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Students Attend Honors Banquet

By Lillian Stoll
Staff Reporter

The Honors Banquet took place on April 27th at the First Christian Church of Stanberry. It is an annual event for the top four (sometimes five if there is a tie) students in each class organized by community people who accepted the responsibility after the Stanberry Fidelis Study Club became unable to carry out the task. Those volunteers include Paula Sager, Mariam Goforth, Carm Untiedt, and Debbie Nickell. The event is also supported by the school, American Legion Post, JC's, Chamber of Commerce, and the First Christian Church. The Honors Banquet is special event for students who have worked hard throughout the year, and we thank the wonderful ladies and groups who also work hard to put it together for us. This year's freshman attendants included Kaden Bremer, Rylee Ellis, Blythe Mattson, Kalie Peterson, and Brendan Smith. The sophomore attendants were Cole Craig, Cory Luke, Garrett Mattson, and Marissa Smithson. Along with them were the junior attendants Sarah Jennings, Paige Kelley, Alex McQuinn, and Lainey Stuart. This years returning senior attendants included Stacy Fisher, Hailey Murphy, Emily Smithson, and Lillian Stoll. Guest speaker Matt Pearl and his wife Emily joined the honorees for the evening. Mr. Pearl is a language arts teacher at King City High School; he and his wife are also the owners of the *Tri-County News*. Paula Sager welcomed the honorees and guests and had each honoree give a little information about themselves. Each senior honoree stood up and gave their names and future plans after graduation, while the rest of the honorees gave their names and grade, and everyone shared their favorite memory of the school year. Stacy Fisher gave the student response, thanking the adults for the hard work they put in to make the night special. Matt Pearl's speech was quite inspirational. He talked to the students about how fortunate they are to have come from such a small, yet great community. The community needs younger people like them to step up and come back and provide for the community, because the older generations won't be able to keep providing for it. He said that just because they are from a small community doesn't mean they aren't capable of doing great things and achieving big goals. Finishing his speech, he said, "You all have great minds, use them. It doesn't matter where you come from, if you have a strong mind, it's worth a million bucks."

Senior Hailey Murphy declared, "Being able to attend the Honors Banquet is a great experience. I really enjoyed listening to the speaker and all of his words of wisdom."

Peterson Qualifies for State STAR Events in FCCLA

By Emily Smithson
Guest Reporter

On March 23, seven FCCLA members participated in the State



Kalie Peterson will compete at National STAR Events with her Life Event Planning Project.



The outgoing officers installed the 2015-2016 officers at the annual banquet.

STAR Events competition. These events took place during the FCCLA State Leadership Conference at the Holiday Inn in Columbia, MO. Seventh graders Ashley Peterson, Braelyn Cowan, and Sydney Mattson participated in Focus on Children Jr. Division. Freshman Kalie Peterson competed in Life Event Planning Jr. Division. Senior Stacy Fisher presented her Teach and Train project in the Sr. Division. Junior Paige Kelley participated in Life Event Planning Sr. Division, and sophomore Darin Ellis had a Fashion Construction project in the Sr. Division.

While the results were not as exciting as the ones from Regionals, everyone still did a wonderful job! Darin brought home a bronze and Stacy a silver. Ashley, Braelyn, Sydney, and Paige all brought home gold. For the third time, Kalie was able to bring home a gold and a ticket to Washington, D.C. With her "Ladies Night Out" project, Peterson found success and is heading to National STAR Events in the summer! Congratulations to Kalie on her trip to Washington, D.C.!

On April 13, members gathered in the multi for the end of the year banquet. FCCLA, FFA, and this year, FBLA came together to congratulate their members on their efforts. Many students were recognized, a slideshow of pictures throughout the year was shown, and the 2015-2016 officers were installed. Senior officers Stacy Fisher, Lucas Raymond, Aeriell Munns, and Emily Smithson conducted their last meeting then turned their positions over. The following students were named

2015-2016 officers: President Kelsey Wiederholt, Vice-President Paige Kelley, Secretary Blythe Mattson, Treasurer Kalie Peterson, Reporter Alexis Simmerman, Historian Nikole Kidde, Assistant Historian Valerie Pickering, Parliamentarian Keltan Munns, Recreation Leader Darin Ellis, Assistant Recreation Leader Skylar Shanks, and Devotional Leader Charity Buntin. The Star Member award was also given out. This award is given to the most active member in junior high and high school. The junior high member was Ashley Peterson, and the high school member was Emily Smithson. Medals for STAR Events were handed out, and membership pins were also given out.

Mrs. Hedding commented on state convention and STAR events, "I'm extremely proud of everyone that participated in STAR Events at state! I'm thrilled that Kalie was able to make it to Nationals for the third year in a row! Everyone's hard work has paid off."

About the banquet, she declared, "The banquet went smoothly thanks to the officers! It's always nice to see the students being rewarded for their hard work!"

Stacy Fisher stated, "It's exciting to see the new officers ready to step up and take on their new roles, but it is sad to be leaving the organization I have been involved with for six years! Without Mrs. Hedding, my FCCLA experiences would not have been the same! I wish the underclassmen luck with their future endeavors with this organization!"

Musicians Perform at Whole Group Contest

By Aeriell Munns
Staff Reporter

The contest for whole group band and choir was held on Friday April 10th at Northwest Missouri State University. The scores earned at this event are both district and state level ratings. Under the direction of Mrs. Patricia Hensley, the band performed "Black Forest Overture" by Michael Sweeny and "Highlander Regiment" by James D. Ployhar. Sight reading was also part of the competition. The group received an overall three rating. Junior band member Megan Jensen stated, "I had a lot of fun performing at contest; I am proud of how much we have improved throughout the year and hope we will continue throughout the years."

The choir sang "Ain't Judgin' No Man" and "How Can I Keep From Singing" along with sight singing, directed by Mrs. Michele Kelley. Since Stanberry's performance followed that of 3A schools, there were some nerves, but they turned out to be unfounded, as the choir received one ratings from all judges. They were the only class one choir to receive one ratings from all judges that day, and they are the only 1A choir in the state to accomplish this feat fifteen years in a row.

Judge Pam Lewis commented, "I especially enjoyed the fact that you came in and listened to the other groups before it was your turn to warm up."

Judge Sherry Pintz noted the choir's snazzy robes, commenting, "Very professional in appearance."

"I am proud of the successful year we had. I glad I could help carry on the tradition and hope they continue it in the future," said senior choir member Taylor Lager.

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Just a Thought...



By Hayley Farnsworth
Staff Reporter

Effects of not Eating Breakfast

With EOC’s and MAP testing happening, we are suggesting that everyone eats a good healthy breakfast everyday before school. We are suggesting this because breakfast is an important tool in maintaining effective cognitive functioning. Records have shown that eating breakfast may help improve school children’s scores in math, reading and on standardized tests. It also cites studies that found breakfast helps improve attention, problem-solving ability and memory. People who do not eat breakfast are not as productive at work, are less effective problem solvers and have less mental clarity compared to people who regularly eat a healthy breakfast. With that being said, please be sure that your children and you yourself are eating breakfast every day.

Movie Review
Insurgent




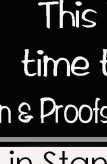


By Sarah Jennings
Guest Reporter

Having not read the second *Divergent* book, *I can’t tell you whether this movie did the book justice, but as just a movie, I wasn’t very impressed with it. However, I may be biased since I generally prefer the Hunger Games to the Divergent series, anyway. But just as movies go, this one did nothing for me.*

I think what struck me the most was how terribly cliched a lot of this movie is. The main character, Tris, tries to be heroic and brave, but is secretly just as scared as the rest of us. Shocking. She also has a lot of inner turmoil and guilt and is described as being a “bleeding heart,” which the antagonists use against her in a way that has been done a million times. The fact that she ends up being special and the only one who can do what the villain needs done is also cliched. Plus the good guys are constantly dodging bullet,s and no one manages to get hit once (which, albeit, is done in basically every movie, but is still annoying). And also the many, many times their allies swoop in to save Tris and Four at exactly the right time adds to the general deja vu I got from watching it. Don’t get me wrong, some parts I did not expect and messed with me (like the ending), but if I can predict what happens (which I am generally terrible at) in the story, then it is pretty predictable.

On the other hand, the animation for this movie is really impressive. And once you get past the cliched-ness the story in general is pretty interesting, but it’s still got the same bones as every other futuristic utopian/secretly dystopian America story. If you want a movie with lots of action, excitement, good animation, and an interesting story, then I recommend it. However, if you are looking for something original and unique that will really leave you wondering how people can possibly be so creative, this is not the one you’re looking for. But, that’s just my opinion. If you are absolutely in love with the *Divergent* series, you’ll probably enjoy it a lot more than I did.

Abbie Stoll Photography



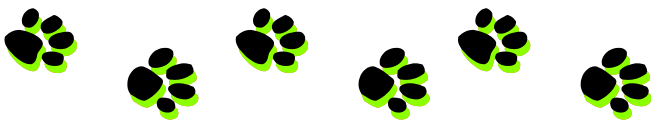
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It’s Your Call

Thinking logically, what would be your dream car? Why?

By Lillian Stoll
Staff Reporter



Seventh grader Allie Gage said, “A Bugatti because I can race it, plus it drives smoothly.”



Eighth grader Peyton Gage got fancy with it and said, “ A black BMW M4 because they are super classy vehicles, and I want to ride in style.”



Freshman Taylor McQueen said, “A 2015 red Camaro because I have always liked them, and they are sweet looking.”



Sophomore Brooke Summa really thought logically when she said, “A car that runs properly, has air conditioning and heat. It must have a sunroof and have four seats, not five, because I don’t want my friends to be riding awkwardly in the back.”



Junior Kelsey Wiederholt took it back a few decades and said, “A 1960 Chevy Chevelle because they have a super sweet look to them.”



Senior Emily Smithson said, “A Dodge Challenger because first of all, they’re awesome. Second, they look really nice, and third, you can go really fast.”

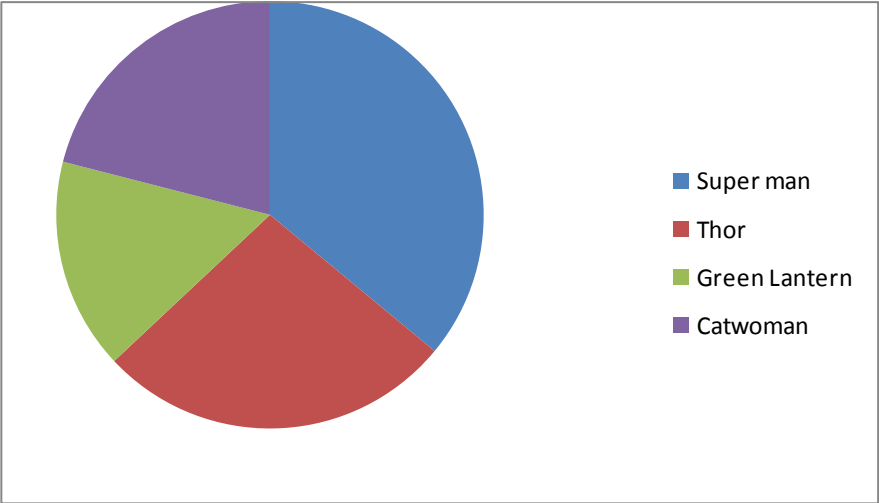


Business teacher Mrs. Sidney Eckard said, “A Honda Odyssey because I need more room for my family.”

Survey

One hundred people were asked to participate in this nonscientific

If you could be one of these super hero's' which would you be?



Science Olympiad Competes at Westminster

Hailey Murphy
Staff Reporter

The high school science olympiad team qualified for the state competition by placing 4th at regional contest. They traveled to Westminster College in Fulton, MO on April 18th to compete in the state competition; this was the first time the contest was held at this locale. Westminster College was founded by Rev. William W. Robertson and the Presbyterians in 1851 as Fulton College and assumed the present name in 1853. Westminster is best known for Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill delivering his world-famous "Iron Curtain" speech on March 5th, 1946 after accepting President Harry S. Truman's invitation. Many other world leaders have spoken at Westminster over the past several decades. While the team was visiting the college they were allowed to explore the National Churchill Museum on campus. The following were the members that competed: seniors Stacy Fisher, Lucas Raymond, and Hayden Rainey; juniors Bryttani Sparks and Paige Kelley; sophomore Darin Ellis; and freshman Kaden Bremer. Stanberry went up against thirty-three

other teams in the state, including many large, private schools who have individual coaches for each event.

Leading the way for Stanberry were Stacy, Lucas, and Paige in Experimental Design, placing eighth out of thirty-three teams in the state. Stacy and Lucas in Chem Lab placed fifteenth. Paige and Kaden in the Mission Possible event came in seventeenth place, as did Lucas and Hayden in Green Generation. Lucas and Hayden were also in Scrambler. Bryttani and Darin competed in the Fossils event, and Darin was in the Bungee Building event. Stacy and Paige took part in Dynamic Planet and Technical Problem Solving.

Team member Lucas Raymond stated, "I am very proud of our little team. Science Olympiad has been a great experience these last four years, and I am glad we were able to make it to the state competition my last year."

Coach Mrs. Hoover stated, "The switch to Westminster was a nice change of pace from the University of Missouri. I was very proud of all the kids!"

Graduate for Más: Fun and Educational

By Hayley Farnsworth & Aeriell Munns
Staff Reporters

Graduate for Más, also known as Get Schooled, is a very educational online program that allows students to pledge themselves to graduating high school. Get Schooled is educational because of all the scholarships that are suggested along with their due dates. It also offers ACT prep and encourages students to fill out the FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Get Schooled offers many suggestions to all students who wish to continue their educational careers. Also, certain surveys they have suggest colleges that seem right for you.

Get Schooled is not only educational, it is also fun! There are games that you can play to earn points. These points can be traded in for prizes. Some of these prizes include shirts, books, Taco Bell coupons, gift cards, signed basketballs, water guns, and many more.

The Stanberry student council also benefits from this program. They recently won \$500 by getting a high percentage of students to make the pledge.

April Character Trait

by Dustin Ellis
Guest Reporter

Courage--The ability to follow one's dreams in spite of the fear of failing. To chase a goal takes audacity. You cannot allow failure to outweigh accomplishments. Once you put the effort into your work, risk what you have and succeed; it will soon be all worth what you put in. Hours upon hours are put into studying and training for a sport. You put your soul into something you love--why give up? If you ever want to quit, look back and see why you started. It may be a struggle to get started and to continue, but the reward in the end allows you a break from then on. This gives you something to be proud of and to look back on when you become older.

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Prom 2015: The Roaring Twenties

By Skye Wagner
Staff reporter

The junior class hosted prom for the seniors on Saturday, March 28 at 6 P.M. at Northwest Missouri State University student union ballroom. The theme chosen by the junior class was The Roaring Twenties. The décor was black with gold accents. The entrance gala started at 6 P.M along with various appetizers. At 7 P.M. dinner was served. The dance, DJ'd by M&M Mobile Music, and a photobooth was ran from 8 P.M. to 10 P.M. and the coronation was held at 9:30 P.M. Served for dinner was herb crusted chicken with sauce supreme; garlic mashed potatoes, and country green beans. Cheesecake was served for dessert. The candidates for prom king and queen were Charles Anderson, Dustin Ellis, Devin Johnson, Cody Kelso, Allen Liu, Dakota Newman, Hayden Rainey, and Lucas Raymond, and Tegan Catlett, Alicia Colvin, Natalie Durbin, Stacy Fisher, Aeriell Munns, Emily Smithson, and Gabrielle Stuart. Alicia

Colvin and Dustin Ellis were chosen 2015 prom royalty.

Project Prom, organized by some of the juniors' parents, began at 11:15 P.M. and ended at 3:30 A.M.

Project prom started with baked goods, and refreshments followed by a hypnosis show, where many Stanberry students and their dates entertained the crowd while under hypnosis. Afterwards pizza was served, and continuous competition began with laser tag and an inflatable obstacle course. Around 3 A.M. prizes were given out to everyone with points that were acquired by selling trash bags and chances at a log raffle.

Senior Hannah Noble stated, "Prom was a lot better than last year. The food was better, the music was better, and I got to hang out with a bunch of friends." Junior Seth Trimble stated, "I liked that it was a new experience and everything was really fun at both prom and after prom."



Queen Alicia
Colvin and
King Dustin
Ellis



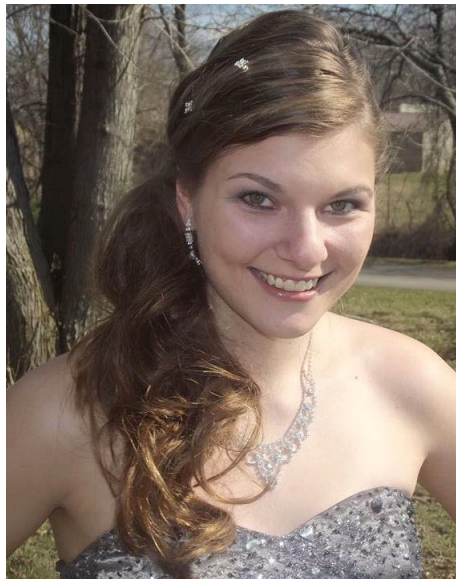
The junior class in all their finery



Seth Trimble



Senior class of 2015



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Sixth Graders Continue to Work Hard

By Skye Wagner
Staff Reporter

The sixth grade class, which includes eighteen students this year, is being taught by Mrs. JoAnne Lewis and student taught by Ms. Emily King. These students are Andaya Brown, Samantha Catlett, Iris Hartley, Stephen Henggeler, Amy Hoover, Jamie Jamieson, Dustin Jensen, Clayton McKune, Riley McQueen, Katlyne Pappert, Anna Phipps, Evan Saxton, Dakota Wagner, Morgan Wallace, Hannah White, Mallory Wood, and William Wood. When asked her goals for the sixth graders, Mrs. Lewis said to “prepare students for junior high, give them good memories of elementary, and increase their sense of responsibility.” Iris Hartley and William Wood were asked what their favorite part of the sixth grade was, and Iris replied, “My favorite part of sixth grade is spelling.” William said, “I like recess and P.E.”



Iris Hartley



William Wood

The sixth grade has been busy with several activities this year. On April 10th the sixth graders welcomed guest speaker Chi King, a woman that escaped from Saigon, South Vietnam the day it fell. Mrs. King spoke about Vietnamese culture and history. On April 20th and 21st they sixth graders worked hard to complete state testing. On May 11th they will go to the Sporting KC competition and on May 12th the sixth grade will get to participate in many events for track and field day.

Academically the sixth grade has learned many equations that they will apply in math throughout school; they also worked on how to convert fractions to decimals and how to add and subtract negative and positive numbers.

They also learned how to use cross products to solve proportions. In Social Studies they learned about many historical events throughout history. Some of these events include the stock market crash, the Great Depression, World War I and II, the Dust Bowl, the Roaring Twenties, and Hitler and the Holocaust. In Science they learned about the oxygen and carbon dioxide cycles, the Earth’s atmosphere, cloud formation, and the different types of weather patterns. The sixth grade also learned how to identify rocks and about the different fossil fuels, and about the Earth’s ecosystem. They also went over renewable resources and genetic traits. In reading they learned about prefixes, suffixes, and subordinating conjunctions. They also talked about homophones, principal parts of verbs, and adjectives.



Ms. King, Student Teacher



The sixth graders listen to Mrs. Lewis during a class discussion.



The sixth graders listen to Mrs. Chi King with great interest as she tells them about her childhood in Saigon.

FFA Ends the Year with State Convention and Banquet

By Hannah Bracken
Guest Reporter

On March 17th, 2015, the FFA traveled to Savannah to participate in their yearly contest. The Agronomy placed 10th overall. The team members were; Kalie Peterson, Kaden Bremer, Taylor McQueen, Sierra Wagner, Taylin Hunter, Bryce Jennings and Madelyn Luke. The horse team also competed and received 17th overall. The Annual Lathrop CDE contest was March 23rd 2015. Dairy Foods received 6th with Alex McQuinn placing 7th overall. Farm Management came in 4th with Garrett Mattson placing 1st overall. Horses team which consisted of Hannah Bracken, Savana Wiederholt, Lainey Stuart, Megan Jensen, Peyton Messner, Madison Summa and Brooke Summa. This team placed 10th overall. The agronomy team placed 20th.

Area 1 leadership events were also held on March 17th. Kalie Peterson and Savana Wiederholt’s record books placed 1st and also qualified for state. Hannah Bracken’s Record Book received 3rd. Kalie Peterson received 1st place FFA Creed Speaking and District Qualifier.

On March 19th, the students competed in the Trenton Ag Contests. The Agronomy team placed 21st overall. The team members were; Kalie Peterson, Kaden Bremer, Taylor McQueen, Sierra Wagner, Taylin Hunter, Bryce Jennings and Madelyn Luke. The horse team also competed and received 17th overall.

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District FFA contests were held at Northwest Missouri State University, on March 31st. Dairy Foods qualified for state placing 4th overall and Alex McQuinn placing 7th high individual. Ag Mechanics received 13th overall. The members of this team were; Alicia Colvin, Nic Shanks and Tyler Hunter. Farm Management qualified for state placing 5th overall. Garrett Mattson placed 2nd high individual and Isaac Hedding placed 12th overall. The horse team placed 14th overall with

Lainey Stuart placing 18th high individual. Ag Sales also competed placing 7th overall. The team consisted of; Peyton Messner, Kelsey Wiederholt, Megan Jensen and Madison Summa. Agronomy team also competed and received 12th.

Kelsey Wiederholt won her area proficiency in Food Science and Technology. Isaac Hedding won his Area Proficiency in Ag Services. Hannah Bracken won her Area Proficiency in Ag Sales. Kelsey, Isaac and Hannah all qualified for state. Kalie Peterson received 3rd place at district FFA creed speaking; Kalie is the state alternate.

State FFA was held April 16th & 17th in Columbia. Farm Management competed the 16th and received a 2 rating. Dairy Foods also competed on the 16th and received a 2 rating, and Shelby McMillen placed 33rd as an individual. Kelsey Wiederholt, Isaac Hedding and Hannah Bracken’s proficiencies competed that night. Isaac Hedding received 2nd overall in Ag Services. The delegates that attended State FFA were Kalie Peterson, Lainey Stuart, Savana Wiederholt, Kelsey Wiederholt, Cory Luke and Hannah Bracken. The delegates attended an informational meeting that focused on the advances in agriculture and the many jobs that agriculture provides.



Ag student teacher Miss Reickoff holds the selfie stick as many of the state FFA attendees join in the picture.

High School Track Looks Hopeful for State

Dustin Ellis keeps his cool as he glides over the hurdles at a home meet.

By Hailey Murphy
Staff Reporter

The high school track team continues to improve on the season, and the goal to make it to state is still fresh in everyone’s mind. On April 7th the Bulldogs attended the first track meet of the season in Albany. At this meet they place the top eight people in every event. The girls team placed 4th overall out of 16 teams with a total of 61 points. The girls that placed in the the top eight include Kalie Peterson placing 1st in the 3200m run, Savana Wiederholt taking 2nd in the 100m hurdles, the 4x800m relay team (Madelyn Luke, Rylee Ellis, Hailey Murphy, Hannah Bracken) placing 3rd, as did Halley Wilmes in the 1600m run. Coming in 4th place was Marissa Smithson in the 100m hurdles and Taylin Hunter in the discus throw. The 4x400m relay team (Madelyn Luke, Savana Wiederholt, Hannah Bracken, Rylee Ellis) received 5th place, as did Kalie Peterson in the 800m run. Rylee Ellis placed 6th in the 400m dash, and coming in 8th were Halley Wilmes 8th in the 800m run and Marissa Smithson in the 300m hurdles.

The Bulldog boys also placed 4th out of 15 teams with a total of 73 points. Dustin Ellis mopped the hurdle events, taking 1st in both the 110m & 300m hurdles. Both the boys’ 4x800m relay team (Cory Luke, Alex McQuinn, Shanen Law, Bryce Jennings) and the 4x400m relay (Dustin Ellis, Alex McQuinn, Cory Luke, Clayton Stoll) placed 2nd, along with Cory Luke in the 800m run. Shelby McMillen threw for 4th in both the shot put & discus. Coming in 6th in both the 100m & 200m dash was Tyler Hunter. Charles Anderson got 7th place in the 3200m run, as did Darin Ellis in the 110 hurdles. Luke rounded out the placings by earning 8th in high jump. The top eight placers contributed points to the team at this meet.

On April 9th the team had their first home meet. The weather failed to cooperate, as it was rainy and very cold. Only the top six finishers placed and scored points. The boys’ team took 4th overall out of 15 teams. Dustin Ellis continued his sweep of both the 110m & 300m hurdles, winning both events. Shelby McMillen placed 2nd in shot put. Taking 3rd place honors were the 4x800m relay team (Cory Luke, Alex McQuinn, Charles Anderson, Shanen Law), and Cory Luke in the 800m run. McMillen earned 4th in the discus throw, Tyler Hunter received 5th place in long jump, and the boys’ 4x400m relay team (Cory Luke, Alex McQuinn, Dustin Ellis, Clayton Stoll) placed 6th.

The girls team finished 7th out of 17 teams. Placing for the Bulldogs were Kalie Peterson coming in 2nd in the 3200m run, the 4x800m relay team (Madelyn Luke, Rylee Ellis, Halley Wilmes, Kalie Peterson) taking 3rd, Savana Wiederholt receiving 3rd in the 100m & the 300m hurdles, Peterson finishing 4th in the 1600m run, and Halley Wilmes taking 5th in the 1600m run.

On April 14th the team traveled to Rock Port for a meet. Once again, the top six in each event earn points. The Lady Bulldogs ended up with 5th out of 11 teams. Distance woman Kalie Peterson won the 3200m run and took 2nd in the 1600m run; Halley Wilmes came in 3rd in the same event. Savana Wiederholt earned 3rd in the 110 hurdles, as did the 4x800m relay team (Madelyn Luke, Rylee Ellis, Halley Wilmes, and Kalie Peterson). Taking 4th place were Wiederholt in the 300m hurdles and the 4x400m relay team (Madelyn Luke, Savana Wiederholt, Rylee Ellis, Kalie Peterson), while Madelyn Luke in the 400m dash ran for 6th place

On the boys’ side of the competition, Dustin Ellis won the 110m & 300m hurdles, and Cory Luke took 1st in the 800m run. Coming in 2nd place was Shelby McMillen in the shot put,

Alex McQuinn in the 300m hurdles, the 4x400m relay team (Alex McQuinn, Cory Luke, Clayton Stoll, Dustin Ellis), and the 4x800m relay team (Alex McQuinn, Shanen Law, Charles Anderson, Cory Luke). McMillen threw for 3rd in the discus. Fourth place finishers were Shanen Law in the 400m dash and Charles Anderson in the 3200m run. Tyler Hunter earned 5th in the 200m dash, as did Cory Luke in the high jump. Also contributing points was Darin Ellis placing 6th in the 800m run. The boys team took 2nd overall out of 12 teams with a total of 87 points scored.

On April 21st the Dawgs competed at the Worth County Tiger Relays, one of the largest meets of the season. The top six placed at this meet. Dustin Ellis once again was champ in the 110m & 300m hurdles. The 4x800m relay team (Cory Luke, Shanen Law, Charles Anderson, Alex McQuinn) placed 2nd. Alex McQuinn in the 300m hurdles finished 3rd, as did the 4x400m relay team (Alex McQuinn, Cory Luke, Clayton Stoll, Dustin Ellis). Shelby McMillen earned 4th in shot put and 5th in the discus throw, Cory Luke finished 5th in the 800m run, and Darin placed 6th in the 110m hurdles. The boys finished 5th overall out of 19 teams with 49 points.

Racking up 36 points, the girls’ team placed 7th out of 20 teams. Once again, Kalie Peterson ran for 1st in the 3200m. In the 1600m, Peterson took 3rd, as did the 4x800m relay (Madelyn Luke, Rylee Ellis, Halley Wilmes, Kalie Peterson). The 4x400m relay (Madelyn Luke, Savana Wiederholt, Hailey Murphy, Rylee Ellis) earned 4th place, as did Halley Wilmes in the 1600m run and Savana Wiederholt in the 300m hurdles. Wiederholt also finished 5th in the 100m hurdles.

On the 24th the Dawgs traveled to Tarkio. The meet was successfully completed despite the threat of rain. Out of 9 teams, the ladies came in 5th. Kalie Peterson continued her dominance of the 3200m run by coming in first; she took 2nd place in the 1600m run. Finishing in 3rd place was the 4x800m (Madelyn Luke, Rylee Ellis, Halley Wilmes, Kalie Peterson) relay. Halley Wilmes placed 4th in the 1600m run, as did Savana Wiederholt in the 100m hurdles, Taylin Hunter in the shot put, and the 4x400m relay team (Madelyn Luke, Savana Wiederholt, Halley Wilmes, Kalie Peterson). Gaining 5th place honors were Hailey Murphy in the 800m run and Savana Wiederholt in the 300m hurdles, while Taylin Hunter threw for 6th in the discus.

Taking 3rd place out of 9 teams, the boys’ team was once again led by Dustin Ellis’s 1st place finish in the 110m hurdles and the 4x800m relay team (Cory Luke, Shanen Law, Charles Anderson, Alex McQuinn)’s win. Coming in 2nd were Cory Luke in the 800m run, Alex McQuinn in the the 300m hurdles, Clayton Stoll in the long jump, Shelby McMillen in both the shot put and discus, and the 4x400m relay team (Alex McQuinn, Cory Luke, Clayton Stoll, Shanen Law). Shanen Law finished 3rd in the 400m dash, while 4th place winners were Charles Anderson in the 3200m run and Levi Murphy in the high jump. In 5th place were Bryce Jennings in the 1600m run and the 4x100m relay team (Charles Anderson, Kaden Bremer, Levi Murphy, Gavyn Redmond). Rounding out the point contributors were Darin Ellis in the 110m hurdles and Levi Murphy in the triple jump, both in 6th place.

On Saturday, April 25th, the team was scheduled to compete in Albany, but the meet was cancelled due to thunderstorms. Freshman Kalie Peterson declared, “We have improved immensely over the course of the season. We have a lot of potential on the girls’ team, and I am hopeful that we make it to the state competition.” Coach Shane Hilton stat-

ed, “This season is going well. We are getting times down, and everyone is being put into their proper events. The season is winding down, and if we keep improving like we have been we should be ready



Savana Wiederholt and Marissa Smithson lead the pack during the 100 hurdles.

to peak just in time for districts/sectionals. That’s when we will get to see all the hard work the kids put in really pay off.”

Senior track athlete Dustin Ellis said, “We are to the point where perfection is the key to success. Our relays have improved throughout the course of the season. We are still working out the kinks in all of them, hoping to have them perfected by districts/sectionals. I am hopeful that we make it to the state competition to continue the tradition of successful relay teams.”

Clayton Stoll flies through the air in the long jump.



Kalie Peterson, despite being a freshman, has dominated both the 1600m & 3200m runs.

Boys’ Golf in Full Swing

By Quentin Nielson
Staff Reporter

This year’s boys’ golf team includes Cole Craig, Seth Noble, Garrett Mattson, Mitchell Carroll, Quentin Duley, Brendan Smith, Grant Osborn, and Austin Kidder. Despite being a young team, the guys have been very competitive throughout the season. The team is coached by Mr. Chris McMillen. On March 25th, the team’s first competition was at home; the other competing teams were Albany, West Nodaway, and Worth County. The team received 2nd place at the meet with a total score of 199. Mitchell Carroll shot a 45, Seth Noble shot a 49, Garrett Mattson shot a 51, Cole Craig shot a 54, and Quentin Duley shot a 62.

On April 4th the team traveled to Mound City to face the Panthers. The team lost the meet 205 strokes to 190. Garrett Mattson led the team with a 49, Cole Craig shot a 51, Mitchell Carroll recorded a 51, Seth Noble shot a 54, and Quentin Duley a 60.

On April 9th, for their third meet of the season, the Bulldogs traveled to Gallatin. The competing teams were Stanberry, Gallatin, King City, and Worth County. The Bulldogs got 2nd as a team, all recording fairly close scores. Cole Craig claimed the lead with a 48, Mitchell Carroll shot a 50, Seth Noble and Garrett Mattson each scored a 55, and Quentin Duley shot a 56.

On April 13th the team traveled to Albany for a Best Shot Tournament. The pairs for the tournament were Craig and Carroll who shot an 83, Noble and Mattson who shot a 93, and Duley and Osborn who shot a 105.

The Bulldogs traveled to Hamilton for a meet on April 14th. The Bulldogs faced Hamilton and Maysville. The Bulldogs finished second with a total of 209. Craig and Carroll each shot a 49, Duley shot a 55, Mattson shot a 56, and Noble shot a 62.

On April 16th the Bulldogs traveled to Bethany, where the competing teams were Stanberry, South Harrison, East Harrison, and Worth County. The Bulldogs finished with a 223 as a team, which placed them 2nd overall. Carroll shot a 48, Noble and Duley shot 55s, and Kidder and Osborn each shot a 65.

On April 21st the team traveled to Maysville where the Bulldogs faced Maysville and Princeton. The Bulldogs got 2nd as a team with a score of 189. Cole Craig shot a 46 placing 2nd, Mitchell Carroll and Garrett Mattson each shot 47’s, and Seth Noble and Quentin Duley both shot a 49. The Bulldogs golfed in the Stanberry Invitational Tournament on April 22nd, and once again the team came in 2nd. The competing teams in the tournament were Stanberry, Albany, North Mercer, King City, Maysville, Mid Buchanan, East Harrison, Rockport, South Harrison, Tarkio, and Worth County. The Dawgs placed 2nd with a final score of 378. Mattson shot a 89 placing 2nd, Carroll shot a 95 placing 10th, Craig shot a 96, Noble shot a 98, and Duley shot a 123.



Garrett Mattson lines up his shot on hole 6 at the Stanberry Meet.



Cole Craig & Seth Noble bundle up against the cool weather before the home tournament.

Bulldog senior Seth Noble had this to say about the season thus far, “I feel like the team has stepped it up since the beginning of the year. I hope the team can keep it up through conference and district play.”

Sophomore Cole Craig said, “That team has improved greatly from when we started. I think we have a lot of talent on our team and can’t wait to see how we do in the future.”



The 4x400m relay of Peyton Gage, Allison Marticke, took 1st at the home meet.

JH Track Races Towards a Finish

By Madesen Gage
Guest Reporter

The junior high tracksters are back at it. After having a short two weeks of practice, both the men and women took 2nd place at the Worth County Early Bird Relays on March 30th.

Assistant Coach Jeffrey Maronde stated before the season, “I think we should have a great year. Our numbers for the boys are a little low, but both boys and girls are showing that they are competitive.”

Both boys and girls proved Coach Maronde right. Starting off the meet in the girls’ shot put was Kierstyn McMillen. This girl got 6th place, throwing 26 feet, 6.5 inches. Note that she is only in eighth grade. There is tons of time for improvement! Zach Oldham competed in the boys’ discus throw and also received 6th place. McMillen turned around to compete in the discus and placed 3rd.

Next was the boys’ high jump. Rueben Gage placed 3rd, and Trey Schieber placed 5th. Both boys jumped over 5 feet. Tyra Grayson competed in the girls long jump and took 4th place. She jumped 13 feet, 3 inches. Peyton Gage took 5th place in the 100m dash running a 14.93. Superstar Cole Durbin took 1st place in the 100m hurdles! Awesome job! He ran an 18.69.

Next up were the relay races! The Stanberry girls took 3rd place in the 4x200m relay. This team consisted of Madi Sager, Allie Gage, Marissa Jensen, and Elle Ellis. The boys also took 3rd place in the 4x200m. Competing on this team were Rueben Gage, Zach Oldham, Tristen Lager, and Trey Schieber.

Peyton Gage competed in the 400m dash and took 3rd place. Trey Schieber took 1st place in the men’s 400m. Nice work, kids! Allison Marticke and Braelyn Cowan dominated the 800m run. Marticke took 1st place, and Cowan followed, only 5 seconds behind. Cole Durbin competed in the 800m run and took 2nd place. Fantastic work everyone!

Marticke was up again right after the 800m run, ready to compete in the mile. I think she is crazy for running a mile every meet, but go, Allison!! She schooled the race and took first place. Hunter Johnson also competed in the mile and took 6th place.

The girls 4x100m relay consisted of Lily Osborn, Madi Sager, Sydney Mattson, and Tyra Grayson, “The Speedsters”. The ladies took 4th place. Then, what Stanberry track is known for, the 4x400m relay. Competing was Allison Marticke, Braelyn Cowan, Elle Ellis, and Peyton Gage. The girls stomped everyone else and took first place.

The boys’ 4x400m was a tight race against Princeton. Running was Rueben Gage, Cole Durbin, Hunter Johnson, and Trey Schieber. They boys ended up taking 2nd place, but there’s no doubt that they can get first next meet!

Eighth grader Peyton Gage declared after the first meet, “The first meet went well. I’m excited for the rest of the season. Everyone is working hard, and we are trying our



Tristen Lager, Zach Oldham, Trey Schieber, and Rueben Gage ran the 4x200m relay.

best to improve our times.”

Coach Maronde stated after the first meet, “The kids really showed that they are very competitive from the looks of the first meet. They all did very well in their first meet, and hopefully we can keep building on that all year.”

The next meet was held on April 16th at Stanberry. Starting off the blocks, Peyton Gage got 6th place in the 100m dash. In the 200m dash, Tyra Grayson also got 6th place. Gage ran the 400 meter dash and got 3rd place. Allison Marticke ran the 800m race and came in 4th place. Braelyn Cowan also ran the 800m and earned 6th place. Marticke ran back-to-back races again and finished 2nd in the mile. Great work so far!

The Stanberry girls’ 4x100m relay placed 5th. Running in this race was Lily Osborn, Allie Gage, Sydney Mattson, and Marissa Jensen. Madi Sager, Allie Gage, Lily Osborn, and Elle Ellis ran the 4x200m relay and finished 4th place. Elle Ellis, Madi Sager, Allison Marticke, and Peyton Gage ran the 4x400m relay and took 1st place! Grayson competed in the long jump and placed 2nd. Kierstyn McMillen threw for 6th place in the shot put and 5th in the discus.

Starting off the boys’ events, Trey Schieber placed 2nd in the 400m dash, and Rueben Gage took 3rd. Cole Durbin ran for 5th place in the 800m, and he also took 2nd in the 100m hurdles.

Rueben Gage, Zach Oldham, Tristen Lager, and Trey Schieber ran the 4x200m relay and came in 3rd place. Rueben Gage, Hunter Johnson, Cole Durbin, and Trey Schieber competed in the 4x400m relay and came in second place.

Gage and Schieber both competed in the high jump, taking the first two places. Gage took 1st, and Schieber took 2nd. Cole Durbin earned 6th place in the long jump.

Overall, the girls took 3rd place, and the boys also took 3rd place. The next meet will be held at Albany on April 20th. Good luck to all of the junior high tracksters!



Hunter Johnson works to find the perfect pace in the mile.



The McMillen throwing legacy continues in Kierstyn.

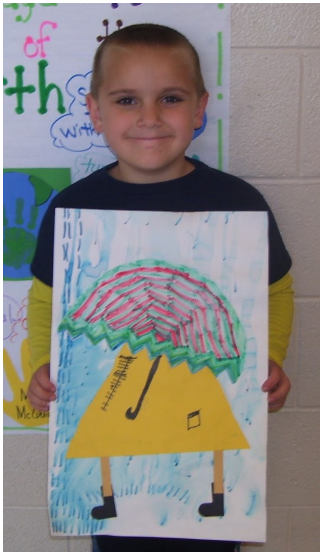
Activities

- May 1-**
State Solo & Ensemble Music Contest @ Columbia
- May 3-**
Baccalaureate 7:00 gym
- May 4-13-**
EOC Testing
- May 4-6-**
Pre-K/Kindergarten Screenings
- May 4-**
V Track GRC @ S. Harrison 2:00
- May 5-**
7-12 Student Council Mtg. 8:00
NHS Induction 7:00
- May 6-8-**
Senior Trip @ Lake of the Ozarks
- May 6-**
V Golf District Tourn. @ Mozingo 9:00
JH Awards & 8th Grade Graduation 7:00
- May 7-**
JH Track GRC @ Worth County 3:30
- May 9-**
V District Track @ St. Joe Christian 11:00
- May 10-**
Graduation 2:30 gym
- May 11-**
Intermediate Field Trip Sporting KC
V Golf Sectionals @ Shirkey Golf Course
- May 12-**
Primary Field Trip Kansas City Aquarium
Intermediate Track & Field Day
JH Cheer Tryouts 3:15
HS Awards Banquet 6:00 multi-purpose room
- May 13-**
Spring Concert 7:00
4th Grade to Pine View 10:00
5th Grade to Pine View 2:00
- May 14-**
Honor choir @ Pine View 1:30
6th Grade to Pine View 2:00
Primary Fun Day
- May 15-**
Elementary Awards 9:00
Last Day of School Dismiss 11:00
4th Quarter Ends
- May 16-**
V Track Sectional @ Albany 12:00
- May 18-19-**
State Golf
- May 18-**
School Board Mtg 7:00
- May 21-23-**
V Track State Meet @ Jefferson City
- May 26-June 12**
Summer School 8:00-3:00
- May 27-29-**
FCCLA Boys' Basketball Shoot-Out



Artists of the Month

By Savana Wiederholt & Marissa Smithson
Guest Reporters



Kindergartener Dalton Hartley colored *Rainy Day* using shapes and patterns. He proudly stated, “My favorite part was coloring the umbrella because the lines go this way and that way.”



Hannah Stevens of second grade created *Shadow Portraits*. She used light and shadow and cut-out shapes to create this masterpiece. Hannah’s favorite part was drawing and coloring the girl.



Fourth grader Braxton Shanks made an interesting piece called *Chinese Dragons* using pattern, color, and scrolls. She said that she liked drawing and coloring the dragon.

In Tune

by Lucas Raymond
Guest Reporter

Tori Kelly, or, Victoria Loren Kelly, has been in the music business since she was in her early teens Originally, she was on YouTube posting her performances, consisting mostly of covers such as Frank Ocean’s, “Thinkin’ Bout You”. With this cover, currently holding over 22 million views, Kelly became a YouTube sensation. Her YouTube channel currently has over one million subscribers, and her videos combined have over 90 million views.

Soon after Kelly became a YouTube sensation, she decided to try her hand on the hit T.V.series *American Idol*. She audition in 2010 for the ninth season in Denver, Colorado. Kelly was able to make through to Hollywood, but unfortunately was not able to get into the top 24 after being voted off in the judges round.

After her loss on *American Idol*, according to *USA Today*, she said, “It really put a fire under me”. Kelly started posting even more onto her YouTube channel, and she was eventually able to release her first album called *Handmade Songs by Tori Kelly*, from her own label Toraay Records. With this, she was finally recognized by Capitol Records; she signed with them and released her second album, another EP, called *Foreword*, in 2013.

Kelly was then asked to record a song called “Silent” for the movie *The Giver* in 2015. Now 22, Kelly has released her newest hit single, “Nobody Love,” which has helped skyrocket her to the top of the Billboard charts.

Tori Kelly has one of the most unique voice I have ever heard. She has an incredible musical background that shows in her work. I have never heard someone with the ability in vocal acrobatics as Tori Kelly, which you can hear in her highly impressive vocal runs, especially in her new song “Nobody Love”. I highly recommend listening to her work if you truly want to hear what an actual musician can do.

In the Pages

After Ever After

By Jordan Sonnenblick
Review by Alexis Simmerman

I am extremely glad I got a chance to read *After Ever After*. It is beautifully written from the perspective of an eighth-grade boy, Jeffrey. Jeffrey had leukemia in first grade. While his classmates’ biggest worries were learning how to write their names, Jeffrey was fighting for his life. When he survives, everyone counts it as a blessing. Jeffrey, though, experiences the negative impact--the after-effects of cancer. He does not have complete control of his right leg and therefore walks with a limp. One medicine Jeffrey had when he still had cancer now causes his memory to fail and slows his learning. However, Jeffrey is extremely grateful he is not as affected as his best friend Tad. Tad is also a cancer survivor and now has a wheelchair. He used to be able to walk, but then Tad suddenly stopped trying. Both are allowed to use laptops at school due to their muscle spasms. While Jeffrey is limping down the hall, he spots a new girl trying to gather the papers she dropped. Everyone else simply walks around her, but Jeffrey stops to help her. The girl tells Jeffrey that her name is Lindsay, and they shortly discover they are going to the same science class. Jeffrey immediately has a crush on her.

I recommend this novel to people who enjoy unusual books. Jeffrey has already had to fight for his life, so why is it so hard to be normal for once? Why is it so difficult to stutter through a conversation even after stumbling through days of vomiting? Why would a beautiful and smart girl like Lindsay even give a guy with a limp and learning problems a second glance?



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