

Features and News

Art awards abound

RHS students capture numerous awards in major competition, pieces moving on to further competition

By: Logan Iskra
Opinion Editor

What good is a work of art if it is hidden away from the world? Students across Macomb County are striving for the spotlight in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards recognize students exceptionally skilled in these areas. For the Macomb Regional Competition, students must turn in their

works to their teacher, who then decides what art will be submitted for judging. The few students who are given awards for their work get to see their art displayed in an art show at Macomb community college.

For many people, submitting yourself to criticism from total strangers is not easy. It is necessary, however, for those who wish to grow as an artist and as a person. The stiff competition is enough to dishearten many potential contestants, but for those who are willing to risk it, the outcome can be rewarding.

Alexandra Albers, senior, said, "Even though you see a lot of people there whose art is better than yours, you get a good feeling that you made it."

Albers' entry was a scratchboard drawing of buildings in Detroit, for which she received an honorable mention. A scratchboard is a white board covered with black paint. The artist scratches off the paint in certain areas to make a picture.

Albers was a little disappointed about her performance this year. Last year, she received a Gold Key for her efforts. This year, she had to settle for an honorable mention.

"I was disappointed," said Albers. "This was my worst year so far." There are many types of awards given to the artists. The most sought after of these

is most likely the Gold Key.

The Gold Key unlocks a door of new opportunities for students. This is because any projects that win a Gold Key move on to compete at the national level.

One of the Richmond Gold Key winners was Heriberto Alfaro. Alfaro was awarded a Gold Key for his colored pencil drawing of the American flag.

"I was very excited to have won," said Alfaro.

For an artist, having their work critiqued by an unbiased party can be an important and eye opening experience.

Rebecca Weishaar, senior and winner of three honorable mentions at the Macomb

"It helped me explore my abilities and talents to find what I am good at."

- Rebecca Weishaar

District Competition, said, "It helped me explore my abilities and talents to find what I am good at."

Weishaar entered her senior portfolio for judgment. A portfolio usually has a theme and is a collection of the artist's best works. The theme of her award winning portfolio was "Duck Apocalypse." She chose the theme because she loves ducks.

"I felt very happy and lucky to get at least three awards out of two thousand," said Weishaar.

Weishaar highly recommends other student artists take part in this competition, since winning one of the awards could help students get into a good college for pursuing an artistic career. For those students who are uncertain whether they want to pursue a career in photography, graphic design, or other art based careers, this could play an important role in the decision making process.

The most decorated of these artists was Gabrielle Oddo. The senior entered her photographic portfolio, made of eight individual pieces. The theme for her portfolio was "Horses." The awards she was given for her works are as follows: One Honorable Mention, one Silver Key, two Gold Keys for individual works, one Gold Key for her portfolio, a Best in Show Award, and a Best in Category Award. When asked how she felt when receiving these awards, she said, "Excited, fantastic, wonderful, and great."

Macomb Community College will display the award winning pieces on March 15.

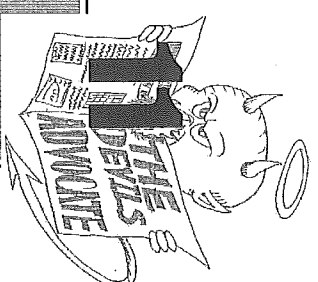
Snowcoming continued from page 4

Verstraete wasn't that disappointed with the snow day because she couldn't have gone to the game because of the cheer competition.

Verstraete said, "The dance would have been better if there were some fans in the gym because it got really hot in the gym."

She liked the dance being at The Aud. Verstraete thought people made it sound like it was a bad thing that the dance was in the Aud but

Star Students



Kyle Soldan



(Photo Courtesy of RHS Yearbook)

Q: Favorite teacher?

A: Mr. Rineer

Q: Favorite Subject?

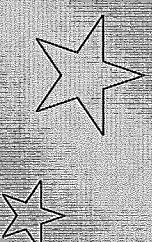
A: English

Q: Favorite Winter Activity?

A: Bowling

Would do you want to be when you grow up?

A: An Accountant



Julie McCuiston



(Photo Courtesy of RHS Yearbook)

Q: Favorite teacher?

A: Mr. Germain

Q: Favorite subject?

A: English

Q: Favorite winter activity?

A: Sledding

Would do you want to be when you grow up?

A: I want to be involved in music.

Answer from page 9: B) Dr. Ladd

Leduc was troubled with not having a senior Snowcoming game. "I feel like me and the other seniors missed out on a big part of our senior basketball season," he said. "I'm disappointed that we didn't get to play."

Leduc also enjoyed the dance. He liked spending time with his friends, but he didn't really like the DJ.

"I liked the dance being at The Aud. It's better than being at the Lee School again," said Leduc. The Aud's a good place to have the dance.

However, Leduc thinks it would be better if it was just moved back into the High School gym.

Features and Games

WORD SEARCH

Y A H S C V N R L L P C G G W
 M R S E H H O Y L C H D S N R
 Q M L T N B A A J E A T A I E
 M D M A O O B M E J R I F D S
 T T K T V T T I R P O V W N D T
 J E I S E I L T P I L Q R E L
 W C A K M E R S I I O H Y L I
 S T S M A J V O K T E N O S N
 G A X D H O C K E Y E Z S B G
 B G I G N I L W O B Z P O O Y
 E N R E G I O N A L S F M B W
 G S L A U D I V I D N I E O I
 M L O S T U G I I S Q B V K C C
 A X D C T T S C Q R P Y B A X
 H R O T R U R D J H J O X Q Y

BASKETBALL RIVALRY INDIVIDUALS COMPETITION STATES
 CHAMPIONS BOBSLEDDING ROBOTICS REGIONALS TEAM
 HOCKEY CHERLEADING BOWLING SPORTS WRESTLING

Pep Assembly



Last Thursday, February 21, there was a pep assembly during 6th hour to help send off the wrestlers to win a fourth state title. Senior captains Dalton Yore and Nathan Henke (Above) and assistant coach Mr. Whiney(Left) represent the wrestling team and get support from the crowd. The team came up just short, falling to Dundee in the State Finals. Still, it was another unbelievable and memorable season.

HOROSCOPES

Pisces- February 19- March 20th

Things have been going good for you lately. But don't let that get to your head. Appreciate all that you have, and you will see the benefit.

Lucky Charm- Elephant's Ear

Aries: March 21 – April 29

This week you'll find a new activity you can't stay away from. But don't forget to pay attention to the new special someone in your life.

Lucky Charm- Horseshoe

Taurus: April 20 – May 20

You've got a new relationship but you've been ignoring your other friends. Make sure to spend quality time with all of them.

Lucky Charm- Rabbit's Foot

Gemini- May 21- June 20

This month you're stressing over your classes more so than usual. Study more than usual and those A's will be yours in no time.

Lucky Charm- Pot o' Gold

Cancer- June 21-July 22

You've been feeling especially tired lately. Make

sure you've been getting the adequate amount of sleep so you are ready for anything that heads your way. Look out for someone asking to borrow money. You might not see those dollars again soon.

Lucky Charm- Head's up penny

Leo- July 23 – August 22

Take a break from the search of a special someone. Come back to more practical things and set aside time to focus on other areas in your life.

Lucky Charm- Wishing Dandelion

Virgo: August 23 – September 22

You've had your eye on someone for quite awhile. It looks like they finally might be taking a hint. Take a chance and talk to them more.

Lucky Charm- Rainbow

Libra: September 23 – October 22

Although you've been lucky enough to avoid the drama that comes with any relationship, it looks like it's time to put yourself out there. You'll be surprised about what happens.

Lucky Charm- Shooting Star

Scorpio: October 23 – November 21

When you look back on your choices this year,

don't regret anything. Apologize to anyone you might have hurt and take the time to mend any broken friendships. You'll want to share some exciting news with this person too.

Lucky Charm- Eyelash

Sagittarius- November 22- December 21

Don't let the negativity in your life keep you down. Soon things will be all in place. Keep your head up and know that it won't always be like this.

Lucky Charm- Number 7

Capricorn- December 22- January 19

Assumptions can ruin a lot of things. Ask before you make up your mind regarding something. It'll help you in the long run.

Lucky Charm- Wishing Well

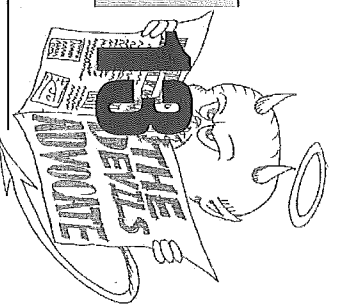
Aquarius- January 20- February 18th

Time is going by slowly for you lately. The thing you've been looking forward too has you on the edge with everything. Keep your patience in check, and that thing will happen in no time.

Lucky Charm- Four Leaf Clover



Stuff that's going on



Financing the future

By: Carilee Hawley
Opinion Editor

The class of 2013 is about to break out. Faced with all the new responsibilities of life after high school, Richmond High School students are learning how to get ahead - and it's all about the money.

Kelsey Williams is a senior on her way to graduation in the spring. As part of her plan to earn her diploma, Williams is enrolled in a Personal Financial Literacy class taught by Mr. Tom Brown.



Williams

"I feel like it's beneficial to students and everyone should take it in high school, because you learn so much," the senior said. Throughout the course, students study information that applies to the real world. Credit, loans, mortgages, and everyday finances are among the many topics addressed. Exercises like filling out checks and staging mock cash transactions help apply those lessons to their real-world equivalent.

"It's really good to learn stuff that way because I didn't realize that there were kids who don't know how to do it. In my family, that's something that we've always known how to do," she

said. Williams said that the most important part of the course so far has been learning about borrowing money, specifically student loans.

"Learning about student loans and knowing that I have to apply that to my own life helps because I've learned a lot that I didn't know before. It was information that I just assumed," said the senior, who plans to continue her education at either Central or Western in the fall.

She also said that the class is very interactive. One of the aspects of the class that she enjoys is learning from an instructor versus trying to find the information online.

About her teacher, she said, "It helps to have someone unbiased because I can take the information and apply it to my specific situation."

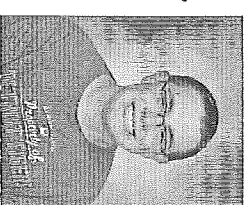
Sold on finance

By: Logan Iskra
Opinion Editor

The world of finance is a labyrinth of commercialism and math that would instill a sense of fear upon most.

Senior Kyle Soldan is not one of these people. Soldan's love for numbers and his willingness to meet any challenge make accounting a good field for him. This is why he decided to tackle the class Accounting 2 this year at Richmond High School.

"I've always been fascinated with numbers," said Soldan. "Taking this class allows me to pur-



Soldan

something new to me and I'm good at it," said Schweiger. Accounting is offered to students as a math credit and is taught by Mrs. Erin Woodruff. "I chose to take the class because I like math and it is counted as a math credit. I am also in geometry this year," said Schweiger. It is a hybrid class, which means there is more technology implemented into this class than there is in the average class students may take. Being mainly online, students must learn to be more independent in their studies. "Everything we do is on the computer," said Schweiger. "It has taught me to be more independent in my work and is preparing me for the future and for college. It is definitely a skill that will be nice to have."

Mrs. Woodruff said, "All of the work is done on an online program. We did a project where the students had to complete a whole accounting cycle for a business."

An accounting cycle is the series of activities included in recording financial information in a year's time.

Accounting for what's ahead

By: Hunter Barjaktarovich
Features Editor

Carolyn Schweiger, sophomore, has been learning something she never had been previously introduced to before in her Accounting class at RHS.

Schweiger is starting to learn a lot more about this aspect of business, something she will need as she progresses through life.

"We are learning how to journalize business transaction and figure out whether a business is making profit or not," said Schweiger.

Journalizing business transactions is basically organizing the finances, from payments being made to the money coming in to a company.

Accounting is a class she looks forward to when she comes to school every day. "I enjoy the Accounting class because it is

something new to me and I'm good at it," said Schweiger.

Accounting is offered to students as a math credit and is taught by Mrs. Erin Woodruff.

"I chose to take the class because I like math and it is counted as a math credit. I am also in geometry this year," said Schweiger.

It is a hybrid class, which means there is more technology implemented into this class than there is in the average class students may take. Being mainly online, students must learn to be more independent in their studies. "Everything we do is on the computer," said Schweiger. "It has taught me to be more independent in my work and is preparing me for the future and for college. It is definitely a skill that will be nice to have."

Mrs. Woodruff said, "All of the work is done on an online program. We did a project where the students had to complete a whole accounting cycle for a business."

An accounting cycle is the series of activities included in recording financial information in a year's time.

WANTED: DREAMERS, VISIONARIES, AND FREE SPIRITS.

Lawrence Technological University isn't for just anyone. We want the restless thinkers, scientists, and designers who will create the world of tomorrow.

If you believe that everything is possible, and that "possible" is everything, we want you at LTU.

Visit ltu.edu/applyfree to have your application fee waived!

LTU
POSSIBLE IS EVERYTHING.

Lawrence

THE NEW
TECH

Lawrence Technological University | Office of Admissions
21000 West Branch Road, Southfield, MI 48074-1134 | 313.487.5533 | admissions@ltu.edu

Stories

Key Club News

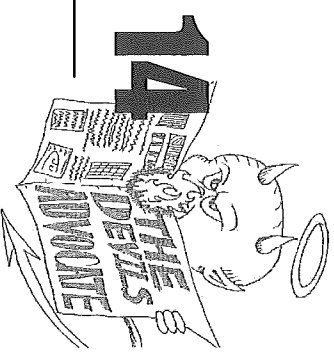


Megan Bishop and Allison Schweiger, along with Christian Failia (below) stuff dolls for children in children's hospitals at RMS.



March 1, 2013

Advertisements



36600 Heritage Drive
 Richmond, MI 48062
 586-727-3815
 Fax 586-727-3950

Pradko
Gallagher

B & S
Slanec

PROFESSIONALS
 IN FAMILY DENTISTRY

251 S. Main St.
 Romeo, MI 48065
 586-752-9781
www.PGSdentistry.com

JOHN BADIO



B & H PLASTIC CO., INC.

Custom Vacuum & Die Forming
 DISPLAYS • URETHANE CASE • MOLD
 AUTOMOTIVE & MARINE PRODUCTS

68725 FOREST
 P.O. BOX 117
 RICHMOND, MI 48062

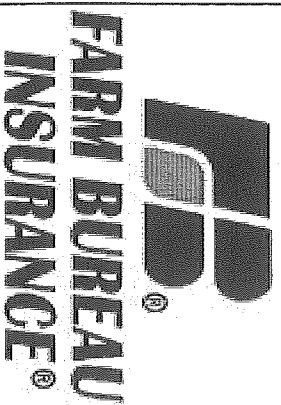
(586) 727-7100
 Fax (586) 727-4910



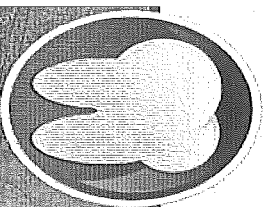
For Appt. (586) 206-4619

David Varga, D.C.
 Laura Varga, D.C.
 Chiropractor

35000 Division Rd. Ste. 7 Richmond, MI 48062



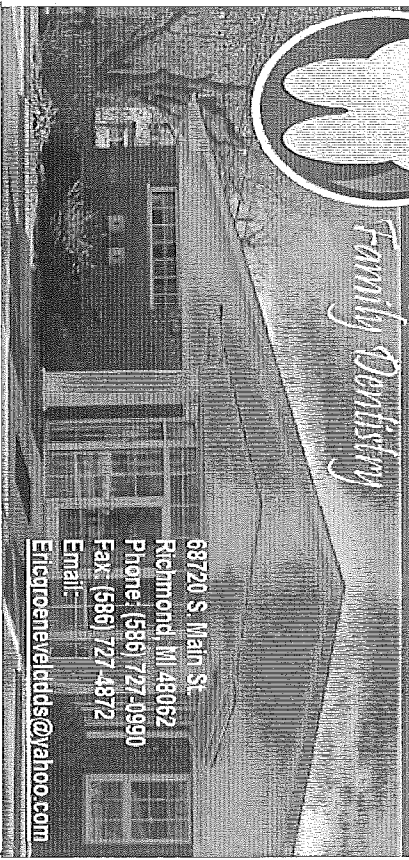
Denise L. Misson
 Agent
 Life - Home - Commercial - Auto
 Office: (586) 727-7954
 Toll Free: 800.951.5566
 email: dmission@fbinsmi.com
www.farmbureauinsurance-mi.com



Eric Groeneveld DDS, PC.

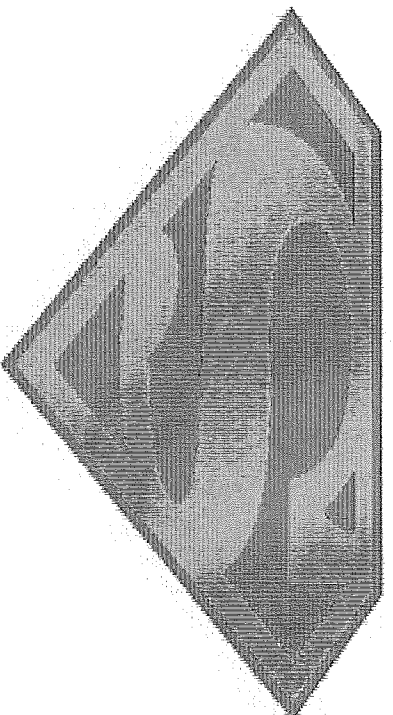
Family Dentistry

68720 S. Main St
 Richmond, MI 48062
 Phone: (586) 727-4990
 Fax: (586) 727-4872
 Email: Ericgroenevelddds@yahoo.com



36410 Division Rd
 Richmond, MI
 48062
 (586) 727-7879

Rob's



"Super Great
 Service And
 Prices!"

Super Car Wash!

The Blue Devil's Advocate

March 1, 2013