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Senior Caci Silkman (left) joins in the fun with junior Jackie Morse during Senior Servant Day at Sayre H.S. Students “bid” on seniors with money raised going to the senior class.

SHS art students recognized

The following Sayre High School art students were selected as winners in the 2005 Scholastic Art Awards Competition held at the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, N.Y. The Scholastic art awards includes all school districts in a 8 county region including 7 from New York State and Bradford in Pennsylvania.

Over 700 entries were submitted this year and, of those, fewer than 100 are chosen to win awards.

This is the largest number of works exhibited at the show for Sayre and the school’s total is the largest from all Bradford County schools, according to art teacher Dana Twigg.

Meghan Krench and John Guirguis were honored at a ceremony at the Arnot Art Museum and their work will advance to the national competition in Harrisburg.

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New superintendent named

Dean Hosterman of Lock Haven, PA, has been chosen as the next Superintendent of the Sayre Area School District.

Mr. Hosterman is currently acting Superintendent of the Keystone Central School District and has accepted an offer to come to the Sayre School District.

Mr. Hosterman is expected to begin his duties at Sayre in July. He will replace Dr. Donald Houck as superintendent when Dr. Houck retires in October 2005.

CALENDAR

Monday, March 21—School Board meeting (7:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 23—End of Third Marking Period

Thursday, March 24—Give Back Snow Day. Possible Closing.

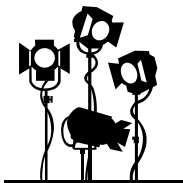
Friday, March 25—Easter (Spring) Break. NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 28 - Easter (Spring) Break. NO SCHOOL

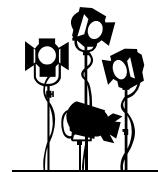
Tuesday, March 29—Give Back Snow Day. Possible Closing.

Friday, April 22—Give Back Snow Day. Possible Closing

Monday, April 18—School Board meeting at Litchfield (7:30 p.m.)



Redskin Spotlight Awards



The following individuals received Spotlight Awards:

Norma Barrowcliff, Larry Brown, Ed Bustin, Eric Callear, Toby Campbell, Dave Conklin, Deb DeMay-Smith, Randy Felt, Jerry Gorski, Kay Husick, John Keiers, Scott Kopatz, Richard Krall, Cheryl Kulikowski, Diane Nobles, Cinda Nudge, Karen Rockwell, Lee Shoemaker, Jaime Sutryk, Scott Taylor, Dana Twigg, Gary Webster and Deb Wheeler.

Sayre hosts successful District 8 Band festival

The PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) District 8 Band Festival was held at Sayre High School from January 5-8, 2005. One hundred fifty-six students from forty-two school districts participated in the four day festival.

Dr. Casey C. Teske, professor from Clarion University, served as guest conductor for the District 8 Band. Forming an instant connection with the musicians, the ensemble worked together to create an aesthetic experience unlike any other. Students showed great maturity as they worked through difficult passages and perfected musical phrases. They learned to give attention to detail and how to portray a composer's musical intentions through a large ensemble setting. A focused atmosphere was evident throughout the festival, many students practicing during breaks and returning to the stage early.

While at the festival, students rehearsed for eight hours per day, met musicians from area school districts, and were honored at a festival banquet. A culminating concert was held on Saturday, January 8, 2005 in the Sayre High School Auditorium.

District students made a tremendous impact on the community. Host families continually commented on the maturity and exemplary ambassadorship displayed by the musicians. Likewise, the visiting students made it known that it was a pleasure to be at Sayre High School and to be hosted by the generous and friendly families of the valley community. Many students and host families have remained in contact during the month following the festival.

Three students represented Sayre High School at the festival, Theodore Lentz, euphonium, Monica Bixby, flute, and Jonathan Dibble, alto saxophone. Lentz will represent Sayre High School at the Region IV Band Festival to be held at Shikellamy High School in February.

The success of the festival is due to great support from the Sayre Area School District and community at large. Festival host Miss Cheryl Kulikowski would like to extend sincere appreciation to the Sayre School District administration, faculty, staff, and music students, in addition to local host families, media, businesses, and volunteers for their assistance and support of the festival.



Sayre instrumental music director Cheryl Kulikowski, left, and guest conductor Dr. Casey C. Teske, share the stage with SHS district band participants Jon Dibble, Theodore Lentz and Monica Bixby. (Photo Provided)

Sayre violinist named to All-Eastern Orchestra

Submitted by Cheryl Kulikowski

Senior violinist Ashley Houck has been accepted to the 2005 MENC (Music Educators National Conference) All-Eastern Orchestra. Participation in an All-Eastern Ensemble is the highest recognition given to a high school musician. Held once every two years, musicians must first be recognized as an All-State Musician in their home state. Students from twelve states including Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Vermont participate in the festival.

In 2004, Miss Houck participated in PMEA District 8 Orchestra, Region Orchestra, and All-State Orchestra. She and band students, Theodore Lentz and Joseph Polinski were the first to be recognized as All-State Musicians from Sayre High School in over twenty-five years. In January 2005, Miss Houck was Concert Mistress for the District 8 Orchestra, which is the highest honor in the orchestra. She will attend the Region Orchestra festival to be held in Scranton from March 9-12, 2005.

In addition to Miss Houck, two students from Bradford County were selected to represent Pennsylvania at the All-Eastern Festival. Andy McLaughlin, vocalist from Canton High School, will perform with the All-Eastern Chorus and Loren Welles, clarinetist from Wyalusing High School, will perform with the All-Eastern Band.

Miss Houck is scheduled to travel to Baltimore, Maryland on March 3, 2005 to rehearse with the All-Eastern Orchestra for 2 ½ days. The orchestra is scheduled to present a concert at the Baltimore Convention Center on March 6, 2005 at 3:30 p.m.



Ashley Houck

States is “twice as nice” for outstanding SHS senior

Submitted by Dan Polinski

Most high school students who participate in an extracurricular activity dream of making it to the District competition and then onto the State level once in their high school career. Dreams of Districts are sometimes achieved. Most dreams of States are just that, dreams. They are not realized because the level of expertise necessary to reach that echelon is powerfully high. You are, after all, comparing your skills to the skills of every high school student in Pennsylvania! That is why only a select number of students in any activity make it to “states”. It’s where the “best of the best” from all over the state gather to perform among outstanding peers.

Remarkably, that dream has come true twice for Sayre High School senior Joseph Polinski. Perhaps even more remarkable is the fact that Joseph has gone to State competition in two very different high school activities. In April of this year he was selected for the All-State Concert Band and, in November, he earned a spot in the PIAA State Cross Country Championship meet.

Operating at peak efficiency is nothing new for Joseph. He is the President of the Sayre High Chapter of the National Honor Society who last year lettered in four varsity sports, a feat he hopes to repeat this year. And he’s off to a good start. A soccer mid-fielder, he helped the Redskins into the District Soccer playoffs in Hughesville while running himself into a third place finish at the District IV Cross Country meet in Bloomsburg to qualify for states.

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HISTORY FILE

(The following item appeared in the February 1944 issue of *The Sayrenade*)

Apples for Teachers

MISS DOUGHERTY

Rita Ann Higgins, '46

Miss Dougherty, now commercial teacher at Sayre High and graduate of Marywood College, taught three years at Athens. She states that she enjoyed teaching at both schools and adds that we students are fortunate in having the new and modern building with such a large auditorium and telephones in every room.

The most humorous thing that has happened to her since she came to Sayre was the day she had laryngitis. She believes that her classes thoroughly enjoyed themselves that day.

MR. SICKLER

Mary O'Donovan, '45

The director of our band and orchestras by this time has become a familiar personage in the school. Mr. Sickler came to Sayre High from Genesee, Pennsylvania, where he taught previously.

As a student, he was graduated from South Waverly and later from Sayre. He expresses his lifelong interest in music by saying, "All I ever wanted to do was blow and blow." Following this ambition he went to West Virginia State College and Mansfield State Teachers College.

Last year, Mr. Sickler sponsored the Popular Music Club. He enjoys teaching in Sayre High very much and expects to have a one-hundred piece band in about two years.

THE COACH

Dick West, '47 and Donald Tyson, '45

I don't know whether you remember but the first of September in '43 was the first day of football practice with the new coach. Since that day Mr. William Reese has become a popular member of the Sayre faculty.

Since Coach Reese came here, our Athletic Factory deserves its "E" for excellence, having lost only one football and two basketball games, all of which were played with more experienced teams.

Mr. Reese's first coaching job came in 1939 when he was named head coach at Coplay High School, Coplay, Pennsylvania. In the next year he took the head coaching job at Slatington where he stayed until the late summer of 1943 when he came to Sayre.

SPOTLIGHT



Submitted by Amy Rockwell

Steve Parks has been an outstanding volunteer in our school system. He works full time as well as attends Keystone College. Although he has a busy schedule, he still makes time to come and volunteer in our school. Along with volunteering his time at least one day a week in the room, he has also taught summer school for several summers.

This spring he will be doing his student teaching at Snyder Elementary. We wish him the best of luck and applaud him for all his time and effort!

Students, PTG present quilt

H. Austin Snyder Elementary School fifth grade teacher Sharon Hildebrandt recently received a quilt presented to her by the elementary students and the Snyder PTG.

Mrs. Hildebrandt was one of 12 finalists in Pennsylvania for the 2005 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year. The quilt blocks were designed and made by students and teachers at Snyder and Litchfield Elementary schools.

The quilt was arranged and created by Shari Williams, Mary Cerutti and machine-quilted by Veronica Reese.

TWICE AS NICE

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Add swimming in the winter, track in the spring and marching, concert and jazz bands all year long to see why controlling the clock is so important to him.

“You’ve got to be good at time management,” says Polinski, “otherwise you can’t make it happen. Time management is how you find time for the practices, the games, the homework, the senior project and doing some socializing with your friends. High school is more fun the more you become involved in different activities and with different people.”

But with Joseph, it’s not just involvement, it’s commitment. He has been a trumpet player since fourth grade. He has blown “Taps” at over a hundred veterans’ funerals since sixth grade. Joseph has been the official “bugler” for the Color Guard of VFW Post 1536 in Sayre since eighth grade. No wonder the audition in front of a panel of state music professionals at the District Band Festival didn’t bother him.

“It actually went quite well. You get a little nervous when you first go in, because the audition panel is seated facing away from you. They don’t want to see you. They want to focus on the music. After the first rift, I felt pretty comfortable. I hit all the notes clean, put the expression where it needed to go, and let the Bach (his trumpet) make the sound.”

That audition earned Joseph Polinski one of the 154 chairs on the stage of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Concert Band at the State Music Festival. He and Sayre Instrumental Music Director Cheryl Kulikowski traveled to Erie for the three day festival. The final concert was performed at the acoustically superb Warner Theater, under the baton of Maestro Stephen Gage.

If the trip to Erie started in fourth grade, then the roots of his running experience go even deeper.

“I have two brothers and two sisters,” says Polinski. We always played together and spent a lot of time running around in the back yard. Of course, there were years of tee-ball and Valley Soccer long before the high school sports teams”

All the running, especially the extra, self-imposed training last summer, paid off on the Redskin Cross Country Team this year. Joseph was the fastest Bradford County runner to emerge from the pack at the District IV meet in Bloomsburg. His third place finish behind a Danville and a Lewisburg runner clinched him a trip to the state meet. Accompanied by long-time Sayre running Coach Randy Felt, Joseph’s second trip to State competition in two years had all the excitement of the first trip.

“Anytime you get a chance to get up to that level of competition, it’s exciting,” Polinski notes. “The idea of going and working with the top performers in the state is no different in cross country than it is in music. You go to a location somewhere in the state and all the best people in your field show up there ready to go.”

The state music festival is somewhat different, however, because it is a three day affair rather than two. Joseph Polinski insists, however, that the significant difference has to do with the final performance of a group, rather than an individual.

“Everybody in cross country shows up ready to run, and the race is an individual performance done in a group. In band, everybody shows up knowing how to play the musical pieces. The time we spend there before the final concert is just the fine tuning of the different instrument sections to perform the pieces the way the guest conductor wants to hear them. Maestro Gage is a university professor who teaches graduate level music and conducting. He insisted on a very particular sound. At state band, the final product is a group performance done by individuals. It is the opposite of cross country meet.”

Which state competition was the hardest?

“These are two very different kinds of competitions,” says Polinski, “so I’m not sure you can make that kind of comparison. In each case, band and cross country, you have to work hard to prepare. In both cases, you have to practice on your own, not just with the band or team, if you want to move up to that level. If you want to be counted among the best in the entire state of Pennsylvania, you’ve got to manage your time well and train more intensely. I guess if it were easier than that, everybody would go to states!”



Sayre senior trumpet player Joseph Polinski and Wyalusing senior clarinet player Loren Welles are pictured with Youngstown State University Music Professor Stephen Gage. Loren and Joseph have been attending concert band festivals together since 9th grade.

Sayre spellers advance to next round of competition

Winners of the Morning Times Spelling Bee district competition at Sayre have been announced. The Sayre winners advanced to the next round on Feb. 26th at Harlan Rowe Junior High School on Athens.

- 1. Hannah Robinson (grade 6)**
- 2. Kendall Martz (grade 6)**
- 3. Marissa Mooney (grade 5)**
- 4. Andrea Ward (grade 5)**
- 5. Frankie Galizia (grade 7)**
- 6. Peter Eller (grade 7)**
- 7. Mark Hickey (grade 7)**
- 8. Gabby Sealander (grade 8)**
- 9. Aubrey Smith (grade 5)**
- 10. Caroline Keener (grade 5)**

SHS student council keep busy with fundraisers and activities

Submitted by Mary Cole

In December, Student Council members went to Snyder and Litchfield Elementary schools with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and many elves. Many students had their pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and all received a candy cane during their visit.

Also in December, Student Council hosted an ice cream sundae party for a students at the high school. Approximately 550 students were served by Student Council members and advisors Stacy Richmond and Mary Cole during all 3 lunches.

In conjunction with WATS/WAVR, Student Council members helped with "Christmas Is For Kids". Through many generous donations from students, faculty and staff, we gathered enough toys to fill the back of two minivans as well as donating approximately \$75. In addition, over 500 hygiene items were collected for the "Kids At Risk" program (a division of The Bridge).

To help aid children who were left victims of the Tsunami disaster, student council also worked with Marjorie Ross of Sayre Theater for UNICEF. A competition was held between the three lunch groups, with another ice cream sundae party up for grabs for the group that contributed the most. Marjorie Ross also donated a garbage bag full of popcorn for the second place lunch. In addition, a Dress Down Day was held for faculty and staff for anyone making a contribution.

In February, student council planned a Human Foosball Tournament for a fundraiser. Human Foosball consists of a team of 5 players. The game is played inside an inflatable ring with a sponge ball. Players wear a vest that has a big ring on the back through which slides a pole to keep you from moving forward and backward (you can move side to side). This event was held Wednesday, February 16th in the Sayre High School gymnasium.



Student council members help "Santa" as part of a picture taking event at Snyder and Litchfield elementary schools. (Provided Photo)

M*A*S*H* taking center stage at SHS

By Kim Lowman

The world of M*A*S*H* will appear at our Sayre High School auditorium for this year's play. Mrs. Alice Bennett, the play director, has chosen M*A*S*H.

"M*A*S*H is about the human spirit, about people living, laughing and caring during a trying situation," said Mrs. Bennett, a 1976 graduate of SHS.

M*A*S*H takes place during the Korean War, a very depressing time and M*A*S*H is something that brought a lot of happiness out of a sad time, and M*A*S*H shows how people bonded together through terrible times.

"With the current world situation, I thought this was a production that shows our country's spirit and strength," said Mrs. Bennett.

The cast includes: Gen. Hamilton Hammond (Stephen Polinski), Private Boone (Dan Bustin), Lt. Colonel Henry Braymore Blake (Max Bennett), Capt. Bridget McCarthy (Heather Speaker), Lt. Janice Fury (Ashley Houck), Sgt. Devine (Jon Palumbo), Lt. Louise Kimble (Kristy Westbrook), Major Frank Burns (Bill Bustin), Father John Patrick Mulcahy (Matt Reynolds), Capt. Walter Waldowsky (Phil Husick), Captain "Trapper John" McIntyre (Denis Cole), Capt. John Black (Nick Barnes), Captain Benjamin Franklin "Hawkeye" Pierce (Joseph Polinski), Capt. Augustus Bedford Forrest (Theo Lentz), Ho-Jon (Adam James), Private Lopez (Colin Durfee), Corporal Radar O'Reilly (Luke Skerpon), Maj. Margaret Houlihan (Megan Krench), Lt. Nancy Phillips (Brianna Starmer), Capt. Oliver Wendall Holmes (Jeff Moyle), Maj. Ruth Heskell (Julianna Noone), The Bonwit Sisters (Irma Brown, Ann Velazquez and Jackie Morse), Miss Randazzle (Emily Osborn), Congresswoman Goldfarb (Kelly Ammerman), Dean Mercy Lodge (Melissa Webster), Lt. Connie (Lori Cole), Korean Woman I (Lisa Hawley), Korean Woman II (Natalie Husick), Private Civero (Jose Cicero), Private Hickey (Kyle Hickey), and Extras (Caitlin Walmsley, Kayla Bowman, Betsy Decker, Amanda Lyons, Katie Allen, Kim Janosko, Jessica Yonnone, Becky Brisson and Meredith Rogers).

The student stage directors are Ryan Kirtley and William Vogel, and the production managers are Tom Ward and Brandon Ward.

Mrs. Nudge, the stage manager, works on the props for the play.

"It is a lot of fun and there were a lot of students who tried out," said Mrs. Nudge.

Mr. Twigg and Mr. Bezotte have also offered a great deal of help with the props, from building and painting, along with the students, staff and the community.

Mrs. Bennett plans to have the play ready for performances March 31st through April 2nd.

ART STUDENTS

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The artists accepted from Sayre are as follows:

Meghan Krench – 12th Grade (Portfolio) Gold Key

Meghan Krench – 12th Grade (Drawing) Accepted in Show

Meghan Krench – 12th Grade (Drawing) Accepted in Show

Meghan Krench – 12th Grade (Print) Silver Key

Meghan Krench – 12th Grade (Acrylic Painting) Accepted in Show

Meghan Krench – 12th Grade (Ceramic Ball) Accepted in Show

Meghan Krench – 12th Grade (Collage) Accepted in Show

Meghan Krench – 12th Grade (Sculpture) Accepted in Show

Meghan Krench – 12th Grade (Collage) Accepted in Show

John Guirguis – 12th Grade (Watercolor) Silver Key

Danielle Ward- 11th Grade (Watercolor) Accepted in Show

Zac Desisti- 10th Grade (Ceramics) Accepted in Show

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We would like to hear from you!

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