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## Child struck by vehicle while biking in Sayre

**BY SAMUEL BENNETT**  
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A 26-year-old Waverly woman is facing drug paraphernalia charges after striking a child on a bicycle and being found in possession of marijuana on Pitney Street in Sayre on Aug. 30. According to the affidavit

of probable cause, Sayre Borough police arrived to Pitney Street and found broken pieces of bumper in the roadway and a juvenile male lying on the road while being treated by EMS. Anna Schutz was identified as the driver of the vehicle. Schutz stated that she saw a couple of kids biking on

Pitney Street when one of the children cut out into the road in front of her vehicle. An officer went over to the vehicle to inspect the damage and detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the passenger side of the vehicle. Schutz admitted to there being marijuana in the vehicle

and retrieved two ziplock bags of marijuana from a diaper bag. The officer  
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**A child was hit while riding a bicycle along Pitney Street in Sayre. Now, a woman faces charges.**



## Rep. Keller prioritizing families, workers with new session

**BY MATT HICKS**  
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U.S. Rep. Fred Keller (R-12) is back in Washington, D.C. after an end of summer district



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work session filled with getting to know his new constituents even better, whether it was with a stop at a small-town fair or meeting with local industry leaders in the fields of energy, health care and those looking to bring broadband through the rural areas. Speaking with The Review before work began to kick off the new legislative session Monday evening, Keller stressed that his focus will be on the country's families and workers — in line with President Donald Trump.

"I know that a lot of people say that the president may be unconventional with a lot of things, and he might be, but quite frankly I welcome that because it's finally getting us some results," said Keller. "It's about time. Our president was elected in 2016 because he was going to handle things a little differently and put America's families and America's workers first, and it's about time that colleagues on the Democrat side of the aisle get on board with that and stop trying to delay the progress that the administration wants to make."

Specifically, Keller called on Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Democrats to stop delaying a vote on the United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement designed as an update the 24-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement.

"In my estimation, if we can't even get that deal done with our neighbors, Mexico and Canada, what incentive

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**Sayre Superintendent Dr. Jill Daloisio presents findings about the perceived strengths and weaknesses of the school district.**

**New Sayre superintendent presents stakeholder findings, announces committees to focus on district's weaknesses**

**BY MATT HICKS**  
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SAYRE — Nearly 300 slides made their way down a projector screen Monday. About half of them focused on what stakeholders in the district and throughout the community saw as positives of the Sayre Area School District. The most prominent strengths were teachers, teamwork, and community, while others noted its small class size, big heart, arts, traditions, summer recreation program, continuity through all grade levels, and even nods to the secretarial staff, school resource officer, Director of Special Education Dr. Tricia Tietjen, and Business Manager Barry Claypool (which garnered a few jokes about him skewing the results).

When it came to the where the school district needed work, the most common theme was communication followed by accountability and then morale. Other areas of concern touched on facility maintenance, technology, test scores, discipline, developing workforce skills, professional development, and even bringing back Spanish.

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the information out to others, it's being able to listen and hear what is happening," said Superintendent Dr. Jill Daloisio. "Although some of us might say, 'That's not really a problem,' it's important to say, 'It's someone's perception of our school district.' So we need to grow in that area."

She noted that communication can take a variety of forms, from responding to phone calls and emails to Facebook posts, listening to complaints, sharing information at board meetings and connecting with local media.

"Communication takes time, but it's worth the effort for the students that we serve," Daloisio added.

The accountability piece would address both students and staff with policies to hold people accountable for their actions and make sure everyone is treated equally, while improving morale would be a broad-based initiative to provide a more enjoyable work environment.

"I'm a believer that morale is important," she explained. "It's important that you are happy and that you want to be at work every day, and feel appreciated. But morale does not rest with one person in the school system. Morale comes from everybody ... and everybody is accountable for that."

Using this information, Daloisio

will be bringing together committees to address each of these three areas of improvement through the course of the school year. The groups will be made up of those within the school district and the surrounding community.

"I think some of those other pieces will get taken care of along the way just from the natural reaction of what we will be doing as an entire team," said Daloisio.

Several school board members praised Daloisio for her initiative Monday.

"I'm excited about what this means for us going forward," said school board member Erin Wayman, who also highlighted the school district's strengths that were featured as part of the presentation.

As an educator herself, school board member Margaret Barry said the district is blessed to have a teaching staff and surrounding community that cares, which will help take care of concerns about testing and curriculum.

"I see communication starting to be better," said school board President Pete Quattrini. "We're working in the right direction and I'm proud of that — and I thank all of you for that."

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## Waverly man facing charges after hospital disturbance

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A 42-year-old Waverly man is facing charges after initially refusing to leave the Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital before taking a hospital wheelchair to Howard Elmer Park and throwing it into a bush on Sept. 2.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, Sayre Borough police were dispatched to the scene due to Hillmont Talada III refusing to leave the hospital bed. An officer spoke to Talada who pretended to be asleep, according to court documents. Talada is accused of using vulgar language and yelling at hospital staff loudly before getting up and sitting in a wheelchair.

Talada was brought outside and told to wait for a ride. The officer was called back to the hospital after security stated that Talada stole the wheelchair and took it to the park before tossing it into a bush next to the gazebo.

The affidavit states that the officer told Talada to return the wheelchair or face theft related charges. Talada is accused of becoming agitated and yelling at the officer before walking down the steps. He then yelled to a female that was passing by about how he couldn't walk. He then "spiked" his phone and discharged paperwork onto the sidewalk before screaming that he couldn't walk.

While placing Talada under arrest, Talada told officers that there were two needles in his pocket that were to be used for "speedball."

Talada is facing charges of misdemeanor disorderly conduct engage in fighting in the third degree, misdemeanor harassment — comm. lewd, threatening, etc. language in the third degree and misdemeanor use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

Talada has a preliminary hearing on Oct. 15 with Magisterial District Judge Larry Hurley.

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