

Homecoming: Sayre vs. Waverly Oct. 1

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School helps Katrina victims

By Ashley Flick

There are people, communities, and schools all around the U.S. helping out the victims of Hurricane Katrina, including: Sayre "The little school with the big heart."

For being such a small school, Sayre never fails to help out when needed.

On Friday September 2, the Sayre Area School District employees did a boot drive at three different locations in Sayre. This fundraiser brought in over \$4,700 for the American Red Cross, who will direct the money to the appropriate needs.

A 2005 Sayre High School graduate, Courtney Swetland, lost everything she owned due to the hurricane while attending school in Mississippi.

"The Sayre student council is currently working on a fundraiser for her," said Mary Cole, head of student council.

The school had a challenge in all three lunch periods, where the students brought in money that will go to Courtney. The seventh grade class brought in the most money and earned free front-of-the-line lunch passes.

It's not just one group of people coming together to help out.

"We've received a tremendous amount of help from students, staff, faculty, and administration," said Cole. "It's great to see everyone come together for a common cause."

Calendar

Saturday, October 1- Homecoming Football Game vs. Waverly (7 p.m.)

Monday, October 3- Boys soccer against Towanda (home)

Friday, October 7- Girls soccer against Troy (home)

Monday, October 10- Act 80 Day

Wednesday, November 2- End of the first marking period

HOMECOMING 2005



The Girl's Homecoming Court poses together Monday. In the front row from left are Beckie Brisson, Jessie Meyer and Jackie Morse. In the middle row is Irma Brown. In the back row from left are Kelly Repasky and Kelly Ammerman.



Three of the candidates for Homecoming King are shown above. From left, are: Connor Dugan, Andrew Jarvis and Kevin Orlandi.

Absent from photo are Justin Donovan and Brad Kizale.

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If you could be in charge of the cafeteria for one week, what would you do different?

By Zach DeSisti



Colleen Craig
Grade 10

"They should bring back the snacks and, if it is that big of a problem, they should limit it to one snack per person."



Jon Palumbo
Grade 11

"I would make lunch time longer. I hate when you're at the end of the line, then you get your food and then it's time to go."



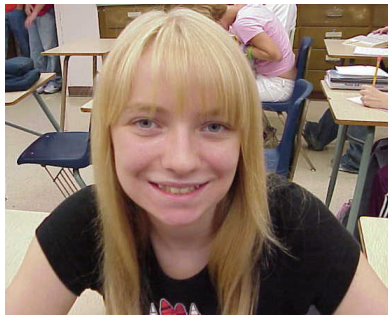
Veronica Hamblin
Grade 9

"I would change the number of people in each lunch room, because it is always very crowded."



Rob Walker
Grade 10

"I would bring back all the snacks and ice cream treats they banned. Sometimes you won't enjoy the lunch and just want a quick bite to eat. But you can't do that now."



Kim Klimpel
Grade 10

"I think that they should make more food in general. By the time C lunch comes around, there is hardly any food left."



Rachel Polinski
Grade 8

"I think that I would make lunch longer and bring back the chips and snacks. With longer lunch periods you don't have to rush and you can talk with your friends. Bringing back the snacks would give us more choices."

The band marches in a new direction under new leader

By Amanda Lyons

After the departure of former band director Miss Cheryl Kulikowski, known to many as Miss K, the person that stepped up to the challenge was none other than our new band director, Ms. Amy Johnston. Considering the controversy going on in our music department, Miss Johnston was very courageous to step up to the challenge.

Being familiar with the fun being in the band can bring, Ms. Johnston said the reason for her wanting to be the new director is, "Most of my best memories from high school are from marching band activities." She also said, "What I loved about band is the music, teamwork, and feeling of accomplishment after a great show."

Many of us may not know this but, Ms. Johnston has been a member of the National Guard for the past several years. After being asked what some new things are that she hopes to bring to the music department are, Ms. Johnston answered, "My musical background has involved a combination of military music as well as classical and jazz. I hope to incorporate all of these styles into our band program." From the sounds of it, we're going to have a pretty good variety of music coming from our band this year.

Speaking of varieties of music, surely everyone would be curious to know the preferences of Ms. Johnston. After being asked what her favorite classifications of music are she replied that the flute was her first love, but she really loves teaching percussion because of the unlimited amount of things you can do with it.

In closing, I asked her if she thinks she will enjoy being at Sayre. She replied, "Absolutely! I have been quite impressed with everything about Sayre. My students have made feel welcome and the music potential here is amazing!"



Ms. Johnston

Student Council is ready to roll

By Alisha Blackman

After taking a summer off, the student council is ready to get the school year rolling again.

The officers meet every Tuesday morning and Thursday mornings at 7:30 for the general meetings for anyone interested in joining, according to Mrs. Cole, student council advisor.

When asked what activities are planned for this year, Mrs. Cole said "We're just in the process of discussing that. We plan on doing some of the ones that have been successful in the past (canned food drive and Santa pictures) as well as some new surprises!"

According to co-president Todd Moyle, he is looking forward to the canned food drive and the Santa pictures which always turn out to be a big success, he said.

The group only lost one officer last year which was senior Suzanne Cochi, who was the treasurer. Suzanne was also co-treasurer with Todd Moyle during his first year of student council. Todd has been in student council for 3 years and has been president for 2 years but this year he is co-president with Luke Skerpon. Other officers for Sr. High are: Presidents- Todd Moyle and Luke Skerpon, Vice President- Megan McClary, Secretary- Jamie Carmicheal, Treasurer- Katelyn Howland, Sargent of Arms- Will Vogel, and PR/Historian- Amanda Lyons. Jr. High officers are: President- Rachel Polinski, Vice President- Kim Firestine, Secretary- Elizabeth Crews, Treasurer- Meghan Quinn, Sargent of Arms- Josh Burlingame and PR/Historian- Mark Hedgeland.



Luke Skerpon, left, and Todd Moyle are co-presidents of student council.

There are a few positives and negatives about being in student council, said Moyle.

"The positive is that it is very rewarding and gives great leadership experience," said Moyle. "The draw backs are that it is time consuming and takes a lot of work."

When asked if being president is a big responsibility and what some of his responsibilities were he said, "Yes. You have to attend all meetings (officers and all members), you have to know everything that's going on, organize meetings, and explain everything that's going on to other members."

Girls Homecoming



Kelly Ammerman

How did you feel when your name was announced?

"I was surprised and happy."

Escort:

Brother, Isaac Ammerman

Plans after high school:

College for elementary education

Activities:

FBLA, Student Council, SADD, NHS, Vice President of class of 2006, dance comities, Track and Field, church youth group, FTA, and the school play.

"I would like to thank the senior class for allowing me to be a part of this year's homecoming court and to the rest of the school have a great year and have fun voting!"



Beckie Brisson

How did you feel when your name was announced?

"My thoughts at first were just blank. Finally I was so happy and excited that I danced for 20 minutes in the parking lot."

Escort:

Boyfriend of over a year, Nick LoPresto

Plans after high school:

Attend college at St. Vincent, Lycoming, or Elizabethtown for English or Liberal Arts

Activities:

Forensics, Track and Field, Swimming, and helping with the family business

"Take the honors you receive in life with modesty and gratefulness. Thanks to the awesome Class of 2006!"



Irma Brown

How did you feel when your name was announced?

"I was surprised and very excited."

Escort:

Brother, Andy Brown

Plans after high school:

Air Force

Activities:

Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Track and Field, FTA, FBLA, SADD, Junior Rotarian, Crimson Blues, Bowling League, school musicals and plays.



Jessica Meyer

How did you feel when your name was announced?

"Excited and surprised, there are a lot of girls in our class that deserve to be on the court!"

Escort:

It's a surprise!

Plans after high school:

Attend University of Pittsburgh main campus for medical.

Activities:

Soccer, DJ Club, NHS, FBLA, French Club, dance, and H.Y.P.E Council

"Thanks to everyone who voted for me, and live it up seniors because this is it!"



Jackie Morse

How did you feel when your name was announced?

"I was surprised and excited. There are a lot of other girls who deserve to be on the court too."

Escort:

Tentatively Charlie Fedock

Plans after high school:

Attend college in New York City hopefully at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT)

Activities:

French Club, keeping stats for football, NHS, and acting and modeling classes.

"I want to thank the seniors for voting me on the court. We're almost done, Class of '06!"



Kelly Repasky

How did you feel when your name was announced?

"I felt excited and happy."

Escort:

Brother, Colin Repasky

Plans after high school:

Attend college in either Massachusetts or Philadelphia for interior decorating or to become a veterinarian.

Activities:

FBLA, FTA, Swimming, and working at Kennedy Pools and Spas

"Everyone have fun during spirit week and have a great year! Also, good luck to the other candidates. "

Boys Homecoming



Connor Dugan

How did you feel when your name was announced?

“I was shocked; I really didn’t expect it at all.”

Activities:

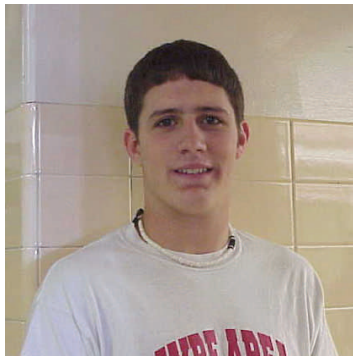
Soccer, Cross-Country, Basketball, FBLA, Ski Club, and Quiz League

Plans after high school:

Attend Susquehanna University to become a secondary education teacher

What are you looking forward to most for your senior year?

“Getting time to spend with my friends and graduation.”



Justin Donovan

How did you feel when your name was announced?

“I was surprised to be one of the five guys.”

Activities:

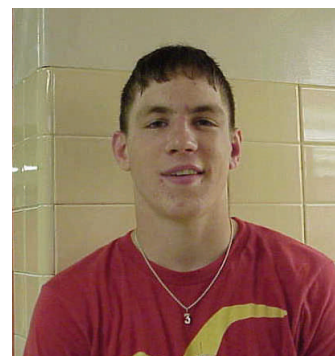
Baseball and Football

Plans after high school:

Attend Mansfield University

What are you looking forward to most for your senior year?

“I’m looking forward to homecoming, field painting, the senior trip, parties with friends, and graduation.”



Andrew Jarvis

How did you feel when your name was announced?

“I wasn’t expecting it so I was surprised.”

Activities:

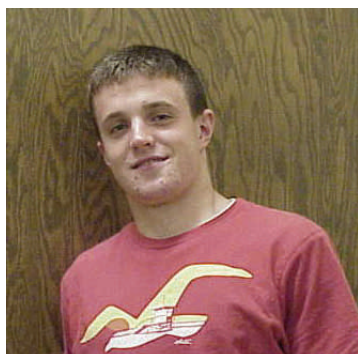
Football, Baseball, and Wrestling

Plans after high school:

Attend college

What are you looking forward to most for your senior year?

“I can’t wait for field painting. My brother said it was awesome!”



Bradley Kizale

How did you feel when your name was announced?

“I actually didn’t hear my name called, my friends ended up telling me later.”

Activities:

Football, Basketball, and having fun outside of school

Plans after high school:

Attend Bloomsburg or East Stroudsburg for criminal justice and hopefully to play football.

What are you looking forward to most for your senior year?

“I’m honestly looking forward to graduating and moving on.”



Kevin Orlandi

How did you feel when your name was announced?

No response

Activities:

Football, Wrestling, and Weight Lifting

Plans after high school:

Attend University of Bloomsburg for accounting

What are you looking forward to most for your senior year?

No response

HOMECOMING

Friday, September 30

Pep rally during 7th and 8th periods (Homecoming King will be announced.)

Saturday, October 1

The homecoming parade will be marching down Lockhart Street toward the school.

At 7 p.m., the Homecoming football game against Waverly will take place at the Lockhart Street Bowl. During half time, the Homecoming Queen will be announced.

Finally, after the football game, the Homecoming dance will take place in the cafeteria for all grades.

SPORTS

Girls rule! with strong start to season

By James Nasoni

The Sayre girl's soccer team is off to a great start with six straight wins.

After losing nine seniors from last year, the team still looks good with its returning seniors who are: Alisha Blackman, Sara Kabes, Casey Craig, Jessica Meyer, Irma Brown, Danielle Ward, and Ann Velazquez.

Sara Kabes one of the seniors has set high goals for the team.

"We want to go to states!!" said Kabes. "But we are definitely looking forward for NTL's!"

On September 20th Sayre battled the Athens Wildcats to a 1 - 1 tie in a hard-fought game. Athens scored a goal in the first half, but Sayre answered towards the end of the second half with a goal off a penalty kick from Ali Meyer. Sara Kabes had a few chances to score but just came short of the goal. One ball she shot everyone thought was in but it just missed.

Over the weekend of the 18th the soccer team won the tournament at Sayre by beating Wyalusing in the first game, then beating Troy in the championship. Sayre and Troy had tied in two overtimes earlier that week.



Sophomore Alison Meyer makes a penalty kick count in recent action against Athens in which the Redskins and the Wildcats fought to a 1-1 tie.

Boys soccer team kicking it into high gear

By Colin Durfee

The 2005 Sayre High boys soccer team exploded out to a great start this year. The team began the new season at the Liberty tournament with a second place finish. The team already has major shutouts against other teams like Northern Potter, Towanda, and Tioga.

This shows the strength of the Sayre defense. In the net, Sayre has sophomore Bob Witmer, who has a significant number of saves for the Redskins.

"As a team we are all contributing hard to succeed," says junior Jeff Moyle. There are many Redskins that have multiple goals for the team like sophomore Brian Pinkard, who had 5 goals in the first game, senior Adam Smith, and junior Dana Sealander. At this time, Sayre has absolutely no problem scoring on offense. Sayre has plenty of experience on the team with seniors like Adam Smith, Todd Moyle, and Scott Pinkard. Early in the season, Sayre lost senior starter Conner Dugan due to injury but that didn't faze the Redskins because many of the team's younger players were very hungry to show head coach Ed Bustin that they had what it takes to play on varsity with the big boys. Players like sophomore Dan Bustin, with a crucial goal in the Northern Tioga game, sophomore Matt Sklarkowski, and sophomore Kyle Hicky are among the young players. A brand new face also joined the Redskins, foreign exchange student Jose Bertolo, who brings a new style of soccer from his home country Venezuela, which uses more foot technique and more precision passing.

The Redskins had a legendary run-in with cross-town rivals the Athens Wildcats. This game was played down to the very last second. The "electricity" in the atmosphere that was in the Lockhart-Street Bowl that warm September night was just amazing.

"We had a close game with Athens earlier this season but when we face them in October, I think we'll finally take them out," says Sealander.

The boys junior varsity team recently recorded their seventh straight win, topping Wyalusing by a score of 5-0. Ryan Mullen, Tom Ward, Paul Cuda, Dan Schrader and Justin Husick each scored a goal for the Redskins.

SPORTS

New coach bringing experience to football team

By Ashley Flick

Former Spencer Van-Etten football coach Ron Miller brings his 25 years of coaching experience to Sayre in hopes of turning the Sayre football team around.

For the past few years the Sayre football team has had some wins under their belt, but not as many as the players, coaches, fans, and town has hoped for.

Hopefully that will all change with a new addition to the program: Coach Ron Miller.

“I’m hoping to help the team believe in themselves,” stated Miller. “If we all come together and focus on improving as a team, then I think we can win,” said Miller.

Miller took this job hoping he’d help make a difference, “I took it for the challenge of trying to turn this program around,” noted Miller.

The team is starting to warm up to the new coach. Senior Andrew Jarvis, when asked about the new coach said, “I like him, he’s a dedicated coach and knows his football.”

Miller makes the boys work hard, but in the end it will hopefully all pay off.

On Friday, Sayre defeated Montgomery 34-6 to earn their first win of the season. In Sayre’s first game they lost 28-0 On September 10th, Sayre faced off against Troy losing 24-14, but putting up a good fight.

James Nasoni had a spectacular individual effort catching a 76 yard bomb for a touchdown. Brad Kizale had three catches, one of them being a catch that could be made by none other than himself. During this catch Brad jumped over the defender taking the ball away from him in midair. Brad ended with 58 yards on the game. Justin Donovan had the other touchdown for the Redskins, while Andrew Jarvis has 62 hard-earned yards on 13 carries. Sayre plays rival Waverly in the Homecoming Game on Saturday at 7 p.m.



Coach Ron Miller

Volleyball team faces challenges with new coach

By Angie Dolinich

New varsity volleyball coach Tom Shay has stepped up to the challenge. He has many years of experience coaching.

He came to Sayre knowing that there were limited numbers but he did not know how limited. He had many girls to play junior varsity but numbers for varsity were very small. Only four girls had signed up that were in 11th or 12th grade. These four are juniors. The rest he knew he would have to make from junior varsity. He told the team and had them work their hardest to show what they had to offer to the game. He made his decision which came up as 3 sophomores and 3 freshmen. The players include Kim Janosko, Heather McMahan, Jessica Kearns, Betsy Decker, Colleen Wayman, and Jill Ackley for the starting lineup. The rest of the team includes Mackenzie Gay, Ashley Pollox, Amanda Lyons, Katelyn Howland, and Angie Dolinich. Though this is not the final team, he said he would be moving them up and down based on the practices.

For volleyball, you do not need a great number of numbers. Only six players begin on the court and a couple of backup players are needed for fatigue in the starting players or in case of injuries.

The team is hoping to have a competitive season.

“We have worked hard and got better faster than I anticipated,” said Coach Shay.

Shay also plays competitive volleyball for YMCA on a team of adults who share his love of volleyball. He said he also has coached many teams and helped some with scrimmaging. His first coaching job was for Sayre’s junior varsity volleyball team. The Lady Skins have had many close games but only one win.

“We try hard every game and they are most always very close,” Shay said.

Mr. Pipher returns to halls of Sayre High

By Ryan Kirtley

Do you know Mr. Pipher?

It just so happens this replacement for Mr. Walsh's departure last year had decided to continue teaching here at Sayre full time. Mr. Walsh had to leave last year for a job offering and Mr. Pipher was glad to take his place and try his hand at teaching American History. This year the school asked him to return full time and he gladly accepted. The main reason for his coming and working full time was that he said, "I enjoy working with the students, and I just really like teaching."

This best thing about working here is different for every teacher, but for Pipher it is interacting with the students and preparing them for things to come. Before here, Mr. Pipher taught at a facility for juveniles, so he knows how to handle different types of situations.

When asked if he's planning any trips this year, he responded simply by saying, "Good question."

However, with how well things went with his field trip last year, he said he will definitely consider it and is looking for new places for trips.

Lastly, with Mr. Pipher teaching history, he says his favorite historical period to teach is the Civil War.

This year is looking good for Mr. Pipher and, hopefully, there will be more years to come.



Mr. Pipher

Teacher's aide is a new face at Sayre High School

By Brad Kizale

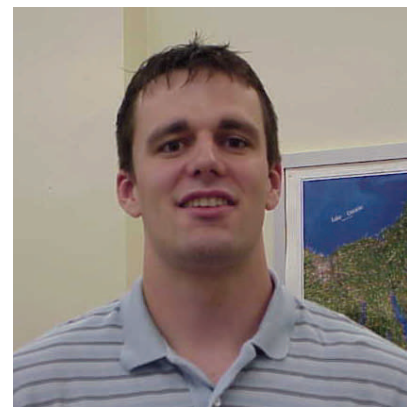
In case you didn't notice, there is a new face in the crowd and his name is Matt Stroup. He is a Teacher's Aide for Junior Danny Crawford and is also a new edition to the varsity football coaching staff.

Mr. Stroup received his B.A. in History from Binghamton University in May 2005. He decided to apply to be substitute teacher at Sayre High and luckily there was teacher's aide position available. Conveniently, Mr. Stroup lives in Sayre and that played a major part in his decision.

When asked how he and Danny got along, Mr. Stroup said they do.

"Dan and I get along well, even though he picks on me for graduating from Spencer-Van Etten," said Mr. Stroup. Mr. Stroup helps Dan with certain tasks that are difficult for him like note-taking in class, for example.

According to Mr. Stroup this is his only job, but he is currently a full-time student at Elmira College in the Secondary Social Studies teaching program during the night. He is planning to be a full-time teacher by next fall.



Mr. Stroup

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