



The Rensselaerian

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FFA NATIONALS

The RCHS Livestock Judging Team won first place at the the National FFA Livestock Judging Competition. Anna Hannon, Cody Goodman, Zach Wamsley, and Paige Longstreth were all valuable parts of the team. Several of the team members placed in the top ten. Zach Wamsley placed first, followed by Paige Longstreth in second. The team was coached by Mr. Wamsley. After winning, the team was welcomed back to Rensselaer with a fire and police escort. The team then did a champions walk through the hallways of the high school. The four members will be making a trip in June to their next contests in Scotland and Ireland. If they win those competitions, they will be considered world champions. Congratulations to this team on a wonderful victory.

Article by Sara Steinke

SENIORS TAKE POWDERPUFF

The RCHS Student Council sponsored the 2017 Powderpuff game on Thursday, October 26th. The first game was the seniors against the freshmen. Scoring the first touchdown for the seniors was Sydney Bement, who scored on the first play. A second touchdown was scored by Brooklyn Radtke. The defensive line from the seniors was outstanding; they didn't let the freshmen score at all. The only point earned by the freshmen team was from an interception. The ending score was 19-1.

The next game was between the sophomores and

juniors. The sophomores played a good game and ran the ball. Although the juniors lost, they had fun and tried their best. The ending score was 17-0.

The championship game was between the seniors and the sophomores. Although the sophomores were close to scoring, the seniors didn't let

them. The seniors won the game with a touchdown and a two point conversion. The ending score was 9-0. The seniors ended up winning the whole championship, beating both the freshmen and sophomore team. This win made the seniors 2 time championship winners. Congratulations class of 2018!

Article by Addy Cain



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FLEMING ALL THE WAY TO STATE

Bomber nation sent another cross country runner off to state this year. Kelsie Wuethrich made it to state last year, but we have a new runner who showed their talent this season. Senior Morgan Fleming ran her way all the way to state with an outstanding final season. She started out winning the sectional meet at our own home course. That followed with placing 7th at regionals and carrying her team to move onto semi-state. She finished 16th at semi-state and moved on individually to state. On the Friday before state, the entire school gathered in the halls to show our support and to send her off to state. She went down to Terre Haute, Indiana on October 28th and ran in freezing weather to complete her final run at the state meet. She finished with a time of 19:13. When we asked her what drove her to advance to state, Fleming said, "This was my last year as a Rensselaer cross country runner, and I wanted to reach a goal I set for myself last year." We hope to see other runners and athletes follow in her footsteps in the years to come.

Article by Sophia Michael

ASK A BOMBER

What are your favorite Thanksgiving traditions?

Jeffrey Hopkins - Freshman - "In the morning, we run a 5k and then go to my grandma's and eat. After we finish eating, we go to my house and go into the field with our guns and shoot."

Micah Moore - Sophomore - "We go to my great grandma's and eat a big Thanksgiving dinner and eventually watch Hallmark movies and football."

Ming Li - Junior - "Eat turkeys."

Jordan Owens - Senior - "My grandparents, mom, aunt, uncle, and cousins come over to my house, and we eat a big Thanksgiving meal and watch football."

Ms. Terpstra - Faculty - "We go to mom's and eat food. After dinner, we eat pie and play poker and eventually watch a movie, more than likely *Star Wars* or *Indiana Jones*."



Interviews by Kerry Branson

RCHS THEATER PERFORMS RHINOCEROS!

The RCHS Drama Department is known for their unforgettable fall plays each year. This year's play, *Rhinoceros!*, was written by Eugene Ionesco in 1959. Lily Martin as Derenger, Adam Armstrong as Dax, and Kourtnee Boose as Jean, have the leading roles. Other roles include Tavia Minton as the Logician, Kevin Bracht as Botard, Alexis Brouwer as Dudard, Braden Brunton as Papillon, Kaya Zak as the waitress, Blake Hensler as the grocer, Summer Sheffer as the grocer's wife, Kailey Gilbert as the housewife, Abby Chappell as the cafe owner, Alex Nagel as the old gentleman, Caity Webb as Mrs. Boeuf, and Autumn Williams as the old man's wife. Director Mr. Sell states he is most proud of "the overall design of the show, because it is pretty unique," and also mentioned students would love the show because "it is something many people haven't seen before and everyone loves rhinoceroses." Under the direction of Mr. Sell, the cast is sure to put on a spectacular play. Come support the theater department and see *Rhinoceros!* Tickets are \$7 and are available from any cast member or Mr. Sell beforehand and at the door. The show will run November 17-18 at 7:00 pm in the RCHS auditorium.

Article by Madison Haynes

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF: SENORA KALBAUGH

Q: What compelled you to teach Spanish?

A: "I have always loved the sound of the language and am intrigued by the learning process. It is also a great place to see a lot of student growth."

Q: What is your favorite family tradition?

A: "My family and I do a countdown to Christmas. Every night we read part of the Christmas story, and I let my kids open a small gift."

Q: If you could go on any vacation of your choice, where would you go and why?

A: "I would love to go to Argentina to visit where my parents used to live. I would also love to go back to Salzburg, Austria."

Q: What is your happiest childhood memory?

A: "The fourth of July celebrations I had with my family."

Q: What celebrity would you say you are most like?

A: "Based on a quiz I took, I am most like Taylor Swift."

Q: What would be the absolute worst name you could give your child?

A: "The absolute worst name you could give a child is if you didn't name it at all. For example, if you named it boy or girl."

Q: Do you like the 1971 Willy Wonka or the 2005 Willy Wonka movie more?

A: "I like the 2005 movie more because of the musical aspects, and I like Johnny Depp."

Q: Would you rather die from extreme heat or extreme cold?

A: "Extreme heat."



Interview by Madisyn Marchand