

SPORTS

SAYRE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

By Jon Palumbo

The Sayre High School volleyball team has shown great and extraordinary effort in their season thus far in an attempt at a spectacular and memorable season.

The varsity squad had a great start with a 4-0 record. The team suffered its first defeat at the hands of rival Athens on Thursday, September 16. The team has shown a lot of teamwork and determination in their games so far as they attempt to have a championship season.

Brianna Richardson, the varsity captain, says that their main team goals are to stick together as a team and make their way to districts. Getting to districts will be a hard task, she said, especially since the team needs to win at least 10 of their 20 games in order to qualify, but the team already has a 4 win start. If they keep up the work they are giving now, they will surely make it to districts with flying colors.

The junior varsity squad has also started a great season. Although they haven't done as well as varsity record-wise, they still show great effort towards the sport.

"Although we haven't done as well as varsity, we still look good for our first season together," says Jill Ackley, freshman player on the JV team. The team shows a tremendous amount of teamwork and they work very hard in practice in hopes of having a great season.

Overall, the Sayre High School Volleyball team has started a great season and will definitely show other schools the meaning of "Sayre Pride."

Soccer boys off to great start

By Colleen Craig

The Sayre boy's soccer went into the current season by taking 3rd in the Liberty Tournament.

Next they played Waverly with a hard loss of 4-2 with exchange student Jose Cicero scoring both goals. Afterwards, their Elkland game got postponed to October 19th due to flooding in Elkland.

The boy's fourth game was a win over Mansfield 5-2. Bill Bustin scored three of the five goals; Brian Pinkard scored one, and Tom Ward picked up the last goal with a redirect from a corner kick.

Their next game against Liberty was a 3-2 win. Joseph Polinski and Billy Kenney held it together in midfield both offensively and defensively, and Brian Pinkard had one of the goals.

On September 16, Sayre and Athens battled to a 2-2 tie after a strong defensive effort by both teams.

Sayre then ended Troy's winning streak with a 4-1 win, and continued with a 1-0 win over Towanda.

The team is really working well together this year and their performances improve every game.

Golf not just a boys' game

By Christina Webster

Danielle Rich is in a very interesting position this year. She is the only female member of our very own golf team.

Danielle was asked if it was odd to be the only girl on the team.

"Not at all," she said. "The boys are very nice to me. Sometimes the more experienced players try to provide me with hints that could improve my golf game."

Does the golf team have a lot of experience on its team this year?

"There are 6 returning players," she said. "We also have a solid second team that can contribute when needed."

What has been your hardest team to play so far?

"My brother says that Wyalusing is a tough team to beat because they consistently shoot low-scores," Danielle replied.

As can be seen, the golf team is in pretty good shape this year. Even though Danielle has yet to qualify for a match, she has been working very hard to lower her scores and she hopes that, over time, she can be a positive contributor to the team.

HOMECOMING PEP RALLY FRIDAY!

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Homecoming 2004 set for Saturday

By Shannon Licata

It's that time of year again! Homecoming is sooner than you think. On Saturday, September 25th at the Lockhart Street Bowl, the 2004 homecoming queen will be announced at the halftime of the Sayre versus Troy football game. Sayre defeated Troy last year and are hoping to have the same results again this year for the homecoming game. Along with the game, many other events are taking place. This should be a fun week for everyone and unforgettable for sure.

Spirit week, the most exciting week of the year is also just around the corner! Many activities are going to be held through out the week.

Along with the exciting events taking place on Saturday, that isn't all.

Taking place on Thursday, September 23, hall decorating will be held as an annual competition. Most everyone will be looking forward to this activity. All grades from 7 through 12 will be battling over who has the most interesting decorations and creativity in their hall.

Taking place at a pep rally on September 24th during second and third periods, the 2004 homecoming king will be announced. The candidates are Phil Husick, Obi Ramadhan., Nick Barnes, Bill Bustin and Dan Kizale. During the pep rally, the five candidates will be introduced.

On Friday, senior field painting will be held after the pep rally. Seniors must be eligible to attend.

This week is going to be full of excitement and tons of fun for sure.



Freshman Kim Lowman models a unique hat as part of Friday's first hat day. (Photo by Christina Webster)

Yearbooks are due 'any day now'

By Christina Webster

The 2004 year books are expected to come in any day now, according to yearbook adviser Mrs. Shoemaker. It was supposed to get here over summer, but there was "a little glitch" at the yearbook company, according to Mrs. Shoemaker.

"Our yearbook sat in the process of production without anyone working on it at the company," said Mrs. Shoemaker "They made a mistake and the book was delayed because of it. However, they were very helpful once they finally got started."

There were no pre-sales for this year's book. Last year, the school ended up selling 190 copies of the yearbook.

Will the school order yearbooks from the same company for the 2004-2005 yearbook?

"I can't answer that for sure," said Mrs. Shoemaker. "The company made an honest mistake, but they produce a wonderful product. We'll have to see what they are willing to offer us for 2005 to make up for their error," she added.

Students will be notified when the books are available.

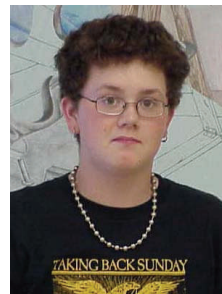
Who would you vote for president in 2004?

By Colin Durfee and Jon Palumbo



Margaret Ray
Senior

“George Bush”



Zach DeSisti
Sophomore

“John Kerry”



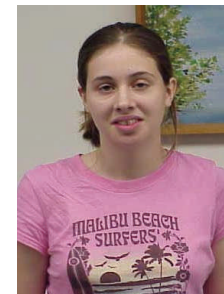
Lori Cole
Senior

“George Bush”



Kasey VanHousen
Sophomore

“John Kerry”



Amber Young
Junior

“George Bush”

Sayre senior has hair-raising project

By Megan DeKay

Kristine Young’s senior project has been a hair-raising adventure. She’s been collecting donated hair from people such as Megan McClary, Alisha Blackman, Monica Bixby, Mrs. Sindoni and others. Sixty-five people have donated their hair towards her project.

Young has said that providing people who suffer from hair loss with a wig has accomplished so much since she started last November.

When asked why she did this for her senior project, she said she did it because she wanted to help people.

She is collecting hair up until this upcoming November.

Exchange student making adjustment to life in Sayre

By Ashley Flick

Marcela Ricoboni, an exchange student from Brazil, is adjusting very well to Sayre.

Marcela’s first impression of Sayre is that it’s very small and everybody seems to know everyone. It’s much smaller than the city she came from, she said, and much different.

“Everything is different,” said Marcela. “The housing is much closer together in Brazil and people there are afraid of robbers.”

Marcela is living with Jeff and Carol Paul.

“I really love them,” stated Marcela. “They are like a second family to me.”

She seems to have a lot of friends already. Many people enjoy her.

“Marcela is a doll,” said SHS senior Brianna Richardson, when asked to describe Marcela. “She just smiles and smiles. When she isn’t quite sure what something means, she laughs and politely asks you to explain.”

Bri said Marcela is adjusting very well because she has made a lot of friends so far. “That really makes a difference.” says Bri.



Marcella Ricoboni

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Girls soccer team starts off on winning note

By Denis Cole

The girls’ soccer team is starting their season out stunningly.

They are heading the right way to reach their goals for this year to be the NTL champions, and to take a commanding charge into district play.

On Tuesday, September 14, the girls three -game winning streak came to an abrupt halt. The girls’ team lost 2-1 against the Towanda Black Knights.

They opened their season with a shut-out victory over New York powerhouse South-Side High School. They defeated them with a 3-0 victory, with a stunning performance by freshman goalie Megan Dekay, holding them to a scoreless game.

Their next showing was against Liberty. They had another strong showing by the defense holding the Liberty offense to yet another scoreless game for the Sayre girls’ record book. The offense of the Sayre squad also showed great skill in the break away goal by Katie Sloat, assisted by Ali Meyer.

Their third showing was against Wyalusing Rams with a stunning all-star showing by Dekay holding the Rams to only one goal.

The game ended with 8-1 victory over the Wyalusing Rams.

The girls’ team captains are Danielle Drake, Kristine Young, Alicia Webster, and Melissa Webster. The squad also has a long list of returning seniors: Chelsea Arbogast, Kylie Mullen, Katie Sloat, and Emily Osborn. The squad also has one new senior, Krista Decker.

The squads of seniors are joined by underclassmen Jessi Meyer, Sara Kabes, Alisha Blackman, Casey Craig, Danielle Ward, Megan McClary, Colleen Craig, Christina Webster, Andrea Bloss, Ali Meyer, Amanda Kyc, and Megan Dekay. These underclassmen Sayre High School may look forward to seeing in action for years to come. The girls’ soccer program can also look forward to a great future.

Sayre football looking to get back on track

By Chelsea Tracy

The Sayre football team has high expectations this year despite their season opening losses. Senior quarterback Duane Struppler keeps his hopes high for the season.

“My expectations for the team are to make district playoffs, something the football team has not been able to accomplish in the past few years,” says Struppler.

Not only does Struppler have high hopes for the season but so does the rest of the team.

“We really work well together; even the freshman and sophomores are stepping up,” said Struppler.

The team, under coach Scott Setzer, lost their season opener to Bishop O’Hara by the score of 21-13. In the second game of the season, North Penn edged Sayre by the score of 27-6. Sayre was defeated by Towanda Friday, September 17.

To really experience some excitement, make sure you make it out to support our football team this year.

Boys and girls cross country compete despite low numbers

By Morgan Campbell

The Sayre boys and girls cross country teams are looking forward to their seasons. The girls only have three girls competing this year, while the boys have a total of eight boys.

The league rules state a team should have at least five girls on both the varsity and junior high. On the junior high team right now, there are only two girls and one boy.

Despite the low numbers, there are many competitors, according to senior Krystal Lewis.

“Our toughest competition as a team would have to be Northeast Bradford,” Lewis said, “but my competition personally would have to be (teammate) Anna Galizia.”

“I have been up against my own teammate for three years and have yet to beat her,” Lewis added.

Cross country is something many runners enjoy.

“Cross country is not just running, it is a good time,” said Lewis.

By Lindsay Mack

A THOUSAND AND ONE WAYS TO REBEL



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Homecoming candidates await special day



Lori Cole



Ashley Houck



Brianna Richardson



Kristine Young



Kylie Mullen



Melissa Webster



Candidates for 2004 Homecoming King from left to right are: Bill Bustin, Dan Kizale, Obidah Ramadhan, Phil Husick, and Nick Barnes. (Photos by Shannon Licata and Colleen Craig)

Sage Advice

Q: Dear Sage,

I hate vegetables, but my parents are making me eat them every night for dinner. What do I do?

A: Vegetables are very vital for you. They are full of vitamins and nutrients that are extremely good for your body. You should include vegetables in your daily diet, but if you have trouble eating them, try to pick at *least* one that you can stomach. Your body will thank you in the long-run.

Q: Dear Sage,

I'm a pathological liar, and I don't know how to stop. Can you offer my any advice?
-Seeking the Truth

A: Dear Seeking the Truth,

The first thing you should ask yourself is why you're lying. Do you feel insecure or unheard? If you're worried about what people think of you, don't! Consider also, if they don't like the real you, they're not real friends. Don't lie though. Nobody likes a liar.

Q: Dear Sage,

My friend's mother just died, and they came to me for comfort, but I didn't know what to say. What do you think I should say/do?

A: Sometimes just being there for your friend is all the comfort they'll need. If you're afraid of saying something that might sound insensitive, then just listen. The best comfort is the comfort given.

Q: Dear Sage,

My friend and I are tight, but another one of my friends is talking bad about my friend and making her feel bad. What should I say or do to that friend who is talking about my other friend?

A: You should sit them both down and try to figure out what the problem is together. Confrontation is the best way to resolve conflict. If the friendships are truly worth fighting for, then there wouldn't be any fights. You all need to communicate with each other, and be honest about your feelings.

Tenacious Advice

Q: Is being a senior a lot more stressful than being an underclassman?

A: Being a senior is very stressful. There are uncertain things floating in the future, such as preparations and college visits. I'm not saying other years aren't hard, but for sure the senior year is the most difficult. There are a lot of fun aspects to being a senior, but due to lots of work and future uncertainties, it will be a load. Also as a senior, you have the younger grades looking up to you for leadership. So I would say yes, senior year is stressful.
-Tenacious D

Q: What makes this school year different than all the others?

A: School only really changes if you want it to. So if you want to see something different in school this year, get out, try something new, and make the most of it.
-Tenacious D

New music teacher likes SHS

By Sarah Kendall

The new music teacher, Mrs. Kinney, has enjoyed her first few weeks at Sayre High School. She is replacing Mr. Zimmerman while he's taking a sabbatical.

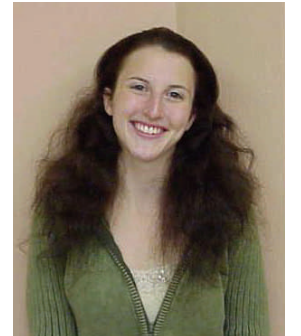
"The students are great! They are ready to try new things and they are so helpful," Mrs. Kinney said. She is also impressed on how fast the choirs have been progressing.

Mrs. Kinney grew up in a house full of music so she was always interested in it, but she isn't sure why she wanted to become a teacher, she said.

To become a music teacher, you have to learn how to at least play many of the instruments but Mrs. Kinney also has seriously studied some instruments.

"I've studied piano for 17 years, organ for seven, French horn for four years, mellophone for six years, and obviously voice," Mrs. Kinney said.

She graduated from Mansfield University as a vocal major, with a minor in piano.



Mrs. Kinney

Social studies teacher brings experience to SHS

By Matt Podolinski

Mr. Knolles, the new social studies teacher at Sayre High School, is taking over for Mr. Allen who was a permanent substitute for Mr. Orner.

He is enjoying teaching here at Sayre and is looking forward to a successful first year.

He was asked about his transition from becoming a police officer to a teacher.

"I enjoy helping people and I decided to try to help people make good choices earlier in life," Mr. Knolles said. "I also love kids and what better place to spend time with kids."

What is his favorite part of teaching?

"It gives me a chance to share my love of history and to open doors for kids that might have been closed," he explained.

How does he like Sayre so far?

"The school is great," he said. "The teachers and students have gone out of their way to help me along. B-LUNCH DUTY RULES!"

Lastly, he was asked if he planned on coaching any sports teams in the near future.

"I am helping with the junior high football, wrestling and baseball in the future," he said. "I plan on being a big Redskin Fan."

Mr. Felt, chairman of the history department, stated that Mr. Knolles is fitting in very well and is very comfortable because he had 5 years of experience teaching at Spencer Van-Etten.



Mr. Knolles

Athletes of the Week for September 13, 2004

Football: Colin Repko/ Freshman
Girls Soccer: Chelsea Arbogast/ Senior
Boys Soccer: William Bustin/ Senior
Golf: Matt Nagar/ Senior
Volleyball: Cassandra Martz/ Sophomore
Boys Cross Country: Joey Hill/ Sophomore
Girls Cross Country: Krystal Lewis/ Senior
Cheerleading: Caci Silkman/ Senior