

EXPRESS

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Skerpon scores 100th career goal



Sayre senior Taylor Skerpon, who scored his 100th career goal Tuesday against Elkland, has 109 career goals as of Wednesday.

Homecoming Week coming

By Breanna Kelley

Homecoming is arriving quickly, with less than a month to go. The Homecoming football game will be held on Saturday, October 9th. The game against Troy High School will be held at 7 pm. The Homecoming parade will be held at 4 pm earlier that day. The day before Homecoming, (Friday, October 8th) eligible seniors will be able to participate in field painting and decorating. The Spirit Week themes are as followed:

- **Monday, October 4th:** Super Hero Day
- **Tuesday, October 5th:** Farmer Day
- **Wednesday, October 6th:** Mix and Don't Match Day
- **Thursday, October 7th:** Dressing Through the Ages Day (dress like your favorite character in a certain decade)
- **Friday, October 8th:** Redskin Pride Day
- **Saturday, October 9th:** Homecoming football game vs. Troy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 9—Homecoming

Monday, Oct. 11— No school (Act 80 Day)

Wednesday, Oct. 14- Renaissance Faire

Seventh grader adjusting to life at Sayre High

By Kerista Wandell

When summer vacation ended, seventh grader, Alexa Babcock, entered high school for the first time.

Halfway through the first marking period, she is adapting to the new school year at Sayre High. As she makes new friends and rushes between classes, she is beginning to understand the full meaning of high school.

As Alexa was leaving her first day of school, she was asked what her first day of high school was like.

“It was really fun,” she said. “I met a lot of new people.”

Although meeting new people was one of her favorite things about her first day of school, she was also asked about her favorite part of 7th grade so far, and her least favorite part.

“My most favorite part of 7th grade is lunch,” she said. “My least favorite part of 7th grade is geography.”

Alexa said she especially enjoys her reading class this year because “we get pillows and get to lie down.”

Her favorite class is math because she said “Mrs. Brown is funny.”

Besides classes, friends, and lunch, Alexa also participates in basketball and soccer.

“They are both really fun and I enjoy playing them,” she said.



Alexa Babcock

Several Sayre students attend Free Enterprise Week

By Rose Velazquez

Several students from Sayre attended this year’s Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW).

Senior students Sarah Skerpon, Terah Glose, and Elizabeth Haines all attended this year’s PFEW. But what exactly is PFEW?

“Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week is a week long Business and Leadership Camp,” said Sarah Skerpon.

When asked if she went with anyone, Skerpon replied “Yes. Anna Vine from Athens, my bff since 3!”

Many students have enjoyed their time spent at PFEW, and Sarah agrees.

“Yes very much so I met new friends, saw the most memorable speakers, and learned a lot about myself,” said Skerpon.

When asked if she would recommend PFEW to future students, Skerpon said “Yes most deff! Even if it’s not PFEW I suggest every student to go to some sort of camp. You learn new things about yourself and learn to work with others. You also meet a lot of new and different people.”

PFEW is a camp that is meant to help students prepare for their future, and Skerpon has the same opinion.

“It really helped me decide that I wanted to go into marketing,” said Skerpon.



Sarah Skerpon

Hitching a ride with Pete the Trainer



Freshman Elyse Skerpon hitches a ride with athletic Trainer Pete Howell.

Candidates announced

The candidates for Sayre's Homecoming scheduled for Saturday, October 9 at the Lockhart Street Bowl have been announced.

The girls are Tara Banfield, Cambria Northrup, Elizabeth Higley, Megan Kyc and Sarah Skerpon.

The five boys are Matt Bruer, Taylor Skerpon, Joe Yanuzzi, Joe Licata and Dom Villanti.

The king of Homecoming will be announced Friday, October 8th during the pep rally scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Homecoming queen will be announced during halftime of the Sayre vs. Troy football game.

Sayre welcomes Mr. Salmon as interim dean of students

By Kelsea McSparron

Sayre High School is seeing a lot of changes this year and one of them is the new interim Assistant Principal, Mr. Salmon. He will fill in for Mr. Polinski who is taking a sabbatical this school year.

What was his deciding factor in becoming Dean of Students?

"I feel there are a lot of things I can do for students and for education," said Mr. Salmon adding that he loves teaching and enjoys new challenges.

According to Mr. Salmon, one of the best parts of the new position is the student interaction. The worst part? So far, he said there doesn't seem to be any or at least he hasn't found any yet.

Mr. Salmon has set some goals for this school year.

"I would like to get the detention hall permanently established," he said. "I would also like to reduce the eligibility list and increase PSSA scores."

Mr. Salmon said one thing he was looking forward to his year was "interacting with the senior class."

He would also like for students to know that Mr. Handrick and he are working as a team and if a student ever has any problems, administrators have an Open Door Policy.

"I'm starting with a new slate and I will be fair, firm, and consistent," said Mr. Salmon.



Mr. Salmon

Veteran math teacher decides to stay in the classroom

By Ashley Miner

Math teacher Mr. Sikora is happy to be back in the classroom after considering a return to the college classroom.



Mr. Sikora

“When I left I questioned my mood a little,” said Mr. Sikora. “When I came back it was the same way.”

Why did you decide to stay?

“I spent two weeks out of town with my family especially with my dad and felt that staying was the better choice,” said Mr. Sikora

Some of the classes he teaches this year are Algebra 1, Pre-Algebra eighth grade, two sections of Algebra 3, and double periods of Algebra 1. He always has lunch duty.

What are his goals for this year?

“Same as always, do everything in my power to increase student achievements,” said Mr. Sikora.

After teaching at Sayre High School for 12 years, the things he likes most are his students and his co-workers.

Mrs. Brown looking forward to fresh start in the classroom

By Katie Peters

New math teacher Mrs. Brown started the school year with high hopes for her students.

This year, Mrs. Brown is teaching Math Study, Course 3 Pre-Algebra and Course 2 Math 7. Last year, Mrs. Brown taught math study.

Mrs. Brown’s goals for this year include creating a learning environment that is enjoyable and educational for her students and to have a successful passing rate of satisfied students.

She likes the interaction with the students most, but dislikes uncooperative students.

She said that school today is different than when she was a student, especially concerning cell phones.

“There were no real rules about cell phones,” she said. “We weren’t allowed to have them, but most students didn’t have the need to have them. They weren’t as popular.”



Mrs. Brown

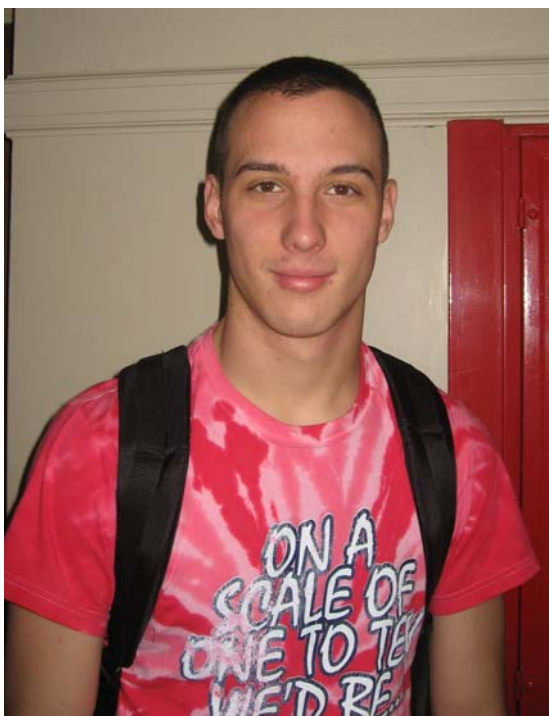
Satterly survives summer basic training

By Tom Smith

Skylar Satterly is back for his senior year at Sayre High School after surviving basic training over the summer.

Skylar spent most of his summer at basic training in Fort Benning, Georgia.

What did he like best about basic training?



Skylar Satterly

“The best part about basic training was the chance to shoot the AT-4 rocket launcher,” Skylar said.

What did he like least?

“The long hours of training,” Skylar said.

After graduating June 3, 2011, Skylar will not be going to college right away but will return to additional training.

“I would recommend the Army to other students, because not only is it good training for life, but you also get paid for everything,” Skylar said.

“After high school, I will go back to Fort Benning, Georgia for Infantry school,” he said.

In the Army there are a lot of different

jobs that a person can train for.

What occupation are you going to train for?

“I am going to train for the Infantry,” Skylar said

A few people in the senior class are considering going into the military after high school.

Would he recommend the Army to other students?

“I would recommend the Army to other students, because not only is it good training for life, but you also get paid for everything,” Skylar said. “You even get paid to attend college that the Army offers you.”

Sayre band marching toward success



Band front members lead the parade during the Labor Day Parade in Nichols.

By Rose Velazquez

The 2010 SHS Redskin Marching Band is working toward a successful fall season.

Sarah Polinski, a Junior at Sayre High School has high expectations for herself, and fellow band mates, this season. Polinski is the head Senior Drum Major, and Saxophone Leader, in the marching band.

“Both positions are vital to the band, and also are a lot of fun!” she said.

The band has around 65 students this year. Polinski is having a great time being a band member as well as being around fellow members.

“Personally, my favorite part of band comes down to the foundation that the program was built upon originally - making good music while having a great time doing it. We have intelligent, eager kids in the band who WANT to learn and WANT to have fun, and as a Drum Major, I’m inspired each practice by the dedication and enthusiasm of my fellow musicians,” said Polinski.

As for this year’s band performance show, it includes several songs that many people have heard of.

“The theme for this year is “Space and Beyond,” including songs from E.T., Star Wars, Time Warp, and Star Trek. The tempos are varied – some upbeat, others at a more moderate pace,” says Polinski. The performance should be rather exciting this year.

“It is interesting and makes for a great show!”

However, the marching band doesn’t make up the whole band; band front is also a major part of the marching band’s ‘Space and Beyond’ theme this year. Band front will be performing a choreographed dance to the audience and, Polinski says, “It’s a work of art!”

FBLA officer has high hopes for this year

By Chelsea McCutcheon

Andrea Webster, a senior at Sayre High School and reporter of FBLA, has high hopes for this year. This is Andrea's fourth year in FBLA. There are roughly 86 members with the membership growing every year.

What goals are being set for this year?

"The goals for this year," stated Webster, "are to be number one in the state, and send a larger amount of kids to the State competition and National competition."

What events are going to take place?

"Some events that are going to take place this year are, the haunted house, a tailgate party for homecoming, Penn State concession stand, Regional competition, Activity nights for the elementary kids, and Christmas crafts with the kids at Snyder and Litchfield," Webster said.

What are you looking forward to the most this year in FBLA?

"I am looking forward to everything in FBLA because its fun and you learn things," said Webster.



Andrea Webster

SADD students looking to be happy and drug free

By Aaron Alexander

Brian Howland, student leader of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), is looking forward to a banner year for the group in the 2010-11 school year. The overall goal of SADD is to promote safe decisions by teens, and to help them influence their friends and family to do the same.

"Kids are becoming involved in drugs and alcohol at a younger age," said Brian. "And it keeps dropping, so we try to prevent that so the kids in our school can make a lifestyle without them."

SADD is involved in a number of events and activities with Lookin' Out, sponsored Erie Insurance, including the Quick Buckle Challenge and Safety Bug.

"We have to think of ways to really get our point or message across in a very effective way so that it leaves a mark," Brian explains.

Brian himself has been involved with SADD for 5 years, and most of it's other members are just as dedicated to helping out with a good cause.

Lorenzo Servedio is president. Sarah Dibble is secretary, Alexa Woclott is public relations officer. Andrea Webster is vice-president, Terah Glose is treasurer and Howland is sergeant-at-arms.

"Our total number varies and [I'm] not quite sure of a number at this moment but I am going to guess around 35 with most of them being very active," said Brian.

SADD is dedicated to showing teenagers just how serious the consequences of their decisions can be, and how the decisions that they make now can affect their lives and impact their futures.

"I just wanted to get the message out to my peers because a lot of the information that we give out, kids don't know and they don't want to believe it, and that is where we come in," stated Brian. "We have to think of ways to really get our point or message across in a very effective way so that it leaves a mark. Even if we only help a few kids and we couldn't help a lot, a few is better than none."

Sayre senior competes for Outstanding Young Women

By Joey Yanuzzi

Sarah Hurley, a senior at Sayre High School, competed in this year's Outstanding Young Women. OYW is a program throughout Pennsylvania designed to recognize outstanding young women. The Bradford-Sullivan County has its own program and then the winner goes onto the state competition. You are judged in fitness, scholarship, interview, performing arts, and presence. The winner of each category gets scholarship money as well as the winner getting money. When asked about Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Women program, Sarah stated "It's a great experience and you meet some really great people and make new friends." In order to become an Outstanding Young Woman, competitors must first go through preliminary judging in May of their junior year. At this judging you perform your talent, practice a fitness routine, presence routine, and an interview. That night competitors receive a phone call telling whether they made it or not.



Sarah Hurley

When asked about what intrigued her to pursue this goal, Sarah said "No one from Sayre has done OYW for a long time so I thought it'd be fun to try out. I have a friend who did OYW a few years ago and she encouraged me to do it. Even if I don't win the competition, I'm still glad I'm in it because of the friendships I've made."

Sarah has been working hard towards achieving this goal since May, participating in many activities with the other girls. "We had an ice cream social, went mini golfing, kayaking, and an overnight." The competitors practice every Sunday afternoon to learn the fitness routines.

The program took place on September 25th at Towanda High School.

Even if I don't win the competition, I'm still glad I'm in it because of the friendships I've made."

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Boys soccer team having stellar season

While soccer standout Taylor Skerpon passed the century mark in career goals Tuesday against Elkland, teammate Trey Hildebrandt is a key part of the boys soccer team's success.

In fact, it was Hildebrandt's assist to Skerpon that gave the Sayre senior his 100th goal. Sayre won 11-0. On Saturday, the team defeated Muncy 7-1 on Skerpon's six goals and a goal by Zach Keir. Sayre improved to 5-3 in league play and 7-3 overall.

Hildebrandt, who plays central mid-field, is one of several returning players on Sayre's team. Other returnees are Spencer Ward, Scott Beeman, Jacob Parsons, Riley Card and Alex Murrelle.

Other players are Altan Frantz, Robbie Osier, Seth Murrelle, Alex Moliski, Andy Moliski, Jared Layton, Kayvan Masouri, Giuseppe Scavone, John Shaw, Matt Bruer and R.J. Fisher.

Hildebrandt said as long as they play together as a team, they will have a great season. Their goals are to make it to districts and possibly states.



Soccer players marked Taylor Skerpon's 100th career goal on September 21. From left to right are: Scott Beeman, Spencer Ward, Skerpon, Trey Hildebrandt and Jacob Parsons.

Football teams rebounds with 34-7 win over S. Williamsport

A strong team effort—and Joe Yanuzzi's four touchdowns—propelled Sayre to a 34-7 win over South Williamsport Friday.

Sayre, now 1-1 in league play and 2-2 overall, plays North Penn Friday.

Despite tough loss to Athens, volleyball team battling back

By Conor White

The Lady Redskins Volleyball, now 4-4 after a tough loss to Athens on Tuesday, have scored some impressive wins so far this season.

The team started their season at the Lycoming Volleyball Tournament and finished the tournament with the record of 2-8. The team lost against Canton in their first NTL match 3-1. They rallied back in their second match against Elmira Southside 3-0.

The returning varsity players are Tara Banfield, Terah Glose, Elizabeth Higley, and Desirae Waltman. After taking a year off, Coach Shay has returned to coach this season, assisted by Miss Barrett.

Higley, a senior, is looking forward to "having fun and being competitive in the season."

SPORTS

Soccer girls drop close one to Troy on Monday

By Alexa Wolcott

The girls' soccer team evened their record at 3-3 following a win over Northeast Bradford on Monday by the score of 3-2. It was their third straight win after having dropped their first three games, all in overtime. On Saturday, the girls battled Towanda to a 2-2 tie, in overtime. On Monday, Troy edged Sayre 2-1.

The team has thirteen returning players including seniors Megan Kyc, Elizabeth Haines, Ruby Wolcott; juniors Sarah Polinski and Andrea Ward; sophomores Courtney Bruer, Rachel Hurley, Adrienne Malorzo, Mikala McNamara, Kassandra Rae, Kelsey Young and Sarah Ostroski.

The team also has some new, ready-to-play team members who look like they will bring some new skills to the team.

"Every single one of us this year is going to be able to step up and make a difference," said Kyc.

Head coach, Tracy Mennig, along with assistant coaches Kristine Podolinski and Danielle Drake, are trying to lead their girls to a great season.



Megan Kyc

Sayre cross country runners showing great promise

By Melanie Schrader

This year's cross country season has been pretty successful for the Redskins. The girls remained unbeaten after defeating Troy and Canton on Tuesday. Coaches Randy Felt and Douglas Ault do a good job at coaching the runners.

A key to the team's success- both boys and girls - has been their work ethic.

"We have a very hard working team this year," said Mr. Felt. "Many of the team's runners put in a solid summer of running and have worked very hard early in the season."

The season started off with the Redskins taking second place at the Bear Mountain Invitational.

On Monday, senior Hannah Robinson led the way with a first place finish. Alex Middlebrook, Katie Hurley and Rose Velzquez all had strong finishes.

For the boys, Matt Romanowski placed fourth Monday against Canton and Troy while teammate Alex Porter was seventh. Lornzo Servedio was ninth for Sayre.

In junior high action, Nate Romanowski set a new course record with a time of 9:04.

Earlier this season, Robinson set a new school record at Litchfield, running the course in 19:23 breaking her own record.

SENIOR HIGH PHOTO POLL

Students from grades 10, 11 and 12 were surveyed with a few short questions about how they feel about school.



Adam Wampole
Tenth Grade

How does it feel to be back in school?

Good, except for the waking up part.

What are you looking forward to this year?

Mainly passing 10th grade and moving to the next.

Do you have any goals?

Pass every class and not be on the ineligibility list.



Gretchen Kedrowitsch
Eleventh Grade

How does it feel to be back in school?

Greaaatt, I dislike it. I miss summer!

What are you looking forward to this year?

Prom and a lot of memories.

Do you have any goals?

To pass all my classes.



Cambria Northrup
Twelfth Grade

How does it feel to be back in school?

It feels great knowing that I'm finally going to graduate.

What are you looking forward to this year?

Going on the senior trip with my classmates.

Do you have any goals?

Get a good score on my SAT's and get accepted to MU for nursing.

JUNIOR HIGH PHOTO POLL

Students from grades 7, 8 and 9 were surveyed with a few short questions about how they feel about school.



Matthea Robbins
7th grade

How does it feel to be back in school?

Honestly, kind of scary because I'm in a new environment.

What are you looking forward to this year?

Forensics class, speaking and plays, etc.

Do you have any goals?

Some of my goals include kicking a winning goal at one of my soccer games.



Tom Cook
Eighth Grade

How does it feel to be back in school?

Good, fantabulous.

What are you looking forward to this year?

Art class.

Do you have any goals?

Doing more sports than last year.



Fred Peters
Ninth Grade

How does it feel to be back in school?

It feels good to be back because now I'm not as bored.

What are you looking forward to this year?

Doing good on my test and make new friends.

Do you have any goals?

To not get in trouble.