

# THE RAM PAGE

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## RAMS-REDHAWKS UNITE!



*SC Rams cousins, Korb and Callen, enjoy the game in their Redhawks jerseys.*

I interviewed school Superintendent, Michael Umfleet about the recent SEMO football game held here at William Wilthong Field. I asked him how the decision to host the Redhawks game on our new field came about. He said that he knew Semo was rebuilding/fixing their field and that they didn't have a place to play their annual scrimmage game. They held a game at Jackson before, so he reached out to Coach Matukewicz to see if he would be on board, and he was. I asked him what we had to do as a district to prepare for it. Mr. Umfleet said, "We had to do a lot because college football is a production, and on a time schedule. We had to make sure we had enough people to keep up with the players. Mr. Umfleet

had around five meetings leading up to the game. Finally, I asked what special things we did to tie in the Scott City and Semo connection. He loved that question, and replied, "One thing we did was honor all of the previous athletes that played at SEMO. The Redhawks also incorporated our football team's walk-out song into their pre-game. The game was held here on Friday, April 21st with tail gating festivities held before the game. The scrimmage was a close "game" and ended with just a one point difference 17-16.

*By: Ava*

## MS TITLE GOALS MET, MRS. ORT KISSES GOAT!

A few weeks after Valentine's Day, Mrs. Ort, principal at Scott City Middle School, kissed a baby goat at an assembly. The teachers who came up with the idea were Title teachers Mrs. Sauerbrunn and Mrs. Jones. They were looking for something to match with Valentine's Day which is where the kissing idea came from. Their goal was to motivate the Title students to focus and pass two thousand lessons with a 75% or higher accuracy on iReady. Mrs. Jones said that it wasn't that hard to convince Mrs. Ort to kiss the goat because Mrs. Ort knew that kids would be motivated enough and would love it. Fifth grader, Laythan Stone volunteered to bring his new baby goat in for the occasion. Mrs. Ort had this to say about how she felt when she kissed the baby goat, "When I agreed to kiss the goat, I immediately thought of a stinky farm animal and how it could

potentially be pretty gross." She said she was excited about the opportunity for middle school students to complete such a high number of Math and Reading iReady lessons. She said that when the goat arrived on kissing day, she was quite relieved. The goat was the cleanest and cutest! The goat also seemed very sweet. She said she was no longer nervous about kissing the goat. After the event Mrs. Ort enjoyed all the questions from the students and the excitement from the day. She was also very proud of the students who worked tremendously hard to complete their iReady lessons with passing scores.



*Mrs. Ort puckers up for a kiss with the goat!*

**By: Kaylee**



Freshman, Eli Aycock and Junior, Hattie Jones get a unique opportunity to participate as SC JAG representatives.

## JAG Attends State

By: Peyton

Our high school JAG team went to state on April 3rd and 4th. Junior, Hattie Jones and freshman, Eli Aycock attended this trip. They left on Monday at 6:00 a.m. They all rode on a chartered bus from Cape Central high school to Jefferson City, Missouri. The event was held at the State Capital Building in. There were several competitions. It was just like a career preparation. There was Employability Skills, Prepared Speaking, a Knowledge Bowl, pretty much just about everything they do in the JAG class and things that help prepare the students for their future. Their goals and purpose was to let the kids see not only Jefferson City at the State Capital, but to come together and collaborate with other JAG students from across the state. There were over 700 students there. They also got to tour the Capitol Building. They were very fortunate because Ms. Holly Redher was there and she happens to be a neighbor of Eli's so they got to spend a lot of time with her. Mr. Jamie Burger, (our state representative) was also there. He let his staff members take Eli and Hattie up to the Capitol's Whispering Room, and to the top of the building to look over the city. They were very gracious hosts. The kids also got to meet Governor Parsons and talk with him. They also got to see the First Lady. They are both very big proponents of the JAG program. In fact, Eli Aycock asked the governor to take a selfie with them and he agreed to. The outcome of the trip was that our students got to see what goes on at national competition. Unfortunately, they did not get to compete in any of the competitions because they had some members who had other obligations. Hopefully next year we can take a full team and be able to get into the competition side. The JAG program has had a very successful and productive year under the direction of Mr. David Spriggs.

## Mrs. Pratt Retires



I interviewed high school counselor Mrs. LaDonna Pratt about her retirement. My first question for her was, "How long have you been a counselor here?"

She quickly said, "Twenty-two years." My next question for her was, "What does a counselor's job entail?" Mrs. Pratt said,

"We help students and faculty solve mental health issues like stress, grades, graduation, plans after high school, and things like that." Next, I asked her who would be taking her position. She answered, "Mrs. Henson, the current middle school counselor." I then asked Mrs. Pratt what she would miss most about her job. She said,

"Being a part of the students' everyday life, watching their successes, and being able to visit with them everyday." My next question was, "Have you taught any classes or sponsored clubs, and if so what were they?" She replied, "I have taught dual credit Psychology, and

Human Growth and Development for Three Rivers, and I started the G.A.S. Club (guidance advisory students) here in 2004." My last question was, "What are your plans for retirement?" She said,

"Being a full-time grandma! I have a two-year-old grandson, and a granddaughter on the way in May."

By: Destiny

## MS Coding Club Sees Success

By: Hayleigh

I sat down with Ms. Foster, the Youth Coding Club sponsor. I asked her which members were advancing in coding this season. Her response was, “Everyone has been making good progress. I’m a little sad to lose some of my 8th graders because we do not have a high school Coding Club. Hunter has always been awesome. He has been here since we first started. I have a lot of amazing 8th graders in the coding program like Ava. This was her first year. She struggled a lot at the first few meetings at the beginning of the year, but she was a part of the team that went to the finals last semester. Patrick is also doing really well. He had a really rough few weeks. They were so bad he didn’t even know if he wanted to stay in the program, but now he is doing really well. The main thing is that they have fun and enjoy the club. The next question I asked was what was the nature of their projects? Her response was, “The 5th & 6th grade did a friends theme project and the project was to find a way to use coding to help a friend with a problem. It could be a local friend like someone they talk to every day, or it could be someone globally. Some of them did bullying stuff, some did world hunger. The 7th & 8th grade teams did sports. Their project was to use coding to help make sports easy for people. Hunter did a little ball game where you throw balls to get points.” The next question I asked was how were they judged? Ms. Foster said, “They have to show up and watch all of their training videos before they can do anything. Then they made a project based off of what the training videos taught them. They are judged on creativity, and how it flows and connects. They have what they call ethics which is a mixture of things they put in their project.” Finally, I asked, “When does the final voting begin?” Ms. Foster stated, “The teams did not pass the semi- finals last season. We had one team that went to the finals, but they didn’t win. This year we did two seasons in a year; fall and spring.”



*Bentlea and Sarah work on their coding skills after school.*

## Perkins Duo Teach Staff Self-Defense Class

By: Madison

For this quarter's newsletter I interviewed Mrs. Perkins about the staff self-defense class she and her sons taught at the school. I asked Mrs. Perkins, “Why did you decide to teach the class?” Her response was, “A person who works here asked me to teach their family self defense, so I decided to open a class to all staff. We taught the class here at the school on a weekday at 6:00.” I then asked her what kind of self defense she taught. She said, “We taught how to get out of a chokehold, how to get out of someone’s arm, how to stop someone from grabbing you from behind, and how to keep someone from kidnapping you.” I asked her who all helped or assisted. She replied, “Mr.Perkins, Mr. Sikes and another Mr. Perkins.” Next, I asked Mrs. Perkins how long she has been teaching self defense. She said, “I have been teaching Martial Arts for 14 years.” Lastly, I asked her how many people attended the class. Mrs.Perkins said, “I’d say around 20 people attended the class.” Staff member, Mrs. Sarah Pruden attended the class and had this to say, “I learned a lot of very useful information at this training, like what my personal strengths and weaknesses were in defending myself. The most important thing I learned is not to be distracted by being on my phone when walking to and from my vehicle. You should always be aware of those around you and what their intentions might be.”



*Mrs. Perkins and her son, new High school Math teacher, Mr. Perkins both share a passion for martial arts and self-defense.*

# Community Spotlight-HS Amplifi Team Hosts Senior Tech Day

By: Autumn

I interviewed high school Student Council sponsor, Mrs. Amanda Dannenmuller about the Tech day for community senior citizens. Tech day was originally when S.C.I.P.P teamed up with our high school Student Council and brainstormed ideas to bring the community together. All the high schoolers taught the seniors how to facetime, how to change their settings, and answered any other questions the seniors had. "The entire high school student council was invited to participate. Sadly, some had other matters that they had to attend to, but in all, around twenty members were there." I asked her what some of the highlights of the day were. "My favorite highlight was that S.C.I.P.P brought LasBrisas and a cookie tray for the participants and then afterwards the highschoolers ate lunch with the seniors." Finally, I asked her if there will be any similar events in the future. "Yes, the high school student council wants to do Tech day next school year as well. We were considering doing something again in the Fall and the Spring with the senior citizens." Mrs. Dannenmuller stated.



*Community senior citizens participate in a Tech Day with SC STUCO members and share lunch together afterwards.*

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## MS CHEER UPDATE

By: McKenzie

I interviewed MS cheer sponsor Mrs. Kaitlin Simmons about the upcoming 2024 cheer season. The first question I asked her was, "Are you excited about the 6th graders joining cheer?" "Yes, very!" She said she is excited to have more students to choose from and to have more kids on the squad. She also wants to introduce younger girls to cheer so they can grow into their potential for 8th grade and high school. Next, I asked Mrs Simmons what new cheer items the cheer team is getting. Mrs. Simmons said, "We are going to be doing a lot of fundraisers that they have had in the past and hopefully the money they earn will go to get warm-up outfits, and maybe some extra team shirts along with normal stuff like hair bows and socks." Next, I asked her how long has it been since the squad had new uniforms. Mrs Simmons explained, "Each team gets new uniforms every five years, so it's been five years since we've had new uniforms. Next I asked her how it came about that the 6th graders were able to join this year. Coach Simmons explained that there is a new rule that has been implemented. It was placed last year, but they already had try-outs, so this is the first official year that 6th graders get to participate. "Are there going to be any cheer camps or team practice in the summer?", I asked. "Yes, for sure they are going to have a camp at Cape Central high school in June and then we will have practice two days a week throughout the summer," Coach Simmons said. Try-outs were held Thursday, April 6th. Ms. Smith is Coach Simmons' assistant coach. 2024 squad members are: Julia, Aubree, Alivia, Rylee, Daylee, Riley, Mollie, Bella, Addie, Kaylee, Kennadi, Lilly, Skylar and returning cheerleaders; McKenzie, Peyton, Krista, Destiny, Jodie, and Abbie.