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Southeast of Saline students cheer after the boys' basketball team beat Smoky Valley in the semi-finals at the Salina Invitational Tournament. SES went on to win the annual tournament held at the Bicentennial Center for the first time in the tournament's history. For more results on Southeast basketball, see page 12. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Around The Halls

Should students be required to wear identification badges at school?



*Brant Weaver - fr.
"No, they would get annoying, and I would lose it a lot."*



*Ryan Hahn - soph.
"No, why would we need them?"*



*Carlie Krager - jr.
"No, people can't even keep track of their lunch cards. How do they expect us to keep track of ID badges?"*



*Mr. Sauber - staff
"No, the whole purpose of the badges are for identity purposes. I think we are a small enough school to keep track of who our students are."*

To read about staff members' identification badges that serve as keys for the new keycard lock system, see page 7.



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Cell phone policy unveiled

By Klint Spiller

Throughout history, a small percentage of society has repeatedly abused the rights given to them by their governments, and in effect, laws have been created to combat these repeat offenders.

When students returned from their winter break, they were met with rumors of change in the school's cell phone policy. These rumors were met by mass complaints by students and parents alike. Before everyone begins jumping on the bandwagon, people need to know why this policy was created and how it will be enforced.

Like the making of all laws and rules, this cell phone policy was enacted because a small proportion of our student body did not know how to put their cell phones on silent. Because of this, everyone now has to pay with stricter punishments for first-time and repeat offenses.

Before this policy was enacted, the

faculty was much more lenient with their cell phone policy. In fact, there really wasn't one. When a cell phone rang or when a student was caught texting, the teacher would confiscate the cell phone and give it back to them at the end of the day.

The new policy is much more clearly defined and states that students are allowed to bring cell phones to school, but they must be kept in their lockers from the beginning of school to the end of school. When a student is caught in possession of a cell phone, the student will have their cell phone confiscated and receive a detention for the first offense. On the second offense, a student will receive another detention. With the third, the student's parents would be contacted and a longer detention would likely be implemented. These punishments may vary based on the discretion of the principal.

I found this new rule at first to be extremely dangerous. If students were to keep their cell phones in their lockers, students would lose a valuable resource in case of emergencies. If a fire would happen or a school shooting would occur, how

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Some things take lengthy learning process

By Chelsea Thorne

Some things you learn right away, like sticking your finger in a socket hurts...a lot. Some things take awhile, like tying your shoes. And some things can take ten years or more to learn. This is my list of things that have taken me ten or more years to learn.



1. My hamster Cuddles didn't run away.

Cuddles actually met an unfortunate end with a stray cat in the neighborhood. My mom thought that telling me she ran away would go over better with an eight-year-old.

2. Not doing the dishes doesn't get them clean.

I've given up. No matter how long I stare at the huge pile of dishes waiting to be put in the dishwasher, they never magically go there on their own.

3. Waking up a teenage relative at seven in the morning to play is not fun for the teen.

Now that I am old enough to be at the opposite end of this scope, I realize now *exactly* why my older sister Sarah hated it when my brother and I woke her up early to play with us when we were younger.

4. Thinking that even though you stayed up all night studying for a test, you won't fall asleep in class.

This never works. Even though you are sitting in an uncomfortable desk for 85 minutes, your exhausted mind tricks you into thinking you are on a feather mattress and the next thing you know; the bell rings and you only have five problems on your test answered.

5. A girl can never have enough clothes.

Wrong! I finally realized I had too many clothes when it took me four trips to take all of my laundry downstairs to be washed.

6. Don't walk barefoot when it is 100 degrees out, even if it is just to the mailbox and back.

Hot concrete on bare skin isn't the most pleasant feeling experience. I've also learned that the hotter the ground is, the faster you want to walk, which increases your chances of stepping on something; increasing your already excruciating pain.

7. Southeast doesn't get a lot of snow days.

When I was younger, I was always jealous of Southeast kids because they always got a lot of snow days. I now know this is not the case. Here at Southeast, we don't get a lot of snow days because it only snows heavily on days we are already out of school!

8. Working at McDonalds really is

stressful. Now that I work at a McDonalds, I know that even if you work in fast-food, it is still a stressful job, especially on Friday nights after games and buses come in. The store can be silent and clean one second, and the next it is a total disaster and you have to shout to be heard over all the noise.

9. Once you wash your car, it really does rain.

I always thought my mom exaggerated this when I was younger, but once I got my own car, I learned it was true. Every time you get your car all clean and shiny, in less than an hour it is raining.

10. Your parents have people that follow you everywhere you go.

Have your parents ever told you "Don't do that. I will find out about it," then you go ahead and do it and they do find out because someone they know saw you? Yeah, well, they really don't know your parents. Your parents just pay them to follow you around and report back to them exactly where you were when you said you were going to the library.

I have many other things in life I still have yet to learn, such as how to cook a turkey, do laundry, and make sure my toddlers aren't eating bugs all at the same time. But at 17, I have learned quite a bit -- even if it has taken me more than 10 years to figure it out.

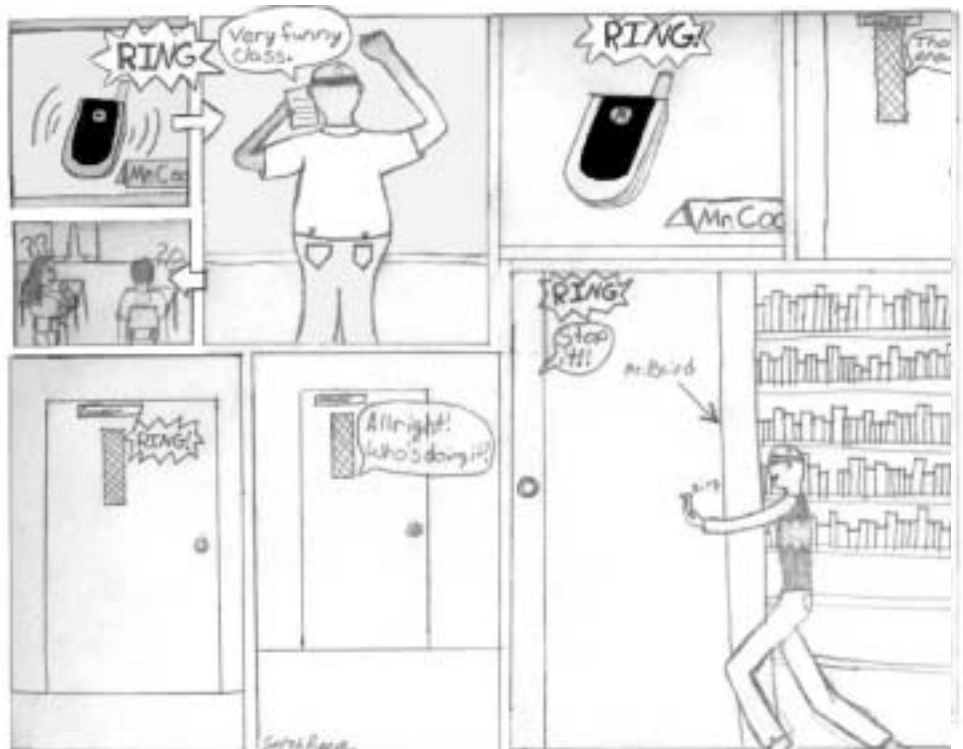
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would students get the word out if they were trapped?

But after speaking to many teachers and Principal Monte Couchman about how they would enforce these new rules, my fears were quelled. The only time that they will confiscate a cell phone is if they physically see the phone. That means if a cell phone is in a student's pocket or in a student's bag, the faculty will not confiscate it unless it creates a disturbance by either ringing or vibrating loudly.

As a student, I believe that this is a fair policy with fair consequences. The administration was forced to create this policy after several incidents with cell phones disrupted classroom lectures and hindered the learning experience. Students must now make amends for other students' mistakes and keep their cell phones in their lockers...or at least turn off their cell phones while they have them in their pockets.



Problematic pancreas postpones Ziegler's return

By Max McClure

Junior Jeremy Ziegler had hoped he'd be back in school after his automobile injury by now, but, instead, he recently took a trip back to Wesley Hospital in Wichita to try to determine why he was having trouble eating. There, doctors found that pancreatitis (inflammation or infection of the pancreas) was causing his problem.



"My pancreas didn't heal correctly and food aggravates it, making it hard to eat without pain," Ziegler said.

The most common symptoms of pancreatitis include abdominal pain, nausea, fever, sweating, weakness and weight loss. Abdominal pain, nausea, weakness and weight loss have been the most common symptoms for Ziegler. The injury to his gall bladder may have added to the amount of weight loss.

To address the weight loss, doctors

inserted a feeding tube, which Jeremy is currently wearing.

"We just put the tube in. They were possibly going to do surgery on the gall bladder, but Jeremy isn't strong enough yet. So right now we are just trying to postpone that surgery for about 12 weeks after the first surgery," Jeremy's mother Julie Ziegler said.

Doctors also checked for a cyst but confirmed he didn't have one.

"The doctors' only concerns are whether or not he will develop a cyst because that is very common. But they have kind of ruled that out because the CAT scan doesn't show anything developing," Ziegler said.

Originally, doctors said Ziegler would be back in school in the beginning of February, but now they have scheduled a surgery for about that time. Therefore, the Zeigler family isn't sure when full recovery will be.

"They said it would be a very long road and that it would take 4-6 months for him to fully recover. We have to take the downs as well as the ups," Mrs. Ziegler said.

Ziegler has missed 43 days of school

since the initial crash.

"The pancreatitis also causes problems with the mind, like comprehension and that is why school is off limits," Mrs. Ziegler said.

Even though a lot of students would love missing school, Ziegler doesn't.

"Staying home isn't all that fun. It's actually kind of boring," Ziegler said.

The Zieglers' said they appreciated the help from family and friends.

"We're just grateful for all the support that everybody has shown for us. Jeremy has had a huge support from family and friends and it is because of that kind of support that keeps everybody going," Mrs. Ziegler said.

On March 9, the opening night of "The Crucible," the leadership class, FCCLA, and Friends of Rachael are holding a dinner/auction fundraiser at 6:00 p.m. for the Ziegler family at the school. There will be a dessert fundraiser at 9:30 p.m. held March 10, the second night of the play. Vocal is also doing a concession stand fundraiser on Feb. 13 for the family.

Feist reclaims chair in All-State Band

By Michael Bauer

As he entered the audition room, junior Kaleb Feist was plagued with self-doubt. However, that didn't stop him from becoming the first person in nearly a decade to make the Kansas All-State Band.

"I just didn't know if I was going to make it," Feist said. "The thought of it being a big competition just kept bugging me. I was worried I was going to mess up."

Feist, whose main instrument is the tuba, was really happy about being the first person from SES to make it to the All-State Band in director Quentin Breese's six-year tenure.

"It felt pretty awesome to achieve this task," Feist said. "It seemed hard, but I just went and played and was able to get it."

There was a lot of work that he has done to accomplish it. Feist has been involved in many different activities for band and dedicates nearly ten hours a week to practice time.

"It's a decent amount of hours, but my lips never usually get sore," Feist said, "probably because I play a lot."

Feist plays not just tuba, but every other instrument in the band except for saxophone and flute. Even though Feist can play numerous instruments, he doesn't actually own his own tuba or any other instrument.

"I just like to play other instruments," said Feist. "It's fun and interesting to play different instruments. I really enjoy it."

When he participates in contests however,

he mostly plays his tuba, but this year, he is going to play clarinet at solo and ensemble contest. During band class, he experiments with different instruments, sometimes playing the clari-



Kaleb Feist was recently selected for his second-straight year of All-State Band. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

net or the valve trombone.

In addition to playing several band instruments, Feist also plays several stringed instruments. Right now, he is playing the stringed bass. He usually teaches himself how to play a new instrument by using one at Midwest Music, a music store in Salina.

Over the years, Feist has earned awards like All-State honor and one ratings at district solo and ensemble competitions, but so far his favorite award is his plaque from the state band last year.

"It's my favorite because I got chosen out of hundreds of people to be in state band. Not everyone can get it," said Feist.

He plans on continuing to be involved in music in college, but is unsure about exactly what he wants to do.

"I have some different ideas that I'm looking at," he said. "I don't know if I want to play in a college band, or look at being a music teacher or something else."

Feist likes band and desires to continue to work hard while still in high school.

"It's my favorite thing," said Feist. "One of my goals is to be able to play just about every instrument."

Breese said that he was thankful to have a "jack of all trades" in Feist.

"Feist has worked very hard over the years," Breese said. "He's done a lot of things for the band and has made a lot of progress."

Melander returns to SES after stay at hospital

By Sadie Myers

Home is where the heart is and for senior Cody Melander, and being home and having his heart and other organs in decent shape is a good thing.

Melander was in the Kansas City Children's Mercy Hospital for most of December while doctors had a hard time trying to diagnose him, finally deciding he had Microscopic Polyangiitis, the most common cause of Pulmonary Renal Syndrome (PRS).

PRS is a disease of the kidneys and lungs and is very rare (1:1,000,000). Melander was in



the hospital for about three weeks and endured plenty of surgeries, blood tests and boredom.

"At times I got pretty bored, but I had a lot of visitors which helped a ton," he said.

Doctors think Melander will have treatments for six months to a year and will go into remission, but his disease is so rare it is hard for even the experts to know for sure. Until his condition is stable, Melander has to take medicine and have treatments.

"I just have to take steroids and over-the-counter meds to help with side effects. Then once every four weeks, I'll go to Kansas City for IV medicine. It's not too bad," he said.

Melander also said life has changed some since he's returned from Kansas City. Before checking into the hospital, he spent hours after school at football practice. Now, he spends that

time trying to catch up on his homework. Not only was Melander a three-year starter at Center for the football team, but he was chosen for the All-League and All-County Football Teams. So Melander had some disappointment when doctors said he couldn't participate in physical contact activities such as football.

"I am out of shape, so getting into shape with no physical contact is hard. Last week, I wanted to play snow football, but the doctor said he'd rather I'd be safe than sorry. The 'roids weaken my bones, so I can't do any contact sports," he said.

Although his life has changed somewhat, Melander is still just glad to be home.

"It's good to be alive and out of the hospital. I was grateful for all the support that I received," Melander said.

God in heaven, what is Ryan Unruh?

Staple of the Southeast stage, Unruh, takes on biggest role in 'The Crucible'

By Clint Spiller

Since senior Ryan Unruh began his acting career at Southeast of Saline, he has played almost every role imaginable. He has played a drunken woman, a mentally retarded boy, a werewolf, a doctor, an egotistical war-driven youth and now, he prepares to handle the biggest part of his career, John Proctor in "The Crucible."

Unruh has starred in six plays in his high school career.

Unruh's first play was "Last Chance Inn, Calamity Gulch." Originally, Unruh was asked to fill one of the lead roles when Calvin Roesner quit the play. When Roesner changed his mind and returned, Unruh still wished to be in the play so he took a minor part as a drunken woman.

"It took me awhile to warm up to the part of being a girl, but after I was okay with that, it was really fun," Unruh said.

During his sophomore year, Unruh starred in his first lead part as Lucien, a mentally retarded boy in "The Boys Next Door." Unruh said that this was his favorite play for several reasons.

"'The Boys Next Door' was amazing. People told me how good I was. I put them through an emotional roller coaster. I was funny at the beginning, and then I made them cry at the end," Unruh said. "The practices were also really fun."

Unruh was involved in two plays his junior year. He played Harry, one of the lead roles in "The Curse of the Werewolf," and Dr. Scott, a handsome doctor in "John Lennon and Me."

This year, Unruh has already played the role of Louis in the musical "Pippin," Unruh's first musical.

"The choreographed singing was kind of hard to get along with, and the way that Mr. Anderson and Mr. Tuzicka direct are two totally different ways and I had to make that transition," Unruh said, "Luckily, I didn't have to do any solos though."

Now, Unruh prepares to take the massive role of John Proctor, the strong and courageous, yet adulterous main character. Unruh said that though he endures a lot of stress with every part that he takes, this particular role is by far the most stressful.

"I wanted the part, but the workload is tremendous. If I make a mistake on one of my lines, it throws the whole play out of whack. I have to memorize around 370 lines and many of those are large monologues," Unruh said.

This stress is sometimes difficult to handle.

"I don't handle the stress very well. I'm freaking out. Until I get every line memorized, I'll be stressing out until then."

Unruh says that he was inspired to act after watching many of the Southeast alumni act. He especially remembers Nick and Joe Sparacino.

"(Nick and Joe Sparacino) were the godfathers of acting at Southeast. Well, to me they were anyway," Unruh said.

This inspiration has led him to be chosen twice for Actor of the Year. Drama teacher Terry Anderson, who chose Unruh for the Actor of the Year his sophomore year

and junior year, says that Unruh is in the running for it this year as well. Already in the record books for being the only person ever to have been awarded the honor twice, if he earns the distinction again, he will further leave his mark on the Southeast of Saline drama department.

"Ryan is a natural talent and he is willing to take more and more difficult roles every year, and that has really helped him to develop as an actor," Anderson said.



Ryan Unruh plays Lucien in "The Boys Next Door" in 2005. He has received two 'Actor of the Year' awards and will be starring in this year's play "The Crucible." (Trojournal Photo Archive)

Thorne's nose soon to get a new face-lift

By Chelsi Hemphill

When junior Chelsea Thorne broke her nose her freshman year, she couldn't see many positives, but now the broken nose is taking a new twist. As doctors repair the damage, she plans to get a rhinoplasty, otherwise known as a nose job, as well.

Thorne broke her nose her freshman year during the spring play, "Faith County II: An Evening of Culture." After she ran into Sadie Myers during a set change, everyone was joking around about it. Thorne figured her nose was just bruised, but when it was still hurting and swollen later that week, she went to the doctor and found out she had a fracture.

"She [Myers] didn't feel a thing, but I sure did," Thorne said.

After her nose was broken, Thorne began experiencing problems with sleep apnea, sinus infections, depression, respiratory infections and a rise in asthma issues. She said that it never went back to the way that it was before.

"I haven't actually had a good night's sleep in months. I take sleep aids, but those don't help much," said Thorne.

She now has a deviated septum, which means that instead of being straight, the septum, which is the cartilage divider between the two nostrils, curves in one direction.

"You have a turbinate on each side of your nose, and my right one is really big because my left one is almost completely closed," Thorne said.

Because her deviated septum has caused her to lose sleep, which worsens her depression, Thorne will have a septoplasty, turbanite resection, and a tip rhinoplasty. The operation is scheduled for Feb. 5 at Via-Christie St. Josephs in Wichita. It will be carried out by Dr. Ferris.

So what exactly will be done?

"Basically, they're going to re-break my nose, chisel away at it, and then rebuild it," Thorne said.

The doctors will not only be fixing her septum and turbinates, but will also be straightening and shortening her nose at the same time (tip rhinoplasty). Thorne has considered having a rhinoplasty done before because she has always felt as if her nose was too big. Even though she had considered it, she doesn't think she would have actually had it done if it weren't

for her need to have her deviated septum corrected.

"I've thought about having my nose done before, but it's what God gave me," Thorne said.

The recovery time for this type of procedure is usually around six weeks. After the rhinoplasty, Thorne will have black eyes and her nose will be swollen. She will also have cotton packs in her nose for two days to a week and she will have to blow her nose with a baby syringe for one week.

"I am definitely going to be gone the rest of that week, and I hope to return back to school on the 12th because that was all the time I took off from work. But it ultimately depends on how I'm feeling," Thorne said.

Because Thorne has diabetes, there is a slightly greater risk of having a complication for her during the procedure. Her blood sugar has to be at a certain level before they can start, and if it gets too high or too low during surgery, then they have to stop.

"If the medicine makes me sick and I throw up, then that could also affect my blood sugar," Thorne said.

The cost for the entire procedure will be something around \$7,000 to \$10,000 and is split about 75/25 between the medical alterations and the cosmetic

alterations. The procedure is covered by Thorne's insurance. At first, the doctor's office said the tip rhinoplasty would not be paid for by insurance since it was a cosmetic procedure. Since then the utilization reviewers at both insurance companies (Thorne has a policy under both her mother and father) determined it was medically necessary and state they will cover it.

"It didn't make any sense that they wouldn't pay for the tip rhinoplasty, because how could they fix the top part of her nose without fixing the bottom part? It would be even more crooked than it is now," said Thorne's mother, Leslie Mack.

As far as Thorne knows, a rhinoplasty is a fairly safe procedure, and she thinks that other plastic surgery procedures are okay too.

"I think that plastic surgery is a good thing and that people should be able to feel good about themselves, but it is not something that I would get done unless it was necessary to have it worked on," Thorne said.



Chelsea Thorne shows the audience "Beauty Bell" supplies in the 2005 Spring play, Faith County II. She broke her nose backstage, and now, two years later, is getting plastic surgery. (Trojournal Photo Archive)

Peuchen plans for foreign experience

By Krisanna Graham

Doei (Goodbye)! Elizabeth Peuchen will say as she boards the airplane starting her 17-hour journey to Holland this summer.

In mid-August, just before starting her sophomore year of high school, Peuchen will be leaving the United States to spend a year studying in Holland. She wants to spend time with her family in Bodegraven, South Holland, and learn the language and culture of the country.

"It will be a really nice to spend time learning the language in the country where it is spoken," Peuchen said.

Elizabeth's father, Eep Peuchen, was born and raised in Holland. Most of his family still lives there now. He is a Dutch citizen, making Elizabeth both a Dutch and American citizen. This means, when she turns 27 years old, she must make the decision if she wants to be a Dutch citizen, or an American citizen.

"Spending time in Holland will help me decide which country I want to live in when I'm an adult," Peuchen said.

The Peuchens agreed on Elizabeth's sophomore year to take the trip because they felt that, as a freshman, she was too young. She wanted to have her junior year at Southeast to prepare for her senior graduation year, and she wanted to be at Southeast her senior year. She said the sophomore year seemed to be the best choice.

"I did not think much happened your sophomore year so I figured it would be the best year to go to Holland," Peuchen said.

Before leaving for Holland, Elizabeth is learning the language and the culture, while handling her share of homework here at SES. This year, she took her freshman and most of her sophomore requirements, so she wouldn't get behind while gone.

After deciding to go abroad, Peuchen decided to take English 10 rather than English 9 and both Geometry and Algebra 2.

"It really wasn't hard to do," Peuchen said.

While in Holland, Peuchen will be learning continuing to learn Dutch. Although she doesn't expect the courses to be harder there than at SES, she does know the language barrier will be difficult.

"The good thing about schools in Holland is that when a



teacher is gone, you don't have to go to class. They don't have subs," Peuchen said.

While in Holland, she is hoping to play soccer or cricket, but will also stay in shape by riding her bike many places everyday. Unlike SES, schools in Holland have no school-sponsored sports or clubs. There, all activities are part of clubs outside of the school.

Her family will not visit her while she is in Holland, but will keep in touch. However, she will be seeing her extended family while abroad. She will be staying with her aunt and uncle plus her four cousins. She says she will miss her family here, but hopes to be busy and make new friends.

"It will be sad to leave Kansas for a year, but I think it will be an experience of a lifetime," Peuchen said.



Keycard lock system to be fully implemented soon

By Max McClure and Patrick Eslick

The new key card system has been initiated and will be the only entry system for the SES building starting Feb. 19. On that date, only swipe cards, and no keys, will work in the locks.

By Feb. 5, only two doors will still open with the traditional keys.

The school board has approved the swipe card system to increase safety and security. Therefore, only the north door will be open during the day from now on.

The east doors will open at 6 a.m. until March 1 and 7:00 after March 1. They will lock at 8:30 a.m. and will re-

open at 3 p.m. and lock at 5 p.m.

The north doors will be open at 6 a.m. until March 1, and after that date, will then open at 7 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. If a student is late to school, that student will have to enter through the north doors.

Each staff member has been given one key card, which doubles as an identification badge.

Adult visitors and substitute teachers will be given a temporary ID badge, which cannot be used to open doors. It is to be checked back into the office when the visitor leaves. If a staff member sees

an adult visitor walking around the school without a temporary ID badge, the visitor will be directed to the office to obtain one.

After Feb. 19, staff members will no longer have traditional keys capable of opening outside doors, including the ones with electronic key readers. However, these doors and other locked doors can be used as exits. This means students can still leave the building through any door at any time, if necessary.

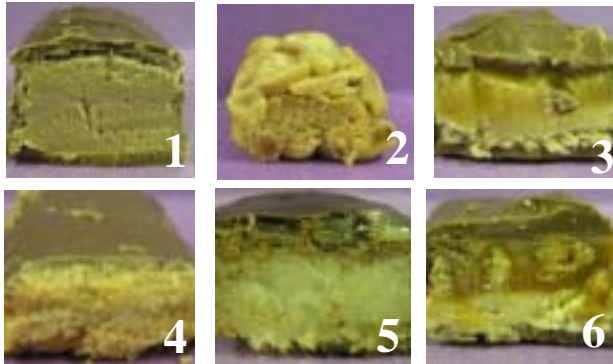
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Cupid's LoveConnection



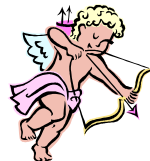
Can you match these candy bars to their wrapper below?



- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.
- F.

Local Candy Trivia

This is what was found under the octagon bench in the senior lounge last fall. See that yellow and orange Twix package in the picture? It went out of print in 1997...that package is at least 10 years old.



Color me!
(If you get really bored this Valentine's Day!)

This year, for Valentine's Day...

Match the people with their dream Valentine's Day gift from their significant other or anyone else.



Nathan Smith



Chelsea Hanks



Trask Engel



Brea Sly



Kelsey Brown



Mrs. Ptacek



- A. For them to sing to me and give me roses.
- B. Candy.
- C. Nothing. I hate Valentine's Day. It's a made-up, overrated holiday.
- D. Yeah, I really don't know.
- E. Something that they put a lot of effort into.
- F. A single red rose.



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Creative Corner...

Poem by Brea Sly

so quick to love
so quick to trust
so forgiving
loving you
with all my being
having no way to know if you love me too
trying to protect myself from heartbreak
I always think the worst
while wishing the best
floating on the light clouds of my imagination
while still knowing how unrealistic it is
waiting
bracing myself
for when I fall through



SES FCCLA prepares to shine at STAR events

By Jena Sauber

SES FCCLA members are hoping to avoid the paparazzi as they aim to be the stars of the Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Event competition on Feb. 7. The "red carpet" will be rolled all the way to Newton, where the competition is scheduled to be held.

Of the 13 STAR Events, SES will be represented in seven of them.

In the Junior Division, Victoria Johnson and Amanda Keeler will be participating in Chapter Showcase Manual and Jena Sauber will be entering in Focus on Children.

The Junior Parliamentary Procedure team of Olivia VanBlaricon, LaCrista Brightbill, Chelsea Hanks, Megan Kincaid-Hiedel, Elizabeth Peuchen and Taren Trimble will also be representing Southeast.

In the Senior Division, Linsey Bolte and Brittany Obermyer will be participating in Chapter Service Manual.

Megan Sauber, Trell Peterson and Caitlin Conely will be competing in Chapter Showcase Display, and Miranda Everhart and Ryan Unruh will be participating in Chapter Showcase Manuel.

Trask Engel will be competing in Entrepreneurship and Andrea Everhart will be entering in Job Interview.

Alex Earles and Meaghan Ryan will be participating in Illustrated Talk.

The Senior Par-Law team of Shannon Wilson, Sadie Myers, Elissa Stein, Shayla Seim, Chelsie Green and Brent Sweany will also have their sites set on moving on towards State.

"We have a lot of students excited about participating," FCCLA sponsor Mrs. Juanelle Garretson said. "We are really hoping to be able to take some people to Nationals."

Everyone planning on competing must present his or her project on Feb. 5 to have it approved. To advance from the district level and compete at the state level, participants must receive a top gold at the district competition. From there, only the top gold re-

cipients will compete in Anaheim, California this summer.

Further business in February, District G Officer elections will be held on Feb. 7. Megan Sauber, Shannon Wilson and Victoria Johnson will be running for officer positions. Sauber is running for President of District G,

running for a Peer Education position.

Following the STAR event competition and district officer elections, National FCCLA Week is Feb. 11-18. SES FCCLA will be observing it however, in March.

"We're planning on having Matt Glowaski come and speak to grades four through twelve," officer RanDee Platt said. "He spoke at Cluster, and is really funny."

He is scheduled to come speak on March 16.

Currently, The Relay for Life fundraiser is going on. If interested, you can sign up for a team on the board in the senior lounge. This event is not limited to FCCLA members. People must raise \$100 in pledges before the walk. The walk will take place on April 28.

On Feb. 24, Southeast FCCLA will be participating in the Special Olympics. Members need to sign up to work a 2-hour shift with Mrs. Garretson. All members are required to bring either a baked good or bags of chips. All people participating in STAR Events and all chapter officers must work or bring additional food items.

The Leadership 101 Class and SES FCCLA are also planning a benefit dinner for the Ziegler family on March 9 and 10. It will be an Italian theme dinner and dessert with an auction to raise additional money. The money goal is a minimum of \$1,000.



The SES Life Dimensions Class visited Chris' Place in downtown Salina in December. They delivered the stuffed animals collected from the high school. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Juanelle Garretson)

and Wilson is shooting for a state position in addition to a district office.

"I am looking forward to running for an office," Johnson said. "It will help boost my leadership experience."

Several people from SES will also be

BB/BS Bowl for Kids Sake

By Krisanna Graham

Rack up the pins and get out your wallets. Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) is starting the sixth annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser, also known as Extreme Bowl.

This year's Extreme Bowl was on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the All-Star Lanes in Salina. Various prizes were given based on the amount of pledges participants receive.

The event is held to raise money to help area children. For five years running Southeast of Salina has come in first place for raising the most money.

"It's a good way to have fun while helping kids around the community," Gracia Johnson, president of BBBS, said.

Funds raised provide guidance and support to children through the BBBS program, and go toward matching children with carefully-screened, caring, Big Brother and Big Sister volunteers.

The requirements for the Bigs/Littles to qualify are they each have to get at least \$50 in pledges and be at the bowling alley at 11:30 a.m. on the day of the bowl to turn in their donations.

'Forensicators' get 'ducky' at Smoky Valley

By Sadie Myers

And so it began...the Southeast of Saline forensics team got "ducky" in Lindsborg at their first meet on Jan. 27.

The forensics year has officially begun, and the SES drama students have been working their tails off preparing lots of things.

"I thought a duck theme would be fun for this year. We're trying to get started on things, but are also working on the winter play," Mr. Terry Anderson, SES forensics coach, said.

Many forensics participants, like junior, Britten O'Banan, also have a part in this year's winter play, "The Crucible."

"I want to go to a dramatic arts school so I am required to do both. It definitely takes hard work and time, but it's worth it," O'Banan said.

Anderson knows juggling both isn't just hard on him, but it's tough on the students too.

"There's only so many hours in a day, but I really appreciate the kids that are giving

so much time to the drama department," Anderson said.

This year, there are a few new additions to the forensics team, but Anderson said he would like to get more of the freshmen and sophomores to join.

"I wish I had more freshman. There are a good amount of talented older students. We just need the younger kids to step up, especially in the next couple of years," Anderson said.

Forensics is known as a "speech and drama" competition where high school drama students from around the state gather on Saturdays to battle.

"Forensics isn't like football or any other sport. Even though you are competing against them, you get to know the people you perform with. It's sweet," O'Banan said.

Southeast has perennially excelled in Improvised Duet Acting (IDA). In the last five years, SES has had ten teams place in the top six at State. That means, in the past,

Southeast has been among the top four percent of IDA teams in the state.

"It will be interesting to see if our status as a strong IDA team sticks since Taylor (Garretson) and Christina (Sparacino) have graduated. They were a big loss," Anderson said.

Several IDA teams hope to step up to replace them. Those planning to compete in IDA are Meaghan Ryan and Alex Earles, Ryan Unruh and Brent Sweany, Britten O'Banan and Kody Lynn, Kolby Balthazor and Sadie Roesner, and Chelsie Green and Shannon Wilson.

Although the forensics team has lost some team members, Anderson said that they are looking forward to a great season.

"(Success) is all up to the kids. If they want it bad enough, they will work hard. My goal this year is to bring home some trophies and to have a full slate at State. The main thing is having fun because forensics is just ducky!" Anderson said.

Buzz over Bible controversy curiously quiet

By Andrew Bauer

As the new classes were being announced last spring for the 2006-2007 school year, no class caused more buzz than Bible Humanities. Many felt that such a class in a public school was sure to cause significant controversy.

"It's too early in the morning for controversy," said senior Alex Earles, a student in the class.

Despite its potential for an uproar, Bible Humanities has proven to be as normal as any other class offered by Southeast of Saline. Its 12 students happen to represent a wide range of beliefs, anywhere from Catholic to agnostic, all of whom struggle with the class' early hours.

"The disciples are lazy," Anderson said, referring to his 12 students. "If it were left up to them, a miracle would never get performed."

Bible Humanities was started in order to study the Bible's impact on art, music, and literature throughout the world. The class, which is secular, came to SES when Anderson discovered a description of the study in *World Magazine*. After introducing the idea of the class to Superintendent Bob Goodwin and Principal Monte Couchman, SES decided to initiate the course.

"The Bible is alluded to so much in the English language," Anderson said. "To be a literate person, you need to know about the Bible. You don't necessarily have to believe

it, but you have to know it."

Although discussions occur often, they generally are not concerned with questions regarding religion but, rather, the content and origin of biblical passages.

"One of our rules is we can't talk religion," Anderson said. "We talk about the stories in the Bible and who wrote them, but we don't get into what's 'right.'"

Along with studying the text of the Bible, the class also watches several movies that have biblical references.

"We've watched *The Prince of Egypt*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Jesus*," senior Gracia

Johnson said. "Sometimes we watch some movies from the '60s about Bible characters, and it's so funny because the special effects are just so bad."

Not all of the movies in Bible Humanities are strictly related to the Bible or religion, however. The class is also scheduled to watch popular movies such as 'The Matrix,' which has many hidden biblical references. However, Anderson said that there is much more to the class than watching videos.

"It's not just a movie class," Anderson said. "We do a lot of work too."



Bible Humanities (BH) students read their Bibles during class. BH is a new course taught by Mr. Terry Anderson that focuses on Biblical literacy. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

'The Tall Guy' enjoys life at Southeast

By Chelsea Hemphill

Jeff Schwerdtfager. You've probably heard that name around the school a few times, or maybe you've heard him referred to as "the tall guy." That's because he stands above most of us at 6'7" tall.

Schwerdtfager, a junior, hasn't always been tall. He was around the same height as other kids his age up until 8th grade.

"I was 5'11" in the seventh grade, and then I grew to be 6'3" in eighth grade. I grew four inches that summer," Schwerdtfager said.

Schwerdtfager transferred to SES from Ell-Saline at the beginning of the school year. He enjoys playing guitar, singing and playing the bass. However, he also enjoys playing basketball, which he has been playing since he was in the second grade.

Standing at 6'7" does help out Schwerdtfager's basketball skills, but Schwerdtfager admits that being tall does have some disadvantages too.

"It's hard to find clothes. I have to buy

my jeans at the Buckle because nowhere else has jeans that are long enough. It was hard finding a car that looked cool and could fit me in it too. I tried some sports cars, but I couldn't fit into any of them," Schwerdtfager said.

Schwerdtfager doesn't feel that he is treated any differently because he is tall, especially during basketball. He believes that the way the coaches see him as a player is based more on hard work and effort than on his size.

"I don't think coaches necessarily like a player more because of their size. However, I'm sure there are some advantages to having a tall guy on a team though," Schwerdtfager said.

Schwerdtfager plays two positions, forward and center, and he has played on many teams throughout his life. Over the last year alone, Schwerdtfager has played for Kansas City Premiere (AAU), Wichita Wolf Pack (AAU), Wichita Collegiate (Fall

League) and Southeast of Saline.

So far, Schwerdtfager is really enjoying SES.

"The people here are really awesome," Schwerdtfager said.



Jeffrey Schwerdtfager (45) gets in the championship SIT game against Salina South. The 6'7" junior recently transferred from Ell-Saline. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Platter sacrifices the weight

By Sarah Reece

Sweating, grunting and pushing yourself to your limits. These are things wrestlers have come to expect, but sometimes, the sacrifice can be extreme.

Such is the case for sophomore wrestler Joel Platter, who has been cutting extreme amounts of weight for the sport.

During football season, Platter said he weighed a little under 170 lbs. He said he lost a few pounds during football season but has lost more since the wrestling season began.

He started losing weight two weeks before wrestling started and is going to keep it up until after wrestling season. After wrestling, he plans to return to his old habits, but it might take a while.

Why is he cutting all this weight all of a sudden?

"Cause it's the easiest weight to get to and I really don't want to gain a whole bunch of weight to wrestle," he said.

In wrestling, you wrestle against people in your own weight class. The goal is to pin your opponent to the mat without getting yourself pinned. Platter said that although he could have wrestled at 171 lbs. where SES has no wrestler, but winning is easier if he is lean.

Because Jason Prater wrestles in the 160 lb weight class, Platter decided to drop to 152 lbs instead of trying to gain weight and muscle to wrestle at 171 lbs.

While doing all this weight loss, he still has to follow the rules of wrestling. He can only lose ten percent of his original weight. That means he can only lose 16 lbs.

Before he started cutting weight, he weighed 162.5 lbs. Now he weighs 154 lbs.

He has attempted weight loss before but never this severe.

He said it's not a really strict diet that he uses to lose weight.

"I turn on the heat in the wrestling room and run," he said.

The sacrifice and self-discipline Platter is developing now, he said, will help him in a couple of years when he is able to join his future comrades in the army, into which he plans to enlist.

In his Kansas State Writing Assessment, he said that he will join the army for three reasons -- for the discipline, the respect he will get and will gain for others, and so that he could serve his country and protect the people close to him.

"It's something that is a good thing to do," Platter said.

Varsity scholars place first at NCAA League

By John Christie

Trojan Scholars' Bowl varsity and JV teams wrapped up a solid performance at the NCAA League meet with the varsity placing first and the JV second in their respective tournaments.

The meet was held here at Southeast on Monday, Jan. 22.

The varsity team consisted of seniors Andrew Bauer, John Christie and Clint Spiller; and juniors Ozzy Smith and Brent Sweany. Andrew Bauer led the team in scoring on route to a 5-1 record.

The freshmen-sophomore team posted the same record as the Varsity but came away with second. The team consisted of sophomores Trask Engel, Layton Everhart and Kristi Hargadine; freshmen Patrick Eslick and Megan Kincaid-Heidel.

This was the final meet for the freshmen-sophomore team. They finished the season with three second place finishes and a final record of 40-18.

The Varsity will be going to Oberlin on Feb. 1 for the Regional Competition.

Ladies finish third at SES Inv.

By Max McClure

Tomorrow night, the Lady Trojans hope to sweep the Russell Broncos by defeating them for the second time this year. In the previous meeting on Jan. 9, the Trojans won all games C, B, and A. The varsity score was 64-56.

"To win these games again, we need to play our game. We are on a little bit of a roll. The girls are playing very well together," Coach Wayne Sager said.

The Trojans clinched third in last week's SES Invitational Tournament, defeating Smoky Valley 61-48 in Friday's consolation game. The Trojans outscored the Vikings in every quarter, including the 19-point spurt to seal the victory.

"The girls showed good composure all the way through the game and down the stretch when they hit a lot of free throws. Smoky Valley came at us and fouled us and our girls stepped up," Sager said.

Sager said the Trojans played quality defense.

"Our defense adjusted well in the Smoky Valley game. We started out with some man to man and then switched to a couple different types of zones. We became very cautious of Pihl. She had four three-pointers in the first half, so we made an adjustment and we kept her to one three-pointer

in the second half," Sager said.

The Trojans also out-rebounded the Vikings 38-30.

"Most games we do out rebound our opponents. These girls know that they are usually undersized so they work pretty hard on the rebounds," Sager said.

The Trojans nearly made it to the championship game but fell to Concordia losing by three after coming back from 13-point deficit earlier in the fourth quarter.

Junior Shayla Seim said that even though she wished that her team had been able to pull off the upset, she was pleased with her team's chemistry.

"We just work together as a team until somebody gets a rebound and we go on a fast break. Whenever somebody makes a big play, we just feed off of that," she said.

Seim said she and her team would have liked playing South in the championship game.

"We really wanted to play South. We wanted to beat them because of all the years they have beaten us and won this tournament. We would have played with a lot of heart, and it would have been a really good game," Seim said.

Seim and sophomore Stephanie Frost were selected all-tournament team.



Sadie Roesner drives past a Russell defender. Southeast won the game 64-56 on Jan. 9. Southeast will play them again tonight. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

McGinty, Prater place first, second at Halstead Inv.

By Mathew J. McGinty

The SES wrestlers spiced things up when six of the seven "maneaters" competed at Ellsworth on Jan. 6. The team scored 70 team points and came home with a sixth place finish. There were four medalists; Mathew McGinty (first), Jason Prater (first), Zach Short (third) and Ryan Hahn (fourth).

With McGinty being ranked third in class 3-2-1A, he and Prater remain the team's strong point wrestlers.

"Being ranked third at state feels pretty good but I got to keep my head, because anyone can be beat in a match at any given moment," McGinty said.

"I think the team did pretty well at the tournament," Prater said. "I improved a lot since last year. One of the best moments at the Ellsworth tournament was when I defensively pinned my opponent with 31 seconds left in the final period."

The Trojan wrestling team has struggled through more losses this season due to a small number of wrestlers on the team. Only seven of the 14 weight classes are full. The team still has nine members, but only seven of the nine are able to wrestle due to the injuries of Justin Short and Jordan Huggans.

"With only having six wrestlers wrestling at Ellsworth, and four of the six placing, I feel we did pretty well with our performance. Our numbers are small but we aren't going down without a fight," Coach Travis Morris said.

On Jan. 21, the wrestlers traveled to Halstead to make up the previously canceled event. Four Southeast wrestlers returned after placing last year in the weight classes of Hahn 119, Short 125, Prater 160, and McGinty 189 lbs. After the first round, the maneaters were tied for first place along with three other teams with sixteen points and six of seven wrestlers making it into the quarter finals.

The second round saw only two of the Trojan wrestlers make it into the semi-finals, Prater and McGinty. With Thomas Patry being beat out the first day, four of the SES wrestlers remained in the consolation bracket in the second day.

Starting up on Jan. 23, Prater and McGinty managed to win their semi-final matches and advance into the finals. During the consolation matches, each of the four remaining wrestlers, Hahn, Short, Mortimer, and Platter, fell out of the tournament one by one. Things were just getting heated up when Prater got ready to wrestle Ryan Patterson of Garden Plain ranked 2nd at class 3-2-1A state wrestling.

Prater went into the match strong but fell short of winning his match by getting pinned with one second left in the final period. In the finals for the 189 lb weight class, McGinty, who was ranked third in 3-2-1A State wrestling, faced his opponent Michael Baker of Smoky Valley, who was ranked fourth in class 4A state wrestling. McGinty went into his match being seated second in the tournament but was able to come away with not only a first place medal but also a pin in the third period with 13 seconds left. The SES wrestlers were able to come away with 63 ½ points at the Halstead tournament. The score was good enough to tie the Trojans with tenth place.

"With all the

support I have behind me going into my matches, I feel pretty confident that I could win state this year. I'm sitting on 37 near falls and hoping to break the SES record of 60. With my coach's and wrestling partners, I know they'll work me hard enough to come out with a record breaker and hopefully a state championship at 189lbs.," McGinty said.

After wrestlers traveled to Remington for a triangular dual against Hesston and Remington, Morris' maneaters suffered a big loss with only have five wrestlers wrestling. Four of the wrestlers included Mortimer, Platter, Prater, and McGinty that came away with two wins each. New comer Huggans got his first match off for the year wrestling 125lbs. Huggans wrestled tough and kept his two matches close but lost. The final score of SES vs. Remington was 36 to 21 while the score against Hesston was 36 to 24.

The Southeast wrestlers will prepare to dual against Belleville next on Thursday Feb. 1 at 6:30 pm in Belleville.



Jason Prater pins his opponent from Hesston. Prater placed second in the Halstead tournament on Jan. 13. (Photo by Chelsi Hemphill)

Boys reach 14 wins for first time since 1986

By Skylar Nosker

The Southeast of Saline boys have done something no Boys' team has done in 21 years; win 14 games in a season. The Trojans still have one more month of basketball before the playoffs and are heading to tonight's game against Russell with an undefeated record.

The Trojans finished their five games in a week and half, last Friday against rival Sacred Heart with a 58-53 victory.

"It's a good win for us. It's a league game. It's a road game. They're our cross town rival and a good team. I thought the guys played really well tonight and it's great to get a win," said Coach Mike Davert.

Southeast, 14-0 overall and 7-0 in NCAA, got up early and extended their lead with a big second quarter, where the Trojans outscored the Knights 12-3. Senior Nick Hardesty led the way for the Trojans with 11 of his 13 points coming in the first half. The Trojans were up by 10, 31-21, at the half.

"Nick always seems to step up in big games for us. He gets some easy buckets for us and played a great game," said coach Davert.

The Knights, 7-6 overall and 3-3 in NCAA, came back in the second half with their 3-point shooting. The Knights made 11 of 24 3-pointers in the game. Connor Martin led the way for the Knights with five and finished with a game-high 17 points. Aaron Wedel and Dane Simoneau had three apiece.

"They hit some three's tonight. Long range three's and were banking them in. You have some calls go against you but I thought the guys just kept battling," said coach Davert. Southeast, however, maintained a lead and even though they shot 7 of 15 from the free-throw line, the Trojans were able to secure the win with two foul shots by senior Bryson Flax.

Flax had a rough first half shooting 1-for-8 and 4-13 in the game but scored nine points in the fourth, which included five free throws. He finished the game with a team-high 16 points.

Along with Flax and Hardesty, the Trojans got help from junior Mitch Mugler, who had nine points and eight rebounds, and senior Ross Terry, who finished with eight points.

The bench also stepped up as junior Nick Puetz stepped in and got two points along with senior Doug Beaton, who got 10 points and a key steal late in the game to slow down the Knights in his first game back from illness.

"Puetz had a great game. Puetz came in and gave us a little lift and Doug did a great job coming off the bench in his first game back," said coach Davert.

This game was the ending of a week that was a test for the Trojans. Earlier in the week, the Trojans won the Salina Invitational Tournament, with wins against Salina South, Smoky

Valley and Salina Central in the championship game. The championship is the first one for the Trojans in their 21 appearances in the tournament.

"I'm so proud of the kids. They did a fantastic job. They believed in themselves. They believed in their teammates," said coach Davert. "We went in thinking we had a shot at winning the game and the guys came out and took care of business."

Hardesty and Flax were awarded all-Tournament honors, with Flax receiving the Most Valuable Player award.

"It was an honor to be named MVP. My teammates really set me up all weekend," said Flax.

"The thing about Bryson is he's a team player. He gets lots of points at times but he also

leads the team in assists. He rebounds, plays defense and the guys understand that. They know that he's going to give them the ball," said coach Davert. "I thought Bryson played an outstanding tournament. He was well deserving of the MVP award."

The Trojans are traveling to Russell tomorrow for another league game. The Broncos are 4-9 and are looking to slow down the Trojans.

In the first match up at SES, the Trojans won the game 73-56.

"This is a big game for us. We've have some guys battling illness but over the weekend we were able to get some rest, go to bed early around 7:00; get up around 10:00 in the morning and we're ready to go against Russell," said coach Davert.

The game will tip-off approximately at 7:30 p.m.

Sports Box

By Sadie Myers

Boys' Basketball

Dec. 1 vs. Centre	67-40	W	Jan. 17-20 Salina Invitational		
Dec. 4-9 Blue & Gold Classic		1st	South	60-34	W
Solomon	67-42	W	Smoky Valley	46-43	W
Minneapolis	60-31	W	Central	71-62	W
Solomon	54-53	W	Jan. 23 vs. Ellsworth	56-49	W
Dec. 15 @ Beloit	49-42	W	Jan. 26 @ Sacred Heart	58-53	W
Dec. 19 @ Ellsworth	60-43	W	Upcoming Games:		
Jan. 5 @ Minneapolis	54-20	W	Jan. 30 @ Russell		
Jan. 9 vs. Russell	73-56	W	Feb. 2 vs. Chapman		
Jan. 12 vs. Republic Co.	60-46	W	Feb. 9 vs. Beloit		

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Girls' Basketball

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

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Wrestling

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

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Justin Henry signed as new superintendent

By Andrew Bauer

After months of searching, Southeast of Saline has finally found its new superintendent, Ottawa High School Principal Dr. Justin Henry.

Henry was selected out of the 18 people who applied for the position after Dr. Bob Goodwin announced in August that this would be his last year at SES after having served as superintendent for 15 years.



In light of the impact that this change will have on SES, we contacted Dr. Henry at Ottawa High School and discussed his family, his job history, and his relative youth.

Q. What jobs have you held?

A. For the last nine years, I've been at Ottawa High School.

Q. You've been the principal the entire time?

A. No, for three years, I taught chemistry and physics and coached baseball.

Q. What's Ottawa like?

A. There's 13,000 people in the area and 850 students in the high school, so we're 5A.

Q. Do you think it would be hard to go from such a large school to a small school like SES?

A. I don't think that would be a challenge. I grew up in Sterling, so I'm used to smaller schools.

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Well, we're big KU supporters, so we like to go to a lot of KU football and basketball games.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

A. I'm usually spending time with my two kids. I have a daughter (Kenzie) that's three and a son (Brent) that's one, so we spend a lot of time chasing them around.

Q. What major changes are you going to be making in your life in the next few months?

A. I think the biggest major change we'll be undertaking will be selling our house in Ottawa and looking for a house in the Southeast area. That will be a major consideration and will take a major amount of time in the next few months.

Q. What is your wife going to do once you move out here?

A. Well, she's a school psychologist, so she'll probably be looking for a similar job in that area.

Q. What does a school psychologist do exactly?

A. They normally evaluate students before they go under IEP.

Q. What made you want to come out to SES and apply for the superintendent job?

A. I think the first thing that made me want to apply was the reputation Southeast has across the state for being an excellent school district. That was probably the first thing that attracted me when to the position came open.

Q. How have you liked the SES community so far?

A. We really enjoyed the people we met when we came down to visit: parents, patrons, students, board of education. We really enjoyed the people we met and that helped make the decision a lot easier for us.

Q. You're serving as an adjunct professor, correct?

A. I'm an adjunct at Ottawa University, and I speak a little bit at KU.

Q. Will you still be an adjunct as you take the job at Southeast?

A. The location of Southeast has a lot of colleges and universities within an hour, so I think it's important regardless if I'm an adjunct or whatever to establish and maintain relationships with those area schools.

Q. What's going to be your top priority as Superintendent at Southeast?

A. My first priority will probably be just continuing to learn about the district, meeting all the students, meeting all the staff members, trying to understand what they want for the future of the school.

Q. How do you like to be addressed?

A. I normally go by Dr. Henry, I guess, but I don't really have a preference.

Q. Thirty-two years old is still pretty young. Do you think your relative age will be a benefit or a drawback?

A. I think it can definitely be a benefit. I've learned a lot in nine years at Ottawa, I've been involved in a lot of different programs. I still have a lot of energy, a lot of time I can devote to helping the school district, so I think there's a lot of positive there.

Q. How do you like to work, inside the office or out and about?

A. I prefer to be out and among students, definitely.

Q. Is there anything you would like to say to the community as a whole?

A. We're looking forward to the opportunity and we're excited to be heading out to Southeast.