

SPORTS

Boys team hit with injuries

By Andy Smith and Chad Wood

The Sayre boys basketball team hasn't had very good luck lately. It all started before Christmas when sophomore center Andrew Smith broke his wrist. Shortly after this, junior guard Bernie Layton needed surgery. The injuries to Smith and Layton, the team's top scorers, made it tough for the team to keep up with its winning pace. Things didn't get much better when junior Chad Wood, another starter, got a concussion and had to sit out a game. Jordan Shaw has also missed numerous games due to illness. Dan Sargent and Duane Struppler have also had injuries which limited their playing time.

Despite the injuries, the Redskins do have some key players left including seniors Jody Davis and Brad Watkins. With the injuries, there were some changes that needed to be made. Younger players from the JV team had to play varsity and will be expected to play different positions as the season progresses.

"Our best players are out for the season which means the younger players will have to take their place," said Coach Scott Taylor.

Coach Taylor still has hopes of qualifying for the district playoffs. "Hopefully some of the younger players will mature during the second half," Taylor said. The team needs three more victories to qualify.

Coach Taylor has a very good outlook for next season. "Next year's team should be very good," he said. The Redskins recently lost to Wellsboro. The next home game for the Redskins is Wednesday against the Athens Wildcats. The Redskins' current record is 9-10.

Girls earn hoop win

By Casey Craig

Sayre's Lady Redskin basketball team, although starting out slow, has shown high effort. With fists clenched, they go into every game ready to pour everything they have onto the court. The intensity in which they play is absolutely exceptional.

The varsity squad, although half-way through the season and not winning many games, shows incomparable effort. Coached by David Shaw IV, they have shown momentous improvement. In a recent win against Ross Corners Christian Academy, Chelsea Arbogast and Alisha Struppler each netted 13 points. With thirteen seconds left in the game, Melissa Webster scored the last two points to win the game. On Monday, January 27th Athens defeated Sayre's varsity squad, 80-12

The varsity team consists of two seniors, Esther Rorick and Kristy Hicks; two juniors, Jessica O'Connor and Alisha Struppler; four sophomores, Chelsea Arbogast, Melissa Webster, Kate Sloat and Carly White; and freshmen, Anna Galizia and Sara Kabes.

The junior varsity squad, with an extremely small team, continues their struggle to win. Riddled with many injuries, they continue to progress, always giving one hundred and ten percent. They only won but one close game defeating Canton.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

By Kristy Westbrook

Every week on Artwork-splus.com/athletics web page, Sayre High School posts its "Players of the Week," which are a group of athletes (one per sports team each week) to help promote the efforts of the athletes, according to athletic director Mr. Twigg.

The Players of the Week are chosen by the coaches and are eligible to be the male or female "Athlete of the Season" after being chosen player of the week.

To become a player of the week, "Coaches look for outstanding efforts, sportsmanship, and leadership shown by the athletes," stated Mr. Twigg.

Week of January 13th

Brad Watkins (boys basketball), Alisha Struppler (girls basketball), Glenn Jarvis (wrestling), Phil Husick (boys swimming), and Meghan Miller (girls swimming).

Week of January 6th

Dan Sargent (boys basketball), Alicia Struppler (girls basketball), Don Barrett (wrestling), John Yale (boys swimming), Jessi Meyer (girls swimming), and Becky Blauvelt (cheering).

Week of December 30

Bernie Layton (boys basketball), Alisha Struppler (girls basketball), Travis Twigg (wrestling), John Yale (swimming), Eryn Briggs (girls swimming), Jessica Blauvelt

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Sayre to present 'Annie Get Your Gun'

By Kristy Westbrook

An old-fashioned Western shoot-out will be coming to Sayre High School, but don't worry...it's in the play *Annie Get Your Gun*, which will be held March 20, 21 and 22 in the Sayre High School auditorium. The play will be under the direction of Mrs. Lorraine Bennett.

Tryouts for the play have been held and the cast includes: Carla Briggs as Annie Oakley, Heather Smaha as Dolly Tate, Michelle Benish as Mrs. Little Horse, Kristy Hicks as Mrs. Sylvia Porter and Jesse Call as Mrs. Adam.

Gina Alderfer will play the part of Mrs. Henderson. Other parts include: Lori Cole as Mrs. Blacktooth, Stephanie Yanuzzi as Mrs. Ferguson, Andy Brown as Frank Butler, Brian Satterly as Charlie Davenport, Adam Polinski as Buffalo Bill, Kevin Craig as Wilson, Joseph Polinski as Sitting Bull, Chris Secor as Pawnee Bill, Ben Richardson as Mac, Mike Vertuli as the Messenger, Josh Ilnicki as the Footman, and James Dibble as Conductor. Theodore Lentz will play the role of Mr. Adams.

The company includes: Theresa Bixby, Becky Blauvelt, Katrina Brink, Beckie Brisson, Irma Brown, Lisa Hawley, Ashley Houck, Megan Krench, Flavia Lopes, Paige Ricci, Caci Silkman, Ashley Spencer, Ann Valazquez, Rachel Walker, Caitlin Walmsley, Jenny Ward, Kristy Westbrook and Haley Wheeler.



Matt Sklarkowski (left) and Ethan Vargason enjoy the activities at the Hawaiian Luau held at Lefty's Right Hand for Sayre seventh and eighth grade students. (Photo by Melissa Brandt)

CALENDAR

Feb. 10-13
11th Grade
PSSA Writing
Assessment

Feb. 17
No school

March 10
Staff Day;
No school
for students

Several SHS students qualify for FBLA states

By Meredith Cole

On January 11, 2003, FBLA State qualifying competitions were held at SHS. Students across Bradford and Sullivan counties came to compete in such events concerning Business, mathematics, Economics, Banking, and Computer Technology. Many Sayre High students qualified for states in first, second, and third places.

Students placing in first and their events were:

Eryn Briggs – Banking and Financial Systems
 Matt Scanlin – Business Calculations
 Mike Vertuli – Computer Concepts
 Allison Rae – Economics
 Melissa Webster – Intro. to Parliamentary Procedure
 Jenny Ward – Word Processing I
 Nicole Gleockner & Alisha Struppler – Network Design Team

Students placing in second and their events were:

Jessica Meyer – Business Math
 Kara Cochi – Business Procedures
 Kelsey White – Economics
 Kylie Mullen – FBLA Principles and Procedures
 Adam Smith – Intro. to Parliamentary Procedure
 Dan Sargent – Networking Concepts
 Andrea Bottone – Technology Concepts

Students placing in third and their events were:

Alicia Webster – Accounting I
 Michael Burch – Business Calculations
 Nicole Johnson – Business Law
 Jon Pack – Business Math
 Todd Moyle – Business Procedures
 Caleb Briggs – Computer Concepts
 Casey Craig – FBLA Principles and Procedures
 Bill Bustin – Intro. to Business Communications
 Bernie Layton – Networking Concepts
 Chad Wood – Technology Concepts



Sayre Chapter Officers

In the front row from left are: Allison Rae (treasurer), Andrea Bottone (president), and Lauren Rich (secretary). In the back row are: adviser Mrs. Fabbri, Molly Guinane (publicity), Bill Bustin (vice-president) and adviser Mr. Selleck.

Students elected to FBLA regional offices

Aside from qualifying for states, some Sayre High students were also elected as Regional Officers. Elected to Regional Secretary was Adam Smith, Regional Vice President was Bill Bustin, and Andy Smith was elected Regional Treasurer.

Congratulations to all those who worked hard and proved Sayre High pride during the FBLA State Qualifying competitions!

Also, congratulations to Mr. Selleck and Mrs. Fabbri for pulling an outstanding team together!

What is your idea of an ideal student?



Mr. Romanowski
 “One that is interested in education and has high moral standards. Honesty, honesty, honesty at all times.”



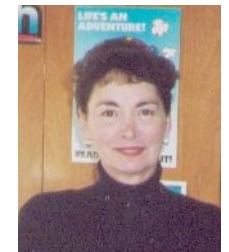
Mr. Trump
 “One who searches for answers on their own, then when all options are exhausted comes for help.”



Mrs. Hickey
 “One who works to his or her potential.”



Miss Crocker
 “One who puts forth a good effort and does their best.”

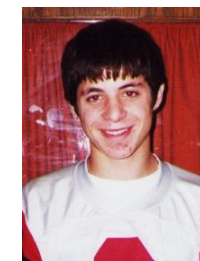


Mrs. Fariello
 “To me, an ideal student is one who has a positive attitude and gives a lot of effort! We are all gifted—but we are not all gifted academically.”

What is your idea of an ideal teacher?



Eryn Briggs
 “My idea of an ideal teacher is one who knows each of their students on a personal level, and is willing to dedicate a lot of their time to class.”



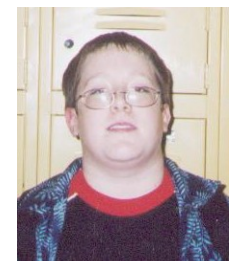
Glenn Jarvis
 “One who is nice, has a lot of free days, teaches easy and fun activities, and doesn’t yell a lot. One who doesn’t believe in homework.”



Chelsea Bloss
 “My idea of an ideal teacher is one who makes the learning environment fun and educational.”



Justin Donovan
 “One who is nice, doesn’t give a lot of homework, and has a lot of free time.”



Thomas Smith
 “What I think is an ideal teacher is one who is funny and lets you learn in a fun way.”

Sayre senior shows football not only for boys

By Melissa Brandt and Ashley Brown

Sayre Area School Senior Marie Guirguis has done something no other girl has done in years. She played football! She went the whole nine yards through the dirt and grime and all the dedication of true football. Although things started out awkwardly with the guys, by the end of the year, she was like one of the team.

Q: Why did you decide to become a football player?

A: I decided to become a football player because everyone doubted I would be able to do it and, after I began football, everyone doubted I would go through with it. So, I decided to play football to prove everyone wrong.

Q: What did your family say when you told them you wanted to play football?

A: My father said I was crazy. My mother said I was out of my mind, both of which are not unusual characteristics of mine, but they were supportive; to an extent.

Q: Do they treat you different because you're a girl?

A: Not really, but once I had to go to the locker room for one reason or another, and all chaos would break out.

Q: When you first started playing were the guys not sure whether they should do the same type of stuff they do to the other players?

A: Yes, especially when it came to close contact hitting but by the end of the season I was getting hit as hard as any of the other players.

Q: What position do you play?

A: Right and left tackle

Q: Where did you get ready for games?

A: I usually got dressed at the bathroom but there are certain exceptions such as the band room, cheerleader changing room, and my own house.

Q: Do you play any other sports?

A: I played soccer; I also do track and field.

Q: If you had the chance to play again next year would you want to do it?

A: YES! I am certainly going to miss playing football and I wish I could play for one more year.

Q: Any other comments or thoughts you want to add?

A: I think someone in this school should keep this legacy going and I think we should have a girl player every year.



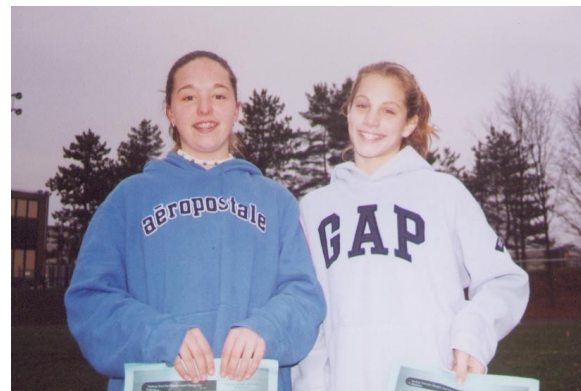
Marie Guirguis



Overall winners Brad Watkins (left) and Chad Wood



Sr. High girls winners Kristy Hicks and Carla Briggs



Jr. High girls winners Allison Meyer and Amanda Kyc



Jr. High boys winners Brian Pinkard and Colin Repko



A total of \$2,112 was raised by the students and staff who participated in the 2002 Turkey Trot. The money is donated to the Change For Children organization.



Advice Column

‘Intertwined’ school logo used in senior art project

By Kelly Repasky

Senior Andrew Brown created a computer graphics project involving our high school’s logo. He simply intertwined the letters SAHS using CorelDraw, a graphics program. He first planned on using this design for field painting; later, he used it as his marking period project. The following questions were asked in a recent interview:

Question: What are the titles of your projects?

Answer: Both my projects last marking period were more about design than meaning. My primary project shows this by simply being titled “Intertwined Sayre Area High School Logo.”

Q: What materials did you use?

A: I did this project on the computer, so the only physical materials that I used were paper and printer ink. However, I suppose the program I used could also be considered a material. It is CorelDraw, a vector-based graphics program. Vector-based means the images it creates are a series of mathematical equations rather than just a grid of pixels. In my opinion, the results turn out to be much crisper and more manageable than conventional computer images. Plus, since I could specify exact measurements, I could make the letters perfectly even in size.



Q: What gave you the idea to make this project?

A: Actually, this project came from two people’s suggestions. It started off as an idea for field painting by Bryan Satterly, another senior at Sayre. He was thinking of the letters “SHS” intertwined, and I offered to make the design. When Mr. Twigg saw the sketch, he said I could develop it into a decal to sell, and do it for a studio art project. He pointed out that I should incorporate an “A” into it though, as the high school’s official name is the “Sayre Area High School”.

Q: How long did it take?

A: This project didn’t take too long. In fact, I actually switched from another project because I thought I could get it done quickly, which is important when a deadline is fast approaching. I started the project a few days after field painting and probably finished it within two weeks.

Q: How difficult was it?

A: The project wasn’t too hard to pull off. I have had plenty of experience with the program I used, so it went relatively smoothly from start to finish. The only snag I encountered was trying to figure out how to get a letter to be both in front of and behind another letter in the computer. To do this, I had to split most of the letters into a few separate objects, fiddle with their stacking order, and create duplicate objects to make sure the letters appeared opaque.

Senior makes necklace using hemp, clay and glaze

By Casey Craig

Eyrn Briggs, a talented senior artist, recently completed a studio art project. The project was done very well, and very carefully. She created a hemp necklace with her own hand-made beads. The project was left untitled. She mounted it with hot glue on what appears to be a piece of driftwood.

What was her motivation?

“I wanted to do it because I’ve made necklaces before, but I thought it would be fun to use my own beads,” she said.

In the process of making the necklace, she used clay, hemp, and glaze. The project took almost the entire first marking period. She expected it to be a lot easier than it was. The beads were rather difficult to make without breaking them, but the completion of the necklace was easily done, she added.



Q. How do you confront a friend who has lied to you and wronged you, but avoid losing their friendship? –Anonymous

A. One of the hardest things to do is to be forgiving and realize that everyone makes mistakes, and sometimes they’re pretty hurtful ones. If your friend had lied to you and wronged you, you are probably feeling pretty hurt and angry right now. It stings when someone you trust hurts you. Maybe a good thing to do would be to sit down with this friend and have a one on one conversation about how you feel about what happened. This would give you both a chance to discuss your feelings and tell your side of the story. Maybe your friend did something without realizing it would hurt you, or maybe she made a mistake in the heat of the moment (which we all do sometimes) and just didn’t know how to make things right afterwards. Whatever the case may be, you two need to come to some sort of an understanding. Sometimes the best thing to do is think about what you’re going to say and how it will affect things before you and your friend sit down to talk.

Q. I like this guy and he likes me. The problem is he went out with one of my friends last year for a long time and he broke up with her. Her friends say she doesn’t like him and also, she has a boyfriend. Is it wrong to go out with this guy if he went out with one of my friends even though she doesn’t like him anymore?

– Anonymous

A. Dating a friend’s ex can get pretty tricky, especially if they dated for a lengthy period of time. Generally the rule is, no dating a sister or a friend’s ex, but in some cases its ok to make an exception to the unwritten friendship rule. Your friend seems like she’s over this guy and moved onto a new special someone, but you still need to be a little extra cautious in pursuing her ex. Breakups never really stop stinging, and sometimes seeing that person with someone else could spark some feelings for them that you didn’t realize you still had. Your friend may feel a little jealous and try to discourage your relationship with him, and if this happens just calmly explain to her that it’s been a year and she’s moved on and its only fair to let him. However, your friend might not even make a big deal about it at all. If she does, try talking things out with her and let her know that you really like this guy and you don’t want it to hurt your friendship with her. If she’s not ok with it you’re going to have to make a choice between continuing to hurt you friend or breaking things off with this new guy.

Student council moving in new direction with new advisor

By Michelle Bradley and Jamie Carmichael

Mr. Guarino, the French teacher at Sayre, is the new student council advisor this year.

He has high hopes for this year including fund-raisers, school-related events and community service. The trip to Snyder Elementary School for Santa pictures and the Christmas toy drive have already been held and were a success. Many events were carried over from last year, but Mr. Guarino has also brought a few of his own new ideas with him. Carnations for Valentine’s Day, a possible roller skating party, and the “biggest dance of the year,” a disco-themed dance called “Back-in-the-Day,” are just some of the other events planned for later in the year.

The “Back-in-the-Day” dance is being planned for the spring. Students will be encouraged to wear “disco” themed clothing a la *Saturday Night Fever*, the 1970’s movie starring John Travolta. The movie featured the musical hit “Staying Alive,” sung by the Bee Gees. Prizes may be given for the “best” and “most outrageously” dressed students, according to the advisor.

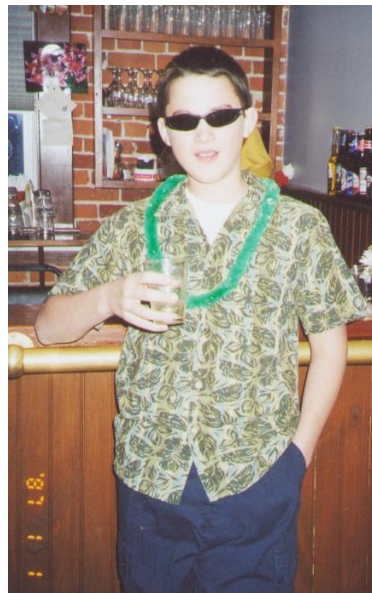
Being the student council advisor is more than just fun and games for Mr. Guarino. He hopes to do a good job as the new advisor, and said if things do go well, he may consider doing it again next year.



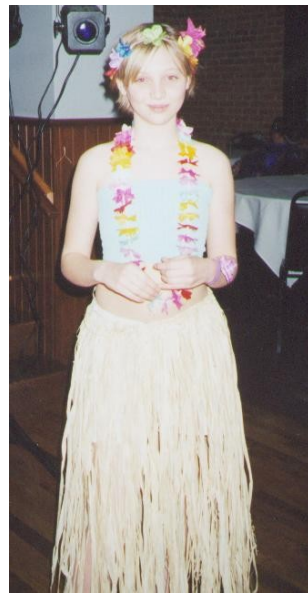
Mr. Guarino

Hawaiian Luau 2003

Photos by Melissa Brandt and Ashley Brown



Stephen Polinski



Alicia Miller



Andy Podolinski



Ashley Brown and Brittany Barto



Juliane Noone, Dana Sealander, Brian Pinkard, Max Bennett, Mike Cooley, Adam James, Colin Repko and Galen Briggs



Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Fabbri and Mrs. Cole



Sayre High School Disc Jockey Club

Tenth grade poetry

By Kristy Westbrook

For an assignment in Mrs. Fariello's tenth grade college prep English classes, the students have written lyric poems, on a topic they picked out of a hat, about events and characters in the story *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. In Mrs. Fariello's tenth grade honors classes, they have written original ballads on the story *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. Here are some of the students' poems:

The Song of the Pearl That Might Be By Kylie Mullen

The divers dream of a magnificent pearl
The legends told of its size.
Each day the divers went into the deep,
Hoping to return with the prize.

Kino went in search of the pearl,
To help his only son.
They need a cure from the doctor,
But, money, they had none.

As Kino dove for oysters that day
Collecting the larger shells.
Half-hidden along the seaweed ledge
Was the pearl of which history tells.

Word spread around town quite quickly.
The Pearl was wanted by all.
The money they offered was less than fair,
So, Kino just could not sell.

Kino left town with his family.
They needed to run away.
The trackers continued to follow their trail.
In safety, Kino could not stay

The Pearl had brought many problems
To Kino and those loved by him.
It was the cause of the baby's death.
Life wasn't the same again.

Kino discovered the pearl's real worth
Was not all it was told to be.
Kino and Juana started life over again,
After throwing the pearl back in the sea.

Innocence By John Guirguis

Now in this current age,
An ancient boy sits alone.
Still in his early stage,
He seizes his innocence.

He smells something sweet,
But at the core horrendous.
Its freshly slain meat,
His innocence upsets him.

Sam and Eric stand as one,
Aid they do not lend.
"Ralph, you ought to run!
The stick is sharp at each end."

As he lays along the ground,
There is no hand to hold.
Two lives were torn-down,
But still he has his innocence.

Both conch and specs linger,
Shattered on the floor.
Values of every empire,
Overcome until no more.

The island is on fire,
Both in and out of them.
Evil seems to conquer,
Yet, I have my innocence.

The antique English tongue,
Is now the howl of beasts.
Horror packs my lung
I fear I cannot breathe.

Wrestlers eyeing NTL Small School title

By Brian Flick

The Sayre wrestling team has won at least a share of the NTL Small School title with their win over the Williamson Warriors by the score of 45-19.

Winning by fall were Matt DeHaan, Darren Rudloff, Travis Twigg, Mike Onofre, and Greg Paul. Glenn Jarvis and Josh Rudloff won by decisions while Dan Kizale put together a technical fall and Brian Flick took a major decision. The win was typical of the team effort shown throughout the season.

“All of our wrestlers are key; they have all been major contributors to our success,” stated Coach Scott Setzer.

So far, into the season, there have been some highlights such as the Jeff Reese Memorial Tournament, Donnie Barrett earning his 100th with, and the defeat of Waverly, which is always a highlight. Sayre will compete against cross-town rival Athens on January 28th.

Banners highlight school's success in sports

By Kristy Westbrook

When walking into the Sayre High School cafeteria for the first time, one might ask: “What are those banners for and why are they different sizes and shapes?”

Well, the athletic director, Mr. Twigg, made these banners, “To emphasize the efforts and successes of our athletes and sports programs,” he stated.

These banners are for all sports teams that are a part of the Sayre High School athletic program that earn a win, said Mr. Twigg. It raises the level of pride and school spirit in our school by reminding the students and staff of the successes that they've had, according to Mr. Twigg.

The banners for the fall season will stay up for all the sports seasons, to reflect on previous wins.

The goal for the banners is “for continued success for all of our sports teams,” Mr. Twigg added. Mr. Twigg has designed different shapes, the largest and/or most oddly shaped are for the most difficult or high-ranking wins.

An ‘office of dreams’

by Suzanne Cochi

We've all been in the guidance office, but do you really know what's available? Besides offering counseling for any type of problem - academic, peer and home - there is information on just about any program in which you're interested.

You can obtain the following information: career option information, college applications, financial aid information and FAFSA & CSS applications, information on college programs for students with learning disabilities, job/resume information, NCAA application for college-bound athletes, personal issue information on drugs, alcohol, abuse, depression, etc., SAT applications, scholarship information and applications, summer camps & summer academic programs, tips for parents, tutoring information and volunteer information

Students are also able to use a computer to get on-line and a typewriter is available for students interested in typing college applications. In addition to Mrs. Richmond, there is a counselor on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Northern Tier Counseling.

For all college bound students here are some websites the guidance office found useful:

www.careercruising.com (passwords: Sayre, Richmond)

www.collegerecruiting.com (see Mrs. Richmond for passwords)

number2.com (where you can find SAT review questions)

www.collegeboard.com

www.fastweb.com

www.pheaa.org also try www.pheaamntor.org

www.wiredscholar.com

SPORTS

Boys splash to big win over Athens

By Bill Bustin

The Sayre boy's swim team splashed it's way to a big 96-87 victory over rival Athens last Tuesday with Nick Barnes and John Yale winning three times to help the effort.

The 'Skins improved to 4-6 in the league and 4-8 overall and head coach Mark Noldy expressed optimism on the team's efforts.

“We should finish 6-6 in the league and 8-8 overall,” said Noldy. “Also, we hope to finish 4th or better at leagues (with nine teams) and third or better at districts (27 teams).”

This year's squad of 14 boasts six members already qualified for district competition, including Nick Barnes, Phil Husick, Daran Mullen, John Yale, Troy Twigg, and Aaron Veilleux. Coach Noldy expects more qualifiers such as Joe Polinski and Matt Nagar.

This year's squad has had many people enter the top 25 all-time swimmers list.

Among the standouts on the team this year, according to Mr. Noldy, are: Josh Allen (100 breast), Nick Barnes (50, 100, 200, 500 free), Adam Houck (100 free, 100 back), Daran Mullen (50 free, 100 free, 200 free), Josh Lyons (200 I.M., 100 breast), Matt Nagar (200 I.M., 100 back), Joseph Polinski (200 I.M., 100 fly), Matt Reynolds (50 free, 100 free), Troy Twigg (50 free, diving), Aaron Veilleux (diving), and John Yale (50 free, 200 free, 500 free and 100 fly).

Girls swim team having success through dedication

By Kelly Repasky

Girls swim team coach Mr. Noldy has pulled the girls through a season of efforts. The team consists of twelve very dedicated girls, who have accomplished their goals and set personal records. Individually, Meghan Miller has qualified for districts with her 500 free, and relay team members Eryn Briggs, Kylie Mullen, Kris Young, Sarah Kendall, Kelly Repasky, and Jessica Meyer have also earned district qualification.

The January 21 meet brought in many personal records and wins. Meghan Miller placed first in the 200 free and 100 free, and Jessica Meyer received first place in the 100 breast. Parents were also honored at the meet for their support of the team.

Recently, the new touch pad timing system was installed. This new system helps get a more accurate time. Coach Noldy says, “It worked flawlessly at our first meet using it (Athens). We should have the minor kinks worked out for the next meet against Elk Lake.”

The team will only be graduating one senior, Eryn Briggs. Coach Noldy says, “Overall, the girls team is loaded with young talent.” Within two years the team hopes to be winning many meets, he added.

Juniors receive senior project packets...and advice

By Matt Kraft

Senior projects are under way for this year. The junior class received their Senior Project packets on Friday, January 25. Although there had been rumors about no longer having them, Mr. Maximiek, the senior projects advisor, said the projects will continue.

“We are planning on having them be a permanent part of the curriculum,” said Mr. Max.

When asked what the five best projects he has seen, he said “It's hard to pick five, but I've seen some very unique projects, such as: the mummification of a rat and the composition or original music.

The number one piece of advice Mr. Max has for the juniors is, “Start them as soon as possible.” He also recommended that juniors do a little bit of work each week, because if they wait too long, he said, the project inevitably sees problems!