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## SC Hires Social Worker



*Ms. Stacy Kilby, new district social worker.*

On Tuesday, September 22nd, I met with our new school social worker, Ms. Stacy Kilby. I asked her why she chose this job, and she said, "I chose to be a social worker to help people, help students and their families, and help the community at large." My next question was, "When did this job become available?" Ms. Kilby said, "The school made this position available last spring. I saw the job posted on the website. I also live within the community and my friends told me about it." My next question was, "What exactly are your duties and responsibilities in this position?" Kilby said, "I provide service to our students, provide crisis intervention (or develop intervention) strategies and help with conflict resolution. I also provide services to parents and

their families by working with them and help give them the support they need in their child's academic adjustment. I also work with families to help eliminate stress." Next I asked, "What does a typical day look like for you?" She said, "I arrive at school and I check my email and the school social worker referral forms because when teachers (or any school faculty member) has any concerns about a student or family within the community, they refer them to me and then I check on the students and families that already receive services. The rest of the day is always different." Ms. Kilby is a Scott City graduate and has two children that attend here. She loves to play Phase 10, the card game.

## New Tech Changes for Students & Staff This Year

I interviewed our district technology director, Mr. Cossey on 9-20-21 about several recent technology upgrades. The first question I asked him was how the teachers are liking "Securly", our district's new monitoring software. Cossey said, "I think the teachers are loving because it can help keep students on task and doing what they need to do. They can know if the students are playing games, or doing their work." Next, I asked him to explain the new phone system and why we needed it. Cossey stated, "The old system was about 30 years old, so we really needed a new one. The new system allows our phones to run over the computer network, and we now have a call tree." Next, I asked how

the teachers like the new copy system. His response was, "They seem to be liking it. They did not have access to color printing before and now they do. On demand printing was needed because teachers get busy and they might print something out on their prep periods and not have time to pick it up, but now the print job will wait for them for three hours before it goes away. It allows us to track and budget for printing more effectively." I then asked Mr. Cossey what challenges he faces in his position. He said, "One of the challenges I've faced here so far is that we have come a long way in a short time." Finally, I asked Cossey if there was anything new on the horizon. He said, "There is actually. (Continued p. 2)



*New school phone system routes incoming calls to respective buildings.*



## MS X Country Goes the Distance By: Julia

I recently sat down with cross country coach Travis Schiwitz and asked him some questions about the middle school cross country season. I asked him about the expectations that he has for this year's runners and he said, "I want them to improve every time we go out and run". I asked him about the challenges they have gone through and he said, "So far we've been lucky and everything has run smoothly." I asked him how he gets the team motivated and Schiwitz said, "We give the team goals to accomplish." I asked him about any dislikes he has about cross country and he said, "I would say there's nothing about the sport I dislike." I asked Schiwitz what his favorite aspect about cross country was and he said, "Getting to compete on race day." I then asked him about other schools he likes to watch race against ours and he said, "Other than us, I like to watch schools like Jackson, Herculaneum, Festus, and Arcadia Valley, because their kids are always prepared to run." Coach Schiwitz has been coaching Cross Country for 9 years, and he always tells his runners, "Get out fast and get it early!"



Camden, Ethan, and Asher celebrating after the race.

## Henson New MS Counselor

I interviewed new middle school counselor Mrs. Henson last month, who came all the way from Tamms, Illinois, and recently worked at Caruthersville for the past two years. When I asked her what inspired her to apply at Scott City, she responded, "I love Scott City because of the community, family involvement, and the support from the staff. I also love the students' ability and their desire to want to be a part of many things in the school." Mrs. Henson was super sweet and offered me a seat as soon as I walked through the door. When I asked her how she was liking it so far she said, "I really like it! Everyone is super nice and fun to be around and I'm really enjoying it." Mrs. Henson enjoys going outside, kayaking, riding bikes, and going hiking in her free time outside of school. All in all, Mrs. Henson made it clear that she loves being a counselor here so far. We wish her good luck in her new spot!

By: Olivia

### *CONTINUED -Tech updates by: Brooklyn*

We are trying to get signal for the projectors from anywhere so that teachers can have their desks where they want them. We are also getting rid of Lumen." Mr. Cossey also stated that the new school wide 1:1 program was working pretty well so far

overall. I asked our adviser, "Mrs. Pruden what she thought of the tech changes this year. She replied, "I like the new phone system and the printing procedures are easier than I expected." I haven't had a chance to dive in too deep with Securly yet in my classes."

# Homecoming Recap

Homecoming week was September 13-17th. Each day there was a different theme to follow. The themes were Class Colors, Marvel vs DC, Dynamic Duo, Real Superhero Day and Blue and Gold Day. My favorite was Twin day. The candidates for this year's coronation were: Freshman representative, Carly Blaylock, Sophomore representative, Harley Glueck, Junior representative, Shelby Stroup, and Senior candidates: Allyson Mauser, Abby Umfleet, and Natalie Morrison. We played Portageville. The score was 30-16. We won. The Juniors won for the float and the dance. Sophomores won the dress up days. Natalie Morrison won queen. Her escort was Nylik Dunn. Middle school had a pep rally on Thursday, Sept. 16th where they introduced the cross country team, football players, cheerleaders, and the girls basketball players. After that, we played a couple of games and then played music.

By: Aleah

# FCCLA & Yearbook Staff attend Workshops By: Jasmen

The middle school yearbook staff and FCCLA members attended workshops first quarter to learn more about their organizations. The FCCLA field trip was to learn about FCCLA and met other school members from St. Genevieve.. We met all the people from other schools that were officers, members, and advisors. There were middle school and high school members. We played getting to know you games. We ate at Dairy Queen after we were done for dinner. FCCLA member Aleah Shackles said, "I like that all the people there were really nice". The yearbook field trip was really fun. Once we arrived at SEMO, we could look around and get coffee. Then we went into a large conference room and met the keynote speaker, Mitch Eden from Kirkwood schools. He was really interesting. Then we went into smaller rooms and learned about Photography, Caption Writing, and Writing, Reporting and Interviewing. We had lunch in the food court and came back.

# SC Gears Up for New Bond Issue! By: Colton

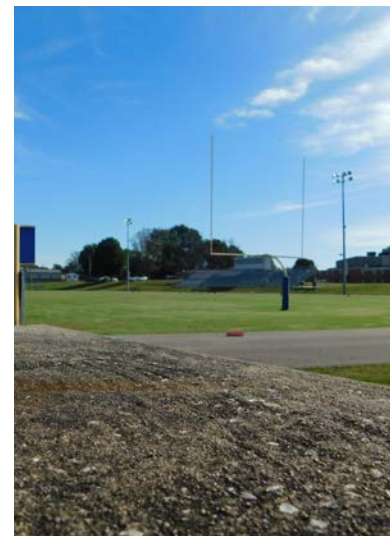
I interviewed our superintendent, Micheal Umfleet about our upcoming bond issue which will be coming up on the April, 2022 ballot. Mr. Umfleet said the last time our school had a bond issue was in 2014, which was seven years ago. Mr. Umfleet said some of the possible improvements the district would like to make are: convert the existing elementary gym into an elementary lunchroom to make lunch time more flexible for everyone and build a new elementary gym. They are also looking to expand the school parking lot and add more lighting so people can actually see at night. Adding Astro turf to the football field and rubberizing the track are also options because both have become more common at other schools. New roofs, AC units, and enclosing the areas to the shop and FEMA building are also items being discussed. Our school board had a meeting and decided why these changes are needed and a team came in and decided what our school needs are. Mr. Umfleet genuinely thinks that this bond issue is going to turn out well. He says it's because of our community. They care so much about our school. Personally, I think that this is going to go over great. I love the changes that our school is considering making. It will definitely be a lot more fun to come to school and to participate in after school activities.



*Homecoming Queen, Senior Natalie Morrison and her escort, Nylik Dunn at the pep assembly.*



*Middle school Yearbook staff at SEMO.*



*Possible improvements for the upcoming bond issue include astroturf on the football field and rubberizing the track.*

# Community Spotlight

## CASEY'S STYLN PAWS

By: Kloey

For this month's community spotlight, I interviewed Christopher Casey, owner of Casey's Stylin Paws located at 2232 Main St. Scott City, MO. I asked him several questions starting with, "What inspired you to start this business?" He said, "I have worked for all types of retail corporations: Walmart, JCPenney's, and Petco. I wanted to have something of my own and do more of what I love, which is taking care of dogs, and not having to sell more to customers and upsale everything." I then asked him, "How successful has your business been so far?" Casey replied, "I have had great help with FaceBook and returning customers. I have worked at Petco before and my former clients trust all their fur babies to my hands. The vet in Scott City has also been great and working with them helps me too." I then asked him, "Do you have any pets at home?" He replied, "Yes, I have a fish tank and two dogs at home. Shyla is a nine year old rat terrier/Chihuahua mix, and Kira is a two year old pit and lab mix."



Next, I asked Casey, "What are your future plans for your business?" He answered, "I would like to have more than one groomer in my shop, I would also like to expand in some retail like shampoo, collars, and smaller stuff." I then asked Casey if he had always been a groomer. He said, "No, I have worked at Wal-mart from cart pusher to Dept. Manager, at JcPenney's selling blinds in the home Dept. and I have also been a waiter in Dexter." I next asked Chris, "When did you open your business?" He said "Aug 2, 2021." Then I asked, "What are some challenges you face in this business?" He said, "Making sure you have all of the supplies needed to do everything. Plus you have to make a deposit on everything whenever you have no business credit." Casey's business hours are: 1 week- Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM, 2 week- Mon-Tue 8AM-5PM, Thurs-Sat 8AM-5PM. All dogs can get grooming, haircut, bath, nails clipped (if needed). Chris has a doggie spa with upgraded shampoo and conditioner, nails buffed and teeth brushed. He offers nail trims, buffing, brush outs, or just baths and nails.

## BOOK REVIEW- OUT OF MY MIND

I read the book: Out of My Mind, by Sharon. M Draper. It is a realistic fiction novel that is recommended for ages 10 and up. The novel is 295 pages long and a fairly simple chapter book to read for most kids. The book follows eleven year old Melody Brookes. Melody suffers from a currently untreatable disease called Cerebral Palsy, a disease that disables her to where she can't walk, talk, or feed herself. But the most frustrating thing for Melody is that she can't speak. Melody has a photographic memory, which means she has a much better and more detailed memory than most, but nobody knows she has all this information. She feels upset that she cannot tell anybody. When Melody does get the chance to voice her thoughts, not everyone is so thrilled. My rating for this book is a 8/10. This book was amazing! The story and family dynamic of the main character is absolutely heart-warming. My favorite was Melody's neighbor, Mrs. V. She was very confident and a bit strict, but she was very kind and compassionate.

Melody was a very likable main character, and despite being different from most of the readers, it had plenty of relatable moments. Check it out in the middle/high school library!

By: Ann



Sharon Draper's book, "Out of My Mind" is available for check-out in the library.

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# Summer Fun By: Evie

*I spoke with 10 middle school students about what they did over the summer. Here are their responses:*

5th grade



**Gabby**

"I went camping, swimming and to the beach."

5th grade



**Aubree**

"I went swimming, went camping, and played outside!"

5th grade



**Kyle**

"I played baseball with my friends, I went swimming, and I played outside."

6th grade



**Caden**

"I played baseball, went swimming, and played outside with my friends."

6th grade



**Pete**

"I went swimming at the Scott City pool, and hung out with my friends a lot."

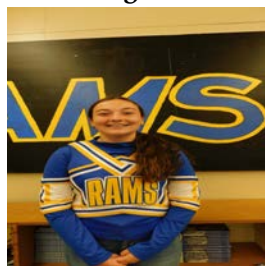
6th grade



**Jodie**

"I went to the beach, hung out with my friends, and went swimming a lot!!"

7th grade



**Miley**

"I went to the beach with Aria Rogers and hung out with my friends."

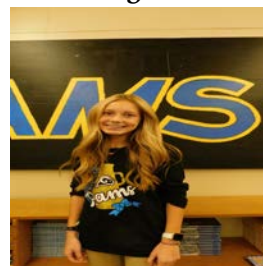
7th grade



**Ava**

"I played softball most of the summer, but I also hung out with my friends and went swimming."

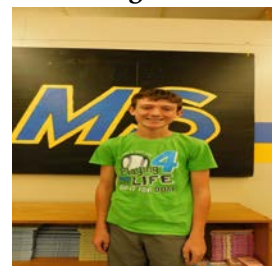
8th grade



**Aria**

"I went to the beach three times, hung out with my friends, and went camping."

8th grade



**Camden**

"I hung out with my friends and cousins. I went to the beach, and played baseball."