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High School Scholar Bowl Team Kaitlin Porterfield, Wyatt Taylor, Coach Kristi Porterfield, Emmett Meyer, and Hudson Groomer. Not pictured: Brayden Hahn & Aiden Law.

## High School Scholar Bowl

By Wyatt Taylor  
Staff Reporter



The high school Scholar Bowl started this month. Their first meet was on March 4th at home against Worth County and St. Joe Christian. Stanberry beat Worth County, but unfortunately lost to St Joe Christian. Their second meet was on the 11th at Pattonsburg, against Pattonsburg and King City. Stanberry had a close game with King City in the first half but fell behind in the second half. In their game against Pattonsburg, Stanberry came out on top.

Mrs. Kristi Porterfield coaches the team, which is made up of 6 members. These members include freshmen Hudson Groomer, Emmett Meyer, and Kaitlin Porterfield, junior Wyatt Taylor, and

seniors Aiden Law and Brayden Hahn. Mrs. Porterfield commented on the team, "Each student on our team represents a wide range of knowledge across many topics. Because of this, I feel like we are a strong competitor for the teams we are facing. I look forward to seeing how our season plays out, and I have really enjoyed our season so far!" Their next meet will be at North Harrison on March 18th. It will be followed by their final meet at Albany on March 25th. Kaitlin stated, "I think we have a good chance at winning the next meets, and I look forward to our meet against Albany!"

Best of luck to the scholar bowl in their final meets.



## Elementary Attend *The Spongebob Musical*

By Maranda Evans  
Staff Reporter

On February 27th, the Stanberry elementary students and staff attended *The Spongebob Musical*. The play was put on by the Robidoux Resident Theater and was once again held at the Historic Missouri Theater in downtown Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The play featured all of your favorite *Spongebob* characters in colorful and creative costumes from the "bottom of the ocean." The singing was amazing, the characters were full of wit and humor, and the storyline kept everyone on the edge of their seats as they wondered if "Bikini Bottom" would be saved from the erupting volcano.

Dr. Davison commented, "This field trip with the students is always a highlight of the school year for me. I am so thankful the students had this opportunity to participate in an activity they might not normally get the chance to do. Our students once again represented themselves, the school district, and their families exceptionally well. I am proud to call myself a 'Stanberry Bulldog.'"

As you can see, the trip to the theater was yet another success, and it was enjoyed by many. We can't wait to see what exciting play these students will get to watch next year.

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Front row: Benton Gregory, Madison Wilmes, Jayden Wilson, Emily Santa Cruz, Baylee Albright, Delilah Libby, Aryanna Clayton, Quinn Jensen, Zoey Chambers, Drake Ginther. Second row: Bryson Hume, Alexa Horne, Serenity Keough, Kiara Willoughby, Paxton Schieber, Harper Heyde, Kaleb Evans, Brodie Gibson, Charlotte Jennings. Third row: Kenyon Affuso, Jaxon Baker, Jacob Jamieson, Samuel Simbro, Booker Fleetwood, Kaci Porterfield, Douglas Boatwright, Payden Fones. Back row: Jude Spence, Brenden Ledford, Katelyn Shisler, Drevyn Spence, Addison Graham, Johnathan Magers. Not Pictured: Avery Adrian-Hatcher, Emily Lemons, Kylee Runde, Kaitlyn Van Draska

## Seventh Grade Excel in Junior High



By Maranda Evans  
Staff Reporter

This year has been quite the experience for the seventh graders. Not only have they joined junior high, but they have also been able to experience many opportunities. For example, they have had the ability to join sports teams such as football, softball, basketball and wrestling so far. Along with this, those who are interested currently have the opportunity to be a part of the junior high track team. Kiara Willoughby tells us, "I've really liked being able to join the junior high basketball team." Aside from sports, the seventh graders have had the chance to be a part of FCCLA,

Science Olympiad, and Scholar Bowl too.

Additionally, the junior high students are going through new experiences during the school day. For example, they have had to learn how to adapt to going to multiple classes throughout the day instead of being in one classroom all day. Kaleb Evans says, "It's a lot better than being in elementary."

Overall, the new seventh graders are adjusting to junior high very well. Good luck to the seventh grade class for the remainder of the year! We are so lucky to have you as a part of our Bulldog family!

## JH/HS Third Quarter Honor Roll

### Regular Honor Roll

**7th Grade:** Jaxon Baker, Addison Graham, Harper Heyde, Alexa Horne, Serenity Keough, Emily Santa Cruz, Katelyn Shisler, Sam Simbro, Kaitlyn Van Draska, Kiara Willoughby, Madison Wilmes

**8th Grade:** Kynzee Adcock, Thor Cameron, Jontae Clayton, Audrey Cook, Parker Evans, Trinity Regalado, Allie Schieber, Tasha Stoll, Alyssa Wallace

**9th Grade:** Avery Calhoun, Alana Evans, Hudson Groomer, Jax Heyde, Zander Heyde, Josi Moffat, Brookelynn Robinson, Dalton Taylor

**10th Grade:** Olivia Blessing, Katie Libby, Dani Van Draska

**11th Grade:** Cooper Adcock, Cameron Affuso, Allison Cook, Marli Hilton, Jencie James, Kaiden Keough, Trista Lager, Hannah Stevens, Jordyn Wright

**12th Grade:** Taelyn Derks, Kolton Dias, Maci Duley, Reagan Heyde, Tucker Schieber, Morgon Showers, Bella Wright

### High Honor Roll

**7th Grade:** Zoey Chambers, Kaleb Evans, Benton Gregory, Charlotte Jennings, Kaci Porterfield, Kylee Runde

**8th Grade:** Ellie Dias, Blanche Eckard, Lauren Henggeler, Lane McGinley, Hannah McMillan, Oliva McQuinn

**9th Grade:** Kaitlin Porterfield, Emmett Meyer

**10th Grade:** Eva Cameron, Miley Davis, Hannah McQuinn, Ally Santa Cruz, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Vincent Smithson

**11th Grade:** Maranda Evans, Decker Heyde, Colby McQueen, Gabe Simbro, Calvin Smithson, Devin Strawhacker, Tamar Tateladze, Paige Woods

**12th Grade:** Peyton Hume, Colby McQuinn, Amelia Wallace

## Elementary Third Quarter Honor Roll

### Regular Honor Roll

**4th Grade:** Nova Chambers, Dane Slagle, Easton Fletchall, Parker Runde, Tucker Runde, Paisley Schwebach, Glenn Sterkis, Jackson Varney, Jasper Heyde, Lincoln Lindner, Violet Strueby

**5th Grade:** Waverly Groomer, Hudson Hague, Blaze Hutchcraft, Kayden Ledford, Lily Phipps, Kasyn Redig, Kynnadi Schieber, Sophia Taylor, Lexi Appley, Macie Baumli, Lauren Henggeler, Alex Holtzclaw, Blakely Hutchcraft, Hunter Rosier, Sophia Sager, Trevin Smithson, Ruby Wright

**6th Grade:** Noah Beggs, Brantly Donovan, Jared Henggeler, Quinn Heyde, Caiden Jensen, Gabriella Regalado, Madelyn Sidwell, Harlan Eckard, Emilee Groven, Miguel Leon, Brenzlee Moffat, Grayson Wiederholt

### Principal's Roll

**4th Grade:** Avaian Evans, Caroline Gillespie, Axton Henggeler, Olivia Jennings, Brylie Luke, Maddi Page, Donny Steinhauser, Jase Adcock, Gwenyth Cameron, Myles Evans, Grayce Gade, Abigail Jensen, Kyler Newman, Trent Strough, Elli Wiederholt, Zayne Worley

**5th Grade:** Owen Dias, Ian Jensen, Isaac Jensen, Austin Sterkis, Ryker Horne, Brady McMillen

**6th Grade:** Quincy Cameron, Carter Mattson, Emily McMillan, Jaicee McGinley, Kayla McQuinn, Trevor Strough

### B..U.G Honor Roll

**4th Grade:** Delila Wilson

**5th Grade:** Bella Rippetto, Owen Shisler

**6th Grade:** Hummer Studer

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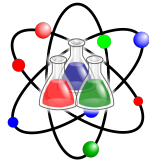


High School Science Olympiad Team: Hannah McQuinn, Ally Santa Cruz, Mrs. Roxanne Hoover, Wyatt Taylor, and Kenzi Santa Cruz.



Junior School Science Olympiad Team: front Kaitlyn Van Draska and Emily Santa Cruz. Back row: Parker Evans, Brant Jensen, Justin Affuso, Thor Cameron, and Lucian Simmerman. Not pictured: Charlotte Jennings and Ms. Miya Lindroos.

## Junior High & High School Science Olympiad



By Wyatt Taylor  
Staff Reporter

The Science Olympiad teams started their season on the 24th of February. The teams loaded up on a bus and left for Northwest Missouri State University, which is where regionals are held. This year there were new events and more opportunities to learn new things.

There were 9 teams for the high school division. Mrs. Roxanne Hoover coaches the high school team which consists of sophomores: Kenzi Santa Cruz, Hannah McQuinn, and Ally Santa Cruz and one junior, Wyatt Taylor. Wyatt participated in Optics and Disease Detectives, and he received second place and seventh place in these categories. Unfortunately, in Fermi Questions, he was

disqualified because of improper labeling. Lastly, Wyatt received first place in Ecology. Kenzi Santa Cruz participated in Fossils and placed fourth. She also placed sixth in Forestry. Ally Santa Cruz and Hannah McQuinn did their events together and placed fourth in Anatomy and Physiology. Along with this, they placed fifth in Dynamic Planet. When she was asked how she thought her events went, Hannah stated, "I was confident in our answers, and even though I'm not going to state, I learned a lot and look forward to next year!"

Ms. Miya Lindroos coaches Stanberry's junior high team. The junior high team is made up of eighth graders Brant Jensen, Thor Cameron, Justin

Affuso, and Parker Evans; and seventh graders Kaitlyn Van Draska, Emily Santa Cruz, and Charlotte Jennings. There were 6 junior high teams for regionals. Kaitlyn and Emily participated in Code Buster and received fifth place. Kaitlyn also participated in Write it Do it with Charlotte and received first place advancing to state! Kaitlyn and Thor did Fast Facts and placed 4th. Kaitlyn stated, "I am excited to be going to state but nervous. I thought my event went well, and I was confident in our knowledge." Thor participated in Reach For The Stars and placed third. Finally, Lucian and Justin had to make an airplane for their

flight event and placed second. In comparison, Brant and Parker had to make a roller coaster for theirs and received third place.

Overall, the junior high team placed fourth out of all of the teams, which means that the entire junior high team will be going to state. The high school team will be represented by Wyatt Taylor and Kenzi Santa Cruz at state. Mrs. Hoover commented that she is, "super excited to go to state" and looks forward to her 14th year. This year, the state competition will take place on April 6th at Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri.



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## Senior Spotlight

By Reagan Heyde  
Staff Reporter

This month we have 8 more students in the 2024 graduating class to feature and congratulate. We will be spreading awareness to the community about these students' post-graduation plans and their favorite memory from the last four years.

### Diego Rivas



To start off, we have a student who has only had the chance to spend the last two years with us, as he joined the class at the beginning of our junior year. His name is Diego Rivas. Diego plans to work hard and make money to save up for cosmetology school. Diego's favorite high school memory is showing up to his first football practice.



### Alec Saxton

Our next senior is Alec Saxton. Alec plans to begin an apprenticeship to jumpstart his dreams of becoming an electrician. Alec's favorite highschool memory is wrestling with his buddies during the winter season.

### Ava Saxton



Moving on, Ava Saxton plans to attend a college in

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Texas. In high school, she really enjoyed the memories and friends that she made by participating as a member of the cheer team.

### Tucker Schieber



Tucker Schieber is more than ready to finish high school, as he plans to continue dozing for Triple T Excavating and pouring concrete for S&S Concrete and Masonry Construction. Tucker will also go on to save lives as an EMT. Tucker's favorite high school memory is building a fort out of wrestling mats on the stage in the gym to hide from Mr. Hilton every P.E. class. Tucker eventually snuck in LED lights, a microwave, a mini fridge, and a T.V. before Rick found out and shut his fort down.



### Morgon Showers

Morgon Showers plans to attend North Central Missouri College and major in radiology. Morgon's favorite memory was becoming an FFA officer and having the privilege of traveling to the National Convention.

### Amelia Wallace



Our next senior is Amelia Wallace, who plans to attend Missouri Western to study pre-dentistry. Amelia's favorite memory was on the bus on the way to the GRC basketball tournament. Riley got car sick and vomited on the bus, which caused Morgan to empathetically puke as well. Amelia thought this was hilarious.



### Bella Wright

Bella Wright plans to attend Kansas State and major in accounting. Her favorite memory was getting to go to state golf her senior year.

### Tyrell Middleton



Our last senior for this month's edition of *Senior Spotlight* is none other than Tyrell Middleton. Tyrell plans to work at the Omaha City Zoo and feed the gorillas as well as other animals. Tyrell's favorite memories were made while hanging out with Evean Cooley in 3rd hour every day during his senior year.

That concludes this month's issue of *Senior Spotlight*; tune in next month to read about Stanberry's last 2024 seniors.



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## Fifth Grade Flourishes

By Brayden Hague  
Staff Reporter

Fifth grade has been busy this year. When asked to list some of the accomplishments she was proud of from this school year, Mrs. Kristi Porterfield said, "We have been busy this year in fifth grade math and science. We tried some new projects such as tie-dyeing t-shirts with film canister rockets, a blacklight glow day, and building a volume zoo. We've also worked hard on some favorite projects from previous years like building a playable miniature golf course and creating paper circuits. Throughout the year we have also been enjoying the lettuce and tomatoes we have grown in our hydroponic gardens. I hope to complete a few more hands-on projects in the fourth quarter." This is Mrs. Porterfield's 10th year in our school district. She manages eighteen students, which include Lucas Clayton, Michael Cochran, Owen Dias, Waverly Groomer, Hudson Hague, Blaze Hutchcraft, Peyton James Jr., Ian Jensen, Isaac Jensen, Kayden Ledford, Landon Lynn, Lily Phipps, Kasyn Redig, Kynnadi Schieber, Austin Sterkis, Sophia Taylor, and Amelia VanHorn.

Mrs. Shay Albright is also proud of her students' hard work and growth. She stated, "In ELA the students have had quarterly book projects. Each quarter they are putting more pride in their work, and seeing the results has been exciting. They had lap books, sideshows, and have just now finished their Reading Fair Trifolds which look amazing! Next quarter they will be making book trailers." This year is Mrs. Albright's 2nd year here at Stanberry. She's kept up a beautiful room and expertly manages her set of amazing fifth graders, which includes Lexi Appley, Macie Baumli, Gunner Edson, Lauren Henggeler, Alexander Holtzclaw, Ryker Horne, Blakely Hutchcraft, Brady McMillen, Eli Meyer, Isabella Rippetto, Hunter Rosier, Tanner Runde, Sophia Sager, Paislee Schieber, Owen Shisler, Trevin Smithson, and Ruby Wright. With seventeen kids, Mrs. Albright sure has her hands full.

These teachers and students have been keeping us on our toes with these projects. Great job! We hope the fifth graders and their teachers have a great fourth quarter!



Front row: Eli Meyer, Lexi Appley, Lucas Clayton, Isabella Rippetto, Kasyn Redig, Brady McMillen, Ian Jensen, Austin Sterkis, Gunner Edson, Logan Ortiz. Second row: Mrs. Kristi Porterfield, Kynnadi Schieber, Waverly Groomer, Trevin Smithson, Ryker Horne, Michael Cochran, Paislee Schieber, Ruby Wright, Mrs. Shay Albright. Third row: Landon Lynn, Hudson Hague, Blakely Hutchcraft, Owen Dias, Hunter Rosier, Macie Baumli, Lauren Henggeler, Sophia Sager. Back row: Peyton James Jr., Blaze Hutchcraft, Lily Phipps, Alexander Holtzclaw, Owen Shisler, Sophia Taylor, Kayden Ledford, Isaac Jensen. Not Pictured: Tanner Runde



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Kolton putts one in at the first home meet.



Brayden tees off on hole one.



Jordyn checks the slope of the green before putting.



Cameron aims for the green.

## Boys' Golf Swing Their Way Into the Season

By Bella Wright  
Staff Reporter

This year, the boys golf team has a total of 10 golfers! The team consists of seniors Tucker Schieber and Kolton Dias; juniors Jordyn Wright, Colby McQueen, and Cameron Affuso; sophomores Brayden Dias, Evan Gregory, and Nathaniel Taylor; freshmen Aiden Graham and Hudson Groomer. Nick Groomer is the new head coach for the boys' team, and they are assisted by Bryan Wright. Mr. Groomer stated about the season, "I am excited for golf. We have several boys who are showing lots of promise!"

Their first meet was on March 20th, and they competed against Albany and Worth County. The home course advantage brought in first place for Kolton with a score of 41, a tie from Jordyn and Aiden for second with 44 and Colby McQueen coming in fourth with 47 strokes. The team also placed 1st with an overall score of 176,

followed by Worth County with 206 and Albany with 238. What a great start to the season!

Returning state qualifier Jordyn Wright was asked about what his expectations for himself and the team this year was. He said, "Hopefully I will be able to score in the low 80's this year and make it to state, again, and medal this year. I know that I still have practice to put in, but I think my hard work and dedication will pay off! As a team I think we have the potential to be amazing and make it to state. That would be cool if we did! Overall, I am excited to make many more great memories and have fun!" Aiden Graham was also asked the same question. He said, "I hope to have a great season and make some fun memories with my friends!"

We wish the best of luck to all the golfers this year and hope they have a successful season!



## Basketball Wrap-Up

By Bella Wright  
Staff Reporter



The high school girls basketball team wrapped up their season with a 12-15 record. This year, they had many great accomplishments and made a lot of memories along the way. One of their most notable accomplishments was beating King City in the Stanberry Invitational, which put them in the championship game. Junior Trista Lager was asked what she will miss about this season and what she is excited for next year. She stated, "I will miss the seniors a lot, but I am excited for the new group of girls coming up and to have a bigger team."

One individual player who deserves recognition is senior Amelia Wallace. She hit her 1000th point this season, made 1st team All-Conference, and All-District. Congratulations to Amelia! Katlyn James also made All-Conference honorable mention this season! Coach Taylor Wendt stated, "I am very proud of the girls for playing hard all season and never giving up. We had a stretch in January where we were playing really good basketball, and then we were hit with sickness and just

never were able to come back from it. One of our goals that we achieved was making it to the championship in the Stanberry Tournament. We did fall short of a couple goals though, which included finishing top 4 in the GRC West and having a winning season."

Stanberry high school boys had a tough season this year, but they fought till the end and finished with a 5-21 record. Their season ended against North Nodaway in the first round of districts. Coach Nick Groomer commented on the season, "Overall, I feel the boys learned a lot over the course of the season. I look forward to seeing their progress next year." One of their more impressive games was against Northeast Nodaway, where they scored seventy-three points. Junior Colby McQueen said he hopes that next season will be better and can't wait to play his senior season. Colby also made 2nd team All-Conference and All-District teams.

Best of luck to all the seniors as they graduate. We can't wait to see what you do in the future, and you will all be missed so much!

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## High School Tracksters Prep for Early Bird Meet

By Marli Hilton  
Staff Reporter



February 26th marked the first day of the 2024 high school Track and Field season. The weather was a warm sixty degrees, a great day to start practice. This year, the high school coaches are Mrs. Kelli Hilton and Mr. Shane Hilton.

The girls' team consists of seniors Taelyn Derks and Katlyn James; juniors Marli Hilton, Jencie James, and Tamar Tateladze; and sophomore Dani Van Draska. Finally, freshmen Brookelynn Robinson and Josi Moffat round out the team.

The boys have a good sized team this year. Members include seniors Reagan Heyde, Evean Cooley, Colby McQuinn, Brayden Hahn, and Nathaniel Giffin; juniors Decker Heyde, Damien Webb, and Kaiden Keough; sophomore Jaren Stoll, and freshmen Jax Heyde, Max Hilton, Konnor Keough, and Parker Ginther.

This season, the high school and junior high students have started running together. The members are grouped based off of their events. For instance, all of the sprinters run together, and all of the long distance runners run together during practice. The throwers and jumpers work together as well. As the team prepares for their first meet held in Grant City on March 21st, there are still events and relay positions to be filled. Damien Webb has a goal to at some point in this season run the open 400 in a meet.

We hope everyone on the track team will accomplish great things this year, in single and group events. According to Mr. Hilton, "The goal of every year is to improve all season long as well as to get as many to the state meet as possible." Good luck to the high school track team as their season kicks off!

## JH Track Sprints into Season

By Reagan Heyde  
Staff Reporter



Track season started this month, and the junior high students are beginning to prepare for upcoming competitions. Athletes who were not wrestling this year began practicing on February 26th, and wrestlers started after the end of their season.

The junior high team is coached by Mrs. Kirsten Maronde and Mr. Jeffery Maronde and has a whopping 35 athletes on the team. Whether they are running, jumping, or throwing, there are plenty of opportunities for friendly competition. This will be a tool that will help the athletes improve. The seventh grade girls are Kaitlyn Van Draska, Katelyn Shisler, Kylee Runde, Zoey Chambers, Harper Heyde, Alexa Horne, Emily Santa Cruz, Baylee Albright, Addison Graham, Jayden Wilson, and Madison Wilmes. The seventh grade boys include Kaleb Evans, Paxton Schieber, Quinn Jensen, Drake Ginther, Sam Simbro, Jacob Jamieson and Brodie Gibson. The eighth grade girls are Ellie Dias, Allie Schieber, Hannah McMillan, Kynzee Adcock, Olivia McQuinn, Alyssa Wallace, Emma Mattson, Audrey Cook and Tasha Stoll. Finally, the eighth grade boys are Lane McGinley, Thor Cameron, Parker Evans, Rylan Worley,

Jake Holtzclaw, Brant Jensen, Justin Affuso, and Drew Parman.

Mrs. Maronde expressed her excitement, stating, "After a couple weeks of practice, I'm really looking forward to seeing the hard work that the junior high students have been putting in pay off during track meets! We have an abundance of track athletes that are all giving their maximum effort, and it is fun watching them compete against each other." As a high school track athlete, it is very exciting to hear about the future of Stanberry's high school track and field team. After 7th grade and long distance runner, Kaleb Evans, was asked about his first impression of track, he answered, "I am really enjoying the season so far and think it's a lot of fun, even though it is tough at times and much harder than I expected. It is a lot different than track and field day in middle school because you are practicing every day for a few events instead of competing in many events for one day with no practice."

Overall, it is very apparent the junior high track team is putting in an impressive amount of effort and will all do great at competitions this year. Best of luck to both the coaches and athletes for this year's success.

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Front row: Brodie Gibson, Emma Mattson, Baylee Albright, Ellie Dias, Bryson Hume, Rylan Worley. Back row: Kaleb Evans, Jude Spence, Parker Evans, Drevyn Spence, Sam Simbro, Head Coach Jason Dias. Not pictured: Thor Cameron and Assistant Coach Ray Walder.

## JH Wrestlers Have Successful, Quick Season

By Kaiden Keough  
Staff Reporter

The junior high wrestling season has come and gone. Although the season was short, the team was excited to participate in this extracurricular activity. When asked if he was ready for the season, team member Sam Simbro said, "I can't wait." The junior high wrestlers worked hard in their practices to prepare for their first meet. Coach Dias stated, "I am pumped to get the season started and can't wait to see some actual matches since they have been practicing for so long."

The team's first meet was on February 26th in Rock Port. The junior high wrestlers were nervous before they began. After the first few matches though, their nerves settled because they were able to focus, and their performances in their matches improved. At the end of the night, they were excited and eager to wrestle again at their next meet.

The team's second meet

was held in Tarkio on February 27th. Seventh grader Kaleb Evans commented on the meet, "I was nervous but excited for the meet". Additionally, Kaleb's teammate, eighth grader Ellie Dias stated, "It was a great experience." Overall, the team's second meet was a success and the students enjoyed competing.

The third meet was held on March 1st in Stanberry. When asked about the meet, Drevyn Spence expressed that he was, "excited to be home." Although the students enjoyed competing in Stanberry, their last meet of the year occurred in Albany on March 4th.

While the season was short, the team seemed to have fun and made a lot of memories. When asked about his favorite memory, Ryan Worley said, "pinning somebody in four seconds." Along with this, Mr. Dias stated he enjoyed, "Watching the kids have fun." Overall, the team did great, and hopefully next year is another successful season for them.



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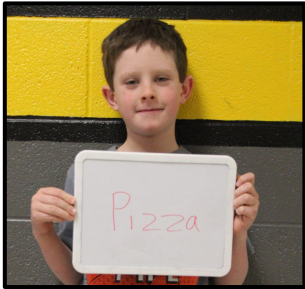
By Marli Hilton  
Staff Reporter



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Katelyn Shisler**



**Eighth grader  
Brant Jensen**



**Second grader  
Casen Sullivan**



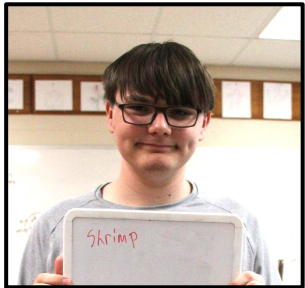
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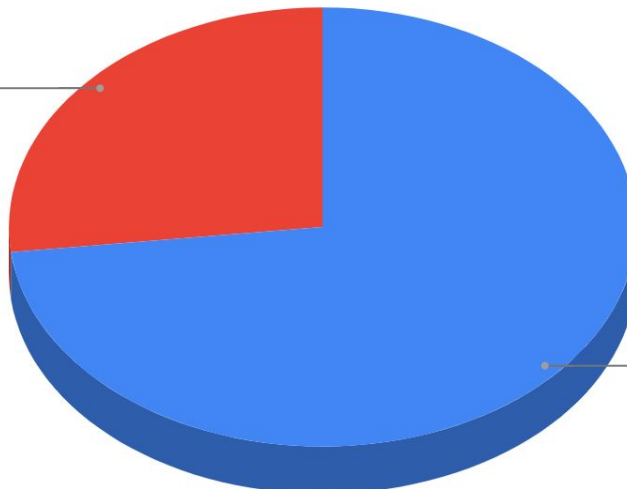
## Survey Results

By Reagan Heyde  
Staff Reporter

Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: *What brand of toothpaste do you use?* 41 students responded.

Their options included Crest, Colgate, Arm & Hammer, Aim, Aquafresh, and I don't brush my teeth (we know who you are).

Colgate  
26.8%



Crest  
73.2%

# OPINION

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## Album Review



By Brayden Hague  
Staff Reporter

This is a preface to this compilation. This has a runtime of 1 hour and 14 minutes, and it has some of the best music I've ever heard. I am so happy that you are taking the time to read this, and I hope you check this compilation out.

Starting our little adventure, we have **Reverie**, from *Gardens and Xia*. This is a melodic dubstep masterpiece, with a high BPM, and high hype potential. You can't not pop your head to this. The melody, chord structure, and everything is higher than the artists who made them. This deserves more than a few hundred streams. By the half mark, you hear a great halftime/breakdown/buildup/amazing drop. The amount of effort that the artist put into this song is crazy. This whole compilation is full to the brim of great music, and this song delivers on that expectation.

Next, we have **ViViD Delusion** from *KARUT*. I feel the groove, but it's not as crazy as the others. The whole listening experience was waiting for a crazy beat drop, but I never got that, so... Yeah. However, it is still a great song. it just didn't live up to *Gardens'* and *Xia's* shadow. This is still a cool EDM-Piano Piece though. It was interesting to say the least.

**Flying Emotion** from *BlackY*. Oh. My. Goodness. I felt like I was listening to music for the first time in my life when I heard this song. The drums, the melody, the structure! Everything fell into its perfect little place in my connected earlobes. I felt like dancing to this song, and I rarely wanna get outta bed listening to music. *BlackY* makes this poor piano SING. I have one last word to describe this piece - - goosebumps.

**Untheory** from *Avans* lives up to its name alright. It has, by far, the weirdest idea behind it. But hey, the execution is good. This is more of an abstract piece. This feels like more of



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VIVACE 2  
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an interlude than a song, which is fine in most cases.

Next, we have a familiar voice, **PANORAMA** from *muyu*. This song has a more jazzy feel than most of *muyu's* other works. If you couldn't tell, I'm a big fan. And guess what, *Bridge Violin* is back. Let's just say *muyu* is a chef of music, and they were COOKING on this piece. I feel emotion in this song. It doesn't have some flashy dubsteppy beat drop, but it has a lot of character and emotion. The ending had me floating on clouds.

**Amore Appassionato** from *seatrus* tears me out of my little *muyu* cloud and back to reality. Remember how I said "*muyu's* song doesn't have some flashy dubsteppy beat drop"? Well folks, here is your crazy beat drop. The stutter piano thing, whatever it's called, is actual ear candy. I feel like I'm going through an adventure just by bestowing myself upon this song. Again, it made me feel a massive amount of emotions. I felt like I could do anything.

*Essbee* shifts the mood with **Reincarnation**. This is more of a light piece. Not bass-driven. With, say it with me, a lot of emotions. Remember that "light piece" comment. Yeah, I lied. By the half mark, you are met with a brick wall

of bass growls in your face. This contrasts with the piece, but it blends weirdly at the same time. The ending makes me feel like I'm flying through the air or something. You'd have to hear it to figure it out.

**Pleiadescent** from *VeetaCrush* is a... different one. After a quick Google search, I learned that *Pleiadescent* has no meaning, and *Mr.Veeta* made it up. Whatever it means, it makes for a cool song. During this song, I felt as if I was in the '80s watching *Star Wars* in a theater or something. Then, my short time living in the '80s was torn out from under me at the half-point of the song. Another bass-driven breakdown to build up. And, believe it or not, another emotional song.

**Carol's Destruction** from *\*.Teris.* feels out of place, at least at first. The song has bass paired with flute and piano. Then, it gives a boom-clap beat that leads into a fire chorus that makes sense. Although the song did not blow me away, it kept me actively listening, which is a plus. Maybe the trumpet and snare drum are a little too much, who knows?

**Pastel Express** from *Cynax* is on the opposite side of the mood spectrum from the last one. It's more interesting and jazzy. The '20s big band feel sounds amazing. I'll keep this review simple. Amazing.

**secretspell** from *tn-shi* has a more broken-piano vibe. However, the piano is not out of tune. It's just stuttery, which is an artistic vision. This has more of a spy-mario-kart track vibe. You have the 8-bit sound, the crunchiness of it. *tn-shi* does a great job composing this all. Listening to this was one heck of an experience, let me tell ya.

*ARForest* sombers the mood with **Flows With Errors**, just to instill some anticipation into you. And trust me, you get it. The drop is musically sound. I'm in love with this song, the arrangement, the whole thing. Phew. The jazzy piano makes me want to marry one. Someone find an ordained minister because this ending may be the love of my life. I feel so euphoric listening to this.

**Phantoflux** and its trusty steed, *xi*, ride into town with a crazy

song. This is A LOT more upbeat than **Flows With Errors**. I want whatever this guy had for breakfast because he is EATING right now. Now, again, E-MO-TION! *Xi* delivers and then some on this song. The breaks and the pauses in the music are just as impactful as the notes being played. And, get this, a GUITAR SOLO? Yeah. I think *Xi* packed the kitchen sink into this song.

**Sempre Vivacissimo** from *Polymath9* puts you back into the "This is an EDM piano compilation" mindset. And, who would've guessed, this is filled with emotion and trills.

**Ce Vios**, whatever that means, from *Sobrem*, makes me alert and sleepy. How does that work? I've no clue. And EWWW. The lead is scratching my ears.

**Concerto for Puppets** from *NotWo* sets a cutesy stage but forget that. Now that stage is full of tiny little elves playing, at least for them, comically large orchestral instruments. Just by the minute mark, I've already experienced all the stages of grief, just to be thrown back into the sauce. I have no clue what to call the emotion I feel listening to this.

*Yuichi NAGAO* shows off their skill in **Ethereal Lullaby**. I have no clue what the little computer lady is saying, but she has pipes. While you take your 5 or so second nap, she sucker punches you with the second drop. A wild roller coaster, for sure.

**Dynamism**, "The theory that phenomena of matter or mind are due to the action of forces rather than to motion or matter", from *Error Sign* is more than electronica-piano, it's a trip. It resembled a blind friend who is suspiciously good at driving, driving you. You get there, but you wonder how in the world your friend even knew where the car was. I have no words for this song. Just a question - - what?

Who hurt the *Sad Keyboard Guy*? Because **Beyond Your Words** made me jump out of my seat. I had my hair stand up with that intro. The singing? *Valley.exe* did a

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great job. I'm not lying when I say I shed a tear at how EPIC and POWERFUL this song is. I could write a whole page on how I feel about it, but Mrs. Eckard wouldn't appreciate it. I am officially cheating on **Flows With Errors**. This song has my full undivided love. I have never been so attached to a song. I feel great listening to this. I couldn't imagine myself being sad and listening to this. I found another song to put on my funeral playlist. Writing this, I have the happiest tear-stained smile ever. This song is an amazing outro to my life as a whole. I feel like I got baptized with sound.

Then leave it to *Sakuzyo* to screw it all up. I mean, cool song and whatnot, but jeez. **Meow Meow** leaves a big shadow, but, compared to Sad Keyboard Guy, it's pretty small. Nevertheless, JEEZ. It had me hooked. Give me 3 or 4 months to figure out if this song is worthy of closing this compilation. It is a crazy music-theory jumble, but it's my little jumble. This is more boppy than **Beyond Your Words**, that's for sure. *Sakuzyo* has a great singing voice too! The amazing emotion that is sent through her windpipes is crazy.

Thank you Diverse System, and the amazing people behind it, for blessing me with some of the best music I've ever listened to in my life.



## Artist of the Month

By Kaiden Keough  
Staff Reporter

Mrs. Strough's 7th grade art class made custom masks, and a lot of them really seemed to enjoy the activity. Once their masks were finished, some of them even went on to wear their masks around the school hallways. When asked about the process of making the masks, Mrs. Stough said, "First, the students sketched the animal faces that they were interested in creating. Then, they listed the colors that they would need to use. Afterward, they were able to begin using newspaper and tape to create the different features that they attached to their pre-made masks." Drake Ginther and Katelyn Shisler used different materials to make elephant trunks out of twisted paper and tape. Some students also used cardboard to create features for their masks such as the gorilla ears that Alexa Horne and Addison Graham made.

Next, the students had to learn how to accurately dip and wipe away paste so that their

newspaper would be able to dry in a 24 hour period. The students applied approximately 10 coats of newspaper. This was used in thin strips and attached in crosssecting patterns to add support to their previously formed features, such as the mouse ears on Emily Santa Cruz and Jayden Wilson's. Then, the students chose colored paper as one of the last steps. This paper was not needed to add support. Instead, it was used to cover all the surface area, even portions

of the back. Bryson Hume, Drevyn Spence, and Payden Fones used green paper to cover their turtle masks. Once they applied their colored paper, the students added finishing touches like eyes, nostrils, ears, and whiskers to make their masks look realistic. Some of the students made sure that the elastic on their masks was still attached, and a couple of them wanted to put holes in their masks so that they could see through them. When their masks were finished, they were not displayed in the building because students were so excited to take them home.

Thank you to Mrs. Stough for teaching her students how to make masks and allowing them to have fun with their art projects!



Seventh grade art students display their mask creations.



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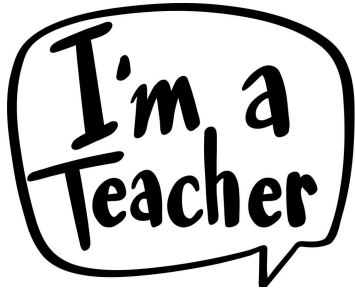
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## Brutus' Corner

By Brayden Hague  
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 February, the featured teacher was **Mrs. Mikayla Louiselle**. Who do you think March's staff member is?



How long have you been in education?  
*29 Years*

Are you married, if so, for how many years?  
*Yes-30 years (31 in June)*

What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?  
*Watch movies, bake, exercise, & family time.*

What kind of activities were you involved in in high school?  
*NHS, played basketball and softball, and was a manager for football.*

What's your favorite thing about teaching?  
*Watching students succeed and grow as humans! To see what they become!*

## April Activities

- Monday, April 1st-NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, April 2
  - 10:00-District FFA CDE Contest
  - 1:00-VT@Albany
- Wednesday, April 3
  - 10:00-District FFA CDE Contest
  - 4:00-BG@Home-Tri
- Thursday, April 4
  - 2:00-JHT@Albany
  - 4:00-BG@Albany
- Friday, April 5-4:00-VT@Stanberry Invitational
- Saturday, April 6th-State Science Olympiad
- Monday, April 8-9:00-BG@Albany Tournament
- Tuesday, April 9-1:00-VT@Rock Port
- Wednesday, April 10
  - 12:45-Senior Cap & Gown/Spring Sports Pictures
  - 7:00-Honor Banquet
- Thursday, April 11-4:00-JHT @ Stanberry Invitational
- Friday, April 12-4:00-VT@King City
- Saturday, April 13-PTO Muffins with Mom
- Monday, April 15-7:00-BOE Meeting
- Tuesday, April 16
  - 1:30-VT@Grant City
  - 4:00-BG@Maysville
- April 17-19-STATE FFA Convention
- Wednesday, April 17-9:00-BG@Stanberry Invitational
- Thursday, April 18-JHT@Maryville Invitational
- Friday, April 19-3:30-VT@West Platte
- Monday, April 22-7:00-NHS Induction
- Tuesday, April 23-4:00-VT@Bulldog Relays
- Thursday, April 25
  - 3:30-JHT@Grant City
  - 6:00-Vocational Banquet
- Friday, April 26
  - State Music Contest
  - 4:00-VT@Mound City
- Monday, April 29
  - 9:00-BG@Cameron (Conference Tournament)
  - 7:00-Spring Concert
- Tuesday, April 30
  - 1:00-JHT@GRC Meet (TBD)
  - 1:00-VT@GRC Meet (TBD)

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