

## *End of First Marking Period—November 2*

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### **Cell phones in school**

**By Jessica Aubry**

With new and improving cell phones being able to text, take pictures, and even record video, it's no surprise more and more people are buying them. However, are cell phones becoming a problem in school?

Some students claim that the rules are unfair; others however agree and say no one needs their cell phone during class. When asked if students agreed with the school's rules against cell phone use, four out of seven students surveyed thought the rules were unfair.

"I think we should be allowed to use cell phones between classes, and in study hall," said freshmen Samantha Cole.

Three of the seven agreed with the school's rules.

"I think its fine. No one should need their cell phone in school," said junior Dan Rae.

For those unaware of the rule, they are as follows: cell phones are not to be used in the school building anytime during school hours. However, students are permitted to use the phone outside of the office before and after school and during study halls and lunch with a signed handbook.

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**Cell phones are becoming more popular these days, even among students at Sayre.**

### **Sayre seeks can drive crown**

**By Brad Kizale**

It's that time of the year again, the big Rusty Rail game and the can drive that goes along with it!

The can drive started three years ago with this year being the fourth. Athens won the first year but Sayre has captured the past two years and the school is hoping too keep their winning streak going.

The Sayre cheerleaders and student council are coordinating the can drive this year. They have organized many fun ways to get you involved with the can drive such as: class competitions, hat days, and spirit week.

All of the items collected go to the Salvation Army Food Pantry for those who are in need. So help get out there and help Sayre beat Athens once again.

### **School 'adopts' soldiers**

**By Ashley Flick**

Before Bradford County lost its first soldier, SPC. Oliver J. Brown, 19, of Athens who was killed in Ramadi, Iraq on September 28, 2005, it seemed few really took time to recognize the fact that we have local soldiers who are still over there and need all the support they can get.

Before we all prayed for the boys but Sayre senior Lisa Bradley thought there was more that could be done. Lisa is starting an 'Adopt a Soldier' program here at SHS, along with the help of many students and teachers. 'Adopt a Soldier,' is a program where each grade level "adopts" a soldier in Iraq. Throughout the year, care packages and letters from each grade will be sent to their selected soldier. Boxes with pictures of the soldiers and short biographies will be located in the guidance office.

The six soldiers who will be receiving the packages are soldiers who don't get much from home. "I chose 6 soldiers from around the area who have been struggling due to many deaths of friends over there and do not receive packages," said Bradley.

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# Horror Movies

By: Ryan Kirtley

Halloween is a great time of the year and brings up one great subject. Horror movies! Horror movies have influenced us and given us nightmares since we were in first grade. However, now a few students of Sayre High School have grown to like being scared and horrified with great films, the classics. These are the reviews and results of a few of these movies. The ratings are based on the opinions of five Sayre students (and movie fans).

**Halloween.** This movie was released in the late 1970's. It seems too old for people to like, but this is one of the most enjoyable movies to ever watch. The acting is perfect, and the scenes are so well shot it definitely makes it very suspenseful. This is the movie about Michael Myers, a man in a white mask, stalking the baby sitter Laurie Strode and her friends. After Michael is his Doctor, Sam Loomis, who is looking to stop Michael at all costs. Some actors in this film are Jamie Lee Curtis and Donald Pleasance.

**RATING-4 out of 5**

**Amityville Horror.** In this film, a family moves into a home supposedly possessed by ghosts. This movie is based on a true story and some events they say happened for real, but nobody knows for sure except for the family themselves. Once the family is in the house, weird things start to occur like the main character hearing voices telling him to go after his family. This is an entertaining movie and one of those that make you wonder...Are they going to make it?

**RATING- 3 out of 5**

**Evil Dead.** This is a very odd film, but everyone enjoys it. This movie is a very cheesy, but very well done film by Director Sam Raimi. You may know him as the director of the *Spider-Man* movies. *Evil Dead* is how he got his start. This one is about five college friends going up into an abandoned cabin in the mountains for a peaceful getaway. All is well and good until they stumble upon the book of the dead. After the book is read, dead spirits enter the bodies of these kids and start terrorizing and infecting them one by one. It's up to a very unlikely hero to try to escape all in one piece. This film stars Bruce Campbell. (He's the man)

**RATING- 4 out of 5**

**Night of the Living Dead.** This film was directed by George A. Romero. Romero later continued his dead series in *Dawn of the Living Dead*, *Day of the Living Dead*, and the recent *Land of the Living Dead*. This is a classic zombie film where the recently deceased are animated once again, and terrorize the living and people turn into zombies. This film may be old and black and white but, compared to any new zombie film, this will beat it hands down.

**RATING- 4 out of 5**

**A Nightmare On Elm Street.** This is a film by the master of terror, Wes Craven, who directed such films as the *Scream* trilogy, the *Hills Have Eyes*, *Serpent and the Rainbow*, and the recent *Red Eye*. This movie is about a dream stalker named Fred Krueger. He infiltrates the dreams of the children of Elm Street to get revenge on their parents who burned him, turning him into a monster. Fred is most noted as a popular horror villain because of how he has fun with the victim's dreams, and has a signature weapon, a glove with four knives on the fingers. A person you might not realize was in this film is Johnny Depp. This was his first film.

**RATING- 4 out of 5**



**Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.** This is the classic tale of summer camp gone wrong. After a murder years ago, kids returned to Camp Crystal Lake thinking everything would be OK. It wasn't, for it seems that a stalker is after the camp counselors. Movie goers may not know that Jason was not the stalker in this movie; it was his mother, Mrs. Voorhees. She wanted revenge for letting Jason drown as a child. Someone you may not realize was in this movie is Kevin Bacon.

**RATING- 4 out of 5**

# 2005 Homecoming King and Queen crowned

By Alisha Blackman

Senior Kelly Ammerman was crowned 2005 Homecoming Queen on Saturday, October 1 at Sayre High School during the halftime show against Waverly.

On Friday, Connor Dugan was crowned king during the pep rally at the end of spirit week.

The candidates were voted in by their fellow senior classmates.

The girls courts consisted of Kelly Ammerman, Becky Brisson, Irma Brown, Jessica Meyer, Jackie Morse and Kelly Repasky.

Justin Donovan, Connor Dugan, Andrew Jarvis, Brad Kizale and Kevin Orlandi made the court for the boys. The two were voted king and queen by grades nine through twelve.



**Kelly Ammerman is the Sayre H.S. 2005 Homecoming Queen.**



**Connor Dugan was crowned Homecoming King at the Homecoming pep rally.**

## *Rusty Rail tradition continues for rival schools*

By Brad Kizale

Sayre and Athens began doing battle with each other in the year 1914, the same year that Sayre's football program started. The school had football since at least 1898 although it played as a club. The Rusty Rail game is the most anticipated sports event in the Valley and is a source of pride to the people who live locally.

The game between Sayre and Athens got its name for a couple different reasons. The name "Rusty Rail" came from a "rusty rail" that then-Sayre Coach Giff Wolcott had in his basement. Then he donated that rail to the school and Luke Wheeler made it his senior project. That rail became the Rusty Rail trophy.

The football game is the main event but it isn't the only event planned for the Rusty Rail meeting. All events are pre-planned. There is a canned food drive every year, and Sayre has won it every since it has been started except for the first one. A ceremonial dinner is set to take place after the football game to honor player and coaches.

This is always an intense battle between the two teams due to a couple of key factors. The kids in both schools live so close and know each other. The Sayre and Athens school districts share borders and some kids are switching schools annually. Last, but not least, these two teams love to hate each other and the game has been a back and forth battle throughout the years.

According to Athletic Director Mr. Twigg, this year's game will be too close to call but he picks the 'Skins to take it home.

# Spirit Week 2005



Juniors Colin Durfee, Richard Wartman, Scott Matthews, and Brandon Seeley (left to right) wear shades as the Class of "007".



Ashley Flick and Alisha Blackman participate in Twin Day during Spirit Week.



Eight graders Jessica Bentley (left) and Mikenna Skoda dress up as twins.



Sayre Cheerleaders march down the hallway.



Senior Matt Reynolds wears his school colors after a day of field painting.



Seniors pause for a picture after field painting for Homecoming.

# *What do you do in study hall?*

By Angie Dolinich

Almost everyone at some time has had a study hall. What exactly do Sayre students do during these free periods? A few students were randomly selected and asked three questions about the use of their time in study hall.

## **Question: What do you do during study hall?**

*Ameigh Palmireri:* It depends on the day. Sometimes we have a silent study hall and other times, it's open. When it is open, I talk.

## **What is your favorite part of study hall?**

*Palmireri:* Being able to take a load off of my work and to get a break from my other classes.

## **What is your least favorite part of study hall?**

*Palmireri:* Silent days because you have to sit there and, if you have nothing to do, then you just sit there.

## **What do you do during study hall?**

*Sarah Parsons:* Usually I talk when I'm distracted, but when I'm not I do my homework.

## **What is your favorite part of study hall?**

*Parsons:* That I get to do whatever I want as long as it is school appropriate.

## **What is your least favorite part of study hall?**

*Parsons:* I really don't like getting yelled at for being too loud.

## **What would you do if you had a silent study hall?**

*Parsons:* Catch up on my homework and, if I have no homework, I would whisper or pass notes.

## **What do you do during study hall?**

*Amber Pollox:* I just talk or do my homework or I do what you're supposed to do, study.

## **What is your favorite part of study hall?**

*Pollox:* I like it when I get to go to the library.

## **What is your least favorite parts of study hall?**

*Pollox:* I hate it when I get yelled at for talking.

# *Students focus on senior projects*

By Joshua Rich

It's that time again, for upper classmen at Sayre High to start thinking about senior projects.

For those of you that may be new to Sayre or just don't understand the concept, this will hopefully give some insight on the subject.

According to Mr. Maximiek, senior project adviser,

the purpose of the senior project is for seniors to prove that they can use the various skills which they obtained in high school. He said the requirements are straight-forward.

"To fail a senior project, all you need to do is not follow the requirements given to you in the senior packet", said Mr. Maximiek.

Junior class students are scheduled to receive their packets on Friday, October 28.

The requirements would be the following: "First off, you have to finish your project on a certain date and show it to judges who will judge whether you did it well or not," Mr. Maximiek said. "Second, you must have a ten minute presentation explaining what you did and have visual aids. Finally, with this, you need a minimum of 30 hours of time spent on the project."

## **CELL PHONES**

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As for the best type of cell phone, that might be in the eye of the beholder. They range from picture phones, to the new phone that can also play music files. Out of the seven students that were asked, five of them have cell phones and the other two did not.

## **SOLDIERS**

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What can you bring in? The soldiers really enjoy getting letters as well as: hard candy, gum, snacks, mixed drinks (Gatorade/Kool-Aid), toiletries, personal care items, small toys to give to the children over there, and anything that will make them laugh and have a good time.

Anything you give the soldiers will be enjoyed. So go out and help as much as you can, and show them that we support what they do for us and we support our country!

# Q & A

**By Melissa Brandt**

New superintendent Mr. Hosterman officially began his new duties in October. He agreed to answer a few questions about his new role as superintendent.

**Q: What was your first impression of Sayre High School?**

A: I was impressed with the positive academic attitude of the student body. Sayre High School is a very well maintained and classic facility.

**Q: What previous experience have you had?**

A: I have been a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, Director of Pupil Personnel, Director of Personnel, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent.

**Q: What are some of your goals for the high school?**

A: #1. Continue achieving academic success as measured by test scores.

#2. Establish a Student Round Table

#3. Encourage the local press to showcase positive happenings at Sayre High School.

**Q: What are some of your strengths? Weakness?**

A: Strength - I am honest and very hard working. I strive for academic excellent!

Weakness – I want things done yesterday and I love to over-eat.



**Mr. Hosterman**

**Q: What was your best experience in high school when you were a student?**

A: I cherished my friendships. Laughing and having fun with my friends. I will also never forget the ski trip and all the athletic competitions.

**Q: What do you look forward to the most for this school year?**

A: Learning to recognize staff and students in school and at special events.

## Calendar

**November 2** – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period

**November 4** – Rusty Rail Football Game at Sayre High School at 7 p.m.

**November 5** – State Cross Country Meet

**November 18** – Act 80 Day and Parent Teacher Conferences (Daytime)

**November 22** – Parent Teacher Conferences (Nighttime)

**November 23** – Half Day of School

**November 25-28** – Thanksgiving Break

**November 28** – Buck Day

# SPORTS

## Girls soccer team is district-bound

By Ashley Flick

The girls soccer team had a very successful season, and had high hopes of continuing their winning ways in the post-season. Line Mountain had other ideas, however. On Wednesday, the girls fell short against a fast Line Mountain team and were defeated 4-1 in the first round of the District IV Class AA soccer tournament.

On Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the girls' soccer team clinched a spot at districts with a victory over the Lady Black Knights of Towanda.

"We beat Towanda on their own home field in a great game to get our spot at districts," said senior Danielle Ward.

The Lady Skins defeated the Black Knights 4-2 in a well-fought game. Senior Sara Kabes was the leading lady in the game against the Black Knights, having three goals in the first half, helping lead the Redskins to their victory.

Against Line Mountain, sophomore Amanda Kyc scored the lone Sayre goal on a breakthrough.

The Line Mountain goalie recorded eight saves in the net. Line Mountain had 21 shots on goal.

The seniors on the team hold a lot of talent, but the underclassmen are right there with them, proving themselves every game.

## Breaking the barrier

By Melissa Brandt

Sayre High School's Cross Country teams worked to break the barriers that were holding them back!

In past years, Mr. Felt's cross country runners have barely had enough members to compete. This year, the team is growing with eight new young runners who Mr. Felt says are doing great things.

The following members of the boys and girls cross country teams are scheduled to compete on October 27<sup>th</sup> in the District 4 championships at Bloomsburg University: Jeff Moyle, Joey Hill, Adam Smith, Ryan Mullen, Stephen Polinski, Craig Briggs, James Biery, Adam James, Jason Gay, Beth Walker and Veronica Hamblin.

## Hitting it high and long

By Melissa Brandt

The Sayre golf team hit it high this season with an amazing record of 44 wins to only 12 losses. The team also sent six players to districts which included Josh Rich, Brian Osborn, Bruce Osborn, Galen Briggs, Tyler Seeley, and Jon Nagar.

Not only did these players make it to the first round of districts, but Josh Rich made it to the second round and placed 12<sup>th</sup> out of the 36 competitors. Overall, the Sayre golf team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the NTL's and also had three players selected for the all star team. These players name are yet to be announced.

The golf team is already looking for new members to prepare for next year.

## Boys just missed districts at end of good season

By Colin Durfee

The boys soccer teams are ending up their soccer season. The boys just missed districts this year, but still had a great season and learned a lot about soccer and their teammates.

"It was my first year coming out for the soccer team it was a lot of fun, and I can't wait for next year," said junior Trey Twigg.

The junior varsity team had a great season with over ten wins under their belt. This helps the Sayre Soccer program become even stronger because it gets a chance for the kids to play and learn the game, and how to cooperate with each other.

The varsity squad had many wins, losses, and heartbreakers. Sayre's record as of October 25 was 6-10-2, and the team had its most intense battles with archrival Athens. Sayre's first meeting against the Wildcats was a 3-2 loss in overtime.

The team had fewer seniors than other seasons, but the veterans they did have will surely be missed.

"We gave it our best and we had fun this season. I guess that's all that counts" said Max Bennett.

# Express Photo Poll

## What is your idea of an ideal substitute teacher?

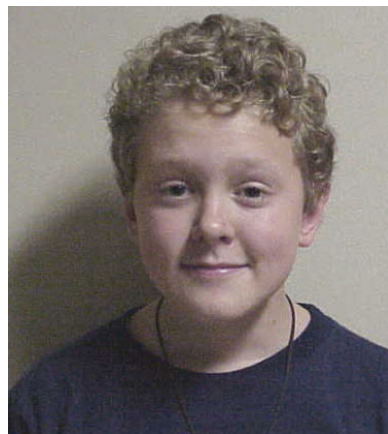
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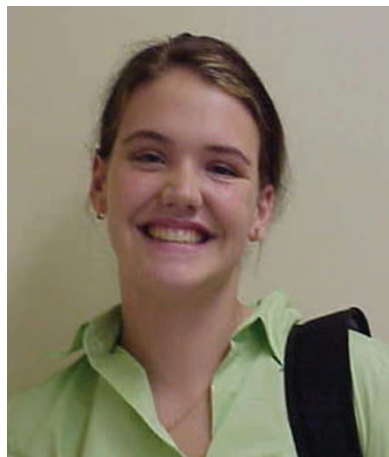
Brittany Barto – “One that gives you less work and lets you goof off.”



Mrs. Hickey – “One who can keep the classroom momentum going.”



Nate Ennis – “Somebody who knows what they’re doing.”



Megan Cole – “One who’s relaxed enough to let us work in groups when the instructions say so and don’t just give us busy work.”



Jeremiah Stone – “One that lets me do what I want.”



Mr. Guarino – “One that follows the lesson plan given by the teacher and doesn’t need to threaten to get results.”