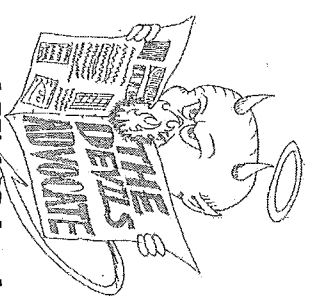


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RHS students honored for academics

Students praised during all academic banquet

By: Samantha Scharfer
Editorial Editor

With the school year quickly coming to a close, it is time to honor students with extraordinary accomplishments.

On April 4, Mrs. Michon gathered a group of six of RHS's top academics and student athletes – Jennifer Merriman, Colleen Gaffney, Anna Fraser, Olivia Kessler, Ryan Boyd and Noelle Scheuer – and brought them to the Countryside Banquet Center in Inlay City to be honored along with top performers in all eight Blue Water Area Conference schools.

Merriman, Gaffney, Fraser and Kessler were honored for their outstanding success in academics, Scheuer was honored for exceptional performance in combined academics and athletics, and Boyd was honored in both categories.

Kessler said, "It was an interesting experience to be recognized for academics rather than just athletic ability. I don't think we recognize it enough."

Each student was called down to

Mrs. Michon's office to be informed and congratulated about a week before the banquet.

"I was mildly surprised that I had been selected, but happy that all of my hard work paid off," Merriman said.

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- Jennifer Merriman

There were two main components to the selection process: GPA and ACT scores.

Michon said, "There is a formula that involves GPAs figured on a 4.0 scale and ACT scores. There is also a nomination form that asks where you are going to school and what you are doing next year."

At the banquet, Randy Jorgensen, President of Page One Inc., gave the opening remarks, which preceded a formal awards ceremony in which each student was given a medal and lunch.

Mrs. Michon said, "I introduce my

team and give a general overview of Richmond. Then I sit and eat with the students."

This allowed for Mrs. Michon to talk with the students.

"I had fun. We got to talk to Mrs.

Michon on a more personal level, which was cool," Gaffney said.

The All-Academic BWAC isn't the

only banquet Mrs. Michon got to attend this spring; she also attended the Macomb County All Academic Banquet at Villa Penna Banquets in Sterling Heights on April 30 to honor Merriman, RHS's top academic performer.

This banquet involves every high school in Macomb County – 39 schools and 116 outstanding students – and is sponsored by the Macomb Daily.

Mrs. Michon is on the organiza-

Exploring our nation's capital

Students look to enlighten knowledge of American history

By: Jacob Thomas
News Editor

Look out D.C. RHS is coming to town!

The AP government and economics class taught by Dr. Ladd is taking their annual trip to our nation's capital on April 30th through May 4th.

This will be the first time in three years the class will be going on the field trip.

Lack of interest from students in prior years caused for the trip to be cancelled.

Dr. Ladd plans on taking the students to see everything in Washington D.C. including all of the monuments, the capital building, The White House, Arlington, and the Holocaust Museum.

"Going to D.C. is just fun. My favorite place to see is Arlington. It's so much a part of your life that you should at least see it once to say you have been there," said Dr. Ladd. One of these students, X.J. Nuckles, is excited to be visiting D.C. for a second time.

"I went when I was 12. I remem-

ber a lot of the museums and the

Abraham Lincoln Memorial. The Abraham Lincoln Memorial was my favorite site because of the architecture and the statue of him," said Nuckles.

Nuckles enjoys visiting the capital to learn more about our nation rich and young history.

"You get to learn about the nation's history. You have a better understanding of why and how things were built," said Nuckles.

Of all the museums in D.C. there is one that Nuckles looks forward to seeing the most.

"I think it is really fun to visit all the museums. The Air and Space Museum is what I look forward to the most because of the planes and air crafts," said Nuckles.

Now being older and going for a second time, Nuckles hopes to gain a better understanding of how our nation has advanced.

"I just want to understand how our nation came together and learn about technology developments that have helped form our nation," said Nuckles.

Junior Carolyn Schweiger will be

visiting D.C. for the first time.

"I have not been to D.C. before but I am excited because it is going to be very informational and going with Dr. Ladd will be fun," said Schweiger.

Schweiger says the importance of everybody visiting the nation's capital at least once is important to learn about history of the United States.

"It is important to visit our nation's capital so people can learn about the history of our country and understand new things they did not know before," said Schweiger.

To Schweiger, the trip will be all the more better going with Dr. Ladd and the rest of the government class.

"It will be educational experience because we will learn a lot and Dr. Ladd will provide his insight. Going with our class will make it a fun time," said Schweiger.

One spot Schweiger is looking forward to visiting is the Washington Monument.

"I would like to see the Washington Monument because it looks interesting and I do not know much about it," said Schweiger.

Senior Colleen Gaffney who for-

tion committee for this banquet and is in charge of planning details involving the venue and seating, with the help of Mrs. Thelma.

"The night of the event, the only job that I have is to greet and point people to their tables. Then I get to eat dinner with Miss. Merriman and her family and Dr. Olsen. After that I give her her plaque," Mrs. Michon said. Along with the Richmond party, school officials from Mount Clemens and Memphis sat and discussed school programs at their table.

Merriman enjoyed eating and talking with Mrs. Michon. "I saw a whole new side of Mrs. Michon. After everyone sat down and she nothing else to worry about, we all got to talk. She was a really nice lady," Merriman said.

Even the Master of Ceremonies had something nice to say. "Gordon Wilczynski, the Master of Ceremonies, gave Mrs. Michon a whole nice speech thanking her for all of her help," Merriman said.

merly was a part of the AP government and economics class will be going on the field trip as well.

"I have never been to D.C. so I am really excited to go for the first time," said Gaffney.

Gaffney's goal is to explore as many monuments and museums as possible.

"I look forward to seeing all the monuments in D.C. but what I am really excited for is going to the Smithsonian Museum. I believe we are going to be touring the white house as well which will be really exciting," said Gaffney.

The Smithsonian Museums include a variety of artifacts, scientific explorations, and cultural exhibits.

Gaffney as well believes everybody should visit the nation's capital at least once in their lifetime.

"To me, it's really important to visit the nation's capital because it holds so much of our country's history and artifacts in the museums," said Gaffney.

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RHS student explores opportunity in theater arts program

By: Thomas Biafore
News Co-Editor

Summer school couldn't possibly be fun, or could it? For junior Amanda Vinson, attending a summer college program is just the sort of fun she's looking for this summer. Amanda is attending Carnegie Mellon University, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a session in musical theatre.

"This program is basically an early college theatre experience. It's a six week program to help prepare you for going off to college and experiencing an education in theatre," said Amanda. The program has classes in ballet, jazz, acting and other theatre related activities.

Amanda found out about this summer program when she was searching the internet for possible colleges to attend in the future. She came across this university and saw an ad for a summer program. After careful consideration, she decided it would be a fun thing to try.

"I'm really excited to go to this summer program because I'd love to go to this college if I could get in," said Amanda. She not only gets to

experience the life of a college student, but she gets to experience the campus of one of her dream schools. Amanda will be attending multiple classes to get an even better grasp of the college life.

With all these performance related classes mixed along with weekend field trips into the city and classes on the auditioning process, Amanda hopes to be able to take a lot from this experience.

Amanda is really looking forward to the field trips into the city and to amusement parks, as well as barbecues and other social events. She is ready to get a taste of being on her own for a little while. All these experiences will teach her new skills.

"I really hope to gain more skills and hopefully gain a sense of how to prepare for college," said Amanda. She thinks that the most useful class she'll be taking is the one on how to audition.

"You could have the best talents, but if your audition isn't well performed then it doesn't matter how good you are. You won't get very far," said Amanda. It's all about presentation in

this field of school. Amanda is ready to learn how to professionally act during auditions.

With all this summer program has to offer, the lengthy admission process was worth the time it took to fill out. "It was such a long process to apply. I needed my transcript, two letters of recommendation, an activity resume, and an essay about an experience that gave you satisfaction," said Amanda.

Amanda chose to write about the time she did choreography for The Aud summer program. She was in charge of choreographing the two dances in "Treasure Island," the Aud's summer production. "It gave me such a rush of satisfaction to see those kids on stage, loving theatre just as much as me. I love passing down the love I have for being on stage," said Amanda.

It's the very love Amanda has for theatre that helped persuade her to be away from home this summer at this early college program. Not many people would like to spend their summer in school, but Amanda has the dedication to prepare for her future. Amanda is also excited to meet new

friends. "It's going to be interesting, meeting people that have the same interests as I do," said Amanda. She'll be meeting tons of new people and some of them will have the same love for musical theatre as she does.

She'll be getting close to all sorts of people. Whether it is with people who have the same interests or not, they'll all be people interested in the arts. "I don't know who I'm rooming with but I do know that they'll have an interest in musical theatre like me," said Amanda.

However, as much fun as this program sounds to Amanda, she is a little uneasy about being away from home for so long. For roughly six weeks,

Amanda will be a few states away from home. "I didn't think I'd end up missing my parents but after being away from them over spring break, I think I'm going to miss them a lot more," said Amanda. For spring break, Amanda went to Florida with her friend Krystal Nowak's family. She spent a week away from her parents.

Amanda couldn't be more excited for this trip; a trip that will change her future.

Almost Maine encore

By: Stephanie Zubie
Feature Co-Editor

It's almost...again.

RHS Theater will be bringing back the beloved play *Almost, Maine* for a much smaller audience on Wednesday, May 7. The actors will head to the Richmond Medtloodge to perform for residents and give thanks for The Medtloodge's help with *The Yellow Boat*.

The Medtloodge lent the theater medical materials for the *Yellow Boat*, such as a hospital bed that Benjamin used.

Mr. Applegate, theater director, is taking his students to the Medtloodge for the first time. He decided to do *Almost, Maine* because of its much lighter mood and short scenes.

"We wanted to do a more uplifting and humorous show for the residents than the *Yellow Boat* would have been. Plus, with *Almost, Maine* being made up of smaller scenes, it would be easy to do a shorter performance," said Mr. Applegate. The actors are performing the Prologue

and Epilogue, as well as two other scenes.

Dylan Allor, junior and Hannah Nichter, junior are opening and closing the shortened play. The scene is set in a park with two people on a date, Pete and Ginette, who have never felt so closer and further away from each other.

"It will be nice to perform for the Medtloodge especially, since we are so grateful for their donation for *Yellow Boat*," said Nichter.

Jordan Zachow, senior and Joe Gusmano, junior are performing their scene, "They Fell." It revolves around two friends Randi and Chad that end up literally falling for each other.

Mr. Applegate and the students are aiming to make the residents' day and bring something new to them. "I hope they'll really enjoy it. The scenes we perform will be the more humorous ones, but they are also uplifting stories about love. I hope it brightens their day," said Mr. Applegate. The students started practicing Mon-

day, April 21, and have been practicing every Monday and Wednesday until the performance.

"We are rehearsing five times, which will hopefully be enough since we've done these performances before. It's just a matter of shaking the rust off," said Mr. Applegate.

Amanda Vinson, junior, and Max Leesch, junior, are two students of *Almost, Maine* who are going to perform for the residents.

Vinson and Leesch worked side by side in *Almost, Maine*, when they performed a scene together as Hope and Daniel. "The Story of Hope," is about a girl Hope who comes back from traveling the world, and escaping from a proposal. She comes back to her boyfriend Daniel, to give him an answer; however, she does not recognize him. Daniel has lost all hope of their relationship, as well as his image.

"Looking over my scene, I couldn't remember my first line at all, but then when I started reading it, it all came

back," said Vinson.

Even though remembering their scenes was a little difficult at first, Vinson and Leesch are excited to bring the show to the residents.

"I'm excited to perform for a new audience. I think the residents will enjoy the dramatic moments as well as the sweet, cute moments," said Leesch.

Vinson had a similar view as Leesch. "It is a very cute show, it is easy to do for them, because it's many different scenes so it's easy to bring. I think they would enjoy it and like it," said Vinson. This performance for the Medtloodge will be both beneficial to the students and residents. Mr. Applegate and the students are happy and thrilled to be performing for them.

Mr. Applegate said, "I think it will be great for the students to perform for a community that doesn't get many opportunities to see this type of entertainment. It's good to see that theatre can be a service to the community and a way to brighten someone's day."

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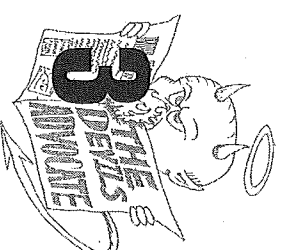
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Some Type A Way

By: Ryan Telow
Editorial Editor

As we draw closer to the end of the year our student government leads a blood drive into Richmond High School.

“Anna Fraser, Melissa Resk, Jessica Niebauer, and Thomas Biafore have stepped up and taken over the blood drive. Anna is the go to girl about the Drive however, she’s helped out with the blood drive for a few years now,” said Dr. Ladd.

The blood drive has been at Richmond for a while now and can be considered by most students as a tradition to leave class and get a red band for donating.

“The blood drives been going on for some 20 years now. I don’t really know who started it. I believe someone ran it past me a while ago and I thought it was a good idea,” said Dr. Ladd.

With careful planning the student government is able to pick an appro-

priate location for the blood drive to be held that makes this nice and organized.

“The kids are always great. We set

“The blood drives been going on for some 20 years now. I don’t really know who started it. I believe someone ran it past me a while ago and I thought it was a good idea.”

- Dr. Ladd

up the blood drive in the mini gym, the gym is all the space we need, it runs real smooth in there and doesn’t displace anybody,” said Dr. Ladd

Being smack dab in the middle not only makes it convenient for the

sake of the Blood Drive but also makes it easier for the Student Government.

“What we do to keep things orga-

nized during the drive is that we regulate the amount of people in the min gym and a given time. We have our student government kids go and pull kids out of class at a certain time, this helps prevent a huge group of people in the mini gym at once. It’s a tight schedule that we run and it keeps everything smooth and real good,” said Dr. Ladd.

The blood drive does a great job at making it as easy as possible for someone to sign up to give blood.

“The sign up is in the office and

other than that there is a height and weight requirement. It is pure service for Red Cross which makes it free for both our school and whoever wishes to sign up,” said Dr. Ladd.

Red Cross not only targets schools because of the relatively low price but it also is an easy way to raise a considerable amount of blood.

“We tend to get about twenty five pints on a good day, we could easily get twenty six but Murphy’s afraid to give blood,” said Dr. Ladd.

Hosting the blood drive not only raises blood for Red Cross but it is a good way for students to get a new experience and possibly gain leadership skills.

“It gives the student government kids a chance to step up and take charge of the setup and develop responsibility. Donors as well get a chance to actively do something positive for their community,” said Dr. Ladd.

Drink, drive, lose.

By: Austin Vannatter
Sports Editor

Don’t drink and drive is the purpose of the creation of the mock accident.

The mock accident ran by Mr. Delore (SAAD adviser) shows kids why it is important to drive safely to and from prom.

“To remind kids that poor choices can result in death or injury,” said Delore.

The accident makes sure students make wise choices so they do not make a life changing mistake in their life.

The mock accident involves randomly chosen students by the SAAD group to participate in the

event.
The accident will take place May 6 at 9am and RHS.

“To remind kids that poor choices can result in death or injury.”

- Mr. Delore

make it seem as real as possible.

The Richmond Police Department, Fire Department, and the Lenox

EMS all have to be contacted to help with the accident.

“The Richmond Police Department gets a car from a towing company for us. We work hard with Officer Fred, Lenox EMS, and the fire department,” said Delore.

Other materials that are involved in the mock accident are a megaphone along with caution tape.

The megaphone is used so all of the students can hear clearly and the caution tape is used to make the accident even more real.

The accident involves one driver along with two passengers. There is also a victim who dies. The emergency services then demonstrate what they will do during the accident.

The fire department also receives beneficial gains from the mock accident along with the students and the community.

“The Juniors, seniors, and the fire department receives good practice. The community also benefits from it as well,” said Delore.

On This Day

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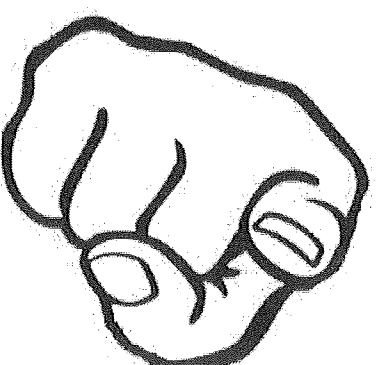
1908 - 34th Kentucky Derby: Arthur Pickens on Stone Street wins in 2:15.2.

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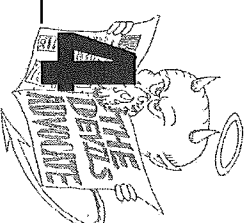
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VandenBussche cheering with the best

By: Amanda Vinson
Features Editor

Stunting and jumping and dancing, oh my.

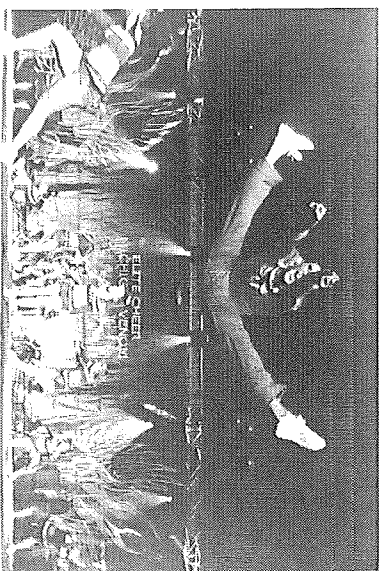
Junior Jonah Vandenbussche competed at Worlds last week, a top-ranked cheerleading competition. Even though his team, Venom, attended last year, this was his first Worlds experience.

"I hadn't joined the team yet when they went last year; nine of us are new to the team. So this was my first time going. It was a very exciting experience," said VandenBussche.

In February, the team competed in Nationals, which was held in Dallas, Texas. "After the awards, our team was given an at large bid to Worlds, which meant we were able to go," VandenBussche said.

He was happy and excited when he found out he was going to Worlds. "It felt good to receive such a prestigious award," he said.

Worlds was held the weekend of April 26 in Orlando, Florida.



Top-notch teams from all around the world came to compete. The whole competition was three days long.

Each day the teams performed their routines, with hopes to make it to the next day of the competition. The routine was set to music and consisted of tumbling, stunting, jumping and dancing.

Unlike high school cheerleading, there was no chanting.

"We competed in small co-ed level five, which is the highest level for our team," he said.

They were up against 91 other teams and were judged on technique, skill, difficulty, showmanship, cleanliness, and overall impression.

The team placed 23rd in their division. "I'm proud of how we placed. For my first year at worlds it was a good place to end up in," he said.

VandenBussche was excited to see his friends at the competition. "It's cool because through cheer I have made friends on different teams all across the country. I see them at competitions all year long," he said.

In fact, that was his favorite part of the whole trip. "I loved seeing everyone that I hadn't seen in a long time. I met new people and made new friends from even more states," VandenBussche said.

The venue was another element that had VandenBussche excited. "I

had never been to Disney World before. We stayed in the All Star Sports resort and got to go in the parks before and after we competed. My favorite part of Disney World was Magic Kingdom. I liked all the rides and it was cool to see all the Disney movies in real life," he said.

It was enjoyable for the team to be in a new environment. "The warm weather was so nice, we even got to practice outside," said Vandenbussche.

Which was certainly something they were not able to do to in Michigan. "Before Worlds we spent 15 to 20 hours a week in the gym practicing; it definitely made me learn how to set my priorities," he said.

Vandenbussche had to put cheerleading in front of other things.

He even had to take time off work to prepare for the event. "There is no way I could've balanced school, cheer, and work. I didn't want to spread myself too thin," he said.

A lot went in to Worlds preparation for Vandenbussche and his team.

They started practicing for the competition last May. "We all practiced very hard. I also got in the gym on my own time and practiced more.

All the preparation made my skill level increase a lot," he said.

Not only has VandenBussche grown as a cheerleader, he has matured throughout this experience. "I've become more responsible and learned more about time management," said VandenBussche.

The preparation, the travel, the team bonding, meeting new people. "Everything about Worlds was perfect."

"It was definitely a unique experience. I'm sad it's over already," he said."

"But this is nowhere near the end of the cheerleading experience for VandenBussche. "I have two more years on Venom before I age out," he said.

Cheerleading has been such a pleasurable element to his life, that he could not imagine himself stopping any time soon. "After Venom, I hope to coach or join an international team," he said.

Friendships, opportunities, skills and valuable life lessons – that's what cheer is all about for Jonah VandenBussche.

Having the "drive" to go further

By: Dylan Yore
Sports Editor

As the snow melts and spring comes around, Richmond's golf team is assembling in hopes for a season with great weather.

After our record winter in Michigan, the weather is finally clearing allowing golfers to hit the course for time to catch up on their game.

Senior golfer Mitchell Tyler said, "Our season is definitely shorter because of the brutal winter we endured. We would usually already be on the course working on our skills."

Due to bad weather, golf courses have been tough to play on.

Junior Travis Doan said, "We practice at Pine Valley on 31 Millie Road and Romeo Plank. We have not been able to get on the course much and it takes a lot longer to get through our nine holes because of the moisture on the course."

With the season shortened due to weather, the schedule is more cramped with matches and tournaments.

Doan said, "We have one match for each BWAC school, so we have eight matches. Then we have 15 tournaments throughout our season."

With less time to work on their golf, Richmond's coach Ken Parlard has to buckle down and work with the team with the time he has.

Tyler said, "We enjoy having Coach Parlard there helping us. He has been golfing for a while and helps immensely."

The question is will the missing practices disrupt their season?

Doan said, "When we get to the course, we practice chipping and putting on the practice greens. Afterwards, we go and shoot our daily nine holes."

With a short season and high goals, the seniors are expected to lead the team and help coach the up and coming golfers.

Tyler said, "Being a senior, I

have my own responsibility for helping the team. I try my best to help out the younger golfers and get them on par so we can go out and compete at our finest."

Golf etiquette is important for the team to consider when golfing on a course that has allowed them to practice on every day.

Doan said, "We have a tight schedule to keep track of while we are on the course. We are very lucky to have a course to practice at every day so etiquette is always key when acting like young men."

Score means everything during the tournament, but not necessarily everything during practice for the RHS golf team. Players are more focused on their shots, along with building up other teammates.

Doan said, "We stuck in groups and help each other out during practice. The only time we really focus on score is when we are competing for a varsity spot for a tournament."

The thought of having a shorter season does not mean the players focus on themselves instead of their opponents.

Doan said, "Almont, Cros-Lex, and Yale have good squads and will be great competition for us. I would just like to win the district and a regional title. Competing in the state tournament would be a great experience."

The Blue Devils competed on Thursday, April 24, falling in second behind Almont.

Junior Colton Christensen said, "We did well as a team. Obviously nobody likes taking second, but we learned and have better insight on how to approach Almont next time."

It is back to the daily grind at Pine Valley for the Richmond boys.

Christensen said, "In my eyes, we need to hit the range and just work on our shots. We didn't shoot badly, but practice makes perfect.

The team will have to overcome Almont, Armada and Cros-Lex to achieve their goals.

Christensen said, "Cros-Lex and Armada did well on Thursday. In the end, I would like to overcome Almont, Armada and Cros-Lex and compete in the state tournament."

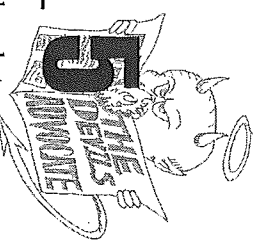
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- Thursday 05/01/14 Algonac HS Away 3:30PM
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Athletic minds

By: Nick Thomas
Staff Writer

Athletes are more than just great at sports; they are also great in the classroom, which is why two Richmond High School students received the BWAC Scholar Athlete Award this year.

Ryan Boyd and Noelle Scheuer of RHS will be receiving the BWAC Scholar Athlete Award this year.

This award is a great honor for both Boyd and Scheuer and it reflects on their hard work on the field and in the classroom.

"I was relieved that my hard work had paid off," said Boyd.

The BWAC Scholar Athlete

Award is a great honor and something that few people get as only two student athletes get it each year at RHS.

"I was very honored to be receiving the award," said Scheuer, who plays softball and bowling.

After high school Scheuer plans to attend Adrian College. She plans to study exercise science while at Adrian College.

"I will be a part of Adrian's bowling team in the fall," said Scheuer.

After high school Boyd plans to attend college and study pharmacy for his profession later in life.

"I would like to possibly play baseball in college," said Boyd, a baseball and football player for the Blue Devils.

Sports are not something people just play to play.

Sports can teach athletes many things in life and help students through stuff as well.

"Sports have taught me to work with people; they have helped me grow as a leader and develop better leadership skills," said Boyd.

That is one quality that got Boyd nominated for BWAC Scholar Athlete Award.

He is a leader for both the football players and baseball players.

Boyd was a captain of the football team and is a captain of the baseball team as well.

Sports have also impacted Scheuer. "Sports have helped shape who I am. They have always been a big part of my life. They have taught me a lot of lessons that I feel like I will be able to us throughout my life," said Scheuer.

Sports are not something that people play; people play sports for the love of the game. But it is not only fun to play sports.

Sports can teach you lessons, just as Scheuer has endeavored while playing sports in her life.

"It was fun as a young kid and I kept on going," said Boyd.

Boyd was not inspired by anyone to play the sports he does.

However, Scheuer does have an inspiration to play sports. "Sports have always been huge in

my family. Everyone has played at least one sport. I think that my dad was the person who inspired me the most to play sports," said Scheuer.

The BWAC Scholar Athlete award was acquired by Scheuer and Boyd at the BWAC academic banquet in Inlay City.

In order to be nominated for the BWAC Scholar Athlete Award, student-athletes needed to have a 3.5 GPA or higher.

The BWAC Scholar Athlete Award has been given out to students who are great in the classroom and on the field for over twenty years.

"The BWAC Scholar Athlete Award gives our school a chance to honor our top athletes who excel in the classroom as well," said Dr. Mulyaert.

The BWAC Scholar Athlete Award is a great honor and accomplishment for both Boyd and Scheuer and it represents their hard work on the field and in the class room.

Softball opens with big intentions

By: Xavier Nuckles
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The lady Devils have begun a new season in Softball.

Their overall record is currently 6-2.

Their two losses were to Cross-Lex in which they lost a double header.

The team is quite young this year compared to before.

Sophomore right fielder Julia Foster said, "We have a lot of potential on the team, we just need to figure out spots we need to take."

At the Southfield tournament, the team merited both of the teams in the tournament to get the tourna-

ment win.

Foster said, "We only have three seniors this year, and they are Haley Schweiger, Riley Thompson, and Noelle Scheuer."

The juniors on the team are Carlite Theume, Allison Schweiger, Alyssa Mlot, Hailey Holdwick, Allana Schroeder, and Elizabeth Renner.

The sophomores on the team are Allison Swantek, Lindsey Schweiger, Katlyn Griffith, Julia Foster, and Rachel Leach.

Senior shortstop Haley Schweiger said, "The team is doing pretty good; we won the tourney at Southfield."

According to the Schweiger, Cross-Lex will be the toughest team in the

BWAC for them.

The team will face some challenges taking the BWAC title.

Junior center field Liz Renner said, "Trying to take the league title is going to be really hard since we already lost to Cross-Lex."

Some of the upperclassmen team members have some goals for the team as well.

Senior first base Noelle Scheuer said, "My goals for the team are to become stronger together, and hopefully get a regional title this year."

The team will need some hard work in practice to accomplish this goal.

Junior righter fielder and first baseman Hailey Holdwick thinks

the team can work hard and together to achieve this goal: "We have a close team-chemistry; we trust each other more than past other teams."

The practices have been hindered due to weather however. Haley Schweiger said, "We've had to practice inside a lot, which kind of sucks. When we get outside, we get a lot of work done."

The players as individuals are looking to get better as well. Renner said, "I'm working on my long throws to home and want to average two steals a game."

Some of the players are looking to improve other skills. Holdwick said, "I'm looking to have at least a .300 batting average, I need to concentrate more on hitting than fielding."

These individual goals will take some work in practice to achieve. Junior second base Allison Schweiger said, "I have to work hard in practice and put in all my effort. I'm looking to improve my hitting by hitting in the cage and doing tee work."

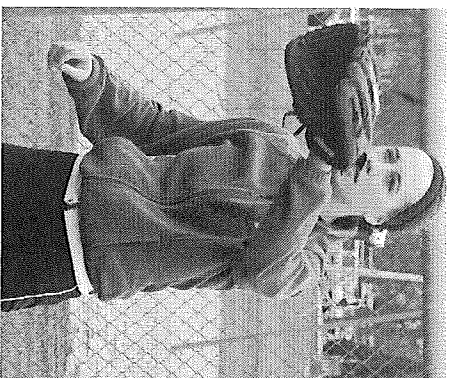
Foster is looking to improve her hitting as well. Foster said, "I want to get all county and not strike at all this year." Although individual goals are good to have, the team is what it is all about. The team as a whole will have to work to improve.

Scheuer said, "We will all need to work hard in practice as a team in order to win the regional." The captains on the team have some goals for being a captain as well.

Scheuer said, "I want to be the best captain I can be."

The team has high expectations for them to get past regionals and make the state.

Foster said, "My goal for the team is to win regionals."



Kylie McColskey

Nickname: Kys

Age: 15

Grade: Sophomore

Sport(s): volleyball & softball

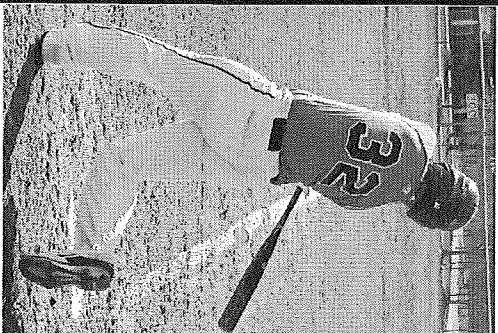
Favorite pump up song: Awkward-Lil Wayne

Favorite Food: Pancakes

Favorite class: Theatre Arts

Future Goals: Go to college and become a physician

SOFTBALL



Spencer Trapiss

Nickname: Trapper

Age: 15

Grade: Sophomore

Sport(s): football, basketball, baseball

Favorite pump up song: Fly on the Wall-Miley Cyrus

Favorite food: Steak

Favorite class: Basic Design

Future goals: Go to college for sports