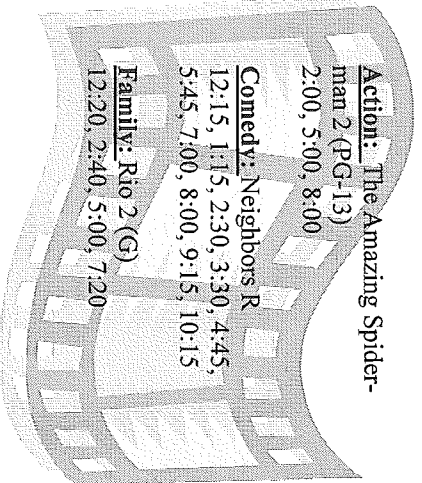


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Would you rather?

Would you rather stay out all night but sleep all day or sleep all night and be busy all day?

Natasha Woodruff would rather stay out all night and sleep all day.

Would you rather spend a night under the stars or watching movies inside?

Sarah Budd would rather spend a night under the stars.

Would you rather spend a day on the water or exploring the woods?

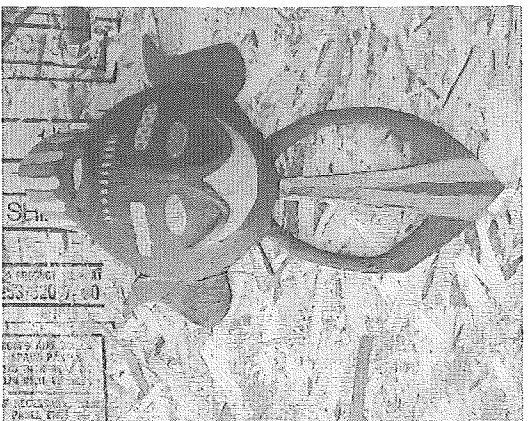
Cecily McPherson would rather spend a day on the water.

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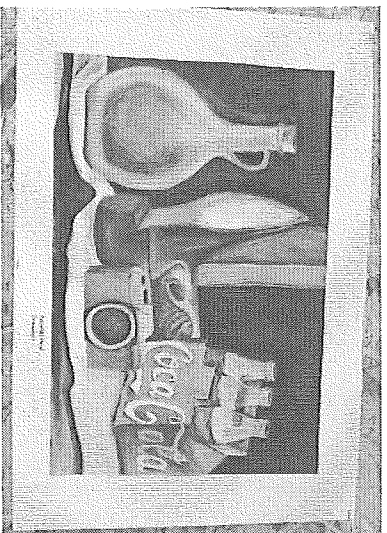
- If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.
- Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.
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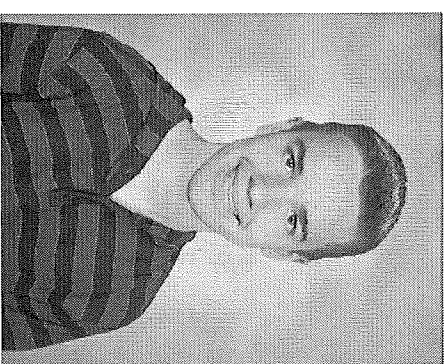
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12th grade



Angel Deal
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Maddie Robinson
12th grade



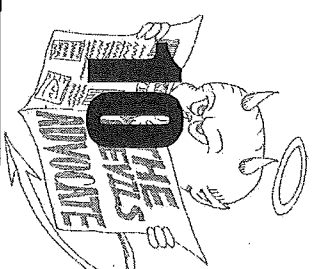
Fistler still drums to the beat to this day.

The sophomore says that he's been drumming since he was younger, and enjoys it. Fistler said, "I'm not really sure when I started, it just seems like I've always been drumming and like drumming."

He puts time in order to get better and better. Fistler said, "When I try to learn a new beat or song, I just play it over and over again, getting better and better at it as I go."

Sophomore, Brandon Fistler has developed a talent of playing the drums. Fistler said, "I usually drum once a week, maybe more to get my practice in."

TALENT SPOTLIGHT



Poor decisions lead to poor outcomes

By: Xavier Nuckles
Editorial Editor

Are you dying to take a drink?

A local school club showed the possible consequences of drinking and then driving. This past week at RHS, a mock accident was held to show the possible consequences of what happens if you drink and drive.

The event is held by the school organization, SADD, or Students Against Destructive Decisions. The group is headed by a teacher, Mr. DeLore.

The mock accident has actual firemen, policemen and ambulances that appear to show what happens when you get in an accident.

Junior Connor Behem said, "It shows that drinking and driving is dangerous, and nobody is invincible from getting into an accident."

Students were called outside to the wreckage of a car with students inside.

The emergency response teams came quickly.

The car was smashed up like an actual accident. Beer cans littered the area to show that anything could become a projectile in a crash, and to show that the people inside were drinking.

A local police officer and advocate of the mock accident spoke about how drinking and driving does not only affect the driver, it can affect the passengers as well.

Soon after, the emergency response teams were called to the scene of the "accident."

The firemen used the jaws of life to get the car open, smashed windows, and even put someone in a body bag.

Junior Jake Schmidt said, "It is scary because it can actually happen to anyone, at any time."

The victims in the car also had real RHS students who were Ryan Teltow, Shelby Tschigfey and Carissa Rumps.

Senior Ryan Teltow said, "It is a good thing to have on at our school. It's a good way for students to see their friends in a real life scenario."

Shelby Tschigfey was the mock victim who died in the accident. The driver was Ryan Teltow.

One left in an ambulance, one in a body bag, and one in a police car to show what might actually happen if you drink and drive and do get into an accident.

An actual police officer read Teltow his rights and proceeded to arrest him and put him into the police car.

Teltow said, "It was really interesting. I had never been in the back of a cop car before, and I noticed how cramped it was."

The accident is meant to give students a shock of what happens if you drink and drive. Teltow said, "It gives students a good perspective of a car crash where some were hurt, one died, and the other was arrested."

The mock accident did have some effects on some of the students at RHS.

Junior Connor Behem said, "I thought it was pretty awesome to have this at the high school. You got to see all the fire trucks, ambulances, and police in action, and that helps it get across to the student body."

The mock accident car is left afterwards to continue to send the message against drinking and driving. The remains of it go to show that drinking and driving is not worth the consequences.

Mrs. Germain marches for babies

By: Samantha Schafer
Editorial Editor

In the month of March, people all over the country donate to March of Dimes, but our own Mrs. Germain does more than that: she participated in a five mile walk.

Mrs. Germain said, "You get sponsors to help raise money for March of Dimes, which goes to research to help babies who may be born premature. It's kind of like Relay for Life for babies."

There are many different March for Babies walks in which to participate in southeastern Michigan, but Mrs. Germain is involved with the Port Huron chapter.

"I walk with my sister who is a nurse on the Neonatal unit at Port Huron Hospital, which is very supportive of the March for Babies walks," Mrs. Germain said. She also walks with her father.

The Port Huron walk often starts at St. Clair County Community College and takes different routes from year to year.

While she walks, there are themed stations set up for water, snacks and bathroom breaks that are sponsored by different groups. At the end of the walk, there are different celebratory activities like high school bands, blowups and face-painting, although this changes every year.

Mrs. Germain has been participating in March for Babies since 1995.

When Mrs. Germain first started walking, they were 12 miles long rather than five.

"The biggest change is the mileage. When I started, it took several hours; now we normally finish in an hour-and-a-half," Mrs. Germain said. To commit that much time, she needed a good reason to participate.

"I thought it was a good cause," Mrs. Germain said. "I knew I wanted children and I know people who have had premature births. It's just something I wanted to support."

Sometimes this commitment isn't very comfortable.

Mrs. Germain said, "Because of the time of year, the weather can be really bad. There have been a number of times that I have walked in the pouring rain."

Even if the weather was a little gloomy, the funds Mrs. Germain raised were sunny.

This year, Mrs. Germain raised \$250; in the past, she has raised about \$350.

"Often Mr. Murphy, Mrs. VanHam and Mrs. Taylor sponsor me. The rest of the funds come from my family," Mrs. Germain said.

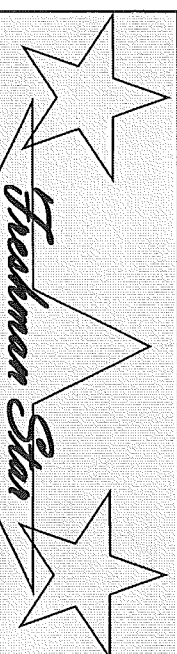
Because of Mrs. Germain and many generous people like her, more babies have better and brighter futures to look forward to.

Attention RHS students

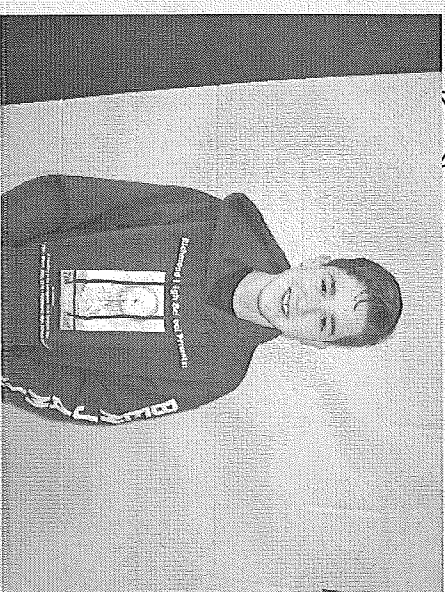
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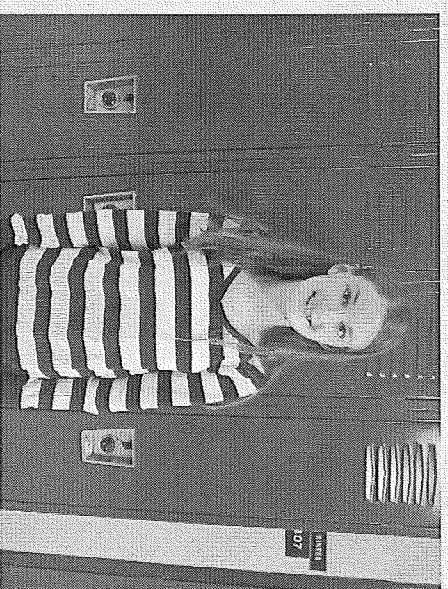
Favorite subject: Social Studies

Favorite activities outside of school: Theatre and soccer

Role Model: Dad

Favorite thing about high school: More easy going and a wider variety of people

Rachel Rigale

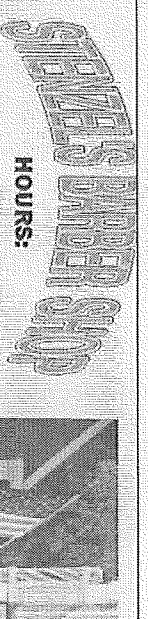


Favorite subject: History

Favorite activity outside of school: Playing flute

Role Models: Mom

Favorite thing about high school: The people and the classes



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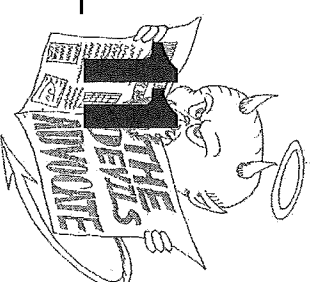
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Drama Club Adventures

By: Amanda Vinson
Features Editor

On Wednesday May 14, the drama club “felt pretty” when they went to see West Side Story at the Fisher Theatre. The show was put on by a traveling Broadway group.

Everyone was very excited for the opportunity to see a professional show.

Daniel Seguin, freshman, always jumps on the chance to see a play or musical. “I had been looking forward to going to see West Side for a long time. The experience of seeing a show is always fun for us,” he said.

Joe Gusmano, junior, said that seeing a show at a professional level is a very exciting and thrilling experience for the group. “It also gave me a greater appreciation for what they do,” he said.

The students thought that while the singing, acting, and dancing of the show were amazing, like most musicals, West Side Story did not end without a message to offer. “The show teaches people to not be prejudice toward people who may be different from them,” said Gusmano.

Corri Andress, freshman, had a slightly different interpretation of the theme. “Personally, I think West Side Story teaches people that making impulsive decisions can end in disaster and that it’s not healthy to act before you think,” she said.

The message of the story, along with the Broadway experience, really opened up the eyes of the students.

“Seeing theatre performances outside of our school and even outside of our community is a great thing for us to do. It allows us to expand our experiences and not be stuck in our little isolated theatre bubble” said Seguin.

The drama club goes to see a Broadway show once every year. But what made this trip unique is that two years ago, West Side Story was put on by our very own RHS students.

Gusmano played the role of Chino in Richmond’s version of West Side Story. “Seeing it performed by a different group of actors really showed how one piece of literature can be interpreted in different ways,” said Gusmano.

The most useful tool that the students took home with them that night, however, was in-

spiration.

Andress, who agreed that the dancing and vocals of the show were phenomenal, took away something deeper from the experience.

She said, “What I liked the most was realizing that a lot of those actors probably started off as high school actors. It makes me feel like I might be up on a Broadway stage one day too.”

FOOD FIGHT! For a change

By: Ryan Telow
Editorial Editor

Richmond High say goodbye to their senior class but welcome the newly approaching year with the “Topping Bar”

With the recent passing of a grant by the school district the High school cafeteria was able to implement a new bar for salad and sandwich toppings for the rest of the year as well as the years to come.

“I noticed that it was a funded grant back in November and applied for it that month. I received an email back in February that the grant was qualified by a business and about a month later before spring break we received the Topping Bar along with all the trays and coolers in order to have it fully operational,” said Sue Bevinis.

There has been a big change in regulations by the USDA with how much nutrition is required with each meal at school. By adding in the Topping Bar it’ll make it easy to provide students with a sufficient diet.

“The government recently started to regu-

late the amount of protein and nutrition each

meal. We hope that by adding the Topping Bar it will help us be able to take care of the meats and cheeses while providing students with the ability to customize their sandwiches more to their likings,” said Mrs. Materazzi.

The Topping Bar as well as giving students their daily protein offers them the ability of customizing their salads and sandwiches.

“I like it. I was never able to pick what toppings came on salad usually and with the topping bar I have a ton of more choices on what to put on my salads,” said senior Anthony Borges.

With regulations on protein and the restrictions that come with it students may begin to stop buying salads; however the Topping Bar proves different.

“We were apprehensive at first about the topping bar slowing down the lunch line reducing the amount of students buying lunch but we noticed that salad purchases increased 20% since we added it,” said Sue Bevinis.

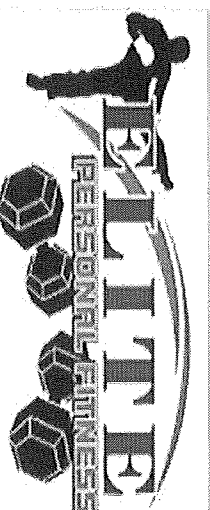
With the restrictions on school diets more kids buying salads makes it easier for kids to maintain an equal balance of nutrients.

“I personally love it, although making the lunch line a tad longer I get to create a salad I would buy from an actually restaurant,” said Freshmen Katie Brown.

With the kids happy the lunch ladies have decided to inform the kids that they are open for opinions on what to bring in next year for toppings.

“We hope to have some Pepper China’s as well as olives, the kids hate th dry cherries though,” said Mrs. Materazzi

The Topping bar is a true crowd pleaser and will fight perfectly in our High school cafeteria.



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It's Summa Time

By: Nick Thomas
Staff Writer

Summer, a time for enjoyment, relaxation and fun with family and friends.

Schools are out and most kids and teens are stress free and don't have the huge amount of stress that comes with school and keeping your grades up and turning assignments in on time. It's time for everyone to enjoy themselves, go on vacation, and hangout with family and friends.

Many people have different plans for what they want to do this summer.

“I plan to work and party, said Joe Cornwell. Meanwhile others have different plans. Some people plan to go on vacations and visit places and spend time with their family.

“I plan to work and go on vacation to El Pina and Panama City,” said Emily Swantek.

During the school year some students participate on a sports team. When summer comes the school year may be over, but some student athletes keep practicing and playing sports.

“Travel and play sports is what I'm going to do this summer,” said Mikayla Mlot.

Some people just like to hang out with friends and do other hobbies like playing sports and keeping themselves busy.

“I'm going to hang out with my friends and play sports,” said Kyle Logghe.

What do people enjoy the most about summer though?

Kids have many things that they enjoy about summer, but among those many things, they have one specific thing that they must enjoy the most about summer.

“Not being in school,” said Emily Swantek. This is a common answer when you ask many kids what they enjoy the most about summer. Kids enjoy the feeling of not having to worry about school.

“I enjoy the warm weather,” said Kyle Logghe. Some people like Logghe enjoy the warm weather the most about summer, this could be because Michigan has had the second worst record winter in history, and so many people are

waiting for the warm weather to get here.

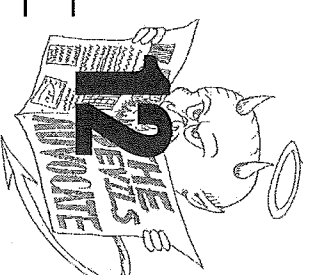
Even though people enjoy many things about summer, there are some things that people dislike about summer.

“I dislike not being able to see my friends,” said Mikayla Mlot.

This is certainly something people dislike about summer. When you are in school you see your friends almost every day of the week. But when you are out of school you do not see your friends as often as you do when you are in school.

This year Michigan had the second worst winter in Michigan history. This winter Michigan experienced record lows in temperature. This year Detroit, Michigan broke its snowfall record of 93.6 inches of snow dating back to 1880-1881 with a new record of 94.8 inches of snow this year! This year Michigan experienced snowfall in April as well, that's something you don't see quite often.

It's safe to say that everyone is ready for summer. After a long and bitterly cold winter, we are all ready to go camping, vacationing, swimming and do any other summer activities.



The beginning of something new: reflections on graduating

By: **Peter Owen**
Advertising/News Editor

High school is a time to enjoy the presence of your peers and make friendships that hopefully last a lifetime. One thing I learned from high school is to not take friendships for granted. Friends will come and go so it is important to cherish the good times you have with them.

My freshman and sophomore year was the most fun in my opinion. Those two years were the firsts for everything. Everyone was friends with everyone.

Over the years, however, things change and people change as well. They may have different interests than you or just make new friends and leave you in the dust.

The times that we did spend together were memorable to say the least.

All I can say is cherish the fun times and even the simple times of just hanging out. In the future, you may miss it.

There is more to high school than just relationships though.

Make getting your work done a priority.

When junior year comes around, you want to have options available with college.

If your GPA is suffering, you may not be able to get into the school of choice.

Once school work is done, the rest will follow.

Time really flew by all throughout high school. It seemed like

yesterday that I was going to football games my freshmen year and going to dances for the first time.

Speaking of freshman year, my freshman year was my worst year for grades.

I slept way too much in class and didn't get my work done.

To incoming freshmen, I think this year will be the most important for you.

Your freshman year sets you up for how well you will do the rest of high school.

If you do poorly, it is likely that you will continue to do bad.

It is a bittersweet feeling to be done with high school.

On a side note, I always felt like I was waiting for something to be over, whether it was the hour or the semester or the school year.

Now that it is actually coming to an end, I don't want it to be all over.

There are some things that I'm glad to be away from such as the loud, crowded hallways and the strict rules, but I will miss the place that I've spent some of the best years of my life.

Underclassmen: Please enjoy everything you do throughout high school.

Even the little things, try and remember everything you do so that in the future, you can have great stories to tell to your friends and memories that have been made.

Senior year might be exciting, but remember there is still work to be done and a bright future ahead for everyone.

This isn't the end; it's just the beginning to something new.

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Sometimes you will feel like you're under a lock and key with all the secrets you have buried in your mind. During these times, it's important to find your key—someone that you can tell everything too—they will be the key to you feeling stronger than you ever have before.

Beverage: Milk

Capricorn: December 22- January 19

First impressions with you are important. You may come off rough at first but you are someone worth getting to know because once you are comfortable around someone, you are a valuable person to have around. Earn more friends in your life by keeping this in mind.

Beverage: Coffee

Aquarius: January 20- February 18

You are the rock in someone's life right now. You are what is keeping them level and strong. Don't forget how important you are to your friends. Remember to always be there for those who matter to you, because in time, the favor will be returned.

Beverage: Iced Tea

Pisces: February 19- March 20

Feelings are especially contagious for you. If you don't constantly keep up a strong front you will easily catch them. Whether it is love or sadness, you tend to feel them stronger than most people. Keep this in mind when dealing with problems.

Beverage: Kool-Aid

Aries: March 21-April 29

Don't be someone who conforms to trends. You know if you fall into the trends you'll be unoriginal, but if you don't you'll stick out. It's better for you to stand out for what you believe than to fall into what you don't.

Beverage: Pepsi

Taurus: April 20- May 20

Be aggressive. There will be times that what you want could become a reality, but if you aren't persistent at what you want, you'll miss out on the opportunity. Even though aggressiveness seems wrong, there are times it will help you.

Beverage: Coca Cola

Gemini: May 21- June 20

Don't let people walk all over you. You tend to be too forgiving which can be just as bad as it is good. You bottle up your anger when you forgive too easily. You need to remind people they cannot walk all over you.

Beverage: Water

Cancer: June 21- July 22

Keep your confidence level high. Confidence is attractive and it will get you far in life. There will be times that you may not know or feel comfortable with what you are doing. Those are the times when keeping your head high is most important.

Beverage: Chocolate Milk

Leo: July 23- August 22

There's nothing wrong with just a taste of what you paid for. Sometimes you deserve what's coming towards you and you need to face the consequences. Sometimes revenge is not an option for you because you know, deep down, you had it coming for you. Just suffer through it and you'll be better person because of it.

Beverage: Orange Juice

Virgo: August 23- September 22

Although honesty is important, it is sometimes more important to spare the feelings of a close friend. White lies can sometimes be better than the truth. Use your judgment when these times arise in your life.

Beverage: Gatorade

Libra: September 23- October 22

Perseverance and hard work will never fail you. Never forget your goals because there will be times in your life when something may seem more desirable than your goals and you may be tempted to sacrifice what you worked for to achieve that. Keep your goals in mind.

Beverage: Lemonade

Scorpio: October 23- November 21

Words can be harsh; especially when the power in your voice follows the words. Keep in mind the affect you have on people and the influence you hold over others. Use your words and actions to build people up instead of tear them down. It will pay off in the future.

Beverage: Grape Juice