



Sunny Days and Memories Made

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Florida.

A place where families and friends go to get away and make memories beyond their everyday life schedules.

The 2016 senior class held their class spring break trip in Siesta Keys. To most of them, it was a memory that they will never forget.

Seniors Dana Schornak and Rachel Campbell traveled to Florida a week before break started originally to visit Epcot (Disney World).

“We went to a bunch of food places, a waterpark and got to ride the animated stimulates,” said Schornak. They also went to a Tigers spring training game against the Yankees.

“We laid out the entire week to get ready for the following week with the class,” said Campbell. They wanted to get a head start on their tans.

Epcot is broken up into 15 (countries) and the girls ate in Italy.

“My favorite country to visit was China because it was the cutest little town,” said Schornak. “It was filled with tons of antiques and unique clothing that is made there.”

It rained the entire day that they were there but they made the best of it by riding into the future.

“We traveled to the future in a 3D movie theatre,” said Campbell.

The way the ride worked is they told a computer about themselves and it created their future for them.

Schornak drove a floating car and lived in the mountains, while Campbell lived under the sea and owned a submarine.

“I was glad that I lived in the mountains because that is where I hope to end up years from now,” said Schornak.

After the ride, the girls topped off their day in Epcot at a futuristic food court where they shared chicken and French fries.

The week came to an end but the girls were thrilled to travel to the Keys where they would meet up with all their friends.

Parasailing, night gatherings, shopping, and class dinners were just a few of the events the class experienced together.

“Walking down the strip at the Palm Bay Club was definitely the most memorable part of the trip,”

said Schornak.

The strip is filled with palm trees that light up at night and stones to walk upon. There are four sets of condos on each side of the strip and a huge building called “the tower” at the end that leads to the beach.

They spent one of the days walking around town to buy souvenirs for friends and family. Both bought Stiesta shirts and cups in memory of the trip.

Parasailing was another event that they shared.

“I’ve never been parasailing before so I was super nervous for the take off,” said Campbell.

Schornak felt sick to her stomach during the rocky boat ride and while coming down from the sky.

“The way it worked is we took a boat from the place to another boat that carried the parachutes. Then three people at a time were attached to a bar and flew up 800 feet into the sky as the boat took off,” said Schornak. “It didn’t really feel like we were even moving up there it was like we just floated in the air,” she said.

The parachute is connected by a

Taking a Stand: Sophomore is Student Board Rep

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This article calls to order Richmond’s student representative Hailey Fortuna. As of the 2015-2016 school year, sophomore, Hailey Fortuna has taken on the role of representing the student body at her school by attending the board meetings.

“I heard about this program by reading the announcements up on power school,” said Fortuna. “I knew that it had been a few years since a student registered for this position. I wanted to give it a try.”

Board Meetings take place every other week in the media center and Hailey makes it her priority to attend.

“Having the teachers see me in a more professional manner has given me closer connections with them. I don’t see them as intimidating anymore,” said Fortuna.

As student representative, she has the authority to report and announce any activities, concerns, and upcoming

ing events that the students have.

In order to prepare herself for the meetings, Hailey has to conduct several interviews throughout the week with different authority figures such as Mr. Walmsley, the superintendent, Mrs. Michon, the principal of the High School, Mr. Mangune, the principal of the elementary school and Mr. Bartels, principal of the middle school.

The interviews are done throughout the school week; therefore, Hailey has to stay organized and prepared.

“Missing an interview wouldn’t look good that is why I am constantly checking my email and planner in order to make sure I do not miss anything.”

Aside from being organized, Hailey is responsible for updating students on what really goes on behind the school walls.

Through the meetings she has learned that the school board is not filled with the bad guys that many students make them out to be. “I often overhear students discussing ru-

ing events that aren’t exactly true. It is my responsibility to try and clear up any of these rumors that might exist,” said Fortuna.

Listening to what actually happens after school has given Hailey more respect for how much the school actually does for its students “When students say, ‘Why doesn’t anyone do this’ it bothers me because sometimes what seems like a simple improvement is not so simple after all. Everything takes time within in the school and the adults do know about the frustration students feel. Sometimes it just cannot be prevented immediately.”

Being on the school board isn’t all talk and professional clothing; it also is associated with a lot of fun activities as well.

Just a few weeks ago Hailey was sent to the elementary school to mingle and talk to the kids. “I love kids,” said Hailey. “And it was more than an honor to have them look up to me like I was some big important figure. It made me feel very special.”

Balancing the board meetings with all her other numerous activities has been a difficulty for Hailey but it has yet to stop her. “Being involved in several clubs and school activities keeps my life interesting and high-paced. I like being busy,” she said.

Hailey, also very college bound, sees the opportunity of being student representative a way to further impress college administrators and build up her resume. “I guess you could say I am a nerd. I have always wanted to be a valedictorian and be involved in as many clubs as possible.”

With just a couple short years before the time of filling out applications, Hailey wants to ensure that her stands out. Fortuna said, “Not too many take on an opportunity like this. It takes a lot of time. It can be a little intimidating. But I like being involved simply because I feel like I finally have a say in my school, something that a lot of students complain about not having but never doing anything to change it.”

Science Rules!

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What is Science Olympiad? Quite simply every school is eligible to have one team with 15 students on a “primary” team and an additional 15 on a “secondary” team that can compete in separate competitions as well.

More than 40 middle and high schools from Macomb and St. Clair Counties have teams along with 70 elementary schools. Some of these teams formed 25 years ago along with most forming in the last year.

Seniors Max Farhney and Trevor Barrett were new to Science Olympiad this year as they competed for RHS on top of their already busy schedules.

But how do you get involved? “Mr. Roodbeen likes having kids

from his physics class compete and he talked me into doing it,” said Barrett.

There are 23 events in 5 different categories available for middle and high school students to choose from.

Those categories are Life, Personal and Social Science, Earth and Space Science, Physical Science and Chemistry, Technology and Engineering, along with Inquiry and Nature of Science.

While Farhney competed in the wind energy portion of the Physical Science and Chemistry category by creating a windmill, Barrett competed in forensics under the same category.

“You build a contraption for your category of competition, like a bridge, and compete. Or just make it up. I threw a windmill together in like five minutes,” said Farhney.

Unlike a traditional sports, Science Olympiad isn’t based on physical ability or feats of strength, but build quality and written tests. So most likely they would be scored differently.

“Wind power was scored on 50% of the written test and 50% of how well your windmill turned,” said Farhney.

Most RHS students built windmills their freshman year in Earth Science, but not many students take forensics in their time here.

“Forensics was scored on the written test and how well you conducted an investigation,” said Barrett.

A little bit of a challenge but was quick work for Barrett as he placed 6th in Macomb County. Farhney took home a 5th place finish in the wind energy competition.

Macomb and St. Clair counties are located in Region 7 according to the Michigan Science Olympiad site. Region Seven’s competition is hosted by Macomb Community College, with the top two teams from each region qualifying for the state tournament at Michigan State University on April, 30th.

However, Farhney and Barrett were not eligible to attend due to their placing at the regional tournament. With 96 teams converging on East Lansing, 48 middle school (division B) and 48 high school teams (division C), only one can survive and advance.

From the state tournament the top team represents the state of Michigan at the national Science Olympiad tournament for a chance to be crowned National Champion.

Features



A Cool Opening Day for Coules

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Crowds roaring.
Fans cheering.
Hot dogs sizzling.
It's baseball season and the Detroit Tigers are taking off!

The Tigers played at 1:00, Friday April 8, against the New York Yankees.

Jordan Zimmerman was the opening pitcher for the Tigers and took home the W with a 4-0 outcome.

At RHS, Tigers baseball is a hot topic in the spring.

Junior Angela Coules went to opening day with her boyfriend Dillon McInerney.

"I grew up playing softball and it's fun to watch a team you love play the game; it's a big part of my life," said Coules.

McInerney also grew up playing baseball, so the love the two have for the game mirrors one another.

Coules first picked up a softball when she was only 10 years old.

She continued to play and is now on RHS's Varsity softball team.

McInerney, who has also played baseball since he was a kid, played all through high school, and is now on SC4's baseball team.

With the love the two share for baseball, both made the decision to make a tradition to go to

multiple Tiger games.

"It's always been a tradition to attend a baseball game together for the past three years and we tend to keep that tradition," said Coules.

The weather on opening day was a bit chilly but that didn't stop Coules and McInerney from having a good time.

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"In spring you never know what weather to expect," said Coules.

"We both dressed warm for the chilly weather, but even though we were wearing our winter coats, we were both excited for the baseball games that await for the both of us."

No matter what baseball game you go to, Comerica Park will always have a roaring atmosphere.

"You can tell that the crowd was excited that Motor City baseball was back," said Coules. "Opening day is always chaotic with the fans and the players; the fans are just as excited as the players are."

Coules attends multiple Tigers games through the course of the season.

"My favorite Tiger is JD Martinez," said Coules. "This being his third year playing for Detroit, he has already accomplished so much and I'm excited to see what is in store for him."

There are multiple things to love about the game of baseball, but Coules admits that her favorites are the memories you make along the way.



Angela Coules stands with her boyfriend, Dillon McInerney, at the Tigers' Opening Day.

"From going to Tiger games, to Dillon's games, and even playing in mine, the memories made mean the most to me and will last a lifetime," said Coules.

After the game, Coules and McInerney went to Twisted Rooster on Hall Road where Coules enjoyed a juicy steak and McInerney ate a flatbread pizza.

"After a long day of baseball, nothing is better than a hot cooked meal," said Coules.

Baseball: A sport of emotions and intense moments where memories are made and moments of happiness are endured.

The Tigers are back, Coules – and many other Tiger fans – is excited.

"It's exciting to see how the team falls and succeeds together because no matter what, a team is a team, but the Tigers are a family," said Coules.

The Influence of Chicken Strips

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Chicken Strips. The go-to menu option at an unfamiliar restaurant. They can range from a flaky, crispy, breaded crust to a nice battered coating. The strips are always a rice golden brown when they come off the fryer. But how do you really know if a chicken strip is a good chicken strip? I'll tell you. You know a chicken strip is a good chicken strip when they burn your mouth from the heat.

Since the creation of chicken strips, people have all found their own way of making them. Some make the crust with panko bread crumbs, while others use crushed up baked bread. Parmesan, buffalo spice, and teriyaki flavor induced crumbs are all evolved versions that have 'spiced-up' the original strip.

There are so many ways to cook this divine delicacy. In a deep fryer, in an oven, or the pre-

ferred method: in a hot oiled skillet over a stove. The ultimate way to crisp-ify your chickens. If I'll make you wanna 'gobble' 'em up. (Yes, I know that's what turkeys do. But I'm just 'winging' it here.)

The types of sauces to be dipped with the strips are endless, ranging from creamy ranch, basic ketchup, standard BBQ, honey, honey mustard, sweet & sour power hour, teriyaki, sweet chili, spicy buffalo, and many more sauces.

Chicken Strips have been a beloved food for many decades. They can usually be found almost anywhere. From carnivals to local diners. Being such a popular food, chicken strips can be served almost all over the world.

RHS Students Angelica Borrowos, Josh Blisset, and Liberty Justice, have given their input on these tasty little critters in an exciting interview:

Q: What do you love about chicken strips the most?

A: Borrowos: "I love chicken strips because they're easy to eat, not messy, and they are delicious."

Blisset: "I think they taste pretty good. I like dipping them in different things."

Q: What is your favorite sauce to dip them in?

A:

Borrowos: "Ketchup is my go-to sauce."

Blisset: "Ranch, BBQ sauce, hot sauce. Really any kind of sauce."

Justice: "Ranch. Straight up."

Q: Where is your favorite place to get them?

A:

Borrowos: "Texas Roadhouse."

Blisset: "Buffalo Wild Wings."

Justice: "Popeye's."

A Chicken

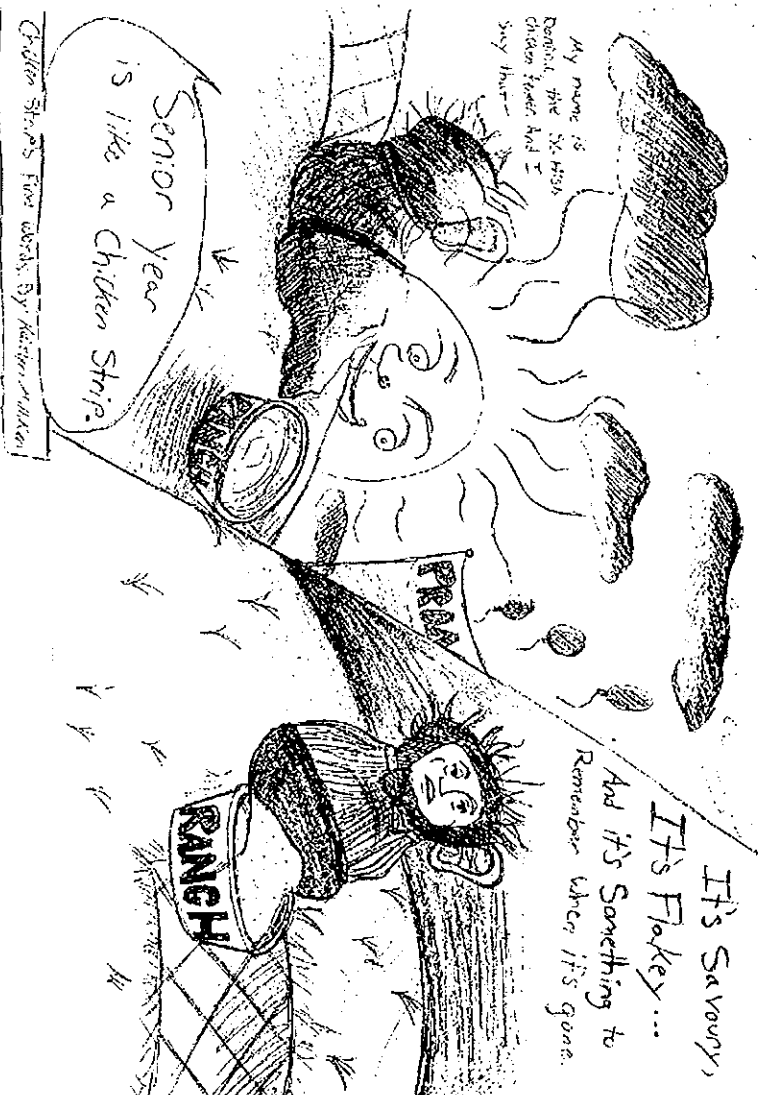
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