

Wildcat's wrestling season kicks off

Rounkles, Crowe, and Vinson highlight stats for Southwest

By Preston Reed

The Southwest Wildcats start off the 2011-12 season in the first meet held in North Platte.

North Platte Tournament

December 3

Ryan Bell (120)-Lost by pin, lost by pin. Justin Jones(152)- lost by pin, lost by pin.

Travis Schneiter- (160) Lost by pin, lost by pin in third period.

Ethan Crowe (170)-First place. Won by pin in all four matches.

Michael Rounkles (182) -won by pin, lost by pin, Won by pin, won by pin for fourth.

Alex Trent (113)-won by pin, lost by pin and lost by pin for third place.

Gage Vinson (132)-Won three matches for first place; two by pin and one match by a score of 11-7.

Mason Mehrhoff (138)- lost in third round 3-9, won by pin and lost by Tech fall (because of a 15 point spread).

Levi Ireland- (145) Lost by pin, lost by pin and won by pin in the third period in the final match.

December 8 at Hamilton

Intro here

Alec Trent (113)-lost by pin in second period.

Ryan Bell (120)- lost by pin in first round of both matches.

Gage Vinson- (132) won by pin.

Mason Mehrhoff (138) lost by tech in second period, won by pin.

Levi Ireland (152) lost by pin.

period, won by pin.

Travis Schnieter (160)-lost by pin in second, lost by pin.

Ethan Crowe (170) won 11-5 in third period.

Michael Rounkles (182) lost by pin in second period.



December 10 Polo Tournament

Travis Schneiter (160) Lost three matches by pin.

Ethan Crowe (170) won by pin, won 7-1, won by pin in second period.

Michael Rounkles (182) lost 7-14 in the third period, won by pin in third, won by pin in first period.

Alec Trent (113) Lost three matches by pin.

Gage Vinson (132) won by pin in second period, won by pin, lost by pin in the third period.

Mason Mehrhoff (138) lost by pin, lost 3-8. Lost by pin.

Justin Jones (145) lost by pin in second, lost by pin, won by pin in second.

Levi Ireland (152) four losses by pin.

TRENTON December 17

Alec Trent (113)- lost twice by pin.

Ryan Bell (120)- lost by pin.

Gage Vinson (132)- won by pin in second period.

Wrestling continued....

Mason Mehrhoff (138)- lost by fall (went three periods). Lost in third period 1-4. Won by fall in second period.

Levi Ireland (145) lost by fall, lost by fall in second period.

Travis Schnieter (160) lost by fall in second period, lost by fall in second.

Ethan Crowe (170)- Won by fall in second period. Lost 2-14 and won by fall in the first period. Lost by fall in third period.

Michael Rounkles (182)-Won by pin, lost by pin and won by fall in the third period. Lost by fall in second period.



Ethan Crowe at the Polo Tournament.
-Photo by Sydnee Rounkles

Juniors surprise field, win volleyball tournament

It was a close one, but the 2012 senior class barely survived a last minute comeback from the Southwest staff to claim the opening game of the annual Christmas volleyball tournament 14-13 in the eight minute timed event.

Following the senior vs. staff game the official tournament opened with the eighth grade beating the seventh

grade, the sophomores defeating the freshmen and the junior conquering the seniors. Four more rounds of games were played and the top four teams played off for the trophies.



While Mrs. Moore and Mr. Duddy look on, Southwest business teacher Carisa Gilliland returns a volley to the seniors during the annual volleyball tournament played December 23.

Based on their number of games won in the round robin the juniors faced the sophomores for the first place trophy. The juniors were able to master their foes and finished the tournament undefeated. The third place game was won easily by the seniors over eighth graders who made a fine showing in the tournament.

Following the tournament the teachers challenged the seniors to one more game and still came up short in a game to 21.



Seniors Kole Anderson and Stephen Sturgeon battle for a ball returned by the teachers while Crystal Hullinger and Michael Rounkles observe during the volleyball tournament. -Photo by M. Locker



Second place team.



Third place team.



The juniors were the winners of the Christmas volleyball tournament after defeating the sophomores for the trophy.



The seniors battle the eighth grade for third.



Freshman Kaley Myers.

English wins door decorating contest

Thomas builds a snowman
PTO NEWS

The PTO is busy planning the January 20 Chili Supper as part of the Courtwarming festivities. The club is asking for volunteers to donate chili, soup, crackers or desserts to help with the fund raising effort. If you can help with this project please contact the school, Ashley Arth or Ms. Perry.

In December the PTO sponsored a door and locker decoration contest. The English room occupied by Mrs. Reynolds claimed the blue ribbon with a large display of a snowman theme. The actual work was done by her teacher's assistant, Stephanie Thomas. When Mrs. Reynolds saw the blue ribbon she screamed in delight!



Mrs. Reynolds and senior Stephanie Thomas sit in front of their winning door entry in the PTO decoration contest judged on December 13.

The second place door belonged to the Ms. Perry's kindergarten room

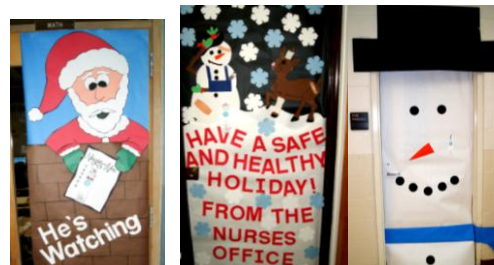
which had a reindeer theme and included a Rudolph made by each student.



Ms. Perry keeps the kindergartners in her "stable" for Christmas.

All the other doors received third place ribbons for their effort at creating unique and beautiful hallway decorations.

The hall locker competition was dominated by the eighth grade class and one high school student, Katelynn Bryant. First place went to Whitney Runkles, second to Haliey Cheeney and third went to Remy Cox. Bryant received a blue ribbon.



Boys, girl's basketball off to good start

Boys undefeated, girls one loss
By Stephan Sturgeon

SW VS MONTROSE

The Southwest Lady Wildcats played on neutral ground in Sedalia on 12-1-11 against Montrose. The girls didn't come away with a win from the floor of the State Fair Community College but it was close with the score of 40-47 against a team that lost only one game last season and the state championship.

SCOREBOARD

Courtney Roberts 8 points 9 rebounds, Quincy BeVelle 4 points, Sydnee Rounkles 9 points, Caitlin Cramer 19 points 10 rebounds.

SW VS MACON COUNTY

The Southwest Lady Wildcats played at home on 12-2-11. They came away with a victory this time winning 61-27 over Macon County. This is a nice come back from last week. There were eight girls that scored and after the first quarter the Wildcats blew their opponent away with intense defense that kept the visitors from entering the offensive end of the court numerous times.

SCOREBOARD

Courtney Roberts 18 points 6 rebounds and 4 steals, Cori Locker 10 points, Maresa Sykes 4 points, Maritza Chavez 4 points, Quincy BeVelle 8 points 6 rebounds and 4 assists, Sydnee Rounkles 13 points 4 assists, Caitlin Cramer 2 points, Witney Maddax 2 points.

The boys had a very close game at home on 12-2-11 against Macon County to open their season. The boys only won by two points 50-48. There were never really any large gaps in points but the boys stayed ahead the entire game.

SCOREBOARD

Mason Mehrhoff 6 points, Preston Adams 2 points, Ethan Crow 14 points, Brandon Bothwell 2 points, Justin Jones 13 points, Justin Lewis 12 points, Jordan Konopasek 1 point.

SW VS BOSWORTH

The Lady Wildcats had a devastating win over Bosworth on 12-6-11. The final score was 92-9. The girls weren't just devastating on offense but on defense as well. The girls really had a well rounded game.

SCOREBOARD

Cortney Roberts 22 points, Cori Locker 10 points and 8 assists, Maritza Chavez 9 points, Quincy BeVelle 14 points 7 assists, Sydnee Rounkles 14 points 7 steals, Caitlin Cramer 19 points 7 rebounds and 6 steals.

The Southwest boys really did a number on Bosworth on 12-6-11, winning the game 57-16. This game was a grand slam compared to their last game against Macon County.



Mason Mehrhoff vs. Bosworth

Basketball continued.....**SCOREBOARD**

Cole Upton 4 points, Mason Mehrhoff 4 points, Preston Adams 5 points, Ryan Bell 5 points, Ethan Crowe 12 points 6 rebounds, Brandon Bothwell 9 points 7 rebounds and 4 steals, Justin Jones 4 points 6 assists, Justin Lewis 10 points, Caden Hacker 4 points.

SW VS NORTHWESTERN

The Lady Wildcats played at Northwestern on 12-9-11. They won the game 52-30 with what looked like a well rounded defense.

SCOREBOARD

Cortney Roberts 12 points 5 steals, Maresa Sykes 1 point, Quincy BeVelle 9 points 8 rebounds, Sydnie Shirley 2 points, Sydnee Rounkles 20 points 12 rebounds, Caitlin Cramer 8 points, Cori Locker 5 assists.

The boys faced Northwestern, winning the game 56-38. The starters were Cole Upton, Ethan Crowe, Brandon Bothwell, Justin Jones, and Justin Lewis.

SCOREBOARD

Cole Upton 10 points 4 assists, Mason Mehrhoff 7 points, Preston Adams 5 points, Ethan Crowe 10 points 8 rebounds 4 assists, Brandon Bothwell 4 points, Justin Jones 9 points 4 steals and 7 blocks and 5 assists, Justin Lewis 11 points.

SW VS TINA

The Lady Wildcats had another amazing game on 12-12-11 verses Tina. The girls won the game 68-26 most of their points were scored in the first half as Coach Upton used his bench freely in the second half.



Maresa Sykes plays the front end of a full court press with team mate Quincy BeVelle against Tina-Avalon. –photo by M. Locker

SCOREBOARD

Cortney Roberts 15 points 5 steals, Kaley Thomas 2 points, Cori Locker 6 points 5 assists, Maresa Sykes 2 points, Maritza Chavez 6 points, Quincy BeVelle 18 points 7 rebounds, Sydnee Rounkles 13 points 8 rebounds, Caitlin Cramer 6 points 8 rebounds and 5 steals.

The boys also got a win over Tina on 12-12-11. The boys won 56-43 its looks like it should be a good season for the boys as the win raised their record to four wins and no losses!



In the boys game against T.A. Ethan Crowe lays in a basket.

SCOREBOARD

Cole Upton 13 points also went 3-3 on 3 pointers, Mason Mehrhoff 12 points, Preston Adams 2 points, Ethan Crowe 9 points, Brandon Bothwell 5 points 14 rebounds, Justin Jones 9 points, Justin Lewis 6 points 6 assists.

SW VS STET

The girls had a game at home on 12-15-11 against Stet. They crushed them winning 64-15. It was Stet's last game at Southwest as the school will be closed this spring.

SCOREBOARD

Cortney Roberts 8 points 9 assists and 5 steals, Cori Locker 16 points 9 assists 5 steals, Maresa Sykes 2 points, Maritza Chavez 2 points 7 rebounds, Quincy BeVelle 12 points, Sydnee Rounkles 16 points, Caitlin Cramer 8 points 6 rebounds.

The boys ended the game winning 49-22. It looked like the boys had a slow start but pulled out a win keeping their undefeated record going at five.

SCOREBOARD

Cole Upton 4 points 7 assists, Mason Mehrhoff 7 points 6 steals, Preston Reed 2 points, Ethan Crowe 6 points, Brandon Bothwell 8 points 11 rebounds, Justin Jones 8 points, Justin Lewis 14 points.

Holiday Hoops surprise has Lady Cats facing Princeton

On December 30 the Lady Wildcats traveled to Trenton to play Princeton in the NCMC Holiday Hoops and gave the crowd a great game to watch as the two teams played in the final game of the event.

With Southwest ranked tenth in the state and Princeton twelfth, the announcer called it right at the beginning of the game by saying that the contest would be a good one. The original team from Alma scheduled to play against Princeton was unable to play because of

the death of its school counselor who was also the coach's wife.

Southwest held a five point lead with one minute left in regulation but after a couple turnovers Princeton found their way back and forced an over time with the Wildcats.



Wildcat guard Cori Locker leaps to bring in a long pass on a fast break in overtime against Princeton.

Senior forward Caitlin Cramer led the Southwest offense with seven points in the four minute overtime and Quincy BeVelle and Maritza Chavez each contributed a free throw in overtime. Southwest finished without Rounkles who had fouled out early in the fourth quarter and Maresa Sykes put in some quality minutes in her place.

SCOREBOARD

Roberts 10 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists. Locker 9 points (1 three pointer) and 5 assists. Chavez 1 points. BeVelle 13 points. Rounkles 10 points 7 rebounds and 5 assists. Cramer 15 points, 3 steals and 10 rebounds.

Holidays mean spending time with family 'Tis the season for caring and sharing

By Caden Hacker

What does Christmas mean to you? For most it's about spending time with family and making the best out of the holidays, according to a survey of Southwest high school students and faculty.

It also means getting presents. Not just normal presents either. Some are weird presents such as a potbelly pig, a hotdog toaster, coal gum, and even a rock. Like the saying goes, it's the thought of the gift that counts.

Christmas means getting awesome presents too, from getting a four wheeler to a trip to Disney World. It's not just getting the presents that count, it who gave them to you. The most meaningful presents are from family and close friends. Ethan Crowe said his most meaningful present was, "a picture collage from Sydnee and it was a collage of us." He said.

Even the tiniest gift can be the most meaningful present. For Alec Trent the most meaningful present was, "A handmade card, it's the thought that counts." He said.

In the survey that was sent out to the ninth through twelve grades, a question of would you rather give or receive presents was the most written about question on the survey. Over ninety percent of the surveys returned said that they would rather give than receive. Brandon Bothwell said, "It's easier to give presents." While Jordan Konopasek said, "Receive, it may be selfish but I don't like to spend money."

"Christmas is about being with family and remembering the true reason for Christmas"

– Mrs. Barbara Kugler



**The Christmas tree by the Principle's office. –
-Photo by Caden Hacker**

So it's not how awesome the present is, it all depends on the person who gave it to you and what it means to you. That's what the true spirit of Christmas is. It's a time for sharing and caring.

Holiday concert sings of joy



The lower elementary.



The upper elementary.



Lower elementary.



Elementary and secondary combined concert band during December 13 Winter concert.



Elementary band.



Senior Steven Warren (far left) is the only representative of the class of 2012 to perform in the concert band. In marching band he served as the major, leading the band through their performances at football games and in parades.

Kindergarten News

The kindergartners have been extremely busy during the exciting month of December! We started the month with our Christmas program. The kids were very excited to perform for their families and each one of them did an excellent job! We also enjoyed a visit from our Partner In Education, Emily Warner of Studio Em. Emily brought an antique camera to show the kids and they couldn't believe the difference between the older camera and the cameras we use today. They also got the chance to take a picture of Ms. Perry and make her look silly by giving her crazy eyes and silly noses through the use of Photo Shop, a digital photo editing program. The students are really enjoying the holidays in kindergarten. Some of the activities that we have participated in were the P.T.O. holiday door decorating contest, in which we took second place, writing letters to Santa, making gifts for our parents, decorating ornaments and even making reindeer dust so that Santa's reindeer will easily be able to find our houses on Christmas eve!

First Grade Wildcat Newsletter**January 2012**

First grade would like to thank these parent helpers for a great Christmas party: Glinda Barron; Tracie Bradley; Kelly Warren; Audrey Wright. Students also participated in a book exchange. Our partner in education Kristen Lorenza from Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District came for her December visit on the 13th. Her topic was "snow and bread." Kristen explained that the snow gives water to the wheat which is used to make bread. We also watched a short video on

how wheat becomes bread on our Smart board. Each student received the book Skeeter's Awesome Adventure and a treat bag of goodies. Kristen also brought supplies and helped students make a snowflake tree ornament. We are looking forward to the new year. In reading we will continue with Theme 5 and start to work on long vowel words. These start with the CVCe(consonant, vowel, consonant, silent e) pattern. Students will also start written book reports in the new year. These will be due every Monday. We are very busy in math learning the math facts to 18. We are working on adding 2 to even and odd numbers and will be adding subtracting 2 facts to our lessons. We will begin 2012 with dividing squares into halves; using tally marks to count; and counting by 5's. We finished Social Studies Unit 3 on Work and will be going back to Science classes in January. Our first chapter will be Chapter 5 "Looking at Earth." We would like to welcome Amber Hughes to our classroom. She will be doing her student teaching in our room for eight weeks. To close our news we would like to share some of our New Year's Resolutions: Gracie Arth, Rhett Barron, Kierra Bradley, Tessa Hockaday, and Kera Moore plan to practice math facts more. Chloe Clements plans to study more for tests. Shyla Dahms hopes to do what the teacher tells me to do. Sheldon Goedeke plans on listening and following directions. Annabelle Sackrey wants to listen more. Lendley Sampsel wants to be a better hand writer. Eli Warren plans on being a better listener. Nola Wright wants to draw better pictures. Mrs. Gardner plans on learning more about

Elementary news continued.....

our Smart board. Watch out! Here we come 2012!

Second Grade Stories

by Mrs. Fischer

Wow! Can you believe that the school year is already half over? It sure does seem to fly by. I hope everyone had a terrific Christmas and New Year. Looking back over the last month, I found that we have covered a lot of material. We also seem to be the incredible shrinking class as we had one more student move. I'm sure the boys are enjoying this because so far, all that have moved have been girls and they have been severely outnumbered.

I believe the classes' favorite story from the month would have to be *The Big Bushy Mustache*. Not only did they read a story that they had never read before, but they also learned some words in Spanish. For example, they learned that bigote' means mustache and hola means hello. However, they wanted to impress Mrs. Yuille with their new hello but somehow between the time they learned it and the time she came in for counseling, "hola" became "aloha". Of course one or two figured out that it wasn't right and they corrected their mistake but we did have a good laugh about it.

Something else new that we learned this month is to add two digit numbers with regrouping. For those of you who don't know what that is, it is what we used to call borrowing. The entire class has done an amazing job with this. Usually I have one or two that it takes a couple of weeks to understand this concept, but this entire class learned it in just a few days.

During the week before Christmas break, our lessons all focused around the story of The Gingerbread Man. We read about the gingerbread man as well as the gingerbread baby. We also made snowmen ornaments for our parents as Christmas gifts and made the wrapping paper to wrap them in. On the last day, we had a Christmas movie, games, treats, and a party. Thanks to all the parents who helped in one way or another.

Fabulous Fifth

By: Mrs. Bagley

5th grade students have been very busy this month. The room has been decorated for the holiday season by the students and Mrs. Bagley. Santa greets you as you enter the room; he covers the whole classroom door. Students have made garland, ornaments, stockings, and peppermints for the bulletin board. There are two small Christmas trees that are around the room as well.

The students have been also preformed at the Christmas Music Concert, and the Christmas band concert. Everyone did a fabulous job!

Our PIE Francine came to visit us this month. She brought sugar cookies and let everyone decorate our own cookies with frosting! We had fun decorating and eating our decorated cookies.

In math we have been practicing dividing and multiplying "big numbers". We also have been introduced to adding and subtracting fractions this month. For science we have been studying the Earth and natural disasters such as: volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis! In Social Studies we learned a lot about the 13 English colonies, and how the people survived during that time. During reading we read a theme about the American Revolution and studied reading strategies.

**Have a great New Year and
Happy Holidays!**

January 2012 Senior Spotlight

Justin Lewis - Born April 8 in Chillicothe to Rick and Sherril Lewis. Has participated in football, basketball, baseball, track and softball. Was named all state this year in football. Involved in FFA and likes to hunt and fish. After high school he plans on attending college. Favorite song is Take a Back Road. Comment to family- "Thanks for supporting me." Would like to be remembered for his athletic abilities and being a leader. To high school friends- "Good Luck" Something others may not know about him- "I am actually shy if I don't know you!"

Photo by Stephen Sturgeon

Stephanie Thomas

Born June 24th to Steve and Dana Thomas in Chillicothe. Four year letter winner in softball, participated in FCCLA and NHS. She enjoys hanging out with friends and the song Scream. After high school she plans to go to Paul Mitchell cosmetology school in Overland Park. Favorite movie is Hangover. Comments to family: "Thank you for always being there for me and never giving up on me." Something few know about Stephanie, "I sometimes drink chocolate milk out of a sippy cup." She would like to be remembered as someone you could always trust. "Good luck with everything you do in high school and always try your hardest at everything you do."

Michael Rounkles - Born September 3. Likes the color blue. Has participated in all sports and named all state in football this year. Involved in Student Council and enjoys hunting, fishing and mudding. Son of Aaron and Michia Rounkles. Plans to attend college after high school. To family- "Thanks for being there." Parting thoughts to high school friends: "Good Luck." Favorite movie is Grand Torino and favorite song is I Wish You Were Like My Dog by Brad Paisley.

