

Louisburg cheerleaders shine at FCCJC contest



The Louisburg fifth- and sixth-grade cheerleaders finished first in cheer and second in dance at the FCCJC cheer and dance competition on Nov. 20 in Olathe. Members of the team are (front row, from left) Sophie Katzer, Brinley White, Ali Marie Dubinick, Jenna Cauthon; (second row) Darci Stone, Bronwynn Williams, Dannah Knipp, Audrey Anderson, Sophie Goode, Ava Halbert; (third row) Ava Bilyeu, Julia Arriola, Isabel Bond, Maddie O'Keefe, Anna Poe, Ashley Bell; (back row) Izzy Moreland, Brooklyn Harmon, Rylee Hickey, Ashleigh Moore, Riley Haas, Maggie Madison, Taylor Curry and Jolie Hendrickson. Not pictured are Maddy Carpenter-Ross and Bria McMahon.

Whether it was in the youngest division or the oldest, the Louisburg cheerleading teams made a statement during the Football and Cheerleading Club of Johnson County (FCCJC) cheer and dance competition.

All three Louisburg squads earned top marks during the Nov. 20 competition at Olathe North High School.

The fifth- and sixth-grade team, which is coached by Jackie Bond, Nicole Bruner and Becki Madison, performed well as it finished in the top two in both the dance and cheer categories.

The group of Sophie Katzer, Brinley White, Ali Marie Dubinick, Jenna Cauthon, Darci Stone, Bronwynn Williams, Dannah Knipp, Audrey Anderson, Sophie Goode, Ava Halbert, Ava Bilyeu, Julia Arriola, Isabel Bond, Maddie O'Keefe, Anna Poe, Ashley Bell, Izzy Moreland, Brooklyn Harmon, Rylee Hickey, Ashleigh Moore, Riley Haas, Maggie Madison, Taylor Curry, Jolie Hendrickson, Maddy Carpenter-Ross and Bria McMahon came in first in the cheer contest and went on to take second in dance.

"We are so proud of these girls," coach Bond said. "They started practicing this past July. In August they tried out for advanced stunting certification and passed. This allowed them to cradle and log-roll. This was a big accomplishment especially for a squad this large with so many new members.

"As we entered the hallway right before we competed, they were so nervous. Much more nervous than I have ever seen them. But once they took the mat the magic started. They came out as the largest squad performing that day and really nailed their performances. So many told me after they performed that they had this one. We could not be more proud of what they accomplished this year and for their determination to not only win but to work hard to achieve their dreams. We asked a lot of them this last month and they not only rose to the challenge but made us extra proud in the process."



The Louisburg kindergarten through second grade cheerleading team finished first in cheer and second place in dance during the FCCJC Cheer and Dance Competition on Nov. 20 in Olathe. Members of the team are (front row, from left) are Evalyn Cannon, Afton Stuteville, Brianna Curry, Bella Pickman; (back row) Leah Burk, Emersynn Deere, Allison Bell, Kimmie Powl, McKinley Harmon and Reese Anderson.

Louisburg's kindergarten, first- and second-grade group of Evalyn Cannon, Afton Stuteville, Brianna Curry, Bella Pickman, Leah Burk, Emersynn Deere, Allison Bell, Kimmie Powl, McKinley Harmon and Reese Anderson also finished first in the cheer competition and went on to take runner-up in dance.

The team, which was coached by Mindy Bell and Becky Harmon, put together a strong performance at the best possible time.

"The girls worked very hard this year on their routines and it paid off," coach Bell said. "Coach Becky and myself are very proud of how much they learned this season."



Members of the Louisburg third- and fourth-grade cheerleading team are (front row, from left) coach Gracie Waite and coach Kim Burk; (middle row) Jessica Felder, Maddie Hughes, Kylie Knight, Kaylee Crooks; (back row) Jocelyn Burk, Shyloh Waite and Keelie Spillman. The team finished in third place in both the cheer and dance competition on Nov. 20

Success also followed the third- and fourth-grade team as the Wildcat group of Keelie Spillman, Shyloh Waite, Kaylee Crooks, Jocelyn Burk, Maddie Hughes, Kylie Knight and Jessica Felder brought home third place trophies in both cheer and dance.

Coaches Gracie Waite and Kim Burk led the group of girls all season and both were happy to see the girls' hard work pay off.

"We had an incredible squad of girls," coach Waite said. "Every time they came to practice they worked hard and didn't quit. I could not be more proud of them and everything we

accomplished as a team this season.”

For those interested in joining the cheer squads for next season, sign-ups will begin in February. For more information, contact Jackie Bond at louisburgcheer@outlook.com.