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Hats Off to Mr. Umfleet! By: Lorna



[Click here to watch the full interview of Mr. Umfleet.](#)

Mr. Umfleet has worn many hats over the past 30 years. He was a baseball coach and a 6th grade math teacher. Then he was the middle school principal, and finally the superintendent. Mr. Umfleet loved his 10 year math teaching career, but baseball was his first love. He was in college when he first started coaching it. One of Mr. Umfleet's good friends was dating former Coach William Wilthong's daughter. Coach Wilthong was the current baseball coach and needed an assistant coach at the time. Mr. Umfleet was working at his house when Coach Wilthong proposed the idea. His schedule worked out, so he accepted. As far as his working career goes, Coach was his favorite title. When asked about being the middle school principal, Mr. Umfleet said that every day

was an adventure, and there is nothing like the innocence of young middle school students. Last, but not least, he was superintendent during the Covid-19 outbreak and a bond issue! Covid-19 hit during his first year of being superintendent. Mr. Umfleet had an extremely stressful time and had to make some difficult decisions, but still managed to make it through. During the bond issue Mr. Umfleet spent a lot of time going to meetings and trying to figure things out. The one thing Mr. Umfleet learned during this process was finding out how much the community loves our school and how proud they are of it. Mr. Umfleet is grateful for all the close relationships he has formed throughout his career here at Scott City.

Rams Finish Football Season Strong!

Going into this season, Coach May didn't have any expectations for his team, because he didn't know what he had. The team had to fill in spots that were empty from last year. There were a lot of seniors that graduated, so those spots needed to be filled by new athletes. Once Coach May found the missing pieces he said his team was "assembled". Injuries affected the football team early in the season with senior quarterback Mark Panogos, Tyler Braun, AJ Hayden and Kobe Watson, all getting hurt. They also had some bumps and bruises along the way. The Rams were finally back and healthy by week 10, just in time to play New Madrid. Coach May says beating them was the most memorable moment of the season. With NewMadrid being ranked 12th in the state, that was a huge win for SC! The team's last game against Valle didn't end as well as they had hoped, but the Rams played an amazing game.

One thing that sets Scott City apart from other teams in the area are the kids, because they come in and work hard and set their own standards based on the tradition of what it means to be a Ram. Coach May was very proud of how they worked and how the community was right behind them cheering them on. A lot of people were doubting Scott City coming into the season, but that didn't stop them. Coach May said he didn't want the season to end how it did, but there was nothing to be ashamed of looking back on it. To sum it up, the Rams had a great season and Coach May is excited to see what the future holds for Scott City Football!

By: Skylar

[To watch Coach May's full interview, click here:](#)



Senior Lawson Graff takes down his opponent on his home turf.



Lady Rams Win Districts!

This season the Scott City Lady Rams volleyball team won districts for the first time since 2011. I sat down with Coach Cindy Henry to recap the eventful season. The team's goals this season were to be the best they could be and win districts. Injuries played a big role this season. They started the season without Alyssa Dirden and Lilyan Landis so Maggie Jones stepped in as a power hitter and led the team to many victories. There were a couple players that really led the way to winning districts. Ramsey Spinks had over 1,000 assists. Another player that really stood out was Gracie Karrenbrock. She was a leader on the court. One more player that also stood out was Layla Estes. She led the team in digs with over 300. The most memorable moment this season was winning districts against Portageville on their home court with a packed gym. When asked what the future looks like for the Lady Rams volleyball team coach Henry said that the future looks very bright. End of the season awards include: All Conference Player of the Year and Hitter of the Year, Alyssa Dirden. Setter of the Year, Ramsey Spinks. Libero of the Year, Layla Estes. Coach of the Year, Cindy Henry. First team All Conference- Alyssa Dirden, Ramsey Spinks, Layla Estes, and Maggie Jones. Second team All Conference- Mackenzie Lawless. District awards include: First Team All District - Alyssa Dirden and Ramsey Spinks. Second Team All District- Maggie Jones and Layla Estes. Second Team Honorable Mention All District- Mackenzie Lawless.

By: Ella

District Participates in "Sweat with a Vet"

By: Katelynn

I sat down with Ms. Stacy Kilby to interview her about the 'Sweat for a Vet' event. Ms. Kilby came up with this idea by seeing someone do something similar with basketball, but she did not want to do basketball because it was already a thing. Instead, she made the event targeted towards the military because when she came up with the idea, it was close to Veterans Day. She wanted to do something that honored our service members. The amount of students that participated in this event was 18 at the high school level. 'Sweat for a Vet' took place in the high school gym on November 1st. The total amount of push-ups and sit-ups that were completed were 1,410 and 114 respectively. The proceeds earned are going to help men and women in the armed forces and their families. Each student had a sponsor with a goal of raising money. With this money, the district will send care packages to those currently serving in the Middle East. The sweat for a vet event will continue to be an annual event. Over \$2,000 was raised this year.



Students pose with a Vet after the "Sweat with a Vet" challenge.

SC X Country Sees Success

By: McKenna/Madison

I reached out to high school Cross Country Coach, Travis Schiwitz about the recent state meet. I asked him which students participated in the state meet. He said Junior, Jorden DePree, Freshman, Asher Spinks, and Senior, Logan Schiwitz. I was curious to know what it takes to qualify to go to the state meet. Coach Schiwitz said that in order to qualify for the state cross country meet, you have to be in the top 30 individuals, or on one of the top four team finishes at the district meet. I asked where the meet took place and he said it took place at Cans Creek in Columbia, Missouri. Next, I wanted to know how they performed at the meet. Jorden DePree got 127th place and ran a time of 19:28. Asher Spinks got 61st place and ran a time of 18:18. Logan Schiwitz got 23rd place and ran a time of 21:00 which earned her All-State honors. I asked how he felt when he and his athletes went to state and he said he was a little nervous because he didn't know how they'd do, but was also extremely proud of them because it's hard to make it to the state meet. I asked him how he trains his runners to be their best. He said he always encourages them to participate in track too and how running teaches you to run fast. When track season is over they take a week or two off and then start cross country conditioning. They run through June and July three or four days a week. When August comes, that's when official practices start. They do a lot of base training, which means running for an extended period of minutes. I asked on a personal note if he is enjoying his new position within the district this year as middle school PE teacher. Mr. Schiwitz said he's enjoying his new position and is beyond grateful and thankful to have it.

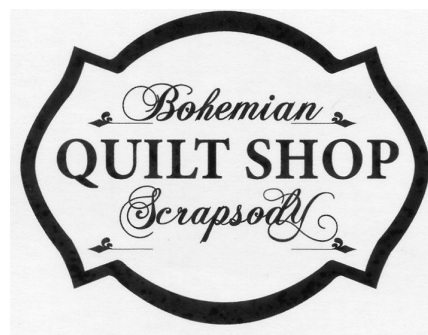


Long time SC Cross Country coach, Travis Schiwitz, at the state meet with his daughter, Logan.

Community Spotlight- Bohemian Scrapsody

By: Madison

For this quarter's community spotlight, I interviewed Mrs. Kelly Irvin about her new quilt store, 'Bohemian Scrapsody' located on Main Street. My first question for her was what her career was before she opened the quilt store. She told me that she was a stay-at-home mom, then she worked here at school in the cafeteria for a while, and then at Hobby Lobby. I asked her if opening her business was difficult. She said that opening her store was difficult because there isn't a lot of space, and when she was trying to get her store open, a lot of things would get in the way or come up, but everything worked out. I asked her if she liked owning her business and she said, "Yes!". The question I asked after that was if she had a lot of people come to look or purchase at her store. Mrs. Irvin said that she had many people from different places come to her store. She said that people from Canada, Alaska, and a girl who was from China came to her store. The store is located next to Virginia's Hair Care and the Dollar General store. I asked Kelly if anyone works with her, and she said that her daughter sometimes works with her. Bohemian Scrapsody has been open since March 2022. I knew that Bohemian Scrapsody was a quilt store when I interviewed her, but I was curious to know what else she sells at the store. She said that she sells fabric, scissors, and some other quilting related items. Another thing I asked her was how she came up with the unique name of her store. She told me that one day, she was making a quilt and that the song 'Bohemian Rhapsody' by Queen was playing when she was quilting, and that she was just thinking about the lyrics and came up with Bohemian Scrapsody. Later when she was trying to come up with a name for her store, her daughter reminded her of the name she came up with when she was quilting and then that's what she decided to call her store. After the interview was over, she made a video on her Facebook page about some things that she wanted to add to the interview. She said that she loves helping people quilt, and that she loves when people come to her store excited to quilt and take home some supplies. She loves when people are passionate about quilting and are excited to learn. Kelly loves to help people out on their quilting journey and loves to see them so encouraged by creating.



Check out this unique quilt shop located on the heart of Main Street, next to the Dollar General Store.

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