Raiders salute veterans

By Alex Bucher and Natalie Tompkins

On November 11th, Raiders showed their support to our veterans by marching in the Hermitage Veterans Day Parade. Many clubs and organizations belonging to the Reynolds Community marched in the parade sporting their red, white, and blue “Raiders Salute Veterans” shirts made by the Entrepreneurship Class.

Reynolds had more people showing their support than any other school in the area. Some of the clubs that participated were Student Council, Spanish Club, Students for Charity, along with football, basketball, cross country, track, band, wrestling and many more. With the great weather it was a perfect day to show our thanks for all the veterans have done for our county.

Remembering our heroes

Honoring our veterans at home

By Adam Ballish and Patrick Hart

Originally founded as Armistice Day in 1918, Veterans Day was the offspring created in 1954. Armistice Day was created at the end of World War I, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh month, when hostilities ended between the Allied and Central powers. It is often confused with Memorial Day, which is the remembering of all men and women who died in the armed forces, while Veterans Day is the honoring of all men and women in the armed forces. Often we think of those men and women who far away and often no longer with us, but we have heroes here at home who deserve our thanks.

Our very own Mr. Sanker is an honorable veteran. Born April 4, 1971, Mr. Sanker is a third generation military man. Serving near the end of the Cold War, Mr. Sanker joined the U.S. Navy as a Machinery Repairman. He served aboard the U.S.S Simon Lake; he served for four years, ultimately at the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class, working on different machinery including submarines. Mr. Sanker has visited over seventeen countries, including Russia, Great Britain, Germany and even Israel. During his service, Mr. Sanker participated indirectly in Operation Desert Storm. An interesting fact about Mr. Sanker is that he has received the Blue Nose Award. This award is given to those who have crossed the Arctic Circle. Mr. Sanker described his military life as something that helped him to become an independent man. To this day Mr. Sanker still keeps in contact with friends from the service. He described his fellow servicemen as his, “Military family.” He also said that the military was a great way to help people become independent in life.

We should never forget to honor those who have allowed us to enjoy the freedoms we have today including the men and women who serve in the armed forces and those who gave their lives for our freedom. Our heroes are often much closer than we think. Here at Reynolds, Mr. Sanker served for our freedom. We thank you for your service Mr. Sanker.
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Key Club serves the community

By Cassidy Bonner and Andrew Osborne

On November 3rd, the RHS Key Club served meals to some residents of the Greenville community. Around fifteen members brought in food and hosted a free dinner at the Good Shepard Center. “We had a turkey, mashed potatoes, casseroles, vegetables and a variety of desserts to choose from. I really enjoyed watching everyone work together, and overall the event was a giant success,” said Logan Rosa, a sophomore member.

The fifteen members split up into two groups. While one of the groups stayed at Good Shepard and served meals, the other group went out into the community to delivered meals. The members of Key Club worked hard on the event and it was well worth the effort.

Rosa also said, “We are so glad that we were able to help those in need. Events such as these allow people to realize how rewarding and important helping others really is.” Other Key Club member, Kiernan Coburn said “The food drive was an inspiring experience and definitely changed my view on service before self. If I had the chance to go serve with my Key Club friends again I would.”

The Key Club members are great examples of people giving up some of their own time to help others. They prove that any small service can help the community. Elke D’urso explained “It actually didn’t take that long to make the food. I think it’s amazing that just a little bit of our time made someone else’s day.”
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Raiders solve the equation

By Melissa Clipse

On November 6th Mr. Young and Mrs. Elder took a group of our Reynolds Junior High students to Grove City College for the event Calcu-Solve. This event is an elite math competition between talented students from grades 6th through 8th who were personally selected by their teachers.

The questions asked at the competition pertain to number theory, geometry, and Algebra questions. Students who placed headed to Duquesne for the next round. There were four seventh graders and four eighth graders who attended from Reynolds; sadly nobody moved onto the next level but the students showed impressive advanced math skills when they answered their team question right! When asked for an overall thought toward this event Mr. Young replied, "The kids were a good representation of Reynolds through the stiff competition and challenging questions."

You will see!

An overview of Mercer County Career Center

By Dustin Taggart

Those who are considering a visit to the Mercer County Career Center should plan carefully what their career field is going to be and if the vo-tech offers the program relating to that career field. In order to do that, we have decided to preview one shop each month that Reynolds students are involved in, that way students can learn about a few of the shops even before visiting in their sophomore year.

Carpentry students, instructed by Mr. Jason Powers, will learn roofing and siding techniques using power tools, window installation, and how to use computer-aided design. These students are practically "building the future" while high school students are sitting in desks, as stated in the MCCC Promo video. Carpenters have the potential to make nearly $20 an hour, or nearly $40,000 a year. This career is in high demand right now and is expected to grow. Students can learn professional carpentry skills at no cost by attending this two-year program. The staff and students at Mercer County Career Center say, “You will see!”

Pennsylvania guided into a new direction

By Melissa Clipse

Election Day brought some changes to Pennsylvania when the people voted in the new governor, Tom Wolf, by a landslide. Tom Wolf is an experienced business owner who gave his employees more than fair wages and phenomenal benefits, he’s so renowned for the fact that he gave up his first campaign for governor so he could save the business he had previously sold.

Wolf’s plan for education is what made him stand out. He plans on restoring the cuts that previous governor Tom Corbett made with a 5 percent severance tax and increasing education funding in hopes to try to reverse over 27,000 teacher layoffs. He also plans on moving PA up on the job creation scale; Pennsylvania currently stands 47th. In conclusion, the people of this great state have high hopes for the newly elected official.
RHS seniors participate on election day

By Brooke Bresnan

Reynolds High School students had the opportunity to experience the voting process, as new leaders and representatives were recently elected into office on the fourth of this month. A group of senior students in Mr. Reino’s government class were given the chance to volunteer at a voting facility in their precinct for a school day; I was among those students.

Madison Stoner and I volunteered at the West Salem Fire Hall. One of our duties was to write down the names of the citizens that came to vote and have them sign after making sure they were registered in that precinct. We also learned how to use a PEB, or Personal Electronic Ballot, which is a device used to activate the iVotronic voting machines. Every time a voter came in, we had them sign the books and then took them over to a machine and activated it in front of them.

This experience not only exposed us to the voting process, but it also helped us to develop better communication skills. We were not allowed to look at the voter’s screen when they had a question and had to walk them through by asking questions to know which part of the process they were stuck on.

Talking to other students about how their day went showed that everyone enjoyed helping out, and the massive amounts of food the ladies cooked for us wasn’t a bad addition either!

AP calculus wears teal

By Brooke Bresnan

As a reward for all the hard work they have been putting in so far this year, Mr. Sweigard bought his AP Calculus class the shirts shown in the picture below.

The color of the shirts, “hot teal,” was chosen by the students as a fun way to mimic Mr. Sweigard as he purposefully wears the same color polo every Wednesday. As you can see we work hard and have fun in calculus class!

A beauty super store

By Ali Metz

Makeup is a form of expressing oneself and I’ve noticed that a lot of ladies wear it. To most people, appearances are an important part of how we carry ourselves and can also help raise self-esteem. So, I figured that I would do a review on a makeup store that I have an unhealthy addiction with. It’s a fancy shop called Sephora. There are no full Sephora stores around here, since we are located practically in the middle of nowhere, but they do have sections of them in the JcPenny’s at the Southern Park Mall and the Eastwood Mall.

Even for the people out there who are not as into makeup as I am, they are more of a beauty store. There is literally something for just about every beauty related thing. Actual stores have hair products like shampoo and hairsprays, but you can order everything off the Internet. The only downfall I have seen is the prices. It’s really easy to spend a lot of money there, believe me… I know, but everything I have bought is high quality and wonderful. I would definitely recommend checking out a Sephora store.
Did you know at K Kids Club, Builder’s Club and Key Club we all collected money for UNICEF? The Kiwanis donates this money to The Eliminate Project which helps to eliminate maternal/ neonatal tetanus.

Do you know 1 baby dies every 9 minutes from tetanus? There are 160 babies that die each day from tetanus.

MNT has been eliminated from 20 countries since 2000. MNT is a deadly, but highly preventable disease that kills mother and newborn in the world’s poorest regions.

The 3 doses of tetanus vaccine equals immunity from tetanus. Women who gets the vaccine protect their babies as well.

The $1.80 protects 1 mother and her future children. The Eliminate project saves and protects millions of moms and babies.

Some of the ways we collected money for UNICEF was by trick or treating marching in the Halloween Parade and the Veteran’s Day Parade. We also collected from friends and family. So please donate the next time you see a UNICEF box.

Thank you to all who helped this cause.

She speaks, she scores

*Sophomore brings home silver medal from first Academic Decathlon meet*

By: Alexis Shannon

On November 1st the Academic Decathlon team went to Collegiate Academy to participate in the first meet of the season. The team did very well and ranked seventh out of twenty-three. That means that they are in the running to go to states.

Sophomore, Alexis Schrader brought home a silver medal from her impromptu speech. Her topic was “Who runs your school: jocks, divas, or geeks?” The definition of impromptu is “without being rehearsed, planned or organized,” so all Alexis could have done to prepare for her speech, is practice impromptu speeches in class.

Alexis only had one minute to prepare her speech and with that small amount of preparation, she earned a 960 out of 1,000! She answered that none of the said runs Reynolds High School because our school is small, it is low on discrimination against cliques dealing with strictly sports, theatre or academics.

She described her feelings about the meet as, “nerve-racking, regardless of what meet it is. There’s over twenty-three schools there, so it is easy to become intimidated. You just have to ignore it, be confident in yourself, and do the best to your ability.” When she discovered she had won the silver medal in impromptu speech, she was shocked and honored because she is terrified of public speaking. “It showed how much improvement I’ve made since joining Decathlon last year.”

To prepare for the next meet on December 13th at Penn State Behrend, Alexis wants to study more. “It’s hard to plan ahead to study since there’s already so much to study for at school, but extra studying has to happen and will pay off in the end.” Alexis said that she will always be worried about upcoming meets, but she has faith in herself and her team to do even better in the next meet, which she is looking forward to, and she hopes to see everyone bring a medal home.
Senior Spotlight: Nelson Hortsman

By Desiree Totten and Julia Carlson

This month’s senior spotlight focuses on Nelson Horstman. Nelson was born on February 5, 1997, to Dan and Christine Horstman. Nelson goes to vo-tech for auto mechanics to help with his future plans to go to the University of Ohio in Lima, Ohio for high performance engine building. While Nelson is not in school, he enjoys hanging out with friends and, most of all, going to the dirt track races on the weekends. One of Nelson’s favorite hobbies is to play baseball for Reynolds; his jersey number is 17. Likewise, he enjoys watching baseball, and his favorite team is the Pirates. He enjoys watching football with his family on Sundays, as well, and cheers on the Steelers.

Nelson has read many books but enjoyed *The Lone Wolf* the most out of all the books he has read over his high school years. He loves to watch movies; he’s seen many, but his favorite movie is *Dumb and Dumber*. Nelson said “even though I am pretty excited to graduate high school, I will admit I’ll miss seeing my friends every day.” Good luck at the University of Ohio Nelson!

A Day of singing

By Alexis Shannon

On November 13th, 2014, eight members of our Chorus went to Mercer High School to take part in the County Choir Music Festival, where fourteen other schools attended.

For Senior High, Frankie Bennett, Gina Maloney, Eddie McNealy, Leila Reiter and Katelynn Tatta went to sing. The guest director was Dr. Gabrielle Dietrich from Penn State Behrend in Erie. She taught the singers that it would not help them to hum the note before they sung the specific note. Dr. Dietrich believes that if singers hum it aloud that the singers are more likely to forget the note and be off key. She also taught them new movements that help open up their lungs to ensure better singing. They sang four songs, which include “Vamuvamba,” “In the Bleak Midwinter,” “Requiem” and “Choose to Bless the World.”

In Junior High, Brooke Kiser, Siena Mallin and Andrew Shannon made the cut. Their guest director was Miss Rebecca Lopuh from Sharon. The singers had to learn a dance as a warmup and it included sashaying and clapping. They sang “Africa,” “Newsies Medley,” “Gloria in Excelsis Deo,” “Winterlight,” “Swing Low Sweet Chariot,” and “Blades of Grass and Pure White Stone.” The favorite among the singers was “Swing Low Sweet Chariot” and the song brought tears to some of the audience’s eyes.

To start off the concert, all of the directors sang the national anthem. Preparing for the festival, the chorus members stayed after school to practice the new songs. And on the day of the concert, they spent the day singing all together. The members performed amazingly, and they would like to thank Miss Morris for preparing them for the festival.

Ensemble preps for the Holidays

By Tessa Russell

“Tis the season” for hot chocolate, ginger bread, and Christmas carols! Reynolds Ensemble is in preparation for the Winter Concert and many other upcoming events.

Their songs this year include “My Grownup Christmas List,” “O’ Holy Night,” “Joy to the World,” and “Jingle Bells.” They practice every Monday and Wednesday after school, generally focusing on rehearsing for the Winter Concert and most recently for the talent show. Though they haven’t begun their dance routines, Kiernan Coburn says that, “The student body should prepare themselves for an epically awesome show full of sass and amazing intonation.”

Those in Ensemble include Kiernan Coburn, Jenny Warchol, T.J. Mull, Taylor and Tyler Reimold, Sam Loposky, Falan Vancura, Jordan Slater, Nick Gill, Robbie Falwell, and Cadence Deciancio. We are wishing them good luck and happy melodies to the Reynolds’ Ensemble over their busy holiday season.
Lady Raider’s prepare for season
By Samuel Loposky and Zachary Huffman

The 2014-2015 girls basketball season is bound to be a good one. The team has four returning seniors ready to tear-up the basketball court. There are four of them including Brooke Bresnan, Alyssa Cutshaw, Taylor Yahner, and Kayla Thompson. In addition, there are five returning letter winners. The season will officially start with the West Middlesex tip-off tournament on December 5th.

Raiders have playoff hopes this season
By Jacob Hart and Emory Shrock

The basketball team kicked off this season this November. The team consists of 27 guys, and everyone is working hard. The Varsity team went to Laurel High school for a day of scrimmages on the 15th. Even though the team didn’t win, it was a good way to see what to work on.

Some of the players that did well were Jacob Reimold and Garrett Daniello. “Both finished well and showed promise,” said Coach Dan Kilgore. The first game is in the Mercer tipoff tournament in December. So come out and cheer on the team with the Roundball Brigade!

Reynolds wrestlers look to the top
By Nick Nottingham

The wrestling team has been short of a team state championship for 5 years and this year the whole team wants to restart a new era where Reynolds gets back on the map as one of the best wrestling teams in the nation.

The team has an overall record of 746 wins, 87 loses, and 2 ties and has never had a losing season. There are many seniors this year including returning letter winners Mike Millero, Mike Bartolo, and Nick Nottingham. Other seniors include, James Slater, Jake Stoyer, and Ryan Zeronas. They are eager for this state championship because this is the first class that Coach Casey Taylor has coached for four whole years.

A couple of the seniors that had some input on the team this year including Nick Nottingham, saying, “we want our team to bring home a team state championship. I don’t only want to do it for team but do it for the community. We all are a family and we all stick together and never give up on what we want to achieve.”

Also James Slater said, “I feel like we have a strong enough core of senior leaders, as well as a good group of returning starters, that if we don’t win the team state title, then the season was not a success.” Mike Millero also said that “we have high expectations for our team this year. We have set a lot of goals, both individual and team, that we are preparing ourselves to accomplish all of them.” The Reynolds wrestling team has a great group of kids as juniors such as Seth Hogue and Gene Ringer and a strong group of sophomores such as Chaise Hauck and Gage Bayless. There are a few freshmen looking for varsity time including Cole Matthews, Noah Fuchs, Ryan Harnett, and Hunter Michaels.

In the history of Reynolds Wrestling what makes them great is their focus on team. They all talk as a team and act as a family. This group of wrestlers has a very hard schedule this year and plan on completing it well, ultimately working towards the goal of a state championship.