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Junior Brett Broadbent performs as one of the jurors in "12 Angry Jurors" which runs through this Sunday. (Photo by Brianna Schuster)

# Students notice increase in suspensions

by Michael Owen  
STAFF WRITER

This 2014-2015 school year has stirred up some trouble at Seaman High. It seems that suspensions in the early part of this semester are at the top of a lot of peoples' lists. Many people believe that the administration is being too nosy in the students' lives, even though it's their job to keep the school and community as safe as possible.

New assistant principal, Mr. Monaghan says, "We administrators get the tips and act on them. We don't just go out looking for trouble. That's not what we want to do. But a part of our responsibility is to make sure these kids are staying safe and doing things within school policy."

A lot of students think that this semester has had a pretty dramatic increase in suspensions compared to the past. Statistics cannot be provided until the end of each semester each year.

Senior Brad Piel says, "I think a lot of people are getting suspended because more and more kids are getting involved

in illegal activity and deciding to bring it on school property. If you're going to do these things, might as well be smart about it and think about where/why you're doing it."

According to the statistics of the past five years, suspensions have varied. Some years there are very few. According to past school years' stats, only nine students have been suspended each of the past two years and no more than 19 in each of the past five years. The number of suspensions that go on don't seem to change the causes of the majority of the suspensions at Seaman, though.

Assistant Principal Donna Schmidt said, "It's scary and also interesting to see how similar the suspensions are each year."

Senior Stuco President Jayci Gooden said, "I think the number of suspensions we've had this year has been outrageous, but I'm glad that something is finally being done about the problems at Seaman High."

Rumors are going around that our new principal is the cause of this rise in suspensions this year.

"There's really nothing I've done differently in my transition," says Mr. Monaghan, "I realize people will say these things that give them an excuse, but once again we don't go out looking for all this trouble. People seem to support us and what we do and let us know what they've been hearing so we can crack down on the problems."

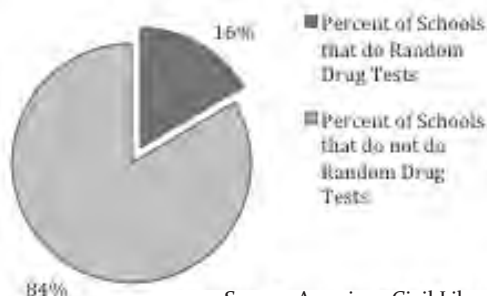
Senior Brad Piel says, "People just need to be smarter about it. I'm not saying that doing these things is the right choice, but if that's the way you choose to live then do it on your own time."

Drugs have been the forefront for suspensions this year.

Principal Ron Vinduska says, "It would be safe to say that drug-related suspensions are significantly up over the same period last year, or 2012 as well."

A parent meeting on Nov. 10 gives parents a chance to ask the Highway Patrol questions. The IM.P.E.D.E. (Improving Parents Education on Drug Effects) meeting is intended to inform parents about current drug trends and how to recognize signs of drug abuse before addiction and kids/students are not allowed to attend.

## Schools that do Drug Tests as of 2008

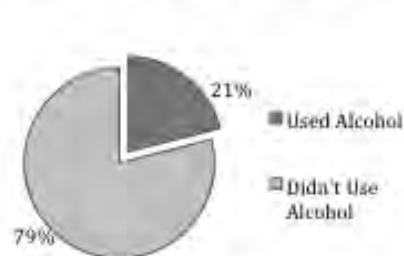


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## National 12th Grader Alcohol Use



## National Sixth Grader Alcohol Use



Around 1,200 students go to SHS every day. It would cost around \$50,400 to drug test the student body one time.

## clipnotes

- Over \$900 was collected for the "Miracles for Morgan" campaign at the last home football game.
- Mrs. Donna Schmidt has been named "Region 1 Assistant Principal of the Year." Region 1 is one of six regions in the state.
- Over \$1325 was raised for Topeka North Outreach

through the October change drive. Mrs. Deb Manning's seminar was the winner with \$181.78. Mrs. Wang's class was in second place and Mrs. Munoz-ONeil's seminar placed third.

The 2014 softball team finished in 14th place in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association for weighted GPA. The team had a weighted GPA of 3.877. Number one was Byron Nelson High School with a weighted GPA of 4.778.



# School safety prevails over student rights

by Kendall Leatherman  
CO-EDITOR

The line between school safety and the legal rights of students has become blurred over the years as to what extent the school can go to when searching vehicles, lockers and other personal belongings. It is slowly leaning towards the rights of school authorities to protect and prevent violence within the school, but how far is a school able to go when it comes to student's rights?

Some students believe that their Fourth Amendment rights are protected, which would prohibit the school authorities from pursuing an unreasonable search and seizure of student's locker, vehicle or other personal belongings.

Other believe that school administration have the right, duty and responsibility to act in the place of a parent under the doctrine of in loco parentis. According to ericdigests.org "This allows

the school to exercise many parental powers such as the right to search students' personal property without a warrant or probable cause for other citizens under the Fourth Amendment."

Sowhichsideis correctwhen dealing with student rights?

The landmark case of *New Jersey v. T.L.O* in 1985 was the last case to establish what restrictions school officials had when it comes to the Fourth Amendment of students.

In this case, an assistant vice president opened and searched the purse of the minor T.L.O after she had been accused of violating the school policy of smoking a cigarette on school property.

The vice principal found roll ing papers for marijuana, marijuana, a pipe, a list of students who owed T.L.O money for marijuana and cigarettes when he finished searching her purse.

T.L.O believed that her Fourth Amendment rights had been violated and took the case to court.

The court ruled that students are citizens who are covered by the Fourth Amendment when school searches were being conducted. The court also ruled that school officials when searching student property on school ground are covered under the doctrine of in loco parentis and are free from constitutional restraints.

The final question considered by the court was if it was reasonable. The Fourth Amendment requires a warrant and probable cause before a search is conducted with several exceptions, one being established by T.L.O.

Schools are able to conduct a search without a warrant if "reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school. Such a search will be permissible in its scope when the measures adopted are reasonably related to the objectives of the search and are

not excessively intrusive in light of the age, sex, school record, or student history and the nature of the infraction." ([www.streetlaw.org](http://www.streetlaw.org))

School authorities must meet one of the requirements when conducting a search, the search must either be reasonable in inception, or reasonable in scope.

"The District Attorney's office says that I have to have probable cause in order to search your bookbag, locker, or car. If you were to come in smelling like alcohol, that is enough probable cause for me to search.

Now the administrators fall under the Safe School's Act, where in order to protect the school they are able to search without probable cause. Once they begin the search and ask me to step in and search the car, locker or bookbag, that clears me and I am able to search without probable cause," said Student Resource Officer Doug Fehr.

## Teachers' fingerprints required by State Board of Education

by Sydney Marney  
STAFF WRITER

The State Board of Education has voted to require teachers to provide fingerprints when they renew their license. The fingerprints must be provided in order for the teachers to have extensive background

checks in the area of felonies.

They passed this law in order to protect children from people convicted of sex crimes, child abuse, murder, and other offenses.

According to Capital Journal fingerprinting began for new applicants in 2002, but just now has become effective on already-licensed teachers.

"We already have to pay \$50 to relicense. It seems unnecessary to have to pay another \$50 to prove we aren't criminals," said French teacher Sean Riley. Not only do they now have to provide fingerprints, but also they have to get them done on their own time with their own money.

Capital Journal states that

this new policy is affecting around 30,000 teachers, which will amount to around \$1.5 million in extra costs for teachers who are being relicensed. Teachers will only be required to be fingerprinted once, but there will be a fee charged each time they relicense to run their name against criminal databases.



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## FBLA plans annual trip to business conference

by Sydney Marney  
STAFF WRITER

FBLA is planning a trip to Minneapolis, MN to go to the Future Business Leaders of America Phi Beta Lambda National Fall Leadership Conference this month.

The organization was established in 1940 to bring business and education together through leadership. They established the conference to help aid in this process.

Students will be able to attend multiple workshops to help them prepare for their future, whether it is for their job or their personal life.

"When they attend these workshops what they get out of what's presented can be applied to their professional or personal life," said FBLA sponsor, Kevin Hoffmans.

The workshops they will be able to take include topics such as preparing for the future, dress for success, and a career in business.

"I learned a lot of tips on how to be successful, like how to dress appropriately for an interview when I went last year," said junior Michelle Anderson.

Besides going to the conference, students will also have time to themselves for seeing attractions such as the Mall of America and also the Minneapolis Art Institute.



## Students travel to DC for valuable learning experience

by Jakob Ready  
STAFF WRITER

Close Up went on their annual trip last Sunday, Nov. 2. Mr. Randy Crome took seven students on a week's trip to Washington D.C. They will be sightseeing, adventuring and learning all in one great city.

Anyone interested can attend the trip. The seven students that went this year were,

Kendall Leatherman, Victoria Stevens, Lauren Everts, Kira Sellens, Allie Crome, Jacob Meyer, and Matt Guerrero.

Each one of the students has four roommates, one from their own school and two from other schools. These schools can be from several different states.

"The purpose of students rooming with students from other schools is to connect them and find common inter-

ests," said Mr. Crome.

Close Up is a non-partisan/non-profit organization that Seaman has been participating in for over 25 years. The Close Up mission is, "To inform, inspire and empower students to exercise the rights and accept the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy."

The Close Up trip does just that with five days of educational instruction about civics,

government, and history provided conducted by the Close Up educational staff in D.C.

"The idea behind the trip is to connect high school students to politics and help them realize that they are not just students, but also citizens of the United States," said trip sponsor Mr. Crome.

"It is a big benefit for students to realize their rights and responsibilities as a citizen."





## Morgan hopes for miracles in Michigan

In many ways, she's a normal 15-year-old. She loves to travel, she laughs with her close group of friends, and she adores pop singer Austin Mahone.

But that's where normal ends. Since eighth grade, Feb. 26 to be exact, Morgan Kottman has been in the battle of her life.

Morgan has been living with DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma) which is a malignant tumor located in the middle of the brainstem.

When Morgan was first diagnosed, the news was bleak. Typical survival time is 9-12 months.

She underwent radiation as well as a trial study. MRIs showed that the tumor was not growing.

But on Oct. 14, Morgan and her family got bad news. According to her mom, Christine, the tumor had grown significantly. And those changes were having an effect on Morgan.

"I'm dizzy, I'm much more tired, and I can't feel the left side of my face," Morgan shared. "And my handwriting

has changed. It's not as good as it used to be."

But Morgan keeps fighting. The family is hoping to participate in a trial study in Michigan.

Those trips will cost money, and friends of the family have set up a website to donate to Morgan's cause at [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com). They hope to raise enough money to help with treatments.....and maybe an Austin Mahone concert.

"I want to marry him," Morgan blushes. As his "biggest fan," Morgan has seen her idol in concert.

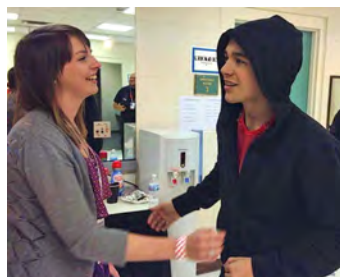
She is very excited that she got Mahone to follow her on Twitter.

Sounds like a normal teenage girl, right? Yet Morgan is far from ordinary. While many would have put the homework away and given up, Morgan keeps at it. And she does it with a smile.

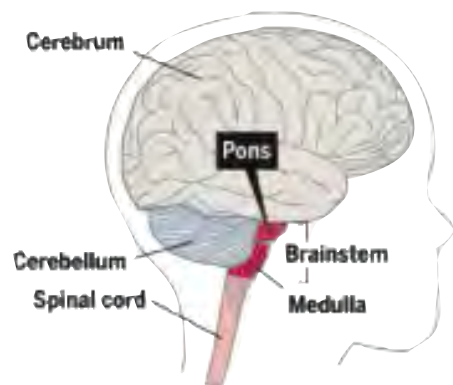
"Smiling is the best way to make people happy. I don't want people to think 'Wow, what a depressed girl.' So I'm really happy. I don't know how long I'll be here, but I want to put out a good vibe."



Morgan with sister Kelsey and brother Jacob as they wait to visit her doctor on Oct. 14.



Morgan meets her heartthrob Austin Malone. (All photos from Miracles for Morgan facebook page.)



## Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma *(dih-FYOOS in-TRINI-sik PON-teen glee-OH-muh)*

### ABOUT DIPG

- Usually strikes children ages 5 to 9
- Malignant cells entwine with healthy cells, so they cannot be removed
- There is no known cure or cause.
- Up to 400 new cases are diagnosed each year.
- Most people live 9 to 12 months.

### ABOUT CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH

- Federal funding is 5X greater for prostate cancer (with a 99 percent 5-year survival rate) than childhood cancer. [People

Against Childhood Cancer (PAC2)]

- Over the past five years, the National Cancer Institute has directed less than 4 percent of its total budget to pediatric cancer. [PAC2]
- Cancer is the leading cause of death for children under the age of 15 - more than cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, asthma and AIDS combined. [National Cancer Institute (NCI)]
- On average, 12,500 children are diagnosed with cancer each year. [dipregistry.org (Stanford University)]

*DIPG is a type of brain cancer caused when a tumor grows in the Pons part of the brainstem.*

## Dress code continues to cause controversy

by Brianna Schuster  
STAFF WRITER

Students at Seaman High School have been irritated with a stricter dress code this year.

Junior Abby Blume says, "I've seen more students get dress coded this year than any other."

Assistant principal Mr. Monaghan says otherwise, "I don't think it's been a problem. I haven't had to dress code very many people."

According to the policy, the appearance affects the learning atmosphere of a school. Being neat and

having good tastes are required.

Abby was dress coded this year, she said, "I had to change into basketball shorts that went down to my knees because my shorts were too short."

First violation of the dress code is a warning and one point, the second, 20-minute detention and two points, and the third is a 50-minute detention and three points.

"I think we should have uniforms, it breaks my heart that kids get bullied, teased and judged by what they wear," said English teacher Mrs. Kelly Muxlow.

There have been rumors going around about uniforms com-

ing to Seaman High School.

Mr. Monaghan said, "Uniforms haven't been brought up, so there's not a big chance that we would get them."

Many say that girls' dress code is more enforced than guys.

"I've never seen a guy get dress coded but I've seen at least 10 girls," said Abby Blume.

Others disagree, "I think its even, girls just tend to break it more with what they wear," said junior Peyton Maulbeck.

Mr. Monaghan said, "I think it's even. Girls can't wear things too revealing, and guys can't wear inappropriate shirts with profanity and alcohol on it."

## PE teachers proactive with locker room safety

by Sydney Marney  
and Blake Czajkowski  
STAFF WRITERS

A scandal has been recently revealed at a New Jersey high school, Sayreville War Memorial High School, involving their football team. The teams head coach and four of his assistants were suspended on the grounds of an accusation of sexual harassment. Seven of the upperclassmen were charged because of the hazing of the freshman on the team.

This is the type of situation Seaman high is trying to avoid with procedures already in place.

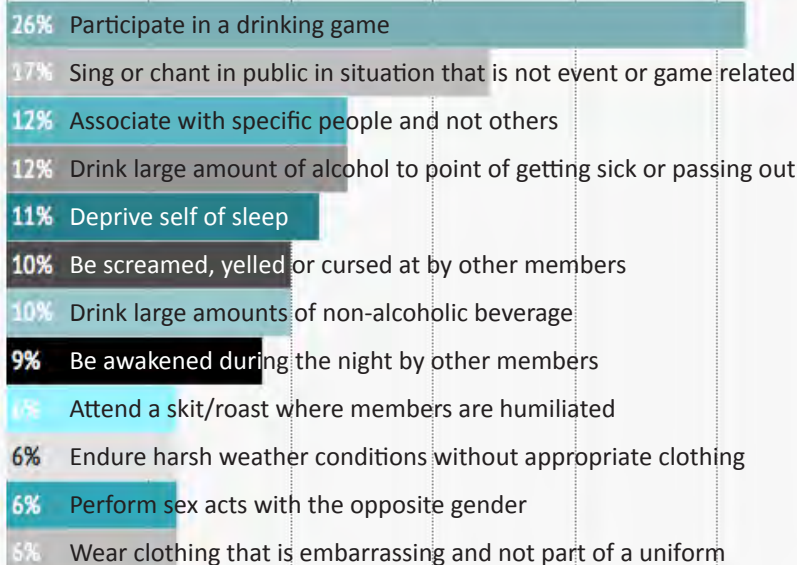
The locker rooms at Seaman High are a "No Cell Phone Zone" meaning that anyone caught with a cell phone will have it confiscated and will have to go through the disciplinary measures. This includes detentions or a Friday school, three discipline points, and the owners parents must come pick it up for them.

"We want to make the locker rooms as safe as we can," said P.E. teacher, Claudia Welch.

"We always have at least one teacher in the locker rooms at all times to supervise," added P.E. teacher, Craig Cox.

Although most of the faculty in the physical education department has never seen any harassment in the locker rooms, they know that teenagers usually don't think about the consequences of their actions so the best way to prevent it is to make sure the guidelines are clear and constantly enforce them.

### Most frequently reported hazing behaviors



★ 47%

Students who experienced hazing prior to college



More than 50%

College students involved in clubs or teams who experience hazing.

Info from stophazing.org. Over 11,000 students from 53 universities participated in this research.

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"We want to make the locker rooms as safe as we can."

Mrs. Claudia Welch



## Seaman alumni work for professional football teams

by Brenlee Yingling  
AD MANAGER

A few graduates from Seaman now work for professional sports teams. Caitlin Wienck now works for the Oakland Raiders, James Adams is a part of the Kansas City Chiefs drum line, and Myles Wilcox is now an intern athletic trainer for the Atlanta Falcons.

Caitlin Wienck graduated in 2010 and attended college at MidAmerica Nazarene University. Wienck now works for the Oakland Raiders as their Creative Services Director.

"I think my job is pretty cool. My favorite things are getting to talk to the players (occasionally, this doesn't happen a lot) and meeting the legends, along with seeing my art up on a billboard. Going to the games and hanging out in the media box is pretty cool too I have to say," said Wienck.

She writes the social media posts relating to game day, website ads and backgrounds, billboards and outdoor advertising, internal ticketing and signage, and logos for events.

Wienck mainly determines what things should look like. When applying for the job, her application was one of the

150 applications in her round. Then she got a project to answer a few questions about herself to see if she was the right fit for the job. After that, she was sent another project.

This project consisted of making a brand strategy, brand idea, brand promise, style sheet, campaign idea, a storyboard, a commercial, and an ad. After she finished the project, she got a call and was offered the job.

"Eventually I would love to go back to working somewhere closer to home, so the Chiefs, Royals and Sporting are pretty high on my list. But right now, I'm really happy where I am especially considering no one gets a job like this, this young and right out of college," said Wienck.

James Adams also graduated in 2010 and attended college at Washburn University. He is now a part of the Kansas City Chiefs drum line, called the KC Rumble.

To get the position for the drum line, he had to do an open audition. He chose to play the bass and then had to do a solo audition. Adams made the KC Rumble as the starter for the bass.

Before the season began, they had a rehearsal once a week for four hours. For games, they arrive hours before the game starts. First, they grab their instruments

and warm up in the parking lot. After that, they divide into two lines and perform to the tailgaters and get them pumped up before the game. Then the KC Rumble plays while all of the fans enter the stadium. After that, they perform in a small parade with the KC cheerleaders and KC Wolf. Then they play through the stadium and go out and march on the field.

The KC Rumble gets to stand on the field during pregame and watch all the players come out onto the field. During the game, they don't play, but during halftime they play at the Hy-Vee Hot Zone, which is a stage for performances. After that, depending on if they win or not, the KC Rumble plays while the fans leave.

"Some of my favorite things are just playing for the crowd in general. Also we have VIP passes, which allows us to be in the parking lot where the players park. I've never seen so many nice cars in one lot. Also having access to the locker rooms and the field, which are all of the things fans dream to be able to do. I enjoy the entire day. It's extremely fun doing it in front of 80000 fans," said Adams.

Myles Wilcox graduated in 2008 and attended college at Kansas University and Texas University. He is now

an intern athletic trainer for the Atlanta Falcons.

In college, Wilcox worked with the Kansas football team. He also got to intern with the Kansas City Chiefs for two summers.

To get the job, Wilcox applied to all 32 NFL teams. He had to call every team back until he got the confirmation letter that the team received his cover letter and resume.

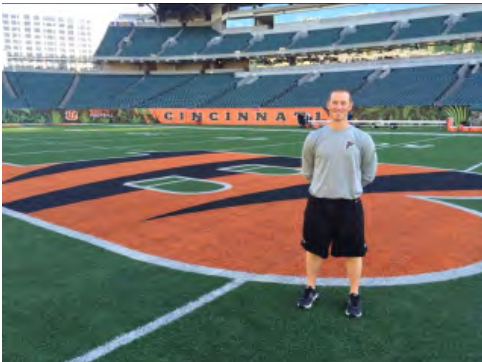
"To get this job took a lot of hard work, dedication, sacrifice and networking," said Wilcox.

On a daily basis he sets up for practices, assists with prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries, helps the players with hydration, restocks coolers, trunks, and all supplies that the football team uses.

Wilcox gets to travel to many places around the world. He just got back from London with the Falcons.

"My favorite part is traveling to different sports venues across the country. It's also cool to get to know our athletes as people and not view them as superstars or celebrities," said Wilcox.

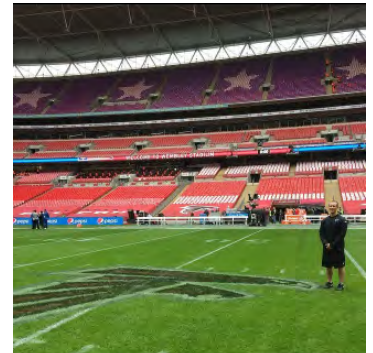
His plans for the future are to apply for assistant athletic trainer positions working with Division I football and to hopefully work his way up to becoming a head athletic trainer.



Myles Wilcox gets ready for a game at the Cincinnati Bengals field (Photo provided by Myles Wilcox).



James Adams (far left) gets ready to perform at the Kansas City Chiefs game (Photo provided by James Adams).



Wilcox at Wembley Stadium in London, England (Photo provided by Wilcox).

# History shows that every vote counts

by Shyanne Osterhaus  
STAFF WRITER

Voting in elections is a right held as Americans. Throughout history those 18 years of age and older have exercised their right to vote by going to the polls on the first Tuesday of every November, Election Day, to vote for a candidate who promises to change the community.

Not all elections have a clear winner. In fact, there have been numerous presidential elections that are so close the winner isn't claimed until the next day, or even a later date.

The presidential election of 1960 only separated the winner, John F. Kennedy, and the loser, Richard Nixon, by 0.1 percent of the popular vote. It wasn't until the following day when the votes were all finalized that Kennedy was crowned the victor

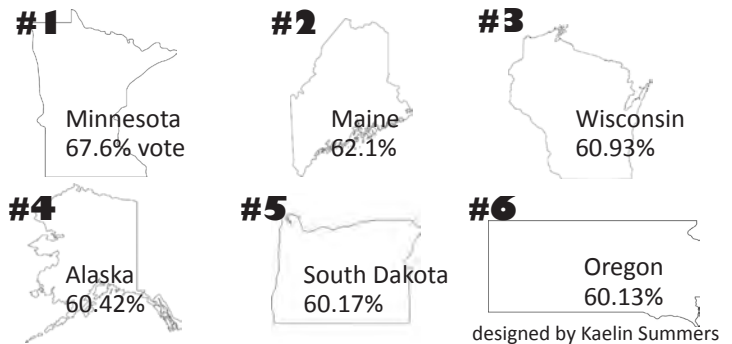
(ushistory.org).

Presidential elections aren't the only elections that have a thin line between winners and losers. In fact, the recent Kansas primary elections that took place on August 5 have shown that every vote truly does count.

State Representative candidate Fred Patton only beat out competitor Josh Powell by 64 votes (Shawnee County Election Office). While this appears to be an extremely close election, the elections with the smallest vote deficits are only determined by less than one tenth percent of the popular vote.

Less significant elections that possess close vote differences can possibly determine who wins greater elections down the road. For example the winner of the Texas Senatorial Democratic Primary election of 1948 went on to become the President of the

States with highest number  
of registered voters who actually vote



United States. Lyndon Johnson defeated Coke Stevenson by a margin of 87 votes (degreed.com).

"This election launched the career of Lyndon Johnson, a future powerful senate majority leader, Vice President, and President of the United States. Johnson, as president, helped pass the civil rights act, voting rights act and Medicare," government teacher Kevin Fries explains. "Eighty seven votes changed U.S. history."

If the outcome of the Texas primary election of 1948 yielded a different victor, the presidency of our nation may not have been affected by Lyndon Johnson's developing ideas and contributions.

Even though close elections occur occasionally, the majority of elections hold a clear winner. In any election, no matter how important or insignificant it seems, every vote for any candidate could potentially help make a difference.

## Opinion: Domestic violence affects both women and men

by Michael Owen  
STAFF WRITER

Domestic violence is one of the most underreported crimes in the U.S. The recent Ray Rice scandal has brought up a ton of discussion about domestic abuse and what it entails. Rice has now been released from the Baltimore Ravens and suspended indefinitely due to his actions. A video showed Rice allegedly striking his fiancée in the face while both were alone in an elevator. After doing this, he dragged her out while she was unconscious. According to Time Magazine both were arrested for this altercation, and Rice was charged for "simple assault." Because of this incident and many other similar past occurrences, men are seen as the dominant power over women and are always the "bad guy" in these types of cases.

Senior Wyatt Steenson says, "Domestic violence is never okay in any circumstance. Ray Rice had no right to do what he did to his fiancée in that elevator."

Statistics show that this is true, men are the "bad guys" when it comes to domestic abuse. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 85 percent of domestic violence victims are women. Of those 85 percent, only 15 percent have been reported that have been classified as severely injured. Every one in four women are likely to experience domestic abuse during their lifetime.

When looking at the numbers, men are the abusers. When looking at the facts, though, it could easily be a different story.

At the same time of this Ray Rice incident, a little side story was going on about Hope Solo, US National Soccer Team goalkeeper. Fox news reports that Solo struck her half-sister and 17-year-old nephew. No matter how old that boy was, it's still a case of female dominance and abuse. If the media wasn't so focused on the Ray Rice scandal, this story would've been at the top of everyone's lists. The thing is, the subject did not outrage many people who did discuss it publicly and a lot of them joked about

the victim being male.

Senior Katie Waetzig said, "Hope Solo was wrong in what she did. Even women can be harmful towards people; it doesn't always have to be a male figure. Either way, it's not alright for people to abuse others."

Honestly though, how many men are going to report something like that? Who would want to be that guy that says a woman is beating him? Most guys don't want to look like the weaker sex, so they just let things like abuse go and act like it didn't happen. According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, a surprising 28.5 percent of men in the U.S. experience some sort of domestic violence in their lifetime. Women are only a mere 7 percent higher than that, which is not a lot considering the large population we have.

Senior Madison Henderson said, "Domestic violence is equally bad for both men and women. It's never okay for either sex to abuse someone else."



## Death with dignity ignites controversy

by Ethan Brunetti  
STAFF WRITER

Brittany Maynard, a dying woman who recently moved to Oregon, ignited a whole country with debate over the controversial life ending procedure that is called physician assisted suicide. This is legal in Oregon as part of their death with dignity acts.

Oregon's "death with dignity" laws are the most flexible in the country. Physicians are protected from criminal charges. Patients are allowed to have life insurance policies for their loved ones to collect.

Oregon also has a specific checklist patients must follow to be euthanized.

The state is strict on who is performing the procedure, where it is to be performed, and why it is being performed.

These whys include whether or not you will be suffering if you continue to live, dependent on the amount of time you are given to live, and whether the illness is terminal.

Brittany Maynard went through all of the necessary procedures to obtain pills that when taken will result in her death.

I strongly support these laws and believe that it is unfair to put all of the pain and burden of a terminal illness on someone who doesn't want it put upon them. This is why I feel physician assisted suicide should be legal in all 50

states..

There are a several countries who allow assisted suicide through the help of a physician and the most of these countries laws are being closely followed by the states who are deciding it's next step in citizens rights are allowing them who wish to receive physician assisted suicide. Many states, Kansas included, are working on their own versions of the death with dignity acts

The death with dignity act is another huge step in human rights in our country. not only with the several states that have already passed the legislation but also with many who have it as a huge discussion in their state lawmaking bodies.

## Senior students are unprepared for elections

by Kendall Leatherman and  
Ethan Brunetti

With every new election year there is a new set of young adults who are able to vote for the first time in their lives. Some may argue that they are incapable of making the right decision when it comes to selecting the leaders of our country, and for the majority of the time they would be correct. If their argument were to be supported by a survey given to a portion of senior students here at the high school their point would be proven.

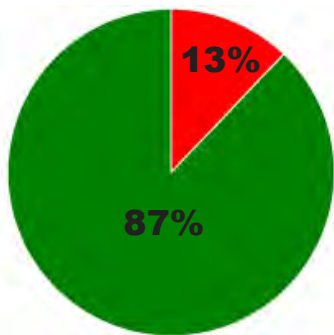
The overwhelming number of seniors who knew little to nothing about the election, and our current government leaders astonished us. Only 13 percent of

the 78 seniors knew one of our current United States senators representing the state of Kansas. So many students will be able to vote in the next year, but have little to no interest in politics, and are unaware of the political issues in our country. This provides the proof to the older generations that we are unprepared to make educated decision when voting.

Our generation believes that they do not need to vote because their vote will not matter, and they are unhappy with the public officials that are representing our country. Yet their problems may be solved if more people went out and voted. The importance of registering to vote once you are of age is a constitution right and responsibility. The idea that

your vote matters is shown through the town of Ferguson, Missouri where two thirds of the population is African-American and 5 out of the 6 city council members are Caucasian along with the city's mayor.

Only 12 percent of their registered voters went out and voted on Election Day. ([www.usatoday.com](http://www.usatoday.com)). This shows how large of an influence a small percent of the population has on a town when they are the only ones deciding who is representing their town. If you believe that your vote does not matter this example shows why every vote is important when deciding who is our public officials will be.



**Only 13 percent of the 78 seniors surveyed knew one of Kansas US Senators**



**21 students identified as Republican, 10 identified as Democrat, and 47 identified as other.**



**3/4 of the students surveyed expect their parents to vote.**

## Teacher gets involved in the music world

by Delaney Spence  
STAFF WRITER

For 12 years now, Mr. Sean Riley, French teacher, has been in a band called Iron Guts Kelly. The band formed when Mr. Riley and his friend since high school decided to leave their current band and start a new one, so they set things up, added two more people and started playing.

Iron Guts Kelly consists of two Kansas City police officers on guitar and bass, a lead singer who is a business owner, plus Mr. Sean Riley on the drums.

This punk rock band has performed in about 20 other states. They haven't been

playing as much lately – maybe a few shows a year now, opposed to a couple of shows a month, but when they do play at places close to home it is at Replay or The Jackpot in Lawrence, Kirby's in Wichita, or various clubs in Kansas City. How many fans do they have? Riley replied, "At least five. It's hard to tell how big your fan base is. We have people who make it to every show, but we love playing to new crowds as well."

Iron Guts Kelly has songs available for download on iTunes for .99 cents.

Sean Riley goes to say, "We don't really make money off of iTunes. We make more

money selling CD's and merchandise at shows, but this is what we do for fun. We

don't go out bowling or have poker night; we play music."



Mr. Sean Riley with his fellow band members (Photo provided by Sean Riley).

## NOTO fine arts business grabs attention

by Delaney Spence  
STAFF WRITER

Matryoshka, not only a tattoo shop, but a place for people to explore the different layers of the art world is located in NOTO. The shop includes handmade goods, fine arts, tattooing and live music.

Jennifer Bohlander, owner of the shop says, "My shop represents all that I find beautiful about differences in people and how what you see on the surface may not be the whole story. Each layer is an expression of individuality and experience."

She then explains "because of my history as a Russian linguist in the Army and also the many layers of my shop, I chose the word 'Matryoshka' for the name of business." Matryoshka is a Russian



nesting doll that is detailed with bright colored paint.

Bohlander has been an artist for most of her life and is extremely passionate about the work she does. Specializing in one-on-one collaborations, and also, an overall

experience of meeting and exceeding the expectations of her clients, she is booked four to six months at a time. She has been a professional tattoo artist for over 20 years, earning multiple national awards for her work.

"I want people to be able to express themselves as beautifully as I can render it. I have worked hard to be where I am today, but mostly I think people understand my sincerity and love of the art and the relationships I have with my clients," says Jennifer.

Matryoshka is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10a.m. to 6p.m., but is also open for any special events that occur in NOTO, which includes first Friday art walks when they are open much later.

So, if interested in the art world, make a visit to the shop and be sure to check out their merchandise. Get a permanent piece of art, a piece of fine art to hang on your wall, get the experience of local live music, or something handmade with craftsmanship and love at Matryoshka.





## FFA's poverty dinner helps raise awareness

by Tory Darting  
STAFF WRITER

Visualize exactly what it would be like to live with an insufficient amount of food on a daily basis. The FFA (Future Farmers of America) club came up with a new way to show students what is going on in the community around them. On Nov. 20 a poverty dinner will take place in the high school commons. Megan VanGordon, FFA advisor, described exactly what the poverty dinner is.

"The Poverty Dinner is a dinner that will be used to

inform students and the local community about hunger in the state and our community," she said. "It will open eyes to how quickly situations can change for a family or an individual."

The dinner will be serving BBQ type foods. As the students walk in the door, they will be randomly selected and placed in a group.

"We are going to split them into four groups: high class, middle class, low class and disaster," VanGordon described. "The high class and middle class get full food, low class gets rice and disaster

will get no food unless there are leftovers from the other groups."

The idea for this event came to mind when they visited a Leadership Conference earlier this year.

"The students went to an event very similar to this at Washington Leadership Conference with FFA. They were inspired to bring the ideas back to the community and try to make a difference."

Although poverty in Kansas has decreased during the last two years, it is always applicable to be conscious of the events taking place in the

community.

"We are hoping that the students will become more aware of what is going on in their own community. The media tends to make poverty and hunger seem like it can only happen in poor cities and countries, when in reality it is all around us," explained VanGordon. "Hopefully they will see that there are many reasons for poverty as well and it's not just because the person doesn't want to get a job."

## Biology class serves dual purpose

by Shyanne Osterhaus  
STAFF WRITER

Freshman biology teacher, Jessica Otradovec, makes class worthwhile; not only by teaching biology but also by donating to numerous foundations and organizations throughout the school year.

Last year, the class managed to raise over \$100 for multiple causes, including the World Wildlife Fund.

This year, every two months will be spent donating money to five separate organizations.

"It's important for students to donate because it gives students a more per-

sonal relationship to what we are learning in class," Miss Otradovec explains.

The selected organizations for this school year are Solar Roadways, the Cancer Research Institute, Children's Hospital Association, the Ocean Conservation Society and the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundations. Miss Otradovec's class is the only freshman biology class to participate in this project.

"I was thinking about the first day of school, and I didn't want to do normal first day of school things," Miss Otradovec says. "I wanted to tie into biology right away."

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"It's important for students to donate because it gives students a more personal relationship to what we are learning in class."

Ms. Jessica Otradovec

### Solar Roadways

Solar Roadways is an organization that's goal is to replace all concrete and asphalt surfaces with solar panels.

[solarroadways.com](http://solarroadways.com)



### Children's Hospital Association

The Children's Hospital Association's goal is to innovate the quality, cost, and delivery of care to children in children's hospitals all over the country.

[childrenshospitals.org](http://childrenshospitals.org)



### Cancer Research Institute

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## '12 ANGRY JURORS'

### Picking a play takes time

by Brenlee Yingling  
AD MANAGER

Twice a year, multiple plays are read throughout a month's time to figure out which one is the best fit for Seaman.

Theatre teacher and director Diane Payne starts researching and reading plays in early July. In order to have the play scripts ready for the beginning of the school year, she must have the play decided by the first day that teachers return to school in August. Plays recommended from students are even considered.

Payne also uses many of the plays she has seen at Topeka Civic Theatre, Helen Hocker, Washburn University, the International Thespian Festival, or a show she has been to herself. She tries to find a play that is both entertaining as well as a learning experience for both the actors and the theatre technicians.

Payne then chooses one and presents it to the administration by the end of July

to have it ready for the school year. Not all suggestions make the cut. In fact, sometimes Payne does some self-censoring.

"I have always wanted to direct the play 'Lend Me a Tenor'. I have asked to do the comedy twice, and we are not allowed to do the show. Compared to what is on TV and in movies today, the show is quite tame, but I do understand we have a conservative audience and I don't want to put anything on stage that my pastor and his wife would not approve of attending. So that is my rule as a director of live shows at Seaman High School," said Payne.



Julia Hartner, Andrew Ralston and Stephanie Bayless sit around the table arguing as three of the jurors in the play "12 Angry Jurors" which premieres Nov 6 at 7. (Photo by Briana Schuster)

While trying to pick a play for this year, English teacher and technical theatre director Katie Murphy recommended Twelve Angry Jurors by Reginald Rose. From the original "Twelve Angry Men", a modernized version allows both men and women for this play.

### Fall play shakes things up with new seating

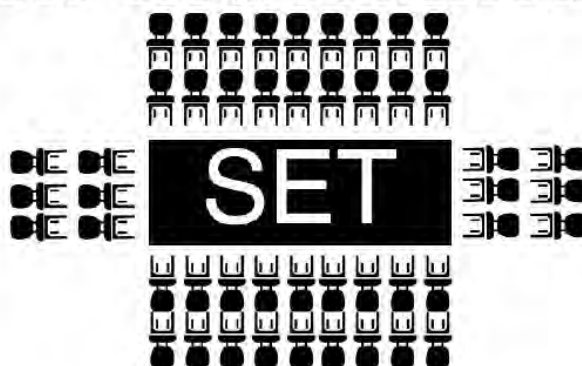
by Taylor Buessing  
CO-EDITOR

The theatre department at the high school this year has decided to mix things up a bit. Instead of hosting a traditional play where people sit in the audience, they will be doing black box theatre. Black box theatre is where the audience sits in a box surrounding the play set, also known as "in the round".

"We are doing the seating new for the fall play. People won't be sitting in the audience," said technical director Katie Murphy.

While the audience will be up close and intimate with the actors they must still remain calm, collected and in character. Murphy says it will be a nice challenge for the ac-

## "In the Round"



tors.

While the new style of seating is an interesting and exciting change for this play it will cause the theatre department to be incapable of seating as many people in one show. In order to make up for

the lost available seats per night it was decided to add a fourth performance night and do a Sunday matinee.

"Because of the style of seating, we can't seat as many people so we wanted to add a fourth night so more people

could come," said Murphy.

It is also said that they will be seating people in the balcony if necessary and color coating the tickets sold to help direct people to whether they will be sitting in the balcony or on the stage. Approximately 110-120 people can be comfortably seated on the stage around the set and the rest will be in the balcony.

According to Murphy, the decision to do black box theatre was based on the setting of the play and a nice change.

"This show is set in 'real time' which makes the more intimate seating fit with the play. It also seemed really cool and we wanted to shake things up for the actors and the community," said Murphy.





# Apple shocks consumers with new products and designs

by Mason Diederich  
STAFF WRITER

The latest and greatest Apple technology is out again. This time it's not just the standard new and improved iPhone, Apple has now introduced the brand new Apple Watch and new iPads.

Two iPhones came out this year, the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6+. These two phones are a little bit larger than previous iPhones but are still large sellers. The most improved part of these phones is the camera, which has the capability to film in slow motion and fast motion. The iPhones come with A8 chips which are the fastest processors in iPhone history. Many people have complained about the size of the phone and of course the rumored "bend" the 6+ has. According to Apple, if the phone bends, it is an owner malfunction.

"The battery life is a lot longer than my older one and also the quality of the

camera is so nice," said Peyton Maulbeck, owner of an iPhone 6. David Lucero said, "I actually enjoy the size of the phone."

However, some people like Mr. Louis Dileonardo are not as excited about the next big thing.

"I am just looking for quality which I have in my iPhone 5, not all about the latest thing," said Mr. Dileonardo.

The new app that Apple released is the Apple Pay. This app is what tech fans are going nuts about. The app allows you to have your wallet on your phone. Users will be able to make in app purchases easier as well as online shopping even easier. Fingerprint scanning will be the way your money is protected.

Some experts however are saying that this Apple Pay app could be the next bust like the app Passbook was.

Apple Watch will be coming out in early 2015 and is the device that Apple created to compete with

Samsung. The watch will be touch screen but will also have a dial on the side. This is a standard watch that will be able to tell time but will also have the standard home screen apps on it. Some of the useful things this watch will do includes having the ability to answer phone calls, use maps, and also tell the difference between a tap and a press on the screen. Users will also be able to send a text message on this by asking Apple's Siri to send it.

There will be three different types of watches, the standard Apple Watch, the Apple Watch Sport, and the Apple Watch Edition. The Edition will be the fanciest and more than likely a little bit more expensive as it includes 18 karat gold.

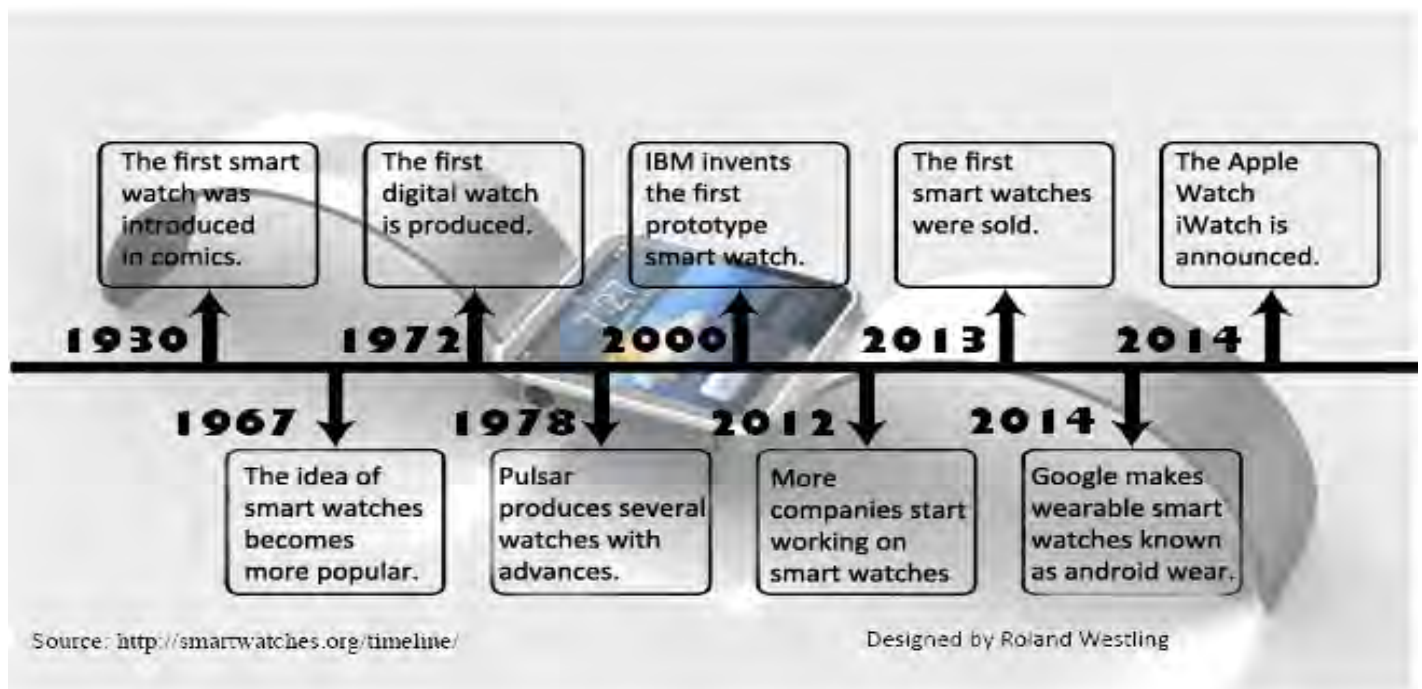
The most recent thing Apple has released is the two new iPads. The iPad mini 3 came out as well as the iPad Air 2. Both have come equipped with the fingerprint scanner. They both include the new high quality cameras and special apps that are



meant for the iPad. They both also include two antennas, which allow for faster Wi-Fi and faster download. These iPads also include the A7 which is the fastest chip ever for iPads.

All of these new devices will include the best retina display Apple has designed which can be seen in a comparison of new and old.

If you like Apple or not, they will always get attention and continue to bring out some of the newest technology and be a leading competitor. Apple will be held accountable for everything they do and have handled this pressure every year by releasing the best thing in their arsenal.





# 3D printers: are they the future?

by Kaelin Summers  
STAFF WRITER

The next big thing after the Smartphone is 3D Printing. According to ROBO 3D Printer, printing in 3D is when a computer model is turned into a physical model.

3D Printing is what can make the imagination come to an element in which is real.

It takes many materials to make these physical creations. First step is to own the 3D machine. There are many different sizes, shapes and types of the 3D Printer. Information gathered from MakerBot.com tells that each 3D machine ranges from \$1,000 to \$7,000.

MakerBot has 5 styles of 3D printers, starting at \$1,000 is the MakerBot Digitizer, second is the MakerBot Replicator Mini starting at \$1,375, third is the MakerBot Replicator 2X starting at \$2,799, the fourth is the MakerBot Replicator Desktop 3D Printer starting at \$2,899 and the last and most expensive the MakerBot Replicator Z18 starting at \$6,499.

Information gathered from ABC News tells that hearing aids, prosthetic limbs and even guns are



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being put through the 3D printer. The first printed car was designed by American Local Motors. The 3D car's body was created over two days in the printer at the Chicago trade show.

To refine the shape of the car took one day and the assemble the lightweight vehicle took two days. The 3D car ended up being 1,000 kilograms.

Other car parts have been made with the 3D printer but never had a whole vehicle printer and put together. The car has 49 parts and a standard car has around 5,000 parts.

Information gathered from BBC News tell that a 5-year-old Scottish girl named Hayley Fraser was printed a

hand from the 3D printers. This 5 year old girl lives in the United Kingdom and was born without fully formed fingers on her left hand. Her parents had her prosthetic hand designed from a plaster cast. Little Hayley Fraser was rewarded a new pink prosthetic hand from the US-based E-nable, which is a group who create and then make through the 3D printer prosthetic limbs for mostly children.

Teachers here at Seaman High School are amazed and fascinated with the idea of 3D printing. 3D printing is something that will help change the world.

Mr. Bloomfield said "I believe 3D printing will change the world just as

much as computer's have." Computers have had a huge impact on how the world has changed. Think about having 3D printing in the classrooms at school, "It would be great to have in school, but for a classroom it would be hard to have a dozen students on one printer. So if we were to get them I would want a dozen printers and the budget to be able to run them all," told Mr. Bloomfield.

The magical material inside the 3D printer is called filament. There are four different types of filament; PLA, flexible, ABS and dissolvable.

Information gathered from MakerBot says that the filament is 100 percent American made and helps the steady flow and has the highest print quality.

PLA filament is bioplastic (biodegradable plastic) made from corn, ABS filament is the best and most consistent filament made for the Makerbots, Dissolvable filament is designed with ABS filament as the solid and when this filament is put into water suddenly it will vanish and Flexible Filament opens up more doors for creativity and potential exciting possibilities for designs.

## VIKINGvoices

If you could transfer to any school in the county, where would it be and why?



"Topeka West, because it's better than Topeka East."  
Freshman Seth Sauer



"Washburn Rural, because they have good lunches, hot guys and the same type of education as we do."  
Sophomore Heather Gillaspie



"Washburn Rural, because it's by a fire station that has an explore post."  
Junior Scott Monk



"Probably Highland Park so I could be the best distance runner in the entire school."  
Senior Allie Crome

## Mars site in Topeka receives LEED certification

by Cortni Heston  
STAFF WRITER

The Mars chocolate site in Topeka has earned the prestigious LEED gold certification presented by the U.S. Green Building Council. This certification signifies that this site has designed, constructed, and operated a green facility.

The new Topeka site opened in March and is roughly 500,000 square feet.

"We're proud that this state-of-the-art site engages cutting edge environmental standards, setting an example for others to follow," said Site Director Bret Spangler.

"LEED Gold certification is another shining example of our ambitious goal to make our factories and offices 'Sustainable in a Generation.'"

In order to receive this certification, the site includes several sustainable systems and features such as, 100 percent renewable electricity, state-of-the-art heat recovery systems, rain water harvesting for sewage transfer in the office areas and for landscape irrigation, low flow water fixtures, energy-efficient lighting, reusing and recycling their building materials, the use of native grasses without irrigation, and the use of low-emitting local and regional materials.

In addition, nine of the 10 Mars Chocolate North America factories have achieved 'zero waste to landfill.' This was one of several different global goals outlined in the Mars Principles in Action Summary that they want to have achieved by 2015.



The 500,000 square foot state-of-the-art Mars site recently was granted the LEED gold certification



Site developers for the Mars plant making plans for the 'green' facility before its construction

## 'Tie One On' campaign running for its 28th year

Mothers Against Drunk Driving continuing to raise awareness for drunk driving accidents

by Cortni Heston  
STAFF WRITER

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is the nation's largest nonprofit working to protect families from drunk driving and underage drinking and their purpose is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of drunk driving accidents, and prevent underage drinking.

During the time period between Thanksgiving and New Year's MADD runs a campaign called Tie One On For Safety, and they ask drivers to put a red ribbon in a visible spot in their vehicle as a sort of reminder to always have a non-intoxicated designated driver. They run this campaign through the holidays due to the major increase in traffic during this time of year.

MADD has been running this campaign since 1986. The name for the campaign comes from the phrase "tie one on" which is slang for drinking alcohol. It is their longest running, most recognizable public awareness project.

### How YOU can take part in the Tie One On campaign

- Put safety before the party and designate a driver BEFORE going out
- Display a MADD red ribbon in a visible location in your vehicle as a reminder to not drive under the influence
- Host parties responsibly and make sure anyone leaving your party doesn't drive home under the influence
- Help raise awareness for the campaign by going to the MADD website ([www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org)) and share their virtual ribbons to facebook or twitter

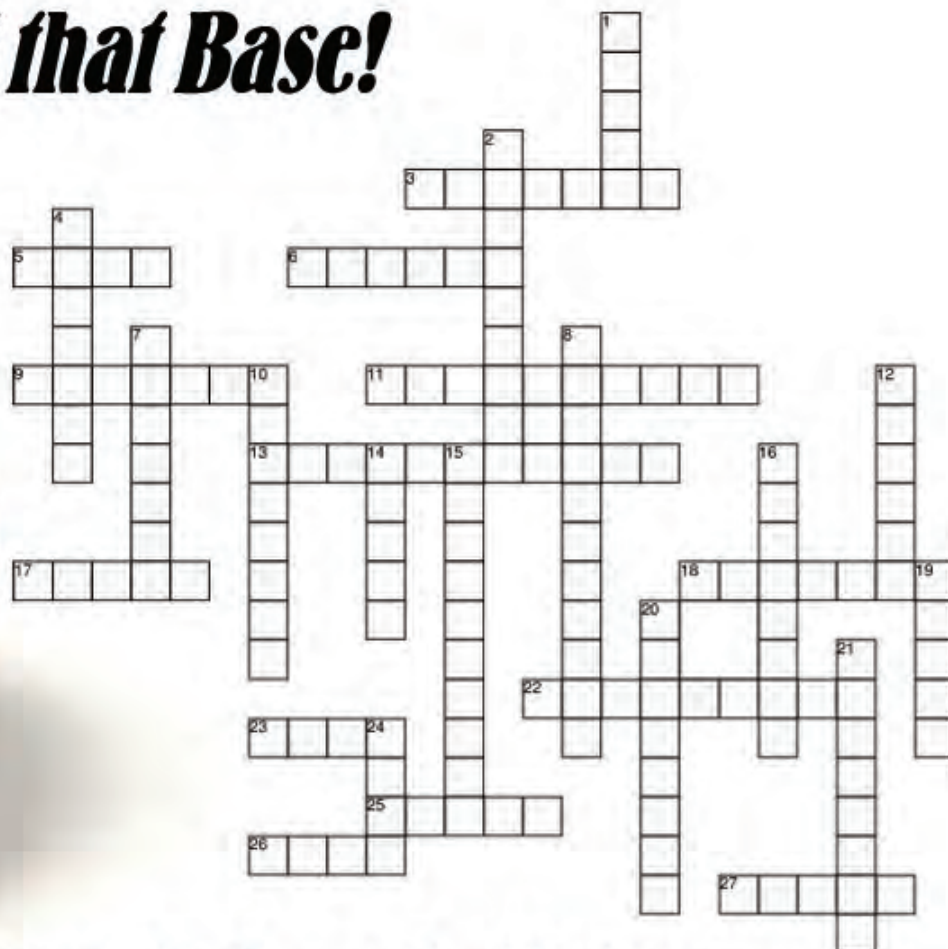


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## All about that Base!



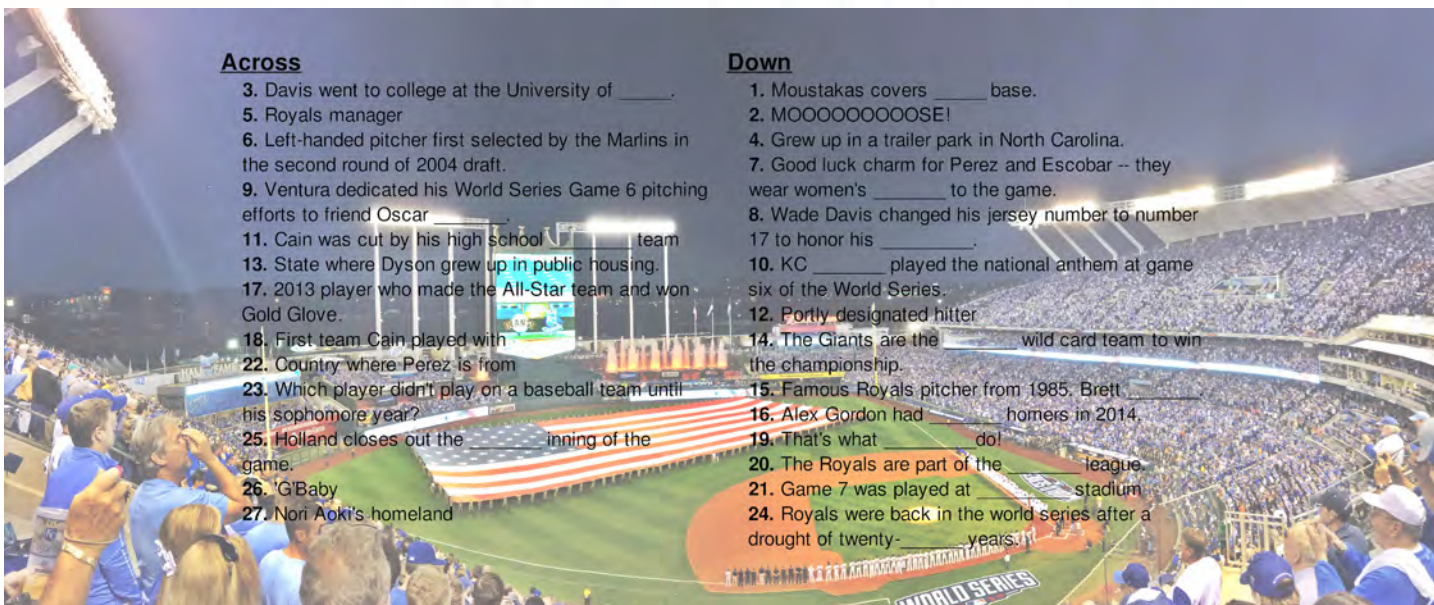
## Royals baseball trivia

### Across

3. Davis went to college at the University of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Royals manager
6. Left-handed pitcher first selected by the Marlins in the second round of 2004 draft.
9. Ventura dedicated his World Series Game 6 pitching efforts to friend Oscar \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Cain was cut by his high school \_\_\_\_\_ team
13. State where Dyson grew up in public housing.
17. 2013 player who made the All-Star team and won Gold Glove.
18. First team Cain played with
22. Country where Perez is from
23. Which player didn't play on a baseball team until his sophomore year?
25. Holland closes out the \_\_\_\_\_ inning of the game.
26. 'G' Baby
27. Nori Aoki's homeland

### Down

1. Moustakas covers \_\_\_\_\_ base.
2. MOOOOOOOOOSE!
4. Grew up in a trailer park in North Carolina.
7. Good luck charm for Perez and Escobar -- they wear women's \_\_\_\_\_ to the game.
8. Wade Davis changed his jersey number to number 17 to honor his \_\_\_\_\_.
10. KC \_\_\_\_\_ played the national anthem at game six of the World Series.
12. Portly designated hitter
14. The Giants are the \_\_\_\_\_ wild card team to win the championship.
15. Famous Royals pitcher from 1985. Brett \_\_\_\_\_
16. Alex Gordon had \_\_\_\_\_ homers in 2014.
19. That's what \_\_\_\_\_ do!
20. The Royals are part of the \_\_\_\_\_ league.
21. Game 7 was played at \_\_\_\_\_ stadium.
24. Royals were back in the world series after a drought of twenty-\_\_\_\_\_ years.



Find the answers at [seamannews.com](http://seamannews.com)

## Baseball program to get new artificial turf field

by Brenlee Yingling  
STAFF WRITER

The John Lewis baseball field that the baseball team uses is getting a synthetic turf surface.

Only the infield will be getting turf. It will be very similar to what the football field has now. The installation began on Oct. 20 and will hopefully be completed by early December.

"Without the support of the Seaman Board of Education and approval of the Optimist Club along with the financial commitment and

sponsorships, this project would not be possible," said head coach Steve Bushnell.

The cost of the project is over \$300,000. Bushnell has been involved in fundraising for the project to reduce the cost. Capitol Federal Savings, Lewis Toyota, Wendy's and the law firm of Palmer, Leatherman, White and Girard have all agreed to donate \$20,000 each to help fund for the project. These sponsors are known as the "Hall of Fame" sponsors.

"I'm extremely excited about the benefits and playing on the turf this spring. I

believe it will help our program tremendously," said Bushnell.

The new turf will give the team the ability to practice and play in inclement weather. It will also give them the chance to increase their daily practice without having to do field maintenance after practice.

The baseball team still needs additional turf sponsorships to help reach their goal for the project. If anyone is interested in being an individual or business sponsor please contact Steve Bushnell.



Baseball field under construction for new turf surface. (Photo by Michael Owen)

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Who will be the best college basketball team this year and why?



"Kentucky because the Harrison twins are coming."

Freshman  
Janson Garman

"Kentucky because they got second last year and have some good new people."

Sophomore  
Meghan Sumner



"Kentucky because they have the best recruits. But no matter what anyone says, KU will demolish KSU anytime they play each other!"

Junior  
Ryan Zeferjahn

"KU because they're always great!"

Senior  
Makenzie Hatcher



Vikings running onto field for pregame break down.  
(Photo by Kaitlyn Meader)



## Football team earns berth in the playoffs

by Kaelin Summers  
AD MANAGER

The Seaman Vikings have made it another year to the playoffs. With the season soon coming to an end the Vikings are starting to realize how much they're going to miss the 2014-2015 seniors.

The season started off a little bumpy as the Vikings went back and forth with wins and losses. The first kickoff of the season was against the Hayden Wildcats with a loss, 56 to 7.

The second game was against Manhattan High School with a loss, 41 to 13.

The third game the Vikes had their first win against Washburn Rural, 21 to 14.

Junction City was Homecoming, and a tough loss, 56 to 7.

The fifth game of the Viking season was against Topeka High, losing 49 to 14.

Then the season took a turn toward the winning column. The sixth game was a win against Emporia, 35 to 20.

The seventh game was a win against Topeka West, 48 to 0.

The eighth game was against Highland Park with a win, 57 to 8.

The Vikes started off the season "a little slower than we would have liked but we picked up over the course of the season and a lot was due to our new offense," said head coach Blake Pierce.

Starting the season off with two losses motivated the Vikes to turn the season around. Getting motivated before games are not hard for the Vikes with a team leader like Wyatt Hendrix. He tells us to "break legs and have fun while doing it," said sophomore Dalton Cowan. (The idiom "break a leg" is a type of way people tell others good luck.) Coach Pierce singled out "Wyatt Handrix, Ethan Brunetti, Garrett Streets, Reid Fehr, and Brett Lichter excellent leaders not only leading by example in practice, but also in games."

As the Seaman Vikes football season is wrapping up everyone had something they're going to miss. Senior Wyatt Hendrix says, "I will miss the Friday night games, just being able to play every Friday night. It's just something you would have to experience to understand why you would miss it so much."

The Vikings will be losing 18 seniors after this year's season.

Sophomore Dalton Cowan said "I'll miss the awesome seniors and being able to play with them all."

Having the seniors move away is one thing but knowing you won't be playing with them is another.

After this season Coach Pierce said, "I'll miss the great group of seniors who've made an enormous contribution to the success of our football program."



Senior Zach Mumford (20) holds the ball on the tee for senior kicker Brad Piel (7). (Photo by Kaelin Summers)



## Lady vikes golfers capitalize successful season at state

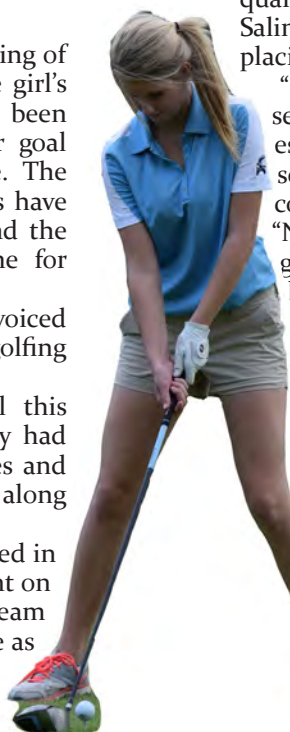
by Tori Darting  
STAFF EDITOR

Since the beginning of the season, the girl's golf team has been striving to reach their goal of qualifying for State. The past two years the girls have qualified as a team, and the plans remain the same for this year.

Senior Natalie Fish voiced her opinion on her last golfing season.

"It went really well this year," she said. "I really had fun with my teammates and made some new friends along the way."

The varsity girls played in the regional tournament on Oct. 14. Though the team did not qualify for state as a team, Natalie Fish, Sydney Marney and



Sydney Kirmse individually qualified. State golf was in Salina Oct. 19; Natalie Fish placing 17th individually.

"The girls had a good season, but Natalie especially had a great season," explained head coach Steve Darting. "Natalie had the best golf season in school history."

Steve Darting also expressed his thoughts about the season as a whole.

"I think the season wasn't as good as last year, but it wasn't horrible," he said. "I think that it was a good experience for a lot of inexperienced girls."

“Natalie had the best golf season in school history.”

Coach Darting



Sydney Kirmse, Sydney Marney, Natalie Fish and Coach Darting pose for a picture after competing in the 5A State Championship. (Photo provided by Coach Darting)

## Vikes volleyball with high hopes for state

by Ethan Brunetti  
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The Viking volleyball team finds itself in a very familiar position when compared to a year ago. They have made their return to the 5A State Tournament at the Kansas Expocentre. This has been a goal of the volleyball team since the start of the season.

Payton Summers, senior, said "It is an amazing feeling to be returning to the state tournament and having a chance to make our season last as long as we can."

The Viking volleyball team competed in sub state the team won sub state at Shawnee Heights High School two weeks ago after a

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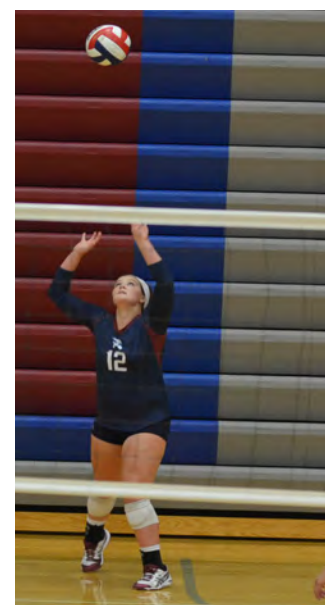
final decisive win against the Lansing Lions in a final set that ended in a decisive (25-10) final set.

Starting with a strong service game by senior Bailey Bushnell, the vikes were in the lead to start the second set. This lead to the confidence building win heading into the state tourney.

The volleyball team has continued their tradition from last year of having the week between substate and State packed with team bonding and other activities

including an emotional rose ceremony where their fathers came and spoke about their daughters, a team dinner at Olive Garden, and a team scavenger hunt. These activities are a way for the already close volleyball team to build morale and team chemistry.

"I have grown so close to the people on this team that I have played with through high school. Some of my best friends are on this team, and I am happy to play with them," said senior Bailey Bushnell.



Senior Payton Summers serves against Olathe. (Photo by Marcy Anderson)

## Tennis sends off nine seniors but will return experience

by Shyanne Osterhaus  
STAFF WRITER

The 2014 tennis season ended on a high note with four players qualifying for state and two team members receiving additional post-season honors.

The doubles teams of senior Peyton Porting and junior Sarah Knight as well as the doubles team of senior Katie Andrews and sophomore Shyanne Osterhaus qualified for the state tournament after placing third and sixth in the regional meet, respectively.

Although both teams lost both their matches on the first day of the state tournament, the experience was something that won't soon be forgotten.

"It was really cool to be able to go," Porting says. "Everyone was so pumped up and excited! It was a great

experience."

By placing second in the city tournament, Porting and Knight were also named members of the All-City team.

"We had a fairly successful season," Coach Andrew Taylor says. "We didn't perform as well as we would have liked to at state, but having two players place on the All-City team was one of our goals."

Team members Katie Andrews, Kelse Cummings, Hannah Gill, Kali Haas, Peyton Porting, Madison Schmidlein, Katie Waetzig, and foreign exchange students Julia Held and Stefi Rathje will all be graduating in the spring.

"I'm going to miss this year's seniors because they made every day at practice enjoyable," sophomore Bailey Chinn explains.

Even though the season just ended, the coaches are

already looking forward to next season.

"We have a lot of seniors and a lot of returning players, as well as several returners with varsity experience," Coach Taylor says. "We need to bring in a few more sophomores and a larger freshman class to begin working with over the summer."



Sophomore Shyanne Osterhaus serves at state tennis at Kosover Tennis Court. Junior Sarah Knight awaits serve from opposing team at the state tournament. (Photos taken by Cole Esser)



## Boys soccer to have tough regional competition



(Clockwise from bottom) Senior Sean Statelman chases down ball past midfield. The team has their ritual pregame huddle to get prepared for game against Emporia. Sophomore Benton McCann sends ball back in to box. (Photos by Allie Crome)

by Jakob Ready  
STAFF WRITER

The boy's soccer team has had a strong regular season with hopes of carrying some of that momentum into their post season.

The Vikes have suffered losses from some of the best teams in the state, and even in the nation with Washburn Rural being nationally ranked; however they have also had some very impressive wins coming from Manhattan, and also in-city rivals, Hayden.

They have one tie coming from Stilwell-Blue Valley, a very talented 5A high school.

"The season is going pretty good," said senior Jake Weller, "There is always better, however, so we will never be

satisfied."

The team has been progressing all season together. A big challenge is learning to play as a team.

"I think all of the players understand what level they need to be at," said head coach Mr. Dileonardo. "Doing it consistently is the problem."

The boy's soccer team now has eyes on post season. They are looking to make a run to regionals and hopefully succeeding in their long-term goal of taking the title of state champions.

"We are learning to play together as a team better and better every time we step on a field," said junior Hunter Hershey. "Hopefully all of that team work will get us somewhere in the post-season."



# Hard work pays off for cross country boys

by Mason Diederich  
STAFF WRITER

The boys cross country team has headed in to the final stretch of their physically demanding sport. Head coach Luke Wiens has had a great team to work with as he wraps up his first year in the head coaching position.

According to Wiens the best race this team had was the league meet, but the home meet was also a success.

"We were in great shape, our second half of the season was a lot better than our first," said Wiens.

The team is hoping to run a good race at regionals and beat Leavenworth. The ultimate goal at regionals is to qualify for state.

"Leavenworth and our team have ran against each other earlier this year, but we are a new team in better shape and believe we can beat them," said Wiens.

The team is full of hard workers and kids determined to get better. One person this year who has worked very hard is sophomore Jordon Jensen.

According to Wiens, he is a stellar kid in the classroom and a very good runner.

"My best meet was at the league meet where I did PR," said Jensen, "My favorite memory this year is the finish line at every meet."

With the end of the year wrapping up, another group of seniors will be sent off. There is one senior who will be running at regionals and

state, and one senior will be used as an alternate. Mike Devoe will be running and Nick Roark will be the alternative.

"My senior year was very enjoyable and I am glad I got to spend it with this group of guys," said senior Mike Devoe.

State was at Lawrence Rim-Rock Farm on Oct. 31. The team raced in Lawrence

earlier this year and placed ninth in the crimson division.

(Due to Clipper printer deadlines, we can not give the latest results, please follow @SeamanSports on Twitter for updates. The boys team did win regionals and Dawson Podlena took first.)



Boys cross country team poses for a photo after taking first place at regionals (Photo by Kaylee Snell)

## Lady Vikes rewarding season comes to an end

by Cortni Heston  
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Vikes cross country team recently competed in their state competition at the Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence. This was the 23rd time the girls have qualified for state in the past 24 year under head coach Rick Brading with the only year they haven't qualified being 1995.

The girls were city champions this year and were also regional champions for the

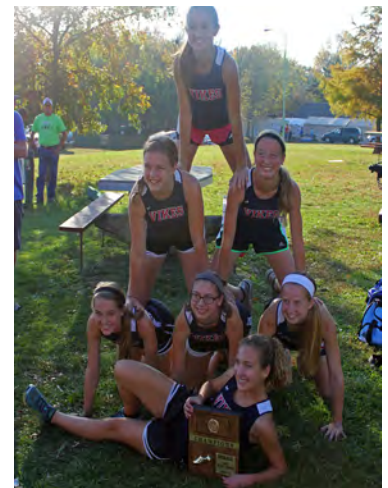
8th time in the past 11 years. For senior Meghan Lehman, there are few ways her last year with the team could've ended better.

"It was a fantastic season from my perspective. We worked really hard all season, and it was nice to see our hard work pay off. We pushed each other even at practice and it showed in the competitions," said Meghan.

As a coach, Brading is very pleased with how the girls

finished this year.

"It's been a great season. One of my favorites to be honest, the team has consistently competed well, and our athletes continuously improved all season. We had a very large team this year, but it was a nice cohesive group where everybody ran the workouts and did their part."



Girls cross country builds a pyramid to celebrate their first place victory at regionals (Photo by Kaylee Snell)



MiKayla Griffin prepares to perform "Thriller" with the Vikettes at the halftime show of the football game against Highland Park. (Photo by Pamela Sue Anderson) Tanyon Schafer uses his head to get control of the ball. (Photo by Allie Crome) Senior Allie Crome and her parents are recognized by Cross Country Coach Rick Brading and the home crowd at senior night.



Wide receiver Nash McKnight battles against Topeka West at home. The Vikings won, 48-0. (Photo by Carley Lux) Michelle Anderson and Kylie Cox prepare to cheer before the home crowd. (Photo by Marcy Anderson)