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# Redskin Review

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## Redskin Revue revived

By Meredith Rogers

Julie Noone, a senior at Sayre High, has brought back the spirit and tradition of the Redskin Revue for her senior project. The show was held Friday, October 13. Receiving a positive, responsive message from her classmates, she had a number of performance acts for the actual show.

"I think we had a good variety of acts, and there was a lot of talent," Julie said.

A few of the acts included: Jon Palumbo and Rob Walker with a dance titled 'Janitor Jam'; Forgotten Riot with a song performed by their band; Max Bennett, who played songs on his acoustic guitar, and Erin Davis, performing a skit from the play 'Nonsense'. There are also a series of singers –Veronica Hamblin and Mary Brown, among many others.

"I think everything pulled together nicely," Julie stated. Due to the great exposure about the revived Redskin Revue, the outcome was deemed by many to be a success.



**Juliana Noone, SHS senior, re-organized the Redskin Revue on October 13 for her senior project.**



**Eileen Sparduti performs in the Redskin Revue from the early 1970's. (SHS Archives Photo)**

## Wellness policy adopted

By Chelsea Tracy

Sayre Area School district has put a new Wellness Policy into effect as of the start of the new school year.

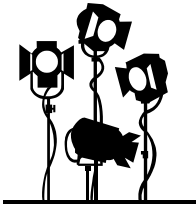
The overall goal of the policy is to enforce and promote student wellness, proper nutrition, nutrition education and regular physical activity as part of the total learning experience, according to Mrs. Kathy Barrett, SHS physical education teacher.

"In a healthy school environment, students will learn about and participate in positive dietary lifestyle practices that can improve student achievement," she said.

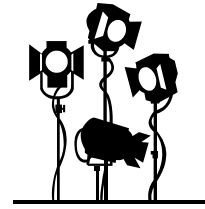
Some positive changes being made include the following: the development of a wellness committee which will oversee the ongoing development of the wellness plan, the addition of the milk vending machine, removing sugary snacks out of the cafeteria, adding more fresh fruit choices, among others.

## CALENDAR

- November 22**—Half-day of school
- November 23-27**—Thanksgiving break. No school
- January 17**— End of Second Marking Period
- December 22-29**— Christmas/Winter Break
- January 1**— New Years Day (No school)
- January 15**— Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (No school)
- February 24**—125th Anniversary Celebration
- March 3**— Open Forest at Litchfield Elementary School Environmental Center
- March 28**—End of third marking period
- June 8**— Graduation



## Redskin Spotlight Awards



The following individuals have been awarded Spotlight Awards by the school district for their efforts on behalf of the district: Derek Selleck, Michelle Fabbri, Fred Campbell and Mrs. Kathy Butler.

### Sayre marching band “rocks” at area performances

By Ryan Knowles

There are a number of unsung heroes in the one and only Sayre Marching Band.

The band has been in top shape all season long at the games and representing the school at the Cavalcade of Bands and in the Harrisburg Centennial Parade. The band also received new uniforms this year and are looking very sharp. Everyone has been in tip-top shape and the band is at their best.

Jon Palumbo, senior section leader for the percussions, said the band’s success in their recent performances can be attributed to an increased number of students joining band.

“The numbers have increased this year making our sound louder and better,” said Palumbo. “We’ve always sounded great, but this year is better than ever!”

At Cavalcade of Bands, the Sayre musicians performed very well, according to Palumbo.

“We rocked!” Palumbo said.

“The percussion section sounded the best I have ever heard them. It was one of the best Cavalcades ever.”



**Senior trumpet player Darren Reilly performs at a recent pep rally held at the high school’s newly renovated Lockhart Street Bowl before the Homecoming game.**

### High school forensics students ‘act out’ with special guest

By Kim Firestine

Every year, Sayre High School students gather in Mrs. Hickey’s room for the start of the new Forensics season.

This year is no exception, but there is one additional change. Mrs. Hickey has asked professional actor Demond Wilson to help out this year’s forensics program. Working with 10 of the members, Wilson “has a lot to teach them, but the students are still comfortable with him,” Mrs. Hickey noted.

The workshop for these Sayre High students is sponsored in part by a grant from the Northern Tier Partnership for Arts in Education and is facilitated by the Bradford County Regional Arts Council.

“He had worked with other local students and we felt these students should get the same experience,” said Mrs. Hickey.

# Sayre Homecoming winners honored

By Dan Bustin

Homecoming came once again to Sayre High School and when the ballots were counted seniors Kim Janosko and Jon Palumbo were royal.

The candidates for Queen were Janosko, Juliana Noone, Brianna Starmer, Kayla Bowman, and Megan McClary. The candidates for King were Palumbo, Michael Cooley, James Kearns, Mike Ackley, Gordon Simonis, and Gavin Fairlie.

The King was announced during the traditional pep rally held on the Friday before the homecoming game, and Palumbo was crowned the homecoming king for 2006 by class president Max Bennett. Palumbo was escorted by his younger brother, Tyler. How did he feel when his name was announced?

“Great,” he said. “It felt good.”

The Queen was announced the next day during half time of the football game. Janosko was escorted by Jeff Moyle.

As has been done for years, a pep rally was held to get the football team ready for their big game on Saturday. This year, the elementary school joined the high school in the festivities, which include performances by the band and cheerleaders.



Homecoming Queen Kim Janosko receives congratulatory kisses from co-captains Gordon Simonis (left) and Mike Cooley. (Courtesy Photo)

## Homecoming Court

### Girl's Homecoming Court

Kayla Bowman  
Kimberly Janosko  
Megan McClary  
Juliana Noone  
Brianna Starmer

### Boy's Homecoming Court

Michael Ackley  
Mike Cooley  
Gavin Fairlie  
James Kearns  
Jonathan Palumbo  
Gordon Simonis

### Notification

Sayre Area School District receives Title I funding and is included under the regulations of the “No Child Left Behind Act” (NCLB) that was signed into law by President Bush on January 8, 2002.

#### NCLB requires:

- Increased accountability for states and school districts.
  - Greater choice for parents, especially those in low performing schools.
- Greater flexibility for state and local education agencies in the use of federal funding.
- Under NCLB, parents have a right to request professional qualifications of their children's teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s). This letter is to inform you of your right to ask for the following information about your children's classroom teachers or paraprofessionals:
- Whether Pennsylvania has licensed the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
  - Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which Pennsylvania licensing criteria have been waived.
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Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive specific information about your child's teachers or paraprofessionals, please contact Sayre Area School District, 333 W. Lockhart Street, Sayre, Pennsylvania 18840, (570) 888-7615.

## *District's students attend pep rally for Homecoming*



High school seniors cheer at the Homecoming Pep Rally marking the opening of the newly renovated Lockhart Street Bowl. Students from Litchfield and Snyder Elementary schools also attended the event. (Photos by Juliana Noone)



Elementary students dressed for the crisp October weather on the occasion of the Homecoming Pep Rally held at Sayre High School.



High school students, including several members of the football team, help make "waves" at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

## Senior students enjoy annual Renaissance Faire

By Colin Durfee

The Sayre seniors visited the Renaissance Faire again this year for senior English and had quite an amazing time. The theme of this year's fair was "Winning Queen Elizabeth's Hand in Marriage." There were many shows students could see including plays, hypnotism, sword swallowing, and jousting.

"I had a great time" said SHS senior Trey Twigg. "I hope I get the chance to go again. The actors really got into character and that made everything more fun because it helped involve kids into the act."

Twigg said that seeing all the kids being hypnotized was his favorite.

The class of 2007 had the most costume participants than any other class," according to senior English teacher Ms. Hickey. Students also made Renaissance posters and banners for the fair. Juliana Noone's poster took 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in the contest. Sayre's banner also received an honorable mention at the faire.

The Renaissance Faire is a trip back in time and an unforgettable day.

# Honor Society hosts induction

The Sayre High School chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual induction October 24.

New members inducted include the following: Craig Briggs, Megan Cole, Gavin Fairlie, Adam James, James Kearns, Jessica Kearns, Heather McMahon, Brian Osborn, Bruce Osborn, Daniel Rae, Sandra Sauer, Anthony Villanti, Jessica Bradley, Travis Gabriel, Kaitlyn Hedgeland, Kimberly Klimpel, Jonathan Nagar, Eric Secor, Luke Skerpon, Robert Walker and Robert Witmer.

The new members join current members Megan McClary, Juliana Noone, Kimberly Janosko, Darren Reilly, Janine Gorski, Jeffrey Moyle and Jonathan Palumbo.

The advisor is Richard Reilly.

New this year was the induction of members in the Tri-M Music Honor Society which recognizes students for their academic and musical achievements.

New members inducted include: James Biery, Megan Cole, Josiah Douglas, Veronica Hamblin, Kimberly Janosko, Robert Lathrop, Trisha Mandeville, Jon Palumbo, Esther Parsons, Sarah Parsons, Darren Reilly, Lucas Reilly and Luke Skerpon.

The Tri-M advisor is Amy Johnston.

Speakers at the ceremony were Dean Hosterman, superintendent, and Dan Polinski, SHS vice-principal.

## SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



**Brian Pinkard, junior forward on the SHS boys soccer team, broke a school record for goals this season by scoring his 46th goal of the season against Northeast Bradford.**

**Pinkard eclipsed the record set by SHS graduate Brad Watkins in a game that was dedicated to the late Sayre athlete. Pinkard's record-breaking goal, scored on a corner kick, was made on Parents Night.**

**Pinkard also owns the school record for total points (which includes assists) topping the record previously set by SHS standout Bernie Layton.**

## FBLA sponsors Sayre High School's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**By Jon Palumbo**

This year welcomes the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sayre High School. The FBLA, along with the district's Community Relations Committee, will celebrate this event by holding a ceremony for school alumni at the high school that will include many events such as tours throughout the high school, shows featuring band, chorus, and forensics in the auditorium, and a dinner/dance in the cafeteria. Forms can be obtained from FBLA members, and reservations must be made in order to attend. Prices for couples are \$25 and singles are \$15.

Luke Skerpon, the president of FBLA, states that the reason FBLA is sponsoring this event is because the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school district is "a very prestigious event."

"It is important that we celebrate this event, plus this would also be a nice way for FBLA members to give community service to the community," he said.

The event is being overseen and planned by FBLA officers such as Skerpon, Vice President James Biery, Secretary Megan McClary, Treasurer Katelyn Howland, Public Relations Officer Doug Hickey, Middle Level Representative Kendall Martz, and the advisors Mr. Selleck and Mrs. Fabbri along with Community Relations Committee chairperson Deb Agnew.

Skerpon states that "the money for this event will come from payment from the registrations, and additional money will come from activity/club funds. The date for this event is February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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