

SPORTS

Sayre hires new football coach

By Christina Webster

Ron Miller is going to be the new varsity football coach next season.

Past teams Miller has coached have had much success, according to Mr. Knolles, history teacher at Sayre who taught with Miller at Spencer Van-Etten.

"Ron has coached football, baseball, softball, track, and at the moment girls basketball," said Knolles. He took the baseball American Legion team to the eastern nationals. He not only has coached football and baseball, but he has also played Division II football, and semi-pro baseball. Miller is a teacher at Spencer-Van-Etten and was the head coach there for nine years. He was also an assistant coach for 12 years at Whitney Point, New York, and Owego, New York. With all of Mr. Miller's experience and success, the football program is sure to benefit.

Barnes having outstanding swimming season

By Ashley Flick

Sayre athletics has had some individual stand-outs over the fall and winter sports seasons, including swimming stand-out Nick Barnes.

Nick recently captured his 100th career win and broke two school records in the 100 and the 50.

Nick, who started swimming when he was in 9th grade after he switched over from wrestling, was very excited to reach his 100th win and break the two records.

"It was pretty exciting," he said. "I didn't really expect to get the two records but, after the 50, I got confident."

It takes a lot of training to excel like Nick, and he attributes his success to hard work.

"I would tell (anybody) to just train hard and try to perfect their stroke-and just stay dedicated no matter what, even if that means lifting at 5:30 in the morning," stated Barnes.

Nick also played football and recalls advice he received from assistant football coach Larry Hanifan, "The day you don't want to come but do, is the day you get better," recalled Nick.

Sayre swimming coach Mr.Noldy has recognized some of Nick's strengths. "Nick has a positive mental attitude, he trains hard, eats right, and gets good rest," said Noldy.

Mr.Noldy also gives his advice to other students who want to improve on their swimming career.

"Train 8,000-10,000 yards daily; 365 days a year, eat a well-balanced diet, be a good time manager, sleep 6-8 hours a night, and stay clean from drugs and alcohol," advises Noldy.

Boys swim team setting sights on district meet

By Sarah Kendall

The season has been exceptional for the boys swim team this far. In some of the more recent meets, the boys have won against Athens, Towanda and another meet against Athens, which all had the boys scoring high over the opposing teams. In the meet against Towanda the 200 free relay team of Nick Barnes, Denis Cole, Matt Nagar and Matt Reynolds broke the school record of 1:39.9 with a 1:38.2. The boys are hoping to get at least three more wins this season.

Head coach Mr. Noldy hopes the boys can be in the top five at districts. When asked what goals he still had for the boys, he said that they need to just try their best no matter the outcome of the meet.

Mr. Noldy also said that the most surprising swimmers this season have been Justin Husick in the free-style sprinting, Matt Nagar in the distance, Jeff Moyle in the breaststroke and Jose Cicero in the butterfly.

More than half of the team has qualified for districts which takes place on March 5 at Bucknell University.

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School presenting M*A*S*H*

By Kim Lowman

The world of M*A*S*H* will appear at our Sayre High School auditorium for this year's play. Mrs. Bennett, the play director, has chosen MASH because "MASH is about the human spirit, about people living, laughing and caring in a trying situation," said Mrs. Bennett.

MASH takes place during the Korean War, a very depressing time. MASH is something that brought a lot of happiness out of a sad time, and MASH shows how people bonded together through terrible times.

"With the current world situation I thought this was a production that shows our country's spirit and strength," said Mrs. Bennett, a 1976 graduate of SHS.

The main characters in the cast are Lt.Colonel Henry Braymore Blake (Max Bennett), Major Frank Burns (Bill Bustin), Father John Patrick Mulcahy (Matt Reynolds), Captain John McIntyre "Trapper John" (Denis Cole), Captain Benjamin Franklin "Hawkeye" Pierce (Joseph Polinski), Corporal Radar O'Reilly (Luke Skerpon) and Major Margaret Houlihan (Megan Krench).

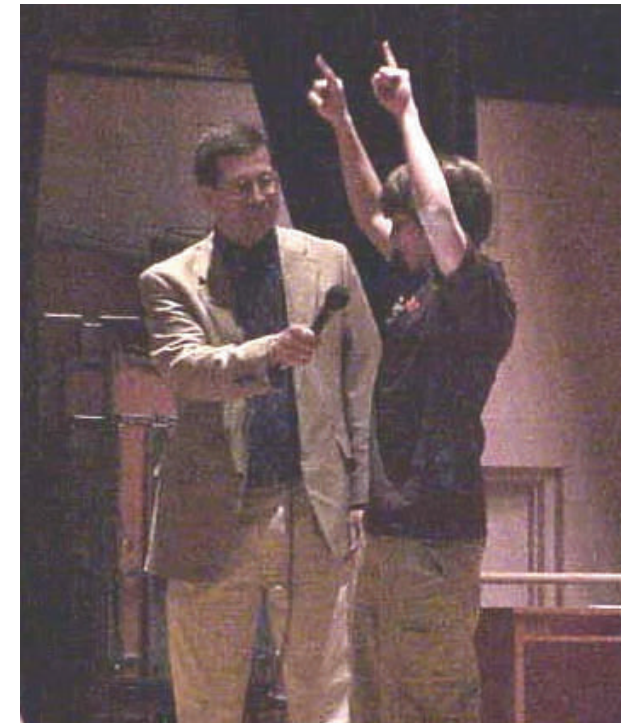
The student stage directors are Ryan Kirtley and William Vogel and the production managers are Tom Ward and Brandon Ward.

Mrs. Nudge, the stage manager, works on the props for the play. "It is a lot of fun and there were a lot of students who tried out," said Mrs. Nudge.

Mr. Twigg and Mr. Bezotte have also offered a great deal of help with the props, from building and painting, along with the students, staff and the community.

The play will take as long as they need to practice and to get everything together. Mrs. Bennett hopes to have the play ready by March 31st to April 2nd.

MASH stands for Mobile Army Surgical Hospital.



Freshman Kyle Hickey earned top honors at the dance competition held as part of the yearbook assembly.

Calendar

Friday, February 18—Give Back Snow Day. School will be held.

Monday, February 21—Presidents Day. No school.

Wednesday, March 23—End of third marking period.

Thursday, March 24—Give Back Snow Day. No school at this time.

Friday, March 25 to Monday, March 28—Easter Break.

Tuesday, March 29—Give Back Snow Day (No school at this time).

What Would **You** Like to be When *You* “**Grow Up**”?

By Brianna Richardson



John Guirguis

“I want to be a doctor so I can help people.”



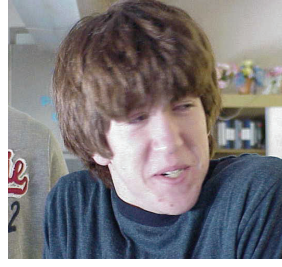
Lori Cole

“I want to be a missionary, and long-term, a counselor in psychology.”



Jono Pack

“I want to be a dog-walker.”



Billy Bustin

“I want to be Ambassador to Switzerland.”

FBLA students earn recognition at regionals

By Max Bennett

On January 18, the students in FBLA participated in the annual FBLA Regional Competition at Wyalusing High School. The Sayre Chapter of FBLA had the highest number of participants with a plethora of 62 high school and 29 middle school students.

Nineteen of the Sayre students qualified for the FBLA State Competition. Kelly Ammerman, Megan Krench, Kylie Mullen, and Kristy Westbrook all took a first place in their categories. Second place finishers were; Lisa Bradley, Suzanne Cochi, Robert Lathrop, Todd Moyle, Alicia Webster, Carly White, and Kristine Young. Finally, Megan McClary, Brian Pinkard, Luke Skerpon, Brandon Ward, and Jenny Ward all received third place honors. Sayre FBLA president Bill Bustin is currently the FBLA Regional president and will be replaced with our own Adam Smith. Luke Skerpon is running for the regional secretary and also is running for state office, vice president.

For those who are unfamiliar with FBLA it stands for Future Business Leaders of America. It helps develop character, prepares for useful citizenship, and readies students for the transition from school to work.

Each year, FBLA makes a trip to a destination chosen by Mr. Selleck, who is the Sayre’s FBLA head advisor. This year’s trip will be to Philadelphia. Some attractions that they will be seeing are the Liberty Bell, the U.S. Mint, and the Philadelphia Zoo.

Forensics can be ‘fun and exhilarating’

By Shannon Licata

As some of you may know, forensics is an activity that anyone can join. So far, this year, there has been about half a dozen tournaments or more. Forensics involves debate, dramatic interpretation, ad lib, poetry and a few other categories. Forensic competitions only go until the beginning of February.

“Forensics is a fun and exhilarating experience for me as well as the others,” stated Bob Witmer, freshman. “My debate partner Phil Smith and I had a great time competing and hope to do well in future events.”

Mrs. Hickey, forensics adviser, keeps the participants informed through announcements and handouts. If any of this seems to interest you, you may contact Mrs. Hickey and let her know you are interested.

Along with Sr. High Forensics, Jr. High Forensics is also welcoming beginners in the 7th and 8th grades.

Forensics is for everyone, so do not be afraid. Get out there and try it!

Smith hits milestone; team misses playoffs

By Megan Dekay

The Sayre boys might have started off to a slow start, but things started to heat up even though playoff contention is out. They had a good season keeping up with many great teams and only losing by a few points.

Returning seniors Andy Smith, Jon Pack and Duane Struppler lead the way for the Redskins. With newcomers on the team, the team looked to some of the freshmen, sophomores and juniors for help. The team’s captains were Smith and Struppler.

Smith scored his 1000th career point at a home game against Wyalusing on January 28. Sayre lost to the Rams by a score of 72-64. Smith scored his milestone with just 34 seconds left in the half. He finished with 13 points. Struppler ended the half by throwing a bomb down the court to sink it for three for the Redskins. Even though they lost the game, Sayre put up a big fight making Wyalusing play a good game. It looked like the Redskins would come back then slowly the Rams pulled away in the third quarter for the win.

Against rival Athens, everything was going to be left out on the floor. The league-leading Wildcats came into the game looking for an easy win, but the Redskins had other plans. Going into halftime, the score was 22-16 in Athens’ favor, but the Redskins knew the game was within reach. Athens put on a strong defense to hold the Redskins in the third quarter. The only time the Redskins put points on the board in the third quarter was a technical foul called on Athens. Then, in the fourth quarter, Athens held Sayre to just three field goals.

Sayre played the Towanda Black Knights and fell short in overtime, putting the Redskins out of playoff contention for this year.

In their last game of the season, the Redskins erased a nine-point fourth quarter deficit to defeat the Northeast Panthers by the score of 62-58. Sayre played without the services of several players who were out with illness.

The junior varsity, also hit hard by illness, rallied to win their game 36-31.

Ski Club a good way to spend Sunday afternoon

By Colleen Craig

Although it may not be very well known, Ski Club is a wonderful way to spend your Sunday afternoons.

It costs about \$100 to \$175 depending on if you get food tickets or if you plan to ski or snow board. The trip is about 1 ½ hours and the club leaves at about 8 in the morning and gets back at about 5:30 p.m.

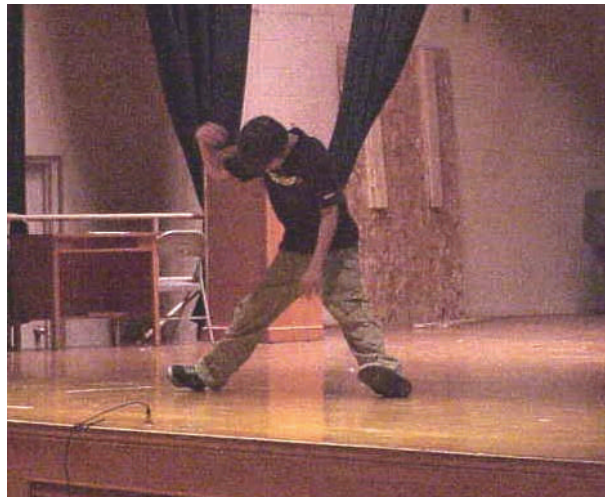
For a special trip, club members go night skiing once out of the six weeks. During this trip, they leave at around 1 p.m. and don’t get back until after 10 p.m. In addition, anyone who wants to continue skiing after the six weeks are up can go on a trip to Killington, Vermont.

The Sayre advisors are Mr. Selleck, Mrs. Ludwig, and Mrs. Guiles. They spend their day like anyone else in the club, out on the slopes enjoying their day of skiing.

Greek Peak is where the club members ski and it is a great place to learn how to ski properly. It is also a place that has several different degrees of difficulty so even some of the best skiers can still enjoy themselves.

So if you find yourself just sitting around one of those Sunday afternoons, you should think of joining ski club because it is a lot of fun for everyone!

Yearbook assembly shows local talent



Kyle Hickey shows some of his winning form.



Jacob George does a flip as part of his routine.



Students voice their approval for their favorite performance.



Senior boys try in vain to capture the best dancing award.



Juniors Lisa Hawley and Anna Galizia entertain students during their dance routine.



Lisa Hawley and Anna Galizia answer questions from the yearbook representative.

Challenge team preparing for competition

By Kristin Vanderpool

The Quiz League team is made up of juniors and seniors. The following team members are Bill Bustin, Megan Krench, Kaitlin Nichols and Suzanne Cochi, all seniors. Juniors include Ann Velasquez, Todd Moyle, Connor Dugan, Lori Swank and Adam Smith.

The advisor is Mr. Templeton. The alternate is senior Andy Smith.

According to team member Suzanne Cochi, seniors in the quiz league are also in the Scholarship Challenge competition. The quiz league has three championships all year long. They go to three different schools and do three matches at a time. They went to Athens on Nov. 3, Notre Dame on October 20 and Tioga Central on October 13.

Cochi said most of the schools are from New York State with the exception of Sayre and Athens.

"We've been very successful this year," she said.



Senior members of the Quiz League team (and Scholarship Challenge team) are shown above. In the front row from left are Suzanne Cochi and Megan Krench. In the back row from left are Bill Bustin, advisor Mr. Templeton and Kaitlyn Nichols.

Sayre raises money for Tsunami relief efforts

By Colin Durfee

On December 26, 2004, a great Tsunami hit South Asia. Thousands of homes were destroyed and over a hundred thousand people lost their lives. People all around the United States helped by donating their own money to the people this tsunami has effected. Celebrities and organization leaders donated large amounts of money. Julia Roberts gave two million dollars of her own money to help. Carl Linder the owner of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team and his son spent \$200,000 to fly 60,000 pounds of food, and antibiotics from Cincinnati, Ohio to aid centers in Chennai, India, and Colombo, and Sri Lanka.

Even here in our little town of Sayre we managed to help in any way we could. Margie Ross of The Sayre Theater and her campaign brought nearly \$25,000 from generous people from all over the valley. Mrs. Cole was in charge of the relief fund for our very own Sayre High that brought in \$818. Through out this disaster it shows how a little community can make a difference.

School satisfied with new mid-term exam schedule

By Jon Palumbo

This year, Sayre High School held a different schedule for their midterms than most students were used to having. In previous years, periods would be doubled and students would take certain subject tests on certain days. This year, things were different.

The new midterm schedule had the midterms split between two days, so students wouldn't have to miss any of their classes. Mr. Cessna, the school principal, said that the schedule was changed because teachers felt that there would be fewer disruptions. He also stated that this year's schedule was easier to run than the years before, since they didn't have to eliminate any classes.

When asked if the schedule for next year's midterms were going to be the same, Mr. Cessna said that he didn't know for sure yet, but he would envision the schedule being the same.

Valentine's Messages

To: Amanda Kyc
From: Your Girly
You have such awesome hair.

To: Sandra
From: Honey
Hey sweet cheeks, Happy Valentines Day

To: Dustin
From: Sabrina
I love you and Happy Valentines Day

To: Katrina Brink
From: Sandra Sauer
I love you with all my heart.
Thanks for being an awesome friend. Happy Valentines Day!

To: Honey Chilson
From: Sandra
Hey hun bun, I love you lots.
Happy Valentines Day.

To: ChelC B
From: Big Brother
Happy Valentines Day sis. I love you.

To: The table
From: Moesha
So many memories at the table, I love you girls and Chrissy!

To: Ashley Park
From: Frankie Vertuli
Love you "Barbie." Fun times!

To: Katie
From: Ashley Park
I love you!

To: Will Frisbie
From: Ashley Park
Hey bud, I love you cuz!

To: Ashley
From: Jessica Bentley
Hey girl, I love you lots as a friend. You're my best friend.

To: Jessica
From: Ashley Park
You are my favorite. I love you!

To: Nikki Robinson
From: Katie Frisbie
Hey hun, Happy Valentines Day!

To: Will Frisbie
From: Tiffany Robinson
Happy Valentines Day, I love you!

To: Frances
From: Tiff
Happy Valentines Day.

To: Samantha Dolan
From: Tiff
Happy Valentines Day.

To: Ashley
From: Tiff
Happy Valentines Day

To: Kim Lowman
From: Bird
I love you.

To: Jessica Bradley
From: Jill Ackley
I love you Bess, great lunch memories.

To: Lynsey Bennett
From: Britt Brown
My best friend! Love you. P.S. Wanna fight some moms?

To: Adam James
From: Kim Janosko
I love you babe! So glad we are together.

To: Tom Moon
From: Honey Chilson
Happy Valentines Day.

To: De Burgess
From: Honey
Happy Valentines Day. I'm happy

you're my friend.

To: Gansta Gurlz
From: Chris Haines
Brooklyn, Jane, Moesha, Marrison, Tiesha...I love you girls!

To: Meredith Rogers
From: Wayman
Mere, you are the best advice giver ever! Love you.

To: Josh Decker
From: Your lovey poo-poo
I love you.

To: Racheal Brink
From: Sandra
Hey Rachie Baby, Happy Valentines Day!

To: Mike Cooley
From: Brandon Ward
I love you baby.

To: Steve Po
From: Me
You owe me!

To: Katie Ciavardini
From: Jill Ackley
I love you! Best friends forever.

To: Courtney Prough
From: Madison Campbell
Be my Valentine. I love you!

To: Nikki Robinson
From: Tiff
Love you, sis.

To: Katie Frisbie
From: Tiffany Robinson
Love you, hun.

To: Katie Frisbie
From: Samantha Dolan
You're my baby girl! We have got to hang out more, love you!

Valentine's Messages

To: Kenna Skoda
From: Jessie Bentley
Hey chica, you're the bomb. I hope we can be friends again.

To: Justin Donovan
From: Secret Admirer
Will you be my Valentine?

To: Jessica Bentley
From: Madison Campbell
I love you.

To: Mike Ackley
From: Katie
Hey buddy, Happy Valentines Day!

To: Tiffany Robinson
From: Katie
Happy Valentines Day, I love you.

To: Colin Repasky
From: Secret Admirer
Will you be my Valentine?

To: Frances
From: Jessica
Hey girl, I love you lots. You are my best friend.

To: Esther Parsons
From: Jill Ackley
Great memories, buddy!

To: Katelyn
From: Jill
I love you, best friends forever.

To: Amanda Elizabeth Lyons
From: Jill
I love you, great memories. Best friends forever!

To: Kimmy Jo, Leah, Brit, Tasha, KT, and Tiff
From: Nikki Robinson
I love you all so much!

To: Cody Dickinson
From: The Table
I love you, thanks for helping us

out in a time of need.

To: Mike
From: Samantha
I hope you and Ash last forever. I love you like a brother, you're awesome.

To: Katie Frizzle
From: Jessica Bentley
Hey girl, you are awesome I hope we are friends forever.

To: Mike
From: Ashley
Will you be my Valentine? I love you!

To: Tara Agnew
From: Carla Learn
Love you to death! J Bob

To: Kristy, Katie, Morgan, Bobbi, and Kelly
From: A secret lover
You guys are all cute. I love you all!

To: Samantha
From: Jessica
You are my best buddy! You have always been there for me.

To: Kim Janosko
From: Adam James
I love you baby girl, I am happy I am with you!

To: Kayla Bowman
From: Bruce Osborne
I dig you!

To: Santa-Faye
From: Trina-Kaye
Thanks for everything. Love you like a sister. P.S. Movies with Pat and Phil.

To: Tiffany
From: Ashley
I love you!

To: Christy Bennett
From: Secret Admirer
I want you to be my Valentine?

To: Tiffany and Rachel Brink
From: Your big sis
I love you both, don't forget it.

To: Duane Struppler
From: Your secret admirer
Be my Valentine!

To: Frances Vertuli
From: Samantha Dolan
You are an awesome chick. We really have to hang out. Love you chica!

To: Josh Mattison
From: Secret Admirer
Will you be my Valentine, I like you so much!

To: Jessica
From: Katie
Hey, Happy Valentines Day! We need to hang out soon.

To: Tiffany Robinson
From: Amber Burbank and Carla Learn
We love you.

To: Tiffany Robinson
From: Madison Campbell
I love you!

To: Trey
From: Madison
Please be mine.

To: Tonya, Morgan, Katie, Bobbi, and Kelly
From: Shakira A.K.A. Hot Tomato
I love you all a lot. You are all the best! Especially KT. *Wink, wink*

To: Katie Frisbie
From: Amber Burbank and Carla Learn
We love you.