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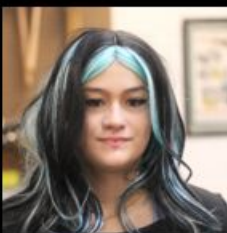
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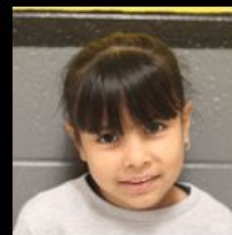
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Payden Butler



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Hunter Grimes

Stanberry Welcomes New Members to the Bulldog Family

By Olivia McQuinn
Staff Reporter

This new school year, Stanberry R-II is once again welcoming new Bulldogs. To show these new school and community members how proud we are of our town and school, we tried to get to know them better. We asked them the question: *What are you most excited about for the new school year?*

This year we have three new teachers joining our teaching staff, Ms. Riley McQueen, Mrs. Mallory Oldham, and Mrs. Rachel Lane. Ms. McQueen is taking over the

high school math position. She is a former Stanberry graduate and attended Northwest Missouri State University. This is her first year teaching. She said she is most excited for, "getting to know my students."

Also joining us this year is Mrs. Mallory Oldham. Mrs. Oldham is also a former Bulldog and after attending Missouri Western State University and student teaching at Stanberry, Mrs. Oldham is excited to come back and teach second grade. She spent the last year teaching in

King City and is married to Zack. She tells us she is excited to "see growth from her students."

Finally, we have our last new teacher, Mrs. Rachel Lane. Mrs. Lane is a Northeast Nodaway grad and attended Northwest Missouri State University, completing her student teaching here in Stanberry. She has spent the last few years teaching at Worth County. Mrs. Lane is married to Jared and they have one son and another baby on the way. She is excited for, "the

tight-knit community and to start fresh here and to experience the Bulldog community."

We also have a few veteran teachers stepping into new roles this year. Mrs. Liz Simbro moved from the Tier III K-12 counselor to high school counselor. She is most excited to, "reconnect with the students again." Mr. Jason Dias, who was the previous high school math teacher and athletic director, stepped into his new role as high school principal.

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New Bulldog Members (from page 1)

When asked about this change he said, "I'm excited for the new challenges that this office brings and working to continue the success in this district. We have a great staff and community, and I'm excited for this opportunity." Also stepping into a new role as athletic director is Mr. Jeffrey Maronde. He is, "excited for the new challenges and responsibilities." Finally, we have Mrs. Karla McQueen. Mrs. McQueen had retired but came back as post-secondary counselor. She commented on her new position, "I get to do the part of my old job that was my favorite, which is to work with the seniors."

On the student side we have a few new junior high and high school students joining our community this year. They include seventh grader Kayden Welch. Kayden says he is, "excited for football." The sophomore class gained two new members, Zach Welch and Chrystal Chrisman. Zach is

most excited to, "learn in a new environment" and Chrystal says she is, "excited for the band."

Finally, we have eight new elementary students to add to our family. Kindergarteners Cooper Kissinger and Ella Mattis both said they were most excited about going outside for recess. First graders Payden Butler and Migros (Millie) Munoz Ruiz are most excited about art and playing on the swings. In the second grade, Easton Butler is most excited to make friends. River Rhoades of third grade is most excited for recess. Joining fifth grade is Hunter Grimes. Hunter is most excited for wrestling. Finally, Hunter Rhoades in sixth grade is most excited for lunchtime.

Our school and community welcomes all who have joined Stanberry R-II! We hope you love it here as much as we do! Good luck on the rest of your school year!



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Elementary Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

Regular Honor Roll

4th Grade: Amelia Brooke, Wyatt Clayton, Hyatt Groomer, Olivia Pierce, Cora Poff, Vaida Schieber, Breckin Schultz, Raiden Atkison, Quade Ellis, Juan Leon, Gunner Newman, Blake Rippetto, Keine Vinzant

5th Grade: Jase Adcock, Grayce Gade, Abigail Jensen, Maddeline Page, Parker Runde, Glenn Sterkis, Delila Wilson, Gwyneth Cameron, Nova Chambers, Lincoln Lindner

6th Grade: Blaze Hutchcraft, Eli Meyer, Lily Phipps, Isabella Rippetto, Tanner Runde, Lauren Henggeler, Paislee Schieber, Landon Lynn, Austin Sterkis

Principal's Roll

4th Grade: Karli Ginther, Eli Horne, Lexi McGinley, Brooklyn McMillen, Jace Newman, Rose Schultz, Talon Sego, Molly Sidwell, Julian Slagle, Benjamin Steinhauser, Mackenzie Strough, Daysha Albright, Hunter Appley, Jordyn Conover, Macoy Hilton, Lennox Horne, Skylar Luke, Amelia Poff, Madi Redig, Nathan Strough, Madison Varney, Chelsea Weatherd, William Wiederholt

5th Grade: Easton Fletchall, Caroline Gillespie, Axton Henggeler, Brylie Luke, Paisley Schwebach, Trent Strough, Jackson Varney, Avian Evans, Olivia Jennings, Kyler Newman, Tucker Runde, Donny Steinhauser, Violet Strueby, Elli Wiederholt, Zayne Worley

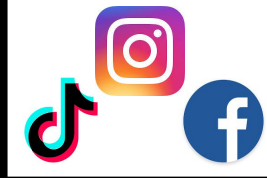
6th Grade: Lexi Appley, Owen Dias, Waverly Groomer, Alex Holtzclaw, Ian Jensen, Brady McMillen, Sophia Taylor, Macie Baumli, Ryker Horne, Isaac Jensen, Sophia Sager, Owen Shisler, Hudson Hague, Blakely Hutchcraft, Kasyn Redig, Kynnadi Schieber, Trevin Smithson, Ruby Wright

B.U.G (Bringing Up Grades) Honor Roll

5th Grade: Dane Slagle, Laith Wallace

6th Grade: Peyton James, Jr.

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Mrs. McQueen Returns to Her “Roots”

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Karla McQueen back as our new post-secondary counselor! The school district received a grant from rootED alliance to implement a counselor position that focuses on helping our senior students navigate their postsecondary plans. This grant opportunity was presented over the summer when Dr. Davison received an email from DESE, and we are fortunate to be awarded this grant.

Mrs. McQueen is at school twice a week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, to help the seniors plan their futures. The goal of rootED is to prepare high school senior students to graduate high school and put the graduates on a path to achieve career success. Senior Cortney Merrigan commented, “I am very excited to have Mrs. McQueen here to help fill out scholarships and aid us with our post-secondary plans.” Mrs. McQueen will

help with whatever path students choose and is planning to take seniors to college fairs and, for the students planning on going into the workforce, she plans to take them to various career days.

Mrs. McQueen stated, “I’m thrilled to begin my new role as the Post-Secondary Advisor at Stanberry High School! Supporting seniors as they plan for life after graduation has always been a true passion of mine. While it’s been an adjustment working just two days a week, I’m grateful to be part of such a supportive and dedicated faculty and staff. I’m looking forward to a great year ahead!” We look forward to having Mrs. McQueen back to help the seniors with scholarships, college applications, and career plans. Senior year can be an anxious time trying to decide what to do, and we are thankful Mrs. McQueen will be here to support the seniors on their journey.

PRiME Center Math Award

By Olivia McQuinn
Staff Reporter



Stanberry’s math program is excelling! Every year, PRiME Center releases annual growth reports for mathematics and ELA that recognize students’ highest growth. Stanberry High was awarded 9th in math growth in rural schools. This reflects all of the MAP scores from third through eighth grade.

This recognition reflects our dedication from kindergarten on up. Mrs. Taylor Wendt, Stanberry’s Algebra teacher, commented, “We have put a lot of work into our curriculum, which has helped us grow as teachers and help our students be successful. It’s really a team effort with all the teachers.” Mrs. Kirsten

Maronde, junior high math teacher, also commented, “These students work hard all year. They often don’t realize how much math they do, and it’s nice to see them rewarded when they work hard all year and through long days of testing.”

Thank you, math teachers elementary through high school for all the hard work you do! This award is a testament to the high quality of math education, setting the foundation in elementary and carrying it up through graduation. Congratulations to all the students and math teachers who have worked so hard for this award!

Dear Parent,

The U.S. Congress has passed education legislation entitled “No Child Left Behind.” One of the requirements of this legislation is parent notification if a class is going to be taught by someone other than a highly qualified (fully-certified) for four weeks or more.

This notification would apply if a long-term substitute teacher who is not fully certified for the assignment, *even though that person does hold a state-issued certificate to substitute teach*, were assigned to cover a class. This would also apply if the school district were waiting on issuance of a teaching certificate or renewal of a certificate from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Technically the teacher has the credentials, but the process of issuing the certificate could take longer than four weeks.

At this time, the teachers of the Stanberry R-II School District all hold valid certificates, and we do not anticipate any longer term substitute situations. We are fulfilling the requirements of No Child Left Behind by issuing this notice. We are very proud of all our staff members, and we can assure you that your child is receiving a quality education. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (660)783-2136.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Davison
Superintendent

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Mrs. Webb conducts the morning mat time with the preschoolers.



Preschoolers learn the ropes as they navigate the first few weeks of school.



Students raise their hand to answer questions during morning preschool.



Students have many questions that need to be answered by Mrs. Webb.

Preschool Power



By Tasha Stoll
Staff Reporter

The 2025-2026 school year has begun and there are tons of new student's in the building. From staying at home to now going to school for half of the day, this has been a good transition for the new preschoolers. The morning group includes Roman Eiberger, Greyson Gage, Ruby Hunter, Warren Libby, Vera Lindner, Riley Luke, Everleigh Maudlin, Boston McMillen, Tate Noble, Hazel Sagun, Emma Strough, Seth Strueby, and Brooklyn Wilmes. The afternoon class has five, including Maverick Butler, Calloway Horne, Evelyn Price, Rory Raymond, and Dolyn Tritten-Willis.

Mrs. Christina Webb, preschool teacher, stated "Preschool has been great so far for our 18 students. We have been working on routines, exploring our new classroom and getting to know our classmates. We've been learning the first letter in our

names, naming colors, counting objects and learning what it means to be a helpful and kind friend to others."

Mrs. Webb has planned some fun activities to keep the preschoolers engaged while still learning. Some of the activities are making green eggs and ham to wrap-up their week about the color green. Another one is having a touch-a-truck event in the back parking lot where the kids get inside and check out a variety of different vehicles.

It sounds like they have had a blast to kick off a new change in the kids' life! A big event happened and the preschool class was very excited about it, Homecoming! Mrs. Webb commented "We were very excited for the Homecoming parade!" We hope they had an amazing Homecoming week and an even better Homecoming day! Best of luck to Mrs. Webb and both preschool classes in their first year of school!

Interested in advertising in the Bokane (yearbook) or Bulldog's Bark? Email seckard@stanberryschools.org for details.

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Organizations Make Plans

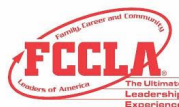
By Allie Schieber
Staff Reporter

With the new school year approaching, the organizations at Stanberry R-II have started up and have gotten together to plan this year's events--making it their best effort for a fun and educational experience for all.

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) held its first meeting, discussing their 50/50 raffle fundraiser, and arranging their Homecoming float, along with their annual field trip in November. President Cortney Merrigan was asked to share her thoughts on this upcoming year, commenting, "I'm excited to get more people involved and do fun activities throughout our organization."

The Student Council is staying super busy as always, planning all upcoming events, deciding who is going to decorate lockers, preparing Homecoming festivities, dances, Sportswarming, and Christmas activities.

FFA advisor Korrine Noble has met with her officers, drafting this year's fruit sales teams. Mrs. Noble stated, "I feel like we are in a good groove this year. We will be attending the National Convention this October, along with Feed a Farmer, and Barwarming for Harvest season. This spring, I hope to have good speakers and go far in CDEs. We have a very strong chapter, with 55



members, with lots of potential!"

FCCLA president, Hannah McQuinn, was asked how she felt about this upcoming year and stated, "I'm really excited we have a big chapter this year and to bring new ideas to the organization and have a lot of fun activities." The officer team has planned for the annual Regional Meeting in November and a field trip to Skyzone, along with their annual roll sales prior to Thanksgiving.

Lastly, the National Honor Society has been kicking off their year by selling lollipops to the elementary and primary on Wednesdays. They are also planning a labor auction where members will be auctioned off to do work for the winners. Members are also preparing for the NHS Induction Ceremony this spring.

As you can see, there is a lot of preparation work before the fun begins! The year is shaping up to be a fun one for all the organizations at Stanberry R-II.

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*, and *TikTok*!

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2025 Bulldog football team: front row Quinn Jensen, Jaxon Baker, Pax Schieber, William Ellsworth, Max Hilton, Luke Phipps, Lane McGinley, Rylan Worley, Kaleb Evans. Middle row Vincent Smithson, Hudson Groomer, Brenden Ledford, Jude Spence, Keegan Schultz, Brant Jensen, Sam Simbro, Parker Ginther. Back row Head Coach Shane Hilton, Drevyn Spence, Konnor Keough, Aiden Graham, Drew Parman, Jake Holtzclaw, Assistant Coach Jeffrey Maronde. Not pictured Assistant Coaches Chris Van Draska and Jerry McMillen.

Snapping Back into Football Season

By Tasha Stoll
Staff Reporter

The Stanberry Bulldogs have started the year off 0-4. On August 22nd, the football team played a jamboree at Worth County. The season officially kicked off August 28th against South Holt. We started off very strong; freshman Paxton Shieber took the opening kick off all the way to the house and had everyone fired up. Next, Drew Parman had a rushing touchdown to make the score 12-0. After a strong first quarter, the Knights rallied and, unfortunately, ended up outscoring the Bulldogs to walk away with the win.

Drew Parman stated, "I really enjoy leading the team as the quarterback. We have a lot of young talent for years to come. I am excited to have Pax on the team this year and am really looking forward to the next two years with him. We work really well together." Parman has been trying very hard to communicate and work well with the team and get some passes in. He has 98 rushing yards and 1 touchdown.

Paxton also stated, "Starting as a freshman has always been a big dream of mine, and I am very glad I can contribute to

the team as best as I can. We have a young team and can't wait to play for the next 3 years with these guys." Schieber has been a hard worker this season; he puts in a lot of time and effort. He has been racking his stats up this season with 252 rushing yards and 5 touchdowns. People can't wait to see what he brings to the team later on and how the team will refine their skills as the season advances.

In their game on September 12, the team played St. Joe Christian. They battled really hard in this game. The Bulldogs

started off great with Pax scoring three touchdowns in the first half. But the Lions fought right back. It was a high intensity game and exciting to watch. Even though they battled hard, Stanberry did come up short at the end of the game 58-32.

Coach Hilton commented, "I am looking forward to seeing how the boys improve as the season progresses. We are an extremely young team and have already shown a lot of positive progress."

The Bulldogs racked up another loss at Homecoming against the Pattonsburg Panthers, but are already looking towards their next game against Princeton where they hope to pick up their first win. It will be a great game. Go Bulldogs!



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2025 Bulldog Golf Team: Charlotte Jennings, Avery Calhoun, Eva Cameron, Addison Graham, Blanche Eckard, and Kylee Runde. Not pictured Head Coach Karla McQueen and Assistant Coach Tracey Wright

Conquering the Course

By Allie Schieber
Staff Reporter



Girls' golf is getting into the swing of things for this season! We are lucky to have three returning players: senior Eva Cameron, junior Avery Calhoun, and sophomore Blanche Eckard. The team also gained four new members this year: sophomore Tess Edson and freshmen Addison Graham, Kylee Runde, and Charlotte Jennings. The team is coached by Karla McQueen and assisted by Tracey Wright. Already, the girls have set the bar high for the season, taking first place as a team in three meets and second place in another meet.

Freshman Addison Graham has been generating a lot of buzz with placing first in her very first high school golf meet. She has placed first in three meets, and second in two meets; what a beast! Senior Eva Cameron also showed up and showed out by placing third and eighth in a couple of her meets. Charlotte Jennings has had a blast this

season, on and off the greens, doing an outstanding job with placing fifth in one of her meets. The only senior on the team, Eva Cameron, was asked to give a couple of words as to how she felt about this new season, and she stated, "This season has been great for us as a team and individually; we placed first at the Albany meet, Addi took first and I took third. At our Stanberry home meet we placed second. I knew our team was going to do some great things from our last meet we just had at Gallatin; we took 2nd as a team, and this was our first 18 hole meet. Addi and I both placed individually, but I'm just so happy with how our team did, and I can't wait to see how we do for the rest of the season!"

The Lady Bulldogs are already wrapping up their regular season and have GRC and Districts coming up in the next week at Cameron. We wish each of them the best of luck; keep up the outstanding work!



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JH/HS Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

Regular Honor Roll

7th Grade: Noah Beggs, Brantly Donovan, Harlan Eckard, Emilee Groven, Jared Henggeler, Quinn Heyde, Miguel Leon, Brenzlee Moffat, Gabby Regalado, Madelyn Sidwell, Trevor Strough

8th Grade: Baylee Albright, Drake Ginther, Addison Graham, Brenden Ledford, Kylee Runde, Emily Santa Cruz, Sam Simbro, Kaitlyn Van Draska, Kiara Willoughby, Madi Wilmes

9th Grade: Thor Cameron, Parker Evans, Lane McGinley, Allie Schieber, Keegan Schultz, Tasha Stoll, Alyssa Wallace

10th Grade: Alana Evans, Aiden Graham, Jax Heyde, Max Hilton, Konnor Keough

11th Grade: Olivia Blessing, Evan Gregory, Katie Libby, Lexie Rogers, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Jaren Stoll, Nathan Taylor, Dani Van Draska

12th Grade: Maranda Evans, Decker Heyde, Marli Hilton, Gabe Simbro, Calvin Smithson, Devin Strawhacker, Paige Woods

High Honor Roll

7th Grade: Quincy Cameron, Jaicee McGinley, Emily McMillan, Kayla McQuinn, Charlotte Schultz

8th Grade: Jaxon Baker, Zoey Chambers, Kaleb Evans, Harper Heyde, Alexa Horne, Charlotte Jennings, Quinn Jensen, Kaci Porterfield, Katelyn Shisler

9th Grade: Ellie Dias, Blanche Eckard, Hannah McMillan, Olivia McQuinn, Trinity Regalado

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

11th Grade: Eva Cameron, Hannah McQuinn, Cortney Merrigan, Ally Santa Cruz, Vincent Smithson, Hayden Swan

12th Grade: Brody Carroll, Decker Heyde, Paige Woods

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2025 Softball Team: front row Ellie Dias, Danielle Van Draska, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Hannah McQuinn, Ally Santa Cruz, Baylee Albright. Middle row Madison Wilmes, Zoey Chambers, Brooke Robinson, Kaitlyn Van Draska, Josi Moffat, Olivia McQuinn, Alexa Horne, Emily Santa Cruz. Back row Assistant Coach Kaitlyn Mattis, Kynzee Adcock, Tasha Stoll, Emma Mattson, Katelyn Shisler, Alyssa Wallace, Alana Evans, Allie Schieber, Harper Heyde, Head Coach Riley Gabbert.

Diving Back into Softball

By Tasha Stoll
Staff Reporter

For the 2025 high school softball season, there are 22 girls on the team. This year's head coach is Riley Gabbert, and the assistant coach is Kaitlyn Mattis. Seniors are Hannah McQuinn, Dani Van Draska, Ally Santa Cruz, and Kenzi Santa Cruz. Juniors are Brooke Robinson, Josi Moffat, and Alana Evans. Sophomores are Alyssa Wallace, Allie Schieber, Tasha Stoll, Kynzee Adcock, Olivia McQuinn, Ellie Dias, and Emma Mattson. Freshmen are Harper Heyde, Katelyn Shisler, Zoey Chambers, Alexa Horne, Madison Wilmes, Baylee Albright, Kaitlyn Van Draska, and Emily Santa Cruz.

The team has had a great start so far, beginning with the jamboree on August 23rd. The Lady Bulldogs went 3-0, beating DeKalb,

Stewartsville, Osborn, and Albany. On September 2nd, the team took on Albany at home and played an outstanding game. They came out on top with the final score being 7-4. Coach Gabbert stated her goals for this softball season are, "to see the team improve throughout the season, come together as a team, and continually work hard even when things get tough."

Individually, Alyssa has had a great pitching season so far, with multiple strikeouts to rack up her stats. Olivia has also been doing an amazing job and stepping up now that Alyssa is recovering from an injury. The bats on this team are unbelievable this year, also. Harper hit her first home run against North Harrison, and the team came out with a big win that game, 16-1. In

addition, Tasha has hit two home runs this season, but each time the team has come up short by one run against Worth County and North Platte.

The first tournament the team played at was the Bill Hill Tournament in Albany, on September 6th. They won their first two games against North Andrew and King City. They came out a little weak at first and then picked it back up around the 4th inning and started playing like the team they are. They then played Albany in the championship game. The girls were getting tired and hot from playing all day, but they were battling as much as they could; they sadly came up short at the end of the game.

On September 11th, the Lady Bulldogs played Princeton. The outfield had excellent catches that had a huge effect on the game. Allie, Josi, and Dani didn't let a ball drop in their zone; they kept it nice and tidy out there. The infield, Ellie,

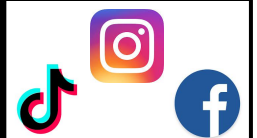
Kynzee, Brooke, Tasha, Alyssa, and Harper, weren't letting anything past them and kept their gloves down and heads up. Kynzee had unbelievable stops at shortstop. She used her body like a shield; she didn't care how bad it would hurt because she knew stopping the ball was more important. The Lady Bulldogs came up on top of the scoreboard 7-5.

When asked about this year's team, Alyssa declared, "I am really excited for this season, we have a lot of potential and are a very young team. I feel like we have improved a lot already, and we just need to stay positive no matter what the situation is. This team is already bonding very well, and I'm very thrilled to see where this season leads us!" This team has shown they can stay tough through rough games and are willing to have each other to pick one another up when needed. Here's to a great start to softball season!

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Tackling the Beginning of the Season

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter



The junior high football team is starting off a new season. This year the team consists of 24 players, 9 of those are returning eighth graders with 15 new seventh graders. The Bulldogs are coached by Nate Horne and assisted by Tyler Schwebach. Coach Horne commented about the season, "This year I'm excited to see the athleticism coming up from a young age evolving and progressing up toward the high-school level, incorporating our new talent with our returning players and molding them into a successful team. We have been working on fundamentals and the basics on both sides of the football more, and my goals for the team would be to teach them a life long lesson of working together with others, looking out for each other, and helping each other when they get down, always stay positive." "Eighth grader Chandler Albright said his goal

is, "to become a starter and score a touchdown."

The Bulldogs have had a rough start this season trying to adjust. Their first game was on Monday, September 8th, the Bulldog football team traveled to North Andrew. They played hard but came up short, the score was 0-36 North Andrew. Quarterback Grayson Wiederholt stated his goals are, "to have a winning season and to have fun playing football. I want to keep improving on my throws." The next two games proved to work towards Grayson's goals. The Bulldogs played the St. Joseph Christian Lions on September 15th and won 26-14. The next week they had a whopper of a game coming back to tie against King City in overtime.

The team is half way through their season and will wrap up against Princeton and Worth County in the coming weeks.



2025 JH Bulldog football: front row Lucas Bond, Brady McMillen, Chandler Albright, Kayden Welch, Trevin Smithson, Eli Meyer, Lane McGinley, Ian Jensen, Austin Sterkis. Middle row Head Coach Nate Horne, Kasyn Redig, Blaze Hutchcraft, Carter Mattson, Owen Dias, Isaac Jensen, Grayson Wiederholt, Ryker Horne, Hudson Hague, Assistant Coach Tyler Schwebach. Back row Trevor Strough, Alex Holtzclaw, Harlan Eckard, Owen Shisler, Caiden Jensen, Jared Henggeler, Noah Beggs.



2025 JH Softball Team: front row Kynnadi Schieber, Waverly Groomer, Quinn Heyde, Emilee Groven, Macie Baumli, Sophia Sager, Lexi Appley. Back row assistant coach Reagan Craig, Lauren Henggeler, Kayla McQuinn, Emily McMillan, Madelyn Sidwell, Jaicee McGinley, head coach Rachael Luke.

Into the Swing of Things

By Olivia McQuinn
Staff Reporter



The junior high softball girls are back in action! The returning eighth graders are Jaicee McGinley, Kayla McQuinn, Quinn Heyde, Emilee Groven, Madelyn Sidwell, and Emily McMillan. The new seventh graders joining the team are Waverly Groomer, Lexi Appley, Kynnadi Schieber, Macie Baumli, Lauren Henggeler, and Sophia Sager. The Bulldogs' head coach is Rachael Luke, and their assistant coach is Reagan Craig.

The Lady Bulldogs started the new season off with a bang, winning at Maysville 15-2. Jaicee started on the mound with Waverly coming in for relief. Balls were flying off the bats as the girls hit up and down the lineup, Emilee dominating with a home run! When Jaicee was asked about the season, she said, "I'm excited for this upcoming season because I think we have a lot of talent coming up from the 7th graders.

We've been working really hard in practice so I'm excited to see how that translates to a game."

On the road again to Worth County, the girls fought hard, but the game ended in a tie 3-3. Waverly kicked off the game with great pitching, with Jaicee coming in to finish off the game. Kynnadi commented on the season, "This season is going to be a fresh start for everyone, and I'm excited to see how it goes."

The first home game for the Lady Bulldogs went well. They beat Princeton 7-3. The girls had great defense around the diamond with bats going crazy. When asked about the season, Coach Luke replied, "I am super excited for this season. We are a small team this year, but we have a lot of talent. I can't wait to see what these girls can accomplish on the field!"

The Bulldogs wrap up their season this week so make sure to go check them out!

OPINION

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It's
Your
Call



*What was your favorite
summer activity?*

By Lindsey Hailey
Staff Reporter



Seventh grader
Waverly Groomer,
"Softball."



Seventh grader
Gunner Edson,
"Fishing."



Fourth grader
Wyatt Taylor,
"Swimming."



Fifth Grader
Molly Sidwell,
"Swimming."



High School Art Teacher
Natalie Strough,
"Our first family vacation."



High School Principal
Jason Dias,
"Camping."



Sophomore
Lane McGinley,
"Golfing."



Junior
Brooke Robinson,
"Hanging out with
friends."

Survey Results

By Tasha Stoll
Staff Reporter

Students in grades 7-12
were asked the question: What
is your favorite Fall movie? 56
students responded.

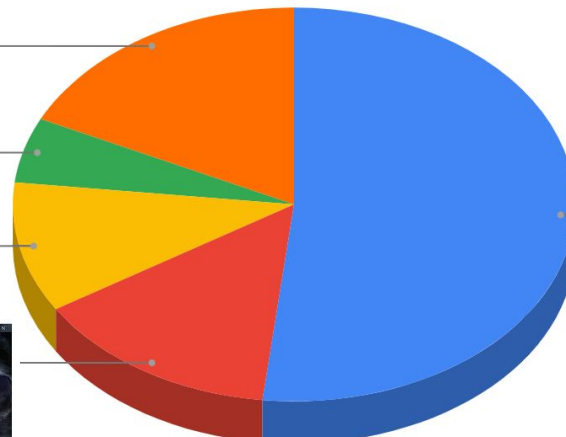
Their options included
Hocus Pocus, *Twilight*, *Edward
Scissorhands*, *The Texas
Chainsaw Massacre*, *Halloween
Town*.

The Texas Chain Saw...
17.9%

Edward Scissorhands
5.4%

Halloween Town
10.7%

Twilight
14.3%



Hocus Pocus
51.8%



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. The information on the first staff member is to the right. Who do you think it is?



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scholarship opportunities associated with the military. Under law, parents may also opt out of providing this directory information to third parties as well as military recruiters upon notification to the school. While we will accommodate our armed services we will continue to be cautious in releasing information as we have in the past unless law requires us to do otherwise.

Jason Dias
Principal
Stanberry High School

October Activities

Wednesday, October 1st-8:45-STEM class to Amelia Earhart Museum
Thursday, October 2nd

7:45-FFA@NWMSU (Fall CDE's)
5:00-JHSB@Callatin
5:30-VSB@Home-Gallatin

Friday, October 3rd-7:00-VFB@Princeton

Saturday, October 4th-Clarinda Band Jamboree

Monday, October 6th

-NO SCHOOL-TEACHER IN-SERVICE_
9:00-GG@GRC (Cameron)
5:00-VSB@St. Joe Lafayette
5:30-JHSB@Albany
5:00-JHFB@Princeton
6:30-JVFB@Princeton

Tuesday, October 7th-4:00-Elementary Academic Meet @ Maysville

Wednesday, October 8th

7:30-DocuDrama
8:00-Herzog Career Day

Thursday, October 9th

9:00-NWMSU University College Fair
5:30-VSB@Home-Stewartsville

Friday, October 10th-7:00-VFB@Worth County

Saturday, October 11th-6:30-FFA Barnwarming

Monday, October 13th

5:00-JHFB@Worth County
6:30-JVFB@Worth County

Tuesday, October 14th-4:00-Elementary Academic Meet @ Home

Wednesday, October 15th-12:45-Picture Make-up Day

Thursday, October 16th-FCCLA Regional Meeting

Friday, October 17th

End of 1st Quarter
7:00-VFB@Home-Albany-Senior Night

Saturday, October 18th-Cameron MarchFest

Monday, October 20th

6:30-Junior/Senior Financial Aid Meeting
7:00-BOE Meeting

Tuesday, October 21st

4:00-Elementary Academic Meet@Home
5:30-JHBB@North Nodaway

Wednesday, October 22nd-Build Your Future-Construction Career Day

Thursday, October 23-NO SCHOOL-PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Friday, October 24th-NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK

7:00-VFB@North Andrew

Saturday, October 25th

NWMSU Homecoming Parade
Choir All-District/All-State Auditions

Monday, October 27th

FFA National Convention
5:00-7:00-STEAM Night

Tuesday, October 28th

FFA National Convention
4:00-ELEmentary Academic Meet @ Union Start
5:30-JHBB@Home-King City

Wednesday, October 29th-FFA National Convention

Thursday, October 30th

FFA National Convention
5:30-JHBB@Home-Worth County

Friday, October 31st-HALLOWEEN

Book Fair