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Senior prom attendees front row: Maranda Evans, Paige Campbell, Paige Woods, Payton Williams, Brea Jensen, Trista Lager, Lindsay Sherman, Marli Hilton, Jencie James, Allison Cook. Back row: Wyatt Taylor, Decker Heyde, Colby McQueen, Calvin Smithson, Cooper Adcock, Jordyn Wright, Gabe Simbro, Treston Williams, Brody Carroll, Cameron Affuso.



Junior prom attendees front row: Eva Cameron, Macie Gibson, Danielle Van Draska, Miley Davis, Hannah McQuinn, Lindsey Hailey, Katie Libby, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Ally Santa Cruz, Cortney Merrigan. Back row: Vincent Smithson, Brayden Dias, Russell Kerwin, Nathan Taylor, Jaren Stoll, Hayden Swan, Evan Gregory.

Prom 2025 a *Black Tie Affair*

By Marli Hilton
Staff Reporter



This year's junior-senior prom was held on Saturday, March 29th. Much planning and preparation went into prom many months before it was held. The junior class picked out a theme, decorations, food, and sent invitations to the senior class. On the 29th, pictures were taken at 3:00 pm by Brent Johnson and parents at Jeff and Tracy Osborn's house before students left for prom. Students attending prom made their way over to Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville. As the next event, the entrance gala, was at 6:00 pm, some students went to McDonald's or got ice cream before.

Parents, family members,

and friends waited outside the J.W. Jones Student Union, where prom was held, to watch as the couples were announced in the entrance gala. After the gala concluded, all those attending prom went upstairs into the ballroom to see the hard work the juniors had put into decorating just the day before. This year's theme was "Black Tie Affair", and the juniors executed it very well. There were white bows on the backs of chairs, and clear vases, candles, and white flowers as the centerpieces. There were also decorations hanging from the ceiling, and a backdrop where students could take pictures. All of those in attendance got a pair of black heart sunglasses and a prom

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Prom king and queen were (front) Lindsay Sherman and Wyatt Taylor. Candidates included (back) Paige Campbell, Payton Williams, Calvin Smithson, and Jordyn Wright.

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Prom (from page 1)

shirt designed by the juniors. When asked what was most challenging about planning prom, junior sponsor Mrs. Schmitz replied, "For it being our first year, just making sure we had everything checked off our list; it wasn't too challenging."

The juniors hired a DJ and rented a photobooth for attendees to enjoy. Appetizers were served before dinner; they included fried ravioli and fried cheese bites. Dinner was served next; students dined on salad, barbecued chicken, potato wedges, and green beans. For dessert, they were served strawberry cheesecake. A trivia game was also played during dinner; the DJ would ask students questions, and those who answered correctly were put into a game that would be played later on. Once everyone finished eating, students were ready to get the party started with dancing and singing on the dance floor. They had a great time all night, laughing and dancing with each other. A few boys decided it was too hot while dancing, and snuck off to the bathroom to take their undershirts off, leaving only their vests on. The girls tried to teach the boys a few line

dances, including "Footloose" and "Cotton-Eye Joe". Though not everyone got the hang of it, senior Cameron Affuso did say that the music was lit.

As the night started to wind down, the DJ called everyone who had previously answered his questions back on the dance floor for a game of musical chairs. These students included Jordyn Wright, Zander Heyde, Colby McQueen, Tasha Stoll, Paige Campbell, Decker Heyde, Trista Lager, and Gabe Simbro. They had to perform tasks such as finding a sock and kissing a teacher. The final two were Jordyn and Colby; they had to run and grab a piece of toilet paper, and Jordyn ended up winning a close race. Sophomore Aiden Graham commented, "I think everyone had fun, and the DJ was really good. The games were really fun to watch, too. It was memorable to watch Colby and Jordyn race to kiss Mrs. Craig on the cheek." A few students wrapped up the night with a little more dancing before everyone left the venue and headed back to Stanberry.

Those who were attending after prom changed out of their suits and dresses and into comfier clothes. They were then

bussed back to The Hangar in Maryville at 11:00 pm. Students enjoyed arcade games, a movie, Crumbl Cookie, drinks, pickleball, and a game show room. When asked what his favorite part of after prom was, Nathaniel Taylor remarked, "Hanging out in the arcade area and winning prizes." At 1:00 am, juniors and seniors were brought into a room with all of the prizes bought through fundraising and the basketball tournament. There were a lot of amazing prizes from a mini fridge, to a TV, iPads, a luggage set, a blender, and many other items. Students picked prizes based on point order. Students

earned points throughout the year by selling trash bags, working cake raffles, working the elementary basketball tournament, and a few other ways. Every student was able to go through about two times and pick prizes, and everyone also received a \$25 gift card to a place of their choice.

Project Prom concluded with a pancake breakfast served by Chris Cakes, and were bussed back to school at around 3:00 am. Overall, this year's prom and project prom were a great success, and it's safe to say all those in attendance had a great time, making many memories.

Academic Team Post Season Honors

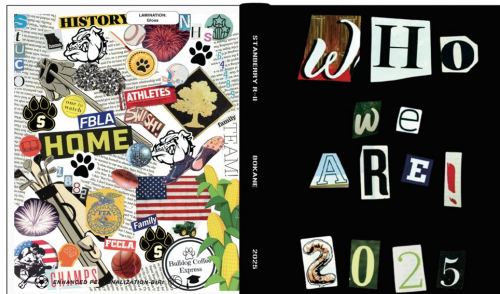


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Students and parents enjoy the magnetic room.



Attendees could create butterflies or caterpillars in the craft area.



Students are instructed to on how to create a caterpillar out of a straw.

STREAM Sensation

By Kaitlin Porterfield
Staff Reporter



Stanberry R-II put on another STREAM night Thursday, March 20th from 4:45 to 7:15. Mrs. Hilton, with the help of Mrs. Maronde and Mrs. Porterfield, put together multiple nature themed stations for the community to enjoy. High school and junior high students helped to supervise the stations around the school. When high school student Wyatt Taylor was asked what his favorite part about helping with STREAM night was, he answered, "I enjoy getting to show off all the hard work I put into the project that I was presenting, I like the opportunity to explain the process and challenge the kids to try and solve the problem given to them. I also feel like helping out with STREAM night is a nice way to give back to the school and community by expanding their knowledge on STREAM." Some stations included drones in the gym,

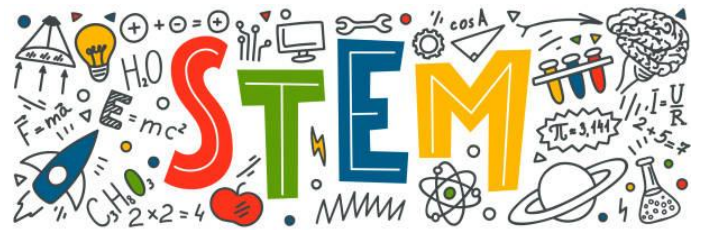
legos in the multipurpose room, robots in several classrooms, and several black light activities in the library.

Community members and students could wander around the school to each station at their own pace. When librarian Kelli Hilton was asked what her favorite station was she replied, "The don't trash it station where students drove Dash robots to sort recyclables into their respectable areas. I liked it because it was teaching kids to recycle." The cheerleaders also showcased their state performance during STREAM night. The fifth grade class made mini golf courses prior to STREAM night and had them set up for people to play.

All in all, the spring STREAM night was a success. We hope that Stanberry can continue to put on wonderful nights such as this for the community.



Harper Heyde sets up a building station for students and parents.



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Cassie Rathbone
High School Business
Student Teacher



Adrian Keller
Junior High Social Studies
Student Teacher



Madison Govig
1st Grade
Student Teacher

Stanberry Hosts 3 Student Teachers 2nd Semester

By Hannah Stevens
Staff Reporter



This school year Stanberry has had the privilege of hosting three student teachers. The first teacher is Ms. Cassie Rathbone, who taught with Mrs. Sidney Eckard in high school business. Ms. Rathbone is from Columbus, Nebraska, and is currently attending Northwest Missouri State University. After she graduates, she is planning on moving to find a career opportunity. She is super excited to graduate, but is also a little bit sad. When asked about her time student teaching Ms. Rathbone stated, "Student teaching at Stanberry has been wonderful. Getting to know the students and staff is something I will cherish forever! The semester I have been here has flown by way too fast, and I will miss the school and the students of Stanberry very much! Go Bulldogs!"

The second student

teacher, Ms. Adrian Keller, is student teaching with Mr. Nick Groomer in junior high social studies. Ms. Keller is from Arrow Rock, Missouri, and grew up on a farm. Ms. Keller is currently attending Northwest Missouri State University. Her plan after she graduates is to get a job teaching social studies at the high school or middle school level. Ms. Keller commented, "I am nervous to graduate and not ready to leave Northwest, but have loved every minute of teaching at Stanberry. I am going to miss my students and everyone I have gotten to work with. Thank you Mr. Groomer for helping me on this crazy journey. I hope to see you all continue to grow into awesome people."

The third student teacher, Ms. Madison Govig, is in 1st grade with Ms. Danielle Worley. Ms. Govig is from Omaha, Nebraska and also attends Northwest Missouri State University.

Her plans after college include moving to Lincoln, Nebraska and working in the public school system and she hopes to get a job teaching first or second grade. Ms. Govig said, "it is a bittersweet moment. These past 4 years I have created a 2nd home in Maryville and am sad to

leave. I am so excited for this new chapter in my life."

It has been a great experience having these three student teachers learn and grow with us here at Stanberry over the past semester. We wish them the best of luck as they graduate in the coming weeks and venture out into the world.

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Mrs. Karla McQueen
High School Counselor



Mrs. Lisa Craig
High School Principal

Longtime Stanberry Educators Retiring

By Marli Hilton
Staff Reporter



This year, we honor and recognize two retirees, Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Craig.

Our high school counselor Mrs. Karla McQueen has been an educator for a total of thirty-two years. She first started at South Harrison, teaching middle school PE for five years, and then went on to be a 7-12 counselor at Northeast Nodaway for 11 years. Mrs. McQueen has been the counselor at Stanberry for a total of sixteen years. In her time here, she has had an amazing impact on the students, staff, and community. She has coached high school and junior high girls' basketball, leading many of her teams to big games and moments. In 2019, she helped bring her team to state, landing them with a second-place title. Mrs. McQueen was very dedicated to the sport, and her drive to see her athletes succeed and

get better is something that everyone will remember. As a counselor, Mrs. McQueen has aided and assisted students with anything and everything she can. She has helped students create four-year plans, guided students as they better plan for their future, and assisted seniors in filling out scholarships. Throughout her years, Mrs. McQueen has always been there for her students and fellow staff. She was always there to give an encouraging pep talk, a helping hand, or a bright smile. Mrs. McQueen stated that in her years of teaching, she felt that she was able to learn something new every day. She will miss the relationships she has built with staff and students, but she is excited to be able to spend time with her family. When asked what her favorite memory from teaching was, she responded, "That is so hard to answer, there are so

many wonderful memories. As a counselor, this is my favorite time of year, I get to tell all of my seniors that they won a scholarship! As a coach, there were so many moments that I was proud to be a Bulldog (I can't pick one!)." Thank you, Mrs. McQueen, for all that you have done for our school. We greatly appreciate your coaching and counseling abilities and wish you nothing but the best as you move into retirement.

Our second retiree is high school principal Mrs. Lisa Craig. Mrs. Craig has taught for a total of thirty years, starting at Emerson-Hubbard Elementary and teaching one year as their computer teacher and high school assistant volleyball coach. She then went on to teach here at Stanberry for a total of twenty-nine years. Eighteen of those years she spent as our business teacher, and the remaining eleven she served as high school principal. While here at Stanberry, she has coached cheerleading, high school softball, junior high boys and girls basketball, and she was also the athletic director for a period of time. Mrs. Craig was also the district technology coordinator for twenty-three years. When asked what she has learned from her years as an educator, she replied, "Teaching is hard work, but it's also rewarding. The two main things you need are patience and compassion." Mrs. Craig has been with

students through various stages in their lives. She has seen them grow through high school to become amazing young adults and will miss the relationships, laughter, and hugs, as will many of her students. Mrs. Craig's favorite memory is being able to watch students succeed and accomplish things they don't believe possible. This is one of her favorite things to see, and also getting to see them succeed later on in life after they graduate. She would also like to make it known that she did hit a student across the chest one day in keyboarding class out of fear, after said student put a fake rubber spider on her podium. She screamed and ended up accidentally hitting him with her elbow, scaring the whole class. Moving into retirement, she isn't completely sure what that will look like. She does see herself working in education in some capacity, and she is ready to spend more time with her grandchildren, and at the lake. Mrs. Craig has made many great contributions to our school; her compassion towards students, diligence, and big hugs will be missed. We hope you have an amazing and relaxing retirement, Mrs. Craig.

Thank you, Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Craig, for the years you have spent with us. We appreciate everything you have done and continue to do for our school. We hope you enjoy this next chapter of your lives.



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National Honor Society Inducts New Members

By Marli Hilton
Staff Reporter



National Honor Society (NHS) inducted and recognized nine new members this year. These members included Avery Calhoun, Alana Evans, Jax Heyde, Aiden Graham, Hudson Groomer, Emmett Meyer, Josi Moffat, Brooke Robinson, and Kaitlin Porterfield. This year, the current members and new advisor, Mrs. Liz Simbro, decided to try something

new for the induction ceremony. They held a formal dinner before the ceremony, with desserts brought by old members, Decker Heyde, Marli Hilton, Gabe Simbro, Calvin Smithson, Paige Woods, Jordyn Wright, Eva Cameron, Dani Van Draska, Hannah McQuinn, Ally Santa Cruz, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Jaren Stoll, and Cortney Merrigan. Mrs.

Meyer, and her nutrition class cooked and prepared the main portion of dinner, including chicken alfredo, salad, and rolls. Those in attendance were old members, Mrs. Simbro, new members, and their parents, and Mrs. Craig. When asked if she thought the dinner was a good tradition to start, Dani stated, "The NHS induction dinner was a great tradition to start and one that should continue. I believe it puts a more prestigious and important feel to the whole night."

After dinner concluded, members and their families entered the gym where the ceremony was held. Senior officers Jordyn, Paige, Decker, and Marli explained what the four pillars of NHS were, while lighting the candle that corresponded with their pillar. Jordyn then gave a speech to the members, explaining what an honor it is to be in NHS, and expressed his gratitude towards his parents, teachers, and fellow seniors. The ceremony closed with new members being called up to light their candles and

to recite their promises to NHS as their photo and achievements were displayed on a slideshow. Jax mentioned the thing he is most looking forward to now that he is a member is being in a new organization that is able to help make a difference. Outgoing seniors, Decker, Marli, Gabe, Calvin, Paige, and Jordyn, presented the new members with a certificate and a pin. The new members then placed NHS graduation cords on the retiring seniors.

With the addition of new members, and the current members, there are a total of sixteen members for the 2025-2026 school year. With this many members there also comes many chances to do great things. Mrs. Simbro commented, "New and current NHS members can work well together by mixing experience with new ideas. The current members know how things have been done, while new ones can bring fresh ways to improve things. Working together, Stanberry's NHS chapter will empower and equip our students with knowledge to be leaders in our school, community, and beyond." Congratulations to the new members and good luck to all members in the rest of this year and in the future.



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Emmett Meyer helps Zander Heyde sort bottles.



Kaiden Keough collects bottles and cans.



Cayleigh Spaulding, Allison Cook, and December Jeffery collect recycling.



Wesley Bashor pushes the collect cart through the hallway.

Sophia Sager, Owen Shisler, and Isaac Jensen who collect food cans from the lunchroom and assist with sorting community drop-offs. They typically make 5 trips to Maryville and 4 trips to Albany throughout the year. Mr. Kirby also is very helpful because he takes some loads over to offer a helping hand.

Mrs. Hilton stated, "I am really proud of the growth of our recycling

program. Not only do our kids recycle at school, but we have many younger students recycling at home as well, and these efforts are truly making our world a healthier place." Recycling can be dropped off behind the gym. If you have questions on the program you can contact Kelli Hilton at khilton@stanberryschools.org or Roxanne Hoover at rhoover@stanberryschools.org.

Recycling Program

By Hannah Stevens
Staff Reporter



Stanberry R-II has had a recycling program since 2021. Mrs. Kelli Hilton, Mrs. Roxanne Hoover, and usually Mrs. Hoover's fourth hour class every year runs the program. This year the fourth hour class consists of Wesley Bashor, Olivia Blessing, Allison Cook, Miley Davis, Brayden Dias, Zander Heyde, December Jeffery, Kaiden Keough, Emmett Meyer, Cameron Affuso and Cayleigh Spaulding.

They collect all the recycling (paper, plastic, and cans) on Friday of every week and then go through and separate the different plastic bottles and aluminum cans. They began the program to help reuse plastic and to have a cleaner school and environment. This helps with the waste in the world. Since they have

started the program they have recycled over 3,000 pounds of plastic. Where do they put all the plastic? They were able to purchase a recycling trailer through grants from the Northwest Regional Solid Waste Management District. Through this same grant, the school was able to replace all the tables at the football field with tables made of recycled tires. The weight room also has weights made from recycled material.

Olivia Blessing stated, "It is a beneficial program that has done a lot for the school and community. They accept cleaned and sorted #1 plastic, #2 plastic, aluminum cans, and tin cans. They however can not take #5 plastics. They also have four 6th-grade students, Kynnadi Schieber,



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March character trait winners are front row: Madison Wilmes, Kylee Runde, Lexie Rogers, Charlotte Schultz, Keegan Schultz, Emilee Groven, Jax Heyde, Quinn Jensen, Jared Henggeler. Not pictured: Damien Webb, Josi Moffat, Kiara Willoughby

March Character Trait: Cooperation

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter



This month's character trait was cooperation. During the month of March students were challenged to exhibit this character trait. Every Tuesday, the junior high and high school students had focused lessons on this trait. At the end of the month, the students then decided who in their class was most cooperative.

The senior class chose Payton Williams and Damien Webb. Payton is the epitome of cooperation, as she cooperates with both students, teachers, and coaches. She is a manager for multiple sports and helps in whatever way she can. Damien consistently supports his classmates by actively listening to their ideas and offering help when needed. He collaborates well in group projects, listening to others

and ensuring tasks are shared. His willingness to assist others builds a sense of teamwork with his peers.

The junior award winner was Lexie Rogers. Lexie is always willing to lend a hand to get the job done. She does so with a smile on her face and a spark in her step. She is a good mediator to have on a team when decisions have to be made.

The sophomore class decided on Jax Heyde and Josi Moffat for the award winner. Jax is always willing to help out. He is a great team player and always has a smile on his face. Even when he may not be 100%, he gives his best effort. He actually works with people when put into groups, and no matter who he is paired up with, he readily cooperates. Jax gets his work done on time. He is

always willing to cooperate to get the work done and work together. Jax Heyde consistently embodies cooperation. Josi works well with all of her classmates in school and extracurricular activities. She is good at holding them accountable for doing their part and working hard to be successful, whether it be an individual activity or a team effort.

The freshman class picked Keegan Schultz. Keegan is a cooperative student and classmate. He asks questions in class and is always participating in group discussions. He is always willing to help his classmates understand their work and always puts in effort when working with others.

The eighth grade class was represented by Madison Wilmes, Kylee Runde, Quinn Jensen, and Kiara Willoughby. Madi is a great example of cooperation because she always does her part in group projects. No matter who she is paired with, she works well with them and gets her work done. She also makes sure everyone feels included and valued, which helps the whole group work better together. Kylee is known for her cooperative spirit and ability to work well in groups. She fosters a positive environment, often taking the initiative to help her classmates and encourage collaboration.

Her kindness and supportive nature make her a valued partner in projects, where she contributes thoughtfully and ensures everyone feels included.

Kylee's friendliness and teamwork skills shine in both academic and social settings, making her a respected peer among her classmates. Quinn is willing to work with others in class no matter who he gets paired with. He makes sure to get the work done and does his part in group projects. He participates in class discussions and helps out his classmates. Kiara was selected as the award winner for cooperation due to her exceptional ability to work collaboratively with diverse teams, fostering a positive and inclusive environment.

Her willingness to listen, share ideas, and support others has consistently contributed to the success of group projects.

The seventh grade chose Emilee Groven, Charlotte Schultz, and Jared Henggeler. Emilee works well with anyone that is in her group. If you don't understand what we are working on, she will help explain it to us. Charlotte will always work well with them, no matter who is in her group. She encourages everyone in the group to participate. Jared always

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Annual Honors Banquet



By Kaitlin Porterfield
Staff Reporter

This year the annual honors banquet took place on Thursday, April 3rd. The banquet was hosted by members of the community, and they invited the top four students from each class. The banquet is held to honor these students for their academic achievements. The senior class attendees were Decker Heyde, Calvin Smithson, Paige Woods, and Gabe Simbro. Vincent Smithson, Hannah McQuinn, Ally Santa Cruz, and Cortney Merrigan were the junior class members. The sophomores in attendance were Jax Heyde, Kaitlin Porterfield, Josi Moffat, Brookelynn Robinson, and Avery Calhoun. The freshman class was represented by Blanche Eckard, Hannah McMillan, Lane McGinley, Olivia McQuinn, and Ellie Dias. Superintendent Dr. Davison, high school principal Mrs. Craig, and high school counselor Mrs. McQueen were also invited to attend. When freshman Blanche Eckard was asked what her favorite part about the honors banquet was,

she answered, "My favorite part of the honor banquet was the introductions because I learned about what other people wanted to do after high school."

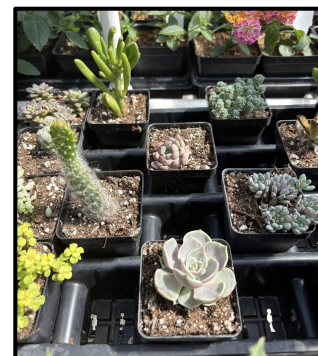
The banquet was held at the Christian Church at 7:00 pm. The banquet started off with dinner which consisted of three courses. The first course was a fruit cup, and the second was pork loin, pittsburg potatoes, and green beans. The third and final course of the night was dessert which was strawberry yummy. After everyone finished dinner students listened to guest speaker Ryan Messner. He spoke to the students about working hard to get what they want. When senior Paige Woods was asked what she took away from the speaker this year, she replied, "What stuck with me was the reminder to stay humble and keep working hard. Just because you have a plan doesn't mean life will go that way, you've got to earn it." Overall, it was a great night celebrating student accomplishments.

March Character (from page 4)

works to cooperate with others! He never complains about his partners, and allows all to share in the work which makes the entire group successful. He works to keep everyone in his group on task as well as always being willing to share his thoughts. Others want to work with Jared because they know they will be treated kindly and complete

the task at hand in a timely manner. Jared's hard work and constant respect make him a perfect candidate for the cooperation award.

Congratulations to all of our award winners for March! The students picked good representatives for the cooperation award. For the month of April, our character trait is courage.



Greenhouse

Opening April 26th

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter



This year marks the third year of the greenhouse being open. The greenhouse grows different varieties of vegetables and flowers. Ag teacher, Mrs. Noble and her 6th hour greenhouse class started working in the greenhouse on February 14th, and since then, have been working hard to water and plant flowers and vegetables. Trista Lager stated, "the greenhouse has been very enjoyable and I really enjoy seeing all the plants grow in their own ways. It has also taught me so much about

not only flowers but plants also. I can't wait to see how the greenhouse grows throughout the year." Other Ag classes have had the opportunity to go out to the greenhouse and also help out with planting and watering the flowers. Mrs. Noble stated, "I enjoy being in the greenhouse this time of year and seeing plants bloom and grow, and it's very warm."

The greenhouse will be opening for the annual plant sale on April 26th, from 8:30am to 2pm. Hope to see you there!

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New FBLA officers are installed for 2025-26.



Current FFA officers stand to finish the opening ceremony.



FCCLA officers Wyatt Taylor and Eva Cameron hand out FCCLA awards.

Vocational Banquet

By Hannah Stevens
Staff Reporter

The 2024-2025 vocational banquet was held in the gym on Wednesday, April 16th. FFA, FBLA, and FCCLA all recognized their members and all the hard work they have put in this year.

The banquet started off with FFA President Paige Woods leading the FFA opening ceremony. After that the FCCLA officers handed out awards and celebrated their year. New officers were inducted for next year and are as follows: President Hannah McQuinn, Vice-President Kenzi Santa Cruz, Secretary Eva Cameron, Treasurer Kaitlin Porterfield, and Reporter Alana Evans.

FBLA was up next. Decker Heyde welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Decker then awarded all the members with certificates and medals for those who placed in events at district contests and competed at state. Ms.

Rathbone, Mrs. Eckard's student teacher was also recognized for her help throughout the semester. Lastly, the 2025-2026 officers were inducted into their roles: President Courtney Merrigan, Vice-President Eva Cameron, Treasurer Hannah McQuinn, Secretary Kaitlin Porterfield, and Reporter Blanche Eckard.

To cap off the night FFA gave out many awards to members who competed in CDE's and LDE's at the district, area, and state level. Cortney Merrigan was recognized for making it to state in public speaking. Jaren Stoll for his SAE Record Book. Cooper Adcock, Jordyn Wright, Colby McQueen and Paige Woods will be receiving their State Degree. Allie Schieber, Kynzee Adcock, Tess Edson, and Olivia McQuinn are going to state in Dairy Cattle Judging. Cooper Adcock will also be



Hannah McQuinn is installed as the new FFA president by outgoing president Paige Woods.



Colby McQueen gives Jordyn Wright his medal for placing 3rd in Accounting II at FBLA contest, while Decker Heyde cheers him on.

receiving his State Proficiency in Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication. Upon the conclusion of the awards FFA officers were installed and they closed out the evening with their

closing ceremony. The evening concluded with cake and lemonade. Congratulations to all the members of each organization on wrapping up a successful year!



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Front row: Austin Sterkis, Tanner Runde, Gunner Edson, Lexi Appley, Kynnadi Schieber, Brady McMillen, Ian Jensen, Lucas Bond, Declan Schultz. Second row: Mrs. Terri Holtzclaw, Eli Meyer, Hudson Hague, Ruby Wright, Kasyn Redig, Trevin Smithson, Mrs. JoAnne Lewis. Third row: Waverly Groomer, Paislee Schieber, Blaze Hutchcraft, Blakely Hutchcraft, Macie Baumli, Lauren Henggeler, Isabella Rippeto. Back row: Ryker Horne, Sophia Sager, Alex Holtzclaw, Lily Phipps, Owen Shisler, Isaac Jensen, Peyton James Jr, Owen Dias. Not Pictured: Landon Lynn, Sophia Taylor.

Sixth Grade Set Sights on Junior High

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter

This year, both of the sixth grade classes have been super busy! In math, they have learned to become more fluent in the subject by being introduced to Algebra. Additionally, the classes really enjoyed discovering electromagnets and making solar ovens in science while learning about waves. Overall, they have learned a lot and learned how to work together in the classroom! Mrs. Terri Holtzclaw said, "My favorite part of this school year has been all of our projects. This class is a very hands-on group of students and have explored and learned so much

through our math, science, and social studies projects."

In ELA, the sixth grade have read and discussed several novels this year. These units incorporate comprehension concepts, grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and writing projects, as well. A couple of novels they've read include *The Indian in the Cupboard* and *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise*. For Social Studies, students created their own country, discussed countries and cultures around the world, economic and government systems, and natural disasters, among other

topics. Mrs. JoAnne Lewis stated, "My favorite time of year with 6th grade is spring because the kiddos are eager, and maybe a little nervous, to move on to junior high, and it is fun to see that excitement. What a fun group this is!"

We are proud of each and every one of these students and are glad you are a part of our Bulldog family. Good luck to these students for the rest of their school year and in junior high next year!



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Paige Woods, Decker Heyde, and Paige Campbell work with students from other schools on a *Game of Life*.



William Ellsworth tries out some of the equipment while wearing impaired goggles.



Hannah McQuinn, Brooke Robinson, Kaitlin Porterfield, and Treston Williams work on activity.

Students Attend Herzog's Track to Success Program

By Maranda Evans
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, April 10th Mrs. Sidney Eckard's 5th and 7th hour Business Technology students traveled to Herzog's *Track to Success*, a Career Readiness Day in Saint Joseph. Mrs. Eckard unfortunately wasn't able to attend due to feeling under the weather. As a result Mrs. McQueen and student teacher Ms. Rathbone went along as supervisors. During this the Highway Patrol talked to students about the importance of reputation,

and how easily word can spread around of any foul actions you have done. It is very important to keep your social media platforms appropriate too, because you'd be surprised by how many employers search you online to get an idea of their potential hires. Ms. Rathbone commented on the trip, "Career Readiness Day at Herzog was a great experience. I think the Business Tech students really enjoyed the

presentations and activities that the HR team at Herzog provided." The activities and presentations provided were as follows:

resume/applications presentation and activity, interview presentation activity, benefits presentation and activity, and pre-employment presentation and activity.

During this trip, they also discussed with the students how important it is to have a good resume. Some examples of how to achieve this are: the organization, references, and which type of resume should be used depending on the type of job you are applying for. Senior

Jordyn Wright stated, "I think this was a really good experience. This is important knowledge that everyone should learn before leaving high school. I am glad I was able to partake and I will spread the knowledge I gained to anyone I feel that could use it."

Once finished with providing information and activities, Herzog dismissed students who attended to eat lunch, which they provided. Our school was very grateful to have provided this opportunity to some of our high school students. We are also thankful that Herzog was so welcoming to our school.

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Trinity Regalado, Charlotte Jennings, Ellie Dias, Jax Heyde, Decker Heyde, Evan Gregory, Konnor Keough, Carter Mattson, Band Director Mr. Coy Kirby after performing at GRC Conference Bandl.



Mr. Kirby directs the GRC Concert band.

Band & Choir Have Successful Competition Season

By Maranda Evans
Staff Reporter

On March 11th the Stanberry Concert Band travelled to Tarkio, MO. While there they attended the Missouri Small School Band Directors Association State Festival. During this contest the band performed two different pieces. The first performance was "Big Circus March" by Robert E. Foster and the second performance was "As Twilight Falls" by Robert Sheldon. As a result the band received an overall 1 rating, which is the highest possible rating. Not only that, but every single judge scored them with a 1 rating. Band instructor Mr. Coy Kirby commented, "I am very proud of everyone's hard work and I am excited to see how much more they can improve before our concert on April 30th."

On March 14th, various band and choir students

went to Central High School in Saint Joseph for the Northwest District Solo and Small Ensemble Festival. The results are as follows:

Exemplary Rating: Brass Sextet (Ellie Dias, Evan Gregory, Jax Heyde, Decker Heyde, Konnor Keough, Lucian Simmerman); Decker Heyde (vocal solo); Jax Heyde (vocal solo); Ellie Dias (trumpet solo). Outstanding Rating: Blake Mercer (vocal solo); Decker Heyde (trombone solo); Trinity Regalado (clarinet solo). Satisfactory Rating: Thor Cameron (vocal solo).

Those who received an Exemplary Rating will travel to Columbia, MO for the State Solo and Small Ensemble Festival on May 3rd. Mr. Coy Kirby also stated, "These students have put in a lot of hard work and they did a great job

performing. I am proud of them and I am excited for the six that will travel to Columbia."

As you can see the band and choir students have been working hard this school year. Now they are finally starting to see that all of their hard work is paying off. Senior band and choir member Decker Heyde says, "Both of our contests this year were very fun. We

showed good improvement in our preparation and we have progressed greatly in both band and choir this year." Our school is so proud of each and every one of these students. We can not wait to see what those who qualified for start will accomplish next month. The band and choir will showcase their talents on Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00 for the Spring Concert.

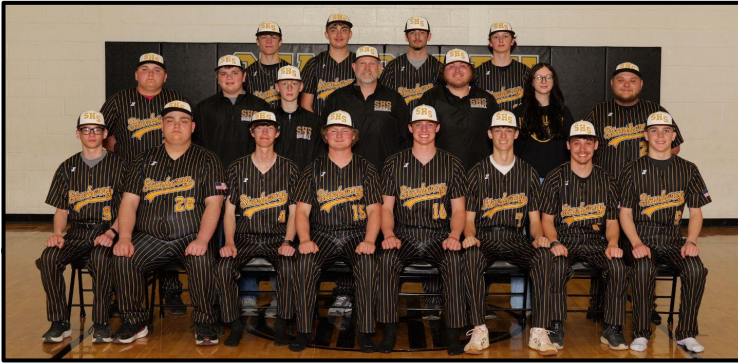


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Front row: Vincent Smithson, Kaiden Keough, Devin Strawhacker, Brody Carroll, Cooper Adcock, Cameron Affuso, Treston Williams, Zander Heyde. Middle row: Luke Phipps, manager Jared Henggeler, manager Owen Dias, head coach Jason Dias, assistant coach Dylan Morris, manager Payton Williams, William Ellsworth. Back row: Brant Jensen, Konnor Keough, Brayden Dias, Lucian Simmerman.

Baseball in Inaugural Season

By Maranda Evans
Staff Reporter



This year is the first year that Stanberry R-II has offered high school baseball to students. The boys out for baseball this year are as follows: Seniors are Devin Strawhacker, Treston Williams, Cameron Affuso, Cooper Adcock, Brody Carroll, and Kaiden Keough; Juniors are Brayden Dias, Vincent Smithson, and William Ellsworth; Sophomores are Zander Heyde and Konnor Keough; and lastly Freshmen are Lucian Simmerman, Brant Jensen, and Luke Phipps. The team is coached by Mr. Jason Dias and assisted by Mr. Dylan Morris.

So far these boys have played a total of six games. Their first game was against East Atchison and they put up a good fight but unfortunately lost with a score of 1-14. Their next game was at Gallatin. They managed to do better at this game and had a score of 3-15. Senior Brody Carroll even threw out someone at third from his position at catcher. After this the boys played their third game against Plattsburg. Even though it was hard fought, they unfortunately lost the game with a score of 0-15. Their fourth game was against North Platte. Even though they lost once more with a score of 1-11, Vincent Smithson managed to make a diving catch

in centerfield. Coach Dias tells us, "We are continually improving on each asset of the game, we just need to put it all together at the same time." The fifth game they played this season was against Pattonsburg. The game resulted unfortunately with a loss of 0-15. In their next game they played against Princeton. Even though it was another loss, Senior Cooper Adcock managed to throw out a kid on the opposing team at second from his position at catcher. Cooper commented on the season thus far, "Even though we've had a rough start to the season, I hope we progress by the time our season comes to an end." Finally, the most recent game they played was against North Andrew. It was unfortunately another loss with a score of 0-17.

Even though it has been a rocky first season, the team continues to persevere. It takes a lot of courage to keep pushing when the season isn't turning out in their favor. We can't wait to see how much they grow as a team by the end of the season and over the years. We are so proud of our high school baseball team and the efforts they are making. Good luck to the baseball team on the rest of their season!



Front row: Kaitlin Porterfield, Blanche Eckard, Tess Edson, Avery Calhoun. Back row: Kenzi Santa Cruz, Ally Santa Cruz, Wyatt Taylor, Paige Woods, Dani Van Draska, Hannah McQuinn.

Pom-Poms & Pyramids

By Kaitlin Porterfield
Staff Reporter



This year the basketball cheerleaders were selected to perform at state basketball. The team consisted of seniors Paige Woods and Wyatt Taylor, juniors Hannah McQuinn, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Ally Santa Cruz, and Danielle Van Draska, sophomores Avery Calhoun and Kaitlin Porterfield, and freshmen Blanche Eckard and Tess Edson. The team is coached by Jessica Gaona. The cheer team sent in a video earlier this year showcasing a dance. They then got the news saying they would get to perform at Class 4 and 5 state basketball games. The cheerleaders practiced their routine for months before their state performance on Friday, March 21st. Since state basketball in Columbia was not a short trip for Bulldog fans, the team also performed for the community the night before at STREAM night. The cheerleaders' performance was a one minute and forty-five second dance. They also showed off some very impressive stunts in the showcase. When Coach

Jessica Gaona was asked what her favorite part about being able to perform at state was, she responded, "Giving the cheerleaders a new experience and showing them that they are amazing at what they do and deserve to show it off is my favorite part!"

Before the team headed off to Columbia they did one final run-through in Stanberry for student body. The cheerleaders then had a long bus ride to Columbia. Once they arrived, they got ready in their hotel rooms, and then headed off to Mizzou Arena. They had time to practice before their performances at the half times of the 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 games. The team had wonderful performances every time. When Hannah was asked what her favorite part of being on the cheer team was, she replied, "I love being on the cheer team because it is a fun environment. Practices are very enjoyable and we learn lots of new skills!"

The high school basketball cheerleaders had an amazing end to their season.

OPINION

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*What is your
favorite fast food
restaurant?*

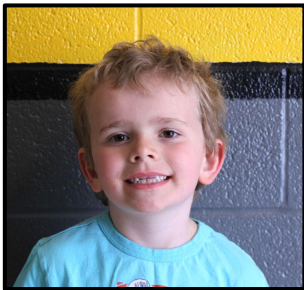
By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter



Seventh grader
Lane Ellis,
"Taco Bell"



Seventh grader
Jaicee McGinley,
"Chick-fil-A"



Kindergartener
Gunnar Maudlin,
"Gambinos"



Kindergartener
Haizlee Ward,
"Gambinos"



Paraprofessional
Lindsey Cameron,
"Chick-fil-A"



Business Teacher
Sidney Eckard,
"Chick-fil-A"



Freshman
Tess Edson,
"Whataburger"



Junior
Evan Gregory,
"Subway"

Survey Results

By Hannah Stevens
Staff Reporter

Students in grades 7-12
were asked the question: *What
is your favorite Easter food?*

54 students responded.

Their options included
*baked beans, cheesy corn,
mashed potatoes, ham, deviled
eggs, or rolls.*

Baked beans

3.7%

Cheesy corn

5.6%

Mashed potatoes

20.4%

Ham

16.7%

Deviled egg

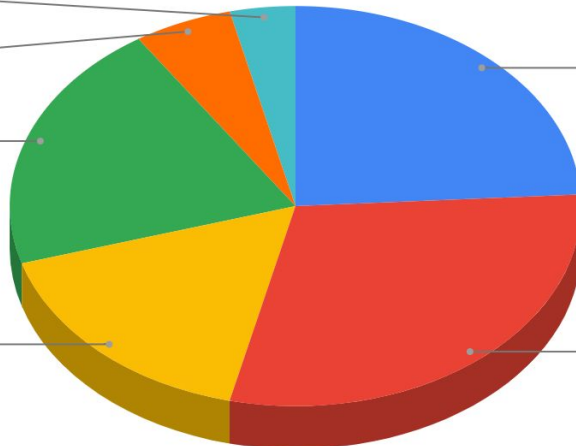
24.1%



Happy Easter

Rolls

29.6%



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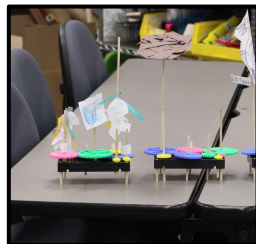
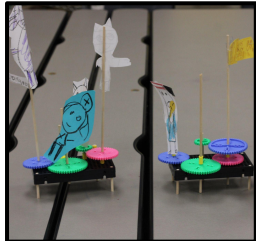
Tinker Time

By Kaitlin Porterfield
Staff Reporter

This month's STEM gadget was made by the first grade classes. After the first graders talked about gears they then each made a movable book scene with them. The classes used the Gears Tinker set that the library procured with a grant.

The first graders worked hard on their book scenes for two class periods. Aubree Varney was asked what her book scene was about she replied, "Dog Man, I liked reading the books."

Stick with us next month for our final Tinker Time gadget.



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By Hannah Stevens
Staff Reporter

Brutus' Corner

Each month *The Bulldog's Bark* will feature a school staff member. It is your job, based on the clues, to guess who the staff member is. The answer will be revealed in next month's issue. In March, the featured teacher was **Mrs. Kristi Porterfield**. Who do you think April's staff member is?



Are you married, if so how many years?

Yes, 17 year in August

Do you have any children, how many?

Yes, 2 girls

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I absolutely love the relationships I get to build and watching students grow and learn.

How long have you been teaching for?

I am finishing my 15th year teaching at this school year.

Were you in any school activities growing up?

Student council

May Activities

Thursday, May 1

8:30-Grades 3-6 MAP testing

3:30-JHT @ Grant City

4:30-Baseball @ King City

Friday, May 2

8:30-Last Day of Preschool

4:00-VT @ Mound City

Sunday, May 4-7:00-Baccalaureate

Monday, May 5

8:30-Grades 3-6 Make-up MAP testing

8:30-3rd Grade Field Trip to Safety Acres

9:00-BG @ Cameron-GRC

5:00-Baseball @ Ravenwood

Tuesday, May 6

8:15-Senior Graduation Practice

8:30-Grades 3-6 Make-up MAP testing

11:00-VT@North Andrew-GRC

11:00-JHT@North Andrew-GRC

Wednesday, May 7

Senior Trip

8:00-Preschool Screenings

8:30-Grades 3-6 Make-up MAP testing

Thursday, May 8

Senior Trip

8:30-4th Grade Field Trip to Hundley-Whaley

Friday, May 9

Senior Trip

9:00-BG@Districts-Chillicothe

9:00-End of School Bash

5:00-Baseball @ Home-East Atchison

Saturday, May 10-10:00-VT@Districts

Sunday, May 11-2:00-High School Graduation

Monday, May 12

9:00-Intermediate Track and Field Day

5:00-Baseball @ Home-North Nodaway

Tuesday, May 13

9:00-Intermediate Track and Field Day Make-Up Day

9:00-Primary Fun Day

7:00-JH/HS Awards Night

Wednesday, May 14-10:00-7-11 Field Trip

Thursday, May 15-11:00-Last Day of School

Friday, May 16

Teacher Work Day

Baseball @ Districts-Rock Port

Saturday, May 17

Baseball@Districts-Rock Port

10:00-VT Sectionals

Monday, May 19-May 24-Baseball Districts

Monday, May 19

9:00-BG @ State-New Bloomfield

7:00-BOE Meeting

Tuesday, May 20

9:00-BG @ State-New Bloomfield

Friday, May 23

9:00-VT @ State-Jefferson City

Saturday, May 24

9:00-VT @ State-Jefferson City

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