

SPORTS

Football team bounces back with win after tough start

By Zachary Northrup

The Redskin football team has started off with two tough losses to Towanda and Canton and then a late home loss against Coweneseque Valley on Friday, September 12. Last Friday, the Redskins defeated Montgomery 25-12.

Redskin senior Nick Nasoni says that this year's team is looking good. He expects that this year will be better than the last couple of years. He is also expecting a better record than last year's team.

"The team has been able to keep games close going into halftime," said Nasoni.

This year's team has about the same number of players as the last few years, but this year more players, including underclassmen, keep joining the team.

"The team is made up of a few seniors, but mostly juniors and sophomores," said Nasoni.

The team also has good leadership, according to Nasoni.

"There are not any captains," he said. "People lead by example and by intensity."

Sayre junior Robbie Rought was voted the *Morning Times* Player of the Week in football for his performance against Canton in the first game of the year.



Nick Nasoni

With new coach, boys have high hopes for upcoming season

By Courtney Bostwick

Boys soccer gained a new head coach this season and the team is anticipating good things.

"Mr. Prados is a really good coach," says varsity midfielder, Terence Meeker. Mr. Prados replaces long-time coach Ed Bustin.

For several years, the boy's soccer team has been exceptionally competitive in league play and this year they're hoping for the same.

"I think that we can go far," states Meeker. "Our coach says that we are the best team he has seen in years!"

The boys' soccer team has gained a lot of speed and skill this year.

"I think that we are one of the better teams," Meeker said, "We're young, really fast and full of talent. If we work hard, we'll make districts."

The boys are already starting out to be especially successful with their overall record of three wins, and two losses as of September 10. They earned wins against Montgomery, Liberty and Williamson, and had tough defeats by Mansfield and Elkland.

To assist the win against Williamson, sophomore Taylor Skerpon, set a new school record with five goals during that game. Given that the score was five to zero, Skerpon scored every goal that game.

That is an immense accomplishment for a sophomore performing at varsity level soccer.



Terence Meeker

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Candidates announced

By Courtney Bostwick

The candidates for this year's homecoming court have been announced. They are:

Girls

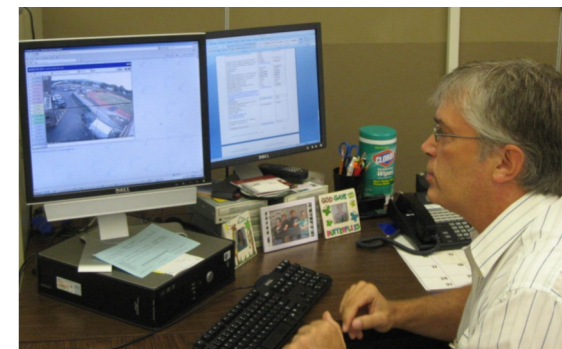
Ashley Park, Esther Parsons, Macy Roosa, Sarah Parsons, and Alexandria Gowan.

Boys

Nick Molarzo, Pat Lane, Jason Gay, Isaac Ammerman, and Dustin Sherburne.

The homecoming game will be played on Saturday, October 11 against Troy. The homecoming pep rally will be on Friday, October 10, where the homecoming king will be announced.

The homecoming queen will be proclaimed at the game during halftime.



Network administrator Rick Rava views one of the camera images from the newly installed cameras in school. (Photo by James Biery)

New cameras installed

By James Biery

Over the summer, the Sayre Area School District purchased and installed one-hundred four security cameras through-out the three schools in the district. The cameras, including installation, came at a cost of approximately eleven hundred dollars per camera or \$129,000 all together.

At the high school, sixty cameras were installed, covering all areas accessible by the public. This includes all parking lots, sports fields, and even the pool! The cameras are activated by motion and, when not activated, turn off to conserve energy, according to Rick Rava, Sayre's Technology Director.

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CALENDAR

- Sept. 26-Progress reports
- Oct. 1 -Renaissance Faire
- Oct. 4 -SAT test
- Oct. 7 -Student pictures
- Oct. 9 -Hall decorating
- Oct. 11-Homecoming
- Oct. 17 -Act 80 Day (No School)
- Oct. 25 -ACT test at Sayre
- Oct. 28 -End of first marking period

Photo Poll

What is the scariest thing about going to Sayre High School as a seventh grade student? What is the most fun thing about going to Sayre?

By Mary Fitzwater



Kaitlyn Tappan

“Finding a place to sit at lunch. The best part is meeting new people.”



Kiana Mullen

“Being late for classes and not knowing where to go. The best part is not having to stand in line.”



Kaitlyn Victor

“Trying to find all your classes. The best part is seeing new people and being taught by new teachers.”



Micaiah Douglas

“Upperclassmen. The best part is Mr. Knolles.”



Jay Green II

Getting put in B.M.R. The best part is lunch!”



Giuseppe Scavone

“Getting lost! The best part is listening to Mr. Crosby’s rap.”

Girls have high hopes for successful season

By Cambria Northrup

The girls soccer team has high hopes for their team this year.

“If we can play as a team every game, there is a good possibility we will go to districts this year,” said junior Courtney Bostwick.

Returning this year as head coach is Mr. Gary Webster, but there is a new assistant coach, Mrs. Ronda Tracy, the chemistry teacher in Sayre High School.

The girls’ seem to have a great interest in their new assistant coach.

“She provides the girls with motivation, encouragement, and pushes us to give one hundred percent effort,” said Bostwick.

The girls are playing hard and strong. The start of their season was at Hughesville, and the girls won one game and lost one. The first game was a 5-1 loss to Hughesville but they rebounded in the next game to beat Jersey Shore by a score 5-1.

The next game they played was against the Troy Trojans. The girls came up just a little short with the final score being the Trojans 7 and the Skins 0. They also played the Wyalusing Rams and came short 4-0. They played the rival team Athens Wildcats and came short with a score 8-0. The ladies won against Mansfield 6-0. They also defeated Liberty by a score 8-1.

There are six returning players from last year’s varsity team. They are seniors Kate Schrader, and Ashley Park, juniors Courtney Bostwick and Rachel Polinski and sophomores Ruby Wolcott and Megan Kyc.



Courtney Bostwick

Golf team rebuilding from loss of several seniors

By Bryan Luchaco

This golf season, players are looking forward to a successful year despite the loss of several seniors from last year’s team.

“This year we have a lot of new players and fresh faces,” said senior Zach Northrup.

In matches so far, the team has struggled, but the team has been saved by the consistently good scores of senior Bill Kozemko and junior Mike Gleockner.

To become a productive golf team member is simple, according to Northrup.

“Show up to the practices on time and keep the patience to stick with golf,” he said.

The team had a match Wednesday in Towanda against some tough competition. The next match will be Tuesday at Shepard Hills, the home course of Sayre and Athens.

How does the team look for next year?

“Next year’s team should be pretty solid,” said Northrup, “with two starters left in the junior class and lots of younger players who have some experience.”

Cross country team has strong showing at Hickories Invite

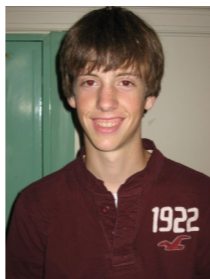
This year's cross country team is off to a running start. So far, the boy's team is undefeated in the NTL with the girl's team looking stronger than ever.

On Saturday at the Hickories Invitational in Owego, the boys claimed first place in the small schools division (fifth overall), while the girls were second in the small schools and sixth overall. Shawn Lake paced the boys with a sixth place finish. The girls were led by Hannah Robinson who finished eighth.

"This year's team has a lot of hard working, dedicated kids that are continuously improving their best times," according to Coach Randy Felt.

Coach Felt also stated that he foresees an NTL Championship and possibly a trip to states in the teams' near future.

If this were to happen, it would be the first time in Sayre Cross Country's history to send a team to the state competition in Hershey.



Shawn Lake

Team brings positive attitude to new volleyball season

By Courtney Ilnicki

The girls volleyball team is ecstatic to begin their new season with coaches both old and new. Varsity coach Tom Shay expressed his positive outlook for the varsity team's season, which has already begun with a smash.

The volleyball team won the school's recognition when the entire team was named "Players of the Week" in the sport of volleyball for the week of September 1st through the 5th. Some of the girls that were mentioned for their standout efforts were Alexa Gowan, Elizabeth Higley, and Angie Dolinich.

The junior high team has welcomed new coach Tiffany Schlosser who has started coaching this season. Coach Schlosser is a graduate of Athens Area High School, class of 2003. There, she lettered in many sports, including volleyball, basketball, and softball. She was an NTL volleyball all-star and played in the Kiwanis Senior All-Star Match. After high school, Schlosser played three years of volleyball at East Stroudsburg University, where she graduated with a degree in Health and Physical Education. She puts her college experience into good use as she is currently a health and physical education teacher at Athens Area Schools.

CAMERAS

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Only certain people have access to view the data recorded by the camera, according to Rava.

"Only Mike Barry (Building and Grounds superintendent), [Mr.] Dan Polinski, the principals, the administrative assistant at Litchfield, and the Tech Office have access to view the cameras and recorded materials," he said.

This was not the only change that the Sayre Technology Department made this summer, however. Microsoft Office Suite 2007 was added to all computers.

The technology department also hired a new intern to take the spot of Mrs. Maghamez, who is currently the technology administrator at Northeast Bradford School District. The school district is currently interviewing candidates for her replacement.

Science room renovation nearing completion

By Terence Meeker

Remodeling of several science rooms in the high school is moving forward with an expected completion date of October 1.

The renovation resulted in some new room assignments including those of Mr. Krall, Mrs. Tracy and Mr. Knolles. Three of the former rooms have been expanded into two larger rooms.

According to building and grounds superintendent Mr. Barry, contractors are installing cabinets, work islands and creating all-round new classrooms. Updated lighting is being installed as well as new eyewashes.

Science teacher Mrs. Schwab said she is looking forward to the new science rooms.

"I am excited for the new experience and the new view of the pond and the activities of the great blue heron," says Mrs. Schwab.

Mrs. Schwab says the renovated rooms will bring many improvements to the science department.

"I'm looking forward to be working with hot and cold water with a solid draining system at every lab table," she said. "How could you not be excited?"



New cabinets are being installed as part of the science room renovations. (Photo by Terence Meeker)

School year starts with new rooms changes

By Cody Dixon

This year has been very eventful for the school with many room changes for several teachers. There are even some rooms that are having two teachers in each.

Mrs. Streit and Mr. Romanowski are in room 151, Ms. Jennings' old room. Mr. Knolles is now in room 14 in the lower level. Mr. Krall is in what used to be the BMR room. The BMR is next door now in room 17, Mr. Kinsley's room last year.

Ms. Jennings is in room 16 in the basement, while Mr. Kinsley is in room 111.

Ms. McMahon was switched into Mrs. Hickey's old room and Mrs. Champion, who replaced Mrs. Hickey as the senior English teacher, moved across the hall.

Now, Mrs. Schwab, Mrs. Tracy and students are waiting for the new science rooms to be put back together.

One of the inconveniences Mrs. Tracy has had to deal with is working out of boxes.

"I would say the lack of organization is a huge one in terms of how I teach," said Mrs. Tracy. "I can't put things where I would normally so everything is like starting all over again."

New teacher keeping busy at Sayre High

By Josh Collins

Sayre High's newest learning support teacher is keeping a busy schedule. Mr. Dustin Jackson comes to Sayre from Bloomsburg University via Athens where he attended high school. He replaces Mr. Northrup who retired at the end of last year.



Mr. Jackson

Mr. Jackson graduated from Athens Area High School then went to college at Bloomsburg University where he had a dual major in special education and elementary education.

During the course of a typical school day, Mr. Jackson co-teaches in English 7, English 10, English 11, English 12, Science 7, American History 2 and Health 7. He also participates in the newly formed Study Island tutorial in the computer labs.

He also coaches junior high football at Sayre.

Although he's only been here a few weeks, Mr. Jackson likes teaching at Sayre.

"Sayre is a nice place to live and the community is friendly," he said.

New English teacher brings experience to SHS

By Isaac Ammerman

With the coming of the new school year, Sayre High School has received a new senior English teacher to replace Mrs. Hickey, who retired over the summer and is now a professor at Corning Community College.

The new English teacher, Mrs. Champion is originally from Waverly, N.Y. and is now residing in South Waverly. Before coming to Sayre, she taught at Union-Endicott High School in Endicott, N.Y. for 19 years and was also a professor at Broome Community College. Altogether, Mrs. Champion has been teaching for 36 year including 32 in New York and four in Kansas.

Mrs. Champion has three main goals for her students this year that she hopes they can accomplish. The first two goals are that she hopes all her student earn all the necessary credits they need and, following that, wishes for them to all graduate. Her third goal is that the students have an all-round wonderful senior year.

Mrs. Champion is looking forward to getting to know all her students and adapting to the new schedule of our school.

One of her students, James Biery had this to say about her. "I believe she will be a great asset to Sayre's teaching community."



Mrs. Champion

Music teacher hitting high notes in new job

By Jennifer Bradley

Mrs. Carly Vaughn is the new chorus teacher this year at Sayre High School. She went to college for 4 years majoring in music.

The love of music is what inspired her to become a chorus teacher.



Mrs. Vaughn, the new chorus teacher at SHS, leads a class in a song recently. (Photo by Jennifer Bradley)

"I have been a musician for a long time," she said. "Music is something I am very passionate about and I like working with students and passing it along to them."

Mrs. Vaughn, who replaces Mrs. Jerulli, has a wide interest in all kinds of music.

"Jazz, show tunes, country, soft rock and vocal music are my favorites," she said.

What instruments does she play?

"I play a little bit of piano but violin I played since I was in first grade," she said.

Two new student teachers bring unique experiences to SHS

By Sarah Haines

Miss Laura Bradley and Miss Crystal Pearson are two new student teacher here at Sayre High School. Miss Bradley is working with Mrs. Allis while Miss Pearson is student teaching with Mr. Kinsley.

Both student teachers currently attend Mansfield University.

Miss Bradley chose teaching because she wants to make learning an enjoyable experience.

"I feel that kids learn best when they are having fun and I want to make learning more fun for kids," she said.

Miss Pearson graduated from Waverly High School in 2001 and has a dual major in special education and elementary education. She has experience in various singing groups and theater as well as dance and cheerleading.