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Senior Hunter Poort draws Principal Ron Vinduska during a Pictionary game with Snowball candidates. (Photo by Holli Woodyard)

SEAF holds district banquet to better education at USD 345

by Ethan Brunetti
STAFF WRITER

The Ninth Annual Seaman Education Advantage Foundation State of the District Banquet will commence on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m in the Seaman High School Commons.

Former graduate Amy Lietz will be the master of ceremony for the banquet.

Several scholarships will be given out including \$500 general SEAF scholarships.

Amy Lietz scholarship will also be presented, which goes to an outstanding high school senior who has decided to pursue a career in journalism or communication and has demonstrated incredible character throughout their high school career.

They will also be recognizing teachers who have received grants throughout the past year.

Mr. Mike Mathes will be giving this year's State of the District speech.

The Seaman Education Advantage Foundation

(SEAF) is a non-profit organization with their major goal being to assist, advance, promote and enhance education for students and staff of Seaman USD 345.

The SEAF gives away scholarships to several students a year with money donated by people throughout the community.

The SEAF hosts an annual golf tournament with the proceeds going to scholarships to local students and mini-grants to teachers in the Seaman district.

These grants cover all ends of the spectrum from the common grants such as a closing the reading gap and training classes for teachers throughout the district.

They also provide grants for hands-on science, and a grant for Mr. DiLeonardo for professional camera operators.

"The camera rig I got the grant for was used for the intro for SVTV."

The SEAF annual golf tournament takes place in June and is a major fundraiser for the foundation.

Fitness trail gets make-over

by Jakob Ready
STAFF WRITER

The Dr. Carolyn Orozco Fitness Trail will be getting some new landscape features soon. Bricks and benches will be sold to help fund new additions and maintenance of the trail. These new features to the trail will serve as great gifts for graduation or other special occasions and give back to the community in a delightful way.

Having a brick on the trail would be a great in many ways. From promoting a business or remembering a loved one, these personalized bricks on the Viking fitness trail will not disappoint.

A 4" X 8" brick will cost \$125, while 8" X 8" bricks will run \$250. Small bricks will have a maximum of two lines and maximum of 14 characters per line. However; if those who wish to buy more than three bricks at a time can get \$25 off the order.

Limestone garden benches will also be a great way to support the local fitness trail. If a family or business wants

something a little bigger than a garden brick these benches will serve that purpose.

The limestone bench will cost \$1000. Three lines of engraving will be available with a maximum of 20 characters per line.

"Bricks and benches will be placed at a total of three spots along the trail, but we have to fill up one spot before we can move to the next," said Claudia Welch, "The first spot will be at the entrance to the trail."

The Viking Fitness Trail is part of a multi-step goal. When completed, the trail will run two miles around Seaman High School and the Optimist baseball complex.

The Trail was mainly funded by grants from the government. However; with the support of the bricks and benches, maintenance and scenery will be added to the fitness trail for many years to come.

"We are about done paying off the first part of the trail," said Welch. "Once that gets done, we will move into Phase Two of the trail."



clip notes

- District talent show tonight
- Athletic booster club chilli feed Feb. 13
- Senior night/Fundraiser for DeeDee Lang Feb. 24
- No school/ Professional learning Feb. 16
- SEAF district banquet Feb. 18
- District history day at WU Feb. 28

Teacher, student awarded trip to Normandy, France

by Brenlee Yingling
AD MANAGER

Seaman sophomore Dawson Podlena and Seaman Middle School teacher Kyle Johnson are getting the opportunity of a lifetime. Over 150 student-teacher pairs applied for the Normandy institute and only 15 groups were selected. They are traveling to Washington D.C. and then Normandy and Paris, France. The trip will take place from June 20 to July 2, 2015. The trip is paid for besides the airfare to Washington D.C.

To apply for the Normandy Institute, they had to submit an application as a student-teacher team. The student had to be a sophomore or junior in high school. Mr. Johnson told all of his former students that went to Nationals for History Day about the opportunity. The students that were interested in the trip, then had to turn in a written essay that was judged by three history teachers. Dawson Podlena's essay was selected and then they had to

submit many other essays to History Day's National Office.

"We went through an application process to be selected. We had to submit several essays about our interest in studying about Normandy and how we will use the information that we will learn on the trip," said Mr. Johnson.

To prepare for the journey Dawson is expected to read a few chapters a week from five different books. He has to write a paragraph about each of the sections he reads. He also has to research the fallen soldier from the Normandy beaches.

"We will study about World War II and the Allied invasion of Normandy on D-Day. This will include lectures from historians, visiting war memorials in Washington D.C. and France will culminate in a day of remembrance and wreath laying ceremony at the American Cemetery in Normandy. Dawson and I will also be creating a website about a soldier from Kansas that died in the Normandy



Mr. Kyle Johnson and sophomore Dawson Podlena pose with history maps before their trip abroad this summer. (Photo by Faith Barr)

invasion," said Mr. Johnson.

While in Normandy, Podlena is expected to present an eulogy of a soldier who died on the beaches of Normandy.

"I'm thrilled to be selected for this opportunity. My grandfather served in World War II and I remember that it was his stories and a project I did about him in sixth grade that first got me excited about history. That love of history was only increased by having great history teachers, like Mrs. Sittenauer, and doing History Day projects when I was in high school. I'm also glad that I will get to share

this experience with one of my former students. Having the opportunity engage in an in-depth study of World War II and D-Day will be an amazing experience for both of us," said Mr. Johnson

The trip will be a great learning experience for the both of them.

"I feel like this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to do something great. Not only do I get to go to France, but I have the opportunity to learn about World War II and the sacrifices that were made in that war and on the D-Day itself," said Podlena.

Senior Anna Knight gets opportunity of lifetime to live in Germany

by Brenlee Yingling
AD MANAGER

Imagine leaving all of your friends and family to go live over 5000 miles away for a year. That is exactly what senior Anna Knight is planning to do this summer.

She will be going to live in southern Germany, in a city called Mühlendorf. She plans to leave at the end of May

and stay there for a year's time. She will be working as a nanny with a family with two children, a four-year-old boy, and a six-year-old girl. Neither of the children can speak English, and the parents speak very little.

Last summer, Knight went on trip to Germany with the school and met many friends that she still keeps in touch with.

"While I am there, in my free time, I am going to be doing some traveling, and visiting some of the friends I have made this past summer. I also will be spending a lot of time with our schools former German teacher, Frau Henson," said Anna Knight.

Knight has not yet met the family that she will be a nanny for.

"I'm really excited to meet

the family and also to adapt to their culture, because it is so different from here in America. I also am excited to keep learning German and use all of the language that I have learned so far. I really am going to miss all of my friends and family while I am gone, but I think it will be a great experience that most people don't get the chance to experience," said Knight.



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Non-profit organization helps Topeka community

by Mason Diederich
STAFF WRITER

A non-profit organization is making big strides in the Topeka community and growing every day. The Silverbackks organization was founded by Jude Quinn to help the less fortunate. They also stand up against violence and crime and help everyone that they can.

They do many different activities to help the less fortunate including providing food, clothes, and even somewhere warm to stay during the cold winter days, like those that Topeka experienced in the past month.

The organization has grown over the years from also just serving coffee and water to now offering hygiene products to teens. They also serve dinner Monday through Thursday evenings to children at local community centers and a warm meal every Sunday to those in need.

Sara Chinn, parent of three students at the high school, has been with the organization since they began and has loved every minute of it. She is a SilverSuppers lead, which means that she will be the lead volunteer when

they start serving meals to children at Garfield Park.

"It is very exciting to be opening up a location in North Topeka over Spring Break," said Mrs. Chinn.

There are different sections of this organization that help different causes. There is even a SilverTeens group that promotes youth helping youth.

"This is a great opportunity for kids at the high school to get volunteer hours and for them to help with their own community," said Mrs. Chinn.

There are many upcoming volunteer opportunities. Visit their website <http://silverbackks.org> to sign up to help the community.

Sara Chinn concluded, "SBKS is an amazing organization started by equally amazing people."

Top: The Silverbackks logo is a symbol that resembles strong leaders willing to help in the community. Bottom: This is just one of the many food drives that this organization puts on for the homeless and anyone in need of some help. (Pictures provided by the organization.)



Please visit <http://silverbackks.org/donate> to donate.

Paraprofessional continues battle with kidney failure

by Mason Diederich
STAFF WRITER

DeeDee Lang, paraprofessional, is experiencing kidney failure. Her disease started about 10 years ago when she was pregnant. Her kidney function was 64 percent and her pregnancy caused it to drop to 30 percent. This caused her child to be born five weeks early as well. Since giving birth, the kidneys have not improved.

"My kidney function has dropped to 15 percent and stable now," said Mrs. Lang.

Her kidneys have clotted and are nonfunctional now. She is waiting for the results of one more test to see if she is eligible for a transplant.

"This is a very long and slow-moving process," said Mrs. Lang.

If Mrs. Lang is accepted for this, the waiting list is two to three years unless she can find a live donor, which is a person who is a match that is willing to donate now.

To help Mrs. Lang with her difficult time, Seaman is doing a fundraiser. The language arts teachers, paraprofessionals, and

special education teachers are planning to sell pizza as well as baked goods. They are also planning on having a silent auction all on senior night, Tuesday Feb. 24.

There is also been a donation account set up at the Seaman Bank where people make donations.

"We hope to show our appreciation and support through this fundraiser," said Ms. Kate Scarbrough, who is in charge of the fundraiser.

Those willing to help, talk to Ms. Scarbrough and help a person who has helped many others.



DeeDee Lang continues her fight with kidney failure as the Vikes support her.

Seaman alumni Runs4 worthy cause

by Shyanne Osterhaus
STAFF WRITER

When most people think of running, they do not picture it as an enjoyable activity. But for Seaman High School alumni Steve Sodergren, running is more than just taking a few laps around a track. For him, running is a way to help raise money to be put towards cancer research.

Steve is a graduate of SHS, and his three children have been students here. During his time as a student he ran cross-country, and he reluctantly admits he was very slow.

In 2004 he ran his very first marathon, and after that he set a goal to run a marathon in every state. To this point his count is up to 33 states, and he has multiple marathons scheduled to run in the near future.

“Running has been a tremendous blessing in my life. Through running, I have met many incredibly generous and inspirational people through the 50 States Marathon Club, the Marathon Maniacs Club, and the running club at the Topeka Correctional Facility,” Steve says.

“Through my goal of running a marathon in each of the 50 states, running has provided the impetus for my family to travel and see the best that our country has to offer. Aside from the physical benefits, running gives me the time to clear my mind and relieve stress.”

In early September of 2014, Steve, inspired by the courage of students Morgan Kottman and Catie Wools, began an initiative with the name “Running4.”

The goal of this project is to attempt to raise \$1,000 for every mile in a marathon, for a grand total of \$26,200 raised and donated to differ-



(far left) His pink running shoes and shirt. The shirt Steve wears during his races is signed by all those he has Run4.

Steve Runs4 anyone who has been affected by cancer. Here he shows his sign for when he Ran4 Morgan Kottman.

Keep track of Steve’s progress and support his cause at the “Running4” Facebook page as well as www.tinyurl.com/Running4.

ent organizations to be used to assist cancer research.

“Many big-hearted people have already contributed to the cause financially,” Steve says. “I also have the support of running friends throughout the world who I have met at various marathons.”

Most recently, the members of the running club at the Topeka Correctional Facility where Steve volunteers have offered to earmark the proceeds from their upcoming 5K race on Feb. 21 to his cause.

While working towards successfully completing this goal, Steve plans to run in the Boston Marathon in April, to bring his total marathon count up to 34. Approximately 33,000 people participate in the Boston Marathon each year.

“I will be running the Boston Marathon for marathon #34 and am currently raising funds for their official cancer charity,” Steve says.

“Every time I run a marathon, I learn something – either about nutrition, hydration, pacing, or the fact that the body can endure more than we think. Although running 26.2 miles has never become ‘easy’, it becomes a challenging exercise in mental resolve and perseverance.”

The Running4 charity partners are currently the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

The goal of both of these organizations is to advance cures and prevention for catastrophic diseases through compassionate care, treatment and research.

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital primarily focuses on children with cancer and their goal is to work on driving the survival rate from childhood cancer to 90 percent. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall survival rate

from 20 percent at the time of establishment to more than 80 percent currently.

Steve has a shirt signed by those who have been affected by cancer, and he is privileged to wear it in all his marathon races.

He encourages anybody who knows someone affected by cancer to contact him if they would like to write the person’s name on the shirt he will wear in all future marathon races.

“Because of all that running has provided for me, I recently decided to use the platform it has provided to give back,” Steve says. “I am inspired by those who courageously battle cancer, and want to use my running to help raise funds for cancer research.

This is the mission of my “Running4” initiative, which can be found on Facebook as well as my website at www.tinyurl.com/Running4.”

TV shows impacting student decisions on use of drugs

by Tory Darting
STAFF WRITER

The overall impact TV shows have on teens is greater than you would think. While they are entertaining, they also have lasting effects on the teens watching. Teens that watch popular TV shows with drugs involved are almost twice as likely to try smoking themselves compared to teens that don't, according to Florida Beach Rehab.

"Breaking Bad" and "Weeds" are two examples of TV series about the drug-dealing life. This can lead the viewers into thinking doing drugs is the right way to go.

"I think drugs in TV shows can influence teens to do them, because if the viewer sees someone they like in the show doing drugs, then they could want to be like them," said sophomore Audrey VanDyke.

Almost one million teens last year were exposed to excessive drug use in their favorite TV shows. It has been proven that teens who watch more than five hours of TV each day are more likely to take up smoking than those who only watch two hours a day.

"I think the people that aren't going to try them won't, and the people that are going to try them will. I also think there is a third section that can be influenced

to go either direction," said Amy Riley. "But taking them out of the shows isn't reality. In a way, they are reflecting the decisions people make in real life."

The difference between seeing drug use in TV shows compared to movies is this: during a movie, the viewer does not have enough time to be influenced by the character's actions. In a TV show, however, they are with the characters every week and grow close to them, almost as if the viewer knew them personally. Seeing someone the viewer can potentially think of as a friend could make a big impact on their decision to use drugs or not.

Cold weather creating conflicts for student body

by Brad Piel
STAFF WRITER

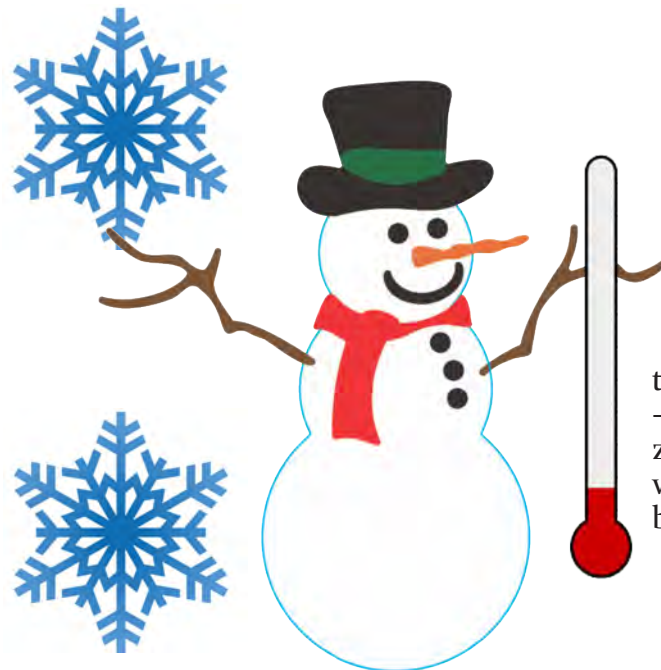
When the temperature falls to low, students begin to speculate whether or not school should be cancelled. Students have complained of car problems and freezing weather conditions while standing outside waiting for the bus.

Senior Sam Moylan says, "I'm a big supporter of cancelling school when the temperature gets too cold. We need to take into account the students who have to wait for the bus or even walk to school." Moylan also says, "Late starts would be an excellent idea. Icy roads cause countless number of accidents and an icy parking lot only amplifies the problem. A late start would ensure the safety of our students."

Moylan has a great point, however the decision is not up to him.

Principal Ron Vinduska says, "School will either be cancelled all together or not at all. Late starts will cause too many problems with parents that have young children who have to coordinate daycare."

Principal Vinduska has no say in the decision to cancel school. The decision is coordinated through Mr. Bob Sittenauer, the head of transportation for USD 345, and Superintendent Mike Mathes.



"As long as the temperature isn't -40 or -50 below zero with a strong wind, school won't be cancelled."

-Superintendent
Mike Mathes

Both men wake up early in the morning around 4:30 a.m. to check the road conditions. If they believe the roads are drivable and the houses can be reached, school will remain in session. Mathes is not a big supporter of cancelling school because of all the problems it can cause.

Mathes says, "I believe school is the safest place for kids to be. If school is cancelled many of the kids will be left

home alone, and some will not have access to food. The safety of the students and staff is all taking into consideration before making a final decision."

As far as school being cancelled due to the temperature outside, there is no hope for that.

Mathes says, "As long as the temperature isn't -40 or -50 below zero with a strong wind, school won't be cancelled."

Basic skills lost to technology dependence

by Taylor Buessing
CO-EDITOR

Today, we are so used to having access to anything and everything as soon as we need it that we don't realize life hasn't always been that way. People haven't always had computers, the Internet or even personal phones.

"I remember having party lines as a kid and having to wait on my neighbors before I could use the phone," said

teacher Mrs. Kelly Neiman.









Nowadays, people depend on their phone and the Internet for everything. Without Google or other search engines, it seems as if no one would know how to get information.

Years ago, people had to look things up in various kinds of books to get information. Now, many children are unaware of how to do simple tasks like looking words up in a dictionary and have become less sociable.

"Preschool children who frequently use smart phones and tablet devices are 25 percent more likely to develop speech problems," Sonja Walker, a Brookvale kids health expert has warned. (Daily Telegraph).

Technology is changing the way the world works. It is also taking down simple acts with it. Reading and critical thinking are just two examples. If these skills aren't practiced, they will eventually disappear forever.

21st CENTURY vs 20th CENTURY

<h4 style="text-align: center;">IPads</h4> <p>Schools should make an effort to test kids using visual media.</p>  <p>Technology has caused critical thinking and analysis skills to decline but visual skills have improved.</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Books</h4> <p>Reading develops imagination, induction, reflection and critical thinking as well as vocabulary.</p> 
<h4 style="text-align: center;">Laptops</h4> <p>The first prototype was developed by Alan Kay in the early 1970's but only 10 were built.</p>  <p>Personal computer have not always been available. Having a computer was rare. Now there are computers in almost every household.</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">First Computer</h4> <p>Charles Babbage is considered the father of the computer. He invented the first computer in the early 19th century.</p> 
<h4 style="text-align: center;">PowerPoint</h4> <p>Microsoft officially launched PowerPoint in 1990 as apart of the Microsoft Office suite.</p>  <p>PowerPoints are an example of using visual media to learn. Posters are a good way to be creative but can also be considered outdated.</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Posters</h4> <p>While posters are good for young children, teenagers usually need more of a challenge when it comes to a presentation.</p> 
<h4 style="text-align: center;">Cell Phones</h4> <p>Handheld mobile phones were not around until Motorola produced them in 1973.</p>  <p>Personal phones have not always been available. People used to have to share a home phone with multiple households in their neighborhood and take turns using the phone.</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Party Lines</h4> <p>These were widely used to provide telephone services. They were first invented in the 1800's.</p> 

Obama's community college plan not seeming to persuade most

by Michael Owen
STAFF WRITER

Community college enrolls half of U.S. undergraduates attempting to obtain a degree. Barack Obama has proposed a plan that allows anybody to go to community college for free, for two years.

Making community college free would certainly make it more affordable, but maybe money isn't the problem.

Senior Madison Henderson, going to KU next year, says, "Community college being free wouldn't change my mind. KU's always been at the top of my list, and I don't think that would change just for a free two years."

Kids these days are taking longer and longer to achieve their degrees. Maybe the problem is that colleges aren't making the necessary moves to reform their

education and now kids don't learn as much as they need to finish college. Reducing costs may entice kids to stay longer as well, which then may cause kids to still take longer to finish their degree.

Senior Zach Mumford, who plans to attend Kansas State University, says, "I wouldn't attend community college even if it was free because it's cheap enough as it is due to the level of education you receive there. Making it free isn't a huge deal and the education is still not very high."

According to the Daily Beast, the White House estimates that the free tuition program would cost \$6 billion a year. The money that is raised each year would only replace the tuition that is usually paid; it would not increase college revenue whatsoever, according to the Tea Party News Network. They also say states would also have to pitch in

and pay for a quarter of the tuition that is supplied to the schools.

For millions of students looking to further their education, they need both high-quality and affordable options. If the government wants to improve educational outcomes, then the programs need to be more affordable for more students and the programs need to ensure that students will finish school in a reasonable amount of time.

Many say that a free ride would allow kids to take advantage of higher schooling.

"I feel this is an interesting option. It would be a great opportunity to get an associates degree in a costly manner. Hopefully, students would not take advantage of the college atmosphere. Maybe the junior colleges could charge students for the classes failed due to lack of discipline," says counselor Patty Al-lacher.

Students, faculty suggest new ideas for Activity Period

by Michael Owen
STAFF WRITER

Activity period is the time at the end of seminar period when different clubs in the school can gather and have meetings about the things the club leaders want to do.

Many people believe that the length of the activity period is not enough, but also that clubs do not provide enough voluntary activities.

Senior Trayton Schafer says, "I'm in two clubs, mostly because I have no need for other clubs, but also because only a few clubs like NHS, FBLA, and FFA actually take part in activities."

Some kids think that the length of activity period is just fine.

Senior Sam Moylan says, "I think activity period is fine right now because most clubs don't do much and the ones that do wouldn't get much more done than they already do."

Some teachers also have opinions on activity period.

Mrs. Stacey Noble, sponsor of National Honor Society, says, "We've tried

using activity period before, but it was extremely hectic trying to get everyone there every time and sometimes the meeting times would be announced wrong. So, we decided to switch it up and go at 7:30 in the morning once every month and we believe that has worked for the best."

Mrs. Liz Krumins, co-sponsor of

FBLA, believes that activity period could be improved from the way it is now.

"I think activity period should be less frequent, but have a longer time zone for the club to meet," says Krumins. "I think we would get more done with more time rather than more meetings with a shorter time."

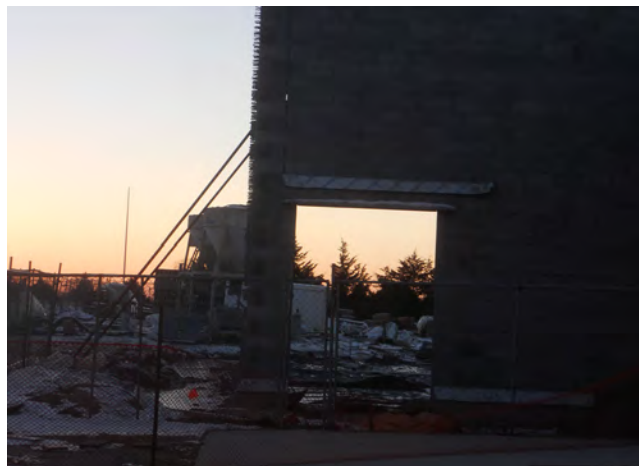


2014-2015 National Honor Society inductees take a group photo after their induction ceremony in the SHS library. (photo by Marcy Anderson)

Middle, grade school construction continues



Middle school classrooms are being finalized.



West Indianola gym addition advances.



Seven new classroom additions to Elmont are nearing completion deadline.



New middle school gym is close to completion.



Four new classrooms are also being added to West Indianola.

Photos by Tory Darting

Lowered gas prices give consumers nice break

By Ethan Brunetti
STAFF WRITER

The average price of gas has dropped from \$3.67 in July of 2014 to \$2.24 in the middle of January leaving Americans ecstatic.

However, these discounts are impacting the way that people all over the country are consuming energy. A direct correlation has been discovered between the price of gas and the amount of new cars being bought.

The purchase of cars after the recent drop in fuel has jumped nearly six percent. (AAA Motor Club) This has also led to the purchase of cars that are less fuel-efficient and the decline in the purchase of hybrid cars. (Consumer Affairs)

This will surprise consumers when prices inflate. (Consumer Affairs)

The dependency on fossil fuels has gone up with the decline in gas prices. This has led to funding being slashed on different alternate forms of energy in state legislatures across the country. (CNN)

These renewable energy sources have a huge impact

on jobs and the environment, creating the biggest boom of any industry since the recession in 2008. (Huffington Post)

However, these cuts at the pump have also led to large amounts of money spent on entertainment and travel.

Interstate Highway travel has been on a recent climb after a steady decline since 2007. (Bloomberg)

These impacts are also giving middle class citizens the idea that because of the recent drop in prices, they have become more flush with money.

This has led them to spend more money on big-ticket items and has caused an increase in discounts by major electronic stores and furniture stores to capitalize on the influx of money that the average consumer has gained since the decreased fuel price. (Consumer Affairs)

These cuts at the pump may be good for a majority of people giving them a nice addition of money, but the lasting impacts of the lowered fuel prices may cause more trouble than savings in the long run.



Entrepreneurship class participated in Dare to Dream Day. (From left to right: Kyle McCall, Kylea Fazio, Traice Hartter, Daniel Kramer, Joe Ginzel).

Entrepreneur simulation can earn students money

by Tory Darting
STAFF WRITER

Entrepreneurship has become one of the most popular career choices for individuals in the country. The entrepreneurship class was developed to provide students with business education and experiences to help them become contributing members to the society. The percentage of adults who decide to become entrepreneurs has increased to almost 26 percent in 2014.

A few students enrolled in the class took part in a "Dare to Dream Day" on Jan 27, which is a part of the YEK. The YEK is a nonprofit organization that teaches business tactics in 41 high schools across Kansas and Missouri.

"The students are going

to be put into a simulation where they run a hotel," said Kevin Hoffmans. "Whichever team does the best job earns points, and the points translate into money."

One of the students taking part in this organization is senior Joseph Ginzel. "They will split us up into separate teams, so no one from the same school will be together," he said. "I think it will be fun, honestly."

After the simulation was completed, the students found that they didn't do as well as they had hoped. Another one of the participants, junior Daniel Kramer, gave his opinion on the event.

"I thought it was fun," he said. "We ran a hotel and had a lunch where we had to eat properly. There was also a speaker, and it was cool."

McDonalds 'Choose Lovin' campaign pulls on heart strings

By Kendall Leatherman
CO-EDITOR

McDonalds has unveiled the new campaign known as the "Choose Lovin" ad.

From Feb. 2 to Feb. 14, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., each participating restaurant will randomly select 100 customers to pay for their meals in a different way: love.

Some of the ways customers can pay is by hugging a loved one or someone that they are with, fist bump their

cashier or call their mother.

"I have already been there when we have given away a meal. One person started crying once we told them. Another time an old couple came in, and we offered them the free meal by asking them to dance and it was really cute," says junior Krista Akers.

Individual stores will be giving out 35 meals for the first day, 20 the next and then less than five meals per day for the duration of the con-

test except for Feb. 7. There will be 10 meals per store that day, reports the Los Angeles Times.

"We have certain times that are already written down for when we give the free meals away. Customers can't already be in the lobby. It also won't be offered through the drive thru," says Akers.

The campaign begins at a time when fourth quarter sales are down 7.3 percent overall. Customers who believe in eating fresh health-

ier foods, and the growth of competition throughout the United States are both contributors as to why sales have dropped in the last quarter.

"We're on a journey to change the relationship and conversation and Pay with Lovin' is a direct way for us to engage with our customers," McDonald's top marketing officer said in a news release. "We believe that a little more Lovin' can change a lot."

Kansas State University named future home of NBAF

by Shyanne Osterhaus
STAFF WRITER

After recent budget chaos, a federal appropriations bill has been filed to construct the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Before the filing of this bill, there was still speculation as to whether or not the facility was to be built in Manhattan. Now the conclusion has been reached that the facility will definitely be constructed on the university campus.

The National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, otherwise known as NBAF, is a 580,000 square foot facility responsible for administering research on biological threats and toxic animal-borne diseases.

Currently the same research is being done at a location in Plum Island, New York. However, this facility no longer has the ability for advanced research, therefore the reason as to why a new one is being constructed.

"The construction of this facility is a great idea, because the current facility isn't up to standards for level four viruses and bacteria," freshman biology teacher Jessica Otradovec says.

Last year, Miss Otradovec led class debates regarding whether or not the development of the new facility in Kansas was a good idea.

"I had everybody pick a side on whether or not it should be built, and I let each side present a case," Miss Otradovec says. "It was a great because the kids got heated, and it was so cool to see everyone get into it."

After each side debated and performed a cross-

examination, Miss Otradovec chose a winner based on who presented the most accurate, convincing and definitive information.

"I debated that the facility shouldn't be built," sophomore Mikaela Cox says. "There's always a possibility of something being leaked which wouldn't be good for Kansas."

Manhattan, Kansas was one of the 34 sites assessed and reviewed. The list of possible locations was narrowed down to 17, and then finally to six.

"The six finalist sites were then subjected to significant additional scrutiny, including a 15-month environmental impact assessment, and that knocked out three of the sites; Mississippi, North Carolina and New York," R.W. Trewyn, Bio/Agro-defense Facilitator and University NBAF Liaison says.

"Of the three remaining, Manhattan, Kansas was the clear #1, followed by San Antonio, Texas #2 and Athens, Georgia #3."

Altogether the construction of the site is estimated to cost \$1.25 billion. All research is projected to be transitioned from the Plum Island facility to the Kansas University facility within the next ten years.

"Plum Island is supposed to remain operational until NBAF is up and running, and that won't be until sometime after 2020," Trewyn says. "At that point, the work on Plum Island will move to NBAF."

The future home of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility is on the campus of Kansas State University. Laboratory construction is projected to be completed by the year 2021.

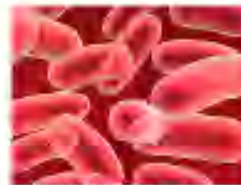
Biosafety Levels a level of the biocontainment precautions required to isolate biological agents in an enclosed facility.

Level One- suitable for work involving agents not known to cause diseases in humans



(Escherichia coli)

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(Salmonella)

Level Three- includes various bacteria, parasites and viruses that can cause severe to fatal disease in humans but for which treatments exist



(Rabies virus)

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(Ebola virus)





Snowball King Royalty



Ethan Brunetti

Partner: Tatyana Legette

What is your favorite quality about your partner?

"That I have never won a game of basketball against her since sixth grade."



Mike Devoe

Partner: Karsen McCarter

What is the weirdest thing about you?

"I drive with two feet."



Reid Fehr

Partner: Anna Knight

If you could wake up in the body of someone else who would it be?

"The richest person, so I could buy things I wanted. Then I'd have them when I changed back to normal."



Sam Moylan

Partner: Kelsey Haverkamp

If an animal could talk, what animal would be your best friend?

"A tiger because it would be full of wisdom."



Michael Owen

Partner: Kelse Cummings

What would your DJ name be?

"I Can't Believe It's Not a DJ."



Hunter Poort

Partner: Savannah Workman

What's your favorite knock-knock joke?

"Knock, Knock. Who's there? Etch. Etch who? God bless you."



Snowball Queen Royalty



Tatyana Legette

Partner: Ethan Brunetti

If you could wake up in the body of someone else, who would it be?

"Beyonce, I would divorce Jay-Z and marry Trey Songz."



Karsen McCarter

Partner: Mike Devoe

What are you planning to do after high school?

"Never coming back."

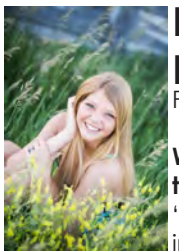


Anna Knight

Partner: Reid Fehr

What is your favorite quality about your partner?

"Who doesn't love a baseball player?"



Kelsey Haverkamp

Partner: Sam Moylan

What is the weirdest thing about you?

"I find it difficult to walk in a straight line."



Kelse Cummings

Partner: Michael Owen

What is one thing that you want to be remembered for?

"Being fabulous."



Savannah Workman

Partner: Hunter Poort

What is your favorite quality about your partner?

"...dat booty doe."



Phone app takes fun facts to new levels

Caught up in the “Trivia Crack” craze? Then be a part of the fraternity of 13 million users in the United States alone.

Reminiscent of Trivial Pursuit board game, users ‘spin’ the big wheel to answer trivia in six categories – entertainment, art, sports, history, science, geography.

The questions are written by other users and put into a Question Factory. These get approved by at least 100 people before they make it to general game status.

Answer questions correctly in the time allowed to keep playing. Collect all six pieces of the game before opponents to become the winner.

“It is something I can actually win at,” said freshman freshman Kyser Dougan.

The game is already in the U.S., U.K., France, Italy, Germany, Spain and Latin

America with plans for Russia and Japan in the near future.

Experts believe that part of what makes the trivia game so successful is the ability to localize info. Every country has a little different version.

“If you’re in the U.K., you don’t want NFL questions, and you want to see your length measured in meters instead of feet. There are many small things apart from having your own TV stars or geographic questions,” said Maximo Cavazzani, CEO of Etermax, the game’s developer.

Another reason for Trivia Crack’s success is the social aspect of the game. Players connect through Facebook or email and play against friends or contacts. Players can also chat with their opponents during the game.

“It’s fun when you beat your friends,” said sophomore Sophie Darting. “If you lose to a friend, you want to play them again until you beat them.”

Many students note that Trivia Crack can be a bit addictive.

“I don’t have a life, and it takes up time,” said freshman Madisyn Krentz.

Trivia Crack is free to users, and 99 percent of players never subscribe to upgrade. That tiny one percent of players who do pay the \$2.99 for ad-free play provide the Argentina-based company with 50 percent of its revenue. The other half comes from those ads.

According to Bloomberg Business, a line of merchandise has been developed around the game ranging from sneakers to iPhone covers.

Also in the near future, expect a second release. Players will be able to create their own trivia categories or mini-trivia crack games that others can follow.

“It’s more like Twitter, where you can have your own account and content,” says Cavazanni. “This would

Retailers have developed merchandise for the Trivia crazed including this iPhone snap case (\$25) and t-shirt designs (\$23.34 both through redbubble.com)



be the same, but instead of seeing your [Twitter stream], people would just play with your questions.”

It’s definitely not your mama’s Trivia Pursuit.

“You don’t even have to leave your bed. That’s what makes it better than a board game,” said freshman Grace Anderson.



(Photo by Brett Lichter. Hand modeling by Zach Patton)



To date, more than 200,000 questions have been suggested, and 2000 questions are added daily.



Trivia Crack has been No. 1 on the app charts for over 60 days, beating Draw Something’s 38-day record.



The Argentina-based company, Etermax, first scored big in 2011 with Word Crack, a game similar to Words with Friends.

(facts from USA Today, 1.28.15)

Scholar's Bowl team earns QUEST appearance

by Shyanne Osterhaus
STAFF WRITER

Do you know what name is given to quarks that combine to form composite particles? Or do you know in which layer of a leaf most of the photosynthesis process takes place? Chances are responses to these questions may not be completely correct.

Questions like these are typical questions that appear in an average Scholar's Bowl round. Each round consists of 16 trivia questions from a few different categories, such as science, math, English, fine arts and social sciences. After each question is read, there is an allotted period of time given for either team to buzz in and answer. Points are earned based on the number of questions answered correctly.

This year the Scholar's Bowl team has the opportunity to participate in the QUEST competition, which will be aired on TV. The varsity team consisting of seniors Will Hartner and Mike DeVoe; juniors Lakota Shehi (captain), Cassidy Harden and Dameon Boland (co-captain) and sophomore Geordan Shaffer placed in a preliminary competition which allowed them to advance to the televised round.

"The top 16 teams with the most points get to compete on TV. It is single elimination at that point. The rounds are taped on Saturday's in January and February until there is a winner.



Teammates Cassidy Harden, Dameon Boland, Mike DeVoe and Lakota Shehi show off their first place medals from the F.L. Schlagle meet. The QUEST team will represent the Vikings on March 1 at 11 a.m. on KTWU. (Not pictured QUEST competitors are Geordan Shaffer and Will Hartner) (Photo provided by Michele Mettner)

Quest is aired at a later date on KTWU," Scholar's Bowl sponsor Michele Mettner says.

"Our team has competed the last five years, but this is the first year we have made it in the top 16 to move on to the televised rounds."

In addition to the honor of appearing on TV for the first time in Seaman Scholar's Bowl history, the team has had an abundant number of successes throughout the year, placing first, second, and third in multiple meets. Recently the varsity team consisting of juniors Cassidy Harden, Dameon Boland and Lakota Shehi and senior Stephanie Bayless placed second in the Holton High tournament.

"We had a really solid team this year," Harden says. "Both teams have done well, and we made it to QUEST for the

first time. It's exciting seeing everyone compete and win."

Just like athletic competitions, losing by a margin of one or two points is heartbreaking.

Sophomore Madi Sandall says, "You're thinking the whole time that if you could have just answered one more question a little faster, you could be ahead of the other team."

A few times a week the team convenes and separates into two teams to mimic what an actual competition round would be like.

"Practice is a time for us to come together as a team and not only get better, but to get to know everyone as well," Sandall says. "Some of the best friends I have come from being a part of the Scholar's Bowl team."

Honors math program makes mid-year change

by Brenlee Yingling
STAFF WRITER

The freshman honors math program has changed mid year. These students now meet for 45 minutes every seminar class, instead of just once every two weeks. This gives them more direct instruction and less time in between seminar sessions.

"There was concern that only meeting once every two weeks was not giving the honors students enough time or extra instruction. With this year being the initial year for freshman honors, and with a new math series, the freshmen staff was already finding it difficult to

find enough time to get everything done," said Department Chair Deb Manning.

"The program was reviewed and a change was made to have Honors Math 1 provided by SHS teachers and allow freshman teachers more time to concentrate on implementing the new program. We will continue to re-evaluate the program regularly, as we do with all of our math classes," said Manning.

The program in this form will continue through the end of this semester. The math department is still evaluating what the program will look like next year.

"We work along with the Freshman Math I teachers to provide activities and extensions that correlate with the material that is being covered in the student's Math I class...We are focusing on developing their questioning techniques and problem solving skills," said Manning.

The math department will continue to adapt and change the class over the course of the school year, to better meet the needs of the students.

"Mathematical knowledge is only useful if you know when and how to use it. That is what we are striving to teach our students at all levels, not just in the honors program," said Manning.



THE LAST GREAT RACE



Iditarod becomes more competitive every year

by Taylor Buessing
CO-EDITOR

The Iditarod is an annual long-distance sled dog race in Alaska that is run in early March from Anchorage to Nome (Iditarod). It is also known as “the last great race.” 1973 was the first year the Iditarod was run. When the Iditarod first began, it was nowhere near as competitive as it is today. The soul purpose of the race was to test mushers and their dogs skill level. It is now the most popular sporting event in Alaska.

There are two different trails: the northern route is run on even years and is 975 miles long, and the southern route is run on odd years and is 998 miles long. The Iditarod trail was one of the first four national historic trails and was named after the town Iditarod, which means “distant place.” The town was named after the Iditarod River and was found in 1908 by a group of miners. The town was abandoned by 1930 because the gold supply ran out. All that remains is a cabin and a concrete vault from an old bank.

The 2015 Iditarod will have 80 mushers. It will begin on March 7 and will be aired on the Sportsman Channel from various networks; Cox, channel 252, AT&T, channel 642, Direct TV, channel 605, Dish, channel 395.

All mushers are required to have 16 dogs or less and finish the race with at least six. The race takes between nine and 15 days to complete. Competitors have experienced wind chills as low as negative 100 degrees Fahrenheit and faced whiteout blizzards.

Dallas Seavey, the 2014 Iditarod winner, holds the record time finishing in 8 days 13 hours 4 minutes and 19 seconds. He is also the youngest person to ever win the Iditarod at 25 years old.

Along with the Iditarod, Alaska hosts the Junior Iditarod in late June.



The Iditarod is run annually in Alaska, above are pictures from past races and the longer of the two routes, the southern route, is run on odd years and is 998 miles long compared to the Northern route that is 975 miles long. (Photos from Creative Commons)

Dogs from across the world battle for Best in Show

by Brad Piel
STAFF WRITER

The 139th annual Westminster Dog Show kicks off on Feb. 16. The show is home to 192 different breeds, with a grand total of 2,711 dog entries. The event takes place at Madison Square Garden in New York City, and will be on live TV during Monday and Tuesday night starting at 8 p.m. on CNBC and USA. The show has a wide variety of competitions such as: hound, toy, non-sporting, herding groups, junior showmanship, sporting, working, terrier groups, and best in show.

Owners can end up spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on travel costs to previous shows in hopes to land a spot at Westminster. There is no prize money involved in winning Best in Show. However, a silver cup trophy is granted to the winner. Even though the owners take a major financial hit, they all say the same thing. The competition is its own reward.

Training dogs for a show is no easy task, but Mrs. Elizabeth Woodman has stepped up the challenge. Outside of the school walls, Mrs. Woodman switches gears from teacher to trainer.

"I'm an AKC Breeder of Merit and

Silver Medal Bred-By Champions, and I have raised 10 plus breed and performance champions," says Mrs. Woodman.

Mrs. Woodman began raising dogs when she was 12 years old, and she hasn't stopped yet. Her hobbies have spread to her daughter Dynah, who has also begun to follow in her mother's footsteps.

"Dynah trains and handles dogs and was recently invited to Eukanuba Invitational, in Florida, in 2012 to run junior agility. She placed third in Time and Beat against top ranked adult competitors and their dogs. Dynah and another one of our girls qualified for Rally National Championships this spring," says Mrs. Woodman.

Mrs. Woodman has had some spectacular accomplishments herself; her Pembroke Welsh Corgi placed first in 2012 and 2013 and finished second in 2014. The corgi is currently number three all breeds and number three lifetime points.

Mrs. Woodman says, "Jess, also called Golden Girl by Mrs. Woodman, placed 34th out of 145 dogs running 8" regular jump height for the National Agility Championship in 2013, is a Masters Agility Champion, and also has three Obedience High in Trials, which is like The

Best in Show Award."

Mrs. Woodman isn't showing any signs of quitting. She loves what she does, and she is very good at it. With multiple wins and high qualifying dogs, as well as a daughter who seems equally devoted, the Woodman family is ready for competition.



Jess, Mrs. Woodman's Pembroke Welsh Corgi, conquers the agility course at a competition. She placed 34th overall in the 8" regular jump height for the National Agility Champion. (Photo provided by Elizabeth Woodman)



Jess leaps over the hurdle in the agility course at the competition. (Photo provided by Elizabeth Woodman)



Mrs. Woodman and Jess receiving their award after competing in the agility competition. (Photo provided by Elizabeth Woodman)



Mrs. Stacey Wienck gets comfortable at her desk in the counseling offices. (Photo by Corinne Spain)

New secretary has roots in community

by Corinne Spain
STAFF WRITER

The new face in the counseling office is Mrs. Stacey Wienck. Mrs. Wienck used to work for the district as a computer lab assistant. Then, she went to work for Capital Federal Savings bank.

“I worked as a Customer Service Representative in the back office”, said Mrs. Wienck.

However, she missed working in the district so she came back to work in the counseling center as the new secretary.

Mrs. Wienck has also been a parent in the district. All three of her children have graduated from Seaman.



Mrs. Sells gets used to snowy life in Ohio with her ‘best friend’ Troy the snow blower. She has no idea what her front yard looks like. It’s been covered with several inches of snow since her arrival.

Husband’s transfer prompts mid-year move

by Ethan Brunetti
STAFF WRITER

The counseling center is undergoing some change and adjustment after saying goodbye to long-time secretary Mrs. Ann Sells.

In mid November, Mrs. Sells husband was transferred to Ohio for his work.

“She ran the counseling center she always did a fantastic job of helping confused students. She always made a point to help out the students that were newly enrolled at the high school,” said Patty Allacher, counselor.



“It’s been fun trying to figure out where all the highways go, and learn my way around. Another thing I’m excited about is, there are so many things to do here! Theaters and cultural events galore, not to even mention a gazillion new restaurants and museums. “

Mrs. Ann Sells

Career fair registration underway

by Kendall Leatherman
CO-EDITOR

Ms. Patty Allacher’s phone continues to ring as she fills out information from different adults who are preparing to present to students at the Career Fair on March 4

“Close to 50 adults from different career fields will come and present to the students from 8:45 a.m. to about 11:15 a.m.,” says counselor Patty Allacher.

The Career Fair takes place every two years providing students with the chance to meet professionals in areas that range from chef to veterinarian.

“Some presentations are college-oriented, while some need skills learned

from a tech school, so it is pretty cool that there are so many options available for the students right here at the high school,” Allacher says.

“With the one-on-one opportunity students will be able to talk about the skills needed for the career while also learning about the pros and cons and other aspects of the job,” says Allacher.

Juniors have already enrolled for the event. Sophomores will enroll on Feb. 18 and freshmen will enroll Feb. 27.

Seniors have no set time to enroll during seminar for the event. They need to enroll with Mrs. Jo Simons in C4 soon. She recommends seniors come in before Feb. 18 to have the best selection.

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Ladies look forward to improving, postseason opportunities

By Ethan Brunetti
STAFF WRITER

The Seaman Lady Vikes starting line up is announced to a crowded gym, the whole team circles up and slowly moves to the floor they drum on the floor with a feverish intensity and at that moment “Let’s go Lady Vikes!” echoes through the gym.

Tonight the Lady Vikes will take on a talented Hayden Wildcat squad at home.

The Wildcats have a 9-3 record and won the first match-up against the Vikes near the end of December.

The Lady Vikes coached by Mr. Steve Alexander have a solid 8-5 record at the mid-way point in the season with all five of their losses coming to strong teams.

Their wins have come as part of athleticism and a team that is extremely cohesive on



Senior Brooke McMillin explodes to the basket on a fastbreak opportunity (Photo by Kaitlyn Meader)

and off of the court.

In addition, the Lady Vikes are well above the national girls average in points, assists, blocks, field goal percentage, and rebounds. (MaxPreps)

“We have taken a lot of pride in our hustle this sea-

son and I think this has been shown in our rebounding,” said senior guard Cassidy Henry.

The Lady Vikes are averaging seven more rebounds a game than the national average.

Senior forward Tatyana

Legette said, “We are working hard and have been consistently improving throughout the season.”

“We look forward to getting better as a team, with the overall goal to make a run into the state tournament.”



Tatyana Legette weaves through the Thunderbird defense on her way to the basket. (Photo by Kaitlyn Meader)



Senior Rachel Heald focuses before shooting her free throws (Photo by Marcy Anderson)

Boys looks to end season with run for state tournament

by Michael Owen
STAFF WRITER

The basketball boys are a little past the midway point of their season with a 6-7 record. They're coming off a 1-2 record at the annual mid-season Valley Center tournament and a big victory against Topeka West on Jan 30.

Senior standout Reid Morgart says, "The season's gone better than our record shows. We have lost a lot of really close games to really good teams."

This is true, with five of their seven losses being within seven points or less.

Joe Miller, who has been the Centennial League scoring leader and University of Central Missouri commit, seems to be the leader of this team on the court with many 20+ point performances already this season.

"Joe's been the leader on the court with his performances and his vocals. He's the loudest one out there, and also the first and last



Joe Miller (23) posts up on Shawnee Heights defenders at the Blue-Out themed game for Morgan Kottman. (Photo by Marcy Anderson)

off the court every day," says Morgart.

The young guns are really contributing this year, but also preparing themselves for a big loss of this year's seniors.

Senior Sam Moylan says, "The young guys are really stepping into their roles this year. I think Zeferjahn has been the most important with getting to the glass and adding some scoring."

The Vikes are looking to close out the rest of the season with some wins and hopefully make a run for the state tournament.

VIKING VOICES

Which college basketball team is most on track to win the National Championship?



"Kentucky, because they beat KU really bad and they're undefeated."

Senior
Rachel Heald



"K-State, because their mascot is cool. #WillieWildcat"

Sophomore
Jeremy Wells

"Kentucky because they're undefeated. Virginia has a chance, but not a very good one."

Junior
Anthony Massengill



"I want to say K-State, but I know I can't because I know they won't win."

Freshman Biology teacher
Miss Jessica Otradovec



Boys swim team looks to capitalize successful season at state

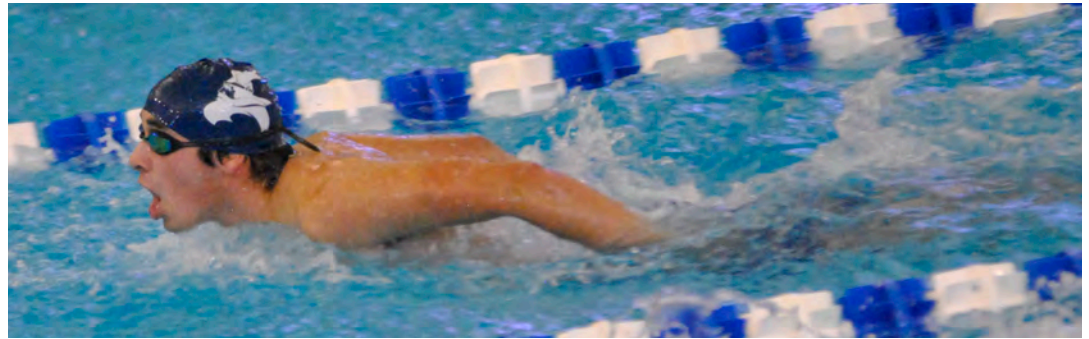
by Jakob Ready
STAFF WRITER

Boys swim has gotten off to fast start this season, with a second place finish at the city tournament.

“The season is going good,” said senior swimmer Nathan Henderson. “The second place finish to Washburn Rural, shows us that we are getting closer to closing in on them.”

The swim team has an upcoming event tomorrow at the 501 Natatorium in Hummer Sports Park.. Topeka West will host the league tournament at 4 p.m tomorrow .

“There will be a lot of pressure put on the league tournament,” said assistant coach Andrew Taylor. “We want to



do good at league to get ready for State.”

The boy’s team has had a lot of great finishes but usually fall short to in city rivals, Washburn Rural.

“Its not that Washburn is necessarily better than us they just have a bunch of more swimmers,” said senior Alex Gutierrez. “I believe

if we tried hard enough we could catch them fairly easily.”

The coaches have been pushing their seniors and the entire team to finish off their swim season strong.

“We were in kind of a drag mid season,” said Taylor. “I think we have gotten off that drag and are back on to com-

peting and getting ready for the biggest tournament of the year. (State)”

The State Tournament will be Friday and Saturday Feb. 20-21, at the 501 Natatorium in Hummer Sports Park.

Senior Alex Gutierrez swims butterfly stoke at the the City Championship. (Photo by Kaitlyn Meader)

Boys bowling continues to have impressive season

by Shyanne Osterhaus
STAFF WRITER

This year the bowling team has proven that even though the three highest averaging bowlers from last year for both the girls and boys teams have graduated, there’s still plenty of experienced bowlers left to place highly at each individual meet.

The varsity boys completed the recent Seaman-hosted meet in first place with four top 10 finishes. Sophomore John Baeten placed first overall with a 646 series. The varsity girls placed second with three top 10 finishes. Freshman Kishno Bell earned second place with a 542 series.

In addition to performing exceptionally at meets, Baeten threw a 300 game one day in practice. To achieve this, 12 perfect strikes must be thrown in a row.

“It’s pretty nerve wracking and when you throw the 12th ball, you’re pretty much just waiting to see if it strikes or

not,” Baeten says. “When I got that 300 it felt awesome.”

While bowling a 300 is most bowlers’ goal, not every game goes as well as planned. Hours at practice each week are spent throwing nothing but first balls and spares. Strikes are an important part of everyone’s game, but without the ability to pick up any given spare one’s average would be drastically lower and the outcome of the season would be less successful.

“This season hasn’t been too bad, but there is always room for improvement,” sophomore Ethan Cowen says. “Making spares is key for a good game.”

So far this season the boys’ team has set a team average of 173 and the girls’ team average is 147. The JV girls currently claim the fifth highest JV girls team series in the state with a total score of 1849.

At the Junction City quad meet, Bell placed first individually for varsity girls,

and both the girls’ varsity and JV teams ended the night with an overall victory.

“I think the season overall is going very well,” Bell says. “We need to continue to feed off the recent successes of our first place finishes for the girls varsity and JV teams.”

More than five meets are left on the schedule and both

the girls and boys teams plan to put themselves in a strong position to place at regionals and advance on to state.

“The season has gone as expected,” head coach Geoff Poston says. “Regionals are right around the corner and we need to be better then we have been if we are going to factor into the post season.”



Sophomore John Baeten throws his bowling ball down the lane. Unlike most high school bowlers, Baeten bowls two handed.

(Photo by Shyanne Osterhaus)

Wrestling maintains high hopes for State

by Brad Piel
STAFF WRITER

The wrestling team has been faced with a few challenges this season, battling sickness and injuries. Even though the team has not always been the healthiest, they still get the job done.

The team has captured some big finishes with a win at the Douglas Goodwill Tournament and

as well, so there is still a lot of room for improvement.”

With state competition closing in fast, the Vikings are looking to finish the season off strong with the Centennial League Tournament and the Manhattan Duel.

Bailey Kelly says, “My hopes are to win state this year.”

A four-year wrestler, Valeria Rivera, is also excelling this year on and off the mats. She has done well in all meets and has

placed fifth in Lee’s Summit Missouri. The team has also placed in all other meets as well.

Junior Bailey Kelly says, “We have done really well as a team this season, and we have a lot of young guys on the team

also committed to Ottawa University. Coach Patrick Kelly says, “Valeria is an exceptional young lady. I have very high hopes for her at Ottawa University.” Valeria is not the only one who is impressing coach Kelly however.

He says, “We have high expectations for the program, so we really want the kids to perform well. We have had strong individual performances especially from our returning state placers Khamin Crow, Jaelynn Gay, Daemeion Gay, and Bailey Kelly.”

The team has high hopes in finishing off strong, and everyone is looking

for a qualifying spot for state competition. They all know it won’t be an easy task, and everyone is going to have to push each other every day in order to make it happen.



Wrestler Daemeion Gay takes on his opponent during the Seaman Duals Meet. (Photo by Carley Lux)

Junior Bailey Kelly strattling his opponent to prepare for a pin down. (Photo by Carley Lux)

Junior Colton Moranz finishes his match with a victory at Gardner Edgerton. (Photo by Zach Morris)

RECORD BREAKER: Guinness record setter Bob Fisher demonstrates his skills to the student body with an assist from junior Tatum Smith. Fisher set a record of 2371 free throws in one hour in 2011. (Photo by Marcy Anderson)

SHINING LIGHT:Ms. Jessica Otradovec learns she has been given the Horizon award by the state of Kansas. Only 32 awards were given throughout the state for second-year teachers who show great promise. (Photo by Kaitlyn Meader)



NAP TIME: Freshman teachers(back) Mr. Daniel Ruda, Ms. Jessica Otradovec, Mr. Michael Kennett, Mr. Jeff Pierce, Mr. Allan Cooper (middle) Mr. Bernard Tuck, Mrs. Elizabeth Woodman, Mrs. Stacy Wall, Mrs. Markie Dinkel, and (sucking thumb) Luke Wiens enjoy Pajama day on Monday of Spirit Week. (Photo by Bethany Piel)



HANGING OUT WITH THE BIG KIDS: Alyssa Ward, Katie McLaughlin, Karsen McCarter, Madison Henley, Kylie Cox and Amanda Hurla enjoy Kindergarten day at SHS. Students and staff also enjoyed Mix and Match Wednesday, Hawaiian Thursday, and traditional class colors day on Friday.(Photo by Megan Lehman)



WORKING FOR A CAUSE: Senior Joe Miller calls out orders during Pad Night for the boys basketball team. Players helped out the Pad restaurant, and in return, they received a portion of the proceeds. (Photo by Brett Lichter)