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Recap: Stanberry High School Fall Sports Awards

By Olivia McQuinn
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Jan. 7, Stanberry honored the athletes who participated in fall sports. The programs recognized included girls golf, softball, JH softball, football, JH football, JH boys basketball, and JH girls basketball. Athletic Director Mr. Jeffrey Maronde shared, "I thought it was a great night to celebrate our athletes."

Mrs. Karla McQueen presented the golf team with three awards. Charlotte Jennings was named "Most Improved," Eva Cameron received the "Bulldog Award," and Addison Graham was named "MVP." Additionally, Eva Cameron, Avery Calhoun, and Blanche Eckard all received Academic All-State honors.

Mrs. Riley Gabbert presented the softball awards.

Kynzee Adcock was named "MVP," Harper Heyde received "Offensive Player," and Alyssa Wallace earned "Defensive Player." Brooke Robinson received the "Bulldog Award," while Josi Moffat took home the "Teammate Award." Kynzee commented, "I'm very grateful for my coaches and all the memories our team made this year."

Mrs. Rachael Luke presented the JH softball awards. Waverly Groomer received the "Hustle Award," Emily McMillan was named "Offensive Player of the Year," and Kayla McQuinn was named "Defensive Player of the Year." Kynnadi Schieber received the "MVP Award," and Jaicee McGinley earned the "Bulldog Award."

Mr. Shane Hilton

recognized the football team with five awards. Drew Parman received the "Bulldog Award," Pax Schieber was named "Player of the Year," and Sam Simbro was named "Scout Team Player of the Year." Parker Ginther received "Most Improved," and Aiden Graham earned the "Ghost Award."

Mr. Tyler Schwebach presented the JH football awards. Caiden Jensen was named "MVP," Grayson Wiederholt was named "Most Improved Player," and Ian Jensen received "Offensive Player of the Year." Alex Holtzclaw was named "Defensive Player of the Year," Jared Henggeler received the "Heart and Hustle Award," and Harlan Eckard took home the "Mr. Clutch Award."

Mrs. Kelli Hilton presented

the JH girls basketball awards. Blakely Hutchcraft was named "Most Improved," Kayla McQuinn received the "Grit Award," and Emily McMillan and Kynnadi Schieber both received the "Bulldog Award."

Mr. Nick Groomer recognized the JH boys basketball team. Owen Shisler was named "7th Grade MVP," and Harlan Eckard was named "8th Grade MVP." Hudson Hague received "Most Improved 7th Grader," Trevor Strough was named "Most Improved 8th Grader," and Grayson Wiederholt received the "Bulldog Award."

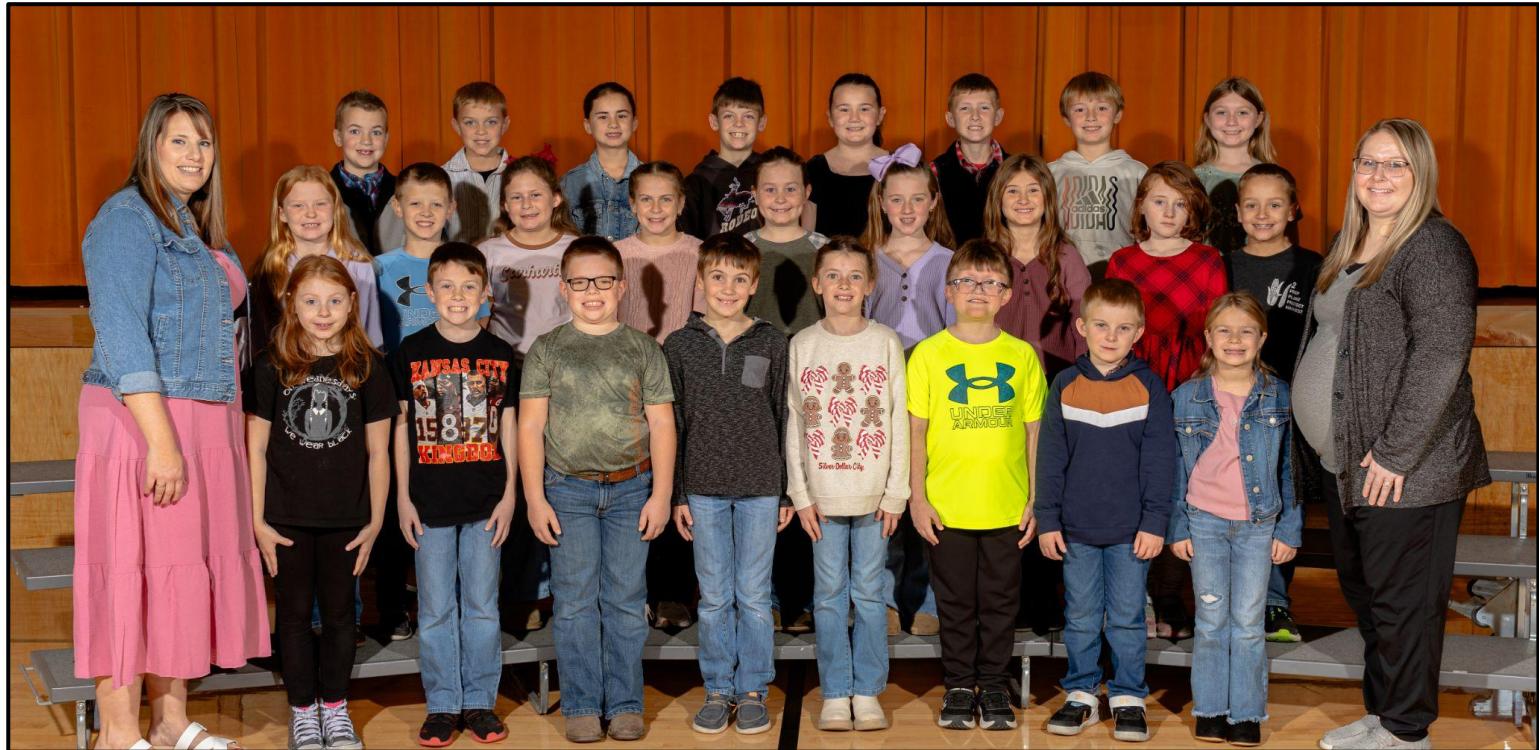
All of these athletes have worked incredibly hard and deserved to be recognized. Congratulations to everyone!

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1st Row: Mrs. Shelbi Luke, Madilynn Ledford, Brody Sego, Jayce Luke, Mavryck Worley, Aria Webb, Bentley Mercer, William Luke, Emma Gillespie, Mrs. Rachel Lane. 2nd Row: Carli Luke, Oliver Newman, River Rhoades, Mallory McQuinn, Lexi Runde, Blakely Palmer, Ava Luke, Laney Cook, Carter Strough. 3rd Row: Cooper Fisher, Whittaker Lindner, Everly Pierce, Kaleb Dias, Rylee Beggs, Clayton Weatherd, Sawyer Gibson, Addilyn Libby. Not Pictured: Joshua Ellis

Learning in Action: A Look Inside the Third Grade Classroom

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter

This year, the third-grade classes are taught by Mrs. Shelbi Luke and Mrs. Rachel Lane. Both teachers have done a wonderful job guiding their students through a busy first semester. Mrs. Lane shared, "The best part of my class so far is getting to learn each of their personalities and the things they love doing! I enjoy that they get along well, love to ask questions to deepen the conversation, and are willing to help anyone at any time. I am looking forward to seeing each student grow academically, seeing their ideas for upcoming science projects, and going on field trips with them."

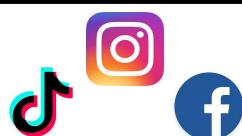
The students have

successfully completed the first semester and are ready to tackle new challenges in the third quarter. Current units of study include weather and climate, division, possessives, and opinion writing. On January 7, the classes went on a "weather walk" to make observations for their science unit. In math, students have been using counters as manipulatives to build a stronger understanding of division.

Last quarter, the third graders learned about adaptations; students even camouflaged paper butterflies to blend into the classroom environment and completed several science experiments.

Looking ahead, the students will design and create tornado shelters and levees for their science unit. They will also test magnets and design their own magnetic experiments. When asked about his favorite part of the year and his future goals, third grader Sawyer Gibson stated, "Challenges in learning, getting good grades, and being a straight-A student." This group of third graders has already accomplished so much, and they have an exciting road ahead!

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1st row: Benton Gregory, Emily Santa Cruz, Drake Ginther, Baylee Albright, Jayden Wilson, Alexa Horne, Zoey Chambers, Delilah Wilson, Avery Adrian-Hatcher, Aryanna Bond, Madison Wilmes. 2nd row: Harper Heyde, Kiara Willoughby, Bryson Hume, Kaci Porterfield, Kaleb Evans, Brodie Gibson, Connor Jenkins, Kylee Runde, Quinn Jensen, Charlotte Jennings. 3rd row: Kaitlyn Van Draska, Jacob Jamieson, Paxton Schieber, Sam Simbro, Jude Spence, Drevyn Spence, Brenden Ledford, Katelyn Shisler, Addison Graham, Jaxon Baker. Not pictured: Kenyon Affuso

Freshman Focus: Settling into the Bulldog Life

By Olivia McQuinn
Staff Reporter

The freshman class has been busy settling into high school life over the past semester. During their first few months, students had the opportunity to join organizations such as FFA, FCCLA, and FBLA. Both FCCLA and FBLA hosted field trips that allow freshmen to participate for the first time. Freshman Class sponsor and FCCLA advisor Mrs. Meyer noted, "They are a fun group and

they are learning how to be more independent and engaged in school activities."

In FFA, new members attended the Greenhand Conference in Maryville as well as the Hundley-Whaley event in Albany. They also participated in dairy cattle judging at Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU) in October. Reflecting on the transition to high school, Kaitlyn Van

Draska commented, "Freshman year has been very slow, but stressful."

In addition to clubs, students stayed active in fall sports including golf, softball, and football. This quarter, many are now participating in cheer, basketball, or wrestling. Good luck to the Class of 2029 for the remainder of the year!



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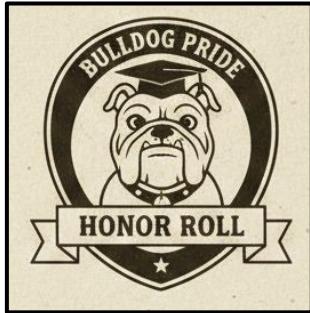
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2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Elementary Second Quarter Honor Roll

Regular Honor Roll

4th Grade: Meleigha Henggeler, Lukas Regalado, Wyatt Taylor, Casen Sullivan, Kambry Brown, Jackson Jensen, Daisy Runde, Danny Simbro, Wynston Vinzant, Rhett Wiederholt

5th Grade: Daysha Albright, Hunter Appley, Skylar Luke, Cora Poff, Vaida Schieber, Karli Ginther, Jace Newman, Olivia Pierce, Amelia Poff, Nathan Strough, Keine Vinzant

6th Grade: Nova Chambers, Easton Fletchall, Parker Runde, Avian Evans, Abigail Jensen, Violet Strueby, Jackson Varney, Jasper Heyde, Olivia Jennings, Kyler Newman, Maddi Page, Hunter Rhoades, Tucker Runde, Zayne Worley

Principal's Roll

4th Grade: Hailey Carroll, Madison Donovan, Lawson Hague, Audrey Jensen, Max Jensen, Emily Luke, Julianne Mattson, Dreya Parman, Ella McMillan, Bentley Moffat, Rosie Moore, Adeline Newcomer, Sadie Sager, Nora Shisler, Lucas Strueby, Kaelyn Wiederholt

5th Grade: Lennox Horne, Brooklyn McMillen, Talon Sego, Benjamin Steinhauser, Mackenzie Strough, Madison Varney, Jordyn Conover, Macoy Hilton, Eli Horne, Lexi McGinley, Madi Redig, Rose Schultz, Molly Sidwell, Chelsea Weatherd

6th Grade: Elli Wiederholt, Myles Evans, Caroline Gillespie, Brylie Luke, Trent Strough

JH/HS Second Quarter Honor Roll

Regular Honor Roll

7th Grade: Gunner Edson, Waverly Groomer, Lauren Henggeler, Alex Holtzclaw, Ryker Horne, Blakely Hutchcraft, Blaze Hutchcraft, Eli Meyer, Lily Phipps, Kasyn Redig, Bella Rippeto, Tanner Runde, Kynnadi Schieber, Paislee Schieber, Owen Shisler, Trevin Smithson, Austin Sterkis, Ruby Wright

8th Grade: Noah Beggs, Harlan Eckard, Lane Ellis, Emilee Groven, Jared Henggeler, Quinn Heyde, Caiden Jensen, Brenzlee Moffat, Gabby Regalado, Trevor Strough, Grayson Wiederholt

9th Grade: Kenyon Affuso, Baylee Albright, Zoey Chambers, Addison Graham, Benton Gregory, Alexa Horne, Connor Jenkins, Quinn Jensen, Emily Santa Cruz, Paxton Schieber, Sam Simbro, Katelyn Shisler, Kaitlyn Van Draska, Kiara Willoughby, Madison Wilmes

10th Grade: Kynzee Adecock, Blanche Eckard, Trinity Regalado, Tasha Stoll, Alyssa Wallace, Zach Welch

11th Grade: Parker Ginther, Aiden Graham, Hudson Groomer, Zander Heyde, Mattea Williams

12th Grade: Miley Davis, Brayden Dias, Russell Kerwin, Katie Libby, Nathan Taylor, Dani Van Draska, Izzy Wilson

High Honor Roll

7th Grade: Lexi Appley, Macie Baumli, Owen Dias, Ian Jensen, Isaac Jensen, Brady McMillen, Sophia Sager, Sophia Taylor

8th Grade: Quincy Cameron, Brantly Donovan, Carter Mattson, Jaicee McGinley, Emily McMillan, Kayla McQuinn, Charlotte Schultz, Madelyn Sidwell

9th Grade: Jaxon Baker, Kaleb Evans, Harper Heyde, Charlotte Jennings, Kaci Porterfield

10th Grade: Jontae Bond, Ellie Dias, Tess Edson, Parker Evans, Lane McGinley, Hannah McMillan, Olivia McQuinn, Allie Schieber

11th Grade: Avery Calhoun, Alana Evans, Jax Heyde, Emmett Meyer, Josi Moffat, Kaithlin Porterfield, Brooke Robinson, Abriana Straughn

12th Grade: Olivia Blessing, Eva Cameron, Hannah McQuinn, Courtney Merrigan, Lexie Rogers, Ally Santa Cruz, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Vincent Smithson, Hayden Swan

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Stanberry Greenhands are shown with the State FFA Officers after the conference.

FFA Greenhands Attend Conference

By Allie Schieber
Staff Reporter

The 2025-26 Stanberry FFA Greenhand members—including Kaitlyn Van Draska, Emily SantaCruz, Jayden Wilson, Charlotte Jennings, Baylee Albright, Addison Graham, Zoey Chambers, Kylee Runde, Harper Heyde, Madison Wilmes, Jax Davis, Kenyon Affuso, Sam Simbro, Zach Welch, Drake Ginther, Quinn Jensen, Paxton

Schieber, Lucian Simmerman, Kaleb Evans, Zander Heyde, and Luke Phipps—attended the Greenhand Motivational Conference (GMC) on January 9, 2026. The event was held at the Northwest Missouri State University Agricultural Learning Center in Maryville, Missouri.

During the conference, students met Area and State FFA Officers and participated in



engaging small-group workshops designed to introduce them to leadership and involvement within FFA. One hands-on activity challenged students to build a tower, symbolizing the importance of creating a strong and steady foundation for their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects.

Stanberry is proud to have its own Area Officer, Dani Van Draska, who traveled with the Greenhand members to Maryville. She played an active role throughout the day, helping lead small groups and guiding students through activities. Reflecting on the experience, Dani shared, "The Greenhand Motivational Conference was so good this year! It was exciting to see all the new FFA members in

our area who are ready to learn more about FFA and grow their leadership skills!"

To wrap up the day, students enjoyed dinner in the Hy-Vee dining area, where they relaxed, bonded, and shared plenty of laughs. FFA Chapter Advisor Korrine Noble also reflected on the event, stating, "I feel like GMC is always a good way to get FFA members started and excited about the opportunities available to them!"

Overall, the Conference provided a meaningful experience for new members, encouraging them to explore their interests, develop leadership skills, and take advantage of the many opportunities FFA has to offer.

Check out the school website www.sr2.k12.mo.us for daily announcements, lunch & breakfast menus, monthly calendar, teacher websites, and much more! Also, follow Stanberry Bulldogs on *Facebook*, *Instagram*, & *TikTok*!

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1st Place Stanberry Tournament winners. Front row: Emma Mattson, Cortney Merrigan, Allie Schieber, Eva Cameron, Kynzee Adcock, Katelyn Shisler. Back row: Head Coach Taylor Wendt, Madison Wilmes, Alexa Horne, Hannah McMillan, Addison Graham, Ellie Dias, Emily Santa Cruz, Lindsey Hailey, Tasha Stoll, Assistant Coach Ashley Schmitz.

Lady Dawgs Clinch 1st Place Finish in Tournament

By Tasha Stoll
Staff Reporter

The Stanberry Invitational Basketball Tournament took place from January 12th to January 17th. Participating teams for both the boys and girls brackets included Albany, Worth County, North Nodaway, Northeast Nodaway, Platte Valley, North Andrew, King City, and Stanberry. Worth County earned the top seed for the boys, while Albany took the top spot for the girls.

The Lady Bulldogs' championship run opened the tournament on Monday with a 45-37 victory over North Andrew. Kynzee Adcock was named Player of the Game, scoring 16 points and shooting a perfect 4-for-4 from the free-throw line. On Thursday, the girls faced Worth County for the third time this season. Despite trailing in the



previous two matchups, Stanberry came out strong and put the past behind them. In a pivotal 61-42 win that secured their spot in the championship, the team played with high energy and aggression. Kynzee Adcock again earned Player of the Game honors with an impressive 28 points, going 10-for-10 from the line.

In Saturday's championship game, Stanberry faced Albany. Having defeated them by only four points in the regular season, the Lady Bulldogs knew it would be an intense battle. Although Albany scored first, Stanberry remained composed. Following Coach Wendt's philosophy of playing hard through all four quarters, the team maintained their defensive intensity until the final buzzer. The Lady

Bulldogs claimed the championship title with a 52-43 victory. Ellie Dias was named Player of the Game for her defensive pressure and for being the team's second-leading scorer.

Head Coach Taylor Wendt reflected on the successful week: "We had a tough conference loss the week prior, but we didn't let that get in the way of our goals. Winning our home tournament has been a goal since the start of the season. The girls are putting in immense work at practices and Sunday open gyms. Our first round was a tough third meeting against North Andrew, followed by a long-overdue win against Worth County. After struggling offensively against them just six days prior, we scored 61 points—our second-highest total of the season. We had three players in double digits, and it was a true team effort." Wendt added, "Going into the final against Albany, we had a lot of momentum. We had a big stretch in the fourth quarter to



Congratulations,
Kynzee, Ellie, & Pax
on being selected
Player of the Game!!

build a 15-point lead. I am very proud of how the girls played and look forward to carrying this momentum into conference play. Go Bulldogs, Never Give Up!"

The Stanberry boys opened play on Monday against North Andrew. Despite a hard-fought effort, they came up short with a final score of 39-50. This moved them to a Wednesday matchup against North Nodaway, where the Bulldogs played with high energy and secured a dominant 48-16 win. Pax Schieber was named Player of the Game with 10 points and 4 steals. Schieber noted, "We played hard as a team and brought the energy right away. We knew we had to win tonight to keep playing this week, so we got it done."

In the consolation final the boys faced Albany. They remained competitive throughout the contest but were unable to pull ahead, falling 43-54. The Stanberry boys finished the tournament in 6th place. Good luck to both Bulldogs teams as they head into districts in a few weeks!

OPINION

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It's
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Call



*What is your favorite
breakfast food?*

By Tasha Stoll
Staff Reporter



Eighth grader
Blaine Schieber, "Breakfast
burritos."



Seventh grader
Sophia Sager,
"Bacon."



Third Grader
Mallory McQuinn,
"Pancakes."



Sixth Grader
Glenn Sterkis,
"Bacon."



Fourth Grade
Teacher Dylan Morris,
"Biscuits and gravy."



JH ELA Teacher
Kristine Palmer,
"French toast."



Senior
Russell Kerwin,
"Pancakes."

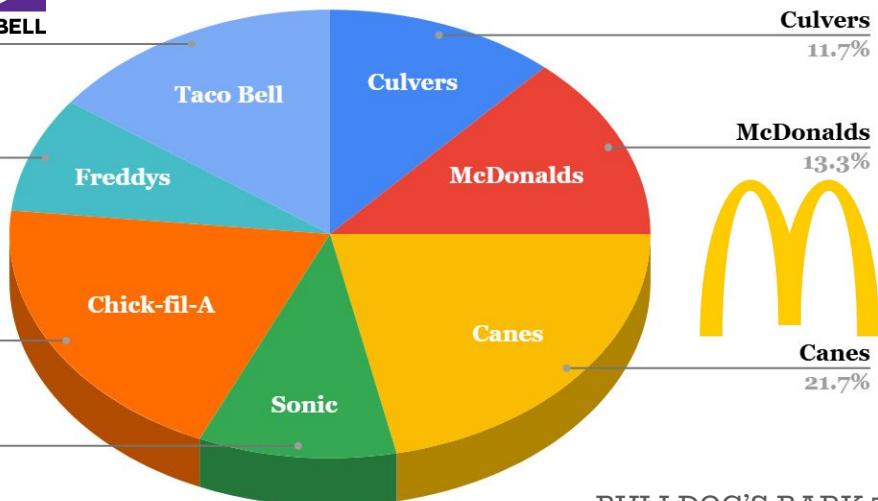
Survey Results

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter



Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: What is your favorite fast food restaurant? 60 students responded.

Their options included McDonald's, Sonic, Taco Bell, Chick-fil-a, Culvers, Raising Canes, or Freddy's.



Junior
Kaitlin Porterfield,
"Biscuits and gravy."

ENTERTAINMENT

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Brutus' Corner

By Allie Schieber
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. In December, the featured teacher was **Mrs. Michele Kelley**. Who do you think January's staff member is?



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January Activities

Tuesday, February 3rd
VW@West Platte
5:00-VBB@Princeton
Wednesday, February 4th
8:00-FFA Field Trip
4:00-Gentry County Spelling Bee
Thursday, February 5th
7:00-FBLA-DLC Day 2 @NWMSU
5:15-VBB@Home vs. Pattonsburg
Friday, February 6th
SPORTSWARMING
4:30-VBB@Home-Trenton
5:30-Mini Cheer Clinic
6:00-Elementary Students Sing National Anthem
Saturday, February 7th
GRC West Conference Band
9:00-JV Girls' BB@Home vs. Platte Valley & Union Start
9:00-VW@Albany Tournament

Monday, February 9th
JHSB@St. Joseph Christian
5:00-VBB@South Harrison
Tuesday, February 10th-VW@Tarkio
Thursday, February 12th-5:00-VBB@Rock Port
Friday, February 13th
NO SCHOOL-Teacher Inservice
8:00PM-FCCLA Laser Tag Night
Saturday, February 14th-8:00-Project Prom 5th & 6th Basketball Tournament

Monday, February 16th
NO SCHOOL-Presidents Day
JHSB@King City
Tuesday, February 17th
6:00-VBB@Home vs. Maysville-SENIOR NIGHT
7:00-BOE Meeting
Thursday, February 19th
MO Pro Start Competition
5:00-VBB@Gallatin
Friday, February 20th
MO Pro Start Competition
VW@Districts
Saturday, February 21st
VW@Districts
9:00-HS Science Olympiad @NWMSU

Monday, February 23rd
JHSB@Home
VBB@Districts
Tuesday, February 24th-VBB@Districts
Wednesday, February 25th
VBB@Districts
VW@State Tournament
Thursday, February 26th
6:30AM-FFA Community Breakfast
VW@State Tournament
VBB@Districts
Friday, February 27th
VBB@Districts
8:00-Health Care Career Day
Saturday, February 28th-VBB@Districts