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Dr. Donald Houck, Sayre Area School District Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Michelle Murrelle, assistant elementary school principal, flank Mrs. Sharon Hildebrandt at the 2005 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year luncheon. Both administrators were on hand for the Teacher of the Year presentations, announcement ceremony and closing luncheon. (See page 3 for additional photos)

Snyder teacher participating in Arctic adventure program

Snyder Elementary School teacher Amy Vargason will be embarking on the journey of a lifetime when she participates in the "Authentic Adventure Learning Go North" program this spring.

Vargason, who teaches fifth grade at Snyder, will participate in the program which is scheduled to run until 2009. The program uses dogsled expeditions to teach about the Arctic. Vargason will learn about native Eskimo culture and oil exploration as part of her expedition.

As part of the program, students will be able to access the internet and view journal articles, photographs and other resources of the participants including Vargason.

The program continues in 2005-6 with a visit to Russia; Fennoscandia (2006-7); Greenland (2007-8) and Canada (2008-9).

Students in Special Olympics

Several Sayre students participating in the Bradford County Special Olympics had strong showings at the 2004 competition.

Earning first place finishes at Alparon Park in Troy were Elizabeth Porter and Jay Casterline (softball throw); Shelly Hall (standing long jump); Dorie Nichols and Will Smith (25 meter walk); Tara Chaffee, Shelly Hall, Calvin Briggs and Will Smith (50 meter walk); Elizabeth Porter (50 meter run); Elizabeth Porter, Calvin Briggs and Jay Casterline (100 meter run); Brandon Moore (400 meter run); Jay Casterline, Scott Casselbury, Brandon Moore and Jason Houghtalen (4x100 meter relay); Elizabeth Casselbury (wheelchair race), and Elizabeth Casselbury (wheelchair slalom race).

Sayre student Eleesha Rorick also participated, earning a third place finish in the softball throw, a second place finish in the 25 meter walk and third place in the 50 meter walk.

Eight students from Bradford County went to States in June at Penn State University.

Jay Casterline represented Bradford County at the State Special Olympics at State College in June.

CALENDAR

November 24—Half-day of school

November 25-26—Thanksgiving Vacation

November 29—No school. Buck Day.

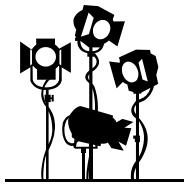
December 3-4—Boys Basketball Tip-Off Tournament

December 6—School Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

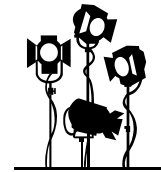
December 24-31—Winter Break

December 27-29—Valley Basketball Christmas Tournament

January 14—End of Second Marking Period



Redskin Spotlight Awards



The following individuals received Spotlight Awards:

Diane LaManna, Bette Moyle, Michelle Murrelle, Ruth Brown, Jerry Gorski, Megan Cole and Mike Lydon.

Senior project recounts “Myths of Sayre High School”

Senior Megan Krench delighted sixth graders at Snyder Elementary School recently as she dedicated her book, *The Top Ten Myths of Sayre High School*.

“I wanted a senior project I knew would really make an impact on Sayre students,” said Krench, who polled hundreds of students at Sayre to discover what students were fearful of upon entering high school. The top ten responses were then compiled and a watercolor illustration was made by Krench to accompany each myth. The “real” fact is on the reverse side of the page, Krench said.

The Sayre senior held a dedication ceremony in the Snyder library to present her book to the children. After she told them about the book, the floor was opened for a question-and-answer session where students could ask any questions they had about the high school. The children were very excited and asked questions ranging from “What’s the cafeteria food like?” to “Do you have to climb a rope in gym class?”

Copies of the book are available in each sixth grade classroom and the Snyder library, Krench said. Interested persons can purchase copies of the book from Krench by e-mail (mkrench@yahoo.com), telephone (888-5461) or by mail (94 Third Street, Sayre, PA 18840).

“I am really happy with the outcome of my project,” she said. “I put a lot of time into it, but it was well worth it. I believe I truly helped ease the sixth-graders’ fears.”

School hosts Risk Watch Injury Prevention program

By Linda Campbell

Injuries happen in every day life; however, in the Sayre Area School District we are doing our best to teach children how to avoid injuries. The Risk Watch Injury Prevention curriculum in pre-school through eighth grade teaches children how to prevent injuries from happening. This is done by using a hands-on approach with individuals bringing their expertise to the children.

Recently, local volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel presented a fire and burn prevention program in Litchfield, PA to the kindergarten through fourth grade students from Litchfield and the H. Austin Snyder second grade students who visited the Litchfield Elementary School. This was a joint effort between the Litchfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, Bradford County Emergency Management Agency, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry, Greater Valley Emergency Medical Service, and the Salvation Army. Their mission was to educate the children in our community regarding fire and burn prevention and emergency services available in Bradford County. The learning stations consisted of the following: practicing exit drills in the home; forest fire safety with Smokey Bear; fire fighters and their gear; importance of smoke detectors; emergency vehicles (fire truck and ambulance) and their uses; and the proper way to call 911.

The volunteers ask that everyone take time to check the smoke alarms in your home. If your smoke alarm is older than 10 years, it is recommended that you replace it with a newer model. The batteries should be changed twice a year. Change the batteries in the fall and spring when daylight savings time requires changing of the clocks.

Just as important is the task of **planning** and **practicing** exit routes from your home. Make your home a safer place to live by following these important reminders.

School district recycling empty inkjet cartridges for cash

The Sayre Area School District is continuing the inkjet cartridge recycling program. There are drop boxes at each school office and the administration office for the empty ink cartridges. The empty cartridges that are recycled are inkjet cartridges with printheads only - no toner cartridges. The cartridges must be sealed in plastic bags and not damaged in any way. Tape cannot be placed over the printhead.

The district receives \$2 per non-damaged inkjet cartridge that has a printhead and the money goes back into technology. If anyone would like more information, the web site is: www.empties4cash.com

Teacher of the Year Photo Album

Photos by Dan Polinski



A winning combination from H. Austin Snyder fifth grade pod: (left to right) are Mrs. Sharon Hildebrandt, Ms. Vickie Pierce, Mrs. Janice Barrett, Mrs. Lucille Lyons and Mrs. Amy Vargason.



Mrs. Hildebrandt's family came to Harrisburg for the two-day event. Shown are her husband, Michael, daughter Paige and son Trey. Mrs. Hildebrandt's mother and father, Kate and Fred Horn, also attended.



Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll, Mrs. Sharon Hildebrandt, student presenter Adam Polinski and Dr. Francis V. Barnes, State Secretary of Education, pause for a photo.

History File

The following article appeared in the March 12, 1969 edition of the Sayre Evening Times.

F. Raymond (Ray) Hauver, 54, of Bowlby Road, Elmira RD 2, a well-known area musician and teacher in the instrumental music department of Sayre Area Schools for 24 years, died at 8:45 this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Hauver had been a patient at the hospital for several months but returned to his home several weeks ago. He was taken ill again during the night and was rushed to the hospital where he died a few hours later.



Ray Hauver

Born in Elmira, he was a graduate of Elmira schools and of Ithaca College and taught for several years in both the Edgewood and Coldbrook schools in Elmira prior to accepting the instrumental music position in Sayre Schools in 1945. In these duties he was director of the Junior High School band.

Mr. Hauver was associated with his father, Frank Hauver, in the operation of the Hauver Music Store on Walnut Street in Elmira prior to the elder Mr. Hauver's death, and continued operating the store until the time of his death.

He was in the music profession all his life, starting playing professionally at the age of 15 with the early concert bands in Elmira. His instrument was the trumpet, but he was regarded as an expert on every instrument and played them all fluently.

He collaborated with Maurice Taylor, well-known band music publisher, on band teaching methods, and his name appears on many of the compositions which he arranged and which are now studied throughout the country by high school and college musicians.

Mr. Hauver was also very active in the dance band field and played with many orchestras in a wide area. For the past 15 years, he was a member of the Walt Brittain Band in the Valley and wrote many of the arrangements featured with that organization.

Through his activities with music, Mr. Hauver was a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the Bradford-Sullivan Counties Music Education Association.

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