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### **Seaman High School**

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE students Gaia Romano from Italy and Camila Perilla from Brazil enjoy "Color Chaos" before the home game against Washburn Rural. The event was a fundraiser for the leadership class. (Photo by David Marshall)



# 'Sleep in a Box' plans underway

by Roland Westling  
STAFF WRITER

Sleep In A Box, the annual Interact Club fundraising event for local food shelters, takes place on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 7 p.m.-6 a.m., with the required student arrival time being 7-8 p.m.

Sign up forms with the \$10 pre-registration fee are due to Ms. Amanda Torbett or Mrs. Shawna Anderson by Friday, Sept. 25.

Activities will include building cardboard mansions, requiring cardboard building materials; layered man, requiring articles of clothing; and clothing relay, requiring uniform clothing of sweatpants, sweatshirt, winter coat, stocking hat, gloves and a scarf.

In order to bring items Interact Club considers to be non-essential, canned goods are donated from team members. For example, participants must pay 10 cans of food for a cell phone, five cans for a sleeping bag, or two cans for a pillow.

After the activities students will be divided up to sleep on opposite sides of the football field based on gender.

Although participants will have few restrictions, there are a few guidelines that must be followed which include: the separation of co-ed teams, a team requirement of 4-6 members, as well as the enforcement of the student handbook.

Participants will also be required to park in the east lot. No food or drink will be allowed with the exception of one sealed water bottle per person.

During the event, the area will be locked and monitored sponsors. Leaving early will not be tolerated, unless arrangements have been made between sponsors and parents.

All participants will wake at 6 a.m., and must vacate the area by 7 a.m.

**\$10**  
**Pre-registration**  
**due to Ms. Torbett**  
**or Mrs. Anderson**  
**by Friday, Sept. 25.**

# CLIP notes

•**Seaman District Wellness Night** is Oct. 15 at SHS track from 6:30-8 p.m.

•Take this opportunity to **purchase bricks or a bench** on the Dr. Carolyn Orozco Fitness Trail. Organizers are raising money to move towards completing Phase 2 of the trail.)

•**SeaMapp:** The Marburg students are coming Sept. 30 - Oct. 14. They will be staying with SHS students and shadowing them at school for two weeks. While here, they get to visit the Capitol building, the KS History Museum, Brown v. Board, and the Eisenhower Center. They have also prepared presentations to share with Seaman classes.

•**Homecoming Spirit Week** provides students with the opportunity to show off their creativity each day.

**Monday** - Favorite Disney Character day

**Tuesday** - "Would you still be my friend if I wore this" day

**Wednesday** - "Favorite Holiday day

**Thursday** - KC Royals Out day

**Friday** - Class Colors day



•Seniors **Hailey Reed and Andie Sodergren** received the Discovery Award through the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes for their documentary about a South Vietnamese Soldier named Tran Ngoc "Harry" Hue.

The prize comes with a \$10,000 cash award.

Below is a link to their project page: <http://lowell-milkencenter.org/2015-discovery-award-winners/>

•Did you know that Seaman High School has a food pantry? Any SHS students who don't have enough food at home should let their counselors know, and they will be connected with the **SHS Food Pantry**. See your counselor for details .



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**SEAMAN USD 345**  
Fall  
Into  
Fitness  
**5K Run/Walk**  
**1/2 Mile Fun Run/Walk**

**Early registration due Oct. 20**



# New Teachers

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## HEATHER AVERILL

- Attended college at Washburn University
- Student taught with Ms. Torbett
- Averill was a barista, worked on a ranch with horses, and backpacked Ireland.
- Decided to teach at Seaman because she liked student teaching here
- Teaches sophomore Language Arts and junior Language Arts



## CASSIE GEIS

- Attended college at Emporia State University
- Taught at Washburn Middle School for two years
- Decided to teach at Seaman because of the great students and staff ; also to be a part of the Seaman family
- Teaches Botany, Human Anatomy, and Zoology

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## ELIZABETH MIZELL

- Attended college at Fort Hayes State
- Student-taught special education at Shaner Elementary for one semester
- Decided to teach at Seaman because she graduated here
- Teaches special education math



**RICK RINEBERG**

- Attended college at Benedictine College
- Taught at Burlingame High School
- Decided to teach at Seaman for better opportunities, more access for technology for both staff and students, and less of a commute
- Teaches Social Studies

**LEE SCHMIDT**

- Attended college at Kansas University and Washburn University
- Student taught at Logan Elementary School
- Taught at Hayden for six years
- Was the assistant principal for five years at Hayden
- Was the principal at Holy Family for eight years
- Defensive coordinator at Highland Park for two years
- Softball coach at Hayden for three years
- Decided to teach at Seaman to return to a high school setting and missed teaching
- Teaches Chemistry and Physical Science

**KRYSTAL ZURMELY**

- Attended college at Cloud County, Washburn University, and Emporia State
- Taught Physical Education at Elmont for 10 years
- Decided to teach at Seaman because it was better for coaching and easier for her kids' schedule
- Teaches aerobics and cardio fitness



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*This foreign exchange section has been designed by the 6th hour Digital Media Tech students.*



# Frederik AARDALSBASSE DAM-JENSEN

What to know  
about

**DENMARK**

1. In Copenhagen, 50 percent of people commute by bicycle every day.



2. Words like “please”, “excuse me”, and “thank you” are not in the Danish vocabulary. They are still polite and respectful, they just get to the point!



3. Alcohol is allowed practically anywhere, and you only have to be 14 to drink!



1 “The weirdest thing about America is everyone is so polite and happy all the time.”

2 Frederik can speak Danish, Norwegian, German, and English.

3 Frederik likes to travel. He’s been everywhere in Europe. In North America he has visited California, Utah, Arizona, Idaho, and Nevada!

4 Other than the actual comprehension, Frederik thinks that schooling here is easy, along with practically everything else. “Everything’s just a lot simpler here!”

5 So far, Frederik explained that his favorite and most memorable part about the foreign exchange program is the adventure. He says he will never forget all the excitement of the plane ride and meeting his host family.



Danish: “Jeg har en drøm om, at jeg en dag vil være den bedste fodboldspiller i verden.”  
(I have a dream that one day I will be the best soccer player in the world.)

information from <http://www.10-facts-about.com/>





### Interesting Facts About Sweden...

A crayfish party (kräftskiva) is a traditional eating and drinking celebration in August.



There's a golf club on the boarder of Sweeden and Finland: Half the holes are in one country and half the holes are in another country.

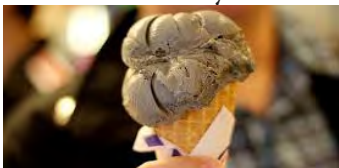


The official twitter account of Sweden is @

Sweden and is given to a random citizen each week to manage.

You can't name your kid Ikea or Elvis in Sweden.

One of the most popular flavors of ice cream is salmiakki or salty lico-



www.factslides.com/s-Sweden  
www.facts.randomhistory.com/sweden-facts.html

## Ilse RICHARDSON



1 After coming to America, she tried her first slushie from Petro Deli.

2 Her favorite American restaurant is Taco Bell.

3 She has played acoustic guitar for six years.

4 Her favorite subject in school is entrepreneurship

5 After graduation she plans to move to England and go to a university.

“The people in America are too open and talkative. It’s weird.”

Lilies are the national flower of Italy.



Italy is the largest producer of wine in the entire world.

Italy is the fourth most visited place in the world.



1/3 of the world's population have never used the internet.

Over 500,000 Italians have visited an exorcism every year.



Italy is actually called Italian Republic.



## Alessandro SAVIATONI

- 1 Did you know that foreign exchange student Alessandro has been to the U.S. six times?
- 2 Alessandro tells us there are lots of differences between his home, Italy and Kansas. One thing was climate. He explains how the temperature is the same, but here in Kansas it's a lot more humid and windy!
- 3 Back in Rome, Italy, his home city, he says his favorite thing to do is go to the theatre with friends. In Kansas, his favorite thing is the green and nature we have.
- 4 While at Seaman, Alessandro has made himself comfortable. So far, he's been apart of ping pong club, interact club, and book club, along with playing football.
- 5 Alessandro says he finds it cool how we have a school bus to transport us to school everyday. Also, he says he finds it interesting how we put ice in drinks that are already cold!



"It's not an easy experience, it's actually really hard and stressful. But if you take it the right way it can be beautiful."  
-Alessandra





■ Pizza was invented in Naples and dates back to 1860.



■ Italy is the largest exporter of wine



■ Soccer is Italy's most popular sport.



■ Italians have won more Oscars for best Foreign Language Film than any other country.



[http://facts.randomhistory.com/2009/05/14\\_italy.html](http://facts.randomhistory.com/2009/05/14_italy.html)

## Gaia ROMANO

- 1 While I'm here I hope to learn to speak English perfectly and to have the best year of my life.
- 2 My favorite food is pizza with marshmallow and chocolate. (dessert pizza)
- 3 The reason I decided to join the program is because I always dreamed about living the American dream, and people have told me it's the best experience.
- 4 I plan on being part of the golf, bowling, and swimming teams. Also I am part of the French, Spanish, Interact, and Spirit clubs.
- 5 My favorite part about the U.S. are the people.



*"I have been here for a month and I don't want to leave. It's beautiful to try something different, and it's not as scary as people think."*

# Silvia GRANA ROEL

There isn't a tooth fairy in Spain. Instead, there's a tooth mouse named Ratoncico Perez.



Same sex marriage has been legal in Spain since July 3, 2005.



There is a 47-story skyscraper in Spain that does not have an elevator.

There aren't any laws against public nudity in Spain.



There is a zip line connecting Spain and Portugal. It's 2,365 ft. and 60 seconds long.

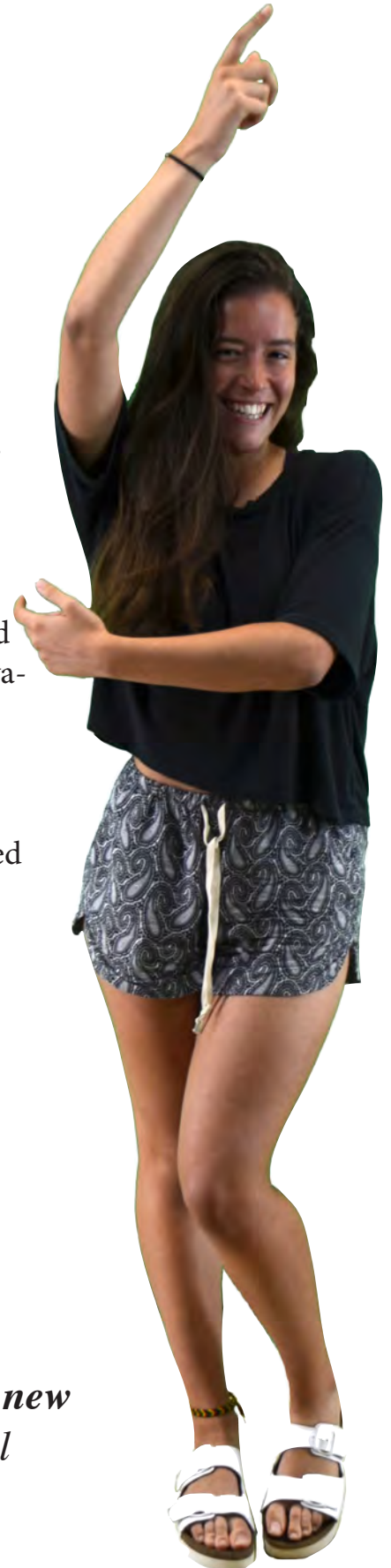
1 The school Silvia went to in Spain had longer days than here at Seaman. The hours were from 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m.

2 In Spain there are a lot more holidays. The holidays they have that we don't are religious holidays.

3 Silvia has been to Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun, the Omaha zoo, and she has also gone canoeing and kayaking.

4 Some activities that Silvia is involved in at Seaman are tennis, Spanish club, French club, Interact club, Spirit club, and Book club.

5 Silvia likes how Seaman has school sports. In Spain the only way athletes can participate in sports is by paying a lot of money. Sporting events are not at the school.



*“Don't be afraid of change, try new things.” ~ Silvia Grana Roel*

## Gabrielle LOSA



- 1** Gabrielle was born and raised in Brussels, Belgium alongside her older brother. She lives with her parents and says that though they aren't crazy like Americans, they enjoy doing funny stuff.
- 2** She enjoys reading, dancing, and watching TV shows in her free time. While at Seaman High, Gaby joined the dance/drill team, manages cross country, and auditioned for the fall play. She is also involved in four clubs.
- 3** Gaby has enjoyed her stay at Seaman High so far. She admires the relationships the students have with the teachers, and appreciates how open and accepting the students are.
- 4** Though Gaby says there are many similarities between America and Belgium, she expresses that there are differences, such as burping in public and bigger proportion sizes. She adds that her favorite thing about America is the happy people.
- 5** The foreign exchange program has given Gaby the opportunity to learn what it feels like to be an American and discover a new culture. She wanted somewhere she could go for a chance to learn English, and chose the U.S. because "it's cool".

*"I look forward to making new friends and being in a group."*



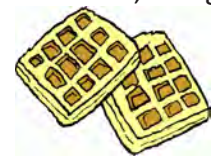
The saxophone was invented in Dinant, Belgium in the 1840's.



There are more castles in Belgium per square mile than any other country.



There are 3 main types of Belgian waffles: Brussels waffles, Liege waffles, and galettes.



Belgium is officially called the Kingdom of Belgium.



Students are required to attend school until the age of 18.







Germany has the largest population in the European Union!



Germany is one of the world's largest car producers!



Germany has the largest zoo in the world!



In Germany, there's no punishment for a prisoner who tries to escape from jail!



The Christmas tree tradition originated in Germany!

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WWW.EUPEDIA.COM/GERMANY/  
TRIVIA.SHTML

## Ben-Nick DANIELS

**1** Ben's favorite aspects about the foreign exchange program are having a second family, getting to explore the world, the school spirit here, and school sports!

**2** He thinks the weirdest part about America is how polite Americans are!

**3** Ben is from Hamburg, Germany and is staying with the Westgate family for one school year!

**4** His favorite subject in school is woodworking!

**5** Ben is on the varsity soccer team and is involved in the Math club, Spanish club, German club, and Fishing club!



“The water here tastes like chlorine!”



Copenhagen, Denmark  
Population: 5,627,235



Denmark has 443 named islands, 76 of which are inhabited.

The world famous building toys Lego are from Denmark.



Danish men marry the oldest of all Europeans - at 32 years old in average.



The official name of Denmark is the Kingdom of Denmark.

Denmark has more than twice the amount of bicycles (4.2 million) than cars (1.8 million). Copenhageners pedal more than 1.13 million km on their bicycles each day.



<http://www.eupedia.com/denmark/trivia>

## Johan Bartling

- 1 Johan has enjoyed being at Seaman High School. His favorite subjects so far are history and physics.
- 2 Johan has liked seeing the variety of styles in America. He says there is a lot color in clothing over here.
- 3 Johan thinks that food here in America is sweeter than in Denmark.
- 4 Johan said that schools here are bigger and everything is more distant. In Denmark they don't have cafeterias in schools.



"I decided to be a part of the foreign exchange program because I thought it would be a fun experience."



**POPULATION:**  
203,082,000

**Bom dia!**  
Good Morning

•only Portuguese-speaking country in the Americas

•largest coffee producer in the world

•won the soccer world cup five times and hosted the games in 2014.

•biggest rain forest in the world, the Amazon forest. More than 27 million people from 170 ethnicities live in the forest and surrounding areas. Lost tribes are still found today.

•largest Roman Catholic population in the world.



"Christ the Redeemer" in Rio De Janeiro is listed as one of the seven new wonders of the world.



•largest country in South America and the fifth largest country in the world in terms of population.

information from 10-facts-about.com

## CamilaPERIERA

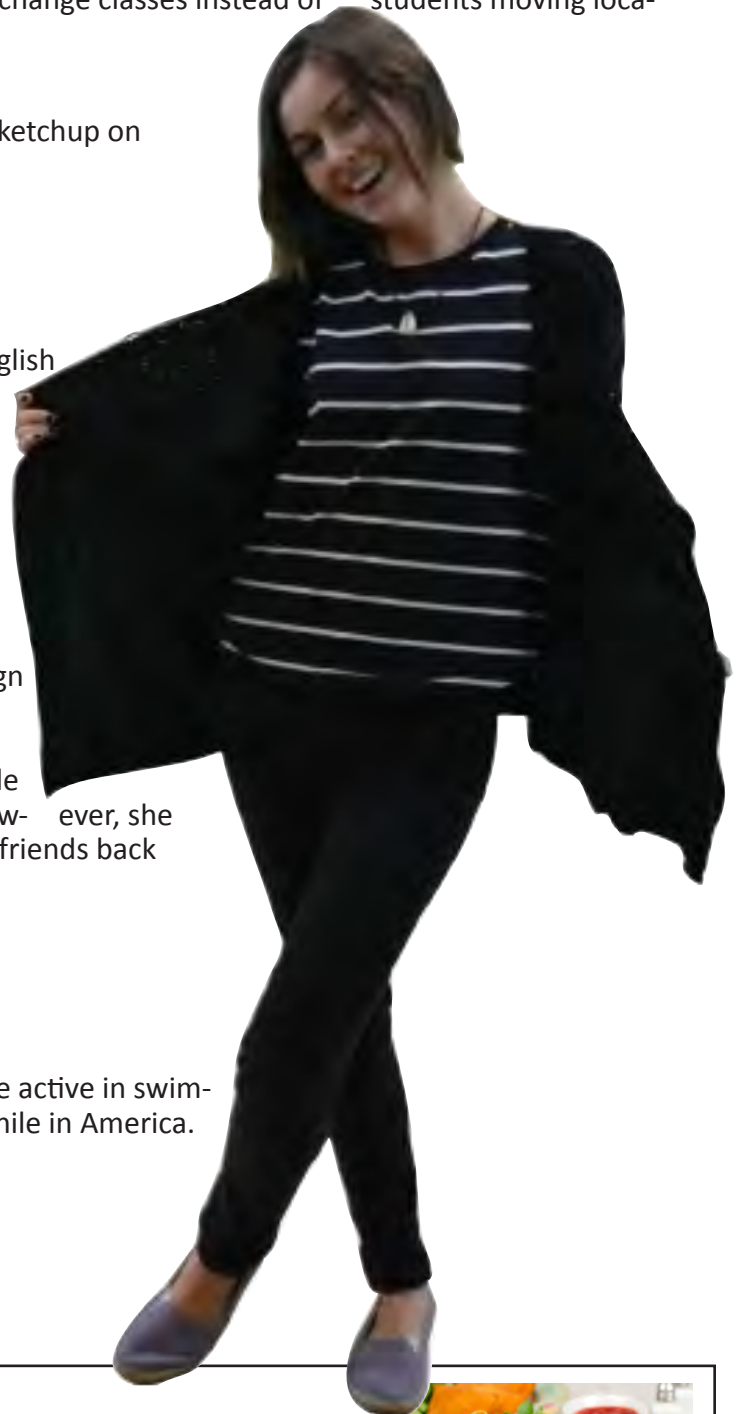
**1** The biggest difference in education between Brazil and America: in Brazil, teachers change classes instead of students moving locations.

**2** In Brazil, they put ketchup on pizza.

**3** Camila learned English five years ago.

**4** She likes her foreign exchange experience. It's fun, and she likes the people she lives with. However, she misses family and friends back home.

**5** Camila hopes to be active in swimming and ballet while in America.



*"I miss my Brazilian food. Coxinha and brigadeiro are DELICIOUS! I wish we had these here."*



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## Eduarda Machado



Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world.



The name Brazil comes from the tree called Brazilian wood.



The Statue of Christ the Redeemer is one of the Seven New Wonders of the World.

Brazil is the leading hydro-electricity producing country in the world.

- 1** It took about five or six years for Eduarda to learn English.
- 2** She lives in southern Brazil.
- 3** Eduarda says that the law enforcement here in Kansas is better here than in Brazil.
- 4** In Brazil the seasons are backwards. When it is hot here, it is cool in Brazil.
- 5** Soccer is the national sport but she is not really that big of a fan.

“I wish I could say I liked one specific thing, but I like too many... I can’t choose.”

# Things you probably didn't know about South Korea



The number "4" in South Korea is considered unlucky, just like the number "13" is here. It's believed to be related to death.

# 4

In South Korea, when you are born, you are considered to be one year old.

The first cloned dog in the world, "Snuppy," was created in South Korea.

The government authorizes the people to have short hair and only a handful of hair-styles.



# Menji PARKS

1 Menji plays five instruments: piano, flute, violin, ocarina, and harmonica.



2 She is afraid of frogs.



3 Menji is an only child

4 She thinks that it is funny when people lose board games.



5 Her mother works in the military.



"I think it is funny when people sneeze!"

## Pidchayanin CHUTIPATTANA



“I miss my Thai food. Everybody here eats a lot a meat almost every meal, as compared to home.. ”



1

Pidchayanin has been learning English since the 1st grade, and this isn't the first time this has been useful. Last year, she traveled to Europe, also to study abroad.

2

She says the school program differs from hers at home. She think it is more laid back at home, where as here, we have extra opportunities, such as the writing center, math lab, clubs, etc.

3




She says that the scenery is much different. She lives in a more urban setting, with tall buildings and lots of traffic. She says it's a lot more spacious here. The environment is different but good.

4

Just like anyone being away for a while, she says she misses home. She says the experience is good so it makes up for it. The food is one of the things she misses the most.

5

She thinks schooling here sis easier, but harder to understand because of the language. She is enrolled as a senior, along with all of the other students in the exchange program, so that they aren't required to do state testing.

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thailand is home to the world's largest gold Buddha</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thailand's name in the Thai language is Prathet Thai, which means "Land of the Free."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The population of Thailand is</li> </ul> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: blue;">67</p> <p>million.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thailand is the world's largest exporter of rice</li> </ul> 
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# Vorada (Mimie) REAKSATJANON



•capital city is Bangkok.

•known as Siam until 1939



•the symbol of the nation is the Thai elephant. Thai legend has it that a marriage is like an elephant -- the husband is the front legs that choose the direction, the wife is the back legs, providing the power.

•life expectancy is 69 years.



Info compiled from:  
10-tips-about.com  
roughguides.com/article/facts-about-thailand  
<http://www.chiangmai-chiang-rai.com>



**1** Mimie is from Bangkok, Thailand.

**2** Her favorite subjects in school are art and English.

**3** She has taken English since the first grade.

**4** She will experience snow for the first time this year.

**5** The education here is considered weird because in Thailand students stay in one classroom.

“I eat rice with everything in Thailand.”

### 5 Interesting facts about Ukraine...

1. Ukraine's capital, Kiev, has around 3 million people and is one of the largest cities in Europe.



2. Ukraine's National Holiday is Aug. 24.

3. Ukraine has a national dish. It's called borsch, which is a soup that is common in Europe.



4. Ukraine was one of the countries that shielded the Jews in WWII.

5. Ukraine has a population of around 45.5 million



## Maxsym DROBOT

**1** Maxsym was born in Russia and lived there for 11 years. He then moved to Ukraine and has lived there for five years.

**2** In his free time he likes to read books and draw.

**3** At home he likes to play volleyball and he wants to try out for swimming.

**4** Max's favorite food that he has discovered so far is mexican.

**5** At home Max has 24 subjects at school and the subjects are more difficult.



“ The weirdest thing about America is that people say sorry for the stupidest things.”

# McKay rejoins SHS ‘family’

by Stone Brackett  
STAFF WRITER

Security officer, Phil McKay, returns to Seaman after his first stint from 1998 to 2002 as a school resource officer. He was actually the person who began the school resource officer program here. He also worked security at many of the events since the mid 90’s.

Before coming back to Seaman, he worked at the Shawnee County Sheriff’s Office as a detective sergeant for 28 years, including during his time here. He supervised the investigations district, meaning that he participated in many criminal investigations.

His job at Seaman is similar to his old job, with just a few very slight changes.

“Law enforcement is the same, it’s just a different environment,” says McKay.

The different environment seems to help make his job more enjoyable.

“It’s a very positive atmosphere,” says McKay.

The people inside of Seaman play a large role in determining the atmosphere.

Mr. McKay’s favorite part of the Seaman experience is the interaction with all of the staff and the students that are here on a daily basis.

“Law enforcement is the same, it’s just a different environment.”

Officer Phil McKay



## Favorite Activities

Kneeboarding



Riding motorcycles



Water-skiing

