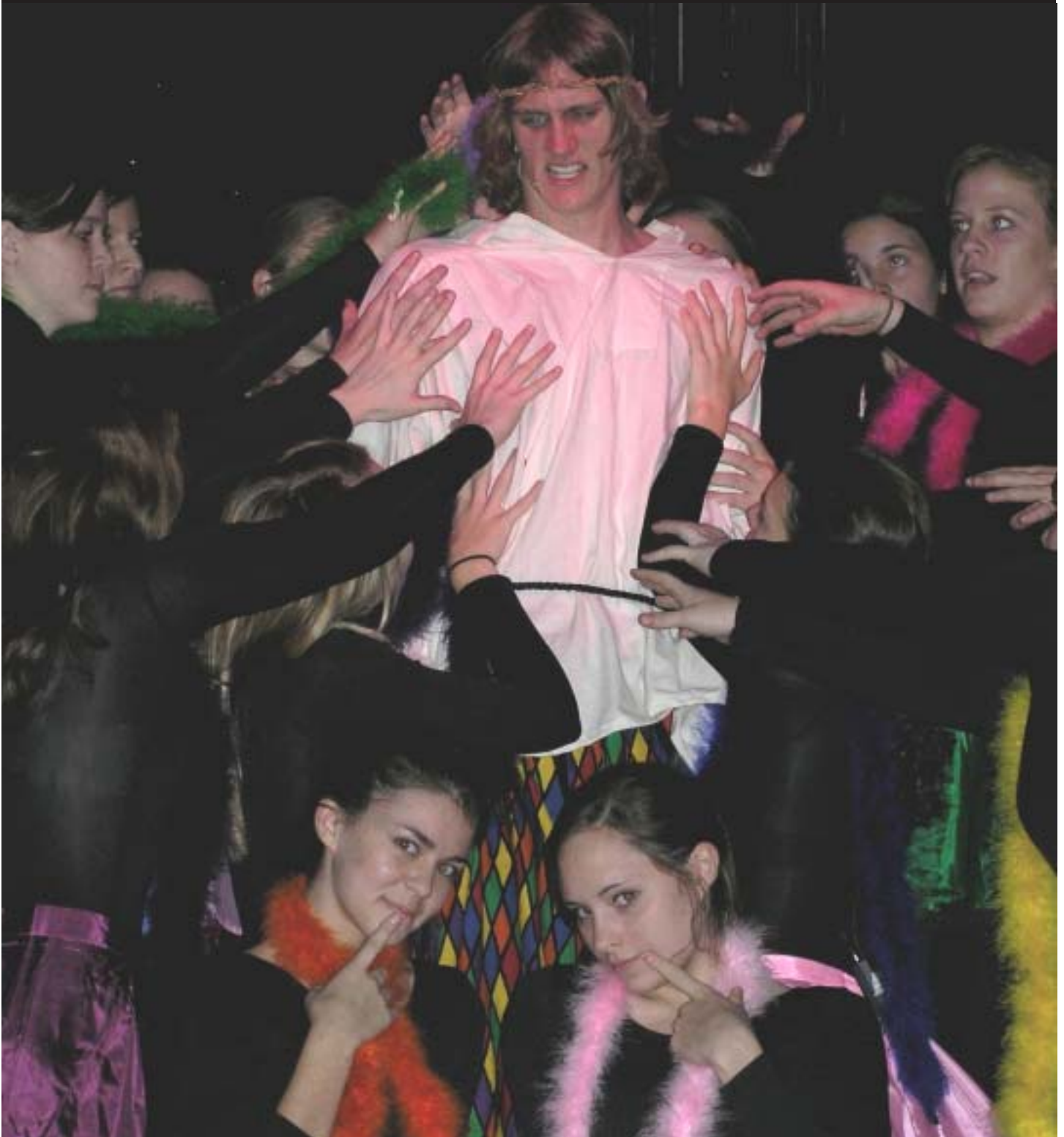


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Pippin (Clinton MacDonald) attempts to escape from a group of female "players" trying to seduce him. MacDonald was the co-lead in the high school musical "Pippin" that showed Nov. 9 and 11. See pages 10-11 for more photos. (Photo by Jena Sauber)

Around The Halls

What should be done to prevent cell phone usage in class?



Elizabeth Peuchen, fr.
“(Teachers should not enforce it as a rule.”



Terry Anderson, teacher.
“There are so many legal ramifications with cell phones, students should just keep them in their lockers.”



Garrett Sager, fr.
“(Teachers should) Dock five points every time a phone goes off.”



Kyle Moyer, sr. “It should be up to the students to decide what to do with their cell phone if it goes off. I’m not even joking.”



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What’s our cell phone policy?

By Andrew Bauer

Another day, another dollar...spent on ring tones.

Nowadays, it seems that cell phones are just about as common as blue jeans at school. Everyone seems to have a cell phone, or at least carry a phone they’ve borrowed from a family member. With their rising popularity, it’s only natural that cell phones are going to ring during movies, church, and yes, school.



However, there is some confusion among students concerning Southeast of Saline’s policy regarding cell phones. What is the school’s policy? Does it even have a policy? Or does it have a policy but follow a different one?

The answer lies within 29 pages of the Student Handbook. More specifically, it lies within the section titled “School Dress Code.” Even more specifically, it lies under the paragraph concerning

hats...in the second-to-last sentence. It makes total sense.

One single sentence is all that addresses cell phones at SES. It reads, “Cellular phones and pagers are not allowed in school during school hours.”

Whoops.

Apparently, 99% of students using cell phones are breaking the rules for even having them at school. If interpreted literally, cell phones are to be left in students’ cars and at home.

However, this is not the policy that is currently being enforced. What we are seeing is a much more lenient and forgiving policy. Teachers are within their rights to confiscate cell phones that are disrupting class time, but phones are generally returned either at the end of the day or at the end of the class period and no disciplinary action is taken.

Although the practice currently being enforced is much more preferable to students, it has yet to be made into official policy. This is an action that needs to be taken to ensure that students’ cell phones are handled properly. In theory, if a cell phone goes off on accident and is taken up by a teacher and then lost, the student

(See “Cell phones” on page 3)

Test your knowledge about 'Black Friday'

By Jena Sauber and Krisanna Graham

We just assumed that everyone knew what Black Friday was. However, it came to our attention that most of the male population thought that Black Friday had something to do with the stock market. That's not exactly the female definition for the day after Thanksgiving full of mega sales for all shoppers. When it was explained to them what Black Friday was, the males we talked to just didn't get the point of why anyone would want to wake up so early to go shopping. The only thing they get up early for is to go hunting.

Regardless of the male apathy toward the event, Black Friday has become such a huge tradition in the United States that it now has its own web pages and advertisements. Millions of people get up early to wait in line for the minute the doors open. Still, other people take the morning (and afternoon) to catch up on sleep and couldn't care less about sales and shopping. Take this Black Friday quiz below to see what kind of Black Friday shopper you are.

1. How early do you get up to go shopping on the morning of Black Friday?

A. Noon at the earliest. You were up too late watching the game the night before.

B. About 5 a.m., if the early bird gets the worm before you do, they can have it.

C. 9 p.m...on Wednesday. There is no such thing as too early.

2. How far do you travel to do your shopping?

A. Salina, but only because they just came out with a new Madden game.

B. Kansas City...Missouri. Those bargains are calling and there is no distance you won't go!

C. Minnesota - to the Mall of America!

3. When the day is finally over, your car is full of bags. What are in those bags?

A. Some video games, a skateboard and a can of Dr. Pepper.

B. Some new clothes, shoes, jewelry, purses, makeup, nail polish, a new straightener, outfits for Fluffy, a laptop, and an iPod.

C. Some new clothes, shoes, jewelry, purses, makeup, nail polish, a new straightener, perfume, chocolate, a Dooney and Bourke bag, outfits for Fluffy, a laptop, an

iPod, a Sidekick, and a 60-inch flat screen TV.

4. Depending on how much you spend, you might need a second job to pay off your debt. How is your financial situation after Black Friday?

A. You don't need a second job or extra hours - lawn mowing money will cover your few purchases.

B. Some extra hours at your existing job and you'll be great.

C. You need 10 extra hours and a second job for a few months to pay for your excursion.

If you answered mostly A's, you have the shopping habits of a guy. If you answered mostly B's, you're a typical female Black Friday shopper. If you answered mostly C's, you probably need a life outside of shopping.

So, as another Black Friday approaches, think about what kind of a shopper you are and if what you're doing is really worth it. Is getting up at 3 a.m. to grab those totally cute shoes you wanted at Dillards worth it? Maybe, maybe not.

•Cell phones: current policy needs updating

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can be held partially accountable because he was not supposed to have it inside the building in the first place. The administration needs to be consistent with what is said and what is done.

Principal, Monte Couchman, acknowledges the differing policy.

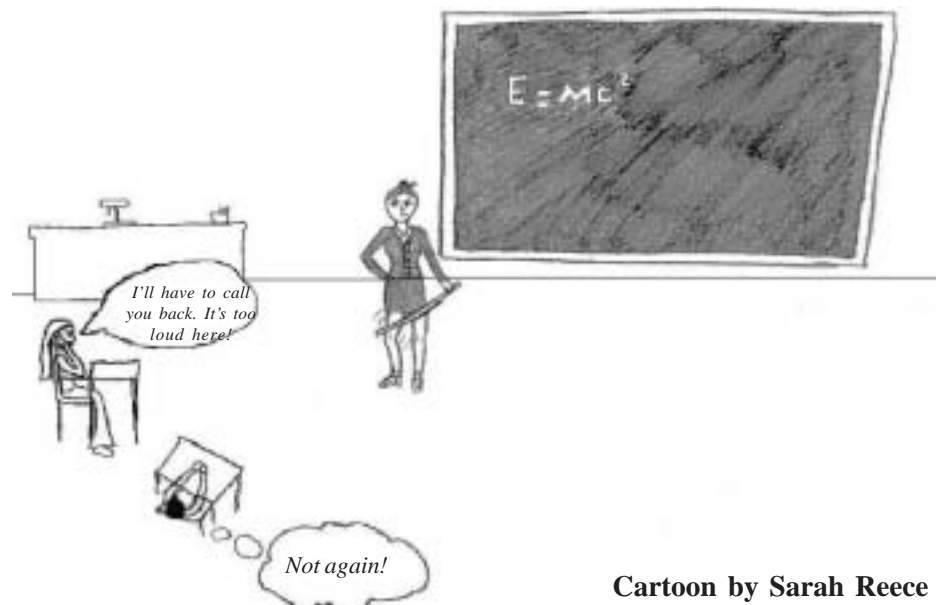
"From a certain standpoint, cell phones are a necessity," said Couchman. "Many students travel quite a ways to get to school and cell phones provide a certain amount of security. We started the year by going over the handbook and we made comments to students saying, 'Look, we know you have them, but we need you to be mature enough to keep them from being a distraction,'" he said.

Couchman went on to say that the current policy was meant to try to get students to control their cell phones on their own, and that for the most part, it's worked well.

"Probably 95 percent of the students didn't have a problem again," Couchman said, "but the other five percent just aren't

mature enough to handle it."

Students have reason to believe that an official policy will be implemented in the near future that will have guidelines on what actions are to be taken should a cell phone cause a disruption during class. This policy however, will be slightly stricter to those causing disruptions.



Cartoon by Sarah Reece

Rohrer manages workload, life-changing illness

By Chelsi Hemphill

Life as she had known it changed for Mrs. Dawn Rohrer and her husband Steven in late April 2006. Steven was diagnosed with Primary Pulmonary Hypertension, and from that date, forward his activities have been limited. Dawn Rohrer has not only been his caregiver, nurse and confidant since the diagnosis but also a full-time SES teacher.

Steven was experiencing shortness of breath, fatigue, light headedness, and some tightness in his chest. After visits with the doctor, Steven was diagnosed, and the Rohrers were left feeling scared.

"The doctor came in and told us that those times that he was feeling the symptoms were times when his heart could have given out and that Steven was close to dying," Mrs. Rohrer said.

Now that Steven has been diagnosed, he has to be very careful with what he does on the Rohrer farm. He has continuous IV medication so he has to make sure that nothing he does compromises that line because it is his lifeline.

"He really has to watch it in the hot Kansas weather because it's difficult for him to breath and it could cause him to get an infection where his central line goes into his chest," Mrs. Rohrer said.

Life has changed not only for Steven, but many things have changed in the way Mrs. Rohrer now lives her life. She worries a lot more about her husband's safety and the possibility of his getting an infection especially because they just had to deal with a situation where he had an infection.

"It's hard for me to realize sometimes that he can do more than I give him credit for. I think the biggest thing is that it has made us both realize what's important and what's not," Mrs. Rohrer said.



Steven and Dawn Rohrer

Along with the increased workload at home, Mrs. Rohrer has also had to manage her full-time teaching job here at SES.

"I do it just because I have to. This is a change that I have to make," Mrs. Rohrer said.

Mrs. Rohrer said she doesn't feel as if she has had to sacrifice anything while trying to take care of her husband. She said she knows that Steven would be helping her if she were the sick one. However, she doesn't deny that the experience has been difficult.

"Sometimes you wish that you could go back to a 'normal' life," Mrs. Rohrer said.

At first, the Rohrers were scared financially, because their insurance expected them to pick up more of the medical payments than they were even bringing in a month. In the long run, everything worked out, and now the insurance covers basically everything.

"The major strain to me is making sure that I'm taking care of (Steven) the best way that I can and that he's okay when I'm not home," Mrs. Rohrer said.

How do the Rohrers handle all of the stress of the illness?

"You have to laugh. You have to laugh a lot. It's hard to find the humor in things, but you have to, and you just have to pray. That's the biggest thing," Mrs. Rohrer said.

Recently the SES students and faculty helped provide the Rohrer's with firewood and food. Mrs. Rohrer said that she and Steven were left in awe of the generosity and kindness.

"The labor and hard work was breathtaking and overwhelming. They provided us with more wood than we ever expected. God bless all of them," Mrs. Rohrer said.

Madrigal alumni plan to make joyful noise

By Sadie Myers

It's going to be a "Last Huzzah!" for the Southeast of Saline Madrigal alumni this December when they get together to make some noise. Bill and Susan Tuzicka, music directors at SES, have organized a reunion for all former Madrigals and tech crew members that will be held at the school's theater on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 7:30 in the evening.

"It should be lots of fun. We have planned to have the current Madrigal Singers perform new pieces then everyone will sing the well-known songs. Afterwards we'll have reminiscing time in the commons area," Susan Tuzicka said of the gathering.

In the past, the Tuzickas have searched for addresses and sent out flyers to advertise the reunion. This year they are

counting on parents to spread the word and are hoping to see lots of old faces.

"We usually have a good turn out, about 100 people or so. We even have seven or eight of the original Madrigals that come," Mrs. Tuzicka said.

Cheryl Spare was the accompanist for that "original" Madrigal group. She is now the piano player for choir and is very involved in the SES music department. Spare is looking forward to the reunion because it gives her a chance to see old friends.

"The best thing about it is seeing who shows up. There is such a variety of people from the long lost past. I remember the last reunion I got to sing again beside one of my best friends from high school, Linda Hubalek.

The feeling was so neat," Spare said.

Bill and Susan Tuzicka are encouraging everyone who has been involved with the Madrigals to come and have a good time. The reunion will give all alumni a chance to see their old friends from different classes.

"We would like to see as many people as possible so we can really make a joyful noise!" Mrs. Tuzicka said.

This get-together gives singers a chance to renew bonds while making that "joyful noise." And Spare believes that is very important and unique.

"When a person is in Madrigals, you form bonds that will remain. You feel close to the people you sing with and to do that again is really special," she said.

Letter to the Editor: Teacher recounts husband's misfortune

By Mrs. Dawn Rohrer

Most of us are aware that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month or that World Aids Day is in December, but few realize that November is Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month. In fact, I would venture to guess that most of you reading this article have never heard of Pulmonary Hypertension. I hadn't either until my husband was diagnosed with a form of it last April. It was a diagnosis that has changed our lives forever.



Pulmonary Hypertension (PH), also referred to as "the other high blood pressure," is high blood pressure in the lungs. This definition may sound simple enough, but this disease is actually much more complex and complicated than that. PH is the narrowing of blood vessels in the lungs, which make it difficult for blood to pump through the lungs. As a result, the right side of the heart works harder to overcome the restriction and begins to enlarge.

This begins the onset of more symptoms: breathlessness, constant fatigue, lightheadedness, swollen ankles, legs, or abdomen, chest pain, fainting, and ultimately, death. The unfortunate part about these symptoms is that they are synonymous for being symptoms for other health problems, such as asthma or sleep apnea. Because of this, early diagnosis is often missed, and a person with the disease is in the late stages before being properly diagnosed. Commonly a patient sees up to four doctors before a proper diagnosis is made.

The Diagnosis

Though we have technically seen four doctors, it only took about two months for them to make their diagnosis because Steven's PH was very advanced. His symptoms included breathlessness, constant fatigue, lightheadedness, chest pain, and near-fainting spells. Our primary care physician noticed something wrong with Steven's heart beat. He immediately scheduled him for more tests: Electrocardiogram (EKG), Echocardiogram, Chest X-ray, and some blood tests. It was the Echo that indicated his enlarged right ventricle. More inconclu-

sive tests were run before we were sent to a cardiologist, who did a right cardiac catheterization among other tests.

This showed the high pressures in Steven's lungs. The normal pulmonary arterial pressure range is less than 25. Steven's pressures measured more than twice that.

An area pulmonary doctor conferred on the case, and Steven's diagnosis was given: Primary Pulmonary Hypertension, also known as Idiopathic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, which basically means that the doctors cannot figure out why the pressures in the lungs are so high; they just are. This extremely rare disease occurs in two in one million persons each year.

Because of the rarity of the disease, there are not many medical facilities around this area that specialize in it. The nearest two places for us to go were Denver or KU Med Center in Kansas City. KU Med Center is where we were sent to see our PH Specialist, our fourth doctor. He began right away on treatment options and finding ways to return Steven to his regular life as much as possible.

Because Steven's illness was advanced, the initial breathing treatments the doctor prescribed did not work. After a total of about four weeks in and out of the hospital, usually with a stay of no less than six days, Steven was placed on Remodulin, a continuous IV medication, which we mix every other day and pump into his body through a central line in his chest.

There can be some drawbacks to this. For example, because you have something foreign, like the line, put into your body, there is always a risk that your body will reject it or it will become infected. A little over a month ago, Steven did acquire an infection during which his first line had to be removed. He had a 102 degree temperature, a heart rate of 193 at one point, and was in the ICU at KU for a week.

A picc line had to be placed into his arm so that he could continue to receive his medication. He has since had the line replaced and aside from skin irritation that we are trying to clear up, he is doing very well.

Another drawback, aside from the restrictions that this medical set-up can place on a person, is that should something happen and his medication is interrupted for longer than 1 ½ - 2 hours, he could suffer from what is called hypertension rebound, which is the sudden cessation of the medication causing the arteries and vessels to

suddenly restrict. This can have dire and sometimes deadly consequences.

Treating the Disease

There is no known cure for this dangerous disease, aside from a lung transplant, double-lung transplant, or even a heart/lung transplant. Up until a few years ago, a transplant was the only way to treat this disease. There are more and more medications being developed, but they are not cures, and they are extremely expensive, often costing a patient anywhere from \$10,000-\$140,000 a year. Some patients need to be put on oxygen because the oxygen levels in their blood are so low they cannot breathe unassisted. Steven is fortunate not to need oxygen at this time.

The mortality rate of a person with PH is improving due to new medications being developed, but it can range anywhere from four to 20-plus years after initial diagnosis.

Often a person with PH does not look like there is anything wrong with him. However, a sufferer in the later stages gets winded just sitting or getting up to walk across the room. Many don't realize that even this exertion could prove to be deadly for someone with severe pulmonary hypertension.

Remodulin has helped Steven return to some of the things he could not do after initial diagnosis. He still farms, but he is limited in what he can do. He can no longer bale hay at 1 a.m. and then get up again at 6 a.m. to do chores and work all day. The hot, humid Kansas weather makes it hard for him to breathe, and weather that you or I might consider cool, he would consider cold simply because he does not have the circulation in his body that he used to due to the restricted blood flow. **He cannot lift hay bales, drive steel fence posts, or catch baby calves to tag their ears.**

Becoming More Aware of PH

Awareness of this very rare, serious, debilitating and terminal (as of now) disease is very low, but it is increasing. The newest diagnosis is being seen in 9/11 rescue workers, some of whom have died. I urge you to go to www.phassociation.org to learn more about the various types of Pulmonary Hypertension, and what you can do to help raise awareness.

'Kelsey's Countdown' clocks down to zero

Father reunites with daughter after tour of duty in Mid-East

By Krisanna Graham

Senior Kelsey Brown was brief in her answer to what it was like to send her dad off to war for the second time.

"It actually sucked hard core," she said.

However, she has no worries now, because Kelsey's Countdown is over, and if Kelsey can help it, it was the last.

Stationed at Sulaymaniyah, Iraq, Kelsey's dad, Jim Brown, has been embedded with the Iraqi army to train them to fight the insurgents in their country. According to Jim, this will help them take the lead in defending Iraq on their own.

After a year of weekly phone calls and e-mails, Kelsey is just glad to have her dad back. He arrived home on Sunday evening Nov. 5. Having served in the military for 24 years, active for 18 years, he has been gone several other times. There have been small trips to lots of places, two being Japan and Germany. He spent between eight and nine months fighting in Bosnia.

Not having a fatherly influence while her dad was gone wasn't as big of deal to her because her parents are not together so she is used to not seeing him all of the time. However,

although it might have been even harder if she had been accustomed to seeing him every day before he left, Kelsey said she still felt that it was really hard because she and her dad are very close. She said she goes to him for most of her advice about school, sports, and even boys.

"As weird as it is, I go to him for advice about boys," Kelsey said.

She said that she really missed being able to talk to her father. If she really needed to talk to him, of course, she could e-mail him or wait for his phone call, but that usually involved a delay and not an immediate re-

sponse and it just wasn't the same as a face to face conversation, she said. To cope with not being able to speak to her father face to face, she would call her sister and talk to her about everything that was going on.

"If it was late at night, and I didn't have anyone to talk to, I'd call my sister," Kelsey said.

Jim missed many things while he was gone. He missed most of Kelsey's junior year; which included her starting on varsity in basketball, volleyball and softball. He also missed Kelsey's senior year of volleyball including senior recognition. Jim said he really missed the close interaction, too, and that it was really good to be home.

"I am redefining normal," Jim said. "Although you, the soldier, don't change, your loved ones change while you are gone. What's normal to you has changed, so you have to redefine normal," he said.

Now that he's back, he calls Kelsey every morning and night just to tell her to have a good day or good night.

"It's good to hear his voice everyday. I get to see my mom everyday and tell her good morning and I think it should be the same with my dad," Kelsey said.

Kelsey said it was really great to see how the school supported them and liked Kelsey's Countdown.

"It's comforting to know he's not in danger anymore," Kelsey said.



Senior Kelsey Brown and father Jim Brown smile for the camera while dining in at Applebees in Salina. Jim Brown returned home from Iraq on Nov. 5. (Photo courtesy of Kelsey Brown)



Junior Kody Lynn is rewarded with a free t-shirt after donating his blood at the American Red Cross blood drive. Approximately 25 students donated blood. The blood drive was held in the high school gymnasium on Nov. 6. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Breanna's bunnies bank big bucks breeding

By Jena Sauber

She's ranked number three in Kansas for showmanship, she travels to National Conventions to show her animals, and she has 35 of them that she cares for every single day.

You might be imagining freshman Breanna Spaeny showing beef cattle or even horses, but Spaeny's show animals have floppy ears and "lucky" feet. Spaeny shows rabbits.

"I joined 4-H five years ago and when we got a list on the different things you could do in 4-H, I wanted to show an animal," Spaeny said. "We didn't have a lot of land, so some people told us about rabbits and helped us get them."

What started out as a small 4-H project of one rabbit has turned into a much bigger project now.

"I have 19 Jersey Woollys, 15 American Fuzzy Lops and one Thrianta," Spaeny said.

With so many rabbits, Spaeny says it takes a lot of time to care for them.

"I have to feed and water them every day. We don't usually go out much because we have to find someone to take care of the rabbits while we are gone," Spaeny said.

In addition to feeding and watering the rabbits, Spaeny says she has daily interaction on a personal level with her animals.

"Of course, I pet them—although I have some bucks (males) that have attitudes," Spaeny said. "You don't want to mess with them much."

Spaeny says that all of this work and care for her rabbits does pay off when she takes them to shows, which she does about 10 times a year.

"I show all of my breeds, but only the rabbits that are show-able. I like to take my best," Spaeny said.

When judging rabbits, the judges look at the body type and markings according to standards set by the American Rabbit Breeders of America (ARBA).

"It's a lot like showing dogs," Spaeny said.

While showing rabbits at the Tri-River's Fair this summer, Spaeny received a Best of Breed in American Fuzzy Lops, placed in the top five with her Jersey Woolly and received a Best Opposite Sex with her Thrianta. She went on to show her rabbits at the Kansas State Fair.

"At state, I got best of breed in American Fuzzy Lop and Thrianta," Spaeny said.

Spaeny also showed her rabbits at the State Convention, earning two Best of Breed awards, a fourth place in showman-

ship, second place in judging, and was first runner up for ARBA Queen in the royalty contest.

As if she hadn't been busy enough, Spaeny also attended the National Convention in Ft. Worth Oct. 28 through Nov. 2.

"I placed in the top ten with one of my rabbits and 17th with another one; both of them were American Fuzzy Lops," Spaeny said.

Traveling to so many different places for shows has helped Spaeny meet new people and make an impact in the 4-H aspect of it.

"I have met so many people from different shows that show my rabbits and people that don't," Spaeny said. "People in 4-H in the rabbit project know me because of how well I do."

When Spaeny attends shows, she sometimes sees other people showing her own rabbits because after showing, some rabbits get sold to other participants.

"It's always hard to sell a rabbit, but I have gotten better at it," Spaeny said. "I haven't sold a rabbit yet that has done bad in a show."

Not all rabbits get sold however. Rabbits that are unfit for showing are either sold to someone to be had as a pet, or culled.

"It sounds mean, but we can't keep all of them. It's hard because we don't have room and feed costs too much if we can earn money off showing them," Spaeny said.

One thing she doesn't do at all anymore is send



Breanna Spaeny judges a rabbit at the National Rabbit Convention in Texas. She placed in the top ten showing one of her rabbits. (Photo courtesy of Breanna Spaeny)

them to the butcher.

"Different breeds are supposed to weigh certain weights and mine are too small (to be sent to the butcher)," Spaeny said. "I used to raise French Lops and they get up to 20 points. They were show and meat rabbits. I've eaten them before."

However, she says that they do keep the best ones for their entire lifetime. They also keep some that are unfit for showing to breed.

"As long as whatever is wrong with them is non-dominant, we'll keep them for breeding," Spaeny said.

They will have to keep breeding their rabbits for a few more years too, because Spaeny has no plans on stopping her shows.

"I am going to show until college, but past that, I don't know. I know my parents will probably start showing them too," Spaeny said. "Next year's National Convention is in Michigan, and we want to go to it for sure."

New projectors scheduled to come to SES

By John Christie

The new projectors scheduled to come into the classrooms have teachers excited. Many possibilities are coming from teachers as to how they could use this new system.

One use most teachers we talked to agreed on was PowerPoint Presentations. Most intend for the PowerPoints to eliminate most of their other forms of note taking.

"I plan to use it to display my notes. In fact, I have one of my aides converting all my written notes to power points so I can start using it as soon as I get it," said English teacher Mr. Terry Anderson.

Some like the PowerPoint capability because of what they allow someone to do with those notes.

"It does a better job of showing three dimensional concepts that just are not represented well on paper," said science teacher Mrs. Amanda McLaughlin.

Another trend is the desire to display internet content. Most teachers like the idea of being able to show websites right in the class.

"It will allow me to show the step by step process for the projects that I do on the internet right in class instead of having to print the information for everyone," said social science teacher Mr. Rex Cooper.

Other teachers are anticipating the ability to show internet media.

"I plan to use it for cultural studies that will use pictures and video from the internet," said foreign language teacher Mrs. Rita Tinkler.

Teachers like Cooper will have a larger display for current events and other such videos.

Some teachers are presenting novel ideas for how they can use this equipment in their curriculum.

"I can incorporate this system with the Black Board program I already use. The students can send me papers using Black Board and I can then turn around and display those works," said English teacher Mr. Bill Gies. "It will eliminate my need to go print copies and hand them out to all the students to show what is good or needs to be changed."

"I can use it to review for state assessments using the online material I have," said social science teacher Mr. Todd Baird.

One teacher talked about including the students in using the new equipment.

"After a while I intend incorporate student projects that will use the projector," said McLaughlin.

There are many mixed opinions on whether or not this system will, or even can be, overused by teachers. Some imagine it being no different than any other piece of a teachers' repertoire.

"I don't think it will be overused any more

or less than an overhead or a chalkboard," said Anderson.

One teacher imagines time will be the teller. "I imagine at first teachers will overuse the projector, but with time, they can learn to incorporate it into their curriculum. So their may be a lot of dark rooms for awhile, but they will eventually lighten up," said Gies.

Others see the versatility of the system making it a difficult tool to abuse.

"Yes, it can be overused, but if you use it to replace overheads, show video and such, then it will be tough to do so," said Baird.

Another teacher thinks that it really depends on the teacher and their subject matter.

"It is hard for me to say if it can be overused when I think it really depends on the content of a teacher's course," said McLaughlin.

The one thing all seem to agree on is their intent to use the new technology, and hopefully justify the expense of the system.

"I can't really say if it will be justified because I don't know the cost, but I hope to see

teachers use the technology," said Baird.

Many say that the convenience of the new technology will help to justify its expense.

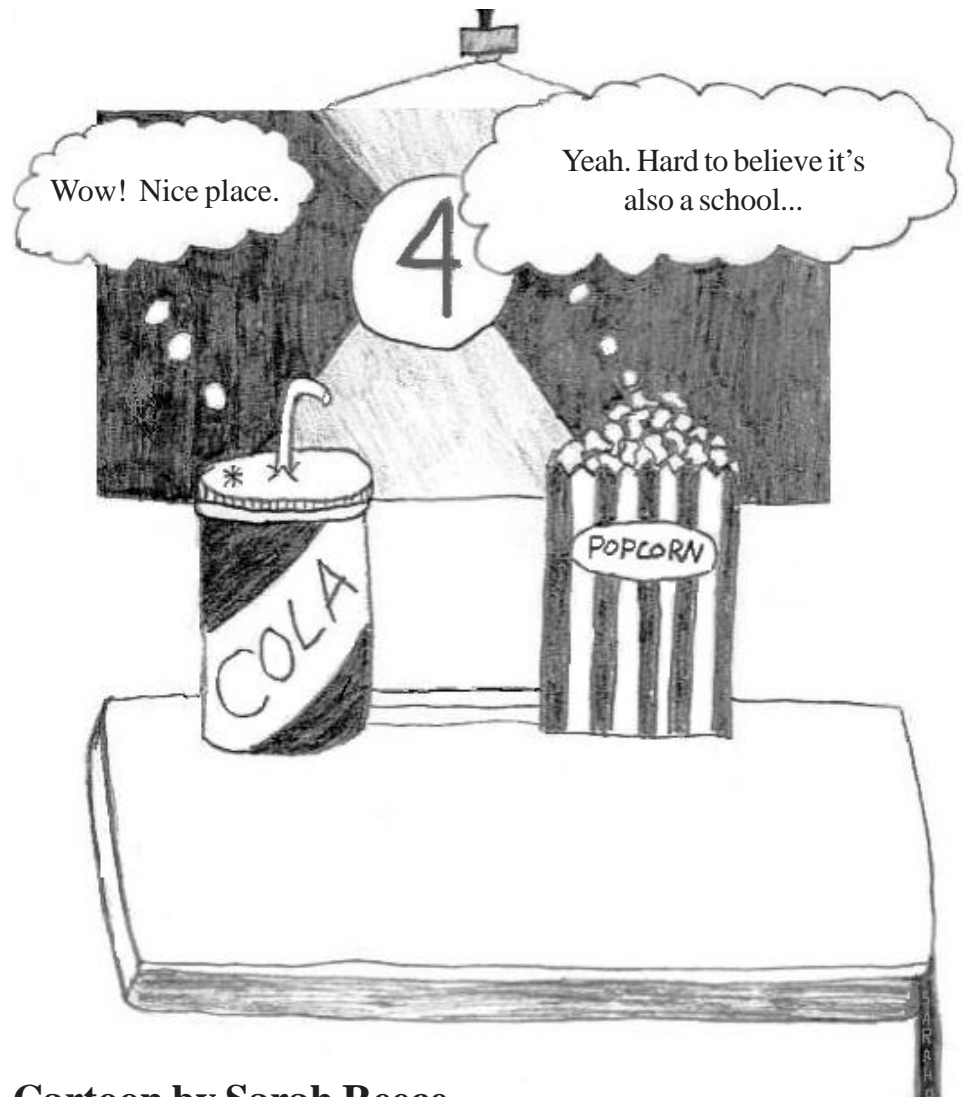
"I think it will get plenty of use. The more available technology is the more it will get used. Currently, you have to check out the equipment and it is a hassle. When they are in the room the convenience will increase the use of projectors," said McLaughlin.

At least one teacher feels it is simple necessity leading us to this purchase.

"Oh of course its justified, we have to keep up with the times," said Anderson.

Though the teachers are full of ideas on the new system some are even looking ahead to admirations they have for the future.

"One thing this system doesn't include is the ability to be mobile with it. I would like to see a system that has a tablet that I could write on that would be displayed on the projector. This would allow me to edit right on the screen," said Gies.



Cartoon by Sarah Reece

Board of Education passes technology change

By Michael Bauer

Last month, the Board of Education approved the purchase of projectors for each classroom and upgrades to our existing in-house cable system.

The project was first discussed with the Board of Education at the Sept. 25 BOE meeting. The projector proposal was approved at the Oct. 23 meeting.

The classroom component of the installation will begin once all the required equipment has been delivered.

“The necessary components have been ordered and have started to arrive,” said technology director, Neal Heidel. “The classroom installations are the priority, and upgrades to the in-house cable system will follow.”

Heidel and the SES custodians will do the labor.

They are in the very beginning stages of the project, but Heidel said that teachers plan to use the projectors for a number of things. Some of the features include:

- A digital projector will be

mounted in the ceiling by maintenance workers in every elementary and secondary classroom.

- The first thing to be done will be to order the necessary equipment immediately.

- A number of required changes will have to be made to classrooms. Each classroom will need electrical connections added in the ceiling, projector mounts installed and audio/video cable routed to the computer and DVD/VHS player. Maintenance will begin running electrical and installing the mounting hardware once the required equipment arrives.

- The projector will be connected to the classroom computer and will be capable of displaying what is on the teacher’s screen.

- The projector will also be connected to a DVD/VHS player attached to our in-house cable system. The projector will be able to show DVDs and VHS movies and DirecTV channels that

are currently available on the cable system. Broadcasting channels with elementary/secondary events will be available. Live video feeds (football field, basketball games, theater, etc.) from the broadcasting class can be displayed.

- Ceiling mounted speakers will be connected to the computer and the DVD/VHS player.

- The other section of this plan of technological improvement involves upgrading the in-house cable system. The system will be completed once the projectors have been installed, because the administrators feel that having the projectors available for teachers is the main priority.

- Training will be set up to help staff become comfortable using the new equipment.

“The process of upgrading our internal cable system will be very time consuming and involves replacing the old coax cable currently run to each classroom,” Heidel said.

Teacher educates using advanced technology

By Patrick Eslick

Imagine three electron beams transmitting red, green and blue phosphors, causing pixels in a direct-view display screen to glow. Such is the obsolete technology of yesterday, the CRT monitor. Projectors are rapidly gaining popularity in the home, but where they really flourish is in the classroom, where they can be used for a multitude of tasks.



Streit

The SES Board of Education has recently approved installing projectors in most SES classrooms, but a dedicated projector is not new technology to several teachers, including Mrs. Tammy Streit, who regularly used a projector in her previous job and uses it every day now at SES.

“I use the projector every day to show PowerPoint presentations of my math lessons. I also use it to project the screen of the Texas Instruments Graphing calculators onto the wall. Also in Algebra 1A, we will be using Excel for statistics,” Streit said.

“(Before teaching here at Southeast), at Central we had TV screens and the Safari System. Any time teachers wanted to show a movie, which I didn’t do very often, they had to make an appointment with the office and schedule it on the computer. The problem with that system was that if teachers wanted to bring a clip from TV or a movie to show in the classroom, they couldn’t do it, or it was very difficult,” Streit said.

One thing Streit liked about the Southeast system was that projectors created a larger image when projected onto the wall, whereas at Central, the image went only to one CRT television screen.

“(Projecting a larger image is) definitely a plus; the kids in the back do not have problems seeing the screen like they did at Central,” Streit said.

The projector system at Southeast will be a bit different than Streit’s current setup. Instead of sitting on desks or carts, the projectors will be suspended from the ceiling.

“The suspended projectors will be great to free up some of that desk room and get some of those cords off the floor,” Streit said. “Since that room I’m in is pretty small, any space I can get is great.”

Electronic equipment does have the potential to make life easier, but it also has the potential to make it more complicated. Teachers may rely too much on them and they may begin to stop working, or the equipment may confuse the individual.

“It makes you think about how much you rely on those machines,” Streit said.

Pippin's 'players' show



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1. A player (Jessica Ward) dances before Charlemagne's Visigoth campaign meeting.
2. Berthe (Chelsie Green) and the male 'players' tell Pippin "It's time to start livin!"
3. King Charlemagne (Britten O'Banan) discusses the army's plot against the Visigoths.
4. The Field Marshall (Kody Lynn) scoffs at the thought of Pippin becoming a soldier.
5. Catherine (Miranda Everhart) declares she is an "Ordinary Woman" through song.
6. Fastrada (Meaghan Ryan) and her darling son Lewis (Ryan Unruh) dream about Lewis becoming King.
7. The Leading Player (Alex Earles) laughs after giving Pippin (Clinton MacDonald) his war helmet.

Photos by Skylar Nosker, Jena Sauber, and Klint Spiller



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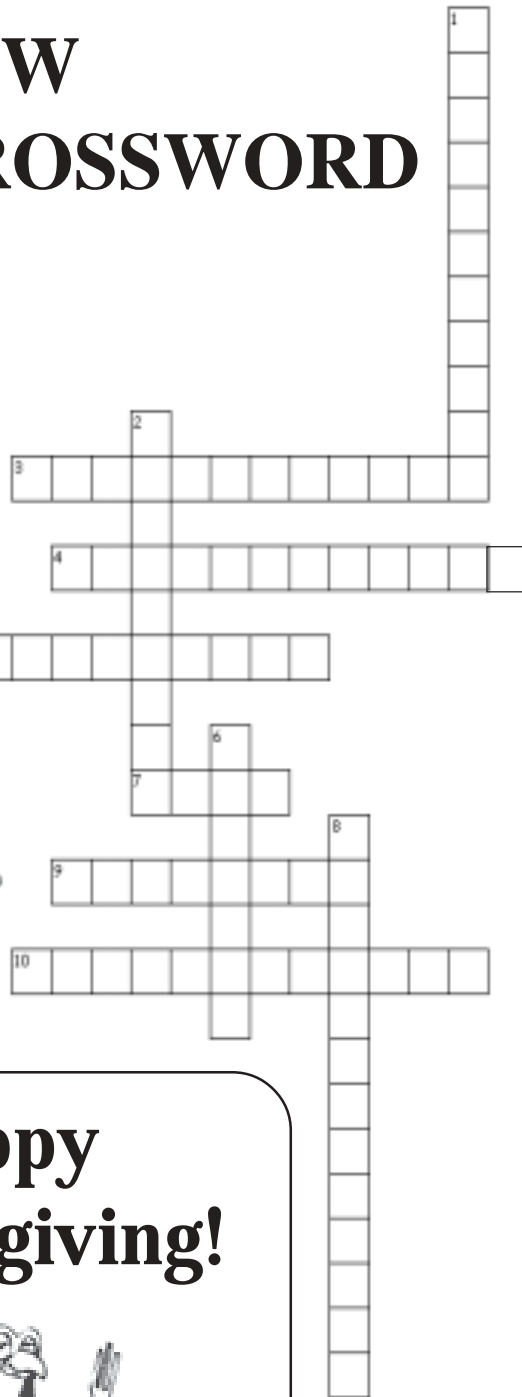
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they've got "magic to do"



do YOU remember?

TV SHOW CROSSWORD



A walk down high schoolers' memory lane...

All of the answers are the names of TV shows, some of them old, some of them older, others new. Happy Hunting!

Across

- 3. Colorful teens possess superhuman abilities when morphed
- 4. In this world, cars, jets, and machines are able to transform in to humanlike robots
- 5. Wallaby with a passion for recreational jack hammering
- 7. Dear Journal... Skeeter is my best friend.
- 9. The main character was cryogenically frozen in the year 1999 and revived in the year 2999 and is making a comeback in 2007

10. A team of four anthropomorphic creatures taught by their sensei in the sewers of Manhattan

Down

- 1. This yellow-pigmented five person family lays claim to the title of the longest animated series in US history
- 2. "Move it football head, how I hate you, and yet, how I love you"-Helga
- 6. "A baby's gotta do what a baby's gotta do"-Tommy
- 8. Let our powers combine! Earth! Fire! Wind! Water! Heart! By your powers combined...

Creative Corner

Gracia Johnson

Death

- Sweetness.
- Loss.
- Hope.
- Tears.
- Glory.
- Sadness.
- Healing.
- Anger.
- Relief
- Denial.
- Forgiveness.
- This is death.



Happy Thanksgiving!



Answers: Across: 3. Power Rangers 4. Transformers 5. Rockos Modern Life 6. Rugrats 8. Captain Planet 7. Doug 9. Futurama 10. Ninja Turtles Down: 1. The Simpsons 2. Hey Arnold

FCCLA “Amps it up” at Fall Leadership Academy

By Jena Sauber

Amp it up! No, we're not talking about turning up the volume of your iPod, but instead about “Amp it up!”, the theme for FCCLA District G's fall leadership conference. The Southeast of Saline Chapter was one of the chapters to attend FLA (Fall Leadership Academy) Oct. 25.

Twenty-nine members, two advisors and one guest attended FLA from SES. Members were recognized for last year's participation in STAR events and other local and district programs and encouraged to become leaders in their chapter this year. Featured speaker Michael Smith, National FCCLA President, spoke to the group about being “your best guardian” to go encourage member leadership.

Among the presenters from SES were Alex Earles, Megan Sauber, RanDee Platt, Cierha Berry and Elissa Stein. As a chapter, the school officers led the audience in “Hollywood Squares,” the game that was played at the membership party earlier this year.



Linsey Bolte and Kelsey Colby work the Prairie Patch Craft Show. FCCLA sold pies, pumpkin rolls and scrapbook kits. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

In addition to presenting, Southeast was represented by the high school drum line. They were invited to play to promote the “Amp it up!” theme at the Academy.

In other fall FCCLA news, members sold pies at the Prairie Patch Craft Show Nov. 4 to raise money for the organization. The baked goods were made by the members the week before.

On Nov. 17, members Victoria Johnson, Amanda Keeler, Jena Sauber, Caitlin Conley, Megan Sauber, Trell Peterson, Brittani Butler, Ciehra Berry, Alex Earles and RanDee Platt left for St. Louis to represent SES at the National Cluster meeting. Advisors Mrs. Juanelle Garretson and Mrs. Susan Wilson and sponsor Mrs. Lyniece Meyer also attended. They will listen to speakers, attend breakout sessions and tour the city while in St. Louis.

See the FCCLA web page, on the Southeast of Saline web page, www.usd306.com, for more information and upcoming events in FCCLA.

Scholars' Bowl claims gold, silver medals early

By Klint Spiller

Southeast of Saline's varsity scholars' bowl team started their season off strong by capturing first place and second place finishes at the two tournaments competed at so far this season.

At Beloit, led by seniors Andrew Bauer and Klint Spiller's 180 and 70-point efforts, the scholars were able to come away with the silver with a 4-3 record. The team was composed of Bauer, Spiller, sophomore Trask Engel and sophomore Kristi Hargadine.

The scholars' bowl team was able to capture the gold in Tescott, routing the competition

with an 8-0 record. Spiller led the scholars with 285 points, while junior Brent Sweany augmented his effort with 115 points. The championship team was composed of Spiller, Sweany, sophomore Megan Sauber and sophomore Trell Peterson.

“We've had some exciting rounds in these past two competitions, and we've been able to come out on top so far. We just have to keep on keepin' on,” Bauer said.

The freshman-sophomore team has competed in Russell and Belleville. Compiling a 2-3 record at Russell and a 5-1 record at Belleville, the scholars fell short of making the playoffs in

both meets.

“I thought that our first tournament was a learning experience for the freshmen and sophomores, but I think they gained some valuable experience,” scholars' bowl coach Bob Sauber said. “The second tournament was an enormous improvement. Winning five out of six in a tough tournament is quite an accomplishment. I'm looking forward to the rest of the season.”

The varsity squad is competing tonight in Solomon, and the freshman-sophomore team will compete next at Salina South on Nov. 30.

FFA senior Par-Law takes first at Central

By Gracia Johnson

FFA has done it again. Tuesday afternoon, at Salina Central High School, the Senior Par-Law team placed first in ritual, which includes the reciting of the opening and closing ceremonies for the meeting.

The team included Brent Sweany, Charley Staab, Taylor Short, Jamie Hitchcock, Amber Barnett and Bria Sweany. They also placed sixth in parliamentary procedure.

The Greenhand team, which consisted of Amanda Wilson, Becky LaShell, Shelby Shaw, Desi Herring, Breanna Speany, Kaleb Fehlman and Shannon Rogge, placed sixth in ritual and fourth in parliamentary procedure out of 13 teams.

The teams also took an FFA information exam and six of the members were in the top 10. Brent Sweany placed fifth. Fehlman placed sixth. Bria Sweany placed eighth and Spaeny, Rogge and Short all tied for 10th.

‘MIRACLE’ to hold tourney

By Jena Sauber

You've played three-base, but you've never played three-base like this.

MIRACLE, an area club designed to help the community, will hold a three-base tournament at SES on Dec. 16.

Individuals may sign up in the office or with Chloe Seim or Chelsea Hanks. Players, who will compete in ten-person teams, will pay \$3 at the door to help raise money for MIRACLE.

Teams that win will advance until a championship round is played and a final winner is determined. Awards will be given to the winning team.

Games will be played in the elementary and lower gyms. Teachers that are refereeing include Mr. Pat Haxton, and Mr. Kevin Noonan. There will also be a concession stand to raise more money for the organization.

The money that is raised will be used by the MIRACLE members to help repair local community places. Last summer, the group, then known as FRAPP, re-did the park in Assaria with a grant from YGMC. Now, they have formed a more permanent group and are looking for new members.

Those interested in becoming members of MIRACLE, may contact Chloe Seim or Chelsea Hanks, MIRACLE co-presidents.

Benoist teaches the ways of the warrior

By Max McClure

The Trojans fought, and they fell. But defensive coordinator Travis Benoist, couldn't be prouder of his defensive warriors who stood their ground two weeks ago against the third-ranked Scott City Beavers.

"In the old days, if warriors were knocked off their horses, they would stake themselves to the ground to show that they would hold their ground and fight no matter what," Benoist said.

Benoist, a Native American, comes from the Minnecouju Lakoka tribe, which means "Does not eat dog."

Benoist said the defense, which nearly held Scott City on the half-yard line at the end of the game, fought like the braves he had taught them to be.

"I get them to play well because of desire. The desire to be better than they were is what makes you better every year," Benoist said.

Benoist, who has assisted head coach Pat Haxton for the past seven years, said he tries to lead by example by demonstrating his desire to do his best in everything he does.

"There was once an old man that told me you will die in bed, so get out of bed and do something," Benoist said. "Every hour that I am awake I try to do something with my family, with work, with coaching, or going to the gym and working out. I try not to waste any time."

He has not wasted any time in instilling desire to sacrifice for the team in his players. Not only are his halftime talks peppered with Indian

warrior imagery, but he has also instituted the "black shirt" which has motivated his players to work hard every chance they get.

"A black shirt is an image of a warrior that will sacrifice for the team," Benoist said.

Benoist said that he had learned much about sacrifice from the family of Principal Monte Couchman, who sacrificed to give him a place to live during high school.

"I was a foster child at the Couchman house when I was in high school. I was in a situation where my family had moved away and I chose to stay. The Couchman family was such a good family they asked me to stay with them and I accepted," Benoist said.

Mr. Couchman and Benoist played on the same football team.

"I played defensive end and linebacker on defense and Mr. Couchman played center on offense. When I was on offense, I lined up right beside him. I played guard," Benoist said.

Benoist went on to play in college at Garden City Community College and Emporia State, where he met and practiced with Pat Haxton. Years later, Benoist said he knew Mr. Haxton was coaching out at Southeast and was asked to coach the defense.

"I asked him (Mr. Haxton) if

he was going to get the defense running correctly, so he asked me to come and help coach," Benoist said.

This added another item to Benoist's already busy schedule.

"I am a husband, uncle, coach, trainer and electrician," Benoist said. "Balancing these is tough, but my wife is wonderful and she allows me to continue with my passions."



Coach Travis Benoist stands with senior Nick Hardesty after a home game. Benoist has been coaching SES football for seven years. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Wrestlers hope for boost from new personnel

By Matt McGinty

After a rebuilding season last year, the Southeast of Saline wrestlers are looking forward to a boost from new personnel. Not only are they gaining more wrestlers but a pair of new coaches as well.

New head coach Travis Morris, who assisted the previous head coach Jeff Tanner last year, and new assistant coach Ryker Carter said that they plan to bring a whole new attitude to SES wrestling this year.

Not only is it Morris' first head coaching job, but it is also Carter's first coaching job. This season, Morris plans to focus on conditioning and getting more qualifiers to state.

Last year, the team placed second at the Southeast dual tournament and placed 17th as a team at State. They also had a fourth place State medalist, 171-pounder Mathew McGinty.

"I plan on working my wrestlers well enough to where we're able to have a winning season. With more numbers out this year, there'll be more competition for weight classes. Right now, all we need to do is prepare and work on getting better, so come February, we can come away with a victorious season," Morris said.

Morris doesn't see any reason why SES shouldn't be able to place in the top 10 at Regional and top 15 at State. He said that with hard work and

determination, the wrestlers are sure to show improvement.

"We have a few more seniors going out this year than in recent past years. I hope they can step up and show great leadership for a good year. I know we have several wrestlers capable of placing at state," Morris said.

Morris and Carter share a lot of the same goals for this year. They both plan on helping the kids build better character.

"I don't want to over-push the kids, but I'm going to work their tails off so they're ready for any opponent," Morris said. "Although we're short on numbers to fill a full team, we have a bunch of good wrestlers that'll help us win duals and tournaments hopefully."

Coach Carter agrees with Morris.

"One of our responsibilities as coaches is to help the kids improve. We want to work our kids hard enough so we can have team and individual success. I've known Mathew McGinty for a couple of years now and if all of the wrestlers have the heart and determination to win like he does, I know SES will come out on top," Carter said.

Along with the returning varsity wrestlers Ryan Hahn, Zach Short, Thomas Patry, Kale Schmid, Joel Platter, Jason Prater and Mathew McGinty, Coach Morris looks forward to seeing

what the up-coming freshmen can do.

The new coaches don't think work or family will interfere with their coaching duties. Coach Morris works currently at Eldorado Nation Engineering. He currently gets off at 3:30 p.m., so he's able to be at practice no later than 4:00p.m. Since Carter works for Professional Sprinkler Installation (PSI), he gets off earlier due to winter hours. Coach Carter runs warm-ups and helps with the workouts.

Coach Carter wrestled for Garden City through junior high and high school. Carter also wrestled for Labette Community College for a year but was forced to quit due to shoulder injury. Coach Morris wrestled for SES in junior high and high school. However, he did not continue into college due to other plans with his family.

"It's hard to fit wrestling into my planner, but it's worth it working with kids to make them better," Morris said.

SES wrestling began practice on Monday, Nov. 13; they will be having a scrimmage on Nov. 29, the week the wrestlers return from Thanksgiving break.

"I have a feeling that we'll start this year off right," said Morris.

After the wrestlers battle Ellsworth, their first tournament is in Lincoln Saturday at 10 a.m.

Boys' Basketball sets goals for new season

By Skylar Nosker

The Southeast of Saline Trojans boys' basketball team has set lots of goals for this season, as they try to improve from their 13-8 record from last year.

"Some of our goals for our team are win all of our home games, win the Blue and Gold Classic, win the Salina Invitational Tournament, win league, and of course win Sub-State and State. Now, those are some goals we set for our team, but our biggest goal is to improve every single game," said Coach Mike Davert.

The Trojans return two starters and a few with varsity experience.

Seniors Bryson Flax and Nick Hardesty will return to the starting lineup while seniors Doug Beaton, Zach Bradrick, Ross Terry, and junior Mitch Mugler will be returning. This group will provide the Trojans with a solid perimeter game.

"Our strengths are our guards and small forward. We have Bryson who's going to be a four-year starter, Nick will be a three year starter and Doug who can shoot, so I think our perimeter game, three-point, and quickness are some strengths. Some more strengths are rebounding and defense," said Davert.

With a proven backcourt, the ques-

Trojan Boys at a glance



Coach: Mike Davert

Key Losses: Jimmy McDowell, Justin Schropp, Brady Srna, Travis Sheets

Returning Seniors: Bryson Flax, Nick Hardesty, Doug Beaton, Ross Terry, Zachary Bradrick

Key Returners: Mitch Mugler

tion for the Trojans is how an unproven frontcourt will do this season.

"I wouldn't say it's a weakness but our post play is unproven. Between Ross Terry, Mitch Mugler and Jeff Schwerdtfager, I think the talent is there, but these are guys who have to step up for us," said Davert.

Schwerdtfager, who transferred to Southeast this year from Ell-Saline, can't play on varsity until after Christmas.

Other players fighting for playing time on varsity are Cole Lilly, Corey Srna, Tony

Kirkbride, and Tristin Scheel.

The Trojans lost four seniors from last year, including three starters.

"We lost Justin Schropp, Travis Sheets, Jimmy McDowell, who were all starters, and Brady Srna. So we lost some great senior leadership from last year," said Davert.

The Trojans tip off their season on Dec. 1 at home against Lost Springs-Centre but have a tough schedule, including a tough NCAA league.

"I think the competition is going to be very strong as it usually is. In our league you have to be ready to play night in and night out, especially on the road," said Davert. "It doesn't matter who we're playing; if you're not ready to play on the road, you're going to get beat."

Not only in our league but throughout our schedule are tough teams to test the Trojans before the playoffs.

"We have a real tough schedule. We have Chapman, which is a 4A school. We have our SIT, which has 4A and 5A schools. Our league is always tough. I don't think you can look anywhere on our schedule and find a sure win. We just have to come out and play every night," said Davert. "A tough schedule is good because it prepares you for the playoffs."

Lady Trojans aim for another successful season

By Max McClure

Concluding the past season with an upset against Northern Heights and a close game against state-qualifier Hesston, the SES girls' basketball team will return three starters -- Shayla Seim, Elissa Stein, and Kelsey Brown. Head Coach Wayne Sager said that he is looking for improvement in this season.

"You always think you can go very far. There are many factors that are involved in how a basketball season goes," Sager said. "Rebounding will be very important and also defense. We have to play a very intense help defense."

In prior years, the team has been known for full court trap pressing which Sager says will be very profitable.

"We will do some full court pressing. I think it is advantageous at the high school level for a girls' team," he said.

He also anticipates that the girls will run and gun.

"We will run when we can. We are not going to be a 'helter skelter' offense, but when the opportunity presents itself, we have the athletes that will be able to run," he said.

Sager wants to improve on last year's record of 7-15 in a difficult league.

"Our league will again be very tough. Last year we had many state contenders and qualifiers in our league," he said.

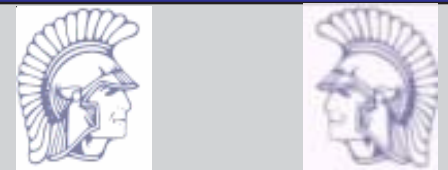
The team will look for strength in Kelsey Brown and Mandy Harding in the post and firepower in Shayla Seim, Elissa Stein, and Stephanie Frost on the wings.

"I think we will have a better inside presence and good outside shooters," he said.

Coach Sager added that he looks for continuity in his future teams by helping the junior high coaches for a couple of weeks before the high school basketball season.

"The junior high girls run some of the same drills that we do at the high school level, so I try to teach them how we do the drills at the high school level," Sager said.

Trojan Girls at a glance



Coach: Wayne Sager

Key Losses: Brooke Kent, Brandi Pounds, Holly Henry, Samantha Hargadine

Returning Seniors: Kelsey Brown

Key Returners: Shayla Seim, Elissa Stein

Runners mark milestone in SES history

By Klint Spiller

The Southeast of Saline boys have grown accustomed to making leaps of improvement at the State meet every year after qualifying five years in a row and placing 12th, 11th, 9th, and 3rd. Southeast of Saline senior Clinton MacDonald knew this year would be no different as they headed into the State cross country meet ranked second in 3A. The only question was whether the Trojan men would be able to pull off the upset and unseat the defending State Champions, Kansas City Christian.

"I felt like we could win, but it was going to be a really hard race. We would have to run some really good times," MacDonald said. "A lot of guys stepped up."

Heading into the meet, the guys had won six consecutive meets, including the NCAA League title in Downs and the Regional Championship in Lyons.

"Winning was great, but we really would have liked to be State Champions and have a banner in the gym," sophomore Max McClure said.

The Trojans fell short of continuing their winning streak at the State meet in Wamego on Oct. 28 as Kansas City Christian proved to just be too much of a powerhouse for the Trojans to handle. Kansas City Christian won the meet with a total of 43 points while Southeast of Saline placed second with 76 points. Norton finished third with 110.

Individually, the Trojans were led by two All-State performances. In the last race of his career, MacDonald finished in eighth place with a time of 17:31. MacDonald earned his fourth straight year of All-State honors.

"I feel like I could have and should have done more. I really wish I could have done better. This year . . . it just didn't happen for me," MacDonald said.

Engel placed 17th with a time of 17:55, earning his first year of All-State honors.

"My goal was to get All-State, and I accomplished that goal. I knew I could be up there," Engel said.

McClure finished the grueling 3.1 mile course in a time of 18:12, placing 22nd, while senior Andrew Bauer followed, running a time of 18:35 and placing 34th.

Sophomore Zach Short was Southeast's fifth runner, finishing in 53rd place in a time of 19 flat.

"We had a lot of potential going into the season. We just drew a few bad cards, but we were still able to fight through it and salvage second place," Bauer said. "This team has a lot of heart."

This year marked a milestone in Southeast of Saline's cross country history. In qualifying for the State meet, the boys marked the 20th time out of the 24 years of the program's existence that the Southeast guys have qualified for the State meet. It also marked the 13th time that South-

east has finished in the top three and the 9th time that Southeast has finished in the top two.

"I thought the guys worked really hard to accomplish the goals that they had set this year. We endured some illnesses and injuries but it didn't stop anyone from working hard and giving one hundred percent in the races," Head Coach Wade Caselman said.

On the girls' side, the ladies fell short of qualifying from the Regional meet, placing sixth. However, sophomore Sadie Roesner qualified to run as individual and placed seventh at the re-

gional meet.

"I proved to a lot of people that I can run like a man," Roesner said. "I couldn't have done it, though, without all my supporters cheering me on."

At the State meet, Roesner earned All-State honors to match her last year's All-State run, placing 12th in a time of 15:51. Roesner placed 10th last year at State.

"I was very pleased with her performance. It was probably her best performance of the year," Caselman said.



The guys cross country team poses with their second place State trophy at the medal ceremony in Wamego on Oct. 28. The team was composed of (top left-right) Clinton MacDonald, Andrew Bauer, Trask Engel, Garrett Sager, Klint Spiller, Zach Short, Ryan Unruh, (bottom left-right) Kody Lynn, Max McClure, and Michael Bauer. (Photo by Gary McClure)



Sadie Roesner (left) and Annie Martin of Riley County (right) applauds for one of the State medalists at the medal ceremony. Roesner earned All-State honors at Wamego, placing 12th. (Photo by Gary McClure)

Volleyball team concludes season

By Chelsi Hemphill

The SES volleyball season has come to an end with the Lady Trojans coming home with only two wins this season.

At Sub-State, varsity lost against Sacred Heart in the first round, bringing the season to a close. Sophomore Kaley Rodriguez said that the team was not overly impressed with their season but expressed her hope for the following season.

"I think we could've played a lot better than we did. I hope we play better next year," Rodriguez said.

Twenty-three game winning streak snapped

By Skylar Nosker

Saturday, Nov. 4, the Southeast of Saline Trojans ended their 23 game winning streak to the undefeated Scott City Beavers.

The game was a match up of the number one team in Class 3A versus the number three team. This was the biggest game of both teams season and it came down to the last three seconds.

The Beavers had the ball at the one-yard line with three seconds left in the game. The score was 22-22 and it was fourth down. The fate of the Trojans was in the hands of the defense, which came into the game ranked the best in 3A. Coach Pat Haxton was very confident in his defense going into the last play.

"I felt confident that we were going to stop them. That wasn't what I expected them to do but I felt confident," said Coach Haxton.

The Beavers, however, put their season in the hands of their junior tailback Calvin Hughes.

Hughes leaped the Beavers to the next round with his game ending touchdown. Hughes finished the game with a game high 104 yards rushing with the lone touchdown.

"He was tough," said Coach Haxton. "He delivered a blow every play. He was a running back who was very physical."

The first score of the game came from the Beavers. Senior quarterback Corbin Kuntsch ran towards the outside and reversed the ball to wideout Chance Chelemedos who connected with Kuntsch in the endzone for an eight yard touchdown pass. After the miss two-point conversion, the Beavers were up 6-0 with 3:55 left in the first quarter.

The Trojans went down 12-0 with 9:14 left in the first half when halfback Lakin Dreiling ran it in from four yards out.

Senior Nick Hardesty scored the first points for Southeast with a one-yard run. The Trojans cut the lead to four, 12-8 with 45 seconds left in the first half. But 45 seconds was plenty of time for the Beavers to drive downfield to put up a 28-yard field goal by Gabe Acosta making the score 15-8 at halftime.

Chelemedos threw his second touchdown pass of the night to tight end Ross Strube for 16 yards with nine minutes in the third quarter, making the score 22-8.

Hardesty then scored with 5:08 with a 3-yard touchdown run making the score 22-16 after a two-point conversion.

The Trojans' defense, which was ranked first in 3A going into the game, made a crucial goal-line stop late in the third quarter.

The offense then drove the length of the field to the 23-yard line where Hardesty completed a touchdown pass to junior Mitch Mugler to tie the game at 22-22 with 6:47 left in the game.

The Trojans' pushed down the field but turn the ball over on downs, which led to the Beavers' game winning touchdown.

Hardesty ended his last game at Southeast with 127 yards passing and 106 on the ground. He finished the season with 1359 passing yards and 1754 rushing with 48 total touchdowns, 30 on the ground.

"(Hardesty's) a playmaker. Our offense is based around our quarterback getting yards," said Coach Haxton. "Our offense is basically designed for the quarterback to be a running back who throws the football."

The Trojans' finished the season 10-1, winning the NCAA, District 13, and their Bi-District.

"It was a successful season. I'm a little disappointed on how it ended but the kids played hard and prepared to get better all year," said Haxton.

As for 15 seniors, this was their last game of a successful career.

"This is as special of a group of seniors I have ever had. This group went 34-3 their last three years and they had a tremendous role in all of that success," said Coach Haxton.

With the loss of these 15 seniors, the Trojans have some areas to work on for next year.

"I, myself, have to figure out who's going to play where and who's going to work hard enough to be on the field," said Coach Haxton. "Now, the whole team needs to work on getting faster, stronger, and bigger."



Senior Nick Hardesty runs the football away from the Scott City Beavers defense. The Trojans lost the game 28-22 on Sat. Nov. 4th. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Sports Box

By Sadie Myers

Football

Sept. 1	@ Republic Co.	16-0	W
Sept. 8	vs. Russell	46-6	W
Sept. 15	vs. Centrailla	40-8	W
Sept. 22	@Beloit	28-16	W
Sept. 29	TMP-Marion	52-0	W
(Homecoming)			
Oct. 6	@ Minneapolis	52-0	W
Oct. 13	vs. Ellsworth	50-6	W
Oct. 20	@Sacred Heart	40-6	W
Oct. 26	vs. Lyons	64-0	W
Oct. 31	vs. Norton	36-14	W
Nov. 4	vs. Scott City	22-28	L

Record 10-1

Volleyball

Aug. 29-Quadrangular (@ J. City)	0-3
Sept. 5-Russell	2-0
Sept. 9-SES Inv. Trny.	0-5
Sept. 12-Republic County	0-2
Sept. 19-Minneapolis	0-2
Sept. 26-Beloit	0-2
Sept. 30-@ Concordia Trny.	0-4
Oct. 7-@Council Grove Trny.	0-3
Oct. 10-Ellsworth	0-2
Oct. 17-Sacred Heart	0-2
Oct. 21-Sub State@Cuba	
Sacred Heart	13-25, 10-25

Record 2-27

Cross Country

Boys:

Aug. 31	Abilene	2nd
Sept. 7	Hesston	2nd
Sept. 14	Clay Center	1st
Sept. 19	SES Inv.	1st
Sept. 26	Lyons	1st
Oct. 7	Riley Co. Inv.	1st
Oct. 12	League	1st
Oct. 12	Downs	1st
Oct. 21	Regionals	1st
Oct. 28	State @ Wamego	2nd

Girls:

Aug. 31	Abilene	5th
Sept. 7	Hesston	14th
Sept. 14	Clay Center	7th
Sept. 19	SES Inv.	9th
Sept. 26	Lyons	4th
Oct. 7	Riley Co. Inv.	5th
Oct. 12	League	4th
Oct. 12	Downs	6th
Oct. 21	Regionals	6th

Boys Basketball

Dec. 1	Centre
Dec. 4-8	SHHS Inv. Tourney
Dec. 15	@Beloit

Girls Basketball

Dec. 1	Centre
Dec. 4-8	SHHS Inv. Tourney
Dec. 15	@Beloit

Wrestling

Dec. 1	@Ellsworth
Dec. 2	@Lincoln Quad
Dec. 7	SES

Keycard system now a lock for school doors

By Andrew Bauer

Intruders beware; Southeast of Saline will be installing a new keycard lock system—much like those found in hotels—on the exterior of the school within the coming weeks. The proposal was approved by the School Board on April 24, 2006.

“We want to increase safety and cut down on unauthorized access,” said Superintendent Bob Goodwin. “Safety and security are both primary considerations.”

The recent string of school shootings across the nation has influenced increased discussion of school safety. This, coupled with the fact that SES was victim to several nighttime robberies last year, influenced the board’s decision to purchase the system.

Presently, the doors that will require keycard access after normal school hours will include the north and east entrances, the entrance next to Mrs. Peck’s room, the elementary cafeteria doors, and the entrance next to Mrs. Tuzicka’s room. If a staff member needs to enter the building at after a designated time, he will need to swipe a keycard at one of the designated entrances.

The system costs \$12,000 and will be installed in the coming weeks sometime before Christmas break.

“We want to minimize the number of entrances to the school,” said Goodwin. “Right now we have 29 entrances and we want that number to be smaller.”

Keycards are generally considered to be more secure than standard keys, Goodwin said. A missing key could circulate through the public and be duplicated with little more than a five minute trip to Wal-Mart, meaning that new locks would need to be purchased to prevent unauthorized en-

trance. Keycards, however, are much harder to duplicate and can be set to only work for a certain time. Should someone need temporary access to the school, they can be issued a card that will not work after they are done needing it.

Despite the step forward in technology, Goodwin cautions that all may not go smoothly during the transition.

“I would hope that students and staff understand that this will be inconvenient for a while until we get used to the new system,” he said. “But once we get into it, eventually this will become a positive thing.”

High school musicians qualify for KMEA District honors

By Patrick Eslick

Six members of the band and vocal department made it into the Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) District Honor band. Auditions were held on Saturday, Nov. 4 at Riley County High School.

In the band, Andrew Bauer qualified for first chair snare drum, Kaleb Feist qualified as first chair tuba, Charlie Krager qualified as alternate piccolo, and Kayla Hemphill qualified as an alternate on clarinet. In the choir, Kody Lynn qualified as a tenor and Miranda Everhart qualified as a soprano.

For the audition, each musician rehearsed a piece beforehand and was given an additional piece to sight read.

“The kids were prepared well, and since they were prepared well, they performed well,” band director Quentin Breese said.

TRUST decorates school for Red Ribbon Week

By Megan Snook

In 1988, a DEA agent Kiki Camarena was murdered by Mexican drug lords. After his death, his family and friends started a trend which SES continues during Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31.

Camarena’s family and friends wore small bands of red satin symbols in his memory. Wearing this symbol spread throughout the prevention network. People saw Camarena as a hero because it was his belief that one person can make a difference.

TRUST carried on Camarena’s legacy at SES with the various Red Ribbon Week activities.

“TRUST plans the activities for the student body to participate in over the course of a week. Salina Prevention Partnership, who is the organization in Saline County that initiated and promoted Red Ribbon Week activities. DARE officers play a part in Red Ribbon Week activities as well as school resource officers,” TRUST sponsor Mrs. Sandy Rogers said.

TRUST had been planning the activities since the first meeting in September. On Monday, Oct. 23, TRUST members tied red ribbons onto car antennas before school at McDonalds, and seminars began decorating their doors. On Tuesday, Oct. 24, TRUST members, with the help of the fourth graders tied red ribbons onto car antennas at school during seminar, shared games, and STUCO had “Red Ribbon Treats.” On Wednesday, Oct. 25, the Red Ribbon kick-off elementary through junior high assembly was held and students were asked to wear red that day. Coach Pat Haxton was the guest speaker. On Thursday, Oct. 26, TRUST members made red light decorations for the football game and tied red ribbons onto car antennas during the game. On Friday, Oct. 27, BYOB (bring your own bowl) ice cream party was held, and SES students used senior Taylor Henson’s original design to paint red ribbons on the football field. Students who helped out with painting the field included seniors, Henson, Wyatt Hill, Todd Gribble, Keisha Thomas, Kristi

Mendenhall, and Megan Luthi. On Monday, Oct. 30, the seminar door decorations were judged, and on Tuesday, Oct. 31, “Sober Steve” and “Drug-Free Darla” visited elementary Halloween parties. Their message was “Say Boo To Drugs.”

“We had an evening meeting to plan activities that we could do. As a group, we had 2-3 meetings to plan Red Ribbon Week. TRUST President Kelcy Berry and Vice-president Shayla Seim helped lead the meetings,” Rogers said.



TRUST sponsor Terry Anderson attempts to recover from the many hours spent organizing Red Ribbon Week. (Photo by Sadie Myers)