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The SES Sparklers celebrate together after receiving their trophies at the Concordia Cheer/Dance Competition on Feb. 17. The dancers won three awards, including Shining Star, Sweepstakes and Showmanship. See pg. 12 for the full story. (Photo by Sue Kincaid-Lawson)

# Around The Stalls

## Does it bother you that there aren't any stall doors in the boys' bathroom?



*Zach Blomquist, 7th grade*  
*"Not really, it's not like people come in to stare at you."*



*Bobby Simpson, 8th grade*  
*"Yes, because people come in and stare at you."*



*Avery Smith, 8th grade*  
*"Yes, because when people walk in they can clearly see you."*



*Seth Cleveland, Freshman.*  
*"Yes, people can walk in and just look at you and stuff. It's kinda weird."*



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## School handicap access improving

By John Christie

Southeast of Saline administrators and custodians are making sports events more enjoyable for those faithful fans with disabilities. The Southeast football stadium and basketball court has had a lack of handicapped seating but no lack of handicapped supporters.

However, the football stadium has found a remedy. During the first week of this new semester, a large platform was installed over a small section of seating at the south end of the press box. This platform will easily allow for three wheel chairs to view sporting events.

In the past, disabled spectators have sat against the press box and dealt with people walking through their line of sight through the entire event. Now their seats are out from behind other spectators.

This much overdue addition was proposed by Dr. Bob Goodwin. The total project cost \$2,326.70. The money to get the project off the ground came from the John Green Memorial Fund. With the \$750 that was in this fund, Goodwin was able to convince the Southeast of Saline Board of Education to go ahead with the project.

Goodwin, with the help of Director of Building and Grounds, John Kuhn and Leroy Douglas, who has done many other metal working projects at Southeast of Saline, surveyed the options at the stadium. There seemed to be two options as to where the platform could be located; the north or south end of the press box. The south end was decided on due to how congested the north is usually.

Though the project is a vast improvement,

it still comes short of meeting the American Disabilities Act of 1990. This requires that for a capacity of 500 people there be six wheelchair seats and one for every 100 seats after that. We currently meet these guidelines at the football stadium because we can count the track as viable handicapped seating.

This is an excellent improvement to the school, but there is still some more to be desired. For example, the basketball court's handicapped seating currently consists of a person sitting in the aisle on the track behind the bleachers and hinder movement in and out of the gymnasium.

This is not an enjoyable position at any athletic event, and those with handicaps often, by no fault of their own, hinder other spectators' ability to get in and out of the stands. The current setup is neither convenient nor fair to any of the spectators.

The project for the basketball court would likely be a more complicated system to work with our fold away bleachers. One method may simply be to install the same break away rail system that is used to allow them to see the court from the sides of the arena, at the front. This area is roped off from other patrons and therefore would not be the bustle of traffic around them the entire time.

Our setup could be better, yes, but it is definitely not as bad as it could be. The football stadium and the gymnasium are both better than many other places. It is great to see that our school is trying to go above and beyond what others are doing, it would be even better if we could make it as good as possible though.

# Bathroom doors: school needs to quit 'stalling'

By Klint Spiller

Thousands of dollars have been spent increasing the security to protect the lives and property within this school, while the self-dignity of our underclassmen and middle school has gone unprotected where it is most vulnerable . . . The bathroom.



For at least 15 years, the boys' bathroom stalls in the freshmen and middle school hallway have gone without doors. The doors were taken off due to students tagging the bathroom stalls with graffiti. The poor location of the sinks and hand drier, though, leaves the occupants of the bathroom stall open for viewing whenever someone decides to wash their hands or use the hand drier.

This lack of privacy would be harsh for anyone, but it is made worse located in the middle school hallway. Middle school is a time when a student's

self-esteem is most at risk and a time when students seem to be most immature.

That means for 15 years, students have been embarrassed, heckled and taunted while they use the toilet, degrading the already downtrodden self-esteem that comes with middle school.

This leaves many to avoid the bathroom all together. Is this really what our school wants? Does our administration really want students to be scared to go to the bathroom? Southeast is supposed to be a school where we feel safe. We should be able to feel safe anywhere in this building.

Not only is it harmful to the student's self-esteem, but it also seems to be an issue of gender inequality. Would this happen in a women's restroom? I don't think so. The administration would never consider removing the doors from the women's bathroom stall.

In fact, there was an incident not so long ago when a girl in the freshman/junior high bathroom not only vandalized a door but broke the door clear off. Did the administration remove the girls' bath-

room stall doors? No, the door was fixed within the next week or two. If our country intends to be fair and balanced, then the men deserve equal treatment and should be protected from the prying eyes of their peers.

If the reason for not having these stall doors is because someone believes that students will vandalize them, then why don't we give the freshmen and middle school students a chance to prove their moral integrity and give them back their stall doors? I mean, is 15 years not long of enough of a lesson?

If the comfort of Southeast of Saline students is not enough of a reason, maybe it should be looked at from the legal spectrum. Though I do not believe that legal action is the proper way to solve this problem, it is a concern. With all of the frivolous lawsuits occurring in the world, Southeast may want to be more careful. The refusal to buy new stalls to protect the privacy of the male students while providing the girls with repairs to their vandalism very well could be grounds for a class action sexual discrimination lawsuit. It may be in the best interest of the administration and school board to look into these matters before any further harsh action may be taken that could further hinder the education of the students or the financial status of the school.

The problem that remains in solving this problem is the location of these missing stall doors. It is believed by many members of the faculty that the stall doors were thrown away. If this is indeed the case, then replacing these stall doors would mean buying an entirely new set of stalls for the bathroom. The school board and the administration must decide whether the personal privacy of their students is worth spending a little money on.

The faculty and administration have always said that you should feel as safe at school as you do in your own home. Well, I don't know where they live, but my toilet isn't open for public viewing in the town square.



# FCCLA qualifies for state in eight events

By Krisanna Graham

SES FCCLA members aimed to be the stars of the District G Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Event competition on Feb. 7, and they succeeded.

Out of the eleven STAR events SES participated in, eight of the events qualified for State Competition in Wichita on April 2-3. To qualify for State, competitors had to receive the highest score in their competitive division, which had to be at least a silver score.

First-time qualifiers for State from SES are the Jr. Parliamentary Procedure team consisting of Olivia VanBlaricon, LaCrista Brightbill, Elizabeth Peuchen, Chelsea Hanks, Megan Kincaid-Heidel and Tarren Trimble; Jena Sauber in the Jr. Focus on Children category; and Amanda Keeler and Victoria Johnson in the Jr. Chapter Showcase Manual.

Returning qualifiers are the Senior Parliamentary Procedure team including Shannon Wilson, Sadie Myers, Shayla Seim, Sarah Anderes, Brent Sweany, Chelsie Green and Elissa Stein; Miranda Everhart and Ryan Unruh in Sr. Chapter Showcase Manual; Cierha Berry in the Sr. Chapter National Programs in Action; Trask Engel in Sr. Entrepreneurship; and Caitlin Conley, Megan Sauber and Trell Peterson in Sr. Chapter Showcase Display.

Others who participated include Linsey Bolte and Brittany Obermeyer in Sr. Chapter Service Manual, Alex Earles and Meaghan Ryan in Sr. Illustrated Talk, and Andrea Everhart in Sr. Job Interview.

From State, members who receive top gold will compete in Anaheim, California this summer.

District G Elections were also held at the STAR Event competition. Three SES chapter members ran for district office positions. Megan Sauber

was elected District G president for the upcoming FCCLA year. Victoria Johnson was elected District G treasurer for the upcoming year, and Shannon Wilson was elected to be a State officer candidate for the elections on March 4-5 in Hesston.



*Megan Sauber, the new District G President (left), receives the gavel from the previous President, Shannon Wilson. Elections were in Newton on Feb. 7. (Photo by Andrea Everhart)*

are participating in STAR Events, or are chapter officers, are required to work or donate food.

The Ziegler family benefit dinner and auction is on March 9 and 10, after the play. On March 9, there will be an Italian-themed dinner of lasagna, garlic bread, garden salad and a dessert with an auction to raise additional money. On March 10, there will be many desserts and an auction. The goal is to raise a minimum of \$1,000.

Jeremy Ziegler continues to recover from injuries to his pancreas and other internal organs sustained in a one-car accident Nov. 11.

National FCCLA Week was Feb. 11-18. The SES chapter put table tents on the tables during lunch time to inform students about the organization. However, the main activity of FCCLA week is not going to be until March 16. A guest speaker, Matt Glowaski, is coming to speak to fourth through twelfth grade about his lifestyle without legs.

In closer FCCLA news, the Relay for Life fundraiser is in progress. The event is not limited to FCCLA members. People must raise \$100 in pledges before the walk, which will take place on April 28, at Kansas Wesleyan University.

On Feb. 24, SES FCCLA will be participating in the Special Olympics. Members are encouraged to sign up to work a two-hour shift with sponsor Mrs. Juanelle Garretson. All members are also encouraged to donate a baked good or bags of chips. All people who

# Scholars narrowly miss playoffs at state

By Klint Spiller

When the Southeast of Saline scholars went into the State meet, they knew they would have to be firing on all cylinders to make a playoff run. They simply couldn't find a way to do it and fell short, going 2-3 at the State Scholars' Bowl tournament hosted by Hutchinson Trinity on Feb. 10.

After driving nearly five hours to their Regional in Oberlin, the Southeast scholars qualified for the State meet, placing third. When they actually reached the State meet, the team struggled, losing two close matches that could have earned them a spot in the playoffs.

"I was proud of the team. We were much closer to advancing into the semi-final rounds than our record indicates. A question or two would have made the difference," Sauber said. "It was a great year."

The team that qualified from Regionals consisted of seniors Andrew Bauer, Klint Spiller and John Christie, juniors Brent Sweany and Ozzy Smith, and sophomore

Layton Everhart. Christie and Everhart were unable to compete at the State meet due to scheduling difficulties.

"John had the ACT and a scholarship test, and Layton forgot about it entirely. It's a pretty bad omen when someone on your scholars' bowl team doesn't remember when State is," Bauer said.

The varsity scholars' team ended the season with a record of 60-29, finishing with three first-place finishes, two second-place finishes, and three third-place finishes at competitions throughout the year.

Spiller led the Trojans in scoring with 1,880 points for the year, earning him fourth place on Southeast's all-time scoring list. Bauer followed him in scoring with a total of 1,230 points, narrowly missing a place on the all-time list.

"I feel really proud to have a spot on the all-time scoring list. There are a lot of great names on it, but our success was not a result of me by any means. Andrew, Brent and Ozzy really carried us and pushed us

throughout the year. Someone always seemed to be there when we needed a clutch performance," Spiller said.

Other Varsity leading scorers included Sweany (575 points), Smith (475 points), Christie (135 points) and Everhart (135 points).

The freshman-sophomore team ended their season a few weeks before the varsity with a record of 40-18. The freshmen-sophomore team was led in scoring by Everhart, who posted 1,605 points. This point total was enough to earn him the number one spot on the freshman-sophomore all-time scoring list.

"I just had fun doing it. I wasn't planning on becoming the top scorer, but it's pretty cool," Everhart said.

Other freshman-sophomore leading scorers included Kristi Hargadine (230 points), Megan Kincaid-Heidel (230 points), Trask Engel (210 points), Patrick Eslick (200 points), and Tyler Herrington (175 points).

# Secretary relates to common student illness

By Jena Sauber

Between musical practice, athletics, church activities, 4-H, school and family, teenagers can have trouble fitting rest time into their crammed schedules. Sometimes, being constantly active can take a toll, and students can find their bodies run-down.

Marshall Kohman, Klint Spiller, Shelby Meyer, Caitlin Conley, Layton Everhart, RanDee Platt and Shannon Wilson could attest to this. All have been diagnosed with mononucleosis this school year. Another person, SES Secondary Secretary Mrs. Rita Johnson, who experienced mono years ago, could tell you mono is nothing to mess around with.

Johnson acquired mononucleosis secondary encephalitis (swelling of the brain) in April of her junior year at Rose Hill High School and ended up missing many activities.

"It was probably because I was over-committed and had a run-down, lowered resistance (to illnesses)," Johnson said.

It was possibly that over-commitment that

caused Johnson to experience the extreme fatigue, very bad headaches, a high fever, sore throat, very swollen lymph glands, a very high white blood count and a swollen spleen customary of mononucleosis.

"It is a fairly common diagnosis, although they had a difficult time diagnosing it," Johnson said. "For a while, they thought I might have leukemia, which alarmed my parents."

Even though it wasn't as serious as leukemia, Johnson's illness did take her out of many of her normal activities. This included accompanying her school's spring musical.

"I couldn't play for it, so my director had to find an adult to fill in for me," Johnson said.

In addition to missing the spring play, she also missed her junior-senior banquet.

"Several of my friends came to visit me in the hospital during that evening," Johnson said.

In all, Johnson spent 11 days in the hospital due to her illness. After that, she says that she spent most of that following summer sleeping.

"I was supposed to attend 4-H Round Up at

Rock Springs Ranch that summer, and I was not well enough to attend," Johnson said.

Even though her illness kept her from doing many things that she enjoyed, there were a few positive things about it.

"I lived on a farm, and my illness did get me out of doing chores for a while," Johnson said.

Even after Johnson's initial bout with her illness, it still remained a part of her life.

"During my sophomore year of college, I was hospitalized with an illness that felt very much like mononucleosis," Johnson said.

The real illness did come back though, too.

"I was diagnosed with mononucleosis (again) when I was 41," Johnson said.

Overall, Johnson said that the worst thing about being seriously ill was not being able to keep up with her normal activities.

"(It was bad) having no energy or stamina to do the things that I wanted to do," Johnson said. "I had a lot of homework to make up and I didn't like to miss out on activities."

Even though she missed being able to participate in her normal activities, Johnson said that she did learn lasting lessons from her battle with her illness.

"I learned to take care of myself, sleeping when needed, and eating the right kinds of food," Johnson said. "I think it affected me for a lifetime."

Johnson has her own message for students who have mono, and for those who don't.

"You can't really avoid it with all the germs out there, but make sure that you don't get so busy that you don't allow time to take care of yourself," Johnson said. "If you have mono, allow yourself time for enough sleep and eat the right foods. Taking care of yourself is important."



Rita Johnson, SES secretary, was diagnosed with mononucleosis in her junior year of high school, causing her to become extremely ill for several weeks. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

## Ten selected for League Honor Band

By Sarah Reece

Music, music, music. The month of February has been filled with music -- from Honor Band, Honor Choir, and KMEA Honor Band.

Last week, on Monday, Feb. 5, band students went to participate in District Honor Band in Ellsworth. There, they performed an hour-long concert after practicing for only six hours.

Participants included Aaron Plymell (tuba), Aaron Breault (bassoon), Kaleb Feist (tuba), Andrea Everhart (trumpet), Greg Peterson (trumpet), Max McClure (trumpet), Joe Pope (tenor saxophone), Sutton Sanders (bassoon), Kayla Hemphill (clarinet) and

Sarah Reece (alto saxophone).

On Thursday, Feb. 22, a select group of musicians from across Kansas will begin their three-day practice so they can perform in the KMEA Honor Band on Feb. 24. The only student from SES to qualify to play in the band is Kaleb Feist. This will be his second time to earn the honor of playing tuba in the Honor Band.

In other music news, there are three freshmen going to Wichita on Feb. 22 to sing in the KMEA Honor Choir. To be chosen, the students had to record a small song a cappella. Those going are Sutton Sanders (soprano), Chelsie Kohman (alto) and Dylan Howe (bass).

## FFA week begins

By Gracia Johnson

Ice cream, faculty breakfast, community activities, teacher trivia and t-shirt prizes are all part of the current FFA week sponsored by the SES FFA chapter.

The purpose of the week is to celebrate agriculture in America. FFA members will be educating the public on why the U.S. is dependent on agriculture. Some of the kids will be going to the elementary to do presentations throughout this week. They will also prepare radio and newspaper announcements and promotional posters about FFA.

The most famous part of this week is the homemade ice-cream that will be served once again in the Ag. room on Wednesday. Yesterday, there was a faculty breakfast at 7:45 a.m., and today will consist of eighth grade recruitment and a community raffle.

# Workers find school makes decent employer

By Michael Bauer

Christina Baker and Derek Benoist know for sure that when they grow up, they don't want to be lunch cooks. However, the two juniors are not complaining about an hour and a half of work time in the elementary cafeteria for \$5.15 an hour while at school.

Many of the cafeteria workers decided to work because they wanted to make some money.

"The pay is alright," said one of the cafeteria workers. "It is worth it."

Baker does it for the money, and to help out the cooks since one of them is her aunt, while Benoist does it for the money, but mostly so that he can be in third hour English. Both of them have been working since the beginning of the school year. They each work three days a week, although they work different schedules.

Baker works Monday, Wednesday and Friday while Benoist works Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. While they are working, they have the opportunity to do many different tasks in the kitchen.

"We mostly serve food and restock dishes," Baker said.

Baker says serving food, restocking dishes and other kitchen tasks can get tough at times, however.

"It can get really chaotic some days," Baker said. "Sometimes, there's also not much time either."

Benoist says that a tough part of his job is social.

"There aren't any people in my grade to talk to on the days

that I work," Benoist said.

Even though it can be tough many times, it can also be easy. "It's basically pretty straightforward," Benoist said. "A couple of times, it's been kind of boring."

Baker feels like the job hasn't held excitement more than a couple of times.

"It doesn't really get interesting at any point, but you just keep working," Baker said.

No matter if the jobs are exciting or boring, there is a dress code that they have to follow. Both of them are required to wear hairnets or hats and gloves at all times. If they don't wear the gloves and hairnets, it can result in being fired immediately.

"If you don't follow the rules, wear gloves and hairnets, then that can get you into big trouble," Baker said.

In addition to holding their jobs at lunch time, both Benoist and Baker have jobs out of school. However, they feel like it doesn't cause any problems.

"Since it's a separate class, I don't have any trouble," Benoist said.

As far as future plans for lunch time working goes, Baker will continue working next year. Benoist says he is doing it just for this school year. For anyone interested in being a lunch worker, you must be 16. A job interview is not required.

## Good jobs or bad, workplace spawns stories

By John Christie

Work . . . many students do it on a daily basis. We get out of school and head to a minimum wage job, usually consisting of manual labor or asking if you want fries with that. Most do not enjoy these jobs, but it is the best they can get. Every day consists of new headaches and crazy work place events. Here are just a few tales of excitement from those students who work these jobs.

Katie Waddle - "There was one time I had a guy come in to the store (Journey's) and buy a pair of hemp shoes. The guy came back a few days later and wanted to return them. He had attempted to smoke them and wanted to make the return because they didn't get him high."

Klint Spiller - "I work at Pizza Hut as a waiter and cook, but one day during the summer going into my junior year, I was waiting on a group of college football players in our back party room. I took their drink order and filled their drinks. I had about 20 drinks, enough drinks to fill two trays. I felt pretty confident in myself so I decided to carry them all back at once. I had the two trays balanced on each hand and I succeeded in carrying the trays all the way to the back room to their table. I started to place the trays onto

the table and I tipped it a little bit. I attempted to compensate, accidentally tipping the other tray. Needless to say, both trays tipped and I poured all of the drinks all over myself and the floor. It was like a river of pop and tea."

Chris Shields - "It was a Saturday night. Red Lobster was packed. I was back in the kitchen and on a normal busy night we have six cooks to keep things moving. Well, this Saturday, our genius managers managed to schedule three trainees. This was the first night for two of them and only the second for the other one. So, I was trying to do three different jobs and at one point we were getting told to move faster. I was like I quit and I took off my apron and peeled off my gloves and headed towards the door. I was actually going to use the bathroom, but when I came back, the manager was flipping out and everyone there had thought I had actually quit. The manager took me aside and was like 'I really need you tonight. I can't afford to have you quit right now.' I couldn't believe they actually thought I had quit. What was I going to do, quit right when my shift was over?"

Ryan Unruh - "Every year the Country Club holds a glow ball tournament. It starts at like 10 p.m. and ends near 1 a.m. Basically it's a chance for a bunch of drunk

people to go out and try to find a dimly lit ball that they couldn't even find sober. We are up at the club house and we hear a crash and then some loud cursing. Not 30 seconds later, we get a call up at the clubhouse from some guys on the course that say their cart has died and think it is because the battery has died. We are pretty sure we know different, but we head down with another cart. Yeah, the battery was probably dead, but the front end also had a large crack down it. This wasn't the only cart wreck that night, though. The tournament is nearly over and there are a group of guys bringing their carts in. Well, the first guy is swerving all over as he comes towards the clubhouse, and he manages to hit one of the large stone pillars outside the club. His friend behind him doesn't notice and slams right into the back of him, and finally, the third buddy just thinks it's funny and so he pulls around and slams into the first two from the side."

Linsey Bolte - "This one guy came in came in to Burger King dressed up as 'The King,' the crazy mascot thing from the commercials. He walked around a bit and then grabbed the head off of one of our displays. He took off with it and one of our workers had to go run him down. When he got up to him, he said he wanted it for his collection."

# OJT affords work opportunities for upperclassmen

By Patrick Eslick

Do you have a job? Are you a senior? Need some time to do your homework? Then maybe you should consider On the Job Training (OJT).

“OJT is a program designed to give seniors practical workplace skills, and to earn a little extra money,” OJT director Monte Couchman said.

Not every senior can participate in OJT, though. Grades must be acceptable, and OJT can’t conflict with any needed credit.

“There are some restrictions as to getting the credit hours that students need. If OJT is going to conflict with any of those, then OJT isn’t an option,” Couchman said.

Another restriction to OJT students is that they must turn in a weekly “time card” or work log on which they record the hours they worked each week. A student’s grade in OJT relies almost completely on turning in this work log. It is here, Couchman says, one of the only faults in the program lies.

“If anything, the fault in the OJT program is that, since our only expectations from a student are to have a job and turn in a work log, you would think that every student would get an A. That really isn’t the case. For one reason or another, some students don’t turn in the work log, and that keeps everyone from getting an A,” he said.

The work log in OJT is equated to a time card in a job. The time card is the key to getting paid, or getting an A in this case.

“We try to relate the work log to a time card in an occupation, if you don’t turn in that time card, you don’t get paid. Just like if you don’t turn in one work log a week, you don’t get the grade,” Couchman said.

Students are responsible for procuring a job. Some students go through the process of filling out a job application. Other students use connections to get jobs.

“My aunt owns (the hair salon),” student, Christina Baker, who works

at the Continental Hair Salon, said.

If a student loses a job, the student fails the course because there are no work logs to turn in.

“I will sometimes aid in the job search if a student loses a job,” Couchman said.

Periods that students take OJT vary. Most of the time it is the last block of the day that students get off (either 7 or 8), but sometimes students can get off on second and fourth block to work a morning job.

For some students, Couchman said, the time off school is actually a “release time” or a time to do homework before the job begins. Students can spend this time in the senior lounge or other places in the school, or they can go home. Other students get off school to go to work and then complete homework after the job is over.

“I would say the program is successful. It provides a student with work experience, sometimes their first job. Sometimes it provides an extra income for a low income family. Sometimes it provides a needed option in the place of conventional classes. I’d say it meets the needs of the students,” Couchman said.

The 18 students currently participating in the program are as follows: (name, occupation) Skylar Nosker, McDonald’s; Nic Chapel, Machine Shop; Kassie Bethe, Wendy’s; Cassie McDowell, Two Bud’s Barbecue; Kevin Kruse, McDonald’s; Aaron Applebee, McDonald’s; Linsey Bolte, Burger King; Kyle Moyer, Machine Shop; Kyle Lawson, Riverbend; Katie Waddle, Journey’s; Dalton Johnson, Dairy Queen; Amanda Baker, Hospital food service; Christina Baker, Continental Hair Salon; Sarah McNelly, Green Lantern; Brittney Copeland, Red Lobster; Andrew Robbins, School Specialty; and Chris Shields, Red Lobster. One student is currently unemployed.

# Unusual job puts students among rich and famous

By Andrew Bauer

Most people feel lucky to have met just one celebrity in their lifetime. Carlie Krager and Trask Engel, however, can rattle off names like Martha Stewart, Gary Sinise, Roy Williams, Bill Engvall, Kid Rock, David Spade, Bret Michaels, Teri Hatcher and Howie Long. This close contact with the rich and famous is a direct result from their jobs working at Salina Municipal Airport.

Salina’s location, almost exactly halfway between the east and west coast, makes it an ideal stop for charter jets that need to refuel before reaching their destinations. Charter jets generally contain people that decide to opt out of flying an airline, and sometimes they contain celebrities.

“Howie Long asked me, ‘How’s K-State doing this year?’” Krager said. “He talked a lot about how he knew the K-State coach, apparently he and Ron Prince are good friends.”

Although Engel mainly works during the weekends, he’s also met his share of interesting people.

“I actually got to talk with the guy who played Lt. Dan [Gary Sinise],” Engel said. “He was about to head to Iraq for a benefit show for the troops and he talked with me a bit.”

Engel and Krager work two separate jobs. Engel spends most of his time outside with the airplanes and fuel trucks, while Krager mainly works indoors as a receptionist.

“It’s a pretty easy job,” Krager said. “I basically clean a lot, help customers with their plane tickets, take people’s money and clean the lobby and things like that.”

Engel’s job is less customer-centered, but slightly more dangerous. Engel works to refuel and service airplanes and fuel trucks. Occasionally, a customer wants to sit in their plane while it is being serviced, meaning that they want the plane to be running while it is being fueled. In order to do this, Engel must operate a Ground Power

Unit (GPU).

“The GPU keeps the plane running while we’re fueling it,” Engel said. “You have to be careful not to run it into the plane. It’s also kind of dangerous because you have to unhook it while the jet engine is still running, and then you have to be careful so that the hot air from the exhaust doesn’t hit you.”

Despite the fact that they work at the same location, Krager and Engel almost never see each other because they each work for separate Fuel-Based Operators (FBO), companies that refuel airplanes. Krager works for America Jet and Engel works for Flower Aviation. Both received their jobs through contacts with their parents.

“My dad’s been working out there for almost 6 years,” Krager said. “He’s the line manager, he does pricing for customers and such and he’s in charge of the guys who fill the plane.”

Engel almost had an obligation to take his job with Flower Aviation out of family tradition. His grandfather initially started the company and his father currently owns it.

Engel is still undecided on whether he wants to follow in the family business.

“I’m still not sure what I want to do when I get older,” Engel said. “I want to be able to fly and to be a pilot, but I’m not sure if I want to work with Flower Aviation.”

Generally, business at the airport only becomes busy during certain times of the year. During an average weekday, there might be three planes entering and leaving Salina over a six-hour period.

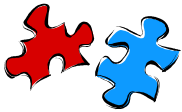
“It’s usually busiest right before and after holidays, and then it gets really busy in the summer, so you see a lot of chartered planes, mostly leer jets,” Krager said.

Despite the alternating boredom, excitement and danger involved in their separate work, both Engel and Krager refuse to work anywhere else.

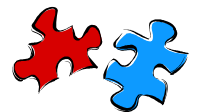
“I love my job, I’d be totally lost without it,” Krager said.



*Trask Engel fuels a jet at Flower Aviation. Engel has been working with airplanes since he was 14. (Photo courtesy of Tina Tanius)*



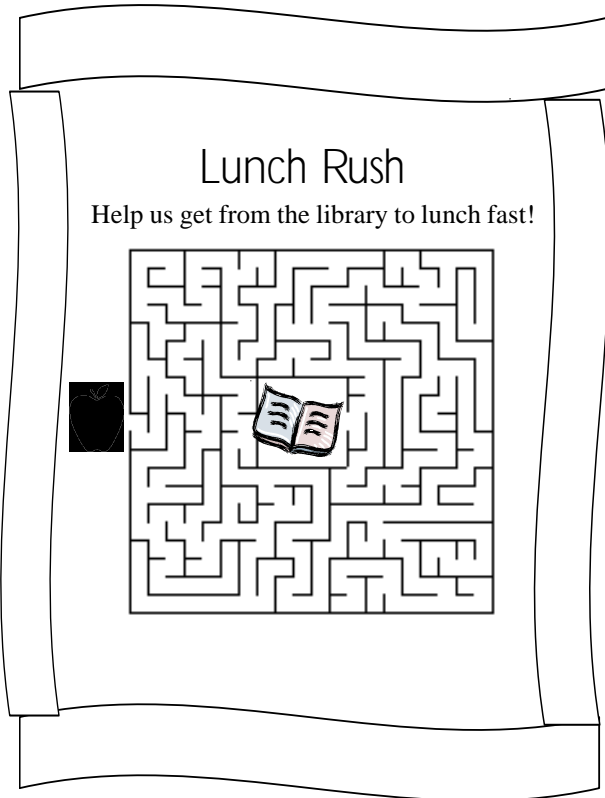
# Fantastic February Fun



## A Riddle

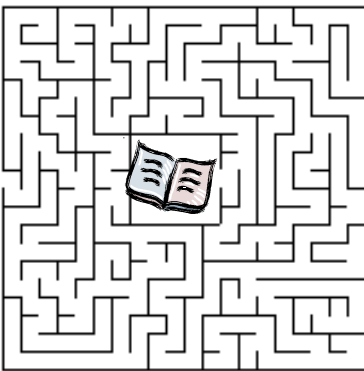


How do you get six nines to equal exactly 100? (You may use addition, division, or decimals... just no other digits.)



### Lunch Rush

Help us get from the library to lunch fast!



Can you guess what words or phrases these pictures are describing?

- 1. **egdoesgs**
- 2. **1**
- 3. **ShopShopShop**
- 4. **EEEEEEE** (with a blue arrow pointing down)
- 5. **GREASE**
- 6. **CHANGE**

**Picture Puzzles:** 1. One dozen eggs 2. Hole in one 3. Shop until you drop 4. Finally 5. Elbow grease 6. Slim Chance  
**Optical Illusions:** 1. They are the same size= 3. The gray side. 4. It is on the inside.  
**Riddle:** 99 + 99/99

## Anagrams

If the letters in the following phrases are rearranged, you can get wacky phrases that sometimes have something to do with the original phrase, or something totally different. The possibilities are endless!



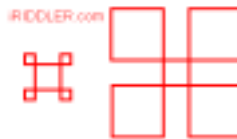
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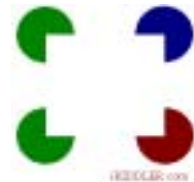
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Try your own with...  
Spring break

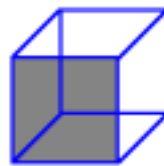
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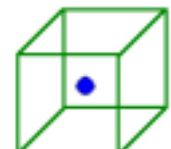
1. Which center square is larger?



2. Do you see a square in the middle?



3. Which side of the box is facing you?



4. Is the ball on the inside or the outside of the box?

## Creative Corner...

By Breanna Spaeny

### You Were There

When I met him, you were there.  
When I fell in love, you were there,  
And when he walked out of my life,  
you were there.

When my life fell apart, you were there.  
When my hope died, you were there.  
And when the world turned on me,  
you were there.



When I lost the ones I cared for, you were there.  
When I became alone, you were there.  
But when I hurt you,  
and thought I lost you,  
you were still there.

# Hardesty earns Shrine Bowl linebacker slot

## Analysis

By Skylar Nosker

Earlier this year, the roster for the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Shrine Bowl was revealed, and Southeast of Saline senior quarterback/linebacker Nick Hardesty was awarded the chance to play.

Hardesty wowed the Shriners with his mobility at the quarterback position, compiling over 3,100 yards of total offense and 48 touchdowns. But he received his postseason honors for his play at linebacker where he had 63 tackles, 16 of them for a loss. But it was because of his leadership and team success that he was nominated.

"A lot of the reason was the success his team had. They do take that into consideration, especially with the skilled kids," said Coach Pat Haxton. "Nick is a kid who has played on some successful teams, and a lot of the reason we had success was because of Nick."

Hardesty was one of 15 seniors who went 34-3 their last three years.

This is the third consecutive time a Trojan will be participating in the charity all-star game. Former players were Justin Schropp last year, Matt Myers the year before, and Jason Korbelik in 2003.

Hardesty, who has signed with Coffeyville Community College, took over the role as quarterback this year after Schropp graduated. Hardesty had some tough shoes to fill after Schropp led the Trojans to a State Championship the year before.

Hardesty came out and played superbly as the Trojans went into the playoffs 9-0. He even captured the League title, something the Trojans couldn't do last year.

The Trojans season, however, came to an end in the second round of playoffs with a 29-28 loss to Scott City.

Hardesty definitely had the numbers to represent the West squad on July 28 at Fort Hays State University.

Hardesty was one out of eight quarterbacks chosen for the West squad. He feels, however, that he'll play as linebacker.

Other quarter-

backs who made it on the list are Hutchinson's Wes Kimmel, Wichita Heights' Cameron Kasel, Ulysses' Johnny Sosa, LaCrosse's Joey Garcia and Andale's Josh Heimermann. The list also included two other 3A quarterbacks, Scott City's Corbin Kuntzsch and Garden Plains' Derek Fisher.

To select players for the Shrine Bowl, every coach around the state selects four players. Hardesty was able to be named by enough coaches to make the squad.

Hardesty will suit up for the Shrine Bowl right before he heads off to Coffeyville.



Nick Hardesty signs his letter of intent to play football for Coffeyville with his father, Steve Hardesty, by his side. Nick was chosen to play in the annual Shrine Bowl this summer. (Photo by Klint Spiller)

# 'Big Guns' aim for opponents, not each other

By Sarah Reece and Max McClure

Junior Shayla Seim and sophomore Stephanie Frost may be known by many as the "big guns," but both agree they aren't in a duel.

"We aren't trying to pass each other up in the scoring end, but we are trying to push each other," Seim said.

Seim said the team's success has come from what every player has contributed.

"Elissa is our point guard, and she heads up and sees the court well. If the post players can't find a shot, they know when to fire it out," Seim said.

Frost said the shots and points usually come from good passes.

"Without Elissa, I wouldn't score as much because she is really good at finding us and setting us up for good shots," Frost said.

Both also said that the rest of the team contributed immensely to their success.

"If the ball goes in to the post and then back out to me, it's a lot more likely that I'll be able to take a step forward and knock down a three," Seim said. "Kelsey kicks a lot of passes back out to me and so does Mandy."

They also agree that the passes are important because it is harder for the defender to stop.

"I like to shoot off of the catch because it is quicker and easier to put up," Seim said.

Both agreed that there is no competition for who

is the high-point player.

"I'm not in competition with Shayla over the scoring record," Frost said. "But I hope she beats her sister's record."

That won't happen. Chantay played more her freshman year than Shayla did. However, Shayla is on track to tie or surpass Chantay's junior year point total.

At the end of Chantay Seim's junior season, she had scored 342 points. Shayla has scored 292 points so far, but if she stays on track for the next three games, at 17.2 points per game (following the Beloit game), she will top Chantay's junior season points by one at 343.

Frost, still just a sophomore, is also averaging 17.2 points per game and is tied with Seim for the team's leading scorer.

Not that either of the two cares about who is scoring more points.

"Of course I'm interested in how many points I've scored after a game is over, but I don't think about whether I have more points than Stephanie. We're friends, and I want her to do well," Seim said.

"I just want the team to play together and for our team to win and have fun," Frost said.



Stephanie Frost (left) and Shayla Seim (right) listen to instructions at the Smoky Valley pep rally. Frost and Seim are leading their team in scoring. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

# Fourth quarter propels girls in nail-biter

By Max McClure

After of losing several single-digit close contests earlier in the season, the 9-10 SES Lady Trojans pulled out a win Friday night at Republic County, downing the 14-4 Buffs in a nail-biter, 51-48.

Junior Shayla Seim scored 23 points, going six of seven from the line.

Coach Wayne Sager said that defense was the key to the win.

"We tried to make their tall girls that are 6'1" and 6'3" shoot six to eight-footers rather than one to two-footers, and that was effective for us," Sager said.

He also said that the good defense led to good offense and was essential in the Lady Trojans' crucial 20-12 fourth-quarter run.

"We just started hitting some shots that we had been thinking about for a good portion of the ball game. The girls played some good defense and converted on the offensive end," Sager said.

As the Lady Trojans won the game by

three, it was the deep ball that made the difference in the game — four three-pointers for Southeast opposed to one for the Buffs.

Seim scored 12 of her 23 points in the fourth quarter.

Last night, the Lady Trojans played the Minneapolis Lions in a make-up game that was snowed out last Tuesday. They lost another close one 50-55.

Tonight, the Lady Trojans play the 12-7 Sacred Heart Lady Knights who lost 45-41 to Minneapolis. Sacred Heart's Katie Pratt is back from her ankle injury and scored 12 points against Minneapolis.

"Our defense will have to break down and stop their scoring threats," Sager said.



Elissa Stein goes to the line to shoot a technical foul in overtime against Chapman. The girls won the game 53-50. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

# Trojans suffer first loss following four overtimes

By Skylar Nosker

It took 40 minutes and four overtimes compounded with a rough free throw shooting night by the Southeast of Saline Trojans but Republic County did something no other team has been able to do yet this season, beat the Trojans.

The loss was the first for the Trojans, who dropped out of the number one spot in class 3A to number two in the Wichita Eagle prep rankings.

The Trojans battle all night but poor free throw shooting ended them on the wrong side of the scoreboard. The Trojans shot 58-percent from the free throw line hitting only 18 of 31 free throws. The Buffaloes on the other hand shot 76-percent from the free throw line. This percentage was boosted by their 92-percent free throw shooting in the overtime periods, 22 of 24 and 9 of 10 in the fourth overtime.

"We've done a pretty good job throughout the year shooting our free throws. We had a couple of games here and there when we did not shoot well, and we've been able to get away with it," said Coach Mike Davert. "When you play teams like Republic County and when we get to Sub-State, free throws will become very important and we just got to start executing them."

The Trojans got off to a very slow start as they were down by 11 at the end of the first quarter, 19-8. They, however, rallied back and tied the game at 31 at intermission.

"I think we need to come out and be ready to play at the beginning of the game. We went down 19-8 to start this game off and I don't think we were really ready to play. We did a nice job coming back and tied the score at halftime," said Davert.

The Trojans came back from the half and finished the third quarter with an eight point lead, outscoring the Buffaloes 17-9. The Buffs erased the eight point deficit and forced overtime with the score 55 apiece at the end of regulation. At the end of three overtimes the score was tied at 74.

The Buffs got on top early in the fourth overtime with a Colton Grove field goal. The Buffs then made three free throws to extend their lead to five. Senior Bryson Flax, who played all 40 minutes, made his last shot of his game high 36 points to cut the lead down to three. The Trojans would never get closer as the Buffs finished the game off with free throws. The marathon ended with a 78-85 loss.

"Flax had a huge game for us, played every single minute but all the kids played hard. I know all those kids were exhausted. It was basically a game and a half if you add up all the minutes. The kids played hard, we had our chances to win the game but just didn't execute," said Davert.

Southeast also got 12 points from senior Doug Beaton and 11 points from senior Nick Hardesty. Both fouled out in the fourth overtime.

The Buffs were led by their leading scorer, Gary Roberts, who finished with 19 points before fouling out. The other four starters finished in double figures including 18 from Trevor Kuhlman, 15 from Grove, 11 from Colby Ferris and 10 from Kyle Durlinger. This loss, however, could potentially be a good thing for the Trojans before they head off to

Sub-State.

"I think we probably could've used a loss to wake up a little bit. We could stop being so nonchalant about things and take things more seriously," said Hardesty.

"I think it proves that we're not invincible, and I think we'll rebound strongly," said Flax.

The Trojans were able to rebound from this loss last night against the Minneapolis Lions, which was a make-up game from last Tuesday cancellation.

For information on the game see the Sports Box on page 11.

Tonight, the Trojans and five seniors will play their last regular season game here at SES against county rival Sacred Heart. A win tonight will secure a number one seed at sub-state.

"We need to win against Sacred Heart to secure ourselves of a number one spot in our sub-state. I think we need to get back to playing a little better defensive pressure basketball. Offensively we need to get back to sharing the ball a lot more than we've had done the last few games," said Davert.

The last time these two teams met Southeast was able to hold off the Knights three-point shooting to win 58-53. Flax led Southeast with 16 points while Connor Martin finished with a game-high 17 points.

Sacred Heart' junior Blase Martin is coming off a career-high 31 points Friday night against Minneapolis.

The game will be at SES and will tip-off at approximately 7:30 p.m. following senior recognition.

# Two SES wrestlers qualify for 3-2-1A State

By Mathew McGinty

The SES wrestlers have been training since November for Regionals and each wrestler has dedicated many hours this year to get their moment of fame in school history. As the season progressed, they fell and they bled, but Coach Travis Morris said that all their dues were paid following Regionals.

Senior wrestler Mathew McGinty is currently the new record holder for most near falls in a single season. The old record was 60, held by Matt Johnson since 1987. McGinty just had his 72<sup>nd</sup> near fall last Saturday at Regionals. This week, at state, McGinty should be able to add onto his own record.

"I plan on getting around eighty near falls for a single season. I know if I get that many, I'll have my name up there for a while," said McGinty.

The Southeast Trojan wrestlers had their final regular season competition on Feb. 10 to get "Morris' Maneaters" ready for Regionals. The Trojan wrestlers traveled to Remington at 9:30 a.m. for the Remington Invitational Tournament on Feb. 10. The "Maneaters" competed in five weight classes and managed to place four out of the five. They placed fifth as a team with a total of 70 points. Zach Short placed fourth at 125 lbs, Joel Platter placed fourth at 152 lbs, Jason Prater placed first at 160 lbs, and Mathew McGinty placed second at 189 lbs.

On Feb. 16 and 17, the SES wrestlers went to compete at Hoisington for class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament.

On the first day, Southeast managed to get two wrestlers, Prater and McGinty, into the semi-finals. The Trojans also were able to get Platter, Short, and Hahn into the consolation quarter fi-

nals. Hahn, Short, and Platter were beat out of the tournament the next day. Prater managed to place fourth in his class and advanced to State with McGinty, who placed first. The team placed 12th with a final score of 41.5 points.

This weekend on Feb. 23 and 24, McGinty and Prater will travel to Hays to compete in the Kansas 3-2-1A State

Wrestling Competition. McGinty's first match on Friday will be against Riley Hall of Neodesha, while Prater's first match will be against Kelly Youkin of Oakley.

When asked how he plans to get the guys ready, Morris said, "There will be a lot of conditioning. If the guys don't know their moves at this point in the year, it's too late to learn them."



McGinty



Prater

## Sports Box

By Sadie Myers

### Boys' Basketball

Dec. 1 vs. Centre	67-40	W	Central	71-62	W
Dec. 4-9 Blue & Gold Classic		1st	Jan. 23 vs. Ellsworth	56-49	W
Solomon	67-42	W	Jan. 26 @ Sacred Heart	58-53	W
Minneapolis	60-31	W	Jan. 30 @ Russell	63-37	W
Solomon	54-53	W	Feb. 2 vs. Chapman	54-42	W
Dec. 15 @ Beloit	49-42	W	Feb. 9 vs. Beloit	44-34	W
Dec. 19 @ Ellsworth	60-43	W	Feb. 16 @ Republic Co.	78-85	L
Jan. 5 @ Minneapolis	54-20	W	Feb. 19 vs. Minneapolis	56-41	W
Jan. 9 vs. Russell	73-56	W	Upcoming Games:		
Jan. 12 vs. Republic Co.	60-46	W	Feb. 20 vs. Sacred Heart (Sr. Rec)		
Jan. 17-20 Salina Invitational			Feb. 26-March 3-Sub-State		
South	60-34	W	March 7-10-State		
Smoky Valley	46-43	W			

**Record 18-1**

### Girls' Basketball

Dec. 1 @ Centre	55-58	L	Jan. 22, 24-26 SES Invitational 3rd		
Dec. 4-9 Blue & Gold Classic		3rd	Ellsworth	61-46	W
Solomon	64-39	W	Concordia	49-52	L
Minneapolis	38-41	L	Smoky Valley	61-48	W
Halstead	63-45	W	Jan. 30 @ Russell	59-22	W
Dec. 16 @ Beloit	36-70	L	Feb. 2 vs. Chapman	53-50	W
Dec. 19 @ Ellsworth	53-58	L	Feb. 9 vs. Beloit	50-53	L
Jan. 5 Minneapolis	40-46	L	Feb. 16 @ Republic Co.	51-19	W
Jan. 9 vs. Russell	64-56	W	Feb. 19 vs. Minneapolis	50-55	L
Jan. 12 vs. Republic Co.	53-54	L	Upcoming Games:		
Jan. 16 vs. Ellsworth	63-46	W	Feb. 20 vs. Sacred Heart (Sr. Rec)		
Jan. 19 vs. Sacred Heart	59-63	L	Feb. 26-March 3-Sub-State		
			March 7-10-State		

**Record 9-10**

### Wrestling

Dec. 1 Ellsworth	32-47	L	Jan. 25 Remington Tri.		
Dec. 2 Lincoln Trny	90pts	3rd	Hesston	24-36	L
Dec. 7 Beloit Dual	12-67	L	Remington	21-36	L
Dec. 9 Minneapolis Trny	24pts	10 <sup>th</sup>	Feb. 1 Belleville Dual	25-24	W
Dec. 15 vs. Minneapolis	15-45	L	Feb. 3 SES Inv.		4th
Jan. 6 Ellsworth Trny	70 pts.	7th	Feb. 8 Russell Dual	9-72	L
Jan. 11 Minneapolis	32-40	L	Feb. 10 Remington Inv.	70pts	5th
Jan. 11 Lincoln Dual	27-24	W	Feb. 16-17 Regional	41.5pts	12th
Jan. 16 @ SES			Upcoming Meets:		
St. Johns	35-12	W	Feb. 23-24 State		
Haven	30-39	L			
Jan. 13 Halstead Trny	63.5 pt.	10th			

**Dual Record 4-11**

# Sparklers come home ‘Shining Stars’

By Chelsie Hemphill

For the first time in a long time, the Southeast of Saline Dance Team (The Sparklers) were caught “shaking their booties” at a dance competition in Concordia on Saturday, Feb. 17.

The team came home with three awards: The Shining Star Award, Sweepstakes Award and a special award for Showmanship.

The Shining Star Award is given to teams that scored above a set score on all three of their dances. Sweepstakes is for teams whose average of the three was above 80. The Sparklers also received a Showmanship Award for excellence in presentation of their Pom dance.

Tanya Srna, SES Sparklers’ coach said she was very proud of the team.

“This was our first competition--a little pressure there, but the girls were awe-

some, as usual. We competed against big schools from across the state and we mopped up!” Srna said.

The competition was an all-day event, with over 30 other teams competing. The Sparklers -- Sadie Myers, Chelsey Kincaid, Chelsie Green, Jessica Ward, Trel Peterson, Shelby Meyer, Kristi Hargadine, Amanda Wilson, Christina Thompson, LaCrista Brightbill, Olivia VanBlaricon and Megan Kincaid-Heidel -- did three different types of routines at the competition--Pom, Hip-Hop and Novelty.

They arrived in Concordia to check in and then prepared for their three performances. The team’s hair, makeup and uniforms were required to match.

“We didn’t really know what to expect going in, but we did our best to show everyone there what the Sparklers are all about,” Myers said.

The girls went to the competition in order to gain some experience and to hear some feedback. They were hoping to be rewarded for all of their hard work.

“We work for hours getting our dances pretty close to perfect and then have less than two minutes at games to show everyone what we did,” Myers said.

The Sparklers got their wish and received more than their usual two minutes of fame.

“In other sports, you can win. That’s not the case when you’re a dancer. We just wanted to see how we sized up with other teams,” Myers said.

The team did compete with the bigger schools, and got some big trophies.

“I have so much fun with the team, but I think we proved we know how to get down to business -- have you seen those trophies?” Srna said.

## SES Forensics team earns first in Abilene

By Sadie Myers

Southeast of Saline forensics is on a roll, already qualifying four events for State. The team has only been to two meets, Smoky Valley and Abilene.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, they traveled to Lindsborg to compete against a number of teams at the Smoky Valley meet. SES placed sixth and qualified two Improvised Duet Acting (IDA) events: Shannon Wilson and Chelsie Green and Britten O’Banen and Kody Lynn. SES had four of the six finalists in IDA that day.

At the Abilene meet on Feb. 3, the forensics team made a significant improvement, bringing home a first place trophy and qualifying two more events: Shannon Wilson and Brent Sweany (Duet), and Meaghan Ryan and Alex Earles (IDA). Mr. Terry Anderson, SES forensics coach, has been pleased with the year so far and is looking for even more success.

“The season has been starting out fairly slowly; but we have some great talent and with some hard work, we can have a great season,” he said.

### SES Forensics Results

Smoky Valley	Event	Place
Chelsie Green & Shannon Wilson	Improvised Duet Acting	6th*
Britten O’Banen & Kody Lynn	Improvised Duet Acting	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ryan Unruh & Brent Sweany	Improvised Duet Acting	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Meaghan Ryan & Alex Earles	Improvised Duet Acting	3 <sup>rd</sup>
		5 <sup>th</sup>
Abilene		1st*
Shannon Wilson & Brent Sweany	Duet Acting	1 <sup>st</sup>
Meaghan Ryan & Alex Earles	Improvised Duet Acting	1 <sup>st</sup>
Britten O’Banen & Kody Lynn	Improvised Duet Acting	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Kaleb Feist	Humorous Solo Acting	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ryan Unruh	Prose	4 <sup>th</sup>
Britten O’Banen	Serious Solo	5 <sup>th</sup>
Shelbey Meyer & Bria Sweany	Improvised Duet Acting	5 <sup>th</sup>
Meaghan Ryan	Prose	6 <sup>th</sup>
Shelbey Meyer	Serious Solo	6 <sup>th</sup>

\*Team Placing



Britten O’Banen (left) and Kody Lynn (right) reenact an IDA, where “The Incredible Wrestling Guy” & “The Amazing Mortician” stare in amazement at a ‘fiend.’ The duo qualified for State at the Smoky Valley meet, placing second. (Photo by Sadie Myers)