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# Redskin Review

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Junior High County Band members shown above include (front row from left): Dan Weber, Mark Hickey and Jacob Parsons. In the second row from left are: Ross Willmot, Courtney Harmon, Doug Hickey and Katherine Cybulak. In the third row from left are: Hannah Robinson, Michael Gloeckner, Janine Secor, Rachel Polinski, Beau Ryck and Taylor Skerpon. In the back row is Frankie Galizia.

## School introduces Edline

Edline is now available for all parents who have students in Sayre High School.

Sayre Area School District is using Edline to replace ParentConnect. Edline provides an easy way for parents to keep up to date online with their children's grades, discipline and attendance.

Once an Edline account is activated, parents can use Edline to check their child's latest grades which will be posted every Friday. E-mail alerts can be mailed when new grades are posted. Parents are reminded to make sure they enter the e-mail information when they activate their account.

Parents have received in the mail instructions on how to activate their account. Instructions are also online at [sayresd.org](http://sayresd.org). Click on the "Parent" link at the top right of the home page.

For additional information on Edline, please e-mail the high school technology office at [help-desk@sayresd.org](mailto:help-desk@sayresd.org).

## Career planning focus of SHS job shadowing

By Melissa Brandt

There's a shadow being cast over the juniors and seniors at Sayre High School, not a dark shadow, but a bright one that will help them prepare for their future careers. Every Wednesday, Mrs. Rebecca Horton of S-C-T BOCES arrives at the high school guidance office and prepares shadows for students of any career type.

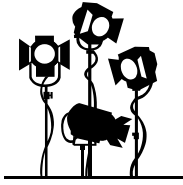
But what is a shadow?

"Shadowing allows you to spend time with a professional in a career you are interested in to learn about job responsibilities, what a typical day is like, and to see the work environment," said Mrs. Horton.

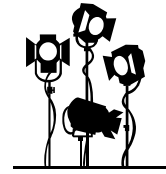
Shadowing is typically geared toward students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, but students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> should begin to attend career panels that are of interest to them, she said. Students are typically responsible for transportation to and from the shadow, which is one of the reasons it's geared toward juniors and seniors. They must also have good school attendance and make up any missed work.

What are some of the benefits obtained from a job shadow? Mrs. Horton believes that a major one is the "opportunity to talk to professionals who are experts and get your questions answered." She also believes that another benefit is being able to see the work environment and discovering other career areas that are related to a student's interests.

***What things can a student do to help prepare for college? According to Mrs. Richmond, high school guidance counselor, take the most challenging courses in high school, do your best, and research careers in which you're interested.***



## Redskin Spotlight Awards



The following individuals received Spotlight Awards:

Randy Felt, Robyn Maghamez, Luke Skerpon, and Rita Walker.

### *Sayre begins program to recognize students*

By Ashley Flick

The new program brought to Sayre Area School District is called 'student of the month,' which is made to recognize one male and one female student from senior and junior high levels. This program was created to seek additional public attention for the students that are excelling at Sayre High School.

For the month of February, junior high school recipients were Sarah Hurley and Scott Beman, while senior high choices were Megan McClary and Kevin Orlandi.

In January, tenth graders Marcus Allis and Katelyn Howland took the honors for the senior high level. Seventh grader Taylor Skerpon and eighth grader Katelynn Warner took the honors for Jr. High.

The students are nominated monthly by staff members for the following categories: academic success, positive attitude, school involvement, and extra effort put in by the students. Once a list of nominees is generated, the teachers vote on one male and one female student from each level to be recognized. The winner will receive a framed certificate.

### *Scholarship Challenge teams prepare for competition*



The Junior High Scholarship Challenge team includes (from left) Adviser Mrs. Ludwig, Mark Hickey, Elizabeth Crews, Barbara Hudock, Michael Setzer, Beau Ryck and Doug Hickey.

The team has been practicing weekly for their competition, which is scheduled for Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Waverly Jr.-Sr. High School.



The Senior High Scholarship Challenge team includes Ann Valezquez and Lori Swank (seated from left) and Connor Dugan, Todd Moyle and Adam Smith.

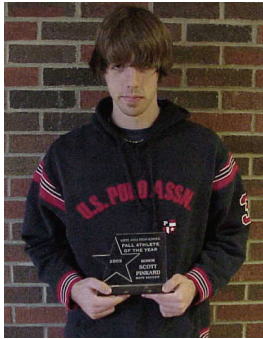
The team's adviser is Mr. Templeton, high school social studies teacher.

# High school duo named Fall Athletes of the Year

Senior Scott Pinkard and freshman Elizabeth Walker were named Fall Players of the Year at an assembly held at Sayre High School.

Athletes are selected for each of the three sports seasons based on athletic ability, sportsmanship, citizenship and leadership, according to athletic director Dana Twigg.

Pinkard, a four-year member of the boys soccer team, was nominated by the team's coaching staff for his "dedication and commitment" to the team. The coaches noted Pinkard's development as a player and leader during his years on the team.



**Scott Pinkard**

"In the last two years, he became the central core of our defense and has provided a solid foundation for the team to build upon," the nomination states. Pinkard finished the season with seven goals and two assists, making his career total 13 goals and eight assists.

"This is an amazing feat for a fullback and makes Scott the highest scoring defender in the league this year," the nomination said. He was selected to two consecutive first team NTL All-Star teams.

"Freshman Phenom" Walker earned her award for an outstanding cross country season. In her first varsity competition, she placed second at the Bear Mountain Invitational at Lock Haven University. She also set a Sayre home course record at Litchfield Elementary School bettering the previous mark by almost two minutes. At the NTL championships, Walker earned a second place finish. She was named to the NTL first team.

At the District IV meet, she placed sixth and earned a trip to the PIAA state championships, the first Sayre girl ever to accomplish that feat. Of the 288 runners at states, Walker finished a very respectable 52nd place.



**Elizabeth Walker**

## SHS students present "Rough Night at the North Pole"



The conflict of the story begins with Noodle (Brianna Starmer), a girl who receives coal for Christmas instead of toys and plots revenge against Santa. (Photos by Colin Durfee)



Apprentice Eddie the Elf, portrayed by junior Jon Palumbo, is confused because of the contradicting orders he's been receiving from Santa and the imposter.

# Sayre welcomes new network administrator

By Melissa Brandt

Rick Rava, the new network administrator, arrived at Sayre High School for the 2005-2006 school year to replace Mr. Tom Cody. He recently answered a few questions.

Q: What experience do you have in technology?

A: I have experience in many aspect of technology including research, support, management, and administration of technology. For example, I like to try out new technology and research how this technology may be leveraged to improve productivity. I enjoy learning new technology. Additionally, my background has quite a bit of academic experience. I am currently teaching in the graduate programs of Mansfield University and Boise State University. I have my own consulting business and I am currently working on a project for Cornell University.

Q: What are your plans for Sayre?

A: My plans are evolving but at this current date, here are a few of the items that I would like to accomplish: Focus on how technology can be embraced by students, staff, and teachers to improve their productivity. Work closely with students to promote the usage of technology (perhaps set up a workshop for small groups for working/developing their skills on the technology within Sayre). Improve the technology that is offered to Sayre Area School District (including but not limited to reliability, cost, performance, and utilization).

Q: What was your first impression when you came to Sayre?

A: My impression was very good. I walked down the halls of the school and the students were courteous and well disciplined. I then went into the principal's office and watched the students recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The teachers, staff, and students have been very kind and helpful. I have seen first hand that Sayre has teachers and staff who care deeply about the students.

Q: What has been the most difficult thing you've had to face since coming to SHS?

A: The technology setup and lack of standards/documentation. For example, I made a commitment to develop and document one procedure on how the technology works or is set up per day. I am trying to share this knowledge with staff. Some of the technology is not very reliable or may be very old. I am working on proposals to address the most pressing needs. I am

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very thankful for the support of the superintendent and the school board with respect to improving the technology at the Sayre Area School District.

Q: What college did you attend and for what major?

A: I graduated from Potsdam College – BA Computer Science and minor in English. I graduated from SUNY Institute of Technology – MS Vocational Education. I am completing my PhD online – University of Nebraska. My major is Educational Leadership with a focus on Instructional Technology, Distance Education, and Educational Leadership.



**Rick Rava**

# Sayre students perform at County Band Festival

Submitted by Amy Johnston

The Bradford and Sullivan County Music Educator's Association recently hosted its annual Bi-County Band Concert at Wyalusing Valley Jr/Sr High School on January 14, 2006. The concert included selections from both a junior high and a senior high ensemble. Several Sayre students were selected to attend the festival.

Junior High band students are selected through a round-robin process with each director in the county putting forward names of their top students until each instrument section is filled. The following Sayre students were selected to participate by band director Amy Johnston: flute, Hannah Robinson and Rachel Polinski; clarinet, Janine Secor and Courtney Harmon; alto saxophone, Taylor Skerpon; tenor saxophone, Mark Hickey; bari saxophone, Jacob Parsons; trumpet, Michael Gleockner and Katherine Cybulak; french horn, Daniel Weber; trombone, Frankie Galizia, Doug Hickey and Beau Ryck; Baritone, Andrew Robinson; timpani, Ross Willmot. (See photo on page one)

Senior High band students are selected through auditions in early November. Students play scales or percussion rudiments and a prepared solo for a panel of judges. The students are then ranked according to their audition scores and a specific number are accepted from each section. Students from Sayre who earned selection into county band this year are: flute, Monica Bixby and Luke Skerpon; oboe, James Biery; alto saxophone, Lucas Reilly; trumpet, Darren Reilly and Jill Ackley; euphonium, Theodore Lentz; percussion, Josiah Douglas.

The Junior High County Band was led by guest conductor Justin Hill, director of bands at Lewisburg Area High School and current PMEA District 8 president. The Junior High Band began the program with the National Anthem and continued with "Fanfare and Flourishes II". Other selections included "A Shaker Gift Song", "Chorale and Shaker Dance II", "A Fairground Suite", and "A Salute to Freedom."

This year's Senior High County Band was directed by Nathan Rinnert, assistant band director and tuba professor at Mansfield University. The Senior Band performed "Tribal Quest", "A Renaissance Revel: Greatest Dance Hits of 1550", "Little English Suite", "As Summer was Just Beginning (Song for James Dean)" and "The Great Steamboat Race."

## Senior High County Band



Members of the Senior High County Band from Sayre H.S. are from left: Monica Bixby, Jill Ackley, James Biery Luke Skerpon and Mrs. Johnston, SHS band director.



Senior High County Band members include, from left: Josiah Douglas, Theodore Lentz, Lucas Reilly and Darren Reilly. The festival was held at Wyalusing High School and directed by Nathan Rinnert of Mansfield University.

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## *Thanks...*

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