll, first grade Katie Libby and Hannah McQuinn, preschoolers Tasha Stoll and Wyatt Santa

Cruz, kindergarten Parker Ginther and Dalton Hartley. High school science teacher Roxanne Hoover stated that she had forgotten Teacher Appreciation Day, so it was a nice surprise.

FFA 2015 officer interviews were held Wednesday, March 11th. The results from these interviews are as follows: President Alex McQuinn, Vice-Presidents Savana Wiederholt & Trent McQueen, Secretary Hannah Bracken, Treasurer Lainey Stuart, Chaplain Shelby McMillen, Reporters Marissa Smithson & Brooke Summa, Sentinel Peyton Messner, Junior Officers Cory Luke, Cole Craig, and Madison Summa

The FFA members competed in the practice FFA contests held Monday, March 16 at Savannah and Thursday, March 19th at Trenton in preparation for District contest March 31 & April 1 at Northwest Missouri State University.



Dalton Hartley, kindergartener, was one of the winners of the FFA coloring contest.



Preschooler Wyatt Santa Cruz with his winning picture of a pig.

Third Quarter Honor Roll Announced

A very high percentage of Stanberry students put in the academic effort to maintain a place on third quarter honor roll. At the intermediate level the principal's honor roll includes fourth graders Katie Angle, Caroline Fanning, Owen Gregory, Taryn Hunter, Emma Phipps, Braxton Shanks, Katelyn Stoll, and Lance Wallace; fifth graders Astasia Brown, Lexi Craig, Korbin Fletchall, Landon Marticke, Tarynn Mattson, Austin Schwebach, and Tyler Schwebach; and sixth graders Andaya Brown, Katlyne Pappert, Anna Phipps, Hannah White, Mallory Wood, and Will Wood. The regular honor roll includes fourth graders Katrina Blessing, Gavin Cameron, Marcus Henggeler, Rhona Henggeler, Adam Jensen, Grace Mattson, Kiley Mattson, Addison Shanks, Kaedon Showers, and Zachary Summa; fifth graders Alexis Carter Gaona, Austin Colvin, Mattison Davis, Lydia Dokken, Angel Farnsworth, Austin Hill, Benjamin Messner, Ethan Oldham, Gwendolyn Phelps, Bailey Wallace, and Jackson Williams; and sixth graders Iris Hartley, Stephen Henggeler, Amy Hoover, Jamie Jamieson, Clayton McKune, Riley McQueen, Collin Sager, Evan Saxton, Dakota Wagner, and Morgan Wallace. The B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades) honor roll is made up of sixth grader Dustin Jensen.

High honor roll for third quarter includes seventh graders Braelyn Cowan, Elle Ellis, Sydney Mattson, Ashley Peterson, and Hailey Stoll; eighth graders

Charity Buntin, Peyton Gage, Aiden Gregory, Marissa Jensen, Allison Marticke, Kierstyn McMillen, Lily Osborn, Madi Sager, Lexi Simmerman; freshmen Kaden Bremer, Kalie Peterson, Brendan Smith; sophomores Cole Craig, Garrett Mattson, Marissa Smithson; juniors Claire Akamine, Sarah Jennings, Paige Kelley, Shelby McMille, Alex McQuinn, Bryttani Sparks, Lainey Stuart, Savana Wiederholt; and seniors Stacy Fisher, Isaac Hedding, Allen Liu, Hailey Murphy, Quentin Nielson, and Lillian Stoll.

Regular honor roll consists of seventh graders Allie Gage, Hunter Johnson, Brianna Newman, Aubry Williams; eighth graders Abigayle Davis, Mark Donaldson, Cole Durbin, Grady Mattson, Emilee Maurer, Elijah Murphy, Sam Oldham, Trey Schieber, Bryant Sparks, Geena Stoll, Autumn Wagner, Ashton Wood; freshmen Rylee Ellis, Taylin Hunter, Bryce Jennings, Madelyn Luke, Ashley Martin, Blythe Mattson, Jaden McKune, Taylor McQueen, Vanessa Purcell, Sierra Wagner; sophomores Tyler Hunter, Cory Luke, Brooke Summa; juniors Hannah Bracken, Madesen Gage, Erma Gibson, Dan Hailey, Megan Jensen, Nikole Kidder, Krista Luke, Trent McQueen, Seth Trimble, Skye Wagner, Kelsey Wiederholt; and seniors Natalie Durbin, Dustin Ellis, Taylor Lager, Hannah Noble, Hayden Rainey, Mason Rosier, and Nic Shanks.

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Boys Golf Begins

By Lillian Stoll
Staff Reporter

The 2015 Stanberry Bulldog boys' golf team is looking forward to their season. This year the team has one returning senior, Seth Noble. The sophomores for this year are Cole Craig and Garrett Mattson. There are many freshmen that have joined the boys' golf team this year; they include Mitchell Carroll, Quentin Duley, Austin Kidder, Grant Osborn, Brendan Smith, and Philip Angle. The boys are coached by Chris McMillen. Practices have already begun for the Bulldog's, and their first meet will take place at home on March 25th

When asked how he think this year will go, and what the goals are for the season, Coach Chris McMillen said, "I think this year may be a growing year for the Stanberry boys' golf team, but I'm confident that the boys will practice hard and give their all on the golf course. I believe, with hard work and practice, we have the talent to make a push for conference champs."

Senior Seth Noble said, "Our team is very young, so we're going to have to work hard to get where we want to be. Overall, I'm hoping the team can pull it together, so we can have a great season in general."

JH Wrestlers Gain Experience

By Quentin Nielson
Staff Reporter

This year's junior high wrestling team consisted of 10 wrestlers, which included, Braylee Woods, Dawson Lee, Sam Oldham, Mark Donaldson, Rueben Gage, Dylon Pappert, Trey Schieber, Zach

Oldham, Tanner Derks, Hunter Johnson, and the team was coached by Jason Dias. March 2nd, a home meet, was the Bulldogs' first contest. Hunter Johnson, Tanner Derks, Rueben Gage, Zach Oldham, Trey Schieber, Dylon Pappert, and Sam Oldham all won matches during this first meet of the year. On March 3rd the Bulldogs traveled to Tarkio to compete in their second meet, Trey Schieber, Dylon Pappert, Mark Donaldson, and Rueben Gage all finished with 1st place in their weight bracket. Zach Oldham and Sam Oldham each finished with 2nd place on the night. The Bulldogs traveled to Maryville on March 6th for their third meet of the season. Trey Schieber, Dylon Pappert, and Rueben Gage each finished the meet with 1st place. Sam Oldham finished 2nd, and Zach Oldham and Dawson Lee finished 3rd.

On March 9th the Bulldogs traveled to Albany for their 4th and final meet of the sea-

JH Tracksters Prepare for the Upcoming Season

By Hailey Murphy
Staff Reporter

The junior high track team has started preparing for this year's season. This year's team is coached by Mrs. Kate Wiederholt and Mr. Jeffrey Maronde. Coach Mr. Maronde stated, "The kids have been working hard to get ready for our first meet. Hopefully the weather cooperates and they are able to start competing soon. I am looking forward to see how the kids do this year." Their first meet is on March 30th at Worth County. The girls' team includes eighth graders Alexis Simmerman, Allison Marticke Emily Cassidy, Geena Stoll, Kierstyn McMillen, Lily Osborn, Madi Sager, Marissa Jensen, and Peyton Gage. The seventh grade girls are Allie Gage, Ashley Peterson, Braelyn Cowan, Elle Ellis, Hailey Stoll, and Sydney Mattson. The boys' team includes eighth graders Cole Durbin, Grady Mattson, Reuben Gage, Sam Oldham, Trey Schieber, Tristen Lager, and Zach Oldham, and seventh grader Hunter Johnson. Eighth grader Allison Marticke said, "I am really looking forward to this year's season. With so many girls I think we will definitely be able to score quite a few points at our meets." Best of luck to the junior high track team in this years competition!

Rueben Gage gets ready to take on his opponent.



son. Mark Donaldson, Dawson Lee, Tanner Derks, Trey Schieber, Zach Oldham, and Dylon Pappert all won matches in the Albany meet.

Eighth grader Zach Oldham said this about the season, "I didn't do as well as I thought I could have, but the team did great at each meet. I can't wait until high school wrestling next year."

Eighth grader Dylon Pappert said, "The season went very well; we all worked hard and got better at each practice, and we all had a great season." Coach Dias, happy with his team this year, had this to say, "Junior high wrestling went by fast. With ten wrestlers on the team, we had the numbers to improve every time we stepped on the mat."

Lady Dawgs End Season at Districts

By Madesen Gage
Guest Reporter

The Bulldogs headed into districts the last week in February with high hopes. Their first opponent was the Northeast Nodaway Bluejays, who just happened to be hosting Districts. The final score of the game was 36-25, a Bulldog win! This was the first time in five years that the Lady Bulldogs have won a district game. Madesen Gage was the top scorer with 15 points, Hannah Bracken had 9, and Cameron Gage had 5 points.

The Stanberry Lady Bulldogs advanced to the second round of districts, playing the number 1 seed, the Jefferson Eagles. The pressure was all on the Eagles, and the Bulldogs had nothing to lose. The Bulldogs came out with a lot of intensity this game. They had the Eagles flustered, that's for sure. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs came up short and lost 36-25.

The game plan was to help off on Jessie Henry. Earlier in the season, Henry had 28 points against the Bulldogs. She is 6'1", and knows how to play ball. This time, the Dawgs limited her to only 8 points. Stanberry ensured she was always boxed out. Gage and McQueen were the top scorers with 7 each, and Bracken and Kalie Peterson had 4 of their own.

This was the final game of the Bulldog's season. Each and every player worked hard and contributed to the team. I can't wait for next year.

Junior Hannah Bracken commented on the year, "I thought our season was successful. Bringing home 3 trophies, having a 12 win season, and winning a district game for the first time in 5 years were just the highlights. I felt like everyone worked hard throughout the whole season, and we improved by the end of the season. My expectations of next year are bigger. I am looking forward to the younger girls stepping up and accepting the bigger roles."

Senior Taylor Lager declared, "We accomplished a lot of our goals we set at the very beginning of the season. We came together and played as a team like we did in practice. We took what we did in practice and carried it over to the games. I expect the upperclassmen to be leaders and show the younger girls what the team can become. I hope they can carry the intensity we got toward the end of the season and compete every minute of the game and never give up."

Head Coach Karla McQueen stated, "Even though we ended with a loss, the girls played as hard if not harder than they



Madesen Gage puts it up for two points.



Hailey Murphy plays close defense against Jefferson.

had all season, which makes me excited for next year. We know what the girls have in them, and our goal is to get them to believe in themselves and work up to their full potential each and every game."

The post season honors have been released. Madesen Gage got 2nd team All_Conference, and Lainey Stuart got Honorable Mention.

The Stanberry Lady Bulldogs are losing two seniors: Taylor Lager and Hailey Murphy. Their jokes and enthusiasm at practice will always be missed. Good luck in your future endeavors!

We all look forward to next season! Thank you everyone for the support. Also, thank you to community member Penny Woods for capturing all of our important moments. We appreciate you attending every single game, no matter how far, and your

HS Track Teams Look to Continue the Success of the Past

Hailey Murphy
Staff Reporter

The high school track teams have started practicing for the upcoming season and have high hopes for the year. Veteran Coach Shane Hilton stated, "The season is going well so far for both boys and girls. The effort has been at a high level, and the attitudes have been very good. We are on pace to be ready to get rolling on our meets in a few weeks, and I am looking forward to seeing how we compete this year. " The first meet of the season is April 7th in Albany. The team includes ten girls and sixteen boys. This year's team is coached by Shane and Kelli Hilton. The girls' team includes senior Hailey Murphy; juniors Hannah Bracken, Savana Wiederholt, and Bryttani Sparks; sophomore, Marissa Smithson; and freshmen Rylee Ellis, Taylin Hunter, Madelyn Luke, Kalie Peterson, and Halley Wilmes. The boys' team includes seniors Charles Anderson, and Dustin Ellis; juniors Shelby McMillen, Trent McQueen, Alex McQuinn, and Gavyn Redmond; sophomores Darin Ellis, Thomas Harsh, Shanen Law, Cory Luke, Clayton Stoll, and Tyler Hunter; and freshmen Kaden Bremer, Vince Carroll, Bryce Jennings, and Levi Murphy.

Experienced track member Dustin Ellis said, "This year we have fewer boys than we did in the previous years. Our relay teams have lost at least one leg, but we plan to replace them with the new freshman and sophomores. The members of the team have been putting out an extraordinary amounts of effort. It is nice to see the younger athletes taking this sport seriously. I am looking forward to the upcoming season and have high hopes for my team and for myself."

In the past few years the track team has had quite a few members qualify for the state competition in Jefferson City. These expectations have not changed, and team members plan to continue the tradition. Best of luck to the high school track team in this year's upcoming season!

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Boys Basketball Finishes Another Winning Season

By Quentin Nielson
Staff Reporter

The end of February and the beginning of March is always an exciting time for Bulldog basketball. After two years in a row appearing at the state tournament, the Dawgs had high hopes going into the district tournament. Unfortunately, a final four appearance was not in the cards for Stanberry this year. Coach Groomer and the boys have a lot to be proud of and are already looking to next year to avenge their losses.

The post-season was underway, and the Bulldogs faced the Northeast Nodaway Blue Jays in the first round of the district tournament on February 24th. Stanberry had no trouble handling Northeast Nodaway, easily winning 79-35. Quentin Nielson was the leading scorer, picking up a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Alex

third straight District Championship. Alex McQuinn lead the team in points with 14; McQuinn also had 3 rebounds, 2 steals, and 2 assists. Quentin Nielson finished with 12 points and 4 rebounds. Daniel Hailey had 10 points, 5 steals, and 3 rebounds.

On March 3rd the Bulldogs played in the Class 1 State Semifinal game at the Civic Arena in St. Joseph. The Bulldogs faced the North Andrew Cardinals for the fourth time this season. The Bulldogs had beaten the Cardinals in two of the three previous matchups. The Bulldogs came ready to win and were not



Junior forward Daniel Hailey goes up and over North Andrew Defenders in the State Sectional game.

going to be stopped. The Bulldogs outscored the Cardinals in every quarter of the game, and Stanberry came out with a 55-31 victory. Alex McQuinn led the Bulldogs, recording a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. McQuinn also had 4 assists and 3 blocks. Daniel Hailey finished the night with 14 points, 9 rebounds, and 4 assists. Isaac Hedding had 9 points, 4 assists, and 3 rebounds.

Hailey finished with 17 points and 8 rebounds. Cory Luke had 11 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 assists. Alex McQuinn ended with 7 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals. The Bulldogs had a great year that was cut short. The Dawgs will be looking forward to next season with high hopes. Junior Daniel Hailey had this to say, "Our record said that we had a winning season, but we fell short of our ultimate goal. I believe this could be turned into a learning and motivational season. I hope we can build from this season and reach our goal next year." Senior Isaac Hedding said, "We had a pretty good season;, we tied the school record for the most wins in a season, but that's not what our goal as a team was. Our goal was to win a state title, and we fell short. I hope falling short this year motivates the players that are returning to work hard to reach their goals. I just wish the team returning the best of luck next year, and I hope they can fulfill their goals because I



Senior point guard Isaac Hedding scores in the State Sectional game with defenders all around him.

McQuinn finished the night with 14 points and 3 rebounds. Daniel Hailey had 12 points and 9 rebounds. On February 26th, in the second round of the district tournament, the Bulldogs faced the North Nodaway Mustangs. The Bulldogs had a shaky start keeping the Mustangs in the game but kicked it on in the fourth quarter and came away with a 55-41 victory. Daniel Hailey was the leading scorer with 17 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals. Isaac Hedding had 11 points, 7 steals, and 5 assists. Alex McQuinn also chipped in with 11 points; McQuinn also recorded 4 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals. On February 28th the Bulldogs faced the Jefferson Eagles in the District Championship. The Bulldogs showed up ready to play, quickly putting a deficit on the Eagles, going up by as much as 16. The Eagles brought the game back within 6 points, but the Bulldogs extended the lead back to 13, defeating the Eagles 42-29. This was the Bulldogs'



The Bulldog team and coaches celebrate another win.

On March 7th Stanberry faced the Winston Redbirds. The Bulldogs suffered their third loss of the year, which ended their season with a 27-3 record. The Bulldogs were defeated by the Redbirds in an overtime loss, with a final of 52-45. Daniel

know the group of guys returning have the ability to do what it takes. Good luck next year, boys!" Daniel Hailey, Alex McQuinn, and Isaac Hedding each received All-Conference, All-District, and Northwest All-District honors. Hailey also received All-State. Cory Luke received All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Activities

April 1-
FFA District CDE Contest

April 2-
SCHOOL DISMISSED 12:25 Easter Break
V Golf Mound City 4:00

April 3-
NO SCHOOL Easter Break

April 6-
NO SCHOOL Easter Break

April 7-
JH & HS Student Council Mtg. 8:00
V Track @ Albany 3:00

April 8-
V Golf home 4:00

April 9-
V Track home 4:00
V Golf @ Gallatin 4:00
Senior cap & gown photo 12:30

April 10-
District Whole Group Band & Choir Contest

April 12-14-
State FBLA @ Columbia

April 13-
V Golf Albany Tournament 9:00
FFA/FCCLA/FBLA Banquet 6:00

April 14-
V Track @ Rock Port @ 1:00
V Golf @ Hamilton 4:00

April 16-
JH Track home 4:00
V Golf @ S. Harrison 4:00

April 16-18-
State FFA @ Columbia

April 18-
State Science Olympiad @ Fulton
District Scholar Bowl

April 20-
JH Track @ Albany 4:00
V Golf @ Albany 4:00
School Board Meeting 7:00

April 21-
V Track @ Worth County 1:30
V Golf @ Maysville 4:00

April 22-
V Golf Stanberry Tournament 9:00

April 23-
JH Track @ Maryville 4:00

April 24-
V Track @ Tarkio 4:00

April 25-
V Track @ Albany

April 27-
Honors Banquet
V Golf GRC Tournament 9:00

April 28-
V Track home 4:00
JV Golf GRC Tournament 4:00
Statewide ACT all Juniors

April 29-
HS Cheer Try-Outs
HS Scholar Bowl Sectional Meet

April 30-
V Track @ S. Harrison 3:30
JH Track @ Worth Co. 3:30



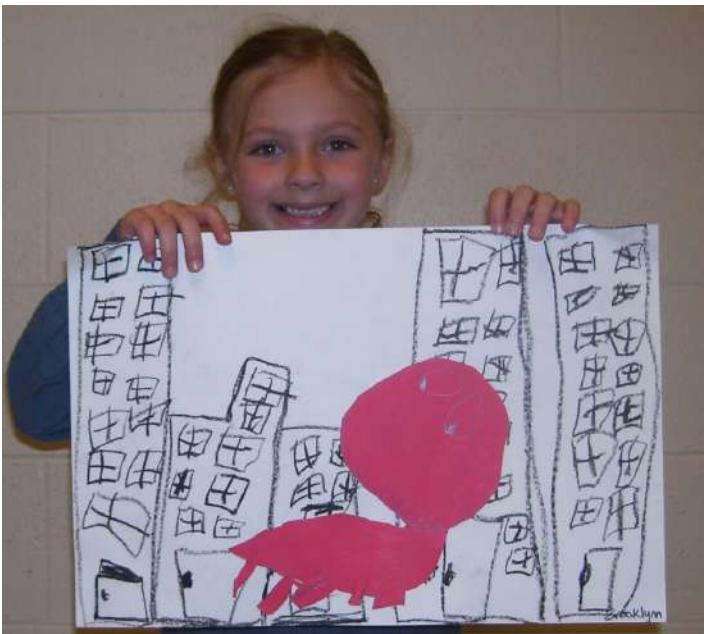
Artists of the Month

By Savana Wiederholt & Marissa Smithson
Guest Reporters

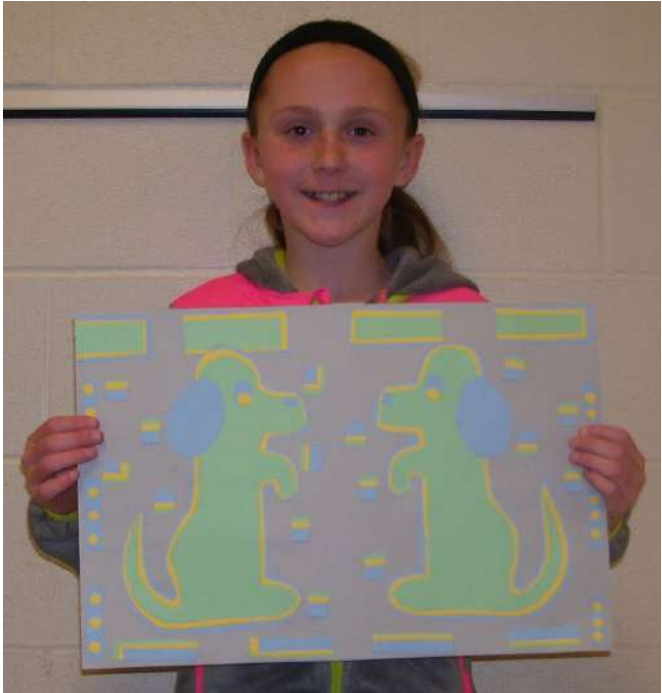


Hannah McQuinn of first grade colored *Roy-G-Biv Color Spectrum Snails* using crayons and permanent marker. Her favorite part was coloring the snail's shell with all different colors.

Third grader Maci Duley created the *Tizzle Topped Tufted Mazurkas* by Dr. Seuss. She stated, "My favorite part was coloring his long neck."



Kindergartener Brookelynn Robinson made this fun drawing called *If Dinosaurs Came Back to Life*. She exclaimed, "My favorite part was drawing the buildings!"



Taryn Hunter, fourth grader, created *Paper Molas* using colorful pieces of cut-out construction paper. Taryn said that she really liked cutting out and making the dogs on her artwork.

In the Pages

If You Come Softly

by Jacqueline Woodson
Review by Alexis Simmerman
Guest Reporter



If You Come Softly tells of situations which occur much too often in the present as well as in the past. Elisha (Ellis) Eisen's mother left twice when she was growing up. Her mother did come back both times, but their relationship has never been the same. Ellie fears upsetting her mom and causing her to leave again. Jeremiah Rosalind's father is a famous filmmaker, but his family doesn't exactly live the "celebrity" lifestyle. Miah's parents are now divorced and live across the street from each other. Miah tries to keep his dad a secret from his friends, so he can live his own life and not in the shadows of his father. Ellie and Miah have began attending Percy High School. Ever since Ellie bumped into Miah in the hall, the two of them can't stop thinking about each other. Ellie doubts Miah even noticed her, while Miah realizes he forgot to ask what her name was. When the teachers see that Miah has already taken the history class he is taking now, he transfers to Ellie's history class. They share a textbook and converse. One day Ellie and Miah skip their first classes, and Ellie takes Miah to Central Park. They talk and end up kissing. They both know they're falling fast for each other. There's only one problem--Ellie is white, and Miah is black.

This heartbreakingly honest novel shows a whole new side to racism--a more personal side. Can Ellie and Miah's relationship endure the hateful stares and comments? Or will they break under pressure, all because of the cruel and unforgiving world they have to live in?



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