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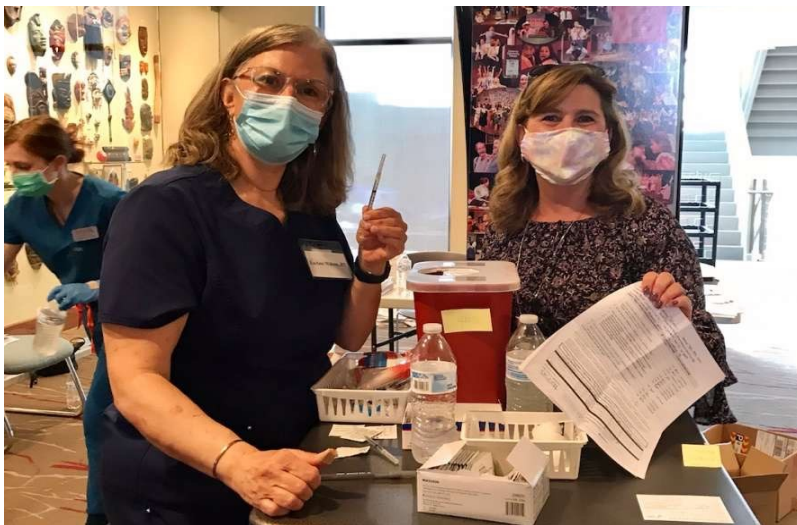
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*Bishop Seabury Academy*

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By 3rd Party



These two women volunteer by giving patients covid vaccines at Theater Lawrence. "The shot is painless," says junior Anna Johnson.

## Bishop Vaccinebury

### Vaccine rollout continues

By Evan McHenry, Audrey Nguyen-Hoang & Catharine Richards

Last March, Seabury's extended spring break turned into online classes for the rest of the year, and life as we knew it came to a standstill. Now, over a year later, the landscape is beginning to change.

Kansas is now in Stage 5 of its vaccine rollout, a process that began not long after Pfizer and Moderna both announced successful vaccine trials in November. This means that everyone aged 16 and up is eligible to sign up for the vaccine.

In February, Seabury Senior Audrey Nguyen-Hoang visited the Lawrence Memorial Hospital to talk to the people involved in the vaccine distribution.

Initially, there were some hiccups in the rollout: "Any big effort like this requires a lot of preorganization, and I think that was the problem," says Laura Bennetts, a physical therapist and clinical rehabilitation manager at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. "We had some confusion about 'is the federal government going to do it or is the state government doing it?' and it really requires everyone working together to pull something like that off." Despite some initial disorganization, inoculations have ramped up, and now nearly 33 percent of all Kansans have received at least one vaccine dose. Douglas County has done particularly well, in fact, and

Governor Laura Kelly even praised the county over Twitter for putting 4,092 shots into arms last week.

Some people are still hesitant to get the vaccine, however. "I would say that the studies and the research is there to show how effective the vaccines are, but I do understand the hesitation," says Madison Urban, a KU Pharmacy student helping at the clinic. "The vaccines came out really quickly. I am definitely pro-vaccine and would advocate for the vaccine anyway, but I would never force anyone to get a vaccine that absolutely didn't want one." It is true that the vaccines were developed and approved at record pace, but this does

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## Better Than Ever

### Seabury clubs emerge from the pandemic

By Matthew Petillo

More than a year ago, the entire world shut down due to a newly-discovered virus called COVID-19, forcing all school activities to adapt. Entire operations which were premised on the ability to be in person had to be adapted to the new virtual world. Although the light at the end of the tunnel now seems visible, some of the changes made and lessons learned during the pandemic may stick.

The Service Club has always been based on being able to go out into the community to do service, but one of the leaders of the club, Senior Jeffrey Smrha-Monroe, says that it has not been that simple this year: "Organizing service opportunities hasn't been too hard this year, but we are restricted in what we do. In particular, we can't have large group activities like working at centers or events, so drives have been the focus of our work. I think this is unfortunate, given that it doesn't allow for our members to get involved very much and give back to the community for service hours," he says.

The club's faculty sponsor, Bill Gollier, had much the same to say. "The biggest thing that has changed is that it is really hard to go out and physically do things," says Gollier, "because a lot of agencies don't want, or aren't allowed to have other people from outside. For example, we are not allowed to go down to LCS (Lawrence Community Shelter), which is something we've

always done. So we've had to concentrate on supporting different groups and different agencies with drives and collecting items and things like that."

MATHCounts has been a staple of middle school math competitions for several years, and this past season is no exemption. One brave soul, sixth grader Charlie Maples, participated in the competition and made it all the way to the state competition. Asked about how he felt about the competition being virtual, Maples responded, "I feel like we all got used to it, regardless. I personally would want to do it in person for the teams, however, nobody else did it."

The faculty sponsor, James LaRocca, added, "One thing we definitely lost because of quarantine is having our regular after-school practices. With everything else going on this year, I had a lot of students who would normally do MATHCOUNTS say they just didn't have time to put that on their plate this year... MATHCOUNTS, in my opinion, has done a great job of moving everything digital. Everything has been on iPads, students have just had to be proctored while taking their test digitally from home, they have had online practices and tests. . . . But, I would like to see, in the future, going back to more in person practices."

Topeka Model United Nations has always been, as with actual governance, con-

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not mean that they were rushed. Between the best medical technology in human history and the emergency removal of bureaucratic red tape, the vaccines were able to be crafted and tested very quickly--and in a time of great need. The only legitimate concerns about the current vaccines pertain to allergic reactions, which some people may have after receiving a dose. "It's very rare where I see an anaphylactic that lands someone in the hospital in the ER," says Urban. However, just to be on the safe side, each vaccine clinic has medical personnel at the ready, and after receiving their dose, participants are required to wait for 20 minutes outside and monitor for any reactions that might present themselves.

The clinics require many volunteers--about 200--as well as around 75 staff members from the health department. People from all over have been pitching in, including Seabury's own Leslie McCaffrey. She has volunteered multiple different times at the Douglas County Fairgrounds clinic and done three different tasks: first, she helped a nurse who was administering the vaccine, by helping check people in (do not worry, McCaffrey is not handling any of the actual injections); the next time, she worked outside to check people in; and the last time, she directed traffic with a distinct McCaffrey flare.

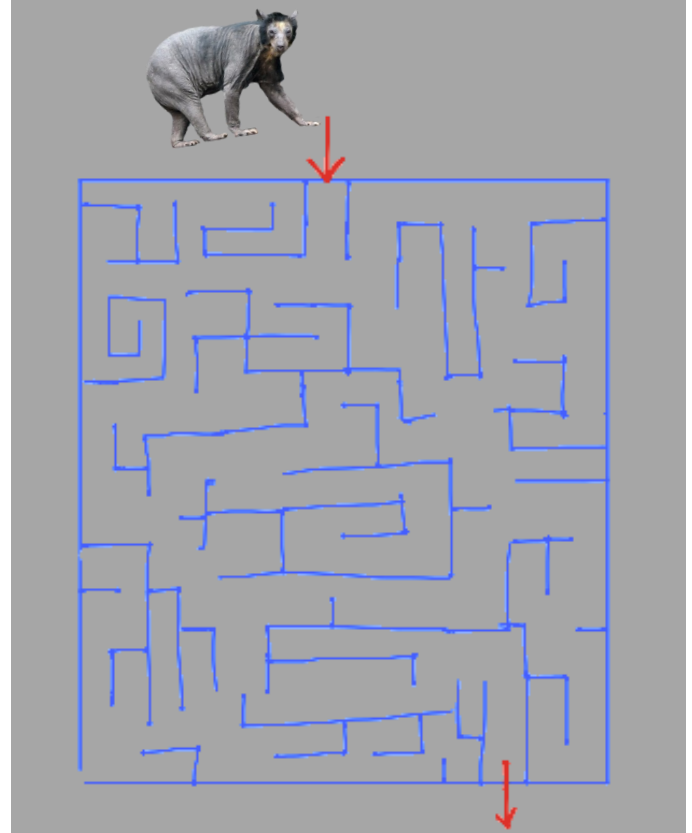
The atmosphere at the clinic is generally a happy one, McCaffrey says: "It's totally fun. Everyone is so excited to be there and they feel so relieved. It's probably the best thing I've done during the pandemic." Also, because the clinic McCaffrey worked at was a drive-through one, people often brought companions: "The thing I found so interesting every time I volunteered was

how many people bring their dogs. It's amazing," she says. "I'd say one out of five cars has a dog."

McCaffrey is also impressed with how the Douglas County Health Department has handled the rollout. "They've done such a good job figuring out the logistics," she says. "It's amazing to me how many vaccines they get done. On Friday [April 2nd], when I was there, we did over 4,000 vaccines from 10:00 to 3:40."

The clinics are also a place for those who wish to pursue a career in medicine later on. "They have all the pharmacy students at KU drawing the vaccines and getting them ready right there," says McCaffrey. "They're utilizing so many resources in the community to make it happen, and it's really a nice effort. They've done a good job at using every resource they can to make it happen."

## Help the Shaved Bear Make Its Way Back to the Seabury Basement



## BSA POV: Presidential Pets

*By Catharine Richards*

A house is not a home without a dog, right? The White House should be no exception, and as exciting as it might be to have pets back in the White House, recently President Biden's three-year-old rescue German Shepherd, Major, has been involved in two incidents related to biting White House staff. While both cases were extremely minor, an abundance of press coverage has spotlighted the potential issues that come with having a rescue dog with some possible behavioral problems in the White House. One would assume the dogs of the president would be exceptionally trained, but that does not prevent issues developed with previous owners. While of course the White House is the residence of the president, it is also a government facility. So what is the impact of having pets in such an official workplace?

This is certainly not the first--and

likely not the last--incident involving presidential pets acting up. Throughout history there have been an interesting and odd array of White House companions. Everything from ponies to lizards, hamsters to goats, and even, fittingly, a bald eagle have lived under the president's roof. Only now is the White House seeing its first rescue dog, Major, so what challenges does this pose? Students had a lot to say on the contentious issue.

"We had a badger [in the White House] once," says senior Jeffrey Smrha-Monroe, "I don't think this is that bad. If he hasn't been drawing blood I guess it's fine."

In regards to Major being the first First Rescue Dog, faculty member Matt Patterson says that he's "all for that." Patterson continues, "I think that sends a really good message, and I hope that the dog gets the

counseling it needs so that it can live up to the sense of dignity that we expect a presidential pet to display."

Oddly enough, Major is not the first Major in the White House to make the headlines. Franklin Delano Roosevelt also had a German Shepherd named Major who, in 1933 during a meeting between his owner and the British Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, nearly tore off the Prime Minister's pants. After the incident, Major was promptly sent back to his New York home. Similarly, after Major Biden's first nipping incident involving a Secret Service agent, Major and his brother Champ were sent home to Delaware for Major to receive some further training. While both of Major Biden's biting incidents were significantly less serious, they are emblematic of the issues with owning a rescue dog.

"I have a rescue dog that was from a really bad home," says senior Jackson Rogers. "He was attacked by another dog, so he kind of has PTSD, and there are some things that he's sensitive about. He never attacks people but he can get a little crazy, and it's not his fault. He's the biggest sweetheart." Rogers says that in the case of Major's biting issues, "I think it's just a scary situation, but I don't think he would actually hurt anybody."

"If he was [really] biting people that would be bad," says eighth grader Elyse Hammann, "but I mean he's just like a puppy, right? It's really not that bad."

Currently Major is back at the White House with Champ and receiving further training. Patterson concludes that once Major receives the extra attention necessary, he'll "be a good role model for pets everywhere."

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# Editorials

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## Time to Unmask?

**Editors agree that no, it is not**

*By Lyle Griggs*

Seabury cross country runners know that it's never a good idea to stop and lie down just when the finish line is in sight; it's hard to win races that way. I've checked with my runner cousins (the fleet-footed Nelsons) about this, and they agree -- it usually helps to keep running quickly even when the finish is just feet away.

Sadly, certain people are having difficulty applying this sound athletic logic to the ongoing pandemic. Yes, it does look like the figurative finish line is near; case numbers are down in most states, vaccination rates are excellent among all adults (particularly in Kansas as of early April) and the vast majority of vulnerable senior citizens have received the jab. And although COVID-19 variants pose a threat to recovery, studies have shown thus far that currently available vaccines are effective against new strains. Overall, things are looking up for once.

Still, some governments have responded too hastily to the good news, scrapping nearly all guidelines intended to limit the

spread of COVID-19. Ten states, led by Texas, have lifted comprehensive mask mandates, risking a resurgence of the virus despite recent improvements. Unfortunately for us, Kansas is one of those states; the state legislature overturned Governor Laura Kelly's mask mandate last month, and major counties (including Sedgwick) have discarded their own mandates.

These politically-motivated actions are irresponsible and disappointing. I certainly support reasonable rollbacks of pandemic-era restrictions, particularly those recommended by health professionals and organizations like the CDC, but mask mandates have no significant negative economic impact, and I see no reason to annul them until conditions are safe. People have heard that stuff about masks ad nauseum, so I'll shut up, but we should all be on the same page about this: masks are good, and it really isn't that hard to wear them.

Point is, despite steadily improving conditions, general mask mandates should stay in place until the coast is fully clear. I am



fully in support of easing economic restrictions and limiting social-distancing guidelines as appropriate, but it's simply imprudent to repeal such simple measures as mask mandates before a majority of Americans are vaccinated and health professionals update guidance. Let's not lie down feet from this finish line, as tempting as the rest might be.

*By Margaret Mulhern*



Spring is now upon us, with all its potential of big gatherings for grad parties and such. Some states are eliminating their mask mandates, but is it time?

12 states which once had mask mandates in place have since lifted them, including Kansas. Vaccines are getting in arms rapidly, but that doesn't mean we can forget about masks yet. In the US, around 22% of adults have been fully vaccinated and 36% have gotten their first dose. With new variants arising and cases ticking up, we should not be letting our guard down yet. It is, of course, tempting to return to a "normal" world

where we can see everyone's faces, but when running a ten mile race, do you stop at the nine mile mark? Masks have been proven over and over to be an effective way of holding off this virus, and stopping now is just not an option.

Masks have, unfortunately, been politicized, leading some people away from them. But at the end of the day, wearing a mask is as simple as wearing a seatbelt: it might not always be comfortable, but it can save lives. Not wearing a mask in public is somewhat of a statement now--you're saying that you don't care for the wellbeing of your community.

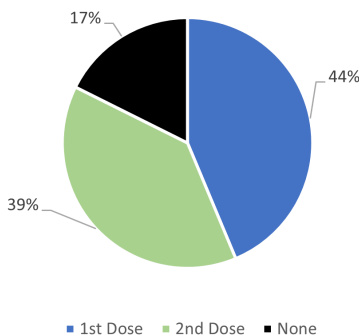
The CDC has come out with new restrictions for vaccinated people and how they can gather in small groups with no masks, but only 22% of Kansans have been vaccinated, which is just not enough to be lifting the mandate. We are beginning to see the light at the end of this lengthy tunnel, but for now, peer over your mask to see this light.

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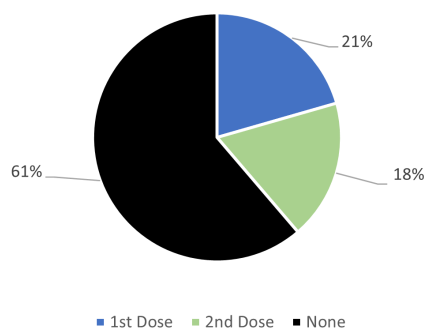
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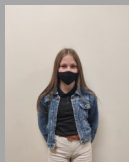


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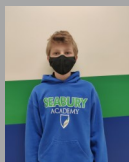


## In the Halls

What would you name one of the Seabury chickens?



6th Grade  
Isabella Gonzalez  
"Fluffy."



7th Grade  
Ben Patterson  
"Fred."



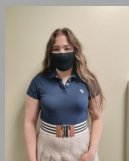
8th Grade  
Merrit Hale  
"Billie Eilish."



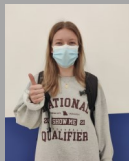
9th Grade  
Spencer Timkar  
"Gut."



10th Grade  
Noah Luke  
"Probably Steven."



11th Grade  
Lizzette Borjas  
"Pancho Villa."



12th Grade  
"Antonio."



Faculty  
Jenny Baker Powers  
"I would name my Lucy Diamond."

## Jessica Kim

By Campbell Helling

You may have noticed a new face walking through the halls after Winter Break. Eighth-grader Jessica Kim arrived at Seabury in January from Korea. She may have a shy and quiet visage, but when having a conversation with her, a kind and thoughtful personality reveals itself. Jessica has been in America for a few months, and she describes how her adjustment is going with a laugh: "I need to learn English more."

Among her interests, Jessica loves listening to music. "I like some K-pop artists; I like to listen to this musician named IU, and she's a really good singer, and now I'm just trying to listen to American pop music." Along with music, she enjoys reading books about science and math and plans to center her future career around these subjects. "For my future job, I want to be a pharmacist, so I love chemistry and biology



By Darby Harris

*Eighth grader Jessica Kim reads while listening to music. Recently, Kim has delved into the world of American pop music.*

most," she says. During her time here, though, she has become more drawn to English. "I am gaining some interest in English, too," she says. "I haven't read English books a lot, so I am now trying to read [them]."

Jessica enjoys other activities outside of academics. "I

like playing with friends," she says. "Sometimes, I just watch YouTube videos for fun." This spring, she decided to try playing tennis, and says she will try to add activities later on: "Now, I am doing tennis in Seabury spring sports, and I am trying to do something else."

## Sofie Nordengaard

By Katie Eckert



By Darby Harris

*Sixth grader Sofie Nordengaard shows off her smile behind her floral mask. Sofie also enjoys drawing and playing Soccer.*

Walking through the halls with her cool skater style, sixth grader Sofie Nordengaard looks like your average Seabury student. Stick around, however, and you won't regret getting to know her. Along with her charming personality and mixed artistic and athletic pursuits, Nordengaard and her family celebrate a rich heritage that is uncommon for the area.

While Nordengaard herself primarily grew up in the United States, her family hails from Denmark. "Both of my parents are from Denmark, and I was

born in Sweden. My sister was born in Paris. So all my family lives in Denmark and are from there of course," says Nordengaard.

This means that sometimes holidays look a little different for her and her family: "Our Christmas is a lot different from [Kansas]. We have a lot of different traditions. On Christmas Eve we have a rice pudding that we make, and one of them has an almond in it. Whoever has the almond gets an extra gift."

Another way that Sofie

celebrates her heritage is through language, specifically Danish, the official language of Denmark. "I am able to speak, read and write danish," she says.

However, her cultural background is just one part of who she is. Nordengaard also likes to spend her time in a variety of ways, from skateboarding to drawing on ProCreate, and from snowboarding to playing on Seabury's middle school girls soccer team, which allows her to enjoy her favorite part of Seabury: the community. "It's easier to know people and to have good friends [at Seabury], especially across grades," says Nordengaard.

No matter what grade you are in, you will probably find Sofie pretty cool, so don't be afraid to talk to her. You may learn a lot!

# The New Guys On The Block

## Seabury Men's Volleyball Team Grows

By Andrew Lang

In past years, men's volleyball has received little to no recognition from the Seabury community (because it did not exist). But, with activities restricted, many have turned to the new sport for a means of recreation and using their excess free time. With this large jump in numbers, the year is bound to be a good one for the growing team.

Seabury junior Jimin Kim feels good about the inaugural team. "I feel like with other kids from other schools like LHS and Free State coming in, it's more diverse," he says. "You get to meet new people, make new friends, I think it's a lot better this year than before. Playing club last season with mostly Seabury people, it's a nice change of pace looking back."

With an influx of students from neighboring public schools, many are excited to see how the season will progress with players from different backgrounds. "This year, we have high school kids from Lawrence High and Free State, which is different from last year," says athletic director Brian Rios. "Some of these kids have played club volleyball year round before, where the skill level is higher, and the game is a little more advanced, so it's fun to have different skill backgrounds, but there are also some kids who have never played volleyball and are still out there learning a lot and playing their hardest."

Kim similarly enjoys the mix of Seabury and non-Seabury players: "I love that we have new people from out of Seabury, it's enjoyable to make new friends and play with new guys

from these different backgrounds and different skill levels," he says. "I enjoy all the people, everyone's just trying their hardest and their best to improve, especially these guys who haven't played volleyball and are really passionate about it. I've really enjoyed watching them improve with me, and as a team, and I look forward to playing with them at this level."

With this many players joining the team, it seems that volleyball, traditionally a predominantly-female sport in the United States, is growing in popularity as a boy's sport. "Volleyball in general is growing quite a lot in the United States," says Rios. "Men's volleyball especially is the fastest growing high school sport and club sport at the moment. It's a really enjoyable thing to see, because you only really see men's volleyball on the east or west coasts, and in big cities like Chicago or St. Louis, so it's nice to see it gaining traction in places outside the big city."

As the sport continues to grow on a regional and national level, the Seabury boys volleyball team will continue to enjoy a season with new players from other schools and play through a full and well-deserved year of the sport.

# Coming Home to Roost

## New Seabury chickens are coming to campus

By Sage McHenry

Next to the old Bishop Seabury tennis courts, now a grassy field, used to lie the school's chicken coop. Surrounded by raised beds, the area was managed by Seabury's COOP (Chickens On Our Property) Club. The club originated back in 2014 when a few Seabury students expressed interest in raising chickens. "It started with the students," says faculty member Sonja Czamecki. "Hilary Griggs, Iris Hyde and Cavan McCabe were the students who were excited to have chickens. I think they were kind of the founding members."

"It definitely was the highlight of my day to go hang out with my friends and let the chickens freely roam around the tennis courts during study halls and open periods," says Seabury alum Cavan McCabe, who graduated

in 2019. "I thought it was cool to have chickens in the middle of town, since it wasn't 'normal,' but it also had a huge impact on how I felt about school too."

Unfortunately, when Seabury was under construction, the chickens were moved off the property to the Brockhoff family's farm. But now that the renovations are complete and the coop has been relocated to the back of the school, new chickens are coming to the school. Faculty member Kara Schrader is hatching the new chicks in an incubator in her classroom. "I don't think we have ever put any of the chickens that the sixth graders have hatched with me in the Seabury coop before, so I am really excited for some of them to actually end up in the coop," says Schrader.

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conducted in person. But this year, a number of delegates from Seabury participated in a greatly altered virtual version of the conference, which traditionally takes place at the Ramada Inn in Topeka. Eighth grader Hugh Griggs was one of many delegates who braved the new virtual debate format. "While virtual Model UN certainly hampered the effect of speeches," says Griggs, "I still enjoyed the competition as a whole. With computers, I was able to write speeches and conduct research on the spot." In this case, certain changes meant to facilitate a virtual conference may actually improve Model UN in the long run.

So what lessons have the participants and leaders taken from this time? Smrha-Monroe says that with service, anything helps: "A lesson I think the Service Club should take into the future is that something simple is better than nothing. It's incredibly satisfying to have a complex plan go exactly how you want, but sometimes what you expected doesn't happen, and a few things have to be dropped . . . Also use your members more . . . Even if it's putting up signs, checking something, or making posters, a single person doing one thing is better than one person doing everything."

LaRocca finished out his thoughts with some hopes for future competitions: "If they keep doing online practice tests, I think that would be great. I like how they have the

chapter competition, [which] was "anyone can do it," and then, since they were all on devices, they then took the top four or five students to move forward. I would not be surprised if they kept doing some of those types of things to limit the number of students participating."

By Cadence Cheng



Freshman David Klimiuk, sophomore Martin Hill and senior Harrison Hartzler are three of the six boys from Bishop Seabury playing volleyball this year. Players from Free state and Lawrence High are also on the boys volleyball team.

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# Reviews

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## Cellar Door Café

By Edie Patterson

Restaurant



After East Lawrence staple Decade Coffee Shop temporarily closed in early 2020, Lawrence native and Seabury graduate Louis Wigen-Toccalino opened his second restaurant, Cellar Door Café. The café is located at 7 W 11th Street in downtown Lawrence, just around the corner from Syllas and Maddy's. The café's window is decorated with intricate pastries: Cellar Door Café offers a variety of baked goods including French financiers, canêles, blood orange tarts and a delicious seven layer honey cake. In addition to these, Cellar Door's menu also includes simpler desserts like chocolate chip cookies and a twist on snickerdoodle cookies.

Although only baked goods are displayed in the windows, Cellar Door has a wide selection of options on its menu. Lunch ranges from an avocado rice bowl to fried chicken and French fries. Cellar Door's array of choices

distinguishes it from other downtown restaurants, although some menu items are borrowed from Decade, such as Decade's chai tea, which is also popular at other downtown businesses.

Cellar Door's location on 11th Street makes it easily accessible, although the space is small. The restaurant requires masks indoors at all times, making it one of the more Covid-safe businesses downtown. However, that means that indoor eating is not allowed. Chairs and tables are set up inside in preparation for post-pandemic service, but, at the moment, Cellar Door is strictly offering to-go and carryout. This setup, although sometimes inconvenient, does not seem to affect the quality of the food.

With its variety of foods from tacos to French pastries to rice bowls, Cellar Door provides a great new option for downtown Lawrence diners despite its small size.

## Wrecking Ball: Loud Motorcycles

By Lyle Griggs



While I don't generally consider myself a confrontational person, earthshaking, ear-splittingly loud motorcycles throw me into a violent rage. With the silly little motorbike men, it's on sight. My blood boils, my fists clench and I have to fight the urge to throw punches and obscenities.

But fortunately for my conscience (were I ever to submit to those impulses), my anger is completely justified. There is no reason -- none -- for motorcycles to be as loud as they are. And yes, their explosive, headache-inducing noise is intentional; the loudest motorcycles on the street are modified with after-market products that increase engine noise beyond the legal limit. Fact is, the things are simply loud for the sake of being loud.

To my attacks, a biker may cry, "but Lyle, I cannot ride safely unless everyone within a two mile radius can

hear the explosive rumble of my engine!" This is a bogus excuse. For one, the Doppler effect exists, so loud pipes do not actually make motorcycles substantially easier to avoid. What's more, studies have shown that there's a clear correlation between pipe noise and traffic accidents involving motorcycles; those with loud bikes are actually more likely to wreck. In reality, bikers like noise because it makes them feel good; it feeds some weird macho fantasy that insecure men entertain. But even if noisy bikes did have some safety benefit, I would still despise them. If motorcycles are really so dangerous that they need to be as loud as air raid sirens, perhaps people shouldn't choose to ride them. Nobody has the right to make everyone else miserable just because they want to go zoom zoom on a manly machine.

Motorcyclists, I'm warning you. My rope nears its end. Quiet those things down or I might blow a fuse.

## "Godzilla vs. Kong"

By Jonah Kim

Movie



The newest installment in the MonsterVerse movies was released on HBO Max on March 31st, and the film did not disappoint. The highly anticipated *Godzilla vs. Kong* smashed box office records, reeling in the most cash of any movie released since the pandemic began. So what made everyone want to watch this movie? Well, it's pretty simple: it depicts a giant gorilla duking it out with a giant lizard who can shoot lasers out of his mouth. Who wouldn't want to see a movie like that with a 165 million dollar budget? Nobody—the answer is nobody. The CGI battles of the two titans are entertaining and action packed, and never in this movie is there too much of a break in between gorilla-lizard showdowns.

If you are looking for a movie with oscar-worthy acting performances, however, you will not find them in *Godzilla vs. Kong*. Even with a cast including Millie Bobby Brown, the acting is not much to write home

about. But nobody should be complaining about that, because the title of the movie suggests nothing about good acting. If you are the type of person to complain that the movie is just a monkey fighting a lizard, then please read the title closer and stay away. But, again, who doesn't want to see *Godzilla* and *King Kong* use Hong Kong like a UFC octagon?

The only concern some people had with the movie is that the trailer revealed too much about the movie, with Kong shown clearly as the favorite. Without spoiling the movie, there is plenty more to be viewed than the brief fight scenes in the trailer. This is a movie everyone can enjoy. Although loosely based on prior films, *Godzilla vs. Kong* can be viewed and thoroughly enjoyed by someone who has never seen a *King Kong* or *Godzilla* movie.

Overall, *Godzilla vs. Kong* is a great movie to watch to enjoy the action and special effects, and also one of the best movies released during the pandemic.

## "Legendborn"

By Marie Brockhoff

Book



The legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table is one of the most well known stories in our canon. But what happens when you weave Arthurian magic in with the University of North Carolina, then throw in some fantastic characters and subtle social commentary? You get the 2020 novel "Legendborn" by Tracy Deonn.

"Legendborn" follows 16-year-old Bree Matthews, along with her sharp-witted friend Alice Chin, as they attend a pre-college program at UNC. Along the way, Bree meets the smoldering, angsty Selwyn Kane and the chivalrous golden boy Nick Davis and discovers UNC contains a secret society of people who use magic, called "Aether," and are descended from King Arthur and his knights.

Bree also discovers her own magic, which is a mix of Aether and Rootcraft. Deonn bases Rootcraft on African spiritual traditions, with the magic being shared ancestrally. As a Black girl, Bree enters into a strictly

stratified society based on British royalty and closely held power, which leads to many challenges and questions for both her and the reader as the plot unfolds.

While Deonn's textured worldbuilding is a great strength of "Legendborn," it also means the number of characters and terms can be a bit overwhelming. Additionally, Deonn falls into several somewhat over-used tropes, such as a "chosen one" protagonist and hints at a love triangle. However, these flaws did not detract from my reading experience as the main characters and plotlines still pulled me in.

Personally, I do not read a lot of young adult fantasy, but I really enjoyed "Legendborn." I was initially intimidated by the length of the book (501 pages, or 20 hours on audio-book), but I found myself unable to stop reading until I had finished just one more chapter. For people looking for a suspenseful, unique fantasy novel with great characters, I would recommend you pull your chair up to the round table and dive into "Legendborn."



# Photos of the Issue

By Cadence Cheng



Junior Anna Johnson runs the 100 meter dash. This year, there are a lot of students who are participating in track.

By Audrey Nguyen-Hoang



Sophomore Owen Ross practices his choir pieces for their concert. This will be the Choir's first concert this year.

By Cadence Cheng



Sixth grader Ka 'neisha Price cracks a raw egg on sixth grader Eva Farmer's head on April Fool's Day. Cracking eggs on students' heads was faculty members Leslie McCaffrey and Eric Nelson's idea of a fun Easter competition.

By Cadence Cheng



Eighth grader Margaret Mulhern dots paint on her plaster elephant. Art students modeled animals out of newspaper before covering the frames with plaster.



# Horoscopes



Aquarius

**Aquarius** (January 20-February 18):

The Rapture will occur after the twelve billionth Rick-roll.



Pisces

**Pisces** (February 19-March 20):

TO DO: thut down h\*bby l\*bby by flooding the floor with pink marbleths- Mike Tyson



Aries

**Aries** (March 21-April 19):

As the great Elvish Presley once said: "Sael men ped-Onlui fools rush in"



Taurus

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20):

Prediction: "form trips" in 2021 will be the scattered survivors toasting marshmallows over the smoldering wreckage of our civilization.



Gemini

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20):

Someone should really teach a bowling/the Minions movie watch party class for renaissance day... I think somebody might really enjoy that



Cancer

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22):

I hate being SEXY but I'm a FISHERMAN so I can't help it



Leo

**Leo** (July 23-August 22):

With rising fedora prices comes an influx of marine animals into the Seabury ice machine. When you see Nicholas Cage roaming the halls, don't stare.



Virgo

**Virgo** (August 23-September 22):

I absolutely love the part of the Beatles song where they finally shut up



Libra

**Libra** (September 23-October 22):

praise the tommy warden memorial in the room with many whiteboards or extermination



Scorpio

**Scorpio** (October 23-November 21):

Report Finds "Spanish" Teacher "Senor" Rowe Has Been Secretly Teaching Italian, Not Spanish, To Students Since 2016



Sagittarius

**Sagittarius** (November 22 - December 21):

Head to the Seabury blacksmith for help forging your next assignment! >:)



Capricorn

**Capricorn** (December 22-January 19):

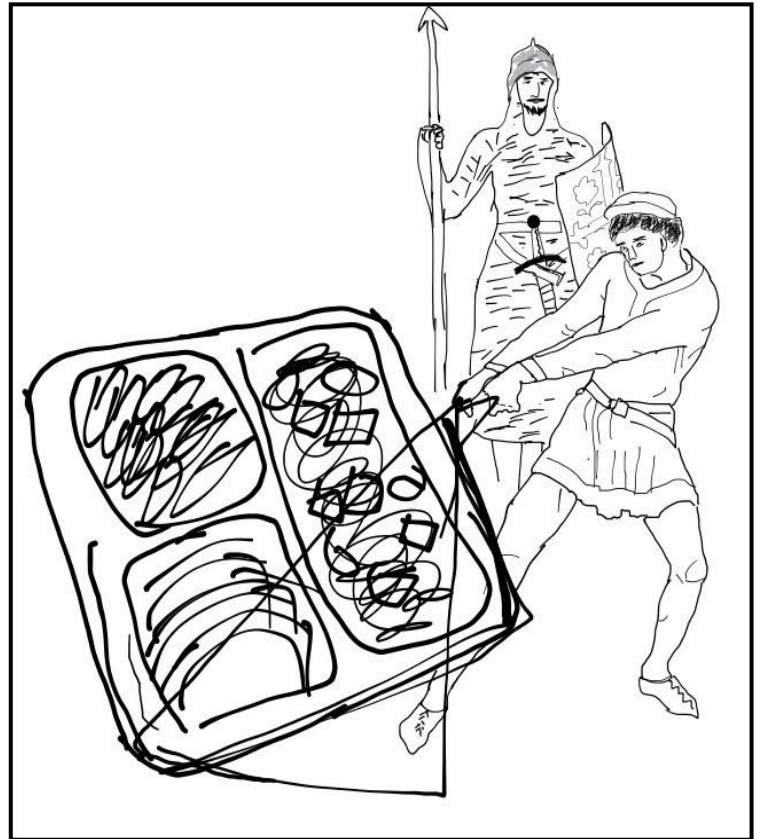
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# Comic



*"Unable to pull the sword from the stone, King Arthur attempts another seemingly impossible task: pulling the plastic from the catered lunch in one go"*

By Lyle Griggs



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