#### School Activities

#### Stanton FFA

Congratulations to the State Science Fair Team! On Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5, seven Stanton students participated in the State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa in Ames, Iowa. They competed against 460 other projects at the event in Hilton Coliseum.

6th Graders: Ryan Baber - "Colorless Candies", Honorable Mention in the 6th Grade Chemistry Category Logan Hopf - "Materials Matter to Withstand an Earthquake", Honorable Mention in the 6th Grade Engineering Category

7th Graders: Elisabeth Kutzli - "Hot Air Balloons", 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Physics & Astronomy Category Grace Roberts - "How Different Drinks Effect Teeth" Addison Spencer - "Yellow Mealworms for Waste Composting", also participated in the Iowa FFA Agriscience Fair

High Schoolers: Clark Spencer - "Analysis of the Effects of Wildfire Particulate Matter on Corn Yields in Southwest Iowa", received the SSTFI 6-Year Award (plaque and \$100) for participating in the event for 6 years, the US Agency for International Development for Innovative Science State Award, and a \$1000 scholarship from Loras College. In the FFA Agriscience Fair, Clark received 3rd place in the Plant Science category.

Grant Spencer - "Water Quality Testing for Optimal Hydroponic Plant Growth", also participated in the Iowa FFA Agriscience Fair

Students spent two days discussing their research with judges and the public, attending workshops and tours, hearing from career scientists and attending the award ceremonies.

## State Solo Ensemble Contest!

The following students are preparing to compete in the State Solo Ensemble Contest in Lenox on Saturday, April 13th. Taking vocal solos are Caster Newsome, Dylan Reynolds, Clark Spencer and Devon Taylor. Taking instrumental solos are Nick Herrick and Corinne Hopf. Taking vocal duets are Clark and Grant Spencer and Grace Koppa and Caster Newsome. The High School Choir will be performing at the State Large Group Contest on Friday, May 3 also in Lenox.

## **Athletics**

# **Booster Club Athletic Banquet**

The athletic banquet is Friday, April 19th at 6 pm. High school athletes, cheerleaders, and managers will have their meal paid for by the Booster Club. The cost for the meal is \$8 per person and can be paid at the door!

## Junior High Track

The junior high team is very excited for their first meet of the season on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> in Griswold. The meet will begin at 4:00. We have 30 athletes participating in track this season. They athletes have been working hard on their events and are looking forward to their first meet!

# **High School Softball Meeting**

There will be a softball parent meeting for all 8th-12th grade softball parents on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ 5:30pm in the HS library. If you are unable to attend, please contact Brandie @ 712-370-7801or bmcfarland@stantonschools.com.



#### Weight Room Hours

Monday: 6:15 AM

Tuesday: 6:30 AM & 3:30 PM Wednesday: 6:15 AM & 1:30 PM

Thursday: 6:30 AM

Friday: 6:15 AM & 3:30 PM

Weight Room hours are for 6th grade and above.

# Staff Highlights

## Shawna Olson - Paraeducator

Mrs. Olson was born in Willmar, Minnesota and grew up in Tennessee. She moved to lowa when she was 10 years old and moved to Stanton when she was in the 8th grade. Mrs. Olson graduated from Stanton High School in 2001 and has several semesters of college in various areas of study. Mrs. Olson is married to Karl Olson, a local farmer who also works in the agronomy department at New Co-Op. Their daughter Addison Olson attends Simpson College, majoring in graphic design. Their daughter Hannah Olson is a junior at Stanton and their son Caedmon is a freshman at Stanton.

Her hobbies include reading books, writing devotions, helping her husband during harvest, cooking, and taking care of the farm critters (bottle calves, pigs, a horse, farm cats, two dogs, chickens, and two house cats). She is also involved in church activities, youth group leader and drummer/singer on the worship team.

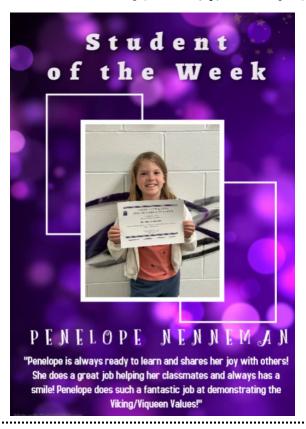
Mrs. Olson's favorite things about working at Stanton include helping with the elementary musical this year and seeing those kids excel, working with some of the best teachers she has ever seen, and having wonderful staff to work with. They truly care about the kids and have become fantastic friends.

## Ashton Biddenback - Paraeducator

Mrs. Biddenback's hometown is Bedford, Iowa. She attended Bedford Community School before going to Southwestern Community College. Mrs. Biddenback is married to her husband Karl. They have a son named William.

Her hobbies include sewing and going on walks with Will and their dog Crackerjack. Her favorite thing about working at Stanton Community Schools is helping the kindergarten students with Math. She also enjoys helping students with kickball or 4 square at PE and recess.

# SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS OF THE WEEK





Thank you to all who supported the Spring Bookfair at Stanton Elementary. It was a huge success again this year. We will be able to purchase over \$1000.00 worth of new books for our school library.

U	pcoming Events		
Fri, April 12th	7:00 Soccer at Clarke		
Sat., April 13 <sup>th</sup>	State Solo/Ensemble Contest		
	9:00 Soccer Tourn. At Atlantic		
Mon, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	State FFA		
	Jr High Field Trip		
	HS G & B Track at Lenox		
	4:00 Golf at Leon		
Tues., April 16th	State FFA		
	HS G & B Track at Atlantic		
	4:00 Golf at Griswold		
	7:00 Soccer at Glenwood		
Wed., April 17 <sup>th</sup>	1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal		
Thurs., April 18th	HS G & B Track at SWV		
	6:30 Soccer at Lewis Central		
Fri., April 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 Athletic Banquet		
	6:00 Soccer at Atlantic		
Sat., April 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 Soccer JV Tourn at		
	Glenwood		
	10:00 Soccer Tourn at		
	Glenwood		
	Boys Golf at Sidney		

Lunch and Breakfast Menu					
Mon., April 15th	Breakfast: Cereal Bar, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk				
	Lunch: Stuffed Crust Pizza, Lettuce,				
	Celery, Applesauce, Pears, Milk				
Tues, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast: Donut Holes, Muffin, Fruit, juice, Milk				
	Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Baked				
	Beans, Coleslaw,				
	Pineapple/Oranges, Banana				
	Muffin, Milk				
Wed. April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich,				
	Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk				
	Lunch: Sloppy Joe, Cheesy				
	Broccoli, Tri Tater, Mandarin				
	Oranges, Apple Crisp, Milk				
Thurs, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast: Oatmeal Bar, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk				
	Lunch: Tuna Noodle Casserole.				
	Peas, Green Beans, Peaches,				
	Mixed Fruit, Milk				
Eri April 10th	,				
Fri. April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast: Bacon & Egg Pizza,				
	Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk				
	Lunch: Pizza Crunchers, Lettuce,				
	Carrots, Pears, Mangos, Milk				

## **Community News**

The Stanton Community Garden plots are now available for rent. The garden is located on the north side of the Stanton Fire Station. Plots are \$15/plot and 4'x8'. For an application or more information, contact Justin Miller at the Stanton Viking Center at <a href="wikingcenter@myfmtc.com">wikingcenter@myfmtc.com</a> or (712)829-2900.

The Montgomery County YMCA and Clarinda Parks and Rec Department are collaborating for 2024 Can Play Baseball to offer an adaptive Co-Ed baseball program. The program is for pre-school through age 18 children with cognitive, physical, or other conditions that prevent them from participating in other leagues. Please contact the Red Oak YMCA or register on-line for the program.