



Redskin Review

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Members of the Sayre High School marching band perform on W. Lockhart Street during the Homecoming Parade held as part of the 2009 Homecoming festivities.

CALENDAR

November 25- Half-Day
November 26 through November 30- Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23- Possible Give Back Snow Day
Dec. 24 through Jan. 3- Christmas/Winter Break
Jan. 18- Possible Give Back Snow Day
Jan. 28- Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb. 4- High School Parent Teacher Conferences

District first with flu vaccine

The Sayre Area School District was the first in the state to administer the H1N1 flu vaccine when more than 500 school-age children received the vaccine on October 16.

According to Cindy Jones, school nurse, all Pennsylvania schools were invited to provide the H1N1 flu vaccine to their school students. There are two forms on the vaccine. The LAIV, which stands for live, attenuated (weakened) influenza vaccine, is in the form of a nasal mist.

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Renamed district archives moves memories to new location

By Frankie Galizia

Ever since the district archives moved from the top of the library to their new location, the Room 180 Hall, everything has become so much better. The archives are managed by Sayre Area School District volunteer and school board member Kay Husick.

In recognition of the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Husick and the late Phyllis House, the archives have been renamed the House/Husick Sayre Area School District Archives.

The reason why the archives were moved is because the new location is a much bigger space, less condensed, easier to move around in, and handicap accessible, according to Mrs. Husick.

“It took about ten days to move all of the material, while moving several boxes with the help of students, maintenance, the technology department, and the volunteers,” she said.

According to Mrs. Husick, the different types of materials that are contained in the archives include: clothing, uniforms, *Sayrenade* yearbooks, pictures, posters, banners, trophies, awards, plaques, and several newspaper clippings ranging all around the history of Sayre Area School District.

All items that are contained within the district archives have been graciously contributed over time, according to Mrs. Husick,

“All of the archives are donated by members of the local community,” said Mrs. Husick. “The most prized possession in the archives includes all of the scrapbooks, which contain numerous pictures and stories about all the different sports, clubs, and activities from a long time.”

Even with all of these prized and valuable school district valuables and treasures, a lot of time and work to preserve them is put in. When asked what motivates Mrs. Husick to work in the archives department, Mrs. Husick cited her love of things from the past.

“I love history,” she said. “I am a Sayre graduate, so are my mother, children, and grandchildren. I have been on the board for thirty years and have served as the chairman of the archives chairman for the past 10 years.”

The archives is open to everyone in the local community on Mondays and Wednesdays every week from 1 to 3 p.m.



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SHS students buckle down on SADD seatbelt challenge

By Courtney Ilnicki

Sayre High School's SADD chapter held the second annual Quick Buckle Challenge in the cafeteria parking lot on September 30.

The Quick Buckle Challenge has become a Sayre tradition where students sit in each seat of a car. After being strapped in, a timer starts and each student must unbuckle themselves and rotate around the car buckling themselves in and out of each seat. Once all the students end up in their starting seats, the timer is stopped. The student with the fastest single time this year was Alyssa Mazonis. The best group time was Mike Maurey, Austin Willis, Brent Heil, and Shelby Darrow with a time of 31.87 seconds.

Each participant received a Quick Buckle Challenge key chain.

Guidance counselor Mrs. Richmond is the advisor of Sayre's SADD group. This year's president, freshman Lorenzo Servedio, was extremely pleased with the outcome of this year's Challenge.

"The Quick Buckle Challenge was a great success," he said. "We had many people come out. We had good feedback from the students and, especially, the teachers."

The Challenge is a fun way for students to get into the habit of buckling up *every time* they get into a car.

Homecoming 2009



The King and Queen of the 2009 Homecoming are Doug Hickey and Rachel Polinski.

Red Ribbon Week

Submitted by Sarah Dibble

On Monday, October 19 through Friday, October 23, 2009, Sayre High School SADD and students celebrated Red Ribbon week. Throughout the week, students learned about how to stay healthy by abstaining from destructive decisions.

On Monday and Wednesday, students were able to learn about the dangers of drug use by participating in fun and educational activities during lunches. While becoming informed, they earned prizes.

Seventh and eighth grade students had the option of entering a poster contest, where they were asked to create a poster using a drug free message.

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The injectable form is the inactivated (dead) form of the virus. Those students with long-term health problems including asthma or wheezing are unable to receive the nasal form.

Following the district's registration to participate, Jones said Sayre received the LAIV nasal form of the vaccine.

"We promptly set the date for our school district's clinic for Oct. 16 which coincided with a student day off from school," she said. "We were then informed that the injectable form of the inactivated form of the H1N1 vaccine would also be available."

Jones said there were many inquiries from the news media since October 16 was the date of the first clinic in Pennsylvania.

"Initially, they had hopes of the Secretary of Health and Governor Rendell coming to observe the operation of the first school H1N1 flu vaccine clinic," said Jones. "Whether it was the weather (a snowy morning) or other commitments, they did not come; however, the acting State Physician, Dr. Stephen Ostroff did spend the day at the Sayre H.S. along with several Department of Health nurses, clerks, and administrators."

Students attend Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire



Sayre High School seniors Amanda Skwiat, left, and Dan Weber, portray characters from Middle Ages as part of a class trip to the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. Students participated in a variety of activities despite cold and rainy weather.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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.
 - The teacher’s baccalaureate degree major and whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and if so, the subject of the degrees.

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.

“One Call Now” telephone calling system explained

Submitted by Rick Rava, District Director of Information Technology

Some questions have come about with the Notification Call System (One Call Now) that Sayre Area School District uses. Hopefully this will answer some of these as a group.

Why did the District switch vendors over the summer?

The School District was using a very popular system that is Parent Link. The Technology Department found that this system was very limited in its capabilities and was not as accurate when calls were made. Research was completed with multiple vendors and One Call Now was found not only to offer more features but was actually more cost effective. We will be implementing more of these features slowly over time.

Does this cost the District and, more importantly, the taxpayers per phone call or a flat yearly fee?

The District pays a one-time yearly fee to the vendor which allows us to send as many phone calls as necessary. The District does not get charged per call.

What is the difference between the emergency and non-emergency or information only calls?

An emergency call is typically any type of notification that deals with the school closing regardless of what time the decision is made. These calls can be anything from closing school in the morning due to snow, closing early due to snow, closing due to a building fire, bomb threat, etc.

An “Information Only” or non-emergency call is typically any information like Parent/Teacher Conferences, Open House, possible field trips, friendly reminder about Picture Day, etc.

What if I only wanted to receive emergency calls and not receive any of the information only calls?

At this time, the school district does not have the ability to separate the contact information based on if individuals want emergency only, information only or both.

What if my child lives with me part time and their other parent the rest of the time or stays with a family member certain days of the week?

The Sayre District will only upload one (1) home and two (2) cell phone numbers. If the student is staying with someone other than the primary caregiver, it is the responsibility of the primary and secondary caregiver to work out details about possible notifications. This may be that once the primary caregiver receives the call they are responsible to then pass the information on to the secondary caregiver.

My child attends one of the elementary schools and I would like to change or add contact information, how do I accomplish this?

It is the responsibility of the parent(s) to update any contact information that changes. Please send an email to groupelemonecallnow@sayresd.org with any pertinent information.

My child attends the high school and I would like to change or add contact information, how do I accomplish this?

Again, it is the responsibility of the parent(s) to update any contact information that changes. Please send an email to grouphsonecallnow@sayresd.org with any pertinent information.

What if it is snowing heavily outside but I am not receiving any phone calls about the possibility of a school closing?

The District has multiple ways of getting information out about school closings. If you have internet, you can always log on the district’s home page at www.sayresd.org and it is posted on the website. There are also multiple TV and radio stations that the district contacts, including WATS 960 AM & WAVR 102.1 FM. All of these can be found on the District Home Page.

Can I have my work number called by One Call Now?

Notification systems do not allow for automated phone systems. If the number that is called has anything at the beginning such as “Press 1 for Sales. Press 2 for Tech Support,” etc., the notification system will not complete these phone calls. For this reason, we do not offer to send any notification messages to work phone numbers.

Stay up-to-date by checking the Sayre Area School District website at sayresd.org



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Members of the 2009 Homecoming Court are pictured above. In the front row from left are Karlee Kenney, Celeste Smith, Jessica Bentley, Courtney Bostwick and Rachel Polinski. In the back row from left are: Nick Coyle, Rob Rought, Derek Courtright, Joe Antonetti and Doug Hickey. (Photo by Kacey Ammerman)

Graduation is June 4, 2010

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