



# The Rensselaerian

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## Boys Basketball

After getting the bye in the first round of sectionals, the Rensselaer Boys Basketball team played in their first round of sectionals on Friday, March 2nd at Twin Lakes. The game was against Twin Lakes, a team the Bombers had lost to earlier in the year by 2 points. However, Rensselaer came ready to play on Sectional Night. Leading scorer Jaylen Gilbert, a senior, had 15 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 steals. Junior Jerrett Nagel added 10 points and Sophomore Jackson Hughes added 8 points. Senior JT Feagans had 7 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals. The team battled throughout the game but ended up losing by 1 point. The final score of the game was 42-43.

Article by Addy Cain

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TO STATE

The RCHS Science Olympiad team, coached by Mr. Gruesbeck and Miss Anliker, pulled through with an amazing placement in their first competition at Purdue University, that allowed for them to advance to the state finals at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Science Olympiad is a competition that allows students to showcase their academic talents through their creative works of science. Each school competes with other schools from all over the state. Events that take place at the competitions include, ecology, disease detectives, herpetology, towers, vehicles, and many more interesting events.

Each event requires an extensive amount of preparation, and they require copious amounts of hard work and dedication. Students spend their time studying, building contraptions, and quizzing each other in preparation, especially as time grows closer to big competitions, such as state.

These students have put in countless hours, and at the state competition, those hours paid off. They traveled down to Bloomington on the 16th of this month, and they spent the weekend there. They woke up early to prepare to compete in their events and do some last minute studying and cramming.

Many of the team members had great accomplishments and placed fairly well at state. The two standout competitors were seniors Ruby Blake and Tavia Minton. These girls placed fourth in the Herpetology event, which focuses on the study of amphibians.

RCHS is proud of this group of well-rounded individuals. Coaches and team members are sad to say goodbye to their seven Science Olympiad seniors Ruby Blake, Tavia Minton, Katelyn Hanford, Conlan Oatey, Lily Martin, Preston Tanner, and Kourtnee Boose. Their accomplishments and hard work is something to be valued for years to come.

Article by Madisyn Marchand

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## Alternative Spring Break Ideas

Don't have the money to travel somewhere outside of Indiana for spring break? There are plenty of things to enjoy here in Rensselaer. Spring break is the perfect time for students to get spring cleaning within their home accomplished or volunteer at the food pantry or other local organizations that could use some extra help. If that doesn't pique anyone's interest, some other possibilities include learning how to cook a new meal, decorating your room, or picking up a hobby like exercising at a new gym. Options for those who enjoy being outdoors could be doing things like starting a garden, hiking at a state park, fishing, or just getting outside and practicing a sport with friends. Students can still have fun on their spring break if they do not have the expenses to go anywhere else; exploring the possibilities and trying new things during this week could help students find exciting new activities they enjoy doing.

Article by Hannah Ritchie

## ASK A BOMBER

*What are your spring break plans?*

Senior Sarah VonTobel: "I'm going to Tennessee over break to go camping with family."

Junior Aidan Stevens: "I am staying home this break to work on my hitting for baseball."

Sophomore Hannah Redlin: "I'm going to be house-sitting for people who are leaving over break and making lots of money."

Freshman Jake Lane: "I'm going to Disney World to pursue my dreams."

Faculty Ms. Terpstra: "I'm planning on going hunting for bigfoot and also going to Comic-Con."



Interviews by Madison Haynes

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## SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF: MR. TANNER

Q: What is the most dangerous welding situation you have ever been put in?

A: "There are a couple of times I've been in an enclosed space that I can't move side to side in."

Q: What made you want to become a teacher?

A: "Just being able to take my knowledge and pass it on to someone else."

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: "Ivy Tech Lafayette."

Q: Where do you see yourself in five years?

A: "RCHS."

Q: What were you like in high school?

A: "About like I am now, maybe a little more ornery."

Q: If you were an animal, what would you be?

A: "Great white shark."

Q: Who do you have winning your March Madness bracket?

A: "Purdue."

Q: Would you rather fight 1 horse-sized duck or 100 duck-sized horses?

A: "100 duck sized horses because a horse-sized duck would be terrifying."



Interview by Sara Steinke