

Features and News

Key Club Adventures

By: Dylan Yore
Sports Editor

Collecting change. Residing houses. Packaging meals. This may seem like a lot, but it doesn't faze Key Clubbers.

The Key Club does a lot of charitable work in the Richmond and surrounding areas. They have done three very big projects over the past several months. UNICEF, Kids Against Hunger, and Habitat For Humanity have all been helped from the hard work of the Key Club.

UNICEF is an acronym for United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. English Teacher and Key Club advisor Mr. Murphy gave insight on what the club is doing for UNICEF.

Mr. Murphy said, "We collect change over the course of a month. We then roll up the change we collected and ship a check to UNICEF."

UNICEF sends boxes for use to interested organizations. Members then collect change in the boxes provided.

Because the Key Club has so many members, Mr. Murphy had to order more.

Mr. Murphy said, "UNICEF sent us 30 boxes and I ordered 25 more."

The collection is meant to provide money to children for tetanus shots.

According to UNICEF, "A newborn dies every nine minutes from tetanus. \$1.80 can protect a woman and her future newborns from tetanus."

Senior Melissa Resk, who has been in Key Club for all four years, said, "I feel it is important for our Key Club to be involved in UNICEF because these people could die from something that we could help prevent."

The Key Club's help to the organization has done well over the past few years, as it has raised over \$1,200 for various UNICEF causes.

If the Richmond Key Club raises around \$250 for UNICEF this year, that is roughly 138 tetanus shots.

Murphy said, "Our goal is around \$250. Above that amount is great; below that amount is still good; we tried our best."

The Key Club also has participated in Kids Against Hunger.

Junior Matthew Bauman who was in Key Club his sophomore year as well, said, "Kids



Matthew Bauman participating in a KAH activity.

Against Hunger is an event held by a church. We package small meals for people in crisis. One-third stays in a local food pantry. One-third goes to international disasters. One-third will go to stay in a reserve for crisis in the United States."

The Key Club members packaged the meals on September 23rd at Trinity Lutheran in Utica.

Junior Nicole Ward, who is in her third year of Key Club, said, "I feel happy to believe that I can help kids that are less fortunate than me."

Kids Against Hunger gives insight to the workers about what places around the world are going through. The Key Club members got to help people around the world.

Bauman said, "I am emotionally thankful because I gained a lot of insight on disaster around the world. I realized that we are secure and have goods in reserve for a crisis."

Key Clubbers will participate in two more Kids Against Hunger events in the near future.

During summer Key Club helped renovate a house on Monroe Street in Richmond. They participated in Habitat for Humanity's A Brush with Kindness activity in the city of Richmond during the summer of 2013.

Freshman Mikayla Mlot said, "The Key Club helped restore this lady's home in the city of Richmond."

The members did jobs like re-siding the house, installation of new doors and windows and lawn care. Key Clubbers also demolished an old barn.

Mlot said, "My job particularly consisted of putting new siding on her house and I painted." The Key Club does this activity every year and hopes to continue these types of projects.

Bauman said, "We did it over the course of a couple of days. To me, her house looked brand new! Tearing down the barn was very fun and disgusting. There were dead animals inside of it."

The clubbers have great passion towards the activities they participate in.

Resk said, "We have the power to make a difference."

summative assignment. Last year 20% to 25% of students would retake a summative assignment in each class.

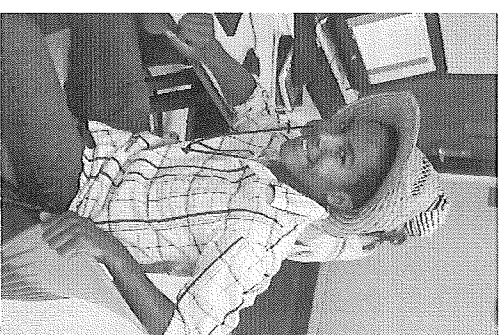
"I heard kids would put their name on the test and turn it in," said Mrs. Michon.

And because students would do that, the retake policy got changed to where students had to demonstrate an effort to do well on the first test, and if a student didn't get the grade they liked, then that student has the choice to retake the test if the teacher felt that the student tried the first time.

The retake policy was new last year and like every policy it would have to be revised to become better. Changes made the retake policy better because students now have to do better in class and show an effort to be learning the criteria.

"Students are not allowed to slack off in class now, if they do you will not be allowed to retake a summative assignment, and you should be paying attention if you wish to retake something," said Ashley Reece. These changes in the policy forces students to pay attention in class and turn their homework in on time and learn the criteria. The retake policy is meant to be a good thing for students, but it can also be a harmful to a student's future, but the changes made can make the retake policy are beneficial.

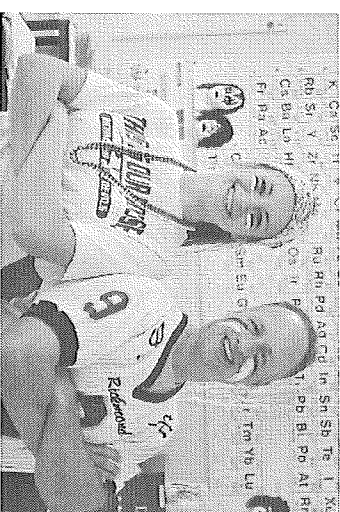
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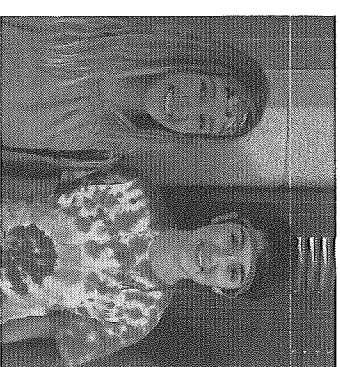
(left) Xavier Nuckles, junior, busted out the plaid for Country Day.



(below) On Blue and White Day, Callie Kirovski and Mr. Schleder showed their best spirit.



(right) Sophomores, Sarah Budd, Chelsea Kattelman spreading the peace on hippie day.



(left) Seniors, Colleen Gaffney and Taylor Deal love school on Nerd Day.



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I bet you didn't know...

(B) Mrs. Woodruff

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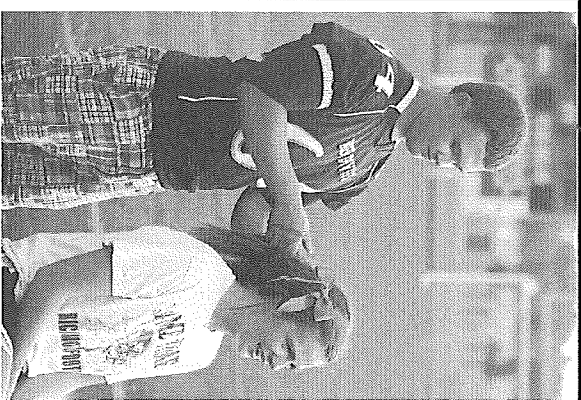
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fright	monster	scary	spooky	zombie

Pep Assembly Games



John Betcher braids Colleen Gaffney's hair. The two won Queen and King.



Carissa Rumps dresses Dustin Leach.



Calle Khowski and Nick Ottenbacher celebrate after they won the Pep Assembly game.

4 Horror -scopes

By: Elizabeth Urban, Features Editor

Scorpio

October 23- November 21

Life has been pleasant lately. Your grades have been up, you haven't had very many problems with any of your friends, and you actually enjoy the book you're reading in class. Don't take this all for granted. Good comes with the bad, and you could be missing the bad for now, while taking advantage of the good.

Halloween Haunt: Frankenstein's Monster

Sagittarius

November 22- December 21

You seem to be losing interest in school even though the year is just starting up. Don't let your grades fall too far behind, as you are losing time to bring them up. Winter fun will be here soon, but stay focused on your work.

Halloween Haunt: The Bride of Frankenstein's Monster

Capricorn

December 22- January 19

The stress of everything is adding up, and you feel like you're about to boil over. People have been dumping their problems on you non-stop, and you feel responsible to help. If you need a break, take one. Don't ignore what's going on, but step back and look at everything as a whole.

Halloween Haunt: The Curse of the Werewolf

Aquarius

January 20- February 18

You've been hot and cold with everyone lately, and people have begun to ignore you. Instead of feeling sorry for yourself, make an effort to be nice to everyone especially the people you've been freezing out recently.

Halloween Haunt: Zombie fog

Pisces

February 19- March 20

Don't miss out on the things that are happening now, however, or you will regret not participating in the future.

Halloween haunt: Goblins of stress

Aries

March 21-April 19

This month you'll notice that you've been a lot more busy than usual. The constant "on-the-go" routine makes you feel tired and stressed out. Make sure to plan ahead for everything, and know exactly what needs to be done, or you'll be freaking out as deadlines approach rapidly.

Halloween Haunt: Wicked Witch mornings

Taurus

April 20 - May 20

The crazy weather patterns have been affecting your mood. The rain and sun have been battling in the skies, and you feel like you're caught in the middle. Wait out these ever-changing forecasts, and you will soon be in sun all the time.

Halloween Haunt: Midnight Sun

Gemini

May 21- June 20

You've been so pleasant lately. A new person that has entered your life has made your whole viewpoint on life a better one. Whether it is a friend, relative or a new romance, you're uplifted outlook has made you better apt to deal with all the circumstances dealing with this fresh relationship.

Halloween Haunt: Mommy (you probably though that was a typo...)

Cancer

June 21- July 22

An unsettled feeling has you feeling unnerved. You may be waiting for news or you just feel like it could be coming. Keep organized, and plan out everything in advance, so you don't have too many surprises.

Halloween Haunt: Jack-o-lantern teeth

Leo

July 23- August 22

Your aura has been a bit intimidating lately. Your anxiousness and over all unhappiness is a real downer to the people around you. The attitude you have been showing has been putting others on edge. Decide to be happy, or your life will be a downward spiral of distress.

Halloween Haunt: Ghosts of forgotten homework

Virgo

August 23-September 22

Don't let others decide how you should go about doing something. Make your own decisions, or you will feel out of control. Ask for advice, if you must, but ultimately make the decision for yourself.

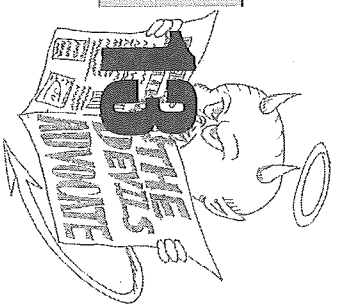
Halloween Haunt: Skull and Cross-bones

Libra

September 23- October 21

Sometimes you think about all that's going on in your life and you begin to see it shaping up into what you want it to be. Other times, it's a mess. Gain some balance before you fall over.

Halloween Haunt: Vampire night flight



Stories

RCS hopes to pass bond

By: Austin Vannatter
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Upgrading for a better tomorrow. This is the goal for the new Bond for Richmond schools, and administration is hoping that it will pass. A bond at Richmond High School has not been passed since 2008.

The new bond has been trying to get passed for the school for three years. To try to have success this time, the School Board, parents and volunteers have been trying to promote the Bond that includes many significant things RHS needs.

“Three main areas need to be replaced,” said Dr. Olson, Superintendent.

The three main areas include replacing the infrastructure in the school, improving the technology resources for students and improving the programs for students to take.

The school infrastructure needs to be replaced because it is outdated and has many issues.

“Sections of the roof on each building (Elementary, Middle, High School) have exceeded their life cycle. Air leaks in the older windows cause energy efficiency,” said Dr. Olson.

If the windows get replaced, air leaks will be sealed and will allow the school to save money for the heating and cooling bill.

Other things the Bond has in it are supplying laptops for grades K-2 and devices for grades 3-12.

“The devices will allow reduce textbooks for the future,” said Dr. Olson

Other features the bond includes are new smart boards for each classroom and six new buses. A new track at the high school around the football will be put in and new band instruments will be purchased. Some added security to each school will be put in if the bond passes. The parking lot around the auditorium around the high school will also be re-paved and fixed.

Technology/Classrooms

The technology at RHS needs to be upgraded to allow more high speed access to students to improve their learning abilities.

“There is really nothing wrong; we need an upgrade,” said Mr. Lamont, Technology Director.

New smart boards will be placed in every classroom to help improve the teaching ability for the teachers. The technology labs will be upgraded as well.

Teachers believe that the bond will help with educating students.

“We will be utilizing more technology in each class. Textbooks will be online and we will have interactive textbooks. We will have more availability of projects,” said English teacher, Mrs. Gabridge.

Every K-2 classroom will be equipped with six laptops and six tablet computers (i.e. Ipad) Each student grades 3-12 will be provided with their own laptop or computer for their own use.

“Students will get direct results from more reliable technology,” said Mr. Lamont. The changes will be seen next year.

If the Bond passes the upgrade will not finish until the 2014-2015 school year.

Three additional science labs will be added to the school. Each lab will be fully equipped with science supplies and lab equipment.

“The bottom line is we only have one functioning science lab,” said Mr. Schleder, science teacher at RHS. This is not enough to handle the amount of labs needed.

The goal of the new labs is to help improve education for students and to attract more students.

“All four labs will be outfitted. You just cannot outfit a lab with a general budget. You have to do it with a bond,” said Mr. Schleder. “We do not have to share space. Each teacher will expand on labs. We will be able to do research that will last several days.”

Students are very excited about the Bond, especially Junior Beau Brockett.

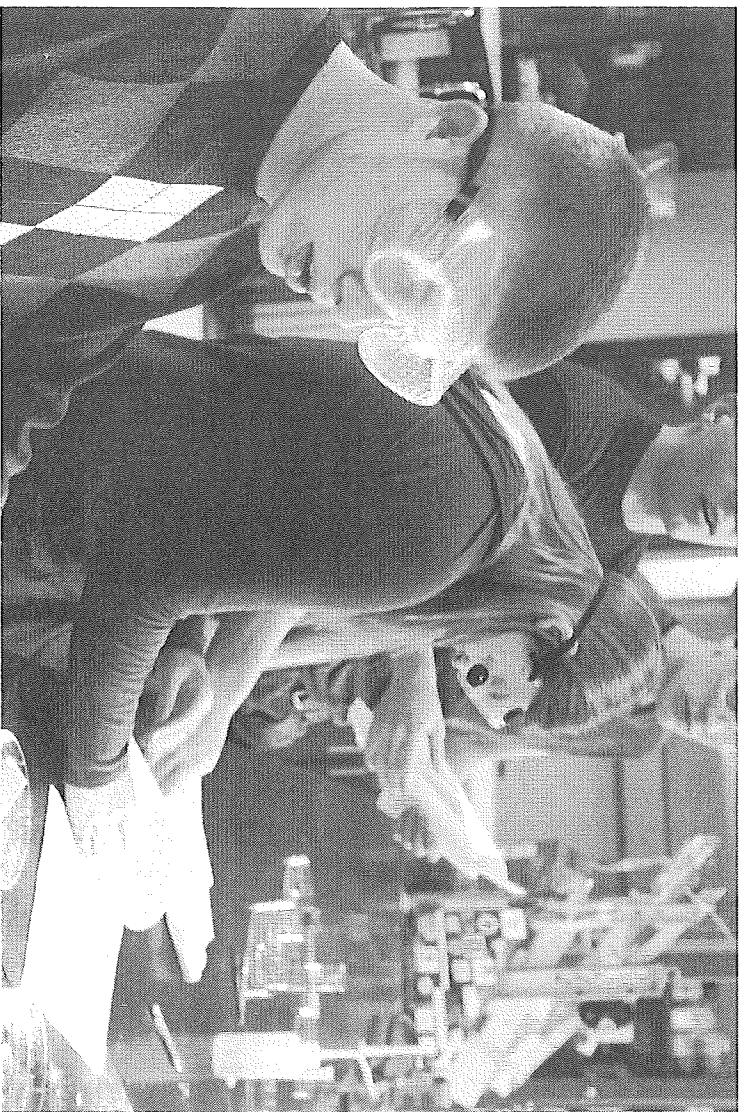
“It would be nice if the Bond passes so we can get new equipment,” said Brockett.

Track, Band Instruments, and Parking Lot

The RHS track needs major repairs. RHS cannot host any track or field competitions due to the fact of how poor of condition the track is in. The cost of the track will cost \$360,000.00 in the Bond.

“I was looking at it yesterday, and when they first built the track it was only supposed to last 5-8 years. There are dips in the track. The rubber on the track is coming undone. The paint is worn off. What it comes down to is it is a safe-

The bond will provide new science labs, giving RHS students state-of-the-art technology in rooms big enough to support labs enhancing science education. (Photo courtesy of RHS Yearbook.)



Shack

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Alex Newman, a junior in Chorale, said, “It was easier to conform and adjust to her because she didn’t want to change much. She didn’t want us to be too shocked by change and not do anything.”

Fraser agreed. “Ms. Shack asked Mr. Osadchuck before she started how we ran things. A lot of the curriculum is the same, it’s just from her perspective,” said Fraser.

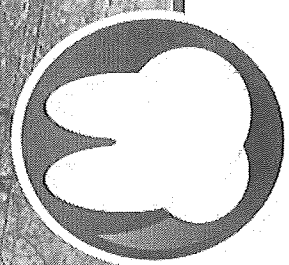
Taking on two programs at a time can be difficult. Fraser said, “Props to her. I think taking on both programs was more work than she thought there would be, but she’s doing really well.”

“The biggest challenge of doing both band and choir is being actively involved in both Michigan Schools Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) and Michigan Schools Vocal Music Association (MSVMA),” Shack said. This involves going to two different meetings and festivals.

As it turns out, it isn’t the two RHS programs that are the most stressful, instead the programs at RMS are.

Shack said, “I’ve taught both classes before, but doing both the high school and the middle school is a lot.”

Because Mr. Osadchuck had too many classes at the middle school, Ms. Shack has taken on some of his work load.



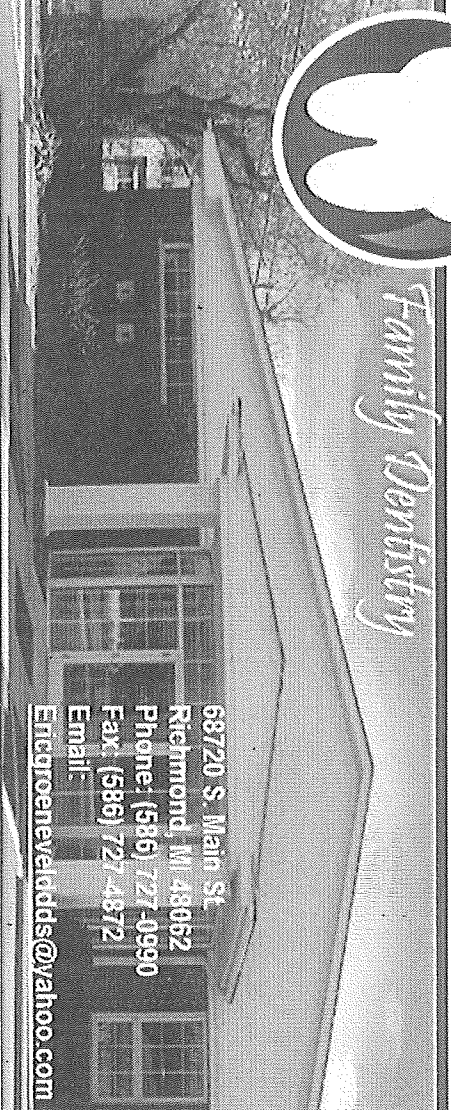
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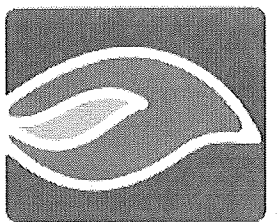


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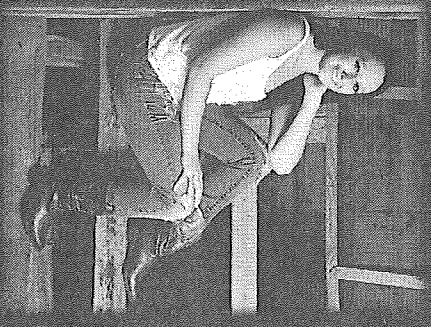
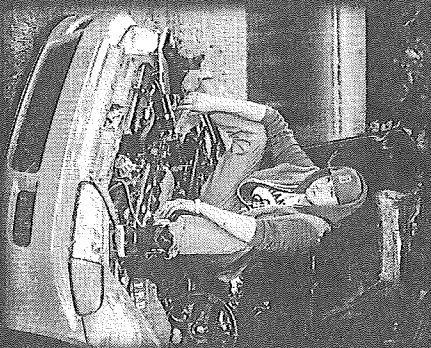
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