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Sound of Victory: Homecoming 2024

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter



Homecoming was held September 27th with the theme *Sound of Victory*. The dress up days for the week included: Monday Pajama Day, Tuesday Red, White, and Blue, Wednesday Athletic or Class Color Day, Thursday Western/Cowboy Day, and Friday Black and Gold Day. Throughout the week, during lunch, students participated in various games to score points

towards winning the spirit stick. On Wednesday, the classes started float building and then right after float building the bonfire was held out at the softball field.

Friday started with classes finishing up on their floats and then heading back to the school and eating pizza with their classmates. The pep assembly started at 12:00 with the introduction of the football boys, cheerleaders, and

coaches. Students voted for the annual 'hot legs' contest with Treston Williams winning the honor and the seniors walked away with the spirit stick. Immediately following the pep assembly students pre-k through 12 lined up for the parade.

That evening during halftime the candidates were announced and king and queen revealed. The freshmen attendants were Allie Schieber

and Brant Jensen; sophomores Josi Moffat and Jax Heyde; juniors Hannah McQuinn and Vincent Smithson. The senior candidates were Trista Lager and Treston Williams, Marli Hilton and Cooper Adcock, and Lindsay Sherman and Decker Heyde. The Homecoming queen was Marli Hilton and the king was Treston Williams. The football team took on the Princeton Tigers and unfortunately fell 44-42.

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September character trait winners: senior Marli Hilton, seventh grader Grayson Wiederholt, eighth grader Sam Simbro, senior Jordyn Wright, eighth grader Harper Heyde, eighth grader Kate Shisler, seventh grader Jaicee McGinley, freshman Blanche Eckard, junior Cortney Merrigan. Not pictured: freshmen Hannah McMillen and Lane McGinley and sophomore Kaitlin Porterfield.

September Character Trait: Respect

By Hannah Stevens
Staff Reporter



For the month of September the character trait was respect. Respect involves showing high regard for an authority, other people, self, and country as well as treating others as you would want to be treated and understanding that all people have value as human beings. Seventh through twelfth grade chose a person or people in their class they thought showed respect. These individuals were presented an award at the assembly held in the gym. We had several students show respect from each grade.

From the seventh grade class Jaicee McGinley was voted by her classmates and teachers. They say she always has a smile on her face and stays calm when she is mad. She includes everyone in activities in the classroom. Grayson Wiederholt also won for the seventh grade. His classmates and teachers say he is quiet when others are speaking and pays attention in class.

For the eighth grade class Sam Simbro, Harper Hyde, and Katelyn Shisler won. Sam is polite and follows the golden

rule of 'treat others how you want to be treated'. Harper helps out in class by passing out folders/notebooks to ensure the class is ready to start. Kate is one who shows consideration for everyone around you. When you ask her to do something she does so without any trouble.

For the freshman class Lane McGinley, Blanche Eckard, and Hannah McMillan were selected. Lane is one who helps others even if they are not friends. He responds in respective tones and words when talking to others. Blanche is someone who is quiet, but makes sure to do the right thing in class. She is never a problem in class and makes sure to do what she is told. Hannah always raises her hand in class. She doesn't play games on her laptop during class. She listens when spoken to and always has her eyes on the person speaking.

The sophomore class unanimously chose Kaitlin

Porterfield. She always gets her work done and volunteers whenever help is needed. She helps tutor her classmates when they need help. The junior class also were unanimous in their choice of Cortney Merrigan. She is always kind and respectful to others. She makes sure she is a part of her classes and clubs.

For the senior class Treston Williams, Jordyn Wright and Marli Hilton were chosen. Treston is friendly to everyone and is kind to people on and off the field. Jordyn speaks with kindness and respect to others. He always keeps a level head. Marli always shows kindness and consideration towards peers and teachers. She supports everyone and shows them respect. She has gained respect from others around her also.

The character trait for October is responsibility. We look forward to seeing what students are chosen for responsibility at the next assembly.



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Fourth grade academic team front row: Daysha Albright, Juan Leon, Talon Sego, Breckin Schultz. Back row: Coach Kristi Porterfield, Lexi McGinley, Eli Horne, Molly Sidwell.



Fifth grade academic team front row: Lincoln Lindner, Violet Strueby, Maddi Page, Grayce Gade. Back row Coach Kristi Porterfield, Jase Adcock, Kyler Newman, Jackson Varney.



Sixth grade academic team front row: Austin Sterkis, Trevin Smithson, Ryker Horne, Brady McMillen. Back row: Coach Terri Holtzclaw, Alex Holtzclaw, Owen Shisler, Isaac Jensen.

Buzzing Back into Academic Bowl

By Kaitlin Porterfield
Staff Reporter

The Elementary Academic Teams are kicking off another season. They will have a total of six matches and a tournament for their fourth, fifth and sixth grade teams.

The fourth grade team consists of Talon Sego, Molly Sidwell, Daysha Albright, Juan Leon, Lexi McGinley, Eli Horne, and Breckin Schultz. The fifth grade team members are Jackson Varney, Grayce Gade, Violet Strueby, Kyler Newman, Maddi Page, Lincoln Lindner, and Jase Adcock. Both fourth and fifth grade teams are coached by Mrs. Kristi

Porterfield and she stated her goals for the season are, “for both the fourth and fifth grade teams to gain experience competing, have fun, and hopefully win a few matches. We have a wide range of knowledge that spans a variety of categories on both teams, so it should be a successful season.”

The sixth grade team is coached by Mrs. Terri Holtzclaw. Austin Sterkis, Brady McMillen, Trevin Smithson, Ryker Horne, Alex Holtzclaw, Isaac Jensen, and Owen Shisler are the members of the sixth

grade team.

The teams traveled to King City for their first matches on October 1st. The fourth graders did not travel with them because King City does not have a fourth grade team. The fifth graders won their match against King City. Fifth grader Violet Strueby said her favorite thing about academic bowl is, “saying the answer and getting it correct.” Stanberry’s next match was a home match against Maysville on October 8th. The fourth and sixth grade teams won. Their match on October 15th was at Albany. The fourth grade team

had another victory, but sadly the fifth and sixth grade teams lost their matches.

We wish all the teams the best of luck on all of their future matches and their tournament in King City on November 2nd!



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Barnwarming & Feed A Farmer

By Maranda Evans
Staff Reporter

This year Barnwarming and Feed a Farmer both took place on Saturday, October 12th. Feed A Farmer took place in the afternoon. During this FFA officers went around to local farmers and delivered them lunch. In total the FFA officers served a total of 12 farmers in our area. Not only did they serve 12 local farmers but they also decided to take lunch out to the employees at Central Commodities. FFA advisor Mrs. Korinne Noble commented, "Feed a Farmer is meant to show our appreciation for our local farmers who put in many hours this time of year. This year with it being so dry, they have hardly had a break and we just wanted to be able

to give them a small token of our appreciation for what they do." As you can see the FFA officers did an amazing job at showing their appreciation to the local farmers in their area.

Barnwarming was held later that same night at Brayden Dias's shop from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. First, the FFA members who attended Barnwarming all met up at the school parking lot where members loaded up on a trailer and took a hayride out to the shop. While at the shop, they line danced, had the annual egg toss competition and enjoyed snacks and drinks. This year the winners of the egg toss were freshmen Brant Jensen and Justin Affuso. Everyone

enjoyed line dancing together and Paige Woods and Brayden Dias took it a step further and showed off their swing dancing skills to everyone. The fun didn't stop after that because those who attended also got to enjoy playing cornhole and taking pictures together. Mrs. Noble tells us, "Barnwarming is

probably one of my favorite chapter events of the year. I love to see FFA members get dressed up and try something new like line dancing, and I love that they get excited and competitive with the annual egg toss." As you can see this year's Barnwarming was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

JH/HS First Quarter Honor Roll

Regular Honor Roll

7th Grade: Noah Beggs, Brantly Donovan, Harlan Eckard, Jared Henggeler, Miguel Leon, Brenzlee Moffat, Gabby Regalado

8th Grade: Jaxon Baker, Zoey Chambers, Drake Ginther, Addison Graham, Benton Gregory, Alexa Horne, Charlotte Jennings, Sam Simbro, Kaitlyn Van Draska

9th Grade: Kynzee Adcock, Jontae Bond, Audrey Cook, Ellie Dias, Blanche Eckard, Tess Edson, Parker Evans, Trinity Regalado, Allie Schieber, Alyssa Wallace

10th Grade: Alana Evans, Aiden Graham, Zander Heyde, Josi Moffat, Abriana Straughn

11th Grade: Olivia Blessing, Eva Cameron, Lexie Rogers, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Jaren Stoll, Hayden Swan, Nathan Taylor

12th Grade: Cameron Affuso, Maranda Evans, Marli Hilton, Trisa Lager, Colby McQueen, Lindsay Sherman, Calvin Smithson, Jordyn Wright

High Honor Roll

7th Grade: Quincy Cameron, Quinn Heyde, Carter Mattson, Jaicee McGinley, Emily McMillan, Kayla McQuinn, Charlotte Schultz, Madelyn Sidwell, Trevor Strough, Grayson Wiederholt

8th Grade: Baylee Albright, Kaleb Evans, Harper Heyde, Quinn Jensen, Kaci Porterfield, Kylee Runde, Emily Santa Cruz, Kate Shisler, Kiara Willoughby

9th Grade: Lane McGinley, Hannah McMillan, Olivia McQuinn

10th Grade: Avery Calhoun, Hudson Groomer, Emmett Meyer, Kaitlin Porterfield, Brooke Robinson, Dalton Taylor

11th Grade: Hannah McQuinn, Cortney Merrigan, Ally Santa Cruz, Vincent Smithson, Dani Van Draska

12th Grade: Cooper Adcock, Brody Carroll, Decker Heyde, Gabe Simbro, Devin Strawhacker, Paige Woods



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Kindergarten Starts Exciting School Year

By Maranda Evans
Staff Reporter

This year the kindergarten has been filled with wonderful achievements and positive moments. These students had a fantastic time participating in the Homecoming festivities, including the parade and pep rally. Their school spirit and enthusiasm were truly inspiring. The kindergarteners also had the opportunity to visit the local fire station, where they learned about fire safety and got to explore the fire trucks. The students were engaged and excited to learn firsthand about the important work of our firefighters. The kindergarten students also conducted a delicious apple taste test, exploring different varieties and sharing their thoughts and

preferences. This hands-on activity helped to build their understanding of healthy food choices. Their teachers Mrs. Andrea Parman and Mrs. Mikayla Louiselle tell us, "We are thrilled to see the strong relationships being formed within our school community. Students are working collaboratively, supporting one another, and developing a sense of belonging."

Coming up the kindergarteners get to look forward to many exciting events that will help connect their learning to the outside world they live in. Some of the events include a class Thanksgiving celebration, where students will share their gratitude and

explore the traditions of the holiday. They will also have their first Winter Concert, where families can enjoy the musical talents of our students.

As you can see our

kindergarteners are rocking the school year so far! We are so thankful to have them as a part of our school community. We wish them the best of luck in their upcoming years here!



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Jencie James



Devin Strawhacker



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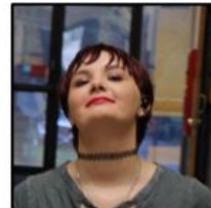
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Seniors Start Making Plans for Future

By Marli Hilton
Staff Reporter

This year's seniors have started off the year strong, from softball and golf, to football and Homecoming. The class of 2025 has a total of 24 students who are all looking forward to graduating and starting the next chapter of their lives.

The plans of this year's seniors are as follows:

Hannah Stevens and Paige Woods both plan on going to college to receive degrees in elementary education. Marli Hilton is hoping to get a degree

in business and then later attend a cosmetology school. Maranda Evans is planning on attending St. Joseph Beauty University, and Trista Lager and Brea Jenson plan on getting their degrees in nursing. Payton Williams is going to college to get her degree in early childhood education. Paige Campbell is attending Northwest and is getting a degree in marine biology and she then plans to track and tag sharks. Wyatt Taylor is

attending NCMC in Savannah and getting a degree in radiology, he then is planning on transferring to Northwest to get a bachelor's degree in health science. Colby McQueen, Cooper Adcock, Devin Strawhacker, Brody Carroll, and Treston Williams are all going into the workforce after high school, and Allison Cook is joining the National Guard where she hopes to weld. Kaiden Keough hopes to get a degree in sports management, and

Cameron Affuso is attending the Missouri Welding Institute. Jordyn Wright is going to get a degree in an agricultural field. Calvin Smithson and Gabe Simbro are both undecided on what they are going to do after high school. Damien Webb is attending Missouri S&T where he plans to get his degree in game design and coding. Jencie James is going to NCMC and is getting her RN and LPN, she is then going to become an ER nurse. Decker Heyde is attending State Technical College at Missouri and hopes to get his electrical distribution system degree.

Good luck to all of the seniors in the remainder of your year. We hope you all achieve great things and have fun in all that this year has to offer.

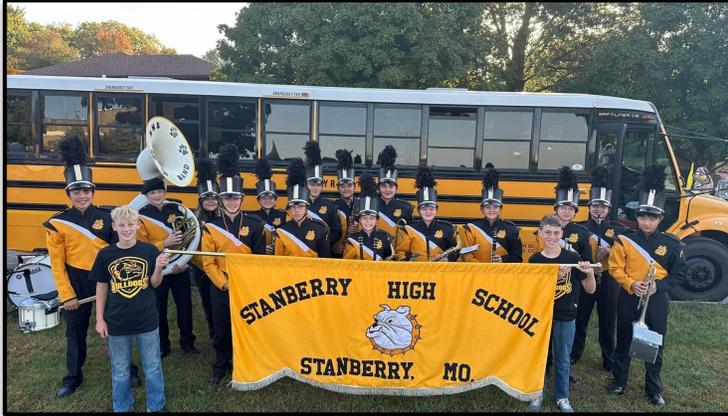


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The marching band poses for a photo prior to performing at Clarinda.



Band members march by The Student Body at the Northwest Homecoming parade last weekend.

Marching Band Competes

By Hannah Stevens
Staff Reporter

The Stanberry Marching Band has two marching competitions each fall: Clarinda Band Days and the NWMSU Homecoming parade.

The band returned for the 69th anniversary of Clarinda Band Days on October 5th. Led by band director Coy Kirby they marched to “Even Way” by Jay Dawson. They left at 6:45 and arrived at 8. They did very well with few mistakes. They placed 15th out of many schools. Mr. Coy Kirby stated “ I am very proud of the hard work our

band students have put in. We sound and look better every week and I am excited for the Northwest Homecoming parade on October 19th.” They are improving each and every week. This was shown in the Clarinda band competition. Evan Gregory stated, “ My favorite part was the immersive and beautiful scenery. The other bands played powerfully and confidently with good footwork.”

The Northwest Missouri State University Homecoming parade was the weekend of

October 19th. The band once again sounded phenomenal and walked away with a 2nd place finish. Mr. Kirby and the band members look forward to spending more time on marching at band camp next year and work to improve their scores at both Clarinda and Northwest.

They will now change their focus to concert band and start dedicating their time to preparing for the Winter Concert. Thank you band for putting in the work!



Sophomores Attend Docudrama

By Hannah Stevens
Staff Reporter

The sophomores recently attended the Northwest Missouri Docudrama with fellow students from neighboring schools. Northwest Missouri Docudrama collaborates with community first responders to create real life crash scenarios to educate young drivers. This annual staged event uses student

actors to teach about distracted driving while providing an opportunity for local emergency first responders to practice as well.

After the crash site simulation in Pickering, students were then transported to the Laura Street Baptist Church in Maryville for the video

presentation and three guest speakers. This second section was set up to represent a funeral for the two actors who played the teens who died as part of the simulation. Students were greeted with two open caskets and were given obituary programs as they walked into the sanctuary. Senior Marli Hilton was one of the teenagers that participated in this activity.

Sophomore Leah Thurmond said, “my favorite

part of the docudrama was how powerful it was and how it affects kids each year.” Brock Hutchcraft commented, “My favorite part was how real it looked and how it got the meaning of it across to students.” This is a powerful dramatization for students to witness and hopefully teaches them the impact distracted driving could have if not taken seriously.

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Kaitlin, Brooke, and Josi prepare drinks for staff members.

Bougie Dawgs

By Marli Hilton
Staff Reporter

This year Mrs. Jennifer Meyer's Pro Start class is making loaded teas to serve to junior high and high school students and all staff. The class consists of Josi Moffat, Brookelynn Robinson, Kaitlin Porterfield, Payton Williams, Hannah Stevens, Emmett Meyer, Kaiden Keough, Jencie James, Avery Calhoun, and Dalton Taylor. The class decided on the name *Bougie Dawgs* as their business name.

Drink sales started the week of September 30th. The teachers and staff got drinks that Thursday, they either ordered online or went down and ordered from Mrs. Meyer in person. Students got their drinks on Friday morning. Those in the Pro Start class take turns setting up shop in the concession stand outside of the gym at 7:45. Kaitlin stated, "I enjoy making the drinks for students on Friday mornings." The students in this class also get to create and name the drinks they make. This month they came up with some very cute names, these include: Hocus Pocus, Witches Brew, Hot To Go, Free Fallin',

Strawberry Fields, and Beetlejuice.

National Honor Society members are going to be selling baked goods outside of the concession stand along with the drinks. Each member will take turns baking or buying baked goods and will then bring them to school to be sold for a dollar. The drinks are priced at four dollars each, totaling to five dollars to buy both a drink and snack. NHS advisor, Mrs. Elizabeth Simbro said, "I'm excited for junior high and high school students to get a morning snack, and I also hope to put less stress on the members of NHS by not requiring the pressures of doing a fundraiser while also bringing school spirit into each day."

Along with drinks, the Pro Start class hopes to start selling sandwiches to teachers. Although they aren't sure when this will start, Mrs. Meyer commented the goal is to offer them twice a month. Don't forget to stop by Friday mornings to get a taste of the new *Bougie Dawg* drinks, and support the Pro Start class in their business.



Elementary First Quarter Honor Roll

Regular Honor Roll

4th Grade: Jaxson Denney, Nathan Strough, Quade Ellis, Keine Vinzant, Izabell Holtzclaw, William Wiederholt, Skylar Luke, Gunner Newman, Blake Rippetto, Amelia Brooke, Wyatt Clayton, Hyatt Groomer, Walker Mattson, Olivia Pierce, Vaida Schieber, Collin Tucker

5th Grade: Jase Adcock, Easton Fletchall, Jasper Heyde, Maddeline Page, Parker Runder, Glenn Sterkis, Amelia VanHorn, Delila Wilson, Nova Chambers, Myles Evans, Lincoln Lindner, Tucker Runde, Zayne Worley

6th Grade: Hudson Hague, Trevin Smithson, Austin Sterkis, Lauren Henggeler, Kasyn Redig, Blakely Hutchcraft, Isaac Jensen, Kynnadi Schieber, Ruby Wright, Paislee Schieber, Owen Shisler, Lexi Appley, Waverly Groomer, Blaze Hutchcraft, Eli Meyer, Tanner Runde, Gunner Edson, Alex Holtzclaw, Kayden Ledford, Lily Phipps

Principal's Roll

4th Grade: Daysha Albright, Hunter Appley, Madison Varney, Chelsea Weathered, Raiden Atkison, Jordyn Conover, Macoy Hilton, Lennox Horne, Juan Leon, Amelia Poff, Madi Redig, Karli Ginther, Eli Horne, Lexi McGinley, Brooklyn McMillen, Jace Newman, Cora Poff, Breckin Schultz, Rose Schultz, Talon Sego, Molly Sidwell, Julian Slagle, Benjamin Steinhauser, Mackenzie Strough

5th Grade: Grayce Gade, Caroline Gillespie, Axton Henggeler, Abigail Jensen, Brylie Luke, Paisley Schwebach, Trent Strough, Jackson Varney, Avaian Evans, Olivia Jennings, Kyler Newman, Donny Steinhauser, Violet Strueby, Elli Wiederholt

6th Grade: Macie Baumli, Ruler Horne, Sophia Sager, Owen Dias, Brady McMillen, Ian Jensen, Sophia Taylor

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Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA): Complaint Procedures

This guide explains how to file a complaint about any of the programs that are administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA).

1. What is a complaint? For these purposes, a complaint is a written allegation that a local education agency (LEA) or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) has violated a federal statute or regulation that applies to a program under ESSA.

2. Who may file a complaint? Any individual or organization may file a complaint.

3. How can a complaint be filed? Complaints can be filed with the LEA or with the Department.

4. How will a complaint filed with the LEA be investigated? Complaints filed with the LEA are to be investigated and attempted to be resolved according to the locally developed and adopted procedures.

5. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the local level (LEA)? A complaint not resolved at the local level may be appealed to the Department

6. How can a complaint be filed with the Department? A complaint filed with the Department must be a written, signed statement that includes:

1. A statement that a requirement that applies to an ESSA program has been violated by the LEA or the Department, and

2. The facts on which the statement is based and the specific requirement allegedly violated.

7. How will a complaint filed with the Department be investigated? The investigation and complaint resolution proceedings will be completed within a time limit of forty-five calendar days. That time limit can be extended by the agreement of all parties. The following activities will occur in the investigation:

1. Record. A written record of the investigation will be kept.
2. Notification of LEA. The LEA will be notified of the complaint within five days of the complaint being filed.
3. Resolution at LEA. The LEA will then initiate its local complaint procedures in an effort to first resolve the complaint at the local level.
4. Report by LEA. Within thirty-five days of the complaint being filed, the LEA will submit a written summary of the LEA investigation and complaint resolution. This report is considered public record and may be made available to parents, teachers, and other members of the general public.
5. Verification. Within five days of receiving the written summary of a complaint resolution, the Department will verify the resolution of the complaint through an on-site visit, letter, or telephone call(s).

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Complaints filed with the Department

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6. Appeal. The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the U.S. Department of Education.

8. How are complaints related to equitable services to nonpublic school children handled differently? In addition to the procedures listed in number 7 above, complaints related to equitable services will also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, and they will receive all information related to the investigation and resolution of the complaint. Also, appeals to the United States Department of Education must be filed no longer than thirty days following the Department's resolution of the complaint (or its failure to resolve the complaint). The Department will initiate an investigation within ten

days, which will be concluded within thirty days

9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated? from the day of the appeal. This investigation may be continued beyond the thirty day limit at the discretion of the Department. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Department will communicate the decision and reasons for the decision to the complainant and the LEA. Recommendations and details of the decision are to be implemented within fifteen days of the decision being delivered to the LEA.

10. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the state level (the Department)? The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the United States Department of Education.



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The softball team defeated the North Andrew Cardinals in a walk-off home run by Brea Jenson to become District Champs! They then went on to beat Princeton in the quarterfinals becoming the first team in school history to make it to state!

Lady Bulldogs State Bound!

By Marli Hilton
Staff Reporter



As the 2024 softball season winds down, we are able to look back on all they have achieved this year. The girls softball team has worked hard inside and outside of practice. They have shown up and brought continuous energy and excitement to each day. The girls have played in various tournaments and have competed against some very good teams. Throughout this season the girls have worked through sickness, injuries, and big losses. When mistakes were made by one player, the whole team would be behind them, ready to pick them up. The girls were able to come out with more wins than in previous years,

and their record right now stands at 8-14.

When asked how she felt the team did all together for the season, Josi Moffat stated, "we had our ups and downs, but overall we all worked together to overcome every challenge we faced." The team's final regular season game was a home game against Benton. The girls came out strong in the first two innings and played strong defense, however, Benton ended up winning with a final score of 2-19. This game was also senior night, and the seniors and their parents were announced after the game had ended. Paige Campbell, Marli Hilton, Jencie James, Brea Jenson, and Trista

Lager were all applauded for all of the hard work and dedication they put into all of their years of softball. There were many hugs, laughs, and tears at the end of the night, and the whole team was proud and grateful for the things they did and the memories that were made during this season.

Stanberry was seeded second in districts and for their first game they traveled to Maysville to play a 6:30 game. The girls had great energy and came ready to play in the first inning. Their defense was clean, and if something didn't go as planned they would pick it up in the next play. The girls had many great at bats, including a triple hit by Marli, and a line drive hit by Kynzee. The girls rallied and soon the points started rolling in. The final score of their game was 13-3. Their next game was played at North Andrew against King City, starting at 3:00pm. The girls came out ready to play, with high energy and incredible drive. The game was hard fought, and the leading team went back and forth. The girls battled on bases and at bat, they also kept their defense very clean and made up for any mistakes that were made. In the end the team managed to give a great performance and won the game 4-3. This advanced them to the District Championship on Tuesday.

The girls played North Andrew at North Andrew. They were ready to play and brought their A game, keeping their defense and offense strong. The score was 0-0 up until the 5th

inning when Marli hit a ball to center, bringing Trista into score. They went into overtime after North Andrew tied it up, and played a total of eight innings. Everyone was on the edge of their seat as Brea Jenson went up to bat with no runners on, one out, and a 2-2 count. As the pitch came in, Brea smacked the ball over the right fielder's head and over the fence. The whole team went crazy and ran out to congratulate Brea on her winning hit.

The Stanberry softball team are District champions, and went on to play Princeton in the quarter finals. The game started at 1:00 on Saturday the 26th. The game was very intense and both teams had strong defense, with the score being 0-0 in the 5th inning. Brea Jenson started off the lead after hitting a homerun, the score was 1-0 going into the 6th inning. Another run was brought in after a ball was hit into the outfield and the score was 2-0 in the 7th inning. Everyone was holding their breath as the girls continued to play strong defense and get the last three outs that would bring them into the final four state bracket. Allie Schieber had a line drive hit to her and got the final out at first, securing their place at State. Everyone went crazy, celebrating and embracing as they just made history by being the first Stanberry softball team to make it to State.

Congratulations to the team and coaches on continuing to put in the work and making it this far. Good luck at State ladies!

POST SEASON SOFTBALL AWARDS:

GRC West All-Conference:

1st Team- Unanimous-Brea Jenson

2nd Team-Alyssa Wallace and Kynzee Adcock

Honorable Mention-Brooke Robinson



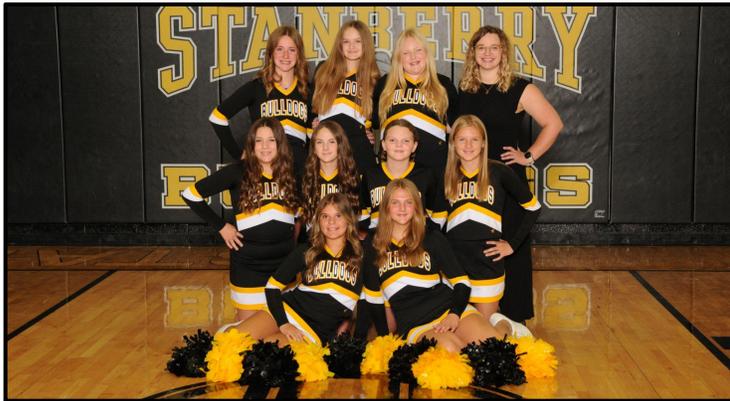
Best of luck at State!!!!

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JH Bulldog cheerleaders front row: Emily Santa Cruz, Charlotte Jennings. Middle row: Brenzlee Moffatt, Quincy Cameron, Quinn Heyde, Emilee Groven. Back row: Madelyn Sidwell, Kaci Porterfield, Kaitlyn Van Draska, Coach Mackenzie Shifflett.

Stunting into a New Season

By Kaitlin Porterfield
Staff Reporter



The junior high cheerleaders have had a great start to their season. This year their cheer team consists of eighth graders Charlotte Jennings, Kaci Porterfield, Emily Santa Cruz, and Kaitlyn Van Draska, and seventh graders Quincy Cameron, Emilee Groven, Quinn Heyde, Brenzlee Moffatt, and Madelyn Sidwell. They are coached by Mackenzie Shifflett. When Mrs. Shifflett was asked what she has enjoyed most this season; she answered, "I have enjoyed meeting the new seventh graders on the team, and watching the eighth graders step into more of a leadership role. I've had such a fun season so far!"

The cheerleaders have cheered at all of the junior high football games this season. They

also had a performance with the high school cheer team during the Homecoming pep assembly. Their football season has come to a close though. Their last game was Monday, October 13th. They will soon be transitioning to cheer at the junior high basketball games. The girls will cheer at all of the home games, but they will only cheer at away games if it is a trophy game at the King City Tournament. When cheerleader Charlotte Jennings was asked what she is looking forward to with basketball cheer she replied, "I am looking forward to basketball cheer because I understand basketball more than football, so it is more fun to watch and cheer them on."

We wish the cheerleaders good luck on all the basketball games to come!

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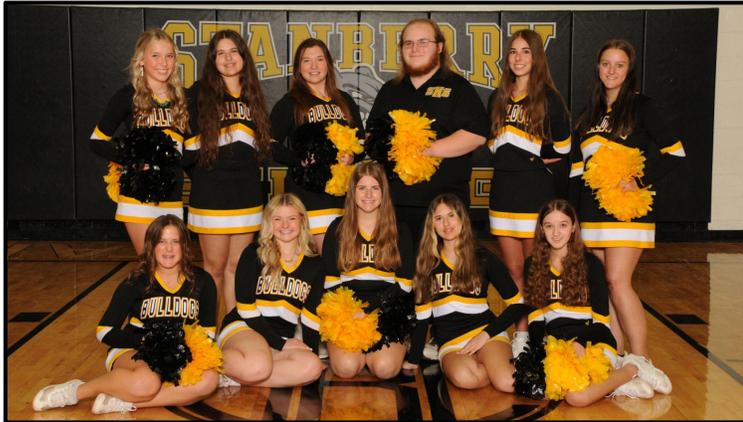
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2024 Bulldog football cheer team: front row Hannah McQuinn, Danielle Van Draska, Blanche Eckard, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Kaitlin Porterfield. Back row: Tess Edson, Ally Santa Cruz, Paige Campbell, Wyatt Taylor, Avery Calhoun, Katie Libby. Not pictured: Paige Woods and Coach Jessica Gaona.

Cheering for a New Season

By Kaitlin Porterfield
Staff Reporter



The cheerleaders have been pumping up the crowd this season. This year the cheer team consists of senior co-captains Paige Campbell and Paige Woods, senior Wyatt Taylor, juniors Hannah McQuinn, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Ally Santa Cruz, and Danielle Van Draska, sophomores Avery Calhoun and Kaitlin Porterfield, and freshmen Tess Edson and Blanche Eckard. The team is coached by Jessica Gaona. Coach Gaona was asked what she was enjoying most about the season she replied, "I am enjoying the team camaraderie most this season. It doesn't matter if we are at practice, a game, or visiting an elementary classroom, we have fun together. It's a fantastic feeling to know that this squad just enjoys being

together."

The cheerleaders have traveled to all of the away games with the football team. They also spent hours practicing and perfecting their routines and stunts for the Homecoming pep assembly. The team also served breakfast to the teachers and football players the morning of Homecoming. When co-captain Paige Woods was asked what her favorite thing about being a cheerleader is answered. "My favorite thing about being a cheerleader is the bond that forms between our team throughout the season."

The team will continue to travel and cheer at the remaining football games. We wish them luck with spreading enthusiasm!



Avery Calhoun, Lindsay Sherman, and Eva Cameron compete at Plattsburg during district play.

Girls' Golf Wrap Season

By Maranda Evans
Staff Reporter



This year on October 9th girls' golf districts were held in Plattsburg, MO. Although none of the girls made it to state this year we had a couple girls come really close. Junior Eva Cameron and Senior Lindsay Sherman were both only two strokes away from qualifying for state! When Lindsay was asked about her last experience at districts she stated, "I was proud of myself because I played a lot better than I did last year, I am also very proud of Eva for having such a great first year. The biggest thing going through my head was that I am so grateful for my great coaches and teammates and I think it was a good end to

the golf season!"

Next year the girls golf team will have three players returning out of the four Eva Cameron, Avery Calhoun and Blanche Eckard. Coach Karla McQueen tells us, "There was so much improvement from the girls. This season was so fun and I look forward to seeing the younger girls develop as golfers."

By the sounds of it the girls' golf season went well even though they didn't make it to state. Thank you Lindsay for being a part of the golf team for the last four years and goodluck to the other girls for the years to come!

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Boys Bounce into 2024 Season



By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter

The junior high boys' basketball team started their season with practice on October 15th. Junior high basketball is a very quick season, concluding by Thanksgiving break, which has them competing in about 3 games a week. The boys will only have 5 practices before their first game of the season, Tuesday, October 22nd against North Nodaway.

When asked what they were looking forward to this basketball season and what their personal goals are, eighth grader Sam Simbro said, "getting rebounds and making a few 3's." Seventh grader Carter Mattson responded, "meeting new friends and 60% of 3's made." Head coach Nick Groomer stated, "I expect them

to be competitive, work hard and have a very productive season."

The seventh graders on the team this year are Grayson Wiederholt, Trevor Strough, Lane Ellis, Noah Beggs, Carter Mattson, Brantly Donovan, Blaine Schieber, Jarred Henggeler, Harlan Eckard, Caiden Jensen, Miguel Escamilla. Eighth graders consist of Sam Simbro, Jude Spence, Drake Ginther, Benton Gregory, Quinn Jensen, Drevyn Spence, Brodie Gibson, Paxton Schieber, and Jaxson Baker. The team is coached again by Nick Groomer and assisted by Kirsten Maronde.

We wish them luck on all of their games this season!



2024 JH Bulldog basketball: front row Brantly Donovan, Grayson Wiederholt, Trevor Strough, Noah Beggs, Lane Ellis, Blaine Schieber. Middle row: Drake Ginther, Quinn Jensen, Paxton Schieber, Jude Spence, Drevyn Spence, Sam Simbro, Jaxson Baker, Benton Gregory. Back row: Head Coach Nick Groomer, Brodie Gibson, Carter Mattson, Harlan Eckard, Caiden Jensen, Jared Henggeler, Miguel Leon, Assistant Coach Kirsten Maronde.



2024 JH Bulldog basketball: front row manager Charlotte Jennings, Kiara Willoughby, Jaicee McGinley, manager Zoey Chambers, Jayden Wilson, Emilee Groven, manager Kylee Runde. Middle row: Kayla McQuinn, Harper Heyde, Kaci Porterfield, Madelyn Sidwell, Kaitlyn Van Draska, Alexa Horne, Emily Santa Cruz. Back row: Assistant coach Kelli Hilton, Avery Adrian-Hatcher, Addison Graham, Katelyn Shisler, Emily McMillan, Madison Wilmes, Head Coach Karla McQueen.

JH Lady Bulldogs Shoot for Repeat Undefeated Season

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter



The junior high girls' basketball team just started the beginning of the season. The Lady Bulldogs started practice the first week of October. Then the softball girls joined the basketball girls on the 9th of October. The Lady Bulldogs had an undefeated season last year and are hoping to repeat a winning season.

The roster consists of seventh graders, Emilee Groven, Jaicee McGinley, Kayla McQuinn, Quinn Heyde, Madelyn Sidwell, and Emily McMillan. Returning eighth graders consist of Madison Wilmes, Jayden Wilson, Emily Santa Cruz, Harper Heyde, Kaci Porterfield, Addison

Graham, Kiara Willoughby, Katelyn Shisler, Avery Adrian-Hatcher, Alexa Horne, and Kaitlyn Van Draska. They are coached again this season by Karla McQueen and assisted by Kelli Hilton.

When asked about their goals for the season seventh grader Kayla McQuinn said, "To win!" Coach McQueen stated, "I'm very excited for this year and everyone working hard and being very competitive in the area."

The season started off with a win against North Nodaway on Tuesday, October 23rd. We wish them luck for the remainder of their season!

OPINION

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It's
Your
Call



**Who is your favorite
football team?**

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter



**Eighth grader
Quinn Jensen,
"Chiefs."**



**Seventh grader
Emilee Groven,
"Chiefs."**



**Second grader
Sawyer Gibson,
"Chiefs."**



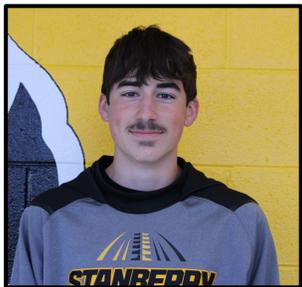
**Second Grader
Rylee Beggs,
"Stanberry."**



**High School Counselor
Karla McQueen,
"Stanberry."**



**High School Math &
Elementary P.E. Teacher
Taylor Wendt,
"Chiefs."**



**Freshman
Parker Evans,
"Chiefs."**



**Junior
Vincent Smithson,
"Cowboys."**

Survey Results

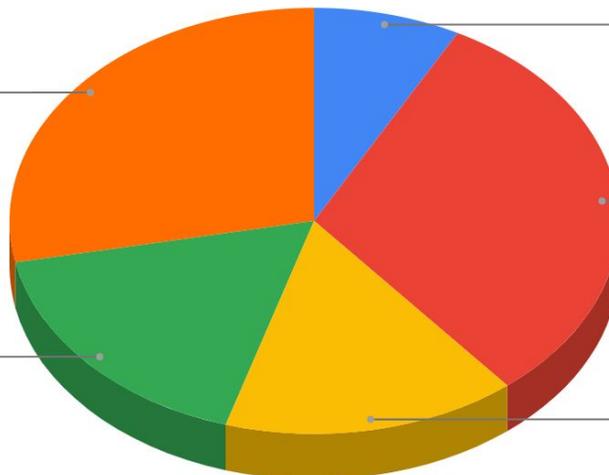
By Maranda Evans
Staff Reporter

Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: *What's are you doing for Halloween?* 64 students responded.

Their options included *Trick or Treating, Carving Pumpkins, Watching Scary Movies, Haunted House, or Haunted Hayride.*

Trick or Treating
28.1%

Haunted House
17.2%



Haunted Hayride
7.8%

Watching Scary...
31.3%

Carving Pumpk...
15.6%

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Brutus' Corner

By Hannah Stevens
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 September, the featured teacher was **Mrs. Brittney McClurg**. Who do you think October's staff member is?



Are you married, if so how many years?

Yes, 5 years

Do you have any children, how many?

Yes, 2 boys and 1 girl

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Building relationships and helping students succeed.

How long have you been teaching for?

10 years

Were you in any school activities growing up?

Basketball, FFA, FBLA, student council, NHS, Track, Choir

November Activities

Saturday, November 2-All District Band Auditions
Sunday, November 3-PTO Extravaganza

Monday, November 4
FCCLA Regional Meeting
4:30-JHB@Home vs. Platte Valley

Tuesday, November 5-5:00-JHBB@Home vs. NEN
Wednesday, November 6-4:30-FFA Speaking Contest
Thursday, November 7-4:30-JHBB@North Andrew

Monday, November 11
9:00-Veteran's Day Program
4:30-JHBB@King City Tournament
Tuesday, November 12-4:30-JHBB@King City Tournament
Wednesday, November 13-4:30-District FFA Speaking Contest
Thursday, November 13-4:30-JHBB@King City Tournament

Monday, November 18
5:00-STEM Night
7:00-BOE Meeting
Tuesday, November 19-5:00-JHBB@Home vs. Albany
Wednesday, November 20-8:00-FBLA Field Trip
Thursday, November 21-4:30-JHBB@Maysville
Saturday, November 23-JH All-District Choir

Monday, November 25-6:00-PTO Meeting
Tuesday, November 26
5:00-VBB@Mound City
5:30-VGW@Lathrop
Wednesday, November 27- Monday, December 2-THANKSGIVING BREAK-NO SCHOOL



The Scoop

With Marli Hilton
featuring Alana Evans

News to Me, News Flash

Welcome back to the second month of my podcast featuring with guest students, teachers, and staff. During these podcasts I will talk about anything and everything, from favorite past times to who your inspiration is.

Listen to the second episode of this season [here](#) with guest sophomore, Alana Evans and stay tuned for next month when I interview head football coach and my dad, Shane Hilton.



Tinker Time

By Kaitlin Porterfield
Staff Reporter

This month we are featuring the Ozobot robot. The Stanberry R-II library has a class set of these robots. The Ozobot is a robot that follows lines and can be coded to do special tasks on these lines. All you have to do is code with different colors. When 8th grader Emily Santa Cruz was asked what she has used this robot for she responded "We had to make different shapes for them, and used different colors to code them."



These robots were paid for with the Corteva Community Betterment Program Grant filled out in conjunction with Hall Bottom Seed in Stanberry. The grant was about moving and making through STEM. The grant provided 18 robots, 18 color code markers, a charging cradle, bot stickers, and an educator packet. Stay tuned for next month's edition of *Tinker Time*.

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