

Report Cards—November 7

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Students celebrate Lockhart Street Bowl



SHS students celebrate the opening of the newly renovated Lockhart Street Bowl at the pep rally held before Homecoming. (Photo by Juliana Noone)

Hoop Madness coming to SHS

By Chelsea Tracy

The First Hoop Madness will be taking place on Tuesday, November 21 at 8 p.m.

This activity is based on the well-known NCAA Midnight Madness event, in an attempt to introduce the boys and girls basketball teams and provoke excitement and interest in fans and younger players.

The Sayre High Cheerleaders and Pep Band will be present to liven up the fans. Refreshments and t-shirts will be available. Tickets will go on sale in early November in the main office, in room 227 (Mr. Trump's room) or from members of the girls basketball team.

Pre-sale tickets will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. At the door, tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Forensics students 'act out'

By Kim Firestine

Every year, Sayre High School students gather in Mrs. Hickey's room for the start of the new Forensics season.

This year is no exception, but there is one additional change. Mrs. Hickey has asked professional actor Demond Wilson to help out this year's forensics program. Working with 10 of the members, Wilson "has a lot to teach them, but the students are still comfortable with him," Mrs. Hickey noted.

The workshop for these Sayre High students is sponsored in part by a grant from the Northern Tier Partnership for Arts in Education and is facilitated by the Bradford County Regional Arts Council.

Homecoming royalty!



Senior Jon Palumbo thanks the student body at the Homecoming Pep Rally for selecting him as the 2006 Homecoming King. (See page 4)

Senior project idea goes 'poof' when festival speaker cancels out

By Justin Husick

Many students have probably never heard of the Eerie Film Festival. The Eerie Horror Fest is a film festival created to honor horror movies. The Horror Fest is held in Erie, Pennsylvania every year. It gives independent film makers a chance to show off their skills and get a chance to make it in the big world of movie making. People can hang out with the directors and actors, watch movies with them, and get insight on their movies. They also get to see what film projects the directors and actors have for the future and what they think of their past works. Talking to these people, a person can get a better understanding of what goes on in the "movie biz."



Matt Dunn

SHS senior Matthew Dunn had been planning to use the Horror Fest as his senior project. He had planned to interview his favorite director, George A. Romero, and get his insights on being a horror movie director. This would further his dream of being a horror film director himself.

Unfortunately, Romero was sick when he was supposed to speak at the film festival; so instead, Matt will be making a short movie entitled "Two Matts, a Dude and Some Pizza". It's an epic story about three people named Matt...and a pizza box.

Matt has made several movies with fellow SHS students Joel Bradley and Colin Durfee.

EYE SPY!!!!!!!!!!



**Can you identify this SHS student?
The answer is on the last page of this issue.**

Redskin Revue revived

By Meredith Rogers

Julie Noone, a senior at Sayre High, has brought back the spirit and tradition of the Redskin Revue for her senior project. The show was held Friday, October 13. Receiving a positive, responsive message from her classmates, she had a number of performance acts for the actual show.

"I think we had a good variety of acts, and there was a lot of talent," Julie said.

A few of the acts included: Jon Palumbo and Rob Walker with a dance titled 'Janitor Jam'; Forgotten Riot with a song performed by their band; Max Bennett, who played songs on his acoustic guitar, and Erin Davis, performing a skit from the play 'Nunsense'. There are also a series of singers -Veronica Hamblin and Mary Brown, among many others.

"I think everything pulled together nicely," Julie stated.. Due to the great exposure about the revived Redskin Revue, the outcome was deemed by many to be a success.

Dark room gets new use

By Mike Cooley

At the end of last school year, our school's darkroom was taken out. The darkroom had been used for photography classes back in the 70's and 80's but was no longer being used.

"As newer technology came about the use of the darkroom was not necessary," said art teacher Mr. Twigg.

For the past decade or so, the only class to use it was Mrs. Ludwig for her geology course.

When the new weight room was remodeled, the Redskin Club needed a new location to put their supplies that had previously been stored in the weight room.

With the darkroom no longer in use, the decision was made to change it to the Redskins Club's new storage room.

FBLA co-sponsors Sayre High School's 125th anniversary

By Jon Palumbo

This year welcomes the 125th anniversary of Sayre High School. The FBLA, along with the district's Community Relations Committee, will celebrate this event by holding a ceremony for school alumni at the high school that will include many events such as tours throughout the high school, shows featuring band, chorus, and forensics in the auditorium, and a dinner/dance in the cafeteria. Forms can be obtained from FBLA members, and reservations must be made in order to attend. Prices for couples are \$25 and singles are \$15.

Luke Skerpon, the president of FBLA, states that the reason FBLA is sponsoring this event is because the 125th anniversary of the school district is "a very prestigious event."

"It is important that we celebrate this event, plus this would also be a nice way for FBLA members to give community service to the community," he said.

The event is being overseen and planned by FBLA officers such as Skerpon, Vice President James Biery, Secretary Megan McClary, Treasurer Katelyn Howland, Public Relations Officer Doug Hickey, Middle Level Representative Kendall Martz, and the advisors Mr. Selleck and Mrs. Fabbri along with Community Relations Committee chairperson Deb Agnew.

Skerpon states that "the money for this event will come from payment from the registrations, and additional money will come from activity/club funds. The date for this event is February 24th, 2007.



FBLA president Luke Skerpon (left), and James Biery, vice-president, are helping FBLA members plan the 125th anniversary of SHS. (Photo by Jon Palumbo)

Harry Potter comes to Sayre Recreation

By Dan Bustin

Magic was in the air this summer, when Sayre Recreation held its annual Survivor Competition.

Head counselors nominated their stand-out kids to participate in the Harry Potter-based competition. The counselors and Mr. Twigg, the Minister of Magic, had wanted to use *Harry Potter* for years, and inspiration struck them in the form of the latest film, which involves the "Tri-Wizards Tournament".

When asked how he thought the theme compared to past years, Mr. Twigg thought it was one of the best they've done in many years.

"It was fun, educational, and the Church of the Redeemer was a great Hogwarts," he said.

At the beginning of the week, the kids were divided into the "houses" of Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw, and Hufflepuff. During the week, the kids participated in a magical assortment of events, such as "potion mixing", casting spells, and the wizard world sport of Quidditch. At the end of the week, the competitors in the house of Gryffindor took the house competition, and eighth grader Taylor Skerpon was the overall winner of the tournament.

Homecoming 2006



From left to right: Julianna Noone, Brianna Starmer, Kim Janosko, Megan McClary, Kayla Bowman



From left to right: Mike Cooley, Gavin Fairlie, Jon Palumbo, Mike Ackley, James Kearns, Gordon Simonis

Sayre's 2006 Homecoming winners honored

By Dan Bustin

Homecoming came once again to Sayre High School and when the ballots were counted seniors Kim Janosko and Jon Palumbo were royal.

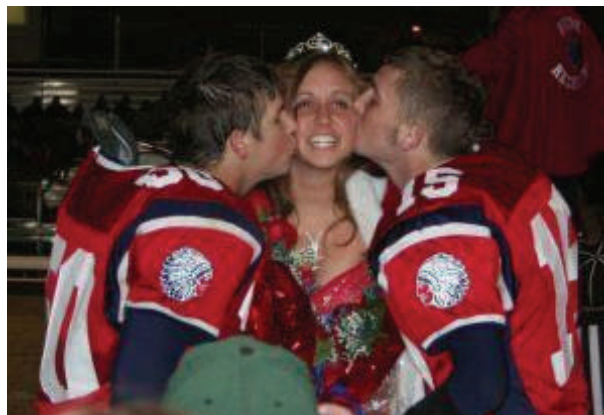
The candidates for Queen were Janosko, Juliana Noone, Brianna Starmer, Kayla Bowman, and Megan McClary. The candidates for King were Palumbo, Michael Cooley, James Kearns, Mike Ackley, Gordon Simonis, and Gavin Fairlie.

The King was announced during the traditional pep rally held on the Friday before the homecoming game, and Palumbo was crowned the homecoming king for 2006 by class president Max Bennett. Palumbo was escorted by his younger brother, Tyler. How did he feel when his name was announced?

"Great," he said. "It felt good."

The Queen was announced the next day during half time of the football game. Janosko was escorted by Jeff Moyle.

As has been done for years, a pep rally was held to get the football team ready for their big game on Saturday. This year, the elementary school joined the high school in the festivities, which include performances by the band and cheerleaders.



Homecoming Queen Kim Janosko receives congratulatory kisses from co-captains Gordon Simonis (left) and Mike Cooley. (Courtesy Photo)

Under Krall, junior high co-ed soccer team has winning season

By Juliana Noone

The future of Sayre soccer looks promising with the success of this year's co-ed junior high team.

First year coach Mr. Krall says that the team's skills have greatly improved throughout the year and has brought the team a record of 10-4-2.

Mr. Krall explains that they've been practicing "heads-up soccer" all year as well as passing and ball-handling. He said said there were a lot of surprises his first year as coach but that things got easier as the season went on.

Senior students step back in time at Renaissance Faire

By Colin Durfee

The Sayre seniors visited the Renaissance Faire again this year for senior English and had quite an amazing time. The theme of this year's faire was "Winning Queen Elizabeth's Hand in Marriage." There were many shows students could see including plays, hypnotism, sword swallowing, and jousting.

"I had a great time" said SHS senior Trey Twigg. "I hope I get the chance to go again. The actors really got into character and that made everything more fun because it helped involve kids into the act."

Twigg said that seeing all the kids being hypnotized was his favorite.

The class of 2007 had the most costume participants than any other class," according to senior English teacher Ms. Hickey. Students also made Renaissance posters and banners for the fair. Juliana Noone's poster took 3rd place overall in the contest. Sayre's banner also received an honorable mention at the faire.

The Renaissance Faire is a trip back in time and an unforgettable day.



SHS seniors return to the Renaissance (complete with costumes from the period. In the photo above, students in the front row from left are: Megan Cole, Janine Gorski, Megan McClary and Alisha Cybulak. In the back row from left are Trey Twigg, Will Vogel and Craig Briggs.

Student council helps the community in many ways

By Chelsea Tracy

The SHS Student Council is very involved in school events and does beneficial things for the community.

The Student Council is made up of the junior high (7-9) and senior high (10-12) students, totaling over eighty members.

The Student Council participates in many activities including the Canned Food Drive, the Cystic Fibrosis Bowl-a-Thon, Santa Claus pictures at Snyder Elementary, a faculty Christmas Party, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, an Easter Egg Hunt for students and the sale of carnations for Valentines Day.

The student council is currently working on the canned food drive and the Cystic Fibrosis Bowl-A-Thon.

Every year, the canned food drive is held between Athens and Sayre leading up to the Rusty Rail football game to collect canned foods to benefit families at Thanksgiving.

“Our goal for this year, like other years, is to beat Athens!” stated Student Council advisor, Mrs. Cole.

The other fund-drive the student council is promoting is the Cystic Fibrosis Bowl-A-Thon, where donations are made to members of the Student Council to benefit Cystic Fibrosis. The members seek donations for Cystic Fibrosis research.

Whether its fundraising or collecting cans, Student Council is an exceptionally helpful organization.

New senior projects advisor has big plans

By Shannon Licata

Mr. Pipher, a relatively new American History teacher at Sayre High, has contributed to so much already and he has only been here full time for a year.

Mr. Pipher started out at Waverly High School (his alma mater), found his way to Corning Community College, and later to Binghamton University where he studied Liberal Arts and Business.

Eventually, Mr. Pipher found his way to Cortland College where he received his teaching degree. Soon after, Pipher began teaching at Sayre High where he started out as a long-term substitute. The next year, Mr. Pipher began teaching ninth grade history full time, as well as coaching the girl’s junior high basketball team.

Mr. Pipher not only has plans for his history classes and basketball team, but he has gone above and beyond and decided to try something new as well. Pipher is now the new senior project advisor.

In September, Mr. Pipher decided that he would be a perfect candidate for a new senior project advisor. He is being assisted by Mr. Reilly.

“I want to make a smooth transition, maintain standards, and serve as a facilitator,” stated Pipher. “I love it here. I couldn’t see myself anywhere else.”

Sayre band ‘rocks’ to the top

By Ryan Knowles

There is an unsung hero of SHS: the one and only Sayre Band.

The band has been in top shape all season long at the football games and representing the school at Cavalcade and in the Harrisburg State Parade. The band has new uniforms this year and are looking very sharp. Everyone has been in tip-top shape and at their best.

Jon Palumbo, section leader for the percussion, had a few words to share about the band’s success in their recent performances.

“The numbers have increased this year making our sound louder and better,” said Palumbo. “We’ve always sounded great, but this year is better than ever!”

The Sayre Band represented Sayre at Cavalcade and performed well.

“We rocked!” said Palumbo. “The percussion section sounded the best I have ever heard them. This was one of the best Cavalcades ever.”

Know your fellow students!

By Matthew J. Dunn

Senior Ryan Kirtley was recently interviewed in the first part of a series on people in Sayre High School

Question: What do you like most about SHS?

Answer: I like seeing my friends everyday.

What grade are you in?

-I am in 12th grade.

Are you involved in any school activities or clubs?

-Yes, I am in student council.

Why?

-I like to get out and do things with people so I am not stuck in class all the time.



Ryan Kirtley

What are your hobbies?

-My hobbies are writing stories, sleeping and making/writing movies.

What is the most interesting fact about you?

-I don't fall into trends or fads.

What are your future plans?

-I plan on going to college and become a writer and maybe a film director.

Do you do any sports?

-No, I don't have enough time.

What is your favorite genre of music?

-My favorite genre is metal.

What is your favorite band?

-My favorite band is *Metallica*.

What was the last book you read or are reading?

-I am currently reading "A Clockwork Orange"

What is your favorite movie?

-My all time favorite movie is *Pulp Fiction*.

Math room was former planetarium

By Colleen Craig

Some students may not be aware of a very special room in our school building and, yes, it is a math room.

Unfortunately for the math whizzes, this isn't what makes it unique. What makes it unique is that fact that it was once a planetarium. A planetarium is a room with a projector that produces a representation of the planets and constellations on the ceiling and Sayre High once owned one.

Not only were there classes involving the study of astronomy, but they also used the dome ceiling to project movies for entertainment.

Unfortunately, the planetarium teacher, Mr. Cooper, moved to Athens in 1974 and Sayre no longer had anyone qualified to teach the class.

The school then boarded up the dome and the "well" which housed the projector, sold the pieces, and turned it into a regular classroom, currently used by Mr. Salmon.

Unfortunately for Mr. Salmon and the students in his classes, because the dome is still there but just bordered up, he gets a draft. Students can still see the steel plate on the floor which covers up the projector well.

Mr. Salmon still gets questioned about his unique room. Some don't understand how the planetarium was used. He was actually once questioned by a former principal on why he did not have plants in his 'plant-a-tarium.'

Power Library

By Ryan Knowles

Doesn't everyone wish there was a search website that was more advanced than Google, Yahoo, or Ask combined?

There is, and it can be easily accessed right here in the computers of SHS. The Power Library is a massive search engine that connects every library's resources in Pennsylvania into one massive online library. What makes the Power Library better than Google or Yahoo are the thousands of full text magazine and newspaper articles, and major encyclopedias, plus photographs, pictures, charts, maps, reference materials for young people and more.

"It is a valuable and authoritative resource for research," said Mr. Riley.

Golf team finishes strong

After winning the NTL title, the Sayre golf team had three players make it to second round districts.

Those players consisted of Joshua Rich, Galen Briggs and Brian Osborn. They all did well there with Josh getting an 8th place to qualify for regionals. The competition at regionals was strong with 26 players shooting 75 or better.

When Josh was asked about his experience he said, "It was great going to regionals because it was the finishing touches to a really great senior golf year."

The Sayre Redskins golfers will be remembered for quite a while for the team of 2006.

Robinson big part of Junior Redskin running success

By Josh Rich

The Sayre Redskin Jr. High cross country team is 11-1 due in large part to eighth graders Hannah Robinson and Rose Valezquez.

These two talented runners are consistently taking first and second place finishes.

Hannah credits her running success to practice and hard work. When asked about a pre-game ritual, she talks about a "crazy dance" she does to become prepared. "As a role model I look up to Beth Walker and hope that I can be as good as her when I reach the varsity level," says Robinson.



Hannah Robinson

Answer to Eye Spy: **Paul Cuda**, grade 11

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



Brian Pinkard, junior forward on the SHS boys soccer team, broke a school record for goals this season by scoring his 46th goal of the season against Northeast Bradford.

Pinkard eclipsed the record set by SHS graduate Brad Watkins in a game that was dedicated to the late Sayre athlete. Pinkard's record-breaking goal, scored on a corner kick, was also made on Parents Night.

Pinkard also owns the school record for total points (which includes assists) topping the record previously set by SHS standout Bernie Layton.

Junior High Football

By Ryan Jarvis

After last year's great season - a 6-1-1 record - this year has been a tough 1-6 season. "Every game we have been in has been a close game," says junior high Coach Mr. Knolles. In their game against Towanda, on the opening kickoff, Towanda ran it back making the score 8-0, which would last the whole game.

Overall, the team has some good players. The team has a strong backfield with Dominick Villanti at quarterback, Joey Licata at fullback and Taylor Skerpon as a back. Sayre's Skylar Satterly and Jake Gowin also look impressive on the offensive and defensive lines, said Coach Knolles.

"We have a great defense," says Coach Knolles. "Our defense is very strong and it's what is keeping us in each game."

The junior high team's defensive coaches are Dave Rosh and Bill Buck. The line coaches are Brad Cron and Steve Satterly. The assistant coach is Doug Williams.