

# The Ram Page

Happy Halloween

Scott City Middle School

Scott City, Missouri

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## Middle School Girls Compete in World Series

By: Allyson

I sat down with the Scott City Middle School members of the girls Little League ten and under softball team that went to the Treasure Chest World Series this past summer. The event took place in late July and early August at Jensen Beach, Florida. First, I asked Alyssa how her team made it to the World Series. She said they practiced every single day of the week and they danced before every game to get all their nerves out. The next question I asked was how many teams they beat while playing there. She said they beat about five teams. The next question I asked was if they had fun at the tournament. She said, "Yeah, we had a lot of fun." The last question I asked was what was the best part of it all. Lily said, "When we came in seventh place at the World Series." Alyssa said, "When we had a party after we won and got to swim and have a pizza party in my room." Journey said, "Yes, we had fun at the tournament. We got to play a lot of games together and go to the beach." She said the best part of it all was hanging out together and playing ball together. Finally, I asked Logan and she said, "Yes, I had fun at the tournament. We had fun whenever our team hit so many home runs. The best part of it for me was winning Regionals." Congratulations, girls!



Members of the girls 10U softball team that went to the Treasure Coast World Series this summer in Florida. Back row: Logan, Journey, & Alysa. Front row: Lily & Maggie.

### Quote of the Month -

By: Allyson

**"If you respect your profession, others will respect it—and you, too"**

## SC High Begins Random Drug Testing of Students

By: Lillie

I sat down with high school principal, Mike Johnson, and asked him a few questions about the new drug testing policy in the high school. The first drug test was conducted on August 26th. The administration thought that the drug testing might help students to say no in order to stay involved in a club or sport. It also makes the student think of another factor. Instead of making a selfish decision, they might think about their teammates. The first drug test started small with just ten students. Mr. Johnson uses a rolling of the dice system with a witness to select the students at random. One of the questions I asked was what the penalties were for testing positive. He clarified that if students did test positive that they wouldn't be turned in to the police, but would be suspended for 15 days from the activity or sport they participate in and that the office would notify the coaches, sponsors, and parents. The second time a student tests positive, a 90 day

## Reading Plus Renewed

By: Lizzy

As you may know, we have started the Reading Plus program back up here at SCMS! I decided to talk to sixth grade ELA teacher, Mrs. Howell, and see what she thinks about the program. Mrs. Howell said that she loves Reading Plus! She said it helps her (as a teacher) understand where kids are at in their reading abilities. When Mrs. Howell first began using Reading Plus she thought that it would be just another thing to do in class. But now that she has used it more often, Mrs. Howell realizes how much it can and will help her with her students. The kids are really enjoying the program this year and leveling up in their reading! Reading Plus is about helping kids read faster and also helps with their comprehension. As of now, our school will be utilizing the program for three years.

### ..... Reading Plus continued

So far, the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders have planned to go on a field trip to Grant's Farm at the end of the year for their hard work! To earn the trip, students must be reading on grade level. In conclusion, Mrs. Howell thinks Reading Plus is an amazing program and that most kids truly enjoy it.

### .....Drug Testing continued

suspension is imposed, and a 365 day suspension is given for a third positive test. This process gives students another chance to make better decisions.





## Plans for Halloween

By: Britney

It's October! Welcome to brown leaves, colder weather, and fun times! This week I asked two middle school students in each grade what their plans are for Halloween.

5<sup>th</sup> grader Angel said, "I don't have any plans, but I'm hopefully going trick-or-treating."

Austin stated he is going to trick-or-treat with his brother.

Next I asked 6<sup>th</sup> graders Gracie and Jacob what their plans were. Gracie said, "I'm going to go to haunted houses."

Jacob said, "I'm going to go to a haunted house and trick-or-treating."

7<sup>th</sup> graders Carly and Luke were also asked about their plans.

Carly said "I'm going to dress up like Barbie and have someone else be Ken."

Luke said, "I'm going to my grandma's house and steal my my brother's candy."

Lastly, I asked 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Hannah said, "I'm not really planning on doing anything, but will eat a lot of candy."

Mercie said, "I'm going to my church's Halloween party."

I hope everyone has a safe and fun Halloween!

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## Meet Kodiak

By: Abby

This month's new student spotlight is Kodiak. He moved to Scott City all the way from California about three weeks before school started. He likes Scott City because the teachers are nice, the food is good, and he feels the education is much better than California. He told me he plans on playing basketball this fall to occupy his time and make new friends. He also said his favorite class is Mrs. Miller's Social Studies class because he enjoys learning about past events. If you see Kodiak in the halls, make sure you give him a big Scott City welcome! (see photo-bottom right)

## SEMO Fair Recap

By: Madison

On September 9th-16th the annual SEMO district fair was held in Cape Girardeau. This fair is the third largest fair in the state of Missouri.

Former high school student, Drake, rode in a derby car along with his friend who earned a top place finish this year. Eighth grader, Lillie, attended the fair the first night and again on the last night with friends Allyson and Leah. Eighth grader, Eli, stayed for three days with his freshmen friend, Ethan. Both were thrill-seekers and rode almost every ride! Eli ate the ribbon fries, beef nachos, and corn dogs during the days he attended. Lillie also ate corn dogs and ribbon fries, as well as a funnel cake. Fifth grader, Clayton, said his favorite thing from the fair was the ride called, "Screamer". Sixth grader, Cole's favorite thing at the fair was also the "Screamer" ride that he says he and his friends loved riding. His favorite food there was the cotton candy. All in all, this fair is an annual tradition that most of the students and staff enjoy attending.



Mrs. Barks helps a student during RTI.

## Teacher of the Month

### Mrs. Barks

By: Brianna

This month I interviewed Mrs. Barks for our Teacher Feature. I asked where she taught before she came here. She said "I taught at Jackson Middle School for ten years and Meadow Heights for four years." I asked her what her favorite subject to teach is and why. She replied, "ELA, because I enjoy reading good literature and sharing it with my students." I asked her if she has always taught middle school. She said, "I have taught grades 6-9 ELA and Social Studies." Mrs. Barks was home schooled in grades 4-7, then attended Delta for high school, and went to SEMO for college.

When Mrs. Barks isn't working she enjoys spending time with her two daughters and husband. I wanted to know if she had any other jobs other than teaching. She worked at her Dad's flea market in high school and college and she gave tours to college students at SEMO.

Finally I asked her how she liked it at SC so far. She said, "Everyone has been friendly and helpful to me as I have transitioned to SC."



New 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Kodiak.

# Movie Review "Annabelle: Creation"

By: Logan

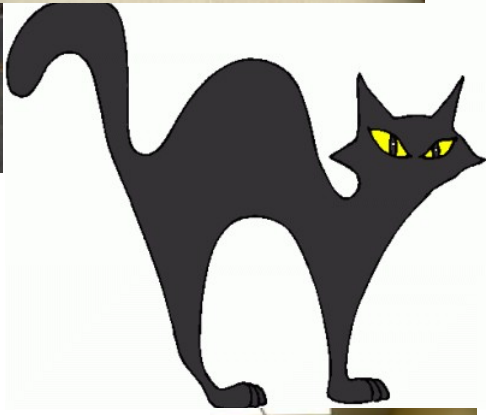
I recently watched Annabelle: Creation at the newly renovated Wherenberg Theaters. The movie begins when former toy maker, Sam Mullins and his wife, Esther, welcomed a nun and a few orphans into their California farmhouse. Years earlier, the couple's 7 year-old daughter dropped her doll in the road and went to go get it and was tragically struck by a car. The nun and children are: Sister Charlotte, Janice, Kate, Linda, and Nancy. This movie was very frightening, mysterious, and made me want to close my eyes half the time. I would definitely recommend this movie because it ties into "The Conjuring" and is a prequel (meaning it takes place before the first Annabelle movie). I would give this movie a solid 4 out of 5 stars considering it is one of the scariest movies I have ever seen.



Students in Mrs. Bohn's class dress up for Mad Hatter day.

# Dressing With Spirit

By: Staff



# Library Receives Grant

By: Paige

This year middle and high school librarian, Mrs. Pruden, (Trent's mom) received a \$4,000 grant to get new fiction book titles. She needed more books this year because she added 5th graders to her weekly schedule. Some of the books in the library have more mature themes for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students so those wouldn't work for them. Her yearly budget for books is \$4,500, so with this Dollar General Store grant, her budget has almost doubled!

## continued.....Library Grant

Over 2,500 people applied for these grants. The new titles will be geared for 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> graders and will have less mature themes. Be sure to stop by the library and look for these new titles soon. Happy reading!

## MS Girls Basketball Season Recap

By: Kacie

Both middle school girls' basketball teams ended their season at the conference tournament on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Eighth grade played two games beating Charleston, but falling short to Delta. Seventh grade played one game losing to East Prairie.

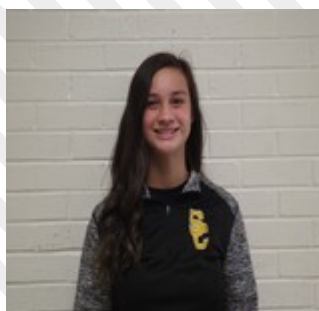
The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls finished an impressive 9-1 overall. Many of the games were won by several points. Their only loss during the regular season was against the Oran Eagles. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team finished 6-5 with several nail-biting games. Of their eleven games, six were decided within ten points. The season consisted of many memories being made. I asked some players to share some of their favorites. Eighth grader, Aleah, said, "My favorite memory was winning against Charleston in the tournament with only 5 players." Summer said beating Kelly was her favorite memory. 7<sup>th</sup> grader Chasity's favorite memory was beating Delta. Carly said, "My favorite memory was having fun with my friends on the bus to away



**Aleah**  
8<sup>th</sup> gr. player



**Summer**  
8<sup>th</sup> gr. player



**Chasity**  
7<sup>th</sup> gr. player



**Carly**  
7<sup>th</sup> gr. player

### Yearbook Staff Attends Josten's Workshop at SEMO

By: Eli

On September 17, 2017 the high school and middle school yearbook staffs took a trip to the SEMO University Center where they participated in a yearbook workshop. Area school staffs came from the surrounding area to get helpful tips and tricks to make their yearbooks look better. There were different break-out sessions that students could attend based on their needs. Topics included: sports photography, writing, reporting, and interviewing, photography tips, editorial leadership, building a yearbook culture, theme development, and infographics. The keynote speaker was Kyle Carter from Richland high school. Over 500 students attended this year!



Middle school publications staff at the SEMO University Center for the annual Josten's yearbook workshop.



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