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## NEWS BRIEFS

By TEVIN MATTHEWS

### Scholars season short, but successful

The Scholars Bowl meet set on Dec. 3 against Clay Center was cancelled due to snow, and the Jan. 9 Scholars Bowl meet against Council Grove was also cancelled due to -25 degree weather.

"It was disappointing," Scholars Bowl Sponsor Chris Schmitz said. "But what else can I say?"

The Scholars Bowl team placed second on Jan. 16 at Riley County and is currently preparing for league and regional meets.

### Seniors present early exit projects

Some seniors presented their exit project presentations on January 14-15, including seniors Taylor Ebert, Megan Feldkamp, Nolan Fike, Adara Leonard, Sara Liming, Kate Lohse, Dawn Nowakowski, Amanda Oakley, Torrey Peterson, Ashley Srna and Corey VanPelt.

"I was kind of nervous," Lohse said, "but I spent over 80 hours on my project so I knew what I was talking about."

Other seniors will be presenting their exit projects on March 11.

"I think everyone is good and prepared for it," senior advisor Sara Miller said.

### Renaissance Club holds rally

On Jan. 21, the Renaissance Club had the first 2010 Rock Creek pep rally, which proved to be different from the previous rallies, because the rally had a TV theme.

"The rally went well," sponsor Jeri Brummett said. "The Renaissance Club put a lot of work into this."

### Winter Homecoming results given

Dec. 17 was Winter Homecoming for Rock Creek High School. Seniors Jared Hawkins and Torrey Peterson were voted to be king and queen of the event.

"It was an exciting night; I am very happy for them" Student Council sponsor Richard Dugan said.

### Junior class votes on Prom theme

April 10 is the scheduled night for the Rock Creek Prom. After a vote by all the juniors, the decision for the theme is "When the Sun Goes Down."

"It is similar to by the shores of old Mexico," class sponsor Sara Miller said.

April 10 is also the scheduled ACT test day for Rock Creek; the test will go from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

## Yearbook earns top award for first time

By JOSEPH CALMES

Rock Creek High School was awarded with another award, the All-Kansas yearbook award from Kansas Scholastic Press Association (KSPA).

On Dec. 16, Rock Creek was notified that it had earned the award for the 2009 yearbook with the theme, "Live, Laugh and Never Forget;" this was the first time in Rock Creek history that this honor was awarded to the school. Every school in Kansas who is a KSPA member can compete for this award, and last year, there were 135 schools who entered a publication. Out of those, 20 schools won the award, including Rock Creek.

"It is really cool to know that for the first time when we have a really legit yearbook, we received this kind of award," senior Sara Liming said.

There are three types of awards the school can win: the Award of Merit, the Award of Commendation and, finally, the All-Kansas award, which is the top award. There are five categories in which the books are judged: photography, design, concept, coverage and reporting. Schools need to excel in at least three of the five to achieve All-Kansas status.

"You are to be commended... you are employing many of the techniques that separate the great from the good," the judge of the 2009 *Mustang* wrote.

The *Mustang* earned All-Kansas ratings for yearbook coverage, design and photography, and it received Award of Commendation ratings for yearbook concept/theme and reporting, so since the yearbook was at least three out of five for All-Kansas ratings, the yearbook earned the KSPA All-Kansas Award.

For those current and future students in Multimedia, the advice of the yearbook adviser Jessica Augustine is, "Realize with a little bit of work and a little bit of interest, you can achieve great things."

Current students who were part of the



2008-2009 YEARBOOK STAFF Front Row: alum Chris Wahl, alum Emily Zoeller, alum Kortney Campbell, alum Courtney Stillwagon and alum Seth Kuecker; Second Row: senior Jessica Jack, senior Melanie Stubbs, senior Megan Nider, senior Hannah Cockerill and senior Sara Liming; Back Row: senior Anthony Reid, junior Linda Overkamp, senior Brad Kleusch, junior Kim Fairchild and senior Travis Heideman. PHOTO BY ADVISER JESSICA AUGUSTINE

2009 staff include seniors Hannah Cockerill, Travis Heideman, Jessica Jack, Brad Kleusch, Sara Liming, Megan Nider, Anthony Reid and Melanie Stubbs; and juniors are Kim Fairchild and Linda Overkamp.

"The whole staff gets credit," Augustine said. "It's like an athletic thing where the whole team gets credit."

## Kuecker resigns as USD 323 school board president

By THOMAS McANERNEY

Within the last month, a man stepped down as the Board of education president. That man is a great supporter of this school and education, according to superintendent Dr. Darrel Stufflebeam. That man is Mark Kuecker.

Kuecker resigned Dec. 1, 2009, because he is moving to Omaha, Neb. He recently got offered a higher position in his job and will have to move to the headquarters in Omaha. He and his family will move Jan. 30. The entire family will move, but sophomore Aaron Kuecker will be here to finish out the year and will return to school here until he graduates. Mark Kuecker will come



MARK KUECKER  
FORMER BOARD PRESIDENT

back occasionally since he still owns the Complete Music business in Manhattan.

"I think the thing I will miss most is the sincerity of people," Mark Kuecker said. "We have the most genuine, honest and caring people that I have ever met. I'd take a Creeker any day as a friend."

When asked about what he thought of Mark Kuecker's service to the school, Stufflebeam said, "Everyone on the BOE felt Mark was a good BOE member and a strong advocate for public education. His service to the school district was greatly appreciated. We will all miss him and his sense of humor at the BOE meetings."

The district will now have to fill a spot on the BOE. The new board member will not fill the president spot, but will instead take a regular board spot since the president spot was filled by former vice president, Jon Srna. The requirements for being a BOE member is that the candidate must live in the USD 323 membership district number two. The board hopes to

be able to fill in by the Feb. 10 board meeting. One person has already contacted the board about the vacancy.

Srna has served on the board of education for a total of five years and was recently elected by the other board members to succeed Kuecker. He was elected vice president in July of 2009. Board member Kyle Hutson said that he is a "far thinker" and "has a background in management."

When asked why Jon Srna was a good choice, board member Dennis Fike said, "Jon is very interested in the well-being of all the students and faculty and is committed to keeping the Rock Creek school district at the upper level of academics and school-related activities."

When asked about his father's resignation and the move, Aaron Kuecker said, "I am sad and happy. I am disappointed that my parents won't be here, but I am glad I get to finish high school out at Rock Creek."

## Seven Kansas State University student teachers join faculty for semester

By JESSICA JACK

### BEN COOK

Who is your cooperating teacher?

Science teacher Kellie Milner

What are you getting your degree in?

Secondary Education - Chemistry

Where did you attend high school?

Abilene High School

What did you participate in during high school?

Football, wrestling, powerlifting, tennis, school plays and musicals

What is something unique about you?

I own a tail-gating van that I fixed up and painted to resemble the General Lee, but in KSU's colors

### KEITH KERSCHEN

Who is your cooperating teacher?

Math teacher Desirae Reitz

What are you getting your degree in?

Secondary Education - Math

Where did you attend high school?

Garden Plain High School

What did you participate in during high school?

Basketball, Scholars Bowl, forensics, Student Council

What is something unique about you?

I work at K-State volleyball games as a ball shagger.

### ALLISON MENSE

Who are your cooperating teachers?

Social Studies teachers Chris Schmitz & Mike Zabel

What are you getting your degree in?

Secondary Education - Social Studies and a minor in Leadership Studies

Where did you attend high school?

Hoxie High School

What did you participate in during high school?

Volleyball, basketball, track, FCCLA, FCA, NHS, Stuco, yearbook, school play

What is something unique about you?

I studied abroad in Spain and can speak Spanish.

### ALLISON MORTON

Who are your cooperating teachers?

English teachers Jessica Augustine & Cherrie Lindsey

What are you getting your degree in?

Secondary Education - English; bachelor's in Bible from Manhattan Christian College

Where did you attend high school?

Wamego High School

What did you participate in during high school?

Cross country, basketball, track, FCA, class president

What is something unique about you?

I love to run, and I have a cat named Sunshine.

### BRYAN SHAMBURG

Who is your cooperating teacher?

Science teacher Michael Rottinghaus

What are you getting your degree in?

Secondary Education - Biology/Earth & Space Science

Where did you attend high school?

Bennington High School

What did you participate in during high school?

Football, weight lifting, FCA, track

What is something unique about you?

I enjoy riding horses and roping.

### JENNY STEWART

Who is your cooperating teacher?

Math teacher Shirley Vandahl

What are you getting your degree in?

Secondary Education - Math

Where did you attend high school?

Kirkwood High School in St. Louis, Mo.

What did you participate in during high school?

Volleyball

What is something unique about you?

I am a non-traditional student with three sons, I love gardening, boating, skiing and reading and I am married to a mortician.

### REBECCA ZIRGER

Who is your cooperating teacher?

FACS teacher Mary Siderewicz

What are you getting your degree in?

Bachelor's in General Human Ecology; minor in Leadership Studies

Where did you attend high school?

Frankfort High School

What did you participate in during high school?

FCCLA, art; could not participate in sports because of an injury my freshman year

What is something unique about you?

I love art and have a flare for creating and working on graphic designs.

# OPINIONS

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## Years in the making, 'Avatar' worth effort

Brought to you by the director of hit films such as "The Terminator" and "Titanic," creator and director James Cameron takes the viewer to a whole new level with the movie "Avatar 3D." Cameron spent 15 years for production of the movie "Avatar."

"Avatar" is based around the adventure of an ex-marine named John Sully (Sam Worthington) who has been paralyzed. Sully had a twin brother who was a genetic scientist working for a company with a base on Pandora. Pandora is home to cat-like creatures called the Na'vi. The world of Pandora is toxic to the humans inhabiting the land. The scientists working on Pandora have created a Na'vi mixed with human blood



SARA LIMING  
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

and Na'vi blood so that humans can explore Pandora. When Sully's twin is killed, the scientists ask John to step up in his place. After taking on the form of the avatar, Sully can now use his legs. When Sully is taken out to explore the natural land, he gets left behind because he lost his way in the forest.

In the forest, he meets another Na'vi named Neytiri (Zoey Saldana) who had intentions of killing him, but due to a sign from the sacred Ewya, Sully is saved. Sully is taken to the home tree for the chief to examine him. The tribe then decides that he should become one of the Na'vi. And he then eventually becomes one of the Na'vi after three months of training from the beautiful Neytiri. After mating with Neytiri, Sully must decide between the human world and the world of Pandora.

When Sully hears about the company's intentions of destroying the home tree of the Na'vi, Sully sabotages one of the massive demolition trucks. The company owners prevent him from doing anymore damage to their trucks by making Sully take at the company's base. Once the tribe finds out about the planned destruction, Sully is out casted from the tribe and is marked as a betrayer in Neytiri's mind. Sully redeems himself and joins with the Na'vi to fight against the "skypeople." The movie ends the same way most do: Sully gets the girl and saves the day.

Despite the semi-predictable ending of the film, the graphics will surely take the viewer on a ride. Ninety percent of the movie is animated, but it does not look like an animated film. Cameron spent those 15 years in production creating the technology of "Avatar." The technology cost \$400 million to create. Cameron was then able to turn around and sell the technology for \$800 million.

This movie is the perfect combination of action, adventure, animation and fantasy. People of all ages will enjoy this sure-fire film that has been the first movie to make over \$1 billion and has been the most expensive movie to produce. But for those on a time crunch, this is not for you. This film is 162 minutes long, which is just short under three hours.

**SARA LIMING'S RATING**  
4 stars out of 4 stars

## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Leadership of board appreciated as Kansas schools face challenges

As many of you may have heard, school board president Mark Kuecker is leaving the school district later on this month. His family has decided to move to Nebraska due to a job transfer.

Kuecker was a very outgoing and boisterous president. Most often times students would be able to see him at sporting games cheering on our Mustangs.

Not only has Kuecker been an avid athletic booster, but he also has been a part of many of the major achievements made these past few school years. Kuecker has been involved during the building of the new St. George Elementary school, multiple Governor's Achievement Awards and most recently the high school's Blue Ribbon Award.

"I hope that I have left you with one thing," Kuecker said. "I hope that I have served as a role model for students. I hope that those that know me can see themselves serving whenever they have opportunities. Whether little things or big, give with all your heart. I hope that everyone learns to be passionate about life. Don't focus on the curve balls, just swing with passion!"

What made Kuecker such a great president was his attitude. According to principal Dennis Post, school board members must make decisions for the kids, be able to balance funding versus

the importance of educational items, be good thinkers and be open to new and innovative ideas.

But our school district has already decided on a new board president that also possesses these qualities. Former vice president John Srna will take over as school board president.

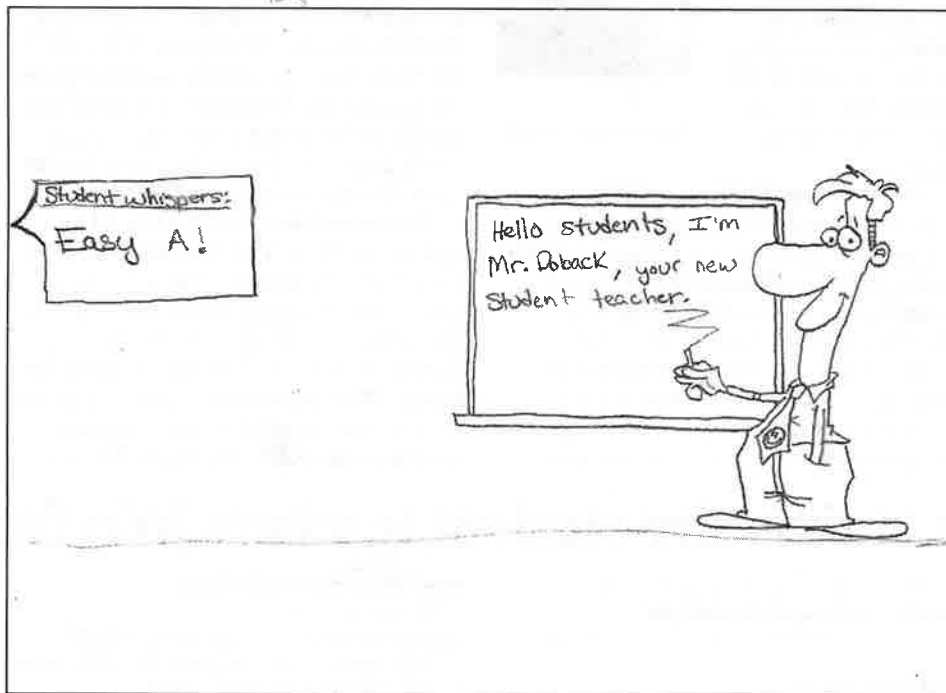
"Jon Srna is an extremely intelligent person, with a great sense of humor and down-to-earth sense of judgement," Kuecker said. "Rock Creek schools are in great hands with his leadership. My advice and request for Jon is to get people to stand and cheer loud."

According to superintendent Darrel Stufflebeam, Kyle Hutson has been named the new vice president, and the Board of Education will fill the vacancy of Kuecker's district's position at the February meeting.

The school board is relied upon throughout each school year. Board members must make decisions about funding and facilities, and many more decisions during a building process. Leadership is a highly praised quality when it comes to candidates for a board member. Kuecker was a member who excelled in these areas and will surely be missed. Our new president John Srna does an exceptional job, and we are looking forward to the years to come.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON BY ANTHONY REID



## YOUR PRINT BY ERICA SMITH

"To keep my relationships with my friends and family and to improve on them."



JANA HAVENS  
SENIOR

"To finish what I start! It's a good one."



JEREMIAH PERRY  
JUNIOR

"To start selling artwork that I have made and to maybe even start a comic."



SAMANTHA STEPHENS  
SOPHOMORE

"Mine is to pass my freshman year."



COLTON LEIKAM  
FRESHMAN

"I didn't make any this year because I usually don't follow through on them."



PAT BOOTH  
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## WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? WHY?



# FEATURES

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With the first decade of the 21st Century over, students provide their top nine lists of the past year

## ROCK CREEK STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS 2009

BY ANTHONY REID & ERICA SMITH

Results from survey of 75 students

### TOP 9 MOVIES

9. "FAST & FURIOUS"
8. "DISTRICT 9"
7. "ZOMBIE LAND"
6. "UP"
5. "INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS"
4. "AVATAR"
3. "THE BLIND SIDE"
2. "NEW MOON"
1. "THE HANGOVER"

### TOP 9 SINGERS

9. BREAKING BENJAMIN
8. OWL CITY
7. JASON ALDEAN
6. ZAC BROWN BAND
5. LIL WAYNE
4. TAYLOR SWIFT
3. KE\$HA
2. CARRIE UNDERWOOD
1. LADY GAGA

### TOP 9 TV SHOWS

9. "THE OFFICE"
8. "ONE TREE HILL"
7. "BONES"
6. "REAL WORLD"
5. "SOUTH PARK"
4. "SPORTS CENTER"
3. "THAT 70s SHOW"
2. "JERSEY SHORE"
1. "FAMILY GUY"



Cash came in at the top of the list of favorite student gifts for 2009.



"The Hangover" has made more than \$459 million since it came out in the summer of 2009, according to [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com), making it the 10th highest grossing movie of 2009.

### TOP 9 GIFTS

9. CAMERA
8. PHONE
7. PLAY STATION 3
6. MOVIES
5. COMPUTER
4. IPOD
3. CLOTHES
2. CAR
1. MONEY

### TOP 9 INTERNET GAMES

9. "GOLF SOLITAIRE"
8. "SAVE THE SHERIFF"
7. "ROLY POLY CANNON"
6. "POCKET TANKS"
5. "BLACK KNIGHT"
4. "JELLY JUMPERS"
3. "AGE OF WAR"
2. "TEXT TWIST"
1. "FREE RIDER 2"

### TOP 9 LOSSES

9. TED KENNEDY
8. WALTER CONKITE
7. FARAH FAWCETT
6. PATRICK SWAYZE
5. STEVE MCNAIR
4. OSCAR MAYER
3. BRITTANY MURPHY
2. MICHAEL JACKSON
1. BILLY MAYS



"Mario Kart" for the Nintendo Wii was a popular Christmas gift for many students because of the fun way to play it -- using a Wii steering wheel as a controller.



The 2009 GMC Sierra was a popular vehicle among students because of the new capabilities and extreme towing power.

### TOP 9 WII GAMES

9. "TRIVIAL PURSUIT"
8. "WII FIT"
7. "WII SHII"
6. "THE BEATLES: ROCK BAND"
5. "WII SPORTS"
4. "WII PLAY"
3. "NEW SUPER MARIO BROS. WII"
2. "WII SPORTS RESORT"
1. "MARIO KART WII"

### TOP 9 CARS RELEASED

9. GMC SIERRA 2500
8. JAGUAR XF
7. PONTIAC G8
6. BMW 550i
5. PORSCHE 911 GT3
4. CHEVROLET CORVETTE
3. DODGE CHALLENGER
2. FORD MUSTANG
1. CHEVROLET CAMARO

### TOP 9 YOUTUBE VIDEOS

9. T-MOBILE DANCE
8. I LIKE TURTLES
7. SMOSH VIDEOS
6. 32 SONGS IN 8 MINUTES
5. DAVID AFTER DENTIST
4. PIDERMAN AND BAMAN
3. LADY GAGA MUSIC VIDEOS
2. DUDE PERFECT
1. FRED VIDEOS

# SPORTS

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## Girls basketball remains undefeated at press time

By DEVIN MUIR

The girls basketball team currently has gone undefeated and ranks fourth in the 3A division, winning a total of nine games, including winning the Dickinson County Classic Tournament.

Leading the way for the girls team are senior Taylor Ebert, the team's top scorer, and senior Becky Lightfoot, who was selected as the *Topeka Capital Journal's* Area Player of the Week and chosen as the Most Valuable Player at the Dickinson County Classic Tournament.

Ebert averages 11.4 points per game and has shot a total of 103 points in the season so far. She has attempted 50 free throws and made a total of 36. Lightfoot averages 9.9 points per game and has made a total of 89 points this season. She has attempted 38 free throws and has made 17 of them.

In their first game on Dec. 4 against Clay Center, the Lady Mustangs won the game with a final score of 56-44. Their next game on Dec. 7 versus the Chapman Fighting Irish ended with Rock Creek winning 57-39. Next the girls dominated Council Grove, finishing the game 57-22 on Dec. 11. Next, on Dec. 15, they triumphed against the Wabauensee Chargers, ending the game with a score of 49-36. Following their win against the Chargers, the girls conquered Centralia, ending 49-29 on Dec. 18.

In their first game of the New Year on Jan. 4, the girls came out

on top in their game against the Riley County Falcons, finishing 38-28. In their game against Abilene on Jan. 9 they prevailed 47-40. Their next game on Jan. 12 against the Rossville Bulldogs ended with Rock Creek winning 45-33.

In their latest game on Jan. 15, the girls played against and defeated the Wabauensee Chargers for a second time, ending with a score of 48-39.

Despite the lady Mustangs current winning streak, the head coach of the girls basketball team, Mike Zabel, said he would like to see the team improve on "playing stronger," but still predicted the team "will have a good record" at the end of the season.

According to Lightfoot, part of the reason that the team has seen success is because of the bonds among the girls.

"We're all so close, all of us seniors and [sophomore] Lizz [Herrs]," Lightfoot said. "We just have good chemistry!"

Despite the success and the closeness, Lightfoot said that the girls still need to stay focused throughout the season, especially when they face tough competition and if they reach the state tournament, as they did last year.

"[I fear] we will get to a high level game and not know how to start at our highest level in the first period," Lightfoot said.

Soon, the girls will have a chance to prove themselves as they participate in the mid-season Hiawatha tournament and in their games against the Riley County Falcons on Feb. 2 at Riley County and the Marysville Bulldogs on Feb. 9 at Rock Creek.



IN EARLY SEASON ACTION, senior girls basketball player Becky Lightfoot looks for an open teammate during a game against Centralia on Dec. 18 at the Rock Creek High School gymnasium. The lady Mustangs finished the game by defeating the Panthers, 49-29. This season, Lightfoot has been named the Most Valuable Player at the Dickinson County Classic and the *Topeka Capital Journal's* Area Player of the Week. PHOTO BY SARA LIMING

## PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

### Boys basketball employs defense to defeat teams

By MASON SWENSON

This month, instead of having a single player of the month, the players on the cage defense were chosen by head coach Jim Johnston of the boys basketball team.

"It [cage defense] is one that when we do it well, it turns us into a great team," Johnston said.

When the Mustangs use this defense, the other team is confused by how fast the players are moving and the complexity of the play. Due to how many steals the players can get, "it motivates [us] to work harder," senior Pake Ebert said.

"I think the only team that could beat us on our defense is an extremely quick and basketball smart team," Ebert said.

Using this defense, the team has 62 steals, 16 blocked shots, 81 assists, five defensive assists and 128 defensive rebounds. The most defensive rebounds during a game was 34, and that was against the Wabauensee Chargers on Jan. 15. Most steals have been against Riley County Falcons with 16 on Jan. 5. The Mustangs have shot 355 points. Top three contributors to those points at press time were senior Josh Camacho with 103 points, Ebert with 91 and junior Travis Briggs with 59 points.

"We run the cage defense 95 percent of the time," coach Michael Rottinghaus said.

With running this defense so many times, the Mustangs should be very familiar with the cage defense. That assumption would be wrong. The players always have to be aware of their surrounding due to the complexity of the defense.

"Most teams haven't tried to go man on against us," Rottinghaus said.

When the defense has to be changed, the team does a good job responding due to their efforts at practice.

"If we don't have success, we will get tired and start getting sloppy," Rottinghaus said.

## Wrestling team starts strongly with new coach, new athletes

By MICHAEL PARKER

The Mustangs wrestling season is now underway with a total of five varsity meets completed.

The team is 2-1 in their duals so far this season as they won their duals at Clay Center on Dec. 12 and at Council Grove on Dec. 17 and lost their dual at Wamego Jan. 9. The team also placed ninth out of 15 teams at the Mission Valley tournament on Dec. 5, and finished sixth out of 16 teams at the Wabauensee tournament Jan. 15-16.

"I am happy with the work we have been doing in the [wrestling] room," head coach Dan Pray said. "We need to improve on setting shots up, attacking and making sure we get off our back, if we get put on it."

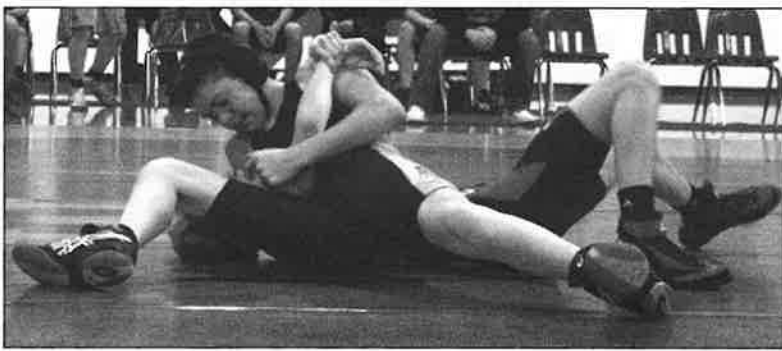
Some of the top performers for the Mustangs include sophomore Shane

Schaake and junior Dylan Treadwell. Schaake has placed at every tournament. He placed fourth in the 125-lbs. weight class at both the Mission Valley tournament and at the Wabauensee tournament. Treadwell, who wrestles at the 160-lbs. class, at one point in the season, went on a seven-match winning streak.

"The team has been doing well with the new coaches and new kids," Schaake said. "I want to go to state and take a lot of team members with me."

The winter weather has been a pain for the Mustangs as it has limited their number of practices and cancelled the Burlington Invitational tournament Jan. 9. Despite this, Pray still has high hopes for the team.

"I would like to keep our dual record above .500," Pray said. "I also want to win the MEL wrestling dual tournament."



AT A DUAL, freshman Randall Thomas, who wrestles at 103-lbs., works on his opponent from Wamego at the dual between the Mustangs and Red Raiders on Jan. 19 at Wamego. Thomas won the match-up by pinning his opponent. PHOTO BY SARA LIMING

## SCOREBOARD

By TEVIN MATTHEWS

	RC	OPPONENT
<b>VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL</b>		
Wabauensee (12/15)	59	44
Centralia (12/18)	38	44
Riley County (01/05)	55	34
Rossville (01/09)	51	64
Rossville (01/12)	53	65
Wabauensee (01/15)	65	21
SE of Saline (01/19)	51	40
Douglass (01/21)	64	70
<b>JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL</b>		
Wabauensee (12/15)	65	55
Centralia (12/18)	42	44
Riley County (01/05)	32	34
Rossville (01/12)	35	21
Wabauensee (01/15)	65	22
<b>FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL</b>		
Royal Valley (12/14)	48	35
Wabauensee (12/15)	54	16
Centralia (12/18)	46	27
Riley County (01/05)	25	43
Rossville (01/12)	55	41
Wabauensee (01/15)	54	10
St. Marys (01/16)	54	33
<b>VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL</b>		
Wabauensee (12/15)	49	36
Centralia (12/18)	49	29
Riley County (01/05)	38	28
Abilene (01/09)	47	40
Rossville (01/12)	45	33
Wabauensee (01/15)	48	39
SE of Saline (01/19)	51	40
<b>JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL</b>		
Wabauensee (12/15)	49	41
Centralia (12/18)	36	40
Riley County (01/05)	48	18
Rossville (01/12)	47	38
Wabauensee (01/15)	43	28
<b>FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL</b>		
Abilene (12/10)	42	27
Centralia (12/18)	48	22
Rossville (01/12)	43	21
<b>WRESTLING</b>		
Clay Center (12/12)	W	
Onaga (JV) (12/12)	NP	
Council Grove (12/17)	1st	
Wabauensee (01/15-16)	6th	
Wamego (01/19)	32	42
Holton (01/19)	36	24