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The student section at the A team volleyball tournament cheered on the team during the final tournament of the season. For the season story, see page 7.



Seventh graders pose for a picture at the beginning of school year dance. The theme of the dance was "western" and was hosted by the junior high STUCO.

Call of the Wild: Calling all adventure lovers

By: Andrew Knopf

Do you like to watch action movies? If so, this movie is for you. This movie will have you on the edge of your seat from the beginning to the end. In this movie, the main character is a big Saint Bernard dog named Butch. The movie takes place just east of Alaska during the 1890s. This movie is based on the Call of the Wild book by Jack London. This movie is the first movie produced based on his book.

When I was watching this movie I was on a long drive to North Carolina, and man, this movie kept me entertained for the whole 1 hour and 40 minutes that the movie lasted. In my opinion, this movie

is one of the best I have ever watched. I would highly recommend this movie to the teenage and tween age group and older. Common Sense Media also recommends it for ages 9+.

The beautiful scenes in this movie, expert filming, and plot are just a few things that make this movie so good. Also, if you like action movies, this movie is action-packed, and if you don't like action movies as much, this movie would still be a good option for you because there are lots of heartfelt moments too. For example the love between the dog and the dog's owner.

One more thing that makes this

movie so good is that the plot is amazing!

The plot makes you be on the edge of your seat the entire time. For example, the dog and his man go on this crazy adventure off of the maps.

In conclusion, the Call of the Wild movie is the best of the best. It has good action scenes and beautiful scenery. The movie is rated PG and is 1 hour and 40 minutes long.



Trojans Helping Trojans

By: Jack Stein

Have you ever heard of "Trojans Helping Trojans?" Because if you haven't then you should keep reading. Trojans Helping Trojans is a school service that was created to

help people that had family tragedies or hardships. The people that help with the program give people some money so they can use it for what they need. (*Continued on page 3*)



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By: Jack Stein

The people that originally created the service are former student, Nicollete Caselman and Sandy Rogers, who was the school nurse at the time. They did this in 2013. They created it when one of Nicolette's friends was having a hard time with their dad's cancer. She and Mrs. Rogers raised some money for the friend and people from the committee kept the program going in future years.

Some ways that Trojan Helping Trojans gets money is by the

Musical fees which are usually around \$5. Some people's personal donations go to Trojans Helping Trojans, and some STUCO concessions are part of the donations as well. Sometimes there are auctions or other fundraisers. Overall this service should be recognized and thanked for the hard work that they put in.

The program is definitely a thing that you should be involved in or help with. So we should thank the people that support Trojans Helping Trojans. We appreciate

what you are doing.

The staff members who represent the committee are Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Gebhardt, Mrs. Parry, Mr. Peterson, and Mrs. Rohrer. We should also thank the people that donated or helped but are not currently active. The program is definitely a thing that students should be involved in or help with when they can. Thank you to those supporting Trojans Helping Trojans. We appreciate what you are doing.

The Salemsborg haunted trail is the place to be during spooky season!

By: Breckyn Widmark

Have you ever been to the Salemsborg Haunted Trail? The Salemsborg haunted trail is located on Salemsborg Road, Smolan, KS, and is located behind the Salemsborg Lutheran church.

The haunted trail is only open October 21, 27, and 28 this year, but the last week got postponed to November 3 and 4 this year because of the weather. The wait time is about an hour to an hour and a half, but they make waiting in line fun. There is food, drinks, and people with scary masks to take pictures with. The cost per person is \$10-\$20, which I would say it's totally worth it. The haunted trail itself takes about 30 minutes to an hour and fifteen minutes, but could be longer depending on how busy it is.

The haunted trail changes up

every year, which makes it fun to go back. Things included in the haunted trail are tight spaces, bright flashing lights, people who jump out and scare you, and other cool things as well!

The haunted trail is very fun, and something different to do because it is only open around Halloween time. I would recommend this to people who are a little bit older and don't get scared easily. I first went when I was 10 years old, and

have been going since and it was a little bit scary. I would also recommend this to people who are up for a challenge, or to have a scary Halloween!



A group of seventh graders at the Salemsborg haunted trail on November 4.

667 ride has JH helpers

By :Morgan Stephenson

The 667 Ride is a blast. During the 2023 667 Ride Morgan Stephenson, Mason Deckard, and Caden Peterson all did something to help out on the ride. They moved things and helped carry boxes of all sizes and move door prizes as well. According to Mason Deckard, "Lots of people attend this ride each year. Also according to Mason, "About 230 people went this year and hopefully more next year as well."

Mason's parents help organize the ride and he says, "They mostly use Facebook and make it public so people all over can see when and where the ride takes place."

This ride's start point takes place at the Assaria Park each year. People can go into some trails and go on a poker run. A poker run is where people go on a ride from place to place getting different poker cards. At the end whoever has the best hand wins a prize.

They also had food after the ride. They had pork sandwiches and this year nachos as well. This ride goes all

night and it's a good time, The planners encourage safety. Caden Peterson has gone several years with his family. This year he helped. "I think it was worth helping out, it was a good time and a good experience."

He added, "It is possible to break stuff on you side by side but if you are responsible it could still happen but there's a smaller chance." If you drive safely you can still have a fun time during the ride.

The ride uses the money they make to help the city improve places in town, like the baseball field. This is an annual ride so if you are interested you can go next fall.



Morgan Stephenson, Caden Peterson and Mason Deckard covered in mud at 667 mud pits.

Caleb keeps the beat

By :Andrew Knopf

Have you ever wanted to get an inside scoop on a percussionist in the J.H. band? Well, I'm going to do just that. Caleb Knopf is an 8th grader who attends Southeast of Saline and participates in the band playing the quads. He started playing the quads at the end of his 7th-grade year. However, he has been participating in the percussion section of the band since he was in 5th grade.

If you don't know what the quads are they are a percussion instrument that has 4 different drums that are all hooked together that play different tones. The reason they are so hard to play is that you have to move your hands really fast all around the set of drums and it is easy to drop the sticks. Caleb said the hardest song for him to play is Havvana. "It is hard because there are a bunch of different notes and the rhythm changes a lot."

Caleb says his favorite drum cadence song to play is Canada. Canada is a drum cadence.

Caleb said his favorite thing about band is, "Playing pep band music because I get to play louder and more often."

He got started playing the quads in 7th grade because "We did a rotation day for the percussion kids in band and I got the chance to play the quads and Mr. Keasling thought I sounded really good so he let me play on the pep band with the high school."

He is planning on doing band through high school.



Caleb marches at the Gypsum fall fest.

8th grade career trip

By: Kendra Turner

On October 17th the South-east of Saline 8th graders went on a career trip to KSU in Salina, in the morning. They went to Salina Tech in the afternoon. The kids learned about the programs they offer.

The students got to enjoy the student life center and they got prizes for trivia at the end of the tour at KSU. When the kids ate lunch there was Chinese food, pizza, and dessert. The buffet was a hit.

Brielle Felzien says her favorite part about the trip was “Learning about the nursing program at Salina Tech because the instructor of the nursing program was really interesting and went

really in depth with how she taught and what she wanted us to know”.

Alea Barnaby says her favorite part about their career trip was “Going to the virtual reality room where they got to see the different equipment that students are allowed to use.”

She also liked the lunch because they had many different options for food. She said it was all very good and they had ice cream which was the best part.”



8th grade looks at a mechanical build.



8th graders look at planes.



8th graders check out helicopters during the career trip.



8th graders look at the drone lab during the career trip.

The SES JH Trojans football team finishes season 4-2

By: Deegan Gustavson

The SES Jr High football teams concluded their year on October 12th. There were 37 guys out for the team this year.

The A Team played their first game against the Sacred Heart Knights, on August 31, which ended with a score of 32-6. The Trojans next opponent was Russell Middle School, where SES barely pulled off an 18-12 win.

Unfortunately, they suffered their first-season loss against Ellsworth, 42-34 in game 3. Their loss was followed by a scoreless game against Beloit with a score of 0-48.

A big roster shows there is a lot of interest in the sport of football right now. "I joined football so I could hang out with my friends and hit people," says 7th grader Christian Peterson.

Things turned up for the Trojans during their next game against Republic County, where they won 2-0 because of a heavy defensive game. However, quarterback Ty Kaniper suffered a collarbone injury leading to 7th grader Burton Brooks being the new A-team quarterback. And for the final game of the season, the Trojans faced off against the Minneapolis Lions with a score of 18-6, ending on a high note.

Overall, The SES A Team finished the season 4-2, and the SES B Team had an undefeated season, finishing 6-0.

One challenge however, due to the number of athletes out on other teams, was that 7th grade often had to play a 5th quarter running clock. Seventh grader Ryker Hawbaker says, "Jr High football in 7th grade isn't completely what I thought it would be. I thought we would have full games instead of a 5th quarter."

The trojans were coached by Coach Schoenfeld, Coach Krehbiel, and Coach Goodell.



Ty Kaniper runs the ball against Sacred Heart.



Burton Brooks stiff arms a Beloit player in the B game.

Opponent	SES A-team	SES B-team
Sacred Hart	W 32-6	W 12-0
Russel	W 18-12	W 8-0
Ellsworth	L 12-34	W 8-0
Beloit	L 0-48	W 12-0
Republic County	W 2-0	W 14-0
Minneapolis	W 18-6	W 24-8
	Overall 4-2	Overall 6-0



A team defense lines up against Russel.

JH Volleyball: Amazing season of winning

By: Paige Lacy

The SES Junior High volleyball team has had an awesome season. They were almost undefeated!

On the SES volleyball team, 7th grader Jael Vaughan, who played both B team and A team, said that the hardest team to beat in the B team season was Beloit and Smoky Valley because their coaches were really good.

Aubri Hoskins said that her favorite position in volleyball this year was right back (the servers spot) because she got to serve a lot and she is really good at serving. Also, Aurbi said that she serves underhand because overhand is harder for her. She also said that she kind of likes subbing in and out because it gives her a break but she also does not like to because she wants to play the whole game and get

some playing time.

Jael said she likes to set and spike the best and she doesn't really like bumping it. She wouldn't be libero because you can't hit or set in the back row because you can't pass the 10 foot line but she said if she was libero then at least she could still serve.

The end of the season there were tournaments, B team got 2nd at their tourney and A team got 1st at their league tourney.

A Team: 23-2
1st Clay Center Tourney
1st in League, League Tourney

B Team: 14-11
C Team: 7-4



8th grade volleyball players with volleyballs signed by the team



Madelyn McFadden serving in league tourney



Kyiah Samuelson blocking at the net



Reese Heinrich going up to set in a home volleyball game.

J.H cross country wraps up season

By: Thomas Willis

The Cross Country season is a wrap. The team and each individual worked hard throughout the season.

The last meet of the year was held at Rock City Minneapolis, Kansas. The people that placed in league are 7th graders, Joseph Bircher 2nd and Thomas Willis 4th.

In 8th grade, Zackary Carlin got 2nd in league and Brooks Carlin got

3rd in league for 8th grade boys. Kyla Hamel got 3rd in league and Ava McGraw got 5th in league for the 8th grade girls.

These are the things the athletes like about the season "After the meet that you get to hangout and that its really fun," said Andrew Knopf, 7th grader. Through the season a lot of people got personal records. Andrew Knopf got a per-

sonal record of 3 minutes at the Riley County meet. "The best course to run at was Riley county because it wasn't that hilly and it was cold out." said Andrew Knopf.

Cross country is not an easy sport and takes dedication from each athlete to see improvement. We had another successful season due to this," said

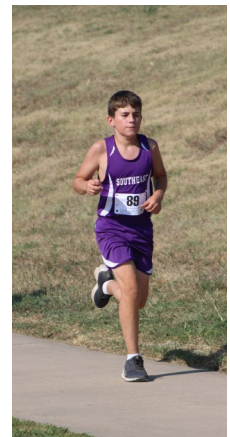
Mr. Schroder about the team working hard at each practice. "All the athletes improved throughout the season. It is awesome to see the athletes to continue to improve each day at practice and meets", said Mr. Schroeder about the improvement he saw throughout the season.



8th grade girls starting their race at the Sacred Heart Invitational.



Cooper Rohrer finishing strong at the Sacred Heart meet.



Andrew Knopf running at the Sacred Heart Invitational.



8th grade cross country team posing for a picture.



Alea Barnaby running at the Sacred Heart Invitational.



Ava McGraw on her second mile at the Sacred Heart Invitational.

Coffee Shop a Hit

By: Brooklyn Lefort

Do you like to spend \$7.00 on a coffee or spending \$1.50 on your coffee every morning of school and before class starts. Mary Weis started the coffee shop. She has 2 people help her work the coffee shop and every 2 months they get switched out.

The coffee shop opens at 7:55 then it closes when school starts. It then opens at seminar then it closes when seminar starts. The people who buys the most coffee is JH kids because they did not have car to get some so they get it for school. Mary Weis stays there a little bit after to clean up unless she have a class then she so but then she comes back to clean up. The coffee shop has been opened for 3

years.

At the beginning of the school year the coffee shop is a very huge hit. The most popular drink at the coffee shop is hot chocolate, caramel cold brew and mocha cold brew.

They have lots of drinks for cold drinks they have the caramel, mocha and vanilla cold brew. For hot drinks they have hot chocolate, French vanilla and plant coffee. They also have seasonal drinks like pumpkin spice and apple cider.



Aera Ade and Aubri Hoskins, at the coffee shop before class for their favorite coffee in the morning with their favorite way to start the day.

Starbucks helps you wear up with the wear

By: Paige Lacy

It's fall! That means Pumpkin Spice is everywhere -- including the famous Starbucks! In my opinion, Starbucks is the best coffee shop in Salina because the food is really good and the coffee and refreshers are really good too.

The downtown Salina Starbucks on Santa Fe is my favorite, because it has a lot of inside seating and outdoor seating. But the one by the Homewood Suites has no seating outside. It is usually very crowded because the people that are staying in the hotel above Starbucks come down there. Also, the people that live close to there also like to go there

in the morning or at brunch.

In the fall, there are usually some pumpkin spice drinks like the pumpkin spice latte or the pumpkin spice cold brew. In my opinion they are both really good. You could get them with caffeine or with no caffeine and also with or without coffee. There is some type of music almost all of the time to sit and sip your drink and enjoy the day. In almost all of the Starbucks there is usually music playing. They have a board and you can write positive things on it or some funny answers. You can also try the White mocha with pumpkin cold foam.

In my opinion that is a really good drink you could get only in fall time! So hurry and get the fall drinks so you can try them so you don't miss out!



This is a picture of Starbucks in Salina Kansas

Drones in Tech lab *By Reporter Elias Krehbiel*

Seventh grade Tech lab students in Mr. Schroeder's class are doing a competition for flying drones at Southeast of Saline. The point is to teach the students about a career in drones and how to create a business if they ever wanted to.

In the class, students make a drone business where they have to get a sponsor. For example Elias Krehbiel, JJ Riedel, Brogan Isaacson and Katelynn Toews made the company Airborne Race Co. and got Brogan's dad's company, Isaacson Trucking, to sponsor them they also had to make and design t-shirts, make a marketing video, and have a good racer flying for the company.

The students also recently got 3 computers working for a simulator in the Tech lab so now they have something to practice on.

A lot of kids like the class. Zack Heller says, "I like flying

drones because it's exciting." Isaiah Olander says, "my favorite part about Tech lab is flying drones." A lot of other responses were positive and show that students liked it.

Mr. Schroeder also likes teaching, he says, "I like teaching the drones class because it's new for the students."

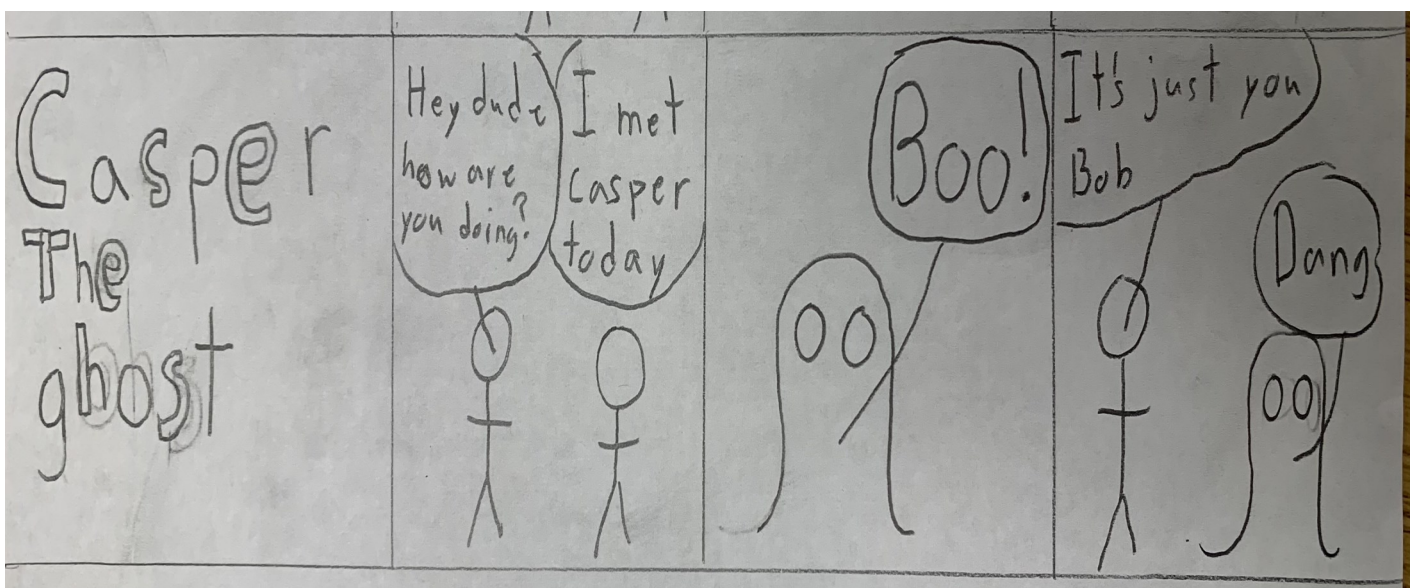
The students went on a trip to K-State to look at people with a career in drones and learned what type of jobs you can get like surveillance or spraying chemicals on crops. They also looked at other things they had near the drones, like a zombie simulator and a van they have where they can control drones while following the drone.

Overall, the students have enjoyed Tech lab

whether it's the K-State trip, flying a drone or trying to build a business.



Tech lab students at K-State learning about a big drone



A cartoon made by Cullen Manning and Christian Peterson.

Parents that work at the school and have kids in school

By: Taegen Weaver

Have you ever wondered how you would feel if you had a parent as a staff member? Likewise a staff member with a kid in school? A few of the staff members with kids here at school are Mr. Owen, Mrs. Lacy, and Mrs. Bradley. All of them have students in JH.

“What is your favorite thing about being our principal with Juliana is school?” Mr. Owen replies “I like being in the same school as all of my students.”

There are things that aren’t so great about being a principal though when it comes to family time. Mr. Owen said, “Sometimes there are long hours and it can take away time from my family.”

Mrs. Lacy also has a student in junior high.

This is what she likes about Paige in school Mrs. Lacy

said, “I guess just being here to see if she needs anything and being able to attend all her sports programs”

As for why she likes being a nurse, she said, “I love working with kids and being able to spend more time with my girls” said Mrs. Lacy

Mrs. Bradley’s favorite thing about teaching Tay is, “That I get to see her in a different role,” said Mrs. Bradley.

It might be hard to see your kids if they aren’t in the grade you teach. Mrs. Bradley said “It is easy to teach Tay but could be difficult to teach my other kids.”

And that is what the staff members think about working with their kids in school.

Isaiah enjoy’s lego challenges

By: Jack Stein

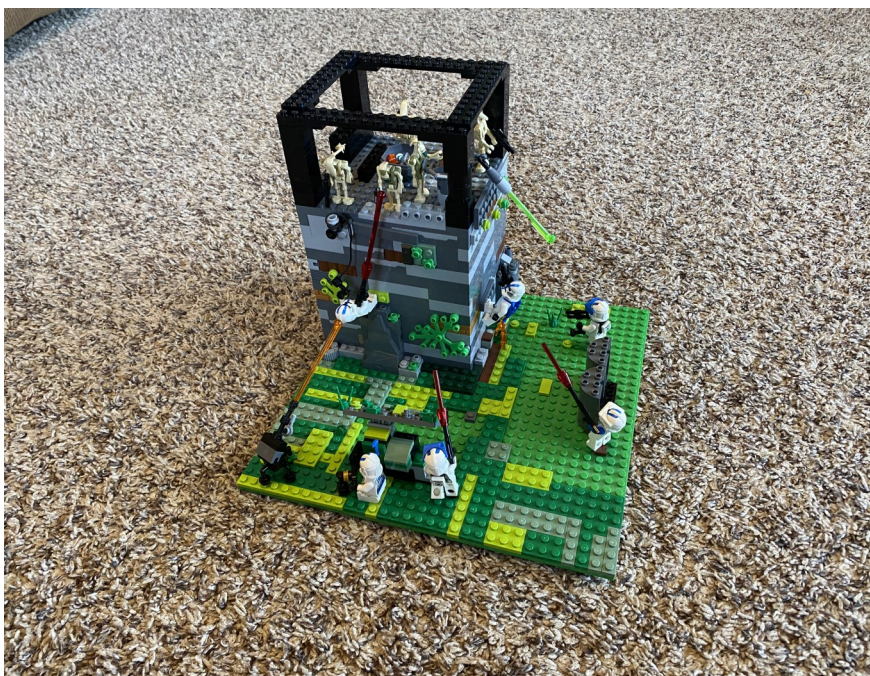
Isaiah Olander 7th grader at SES, builds legos in his spare time.

He said that his favorite lego set is called the “Slaved One.” Isaiah spends about thirty minutes everyday if he has time, building or playing with legos.

One of Isaiah’s favorite lego genres is Star Wars. His second favorite is Harry Potter. One of the lego sets that Isaiah wants to build is the UCS ATAT. It is a vehicle that walks on four legs that appears in the Star Wars movies.

Isaiah states that, “I would rather build a big lego set than a small one because it has more features.”

Some benefits of building legos is that you will have good hand eye coordination, and also you will gain patience. One of the awards that Isaiah won was the grand champion (first place) winner for the 4-H fair. He built a Star Wars themed tower with storm troopers, and bushes that made him win. The project was called Jungle Tower Attack.



This is Isaiah’s lego creation called Jungle Tower Attack that won him champion (1st place) at the 4-H fair.

Jokes

Why couldn’t the all star football player listen to music?

He broke all of the records.

Why was Cinderella taken off the volleyball team?

Because she ran away from the ball.

What should slow Cross Country runners eat before they run a long race?

Fast food.

SCP Foundation Site Wiki underused by many people

By: Cullen Manning



The SCP Foundation Site Wiki is a website that is full of fictional monsters, objects, events, etc. called SCPs.

SCP stands for Secure. Contain. Protect. It has over 7,000 monsters, events, and objects of different kinds. In my personal experience, I've met so many people that haven't used the

SCP Foundation Site Wiki so I am going to teach you a bit about it. I like this site because it helps me use my imagination. There is always something to read about, therefore, my rating for this site is pretty good! This site could be good for children ages 10+ who need something to think about that is imaginary.

The site is pretty fun when it comes to things that are funny, scary, amazing, etc. This could be good for people who just need something to read, whether out of boredom or ex-

citement. The site itself is very informative of the things in the articles, therefore it is useful if you want to know more.

The site is very underrated and I think it needs to be used more often worldwide. You can change the language to read it, and that makes it ten times better for people who don't speak English. To conclude, the site needs to be more popular and well-known.

Cozy Burger grilling the day away

By: Christian Peterson



Cozy Burger Inn is the best place there is. It needs more seating and tables but it does have really good burgers.

My experience with Cozy Burger's is that my dad was cutting wheat in the field and he was getting hungry this summer. I went to cozy burgers and ordered 18 sandwiches and delivered them to him in the field. They were gone in five seconds.

The reason I like cozy burgers so

much is they are really fast in serving you. They always taste good. They are open from 10am to 9pm, except on Sundays when they are open from 11am to 8pm. They have a website and it tells you their history, stories and has their menu.

Chick-fil-a is the best fast food in Salina

By: Elias Krehbiel



Have you had Chick-fil-a? If you have, chances are that you liked it and if you're like me, every time you are near it you ask if you can go.

The reason I like Chick-fil-a is because of the waffle fries they make, and they are always nice when they talk to customers. They say things like "It's always a great day at Chick-fil-a" and "My pleasure".

They always make customers happy and even if you make a mistake they will say my apologies. I prefer their ketchup packets because they hold a lot and have 2 ways to use them. This is better than the ketchup packets that only have one way to tear them. They also have the best ice out of any other

fast food restaurant. They use ice that is crunchy, small and plentiful while McDonalds has hard ice that isn't crunchy.

The seats, tables and the area around the location is usually clean too, and their employees clean the tables regularly.

The only problem with them is they are sometimes too nice which makes them seem like they are reading off a script and their managers tell them what to say. They also have nice tables and seating if you don't want to go through the drive through.

Their food is also really tasty. My favorite is their chicken sandwich and nuggets with their waffle fries or fruit cups

Though Chick-Fil-a has some room for improvement, I think that Chick-Fil-a is a great restaurant/fast food place that you should eat at and if you haven't tried it, you're missing out.

Hunters Ed: a boring day, exciting reward

By: JJ Riedel

Do you like hunting? Then Hunter Education is right for you. Hunter's Ed, this is a class someone takes to be able to hunt alone and by yourself and hunt on public property.

Hunter's Ed classes are in all kinds of locations and there are multiple offered every year. Some are multiple days and some are online reading with a one day class.

I took the online reading and one day class, and let me tell you, it is super boring because it takes three hours to read online and in class we go over everything we already read. That means it takes longer. Usually, there is a pretest, then hunters have time to read and look at guns etc. then they take the final. The pretest is 25 questions and the final is 52 questions. The final is easier than the pretest, but it's not that hard.

The field day part of Hunters Ed is fun though. Hunters get to do trap shooting, archery, and shoot a 22 caliber, and sometimes a black powder rifle. They do a field walk which is basically a simulated hunt, like crossing fences and locating animals. It's really fun and easy, and it's helpful. They supply ear plugs, and the guns, along with ammo. They teach you how to shoot. It's hands on learning. They also teach how to load the gun.

In conclusion, the people are nice and helpful. The whole thing is very straight forward and simple. It's worth it because in all reality, when you're done, you're done, and you only have to do it once. Participants who complete the course, get a certificate and card along with a really cool patch.

7th graders like dove hunting

By: Leighton Nutsch

Living in Kansas, it isn't uncommon for families to go hunting, and several JH students fit that mold when it comes to dove hunting. Opening week took place on September 1st and several JH students went with their families.

Nolan Schoenfeld went with his dad, grandpa, uncle and brothers. This year his group shot the limit the first time they went out. Nolan's family cooked the dove by wrapping it in bacon and barbecue sauce.

JJ Riedel is a student who goes to Southeast of Saline. JJ's shotgun is a Remington 1100 LT 20. He went hunting in Beloit and he went with his friends James, Joey, and his dad. The second time he hunted with Morgan, Joey, Brandi, and his dad. JJ says that "Dove hunting is fun because there is a lot of action in it." He likes it more than deer hunting because it is more simple.

Morgan Stephenson is a 7th grader who goes to

Southeast of Saline. Morgan has shot five doves this year. Morgan says that "Dove hunting in the evening is better than in the morning because you see more doves."

Jack Stein is also a 7th grader at Southeast of Saline. Jack goes dove hunting once or twice a weekend. Jack likes going dove hunting with his brother because his brother can shoot more doves that they can eat.



JJ Riedel 7th grader watches for doves.

JJ and Andrew's Hunting Joke Corner

- 1 Why couldn't the Mexican go hunting?... He didn't habanero!
- 2 What's a deer's favorite place to get ice cream?...Deery queen!
- 3 Why did the deer get braces?...He had buck teeth!
- 4 A vegetarian asked what I felt when shooting a deer ... I replied, "Recoil."

4-H teaches the youth leadership and Education

By: Tenley Mannel

I have been in 4H for 1 year, I belong to the Gypsum Valley 4H club. My favorite thing in 4-H is doing new arts and crafts each year.

4H is a good experience because you can get better at projects that you want to learn about. My favorites are baking projects and trying new crafts. You can think of anything you want to do and then see if you can do it. Someone who lives around animals or loves animals would enjoy the livestock projects such as Beef Cattle, Horses, or Swine.

People may think getting judged will be scary and horrible, but 4-H members have to be judged at the fair and it is a learning experience. It's the total opposite of being scary, depending on what you're getting judged on.

Clubs meet once a month, our area clubs both have meetings that start at 6:00 or 7:00 typically. If you're someone who plays sports and they are right after school you will still be able to go to the meetings if they start late enough.

My opinion on 4-H is that it is very fun, and to get great opportunities that they have. I was against 4-H at first but then I joined and it's really fun and worth my time. I love hanging out with my friends

and 4-H makes us closer during the events we do together.



Gypsum valley members ride their 4-H float at Gypsum fall fest.



Friendly Valley members ride their 4-H float at the Fair.

Pancho's: best restaurant in town.

By: Jael Vaughan

Pancho's is located on Riffel Drive by Wendy's. My overall rating is 5 stars because their burritos are SOOO good.

I went to Pancho's not too long ago and boy was it bussin. I got the bacon burrito, as that is my favorite. I also got the pink lemonade and it was good too.

I would definitely recommend eating these meals over a table because I did spill eggs everywhere out of my burrito. I would say it is a good idea to let it cool first, but they are so delicious that I can't help but eat them right away. I have been there more than 10 times and every time I go, I get more excited for the next time.

I think Pancho's is the best restaurant in Salina, KS. They have amazing food, but it is also very in-

expensive for the proportion of food you get. I would dock their star rating for not having a dine-in area, but their food is just so good they still get a 5 star rating.

A tip I have is go at 3-4 pm if you do not want to wait in line. A positive is that they are open 24 hours, 7 days a week, with exceptions of basic holidays like Christmas, Labor day, etc.

Also, they are on our school spirit cards, so every time I place an order at Pancho's, I get a free medium soft drink. I think it is also great that they offer jobs for local kids.



Melody and Joseph compete in Soccer *By: Katelynn Toews*

Do you enjoy soccer? Melody Fellers and Joseph Bircher do and they enjoy it and are good at it. They play soccer in Salina, KS and their season is in the fall and spring. Joseph is on a club soccer team, Melody is on a Recreational level soccer team.

Melody has 37 people on her team, and Joseph has 15 people on his team. "I like doing soccer but I would much rather do volleyball because it is more fun and enjoyable," says Melody. Joseph's team name is Surf Mexico, and he plays on a club soccer team. Melody's team name is SCFC.

If Joseph could rank himself ability wise, he said he would rank himself 3rd on his team. Joseph plays Center Back and he loves his position. Center back means the person is in the back but in the center. Joseph has done soccer since 3 or 4, Melody has done it since she was 2 but she has done competitive soccer for 7 years.

Melody's position is goalie but she would much rather be Forward, so she can make goals. On Jo-

seph's team, they don't do many fun things but every once in a while they go and do something really fun. Joseph's team you would have to try out, but Melody's team you don't have to tryout.

Most of Melody's soccer games are on Saturday's and Sunday's a month apart at Stricker Sports Wichita. If Joseph could change anything about soccer he said it would be that he would change from

11 people on the field to 13 or 14 for more coverage.

Next time you see Melody or Joseph, ask them about their soccer seasons!



Melody protects the soccer ball during a game

New SES JH Cheer Coach

By: Tavyn Haymond

The Southeast of Saline junior high cheer squad has a new coach.

There is a new coach for the junior high cheer squad at southeast of saline. Her name is Amber Blume. She is 19 years old, almost 20, she was a cheerleader in her younger years and she loved it a lot.

She wants us to love it as much or half as much

as she did, that is why she is the coach for the junior high cheer squad.

Amber said she had a lot of fun coaching the girls during football season, and she can't wait for basketball season. She is very excited for there to be more girls on the team.

Kelbi Hungate said, "Coach Amber can be scary but she is a good coach overall" and that she is very excited for basketball season and can't wait to be the captain and help out the coach.

Kelbi said that she worked to the best of her ability the whole fall season and she plans on working even harder as a captain for basketball season. She is hoping to be better during basketball season and work on her form and teach the girls to do all the stuff and help them.



Kayla Everett-Retter (in front) and Mailana Molina (in back) cheer for SES JH football.

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(above) Taryn Goetz and Kyla Hamel working on some sewing in FACS class. The 8th graders made stuffed monsters for kindergartners.



The JH Band marches at Gypsum Fall Fest. Shelby Wisdom plays clarinet, while Andrew Knopf and Isaiah Olander play sax.



Below: 8th graders enjoy a freeze pop on a warm day in Quarter 1 during Trojan Time.



Tara Richardson, Mackenzie Soell, Hannah Thiel, and Olivia Swenson work on a "Phyllis" for a pumpkin contest. Their advisory won funniest pumpkin award.



8th grader Mackenzie Soell tosses fire as a twirler ahead of the band in Gypsum.



L-R Congratulations to Olivia Swenson (8th grade - trumpet), Diehl Forsberg (7th grade - tuba) and Katelynn Toews (7th grade - flute) for auditioning and being selected to perform in the middle school KMEA honor band.