

SPORTS

Cross country teams leading the NTL pack this year

By Zach Northrup

The boys cross country team won the NTL for the first time in Sayre's history. With their win over Athens and Mansfield they clinched first place. The boys and girls teams also swept the Valley meet beating both Athens and Waverly. Three boys—Shawn Lake, Mark Hedgeland and Tim Romanowski -and two girls—Hannah Robinson and Beth Walker—qualified Thursday for the state meet.

The boys' goal to start the season was to win districts and make states as a team for the first time in Sayre's history. They are doing it in top form.

"We are doing incredibly well," said senior Jason Gay. "The team is competing with, and beating, the top teams in the NTL."

They have had strong leadership from senior Shawn Lake who has finished first in almost every single race this year. They have also had strong finishes from Tim Romanowski and Mark Hedgeland.

The girls have also won a majority of their meets and have also had some success in the invitationals.

The girls have been a very solid team this year with good all performances by all their runners.

Hannah Robinson has set and reset the girl's record at the Litchfield course. The girls are also coming off a strong showing at the Valley meet where they had a one-two finish with Hannah Robinson winning and Beth Walker taking second.

On October 18, the girls placed first in the NTL Coaches' Invitational at Towanda. They were led by Hannah Robinson and Beth Walker, placing third and fourth overall.

Soccer girls score district bid

By Courtney Ilnicki

The girl's soccer team's season has been filled with ups and downs this year. But the girls are determined to come home from this year's districts with wins.

"I think we made it to districts this season because we've been working really hard and it has showed," said junior Emily Stetz.

The girls, 9-9 overall and 8-8 in league play, have had to overcome many challenges while trying to make it to districts this year. They had to make adjustments and deal with the loss of many high-scoring graduated seniors.

Sophomore Megan Kyc and junior Rachel Polinski earned first team all-star selection by the NTL coaches. Seniors Ashley Park and Katie Schrader were second team all-star selections. Honorable mentions went to Jessica Haiges and Sarah Polinski.

Boys cap successful season

By Josh Collins

With a 9-6 league mark and an 11-8 overall record, Sayre capped a successful season with a trip to districts.

At districts, Sayre played Lewisburg at Millville on Tuesday and came home with a 8-0 loss.

The team has earned victories over Liberty, Northeast Bradford and Towanda. The boys made districts after they beat Towanda 4-3 in overtime. They also defeated Northeast Bradford 5-0.

One of the reasons for the team's success was good ball control and teamwork.

"We're a fast team, and have good ball control and placement," said senior goalie Tyler Young.

"Everyone helps contribute to our success as a soccer team."



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Seniors choose president



Ryan Knowles (left) and Joey Antonetti wear masks of presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama.

By Bryan Luchaco

In a mock election held in Mrs. Champion's English class on Oct 13th, Sayre High School seniors overwhelmingly favored Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama over John McCain.

Out of 79 students polled, 53 favored Obama, 12 favored McCain and 14 chose "other" in the unscientific poll.

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Students rally for Rusty Rail

By Terence Meeker

Sayre is gearing up for the Rusty Rail food drive which will take place in Athens on Friday, October 31. Over the past few years Sayre has dominated in the can count and now Sayre hopes to keep it going. Sayre's football team also hopes for a different outcome this year against a strong Athens team.

This year there are many classes who will compete on the number of food items they can collect.

Ms. McMahon's 10th grade classes are set to come up with the most cans per student and the prize is going to be a fun day which includes goodies and fun games.

Other classes are offering such prizes as a free day, Dorito Day, and class outdoors in the spring.

CALENDAR

Oct. 28—End of first marking period
 Oct. 31 -Rusty Rail game at Athens
 Nov. 14—Act 80 Day. No school
 Nov. 26—Half day of school
 Nov. 27 and 28—No school. Thanksgiving break
 Dec. 1—No school. Buck Day
 Dec. 25 through Jan. 2—Winter Break

Photo Poll

What are your future plans after high school?

By Cambria Northrup



Sarah Reynolds

“I want to become a veterinarian.”



Samantha Dolan

“I plan to become a substance abuse counselor.”



Colin Repasky

“To become the owner of McDonalds. If that doesn't work, go to the college of 'Make Money'.”



Dana Bookoff

“I plan on attending college for graphic design.”



Daren Carlin-Weber

“Go to college for animation.”



Sarah Parsons

“Attend medical school and become a pediatrician, and make mad amounts of money with Mackenzie Gay as my nurse.”

Girls beat Athens

Volleyball team accomplishes season's goals

By Sarah Haines

The Sayre girl's volleyball team has had a successful season so far, winning more games than last year and beating rival Athens.

Varsity setter, Alyssa Millard, says that the team has been doing great.

“Everyone's skill on a personal level has gotten better,” she said.

Millard also gives credit to younger varsity players Elizabeth Higley, Ashley Miner, Tara Banfield, and Carly Murphy and junior varsity players Kendall Martz, Desiree Waltman, and Jenna Twigg, who have played well during this year's volleyball season.

Alyssa feels the best games they have had this season were defeating Athens and the EFA tournament.

“It seemed like everything clicked at the right time,” she said.

Football team battling tough schedule, showing improvement

By Isaac Ammerman

The Sayre football team has been battling through a tough schedule this year and even though their record may not show many wins, the team has been showing improvement.

The team has been living up to many of the player's expectation, including junior running back Robbie Rought.

“Coming into this season, I didn't expect to win all our games,” said Rought, “but I did expect to do better than last year, and we have been playing a lot better than last year.”

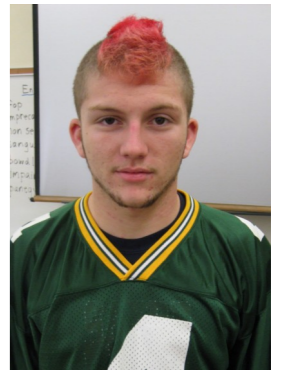
Rought, who has been among the league leaders in running throughout the season, believes that the team still has room for improvement.

“We can improve the team by practicing hard all week and by practicing to be perfect,” said Rought.

The main influence that has led to Sayre football improving is the guidance they have been receiving from Coach Hannifin and his coaching staff, Rought said.

“He has put together a great coaching staff and he is turning the football program around,” stated Rought.

In conclusion, Sayre football could be at the beginning of a tough road ahead that will take them to eventually becoming one of the stronger teams in the NTL again.



Robbie Rought

German exchange students adjusting to life in Sayre

By Jennifer Bradley

Alexandra Mueller and Laura Seinsche are new foreign exchange students at Sayre High School who came from Germany.

They were recently interviewed for this story.

Alexandra Mueller
In your opinion, how is Germany different from US?

I think it is different in many little things. One example is that we don't have school buses like these here. In Germany, we have public buses which mostly drive every 20 minutes. Also the houses and highways are different. And of course the food is different. The school is different, too. We have every Monday the same classes and every Thursday the same and so on. And I also think that people are different. Americans are more friendly and helpful.

What is your favorite



Laura Seinsche

food from Germany? And why?

I don't have a favorite food, but I like sweet desserts very much. For example seydina pudding or something with sour cherries.

How do you like the United States so far?

I like the United States. I've got a very nice host family and I also like the school. There are many different things, but the people here are very helpful, so I like living here.

What made you come to Sayre, PA?

When I decided that I



Alexandra Mueller

will go to the United States, I didn't know where I'm going to stay. The organization decided that I'll go to Sayre, Pa. I like Sayre and I'm glad that I can stay here.

Laura Seinsche
In your opinion, how is Germany different from US?

The people are different. I think they are friendlier and more helpful. But in Germany in comparison to here I'm living in a big city on the countryside the people are also different. Of course there are

so many others things like the school bus, food and the animals.

What is your favorite food from Germany? And why?

I don't really have a favorite German food. So far I can tell that the German chocolate is better than the one here and I am missing the black bread.

How do you like the United States so far?

So far I can tell that I like the areas here but I would like to come back one day and see other parts of the USA. I like the positive and relaxed attitude of the people towards life.

What made you come to Sayre?

Alex and I had a choice concerning this because we both were coming here with an organization. So it was fortune but a good one.

Homecoming 2008



The 2008 Homecoming Queen Ashley Park is escorted by Cody Silkman. (Courtesy Photo)



Homecoming King Pat Lane and his escort, Kelsey Wilson. (Staff photo by Terence Meeker)



Homecoming queen candidates include, from left to right: Sarah Parsons, Alexa Gowan, Ashley Park, Macy Roosa and Esther Parsons. (Staff photo by Courtney Bostwick)



Homecoming king candidates include, from left to right: Pat Lane, Jason Gay, Nick Malorzo, Dustin Sherburne and Isaac Ammerman. (Staff Photo by Courtney Bostwick)

Juniors journey to Mansfield

By Emily Stetz

The junior class took their annual trip to Mansfield University for College Day on September 26. Upon arriving at the university, most students were awestruck by the size of the campus and the surprises college life can bring.

“The only part that was really not fun was all the hills because they get tiring after a while,” said Kyle Dagutis.

College day is organized for all future college students and used to explore their choices by traveling from table to table to weigh their options. Most students greatly enjoyed the trip.

“I liked it a lot,” said SHS junior Kyle Dagutis. “We got out of school for a day and got to have a lot of fun.”

Also included in the fun-filled day was a free lunch from the cafeteria which many students enjoyed.

“The lunch was so good!” said Dagutis. “You could take as much as you wanted which was amazing because you can’t do that at Sayre.”

The junior class also got the privilege of a personal tour with a current student at Mansfield.

Students were taken to see the famous library, the fitness center, dorm rooms, and the recreation rooms.

“The only part that was really not fun was all the hills because they get tiring after a while,” said Dagutis.

Even with the steep hills and stressful searching for potential colleges most would say that the trip was beneficial. It provided a real college experience. The junior class would like to thank all that arranged the event and enjoyed the day with us.

Students take part in Quick Buckle Challenge

By Mary Fitzwater

On September 19, the Sayre High School Students against Destructive Decisions (SADD) hosted the Quick Buckle Challenge. Kim Mastrantuono from Erie Insurance and husband Shawn from Williams Toyota were instrumental in the success of the program.

“For the third year in a row we received a \$2,000 grant from Erie Insurance to use toward safe driving act for Sayre students” said Mrs. Richmond (SADD advisor).

The idea behind this was to teach students and adults that it’s easy to buckle up before moving in a vehicle. It only takes a tenth of a second.

Two hundred and two students and 15 faculty and staff members participated in this activity.

SADD also participated in the Red Ribbon Week October 21 through 24. The purpose of this week was to educate students on the dangers and effects of drug use.

Top Ten Worst College Mascots

1. The Anteaters (UCI)
2. The Banana Slugs (UCSC)
3. Crimson (Harvard)
4. The Fighting Artichokes (Scottsdale Arizona Community College)
5. Hawaii Rainbow Warrior (Hawaii)
6. Beavers (Oregon State)
7. Violets (NYU)
8. Volunteers (University of Tennessee)
9. Lord Jeffs (Amherst)
10. Mule Riders (Southern Arkansas)

Source: <http://teens.aol.com/college/sports-activities/worst-mascots>

Seniors have blast in the past at Renaissance Faire

By Cody Dixon

On October 1, SHS seniors traveled back in time to the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire.

Senior English teacher Mrs. Champion enjoyed every part of the trip.

“The best part of whole trip was everything,” said Mrs. Champion. Her favorite foods were the Scotch eggs, the big turkey legs, and the bread bowls.

The Renaissance Faire is an annual event attracting hundreds of students from across the state to Mt. Hope, Pa. Mrs. Champion was assisted by retired English teacher Mrs. Hickey, who has attended numerous faires in the past.

Senior Jon Benjamin won first place in the poster design competition. James Frantz, Chris Frantz and Greg Baker won first place in the heraldry (banner) competition.

Senior Sam Dolan’s favorite thing at the faire was Damien Blade, a sword swallower. Her favorite food was the chocolate-covered cheesecake.

Mary Brown also enjoyed several parts of the faire.

“The language was not hard to understand,” said Mary, noting the Shakespearean dialect of many of the actors.

She said the best part of the trip was the elephant ride and the Elizabethan language. Her favorite food was the big turkey legs and the Scotch eggs. The jousting event was her favorite act. Six riders on horseback competed for the affection of a damsel.



Seniors Ryan Mullen, Shawn Lake and Jason Gay (from left to right) portray Renaissance era characters in English class recently.

SENIORS

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Among the Obama supporters polled, many considered his positions on the economy, education, healthcare and middle class values to be a critical point in the election.

Of the McCain supporters polled, many saw his positions on abortion and religion as major factors in his candidacy.

The second largest number of votes cast was for “other.” In percentages 67 percent favored Obama, 15 percent favored McCain, and 18 percent cast their votes for “other.” Among those were Ron Paul, Ted Nugent, Mike Huckabee and Mickey Mouse.