



News From the School Hallways

Senior Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate services for graduating seniors will be Sunday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held at Mamrelund Lutheran Church in Stanton

Stanton Graduation

The Stanton Senior Graduation Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 17th at 7 p.m. in the Stanton High School Gym.

School Counselor Corner

Awards Day Program

When: Friday, May 9th

Time: 1:00 pm

Where: Stanton High School Gymnasium

8th Grade Parent Meeting

8th-grade parents/guardians and students will meet to prepare for next school year. We will talk about Stanton High School graduation requirements and look over and review your students 4-year plan!

When: Monday, May 5th

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: STEM Room

Prom Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the incredible individuals and organizations who made Stanton's 2025 Prom a night to remember! Thank you to Addison Olson and Josi Strange for capturing our memories through beautiful photographs.

A special thanks to our valet team: Chris Stephens, Ryan Hart, Kyle Wallace, Zack Ward, Thomas Bates, Mike Dreyer, Jonathan Lantz, Jeff Grebin, Justin Miller, and Andrew Norris—your help in keeping the night running smoothly was greatly appreciated! Also thank you to Nikki Schwarte and Adam Cooper for jumping in and helping with transporting cars.

We are grateful to J' Bruners for catering our delicious meal and to DJ Jenny and her family for keeping the dance floor alive and full of energy. To everyone who helped with setting up and taking down chairs—there were too many of you to name, but your time and teamwork meant the world to us. Thank you to Mr. Lantz for announcing our prom attendees so wonderfully, and to Accura Healthcare of Stanton for inviting us down for a special walk-through.

We appreciate the City of Stanton for allowing us to block off the street for our event and Ashley Weihe for your help setting up the balloon arches that added a magical touch. Thank you to Mickey Anderson for generously letting us borrow folding chairs to accommodate our guests. And finally, a very big thank you to Tim Johnson for everything he did to make our night so special—your dedication and support did not go unnoticed. Thank you all for helping us make Stanton Prom 2025 an unforgettable celebration.

Music, Music, Music!

May 3 - Our combined HS and JH Band will be competing in the 39th Annual Richard Simpson Band Festival held at the Red Oak High School.

May 9th - Iowa High School Large Group Contest in Atlantic.

May 24th - 86th North Iowa Band Festival Parade and Marching Band Competition in Mason City, Iowa. The band will then go to Adventureland and march through the park and spend the rest of the day enjoying the rides.

The HS Choir will be performing at graduation on Sat. May 17.

The JH Choir will be performing at the 8th Grade graduation on Mon.

May 19.

From Our Principal

Stanton Community Schools has the following job opportunities:

- Paraeducator
- Kitchen Assistant
- Dishwasher
- Van Route Driver
- .5 FTE Elementary Teacher
- .5 FTE K-12 Art Teacher
- Part Time ESL Instructor
- Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Temporary Summer Custodial Assistant
- Student Council Sponsor

Teammates Mentoring of Stanton is looking for additional mentors to join our program. If you would like to make a difference and apply to become a mentor, you can find application information at www.teammates.org. If you have any questions regarding mentoring, please contact either Ashley McDonald or Katie Elwood at 712-829-2162.

Reminder:

All negative lunch balances, textbook fees and any damage fees should be paid before the last day of school. All seniors must pay any fees accrued (including negative lunch balances) by Friday afternoon, May 10. Please make the proper arrangements to get all fees, etc. taken care as soon as possible.

FFA NEWS

Stanton FFA Participates at the 97th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

Over 7,000 FFA members, advisors, and guests attended the 97th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference in Ames, Iowa, April 13th – 15th. Five Stanton FFA members represented our community at the event.

Monday, students connected with others at the Career Show, watched Leadership Development Events (LDEs), and participated in workshops. Two of our members advanced to the State level in LDEs. Clark Spencer received a bronze in Extemporaneous Speaking. During the 1st General Session Clark was presented his Agriscience-Integrated Systems Proficiency Award plaque. Clark was named the state winner in this proficiency award area.

During the Business Session, on Tuesday, April 15th, Clark and Grant Spencer served as voting delegates. Addison Spencer took the Discovery Knowledge Quiz with 70 other 7th and 8th grade members. Addison received gold and was 2nd place overall. She received her medallion on stage during the 4th General Session.

Both Nick Herrick and Gabe Kingery were selected to perform with the Iowa FFA Band. Nick performed with the trombone and Gabe performed with the trumpet. They performed some great pieces during the 3rd and 4th General Sessions.

Clark Spencer opened the 4th General Session by singing the National Anthem. Clark was recognized as one of 4 Stars in Agriscience. Star finalists are the top of all of the Iowa FFA Degree recipients and go through an interview process that reviews their Supervised Agricultural Experiences. The Stars are all recognized with a plaque on stage. Standing with Clark were his advisors and parents, Alan and Andrea Spencer, and his Superintendent, Mr. David Gute. During the Career Development Event (CDE) recognition, Clark was recognized for having placed 1st Place individual in the Soils Evaluation Contest. Ella Peterson and Clark Spencer both received their Iowa FFA Degrees. To earn an Iowa FFA Degree a member had to invest over 375 hours of work outside of classroom instructional time, complete 25 hours of community service, document skills obtained, and have active participation at and above the local FFA Chapter.

Summarized Results:

Leadership Development Event Results:

State Extemporaneous Speaking – Bronze, Clark Spencer

State Discovery Knowledge Quiz – Gold, Addison Spencer

Career Development Event Results:

State Soils Evaluation – Gold, 1st Place Individual, Clark Spencer

Delegates:

Clark and Grant Spencer represented the Chapter during the Business Session.

Band Members:

Nick Herrick (trombone) and Gabe Kingery (trumpet) performed musical pieces with the Iowa FFA Band.

State Proficiency Awards:

Clark Spencer was the State winner in the area of Agriscience – Integrated Systems.

Iowa FFA Degree:

Ella Peterson and Clark Spencer received the Iowa FFA Degree.

Clark Spencer was and Agriscience Star Finalist.

National Anthem

Clark Spencer sang the National Anthem to open the 4th General Session.

Around the Oval

JH Girls Track

The junior high girls track team have two meets in the books for this season and look forward to their meet at F-M on Friday. The girls continue to improve every time, throw and jump at practice and in competition. In their last meet at Griswold on April 17 th, the 11 girls in action scored enough points for a third place finish out of the 10 teams competing. Next week, the team will be in action at the SWV meet on Friday, May 9th. If you have not been to a junior high meet this season, take the time to come – you will not be disappointed!

High School Girls Track

The Stanton Viqueens have been very busy the past few weeks! The team has been in action at Lenox, Clarinda, Creston, Shenandoah, Atlantic, and Fremont-Mills. The students have been working to improve their season bests and personal bests. Hannah Olson broke the school record in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.33. Congratulations! The team is very excited for the upcoming Corner Conference meet at Griswold on Tuesday, May 6th. We will also be at Griswold for the 1A state qualifying meet on Thursday, May 15th. The senior class of Victoria Fletchall, Kyla Hart, Lauren Johnson, and Hannah Olson are such amazing leaders and young people!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK




MYTH ALLEN

"Myth is talented and gifted and creative! She is a good neighbor to her classmates and her art work inspires others!"




STUDENT OF THE WEEK



BRODEE SOWERS

"Brodee has been wonderful to help our younger students learn the skill of throwing a discus in track. He is understanding and presents information in a way that his younger peers understand and does a great job relating to the young tracksters. He always reminds them to let him know if he can help them in any way. Brodee is an excellent example of a student who takes a leadership role willingly."



What's Cookin?

Monday, May 5: Breakfast: Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, Potato Smiles, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Cherry Crisp, Milk.

Tuesday, May 6: Breakfast: Bagel Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas, Green Beans, Pineapple, Pears, Roll, Milk.

Wednesday, May 7: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Burrito/Hot Dog, Corn, Ranchero Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Peachers, Milk.

Thursday, May 8: Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Ravioli, Lettuce, Carrots, String Cheese, Pears, Applesauce, Breadstick, Milk.

Friday, May 9: Breakfast: Omelet, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Pizza Crunchers, Broccoli Salad, French Fries, Grapes, Applesauce, Milk.

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 2

4:00 JH Track at F-M
Girls Tennis at Red Oak
Boys Soccer vs. Lewis Central
BB/SB Practice Begins

Monday, May 5

5:00 8th Grade Parent Mtg – Stem Room
Boys Golf at Red Oak
Girls Golf at Creston

Tuesday, May 6

4:30 HS Corner Conf Track at F-M
Boys/Girls Golf at Atlantic

Wednesday, May 7

1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal
Boys H10 Golf at Creston
Girls H10 Tennis at Red Oak

Thursday, May 8

4:00 HS G/B Track at SWV
G/B at Soccer at Red Oak

Friday, May 9

1:00 Awards Program
4:00 JH Track at F-M
State Large Group Music

Solo Small Group Contest – April 12th at ACGC – Guthrie Center

Division III Rating (Good) - Gabe Kingery - Vocal Solo

Division II Rating (Excellent) Jayden Snow – Saxophone Solo, Victoria Fletchall – Clarinet Solo, Corinne Hopf – Piano Solo, Grace Koppa – Vocal Solo, Mixed Duet – Gabe Kingery and Bree Mitchell, Girls Sextet – Hannah Gibbs, Gabi Grebin, Alizabeth Maranville, Maria Neal, Castor Newsome, Janae Schwery. Mixed Quartet – Bree Mitchell, Castor Newsome, Clark Spencer, Devon Taylor, Boys Double Quartet – Zooey Allen, Nick Herrick, Gabe Kingery, Dylan McCollum, Jayden Snow, Clark Spencer, Grant Spencer, Devon Taylor.

Division I Rating (Superior) Nick Herrick – Trombone Solo, Corinne Hopf – Flute Solo, Gabe Kingery – Trumpet Solo, Janae Schwery – Vocal Solo, Clarke Spencer – Vocal Solo, Varsity Choir – Soprano – Riley Burke, Hannah Gibbs, Alizabeth Maranville, Janae Schwery, Kyla Hart, Castor Newsome, Alto – Gabi Grebin, Grace Koppa, Bree Mitchell, Maria Neal, Tenor – Zooey Allen, Kennedy King, Rylan Grebin, Dylan McCollum, Clark Spencer, Devon Taylor, Bass – Nick Herrick, Gabe Kingery, Jayden Snow, Grant Spencer, Max Yeager.

Richard Simpson Band Festival

The JH/HS Band will be competing at the Richard Simpson Band Festival this Saturday in the Red Oak High School Auditorium. Our band will perform at 10:30am. The public is invited to attend.

Large Group Music Contest

The High School Choir will be competing in the 1-A Division on Friday May 9th in the Atlantic High School Auditorium. The choir will perform at 6:45 pm. The public is invited to attend.

Battle of the Books Results

Congratulations to all Stanton Battle of the Books Teams in the Ultimate Battle on April 16, 2025. All teams from Stanton advanced to the Ultimate Battle, including the following students:

The Rizzy Readers

Sloane Richards
Quinn McDonald
Rhys King
Olivia Nenneman

Lunch Ladies

Natalie Ward
Emmett Case
Elsie Vance
Logan Hopf
Cooper Stephens
Gracelyn Mass

We're Booked Solid

Jonah Shipp
Danika Mitchell
Trent Sunderman
Lucy Dreyer
Tucker Norris

We're Booked Solid tied with Saint Albert for 1st place. After 9 brutal tie breakers, Saint Albert came away with 1st! We're Booked Solid held their own and did a marvelous job, congratulations!

Community Events

Community Happenings

Sat., May 3 Stanton City Wide Garage Sales

Sat., May 3 Stanton City Wide Clean Up day

Can Play Summer 2025 Baseball League

Its baseball season!In partnership the Clarinda, Iowa Parks and Recreation Dept, Maryville, Mo Parks and Recreation Dept. and the Montgomery County Family YMCA – Red Oak, Iowa offer the 2025 Can Play Baseball League!! A free non-competitive baseball league for children between the ages of 5-18 with developmental disabilities. See attachment for more details. No prior sports experience required..no equipment required. All play equipment will be provided..volunteers will provide on field assistance with play. Uniforms for all players will be provided. All disabilities types are accommodated for play. This is a unique fun safe sport opportunity for children who would not otherwise have such opportunity. Games played in Clarinda, Iowa beginning Sunday, June 1st with other game days of June 8th, June 15th and June 21st. Sign up now at [Can Play Sports – Montgomery County Family YMCA](#)

