

Happy Thanksgiving!

Redskin Review

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Kelly Ammerman, escorted by her brother, Isaac Ammerman, is the 2005 Sayre High School Homecoming Queen. Connor Dugan was selected as Homecoming King.

Snyder teacher going north

Snyder fifth grade teacher Amy Vargason will be exploring the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in February as part of the Online Classroom Dogsled Expedition.

She will be part of an international team of six educators, explorers and scientists exploring the Alaskan Arctic. Their journey will cover 700 miles over two months as the team studies issues relating to global warming, oil exploration and the ecology of the Arctic region known as ANWR. As a "teacher explorer," Vargason will be flown to the island of Kaktovik on the Beaufort Sea and travel via dogsled to Prudhoe Bay.

Teachers throughout the state as well as those across the nation and around the world can follow the explorers and develop school activities based on the mission. The website is www.polarhusky.com.

School hosts Red Ribbon Week

Sayre H.S. and the Sayre SADD Chapter joined others across the nation to raise the awareness about drugs and encourage healthy choices with a series of programs as part of National Red Ribbon Week.

The week-long event was established by Congress in 1988 in memory of a drug enforcement agent killed in the line of duty. Among the events sponsored by the local chapter was a red shirt day, the collection of money for DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), a drug-free day and a hat day with proceeds to benefit SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions).

The Red Ribbon Week was designed to send a clear message that drugs damage lives—whether through lost productivity, unfulfilled dreams, drug-induced injuries or addiction.

Visit www.drugfreeamerica.org for more information or contact Mrs. Richmond in the high school guidance office.

Calendar

Thursday, November 17—Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening)

Friday, November 18—High School and Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences (Daytime)

Tuesday, November 22 – High School Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening)

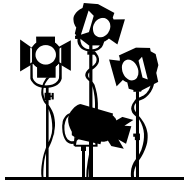
Wednesday, November 23 – Half Day of School

November 24-25 – Thanksgiving Break

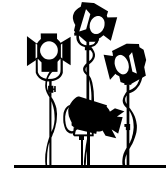
Monday, November 28 – Buck Day

Friday, December 23 to Monday, January 2 - Winter Break

January 16—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No school



Redskin Spotlight Awards



The following individuals have been awarded Spotlight Awards for their contributions to the Sayre Area School District:

Alice Bennett, Mike Bezotte, Andy Brown, Mary Cole, Harry Early, Michelle Fabbri, Sally Hickey, Vicki Keir, Colleen Kinney, Robyn Maghamez, Jeff Maximiek, Sue McMahon, Kristy Mente, Bette Moyle, Robin Munn, Cinda Nudge, Melissa Post, Denise Quattrini, Richard Reilly, Karen Rockwell, Lori Schoonover, Derek Selleck, Lee Shoemaker, Nick Sikora, Deb Smith, Jon Vargason, Deb Wheeler and Haley Wheeler.

Homecoming 2005!



Senior Connor Dugan wears the Homecoming King crown during the Homecoming Pep Rally.



Sayre cheerleaders show the way as students re-enact an old tradition of the "Snake Dance" at the Homecoming pep rally.

Weather cancellations or delays

The following stations and media outlets may carry information about school closings, cancellations or delays:

WATS/WAVR, WAAL, WHWK, WWYL, WNBF-1290AM, Country 105, 99.3 and 103.7, WZXR/WCXR, OLDIES 93, 107.9 WRVH-The River, 1340 AM WWPA, MIX 103.3, STAR 105.7, 92.5 KGB, 107.5 "THE BEAR", Sports Radio 1430, 680 WINR, WIGGLE, LITE 101.7, WENY TV 36, WYOU TV 22; 28 WBRE, WBNG TV 12, WELM, WNEP TV 16, FAMILY LIFE NETWORK, WIVT/WBGH (34), WETM TV (18), DAILY REVIEW Website www.thedailyreview.com.

Q & A

By Melissa Brandt

New superintendent Mr. Dean Hosterman officially began his new duties in October. He answers a few questions about his new role as superintendent. The interview originally appeared in the high school newspaper, *The Express*.

Q: What was your first impression of Sayre High School?

A: I was impressed with the positive academic attitude of the student body. Sayre High School is a very well maintained and classic facility.

Q: What previous experience have you had?

A: I have been a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, Director of Pupil Personnel, Director of Personnel, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent.

Q: What are some of your goals for the high school?

A: #1. Continue achieving academic success as measured by test scores.
#2. Establish a Student Round Table
#3. Encourage the local press to showcase positive happenings.

Q: What are some of your strengths? Weakness?

A: Strength - I am honest and very hard working. I strive for academic excellence!
Weakness – I want things done yesterday and I love to over-eat.

Q: What was your best experience in high school when you were a student?

A: I cherished my friendships. Laughing and having fun with my friends. I will also never forget the ski trip and all the athletic competitions.

Q: What do you look forward to the most for this school year?

A: Learning to recognize staff and students in school and at special events.



Mr. Hosterman

Dr. Houck retires from Sayre after 13 years



Donald Houck

Dr. Donald Houck officially retired as superintendent of schools on October 20 after 13 years at the helm of the district.

At the October 17 board meeting, Dr. Houck noted that during his tenure he had tried to maintain the district's focus on academics while providing quality education at reasonable costs.

Board President Kevin Brown cited the district's performance on the state reading and math tests and credited the superintendent with working to strengthen the district's academic programs.

“Pay attention to history but don't let it stop you from doing what needs to be done.”

Dr. Donald Houck

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We would like to hear from you!

If you have suggestions for future issues of the school district newsletter or just wish to express a point of view, please send your comments to any school office or send them to the following address:

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