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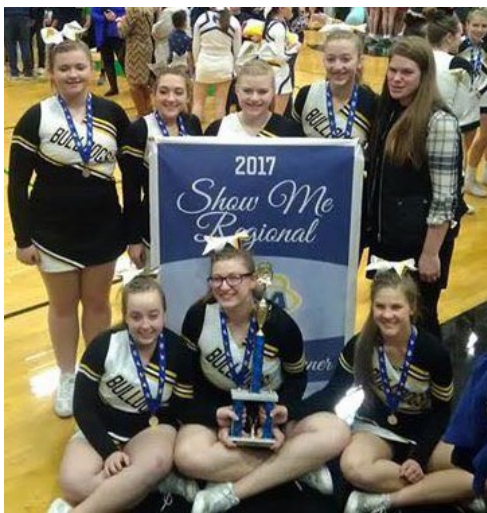
By Aubry Williams
Staff Reporter

On December 3rd, Stanberry R-II high school and junior high cheerleaders had a cheer competition at Staley High School. After getting up very early to prep their hair and makeup (the squads are supposed to match in every detail), the squads boarded the bus. When they arrived, they had some time to rehearse before performing. Both teams placed first in their divisions. "We got 1st place and I'm very proud," Allison Kidder said when asked about how she felt the competition went. "It could've gone better, but I am very happy with how it ended," she continued.

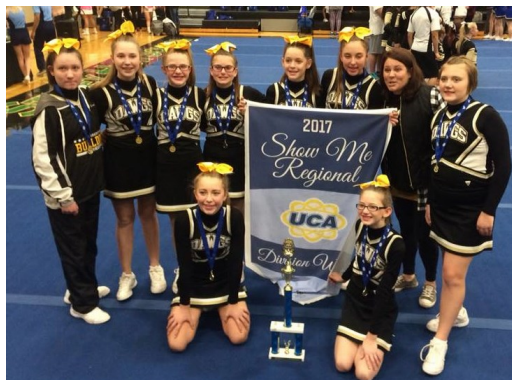
"I wish we could've gotten Kate's stunt, but we recovered really well, so we only ended up losing three points," Skylar Shanks said. The squads put in many long hours to prepare their routines, and they should be congratulated for doing so well at their first competition.

The high school squad includes Allison Kidder, Mackenzie Morey, Katlyne Pappert, Valerie Pickering, Anna Phipps, Skylar Shanks, Geena Stoll, and Hailey Stoll. They are coached by Ms. Kirsten Applegate.

The junior high squad, coached by Mrs. Jessica Santa Cruz, includes Katie Angle, Alexis Carter Gaona, Matti Davis, Caroline Fanning, Angel Farnsworth, Reece Green, Grace Mattson, Emma Phipps, and Katelyn Stoll.



The high school cheer squad.



Jr. High & High School Concert Celebrates Holiday Season

By TJ Rogers
Staff Reporter

On December 4 the junior and senior high school music department held their annual winter concert. When Stephen Henggeler, the school tuba player and tenor, was asked his opinion on the concert he said that he enjoyed it. Anna Phipps, a choir member, liked that she got to sing. The concert lasted from 7pm to 8pm. The sixth grade band played "We Wish You a Rockin' Christmas," "Jingle Bells," "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," "The Dreidel Song," and "Kwanzaa Celebration." The sixth grade band members include Morgan Showers -flute, Kaitlyn James and Lexi Kerwin -clarinets, Emily Davis and Reagan Heyde -alto saxophones, Kolton Dias -trumpet, Brayden Hague and Colby McQuinn -trombones, Carsyn George and Nathaniel Giffin -percussion. The 7-12 Choir sang "O Come to the Manger," "Sleigh Ride," "Carol of the Bells," and "O Holy Night." The high school choir consists of Abigayle Davis and Marissa Jensen - sopranos, Anna Phipps and Geena Stoll - altos, Stephen Henggeler -tenor, Grady Mattson and Brendan Smith -basses. The junior high choir includes Reece Green, Lydia Dokken, and Rhona Henggeler -sopranos, Caroline Fanning, Grace Mattson, and Emma Phipps -altos, Austin Hill and Adam Jensen -tenors, Blake Torrence -bass. The 7-12 band played "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)," "A Christmas Canon (Pachelbel/The First Noel)," and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." The 7-12 Band includes Katie Angle, Lydia Dokken, Marissa Jensen, April Smith, and Geena Stoll -flutes, Rhona Henggeler, Anna Phipps, Valerie Pickering, and Aubry Williams -clarinets, Emily Davis and Reece Green -bass clarinets, Kiley Mattson and Emma Phipps -alto saxophones, Dustin Jensen and Vanessa Purcell -trumpets, Philip Angle and Abigayle Davis -trombones, Stephen Henggeler -tuba, Owen Gregory, Dalton Jackson, Mateo Messner, TJ Rogers, Brendan Smith, Alexis Simmerman, and Colton Williams -percussion. With the winter concert over the band does have a pep band performance during the halftime of basketball game sat home and is preparing for it.

Aubry Williams said, "I am very excited for our pep band performances."

The junior high cheer squad.

Elementary Entertains as Always

By Sierra Wagner
Staff Reporter

The annual elementary winter program was held Tuesday, December 5. With the help of many with props and costumes to lots of time and effort, the program was a success. The play this year was "Nanny Claus: The North Pole Nanny" by Andy Beck and Brian Fisher. The cast portrayed many different characters, such as many elves, Santa, Mrs. Claus and, Nanny Claus, and Nanny Kringle. Santa was played by Brayden Hague; Mrs. Claus was Emily Gilbert; Nanny Claus was Katlyn James, and Nanny Kringle was Carsyn George. Mother Elf was Amelia Wallace; Father Elf was Kolton Dias; children Ellie and Eddie were played by Isabella Wright and Colby McQuinn. Reagan Heyde took the role of the Snowman, while the Sweet Shop Elves included Alec Saxton, Tucker Schieber, Brayden Hahn, Lexi Kerwin, Maci Duley, Ava Saxton, Taelyn Derks, Leo Fletchall, Aiden Law, Nate Giffin, Peyton Hume, Morgon Showers, and Dillon Johnson. .

To start the program off, kindergarten sang "The Busiest Time of the Year," then the sixth grade sang "The North Pole Nanny," followed by the fourth grade with their rendition of "Nothing Like a Smile at Christmas," and the kindergarteners with "Busy Crossover #1." The sixth graders performed three songs: "A Day with a Snowman," "Snowman Tag," and "Make a Christmas Wish." The second graders sang "Busy Crossover #2," and then the third grade took over with "Candy Cane Disaster." The sixth grade took the lead again with "Candy Cane Tag" and a reprisal of "Make a Christmas Wish." The first graders were featured in "Busy Crossover #3," and the fifth grade in "Sorry, Santa." "The Argument" was sung by the sixth graders, and all the classes joined together for the grand finale.

The actors all played their parts very well. This theme went very well with each individual personalities. Sixth grader Katlyn James stated, "Singing was my favorite part of the concert; I love the sound of



Second graders sing a crossover song.



The sixth grade elves discuss what to do about the nanny situation.



Nanny Claus & the elf children.

Christmas music. I think it was very fun to help the little kids learn their parts." Dillion Johnson said his favorite part of the play was getting to make props; he loved making candy canes out of ribbon and searching for the red dye. Dillion feels the play was a success.

Just a Thought...

By Hunter Woods
Staff Reporter

The United States government has recently opened up drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which is the only untouched land in the United States, located in the Arctic Circle in Alaska. There are an estimated 10 billion barrels of oil in this deposit, which is more oil than anywhere else in the United States, but there is plenty of oil in different parts of the US that have already been inhabited by humans and that are not home to 46 different animals, many of them are very rare like the polar bears, musk ox, and tundra bumble bee.

I do not think that drilling in the refuge is worth ruining all of the animals' habitat for some oil that we could get somewhere else that we already drill and not destroy all of that natural land. I think that they need to vote on just the drilling, not slip it in at the bottom of the tax bill so they will pass it because most people want to pass the tax bill and did not pay attention to the drilling portion.



It's Your Call

Do you think the world will be a better or worse place in 100 years? Why or why not?

By Vince Carroll
Staff Reporter

Seventh grader Zac Summa said, "Better because there will be new inventions."



"Worse because everyday is closer to the end of the world," declared eighth grader Austin Hill.



Freshman Will Wood replied, "Worse because in the last 100 years it hasn't gotten any better."



Sophomore Drew Johnson decided, "Worse because our economy is getting worse by the second."



Junior Allison Kidder said, "Worse, because with the advancements coming out now it will just get worse as we go on."



Senior Grant Osborn said, "Worse, because the more technology advances the lazier we become and we are going to end up like the fat people in the movie *Wall-E*, stuck in the chairs."



Art instructor Mrs. Natalie Strough replied, "I hope people will make the world a better place."

Character Trait

By Zack Oldham

Staff Reporter

Stanberry's monthly character traits for December are caring and compassion. The definition of caring is "feeling or showing concern or compassion for others." Compassion is "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress with a desire to alleviate it." We should all possess these qualities in our everyday lives. Around the holidays people tend to show compassion more by donating to those in need, but we need to continue this for the whole year. It's not hard to be compassionate by not saying mean and hateful things to others, or just simple acts like cleaning up after yourself.

The everyday acts that we do are a great way to be caring and compassionate. Little things like smiling at someone or holding the door open can make someone's day better. We should all try to be the best versions of ourselves, and this is a great way to do it. Kids could start doing this by helping their parents around the house by doing simple chores, like taking the trash out. There are many ways adults could start doing this, especially at work by helping co-workers or by just being nice to each other.

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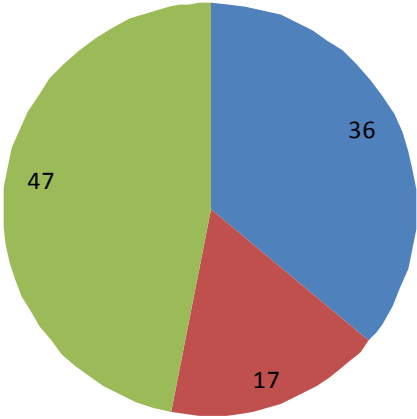
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Survey

One hundred people were asked to participate in this nonscientific survey. By Allison Kidder Staff Reporter

What would you choose first: rock, paper, or scissors?



rock
paper
scissors

Annual Ugly Sweater Contest Brings out the Jolly



Junior girls Geena Stoll, Skylar Shanks, Allison Kidder, Allison Marticke, Lily Osborn, Tyra Shanks, Peyton Gage, Kierstyn McMillen, and Madi Sager are feeling the holiday spirit.



Riley McQueen, Anna Phipps, and Katelyn Pappert dressed up in the freshman class.



Overall winners were Skylar Shanks & Grant Osborn



Seniors Atheana Harsh, Madelyn Luke, Jaden McKune, Taylin Hunter, Halley Wilmes, Rylee Ellis, Kalie Peterson, Jaden McKune, Mitchell Carroll, and Grant Osborn all decked out for the contest.



Sophomore contestants were Hailey Stoll, Sydney Mattson, Ashley Peterson, and Elle Ellis.



Junior boys Dylan Pappert, Sam Oldham, Rueben Gage, and Trey Schieber rock the ugly sweaters.



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Second Graders Focus on Kindness This School Year

By Abigayle Davis
Staff Reporter

The second grade this year are taught by Mrs. Diane Jensen and Mrs. Kali Newcomer. Mrs. Jensen's second graders include Jace Beattie, Ally Boatwright, Blanche Eckard, Faith Gregory, Emma Mattson, Lane McGinley, Hannah McMillan, Olivia McQuinn, Blake Mercer, Luke Phipps, Lucian Simmerman, and Tasha Stoll. Mrs. Newcomer's class consists of Kynzee Adcock, Thor Cameron, Luke Conover, Jax Davis, Ellie Dias, Tess Edson, Parker Evans, Lauren Henggeler, Brant Jensen, Wyatt Santa Cruz, Allie Schieber, Brylee Schwebach, and Alyssa Wallace. The second graders and teachers have been hard at work. In Language Arts, they have been working on improving their writing skills as well as learning cursive. They wrote descriptive stories about Thanksgiving feasts. They continue to work on their reading skills every day. In math, they are starting to work on what place values are. They have been using a program called *Reflex* to improve facts. A big thing they all work on is developing teamwork and social skills. They are finishing up a section in history about the Native Americans. The second graders have a theme for the year; this year the theme is "kindness". They are working on being kind to others and showing acts of kindness.



Mrs. Newcomer's class practices their tossing skills.



Mrs. Jensen answers Ally Boatwright's question about the assignment.

"Toss the Ornament" was a holiday activity the second graders did during their holiday celebration.



Brylie Schwebach and Jax Davis discuss their project with Mrs. Newcomer.



Tess Edson & Thor Cameron concentrate on their work.



Blake Mercer decides how he wants to decorate his gingerbread man.

Blanche Eckard & Emma Mattson work diligently.



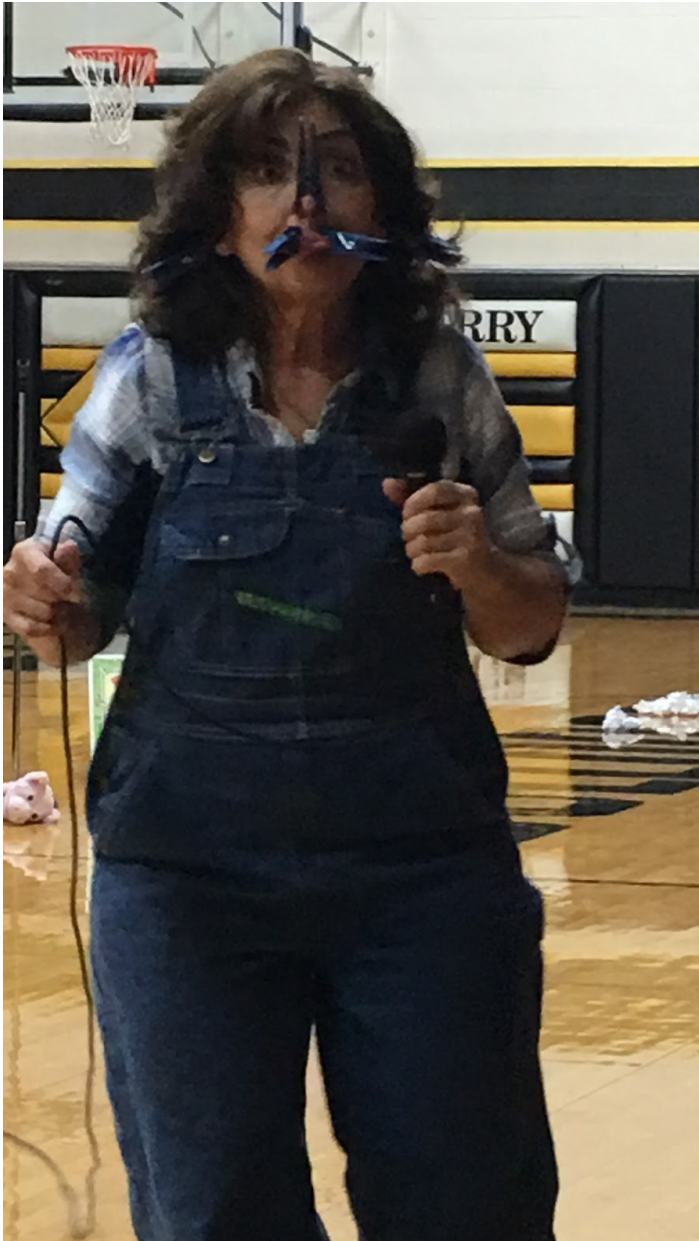
Ally Boatwright, Elle Dias, and Brylie Schwebach complete their assignment.



Faith Gregory contemplates her gingerbread man.

Mrs. Jensen demonstrates a concept on the SMART Board.

Stanberry Hosts Visit by Children’s Author Ronda Friend

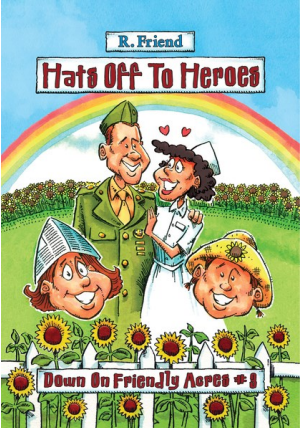
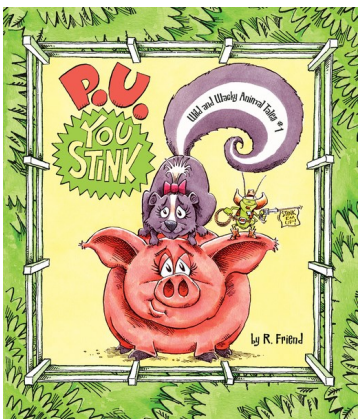


Mrs. Gard, Mrs. Porterfield, Mrs. Rosier help Ronda Friend and three elementary students act out scenes from *PU You Stink!*

Ms. Friend is willing to be silly to connect with students about character issues.

grams combine storytelling, hilarity, puppets, mu-

unforgettable visit; the kids will never forget her great personality and humor.



By Atheana Harsh
Staff Reporter

The Stanberry School recently hosted a visit by children’s author Ronda Friend. Ronda split her visit into three sessions. The first two sessions were during the school day with elementary students. The first session discussed her chapter book and character education; she talked about things like patience, perseverance, kindness, love, forgiveness, and honesty. Her second session was a writing workshop; the kids wrote 5 stories about the five objects they were given. The last session was in the evening and open to families and community members. In it, the kids acted out Ronda Friend’s famous book “P.U. You Stink” and “Chapter Book” for a family event.

According to her website, “Children’s author Ronda Friend has traveled extensively throughout the United States in twenty-seven states presenting her assembly programs in over 2000 schools and before a million students and educators. Her pro-

sic and audience participation that entertains while challenging and inspiring students to be positive contributors to their schools, communities and families. Ronda encourages aspiring young writers and motivates all students to be avid readers...Ronda’s heart’s desire is for children to fall in love with reading, writing & the fine arts. R. Friend (her real name) has worked for over forty years with children, produced and directed dozens of children’s musicals and now writes a beloved chapter series, *Down on Friendly Acres*, about her life growing up on Friendly Acres in Ohio in the 1960s. Ronda holds a B.A. Degree in education and a minor in music.”

Ronda put a big smile on all of the little kids’ faces when she showed up. She was very happy and a little silly.

She had brought with her all kinds of silly things to have fun with. She sang and danced; she even got the teachers to dance!!

Ronda Friend’s visit was one



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Bulldogs Up & Down in First Half of Season

By Sam Oldham
Staff Reporter

With the beginning of the 2017 under way the Bulldogs are ready to play ball. In their first game on November 21st, the Bulldogs vanquished the Mound City Panthers in a tight game; the final score was 53-50. In the first quarter the Bulldogs led the game 11 to 8. In the second quarter the Panthers led with scoring 19 points and the Bulldogs only scoring 17. The Panthers continued to lead in scoring in the third quarter; they scored 15 and the Bulldogs only scored 12. In the final the Bulldogs stepped their game up and scored 13points and the Panthers only scored 8. The top three scorers were Brad Hailey with 22 points, Cole with 19, and Collin Sager with 4. Brad Hailey led the team with 9 rebounds and 2 steals.

Stanberry competed in the Albany Tournament the week of November 27-December 2nd. In the first round, the Bulldogs were able to dominate the Princeton Tigers with a final score of 46 to 39. In the first quarter the Bulldogs led the game with a score of 16 to 6. In the second quarter the Bulldogs still led with a score of 23 to 17. In the third we still continued to dominate with a score of 26 to 31. In the end the Tigers scored 13 more points, and the Bulldogs scored 15. The leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Bradley Hailey with 24 points and Collin Sager and Cole Durbin with 9 points. Brad Hailey had 24 rebounds, Cole Durbin hit the boards 8 times, Levi Murphy 5, while Tristen Lager and Hunter Johnson had 2 rebounds each.

In the second round of the tournament, the Bulldogs triumphed over the Pattonsburg Panthers. In the first quarter Stanberry led a tight game with a score of 13 to 12. In the second quarter the Bulldogs were still only ahead by 1 point with a score of 19 to 18. At the end of the third quarter Stanberry was ahead by 4 points with a score of 28 to 24. In the final quarter, the Panthers scored more than the Bulldogs by racking up 14 points, yet it was not enough to secure a win. The points scored for the Bulldogs were fairly spread out. Some of the players that scored include Hunter Johnson with 4 points, Tristen Lager with 6, Collin Sager with 5, Levi Murphy with 2, and Grady Mattson with 2. Tristen Lager connected with 2 out of the 3 three-pointers he shot. Cole Durbin and Tristan Lager led the team in steals for the night with 4.

The Stanberry Bulldogs were finally defeated on the 30th of November. They fell to the Worth County Tigers by a score of 28 to 41. Worth County was able to lead every quarter in scoring. Collin Sager was able to score 5 points, Cole Durbin was able to score 6, and Brad Hailey scored 13 points. The Bulldogs were not able to land any of their 7 three point attempts. In total the team had 28 rebounds and 4 steals.

The Dawgs played host to the Northeast Nodaway Blue Jays on December 7th. In the close loss, 45-49, Stanberry went into halftime ahead 29-16. Ravenwood bounced back in the second half and scored 11 points to Stanberry's 5 in the third quarter and 22 to Stanberry's 11 in the fourth quarter to walk away with the win. Brad Hailey led in scoring with 12 points; followed by Cole Durbin and Collin Sager with 10 each. Levi Murphy chipped in 4 points, Tristen Lager 3, and Kaden Bremer, Hunter Johnson, and Grady Mattson rounded out the scoring with 2 points apiece. Hailey also had double digit rebounds with 14.

On December 8th, the LeBlond Eagles were able to defeat the Bulldogs by a score of 68 to 27. In the first quarter LeBlond led by a score of 15 to 10. In the second the Bulldogs were only able to score 4 points while LeBlond scored 23. LeBlond led the entire game and scored 24 points in the third while Stanberry was only able to score 10. The top scorers for the game were Cole Durbin with 12 points, Hunter Johnson with 4, and Kameron Wallace with 3. In total the Bulldogs had 16 rebounds, 7 assist, and 2 steals.

Stanberry came back from 2 losses and triumphed over the Albany Warriors on December 12th by a score of 46 to 25. In the first quarter the Bulldogs led 10 to 6. In the second the Dawgs continued to lead the game with a score of 26 to 14. Stanberry continued to lead in the third with a score of 30 to 22. The top three

scorers for this game were Brad Hailey with 12 points, Levi Murphy and Cole Durbin with 8, and Kaden Bremer with 6. Tristen Lager shot 2 for 2 on two pointers. Levi Murphy shot 2 for 2 on free throws. Brad Hailey had the most rebounds with 9.

The Bulldogs won a hard-fought game against the Braymer Bobcats by a score of 60 to 59on December 15th. In the first quarter the Bulldogs had the lead by a score of 22 to 9. In the second quarter the Bobcats caught back up, and it was a closer game with a score of 29 to 34. In the third quarter the Bulldogs still remained in the lead with a score of 46 to 51. Brad Hailey was able to score 26 points, Cole Durbin with 10, and Collin Sager with 9. Levi Murphy rebounded the ball 5 times. Cole Durbin saved the game at the end of the 4th quarter when he blocked the opponent's shot to secure a 60 to 59 win.



Brad Hailey gets ready to dunk.



Kaden Bremer works to move the ball inside to a teammate.

The Bulldogs won once again against the North Harrison Shamrocks on December 19th by a score of 65 to 34. In the first quarter the score was 4 to 18. The Bulldogs were still in the lead in the second quarter by a score of 34 to 12. In the third quarter Stanberry still led the game 54 to 27 and finished with the victory. The top scorers were Bradley Hailey with 24 points, Collin Sager with 10 and Tristen Lager with 9. Bradley Hailey hit 1,000 career points during the game.

Grady Mattson declared, "I believe the season is going well; after a few losses we learned how to work more as a team and have gotten better when faced with pressure."

Levi Murphy said, "One of my goals is to have our team pull together and win as many games as possible; as a personal goal I would love to be able get one dunk in a game."

"If we continue to improve and get better each day I look for us to have a successful second half of the season," commented Coach Nick Groomer.

JV Teams Heat Up the Court

By Levi Murphy
Staff Reporter

On November 21 the junior varsity Bulldogs faced off with Mound City. Both girls and boys played 2 quarters. The JV girls came out hot and put up 38 points while holding the opponent to 5. The boys, on the other hand weren't able to pull off the win; they lost 36 to 42.

On December 7th Stanberry had 2 quarters against Northeast Nodaway. They girls came shooting lights out and had the game put away from the beginning; they ended up winning 26 to 8. The boys played right after, and they were close until the second quarter; then the baskets came to a stop. The JV boys lost 17 to 33.

On December 12 the Bulldogs travelled to Albany to play another two quarters. Once again the girls made quick work of the Warriors, and they took the win, scoring 28 and holding Albany to 8. The boys played right after, and their luck hadn't changed yet; they lost 13 to 20.

On December 14 the game was against the Warriors again; this time it was two full jv games. The girls won without breaking a sweat, but the boys had still yet to find their zone and lost against the Warriors.

On December 15th the two stanberry jv teams faced off against Braymer The boys finally played their cards right, and they won 24 to 6. The girls won 45 to 18.

On December 16 the two stanberry JV teams went to King City to play in a shootout. The ladies took on North Andrew first. The girls took off scoring 15 in the first quarter then 11 the next.

The girls held the opponent to 9 points in the second half. The Bulldogs didn't let them score again after that winning 40 to 9. Their next game was against King City's JV. Just like the rest of the games the girls had no trouble moving the ball around. The final score was

45 to 14. Our JV boys faced North Harrison first, and the game was back and forth all 4 quarters; unfortunately the boys fell short losing 40 to 48. The next game was played against North Andrew. The boys played them hard in the first quarter, but soon the other team pulled away and the Bulldogs couldn't catch back up losing 30 to 53.



Ashley Peterson goes for the basket.



Brian Medina kicks it in gear to outpace his Braymer defender.

Lady Dawgs Rack Up Wins; Take 1st in Albany Tournament

By Tyra Grayson
Staff Reporter

On November 21st Stanberry played their opening game of the season against Mound City and, unfortunately, lost 40-53. With two seniors sick with the flu, the Dawgs had to adjust their roster and rhythm for the game. Lily Osborn led the scoring with 17 points. She also had 2 steals, 3 rebounds, and 1 assist. Peyton Gage chipped in 10 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals. Sydney Mattson contributed 7 points, 7 rebounds, and a steal. Madi Sager and Kalie Peterson each added 2 points to the Bulldogs' score; Sager also pulled down 5 rebounds and recorded an assist. Peterson rebounded 5

bound.

On December 2nd the lady Bulldogs fought for first place in the Albany tournament against Jefferson, and their hard work paid off. The score was 39-33. Taylor McQueen had 14 points, 1 assist, and 4 rebounds. Lily Osborn chipped in 10 points, 1 assist, 5 rebounds and 4 steals. Madi Sager scored 9 points and hit the double digits in rebounds with

11 rebounds; she also stole the ball twice. Jaden McKune had 4 points, 2 assists, 4 rebounds and 1 steal. Peyton Gage had 2 points and 5 rebounds. Kalie Peterson had 2 assists, 3 rebounds and 1 steal. Sydney Mattson had 1 rebound, and Kierstyn McMillen had 2 assists and 1 steal.

On December 7th the Bulldogs went to Ravenwood and defeated the Bluejays 57-26. Lily Osborn led in scoring with 16 points 3 assists, 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Madi Sager had 12 points, 1 assist, 8 rebounds, and 4 steals. Peyton Gage racked up 11 points, 1 assist, 3 rebounds and 4 steals. Taylor McQueen contributed 6 points, 5 assists, 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Kali Peterson knocked in 4 points, 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 3 steals. Jaden McKune had 4 points, 4 rebounds. Sydney Mattson had 2 points, 1 assist, 2 rebounds and 1 steal, and Allison Marticke rounded out the scoring with 2 points. Madelyn Luke assisted twice, rebounded once, and

stole the ball once. Kierstyn McMillen had 2 assists and 1 steal. Rylee Ellis recorded 2 assists and 1 steal. Tyra Grayson had 3 rebounds, and Elle Ellis had 2 rebounds.

On December 8th the Lady Bulldogs won against LeBlond. The score was a blow-out, 67-16. Leading in scoring was Lily Osborn with 22 points, 2 assists, 4 rebounds and 5 steals. Jaden McKune scored 13 points and owned the boards with 15 rebounds; she also had 1 assist and 2 steals. Madelyn Luke had 6 points, as did Allison Marticke, in addition to 2 assists, 5 rebounds and 4 steals. Kalie Peterson had 5 points, 5 rebounds. Earning 4 points were Peyton Gage and Tyra Grayson. Gage pulled down 4 rebounds and had 1 assist and 1 steal; Grayson rebounded once and stole the ball once. Sydney Mattson recorded 3 points, 2 assists, 5 rebounds and 4 steals. Taylor McQueen earned 2 points, 4 assists, 6 rebounds and 1 steal. Madi Sager rounded out the scoring with 2 points, 3 assists, 3 rebounds, and 2 steals. Ashley Peterson had 1 assist and 3 rebounds. Kierstyn McMillen had 2 rebounds, and Rylee Ellis had 1 rebound.

Peyton Gage said, "My goals for the season are to continue winning and working together as a team. I hope to make it to the district championship and advance from there to state and continue to win." Lily Osborn said "My goals for the season are to work hard and win as a team. I want to win every tournament and go all the way. This season has been fun, and I hope we continue it."

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Lily Osborn gets ready to drive to the hoop against her Braymer defender



Kalie Peterson is unfazed by the Princeton defense as she takes her shot in the Albany Tournament.

times, stole the ball twice, and assisted once. Jaden McKune had 7 rebounds and 1 steal.

The Albany tournament began on November 27th. In the first round against Pattonsburg Stanberry walloped the Panthers 75-5. Lily Osborn again led in scoring, knocking in 18. She also recorded 4 assists, 2 rebounds, and a steal. Fellow junior Madi Sager added 14 points to the score along with an impressive 8 steals, 3 rebounds, and an assist. Chipping in 8 points, 2 steals, and an assist was Peyton Gage. Jaden McKune scored 6 points, stole the ball 4 times, and hit the boards for 5 rebounds. Kalie and Ashley Peterson, Sydney Mattson, Taylor McQueen and Elle Ellis all added 4 points. McQueen stole the ball 5 times, rebounded once, and had 3 assists, while K. Peterson pulled down 2 rebounds, had 2 steals, and 1 assist. A. Peterson stole the ball once and recorded 1 rebound. Mattson had 2 assists and 1 steal. Kierstyn McMillen knocked in 3 points and battled for 2 offensive rebounds. Rylee Ellis earned 3 points and 1 steal. Tyra Grayson recorded 3 points and 1 steal, and Madelyn Luke had 1 steal.

On Wednesday November 29th in second-round tournament action, Stanberry beat Princeton decisively 72-34. Lily Osborn scored 18 points for the second game in a row, adding 4 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 steals to her record. Madi Sager again racked up 14 points and an impressive 9 rebounds along with 5 assists and a steal. Jaden McKune also added 14 points to the Dawgs' score, along with 5 rebounds, 2 assists, and a steal. Peyton Gage broke into double digits, scoring 10 points and battling for 2 rebounds. With 6 points, 3 assists, and 2 rebounds was Kalie Peterson. Ashley Peterson had 4 points, 1 assist, and 2 rebounds. Taylor McQueen earned 2 points, 5 assists, 6 rebounds, and 2 steals. Kierstyn McMillen and Rylee Ellis both had 2 points and McMillen 1 steal. Sydney Mattson had 2 assists and 2 rebounds. Madelyn Luke had 1 assist, 1 rebound and 1 steal. Tyra Grayson had 1 re-

Wrestlers Go Undefeated in December

By Rueben Gage
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, December 9th, the Bulldog wrestlers traveled to the duel tournament in Polo, and they had an outstanding performance against the other teams. The first team they dueled against was Macon, and the Dawgs won. Their second duel was against East Atchison, and Stanberry triumphed again. Their third duel was against Higginsville, and they also won. They then dueled against Polo and won that. They then went into the championship round with Cameron and took first place in this dual

tournament. This is the first time the Bulldogs have won this duel in seven years! For the individual wins including byes, John Shanks, Kenny Summa, Rueben Gage, Trey Schieber, and Zack Oldham all went 5-0. Also undefeated was Evan Saxton at 1-0. Sam Oldham and Will Wood were 4-1 on the day. Dustin Jensen went 3-2, Mark Donaldson went 1-1, and Abi-

gayle Davis went 2-3. Congratulations to the Bulldog wrestlers on their win!

On December 14th the Bulldogs traveled to Albany to dual against Wayne, Iowa, Maryville, and Albany, of course, for the superintendent's cup. The Bulldogs dueled against Wayne first and won with a close score of 40-39. They then dueled Maryville and also won 45-27 and then beat Albany 54-24 and won the cup! For the individual records for the night including byes, John Shanks, Trey Schieber, Dylon Pappert, Zack Oldham, and Mark Donaldson went 3-0. Dustin Jensen was also undefeated 1-0. Kenny Summa, Rueben Gage, Mateo Messner, and Abigayle Davis went 2-1. Jessica Claibourn and Evan Saxton were 1-1, and Sam Oldham went 1-2. Once again Congratulations to the Bulldog wrestlers bring home the superintendent's cup for the 4th time in a row! Senior John Shanks stated, "I saw a lot of potential these first few meets although we had plenty of room to improve. I am excited to see what this season has in store for us!" Junior Sam Oldham declared, " I think our season is going very well; our team has been able to go undefeated so far. We've had a great turnout at our meets, and I think we will continue to dominate this season."



Rueben Gage keeps his eye on his opponent's footwork.



Zack Oldham looks to slam his opponent to the mat during the Polo Duals.

Activities

January 1-2-

NO SCHOOL Winter Break

January 2-

JV & V Basketball w/ Worth Co. 5:00

January 3-

NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service

January 4-

School Resumes

JV Basketball @ Jefferson 6:00

January 5-

JV & V Basketball @ St. Joe Christian 5:00

January 6-

V Wrestling @ Rock Port 9:00

January 8-13-

V Basketball Stanberry Tournament

January 9-

FFA Greenhand Conference

V Wrestling @ Lawson 5:30

January 13-

V Wrestling @ Plattsburg

January 15-

NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service

JV Basketball @ Fairfax 5:30

School Board Meeting 7:00

January 16-

JV & V Basketball @ N. Andrew 5:00

January 18-

V Wrestling w/ Mid-Buchanan, North Andrew & East Atchison 5:30

January 19-

JV & V Basketball w/ King City 5:00

January 20-

Four State Honor Band & Choir

January 22-27-

V Basketball King City Tournament

January 22-

V Wrestling @ West Platte 6:00

January 23-

V Wrestling @ South Harrison 6:00

January 25-

V Wrestling w/ Rock Port, Trenton & Gallatin 6:00

January 27-

V Wrestling GRC Tourn. @ Albany 9:30

January 30-

JV & V Bball w/ Pattonsburg 5:00

January 31-

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Artists of the Month

By JR Telan

Staff Reporter



Fourth Grade Davien James with his Snowman “It took me about two days and about a week to make it.” It was created by taking a blue piece of paper then tracing the outline of a snowman and then coloring it with crayons and oil pastels.



Sixth Grade Ava Saxton with her pumpkin. She did hers by getting a darker piece of paper then tracing the outline of a pumpkin, which she painted with black colors to give it shading.



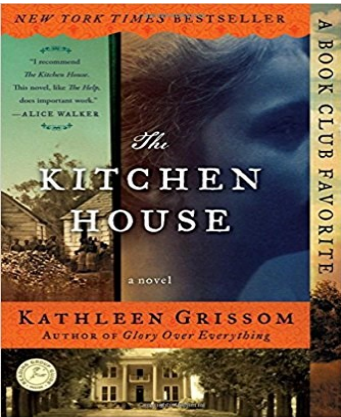
Kynzee Adcock, a second grader, with her flower “I liked drawing it, and I liked painting it”. She made by tracing it and coloring it with oil pastels.

Book Review

The Kitchen House
by Kathleen Grissom

Reviewed By Leslie Peters

Staff Reporter



A really good book that I read over the summer was The Kitchen House. The story starts out with Lavinia, a young girl about the age of seven who is on a ship to America; while there she becomes orphaned and separated from her brother. She is then handed over to the captain of the ship and is sent to live on his plantation to work as an indentured servant. She is then placed under the care of the slave Belle, and over time Lavana becomes close with all of the slaves. She considers them to be her family. Lavana also becomes very close to the captain's wife and ends up taking care of her throughout the novel until she is sent away. The novel takes place throughout all of Lavinia's life; she is told several times throughout the novel that she shouldn't associate with the slaves because she is white, but she doesn't listen to that. Lavana also discovers several secrets about the plantation. A lot of major disasters happen in this novel; it has a little bit of everything: love, devastation, racial conflicts, and also very dramatic events. It's a really great book, and it never gets boring; something intense happens in every chapter. I would recommend it to teens and adults.



First grader Ellison Sipes with her Snowman project traced stars and painted it with color pastel. When asked what was her favorite part of the project, she responded with “making the scarf.”

In Tune

By Sam Oldham

Staff Reporter

Unspoken is an American Christian band. The lead singer is Chad Mattson, guitarist Jon Lowry and Mike Gomez, bass George Williams, drums Ariel Munoz, percussion Yamil Jimenez, and Ryan Babin on the keyboard. Mike Gomez is from the Dominican Republic, and Ariel Munoz is from Puerto Rico. The band's latest album is *Follow Through*. Unspoken is my favorite band to listen to; their style is different from any other band that I know of. “Sleep in the Storm” is my favorite song written by them. Not only is it an exquisite song, but its lyrics are very powerful. The title of the song is referring to trust in God and his plan. In the song we can see this in the main chorus, “Let the thunder be my comfort, let the lightning be my guide, let the waves that rise around me hold me gently through the night. For the winds that seem against me push me right into your arms, teach me how to sleep in the storm.” Mattson and his band use the analogies to refer to trials that we face in life, storms. He uses words like comfort, guide, and gently to refer to Jesus being in control and leading people through the “storms” in their lives. In the song he sings “How can I grow if I never get rained on”, suggesting that going through trials allows us to grow closer to God. The tone of most of their works are happy, energetic, and lighthearted.

A song they released earlier, “Who You Are,” is about God's ability to change anyone regardless of his or her past. This song is a more serious and not as lighthearted as some of their other works. The main point of the song is in the main chorus of the song: “You can never fall too hard, so fast, so far that you can't get back when you're lost. Where you are is never too late, so bad, so much that you can't change who you are.” The message they are conveying in this song is very powerful: no matter what you've done or what you think, God can use or change anyone. I love this band because their lyrics always mean something to me and are full of lessons and reminders. Every one of the band members believes in so much more than just going out and singing; they believe that it's about something much greater.

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