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Pirates Attempt to Plunder Elementary Christmas Program

By Maranda Evans Staff Reporter

The Elementary Winter Concert was held on the evening of Monday, December 4th in the High School gym starting at 6:30. The concert consisted of grades K-5 singing Christmas carols while sixth graders put on a play on the stage.

The concert theme this year was "A Pirate Christmas". Mrs. Michele Kelley worked very hard putting together everything with the help of Mrs. Tammy Graham, Mrs. Lisa Craig, teachers, and parents. When Mrs. Kelley was asked about how she felt about the concert she stated, "The sixth graders really knocked it out of the park, and I couldn't be more proud of them! This musical was very challenging,

and they definitely rose to the occasion. It takes a village to put on a production like this. Over 200 elementary students performed. Their parents acquired costuming. Teachers provided support and supervision. High school students acted as the technical and stage crews. Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Craig not only took care of administrative details, but also got elbow deep in working backstage... A show like this doesn't happen without those people. They are the reason this evening was so successful."

The Elementary Winter Concert had a great turn out. Good job to everyone who played a part in this night. We can't wait for next year's show!





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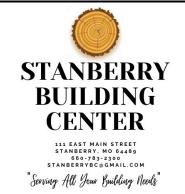












Band & Choir Winter Concert Showcases Talent

By Brayden Hague Staff Reporter

annual The school's holiday concert on Tuesday, December 5th showcased the talents of students across sixth to twelfth grade. Under the direction of Michele Kelley, the high school choir serenaded with "Riu, Rui, Chiu," where Jax Heyde, Zander Heyde, and Decker Heyde all had solos, "Nanita Lullaby," "Child of God," and a playful rendition of "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas." The choir consists of sopranos: Olivia Blessing, Avery Calhoun, Paige Campbell, Katlyn James, Delilah Libby, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Schieber, Lindsay Sherman, Dani Van Draska, Jorjah Webster, Kiara Willoughby, and Paige Woods. Altos Adrian-Hatcher, Faith Gregory, Lindsev Hailey, Charlotte Jennings, Hannah McQuinn, Blake Cavleigh Mercer, Spaulding, Tamar Tateladze, Kaitlyn Van Draska, and Amelia Wallace. Tenors include Kenyon Affuso, Jonathan Baker, Brody Carroll, Nate Giffin, Brayden Hague, Jax Heyde, Konnor Keough, and Jude Spence. Rounding out the choir as bassist Jastin Affuso, Jaxon Baker, Thor Cameron, Evean Cooley, Brayden Dias, Kolton Dias, Leo Fletchall, Reagan Heyde, Zander Heyde, Peyton Hume, Kaiden Keough, and Tucker Schieber.

Up next were the sixth-graders, led by Band Director Mrs. Cindy Clements. They delighted the audience with "Lightly Row," "A Mozart

Melody," "Jump Rope," and a festive "Jingle Bells." The young band members are Noah Beggs and Carter Mattson on clarinet; Brantley Donovan on saxophone; Liam Wilson on trombone; Chandler Albright, Harlan Eckard, Caiden Jensen, and Grayson Wiederholt on percussion; and Gabriella Regalado on the bells.

Finally, the combined high school and junior high band surprised the audience with "Oh, What Fun!," "The Christmas Song," "The First Noel," and "The Chipmunk Song." Members of the band include Jaxon Baker and Jorjah Webster on flute; Charlotte Jennings and Trinity Regalado on clarinet; Jonathan Baker, Jude Spence, and Kiara Willoughby on saxophone; Ellie Dias, William Ellsworth, Evan Gregory, and Jax Heyde on the trumpet; Bravden Hague, Decker Heyde, and Konnor Keough on trombone; Brayden Hague and Lucian Simmerman on the tuba, and finally, Thor Cameron, Nate Giffin, Hudson Groomer, Cooper Spaulding, and Rylan Worley percussion.

Both Mrs. Clementss and band/choir member Decker Heyde praised the students' hard work. Mrs. Clements stated, "Their hard work and determination paid off through their playing." Decker joined in and said, "We sang and played our hearts out." The concert brought joy and holiday cheer to the entire school community, leaving a lasting impression with heartwarming harmonies.

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Eva Cameron



Miley Davis



Brayden Dias



William Ellsworth



Macie Gibson



Evan Gregory



Lindsey Hailey



Russell Kerwin



Katie Libby



Hannah McQuinn Alexis Rogers





Ally Santa Cruz



Kenzi Santa Cruz Vincent Smithson





Hayden Swan





Danielle Van Draska Jorjah Webster





Isabella Wilson



Sophomores Soar Through Year

By Marli Hilton Staff Reporter

This year's class of 2026 has kicked the year off strong, with a total of twenty-two students. They include Lindsey Hailey, Gregory, William Ellsworth, Jaren Stoll, Katie Libby, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Lexi Rogers, Jorjah Webster, Hayden Swan, Russell Kerwin, Miley Davis, Eva Cameron, Ally Santa Cruz, Izzy Wilson, Brayden Dias, Macie Gibson, Nathan Taylor, Olivia Blessing, Vincent Smithson, Hannah McQuinn, and Dani Van Draska.

The students have

adjusted to more difficult classes compared to their freshman year. Eva stated, "The most challenging part of this year has been the harder classes like geometry and also biology. I've also struggled with balancing my sports and school work."

This year so far, the sophomores have attended the DocuDrama where they saw a simulated car crash, and listened to speeches from various people. Sophomore FFA students went to Hundley Whaley where they learned more about farming and

agriculture. Those who are in organizations have also been able to go on field trips and area meetings, like the FBLA field trip where they went ice skating and to Ricky Dean's entertainment center.

The sophomores still

have many activities and sports to look forward to as the year goes on. Hayden Swan stated, however, "I'm ready for school to be done so I can get back to football." Good luck to the students in the remainder of their sophomore year.

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Madison Donovan

Roslyn Gade

Lawson Hague Meleigha Henggeler Audrey Jensen

Jackson Jensen



Emily Luke





























Sam Simbro





Casen Sullivan





Braylee Thomas Kerrigan Thompson

Daisy Runde













Lucas Strueby

Bentley Vietz Wynston Vinzant Kaelyn Wiederholt Rhett Wiederholt

Mrs. Jessica

Mrs. Kendle

Second Grade Gear Up for Second Semester

By Bella Wright Staff Reporter

This year the second grade McMillan, class has been working hard on subjects like math, reading, and Luke and Mrs. Jessica Holtman. Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Holtman's class consists of a total of thirty-five students. students are Kambry Brown, Hailey Carroll, Lainey Cook, Madison Donovan, Roslyn Gade, Wiederholt, Lawson Hague, Audrey Henggeler, Jensen, Julianne Mattson, Ella

Bentley Moffat, Elizabeth Moore, Adeline Newcomer, Dreya Parman, writing. The teachers for second Lukas Regalado, Kinsley Rosier, grade this year are Mrs. Kendle Daisy Runde, Peyton Runde, Sadie Sager, Nora Shisler, Daniel Simbro, Lucas Strueby, Casen Sullivan, Wyatt Taylor, Those Braylee Thomas, Kerrigan Thompson, Bentley Vietz, Vinzant, Kaelyn Wynston and Rhett Meleigha Wiederholt.

The kids have recently been Jackson Jensen, Max Jensen, learning about place value of Emily Luke, Braxton Lynn, numbers and number sense. They also have been working on

adding and subtracting two digit numbers. After Christmas they will move on to three digit addition and subtraction. In reading they are working on reading fluency, like breaking words into syllables to help them read unknown words, and working on common and proper nouns. As well as, opinion writing and supporting them with reasons.

Both of the second grade classes have been working very hard so far this year and have had a lot of fun while doing so. We can't wait to see how the rest of the school year goes and hope they have an amazing rest of the year!



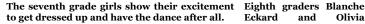
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Eckard and McQuinn add some fun accessories to their fancy attire.

Alternate JH Dance

By Reagan Heyde Staff Reporter

At the and dresses, find a date, and which cologne to decide students overspray, were unfortunately informed that the dance was postponed during the 7th hour the day of. The internet Seventh grader Harper had gone out in Stanberry (for Heyde stated, "It was a lot of those AT&T subscribers) and the would not be able to contact their parents and stream music.

Upon receiving this news, the junior high moms

beginning of decided to throw their own little December, all of the junior high ball in the local coffee shop and students were preparing for event space, 3 Point Coffee. They their first/last junior high dance. invited Dr. Davison and a After much effort to buy suits textcaster was sent out to parents of junior high students. Stanberry's local "Railway," came to treat the students to some live music and good vibes.

fun, and I'm glad we got to have staff were worried the students it." The junior high students had a blast and were very glad to have gotten another opportunity to dance the night away. The school-affiliated junior high dance was rescheduled for January 6th.









What Students Want for Christmas

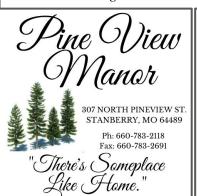
By Maranda Evans Staff Reporter

Santa and his elves are going to have a very busy few weeks up at the North Pole putting the finishing touches on Christmas. Looking at the request coming in from our students, it looks like they have their work cut out for them.

This year the popular presents are quite the range from a turtle all the way to a new truck. High school students are mainly asking for clothes, shoes, and truck parts. The junior high students are asking

for clothes, shoes, Stanley cups, dirtbikes, and ice makers. Elementary students are hoping for Stanley cups, phones, makeup, RC cars, and puppies.

Now that Santa and his elves have the requests in, they can start loading up the sleigh to deliver to all the little boys and girls that have been good this year. If you, like Santa, are still looking for gifts for children up to 18 here are some great ideas! Merry Christmas!





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Wrestlers Start **Season Strong**

By Reagan Heyde Staff Reporter

With fall ending and winter beginning comes the season of the greatest sport out there, wrestling. This year's wrestling team has a total of thirteen boys and three girls. The boys include freshmen Max Hilton, Zander Heyde, Emmett Meyer, and Cooper Spaulding. Sophomores include Vincent Smithson, Evan Gregory, and William Ellsworth. There's one junior Brody Carroll and the seniors include Evean Cooley, Alec Saxton, Peyton Hume, Aiden Law, and Reagan Hevde. Girls include freshmen Dani Denney and Cayleigh



Spaulding and junior Brea Jenson.

The team went to St Joseph Central for a tournament on Saturday, December 2nd to start their season. At the Polo Team Tournament they went 3-1 tying for first, but unfortunately leaving with second place medals. The team traveled to Sedalia on Thursday, December 14th for a two day tournament wrapped up before Christmas break in Albany on Tuesday, December 19th. Good luck to the Bulldog Wrestlers with the rest of their season.



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All-State Football Honors:

Nate Giffin-3rd team kicker Tucker Schieber-2nd team running back Colby McQueen-3rd team defensive back





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SPORTS

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NFL Recap: Weeks 11-14

By Kaiden Keough Staff Reporter

Welcome back to my NFL recap, thank you for spending your time on last month's NFL recap. Let's get started rehashing the past 4 weeks of NFL action.

Week 11

Lions vs Bears

The Lions struggled at the start with Jared Goff throwing 2 interceptions, but they came back and won the game. The final score was Bears 26, Lions 31. The Lions will play the Packers in Week 12.

Texans vs Cardinals

CJ Stroud is so good. However, in this game, CJ threw 3 interceptions. On a positive note, he had 2 passing touchdowns and 336 passing yards. Let's talk about Tank Dell, who had 149 receiving yards and 1 receiving touchdown. The final score was Texans 21, Cardinals 16. The Texans will play the Jaguars next.

Eagles vs Chiefs

I was very disappointed with the Chiefs because their wide receivers dropped the ball



at crucial moments. For example, Marquez Valdes-Scantling was wide open and he dropped the ball. Additionally, Travis Kelce fumbled the ball. The final score was Eagles 21, Chiefs 17. The Chiefs will play the Raiders in Week 12.

Week 12

Lions vs Packers

What can I say? The Lions struggled in this game. Jared Goff, the Lions' quarterback, had 2 passing touchdowns, but he struggled with his throws. The final score was Packers 29, Lions 22. The Lions will play the Saints in Week 13.

Texans vs Jaguars

Welcome back to the CJ Stroud show, and in this episode, CJ lost to the Jags. CJ had 2 passing touchdowns and 1 rushing touchdown, but they still lost. The final score was Jaguars 24, Texans 21. The Texans will play the Broncos in Week 13.

Chiefs vs Raiders

Mahomes had a game with 2 passing touchdowns and 298

passing yards, but there isn't much else to say about this game. The final score was Chiefs 31, Raiders 17. The Chiefs will play the Packers in Week 13.

Week 13

Cowboys vs Seahawks

This game was a close and exciting one. DK Metcalf, the wide receiver for the Seahawks, had a great game with 3 touchdowns and 134 receiving yards. However, his effort couldn't secure the win. Dak Prescott also had a good game with 3 passing touchdowns and 299 passing yards. The final score was Seahawks 35, Cowboys 41. The Cowboys will play the Eagles in Week 14. Dolphins vs Commanders

The Dolphins dominated the Commanders in this game. It was such a one-sided affair that the final score was lopsided. Tua Tagovailoa had a game with 2 passing touchdowns and 280 yards, but there isn't much else to say. The final score was Dolphins 45, Commanders 15. The Dolphins will play the Titans in Week 14.

Chargers vs Patriots

This game was low-scoring, and only one team managed to score. The final score was Chargers 6, Patriots 0. The Chargers will play the Broncos in Week 14.

Week 14

Vikings vs Raiders

Another low-scoring game. The final score was Vikings 3, Raiders o. The Raiders will play the Chargers in Week 15.

Broncos vs Chargers

The Chargers' season came to an end with their star quarterback, Justin Herbert, getting injured in this game. The Broncos took control and won the game. The final score was Broncos 24, Chargers 7. The Chargers will play the Raiders in Week 15.

Saints vs Panthers

The Saints dominated the Panthers in this game, with Derek Carr throwing 2 passing touchdowns. The final score was Saints 28, Panthers 6. The Saints will play the Giants in Week 15.

Thank you for reading my NFL recap.





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Money (and a life)

Seventh grader Harper Heyde

Eighth grader Thor Cameron



Fourth grader Brylie Luke



Sixth grader Harlan Eckard



Band Teacher Cindy Clements



HS English Teacher Sarah Walker



Senior Nate Giffin



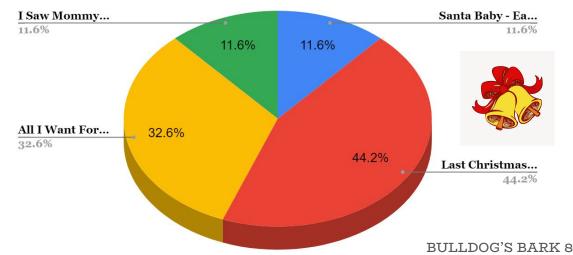
Freshman Leah Thurman

Survey Results



By Wyatt Taylor Staff Reporter

Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: What is your favorite Christmas Song? 55 students responded. Their options included "Last Christmas" by Wham, "All I Want for Christmas Is You" by Mariah Carey and Justin Bieber, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" by The Jackson 5, and "Santa Baby" by Eartha Kitt.



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Video Game Review: Overwatch 2

By Wyatt Taylor Staff Reporter

This month the game I chose is one I've been playing since it was first released: Overwatch 2. Overwatch is a PvP game where you and five other people fight against another team of six. In order to win the match, you and your team have to complete certain tasks depending on the match type.

There is the escort mode, where you have to guide a payload to the finish line while the opposing team tries to stop you. Then there is capture the point, where both teams compete to secure a point for victory. The third game mode, and my least favorite, is flashpoint, which is similar to capture the point, but with three points to capture and a faster capture rate.

You have access to nearly 40 characters, with more being released every few seasons. Each character has their own unique role and abilities. The roles are divided into support, DPS, and tank. Tanks are responsible for absorbing damage and acting as the front line, often posing the biggest threat on the team. DPS characters are usually tasked eliminating weaker opponents and supporting the survivability of their teammates. Supports are the lifeline of the team; if they go down, the team suffers. They are responsible for keeping the



team alive through various means, such as providing temporary immortality or pulling teammates towards them.

In addition to the usual quick play mode, you also have access to competitive mode after playing a certain number of matches. By completing competitive matches, you can earn special currency that can be used to buy a golden version of your weapon. After winning five matches, you will receive a rank ranging from bronze to top 500, which means you are one of the 500 best players in your region.

There are other modes like Arcade, which offer fun and unique game modes. My personal favorite is total mayhem. If you enjoy first-person PvP shooter games, I definitely recommend Overwatch 2 to those who share that interest.



By Kaiden Keough Staff Reporter

How The Grinch Stole Christmas is one of my favorite Christmas movies because Jim Carrey, my favorite actor of all time, brought his unique talent to the role. Mr. Carrey made the Grinch his own character with his exceptional acting, and the songs in the movie, especially Cindy Lou Who's rendition of "Where Are You



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Christmas," struck a different chord with me.

In my opinion, this movie is a perfect 10/10.



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Brutus' Corner

By Marli Hilton Staff Reporter

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. November, the featured teacher was Ms. Reagan Who do you think December's staff member is?



What's your favorite thing to do in your free time? Fish

> How long have you been teaching? 24 Years

Are you married, if so, for how many years? Yes, 19 Years

What is your favorite Christmas

Christmas Vacation

Do you have any children, how many? 3

What's your favorite thing

about teaching? The endless source of entertainment.



Artist of the Month

By Bella Wright Staff Reporter

Artist of the Month is back with two new artists this month. The two people chosen are juniors, Tamar Tataladaze and Treston Williams. Tamar Tataldaze drew Maronde, she stated her reason for choosing Mr. Maronde was, "He wrote letter recommendation for me, so that is why I chose to

draw him." Treston Williams drew Si Duck Robertson from Dynasty, and when asked why he decided to draw him Treston said, "He is the funniest person ever."

If you want to see more art works from other students of all grades, art teacher Mrs. Strough displays all of the artist's works in the halls for everyone to enjoy!

January Activities

January 1-January 3 NO SCHOOL

Thursday, January 4 SCHOOL RESUMES 5:30-VW @ Gallatin Tri Friday, January 5 5:00-VBB@Grant City

5:00-VGW@Mid Buchanan Tournament

Saturday, January 6 9:00-VBW@Mid Buchanan Tournament 8:00-JH Dance

Monday, January 8-Saturday, January 13th-Stanberry Invitational BB Tournament

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9:00-VBW@Plattsburg Tournament
4:30-4 State Honor Band Concert

Monday, January 15-NO SCHOOL MLK Day 9:00-VGW@Plattsburg Tournament

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Tuesday, January 16
5:00 VBB@Home-SJC
5:30-VW@Hamilton Tri
7:00-BOE Meeting
Wednesday, January 17-8:15-K-11 Class Group/Casual Pics/Winter Sports Pics
Thursday, January 18-5:30-VW@Tarkio-Tri
Friday, January 19-SPORTSWARMING-5:00-VBB@Home-Pattonsburg

Saturday, January 20 4-State Honor Music

9:00-VGW@Liberty North Tournament

Monday, January 22-Friday, January 26-KING CITY BB TOURNAMENT Thursday, January 25-5:30-VW@Stanberry

Project Prom Elementary Basketball Tournament 9:00-VW@Maryville Tournament

Monday, January 29
6:30-FFA Greenhand Night
6:30-PTO Meeting
Tuesday, January 30-5:00-VBB@Princeton
Wednesday, January 31
FBLA-DLC-Day 1 @MWSU

4:00-Gentry County Spelling Bee @ Stanberry



Junior **Tamar Tateladze**



Junior Treston Williams