RHS Crowns Marie Ellis as Homecoming Queen

By: Katelyn Estman and Courtney Green

This year’s senior homecoming court consisted of three girls: Rose Stoyer, Danielle Babcock, and Marie Ellis, one of which was chosen by the student body to be this year’s homecoming queen. Of these three lucky girls, the student body selected Marie Ellis.

Marie Ellis was born on June 9th, to Scott and Kim Ellis. She has a sister named Maggie. Marie has been dancing since she was 3, and it still remains her biggest passion. She likes to watch the Pirates and the Penguins, spend time with her friends and family, and take pictures for yearbook.

When asked about how she felt about winning homecoming queen, Marie responded with, “it was a really great honor’. She also said, “It was so exciting to be on the homecoming court with all those amazing girls, so to be recognized by the student body was very special”.

RHS hosts annual homecoming parade and bonfire

On Wednesday September 25th Reynolds Jr. Sr. High School had its annual parade, and its second annual bonfire. The parade had its usual assortment of floats, but for the first year in a long time the seniors did not win the float contest. That title has gone to the freshman this year with their pirate ship theme. When asked about winning the competition, freshman class advisor Mrs. Stitt said, “it feels so exciting not only as freshman but as advisors to. The freshman put a lot of time and artistic effort, and it feels very rewarding to win”. Mrs. Stitt would also like to send a shout out to the other classes and their advisors for making it a great competition. “Overall it was a lot of fun”.

After the parade people gathered around to watch the bonfire being lit by all senior athletes, and listen to the speech given by Coach Mull. Senior football captains Kegan Miller and Jack Mahlon had the honor of starting and finishing the lighting of the bonfire. When asked his opinion about the bonfire Coach Mull said “The bonfire was great for our community, well attended, and showed great Raider pride.” All in all the bonfire was a great success and it is a tradition that will be continued.
Reynolds High School held their annual homecoming dance this past weekend. The dance was held on the night of September 28, 2013 from 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm. The theme of the dance this year was “Under the Sea,” and it included decorations like sunken ships, anchors, seahorses, wheels, and treasure chests. There were over 170 couples who attended the dance.

To kick off the dance, line-dances were played to really bring the students together. About an hour into the dance, the floor was cleared in order to announce the 2013 Homecoming Court, including freshman attendant, Miss Cassidy Bonner, sophomore attendant, Miss Alyssa Garansi, junior attendant, Miss Samantha Hoffman, senior attendant, Miss Danielle Babcock, senior attendant, Miss Roselyn Stoyer, and lastly, the 2013 Homecoming Queen, Miss Marie Ellis.

Students continued dancing on and on until the dance ended. Overall, the dance capped off a great week of homecoming festivities.
RHS shows spirit during annual homecoming week

By Denton Zeronas

It’s that time of year again where the RHS dress code gets thrown out the window. For class color day most people participated, but only one managed to stand out the most. Senior Ram-Joe Yarzab with his green rubber boots, green swim trunks, green shirt, and of course his St. Patties day green hat with a wig. Tuesday was clash day where the students with no fashion sense can feel normal for the school day. Senior Jack Mahlon had a camo pair of muck boots, swim trunks, a plaid dress shirt, and an orange stripped tie. Joe Yarzab again stood apart from the crowd by closing his eyes and grabbing things out of his closet, or as he’d like to call it, “on purpose.” He had a pair of blue swim trunks, belt, sleeveless dress shirt, a geeky headband, glasses, and one croc and one Nike shoe. Senior Marie Ellis wore a blue plaid shirt, red undershirt, pink and white flowered skirt, and black leggings.

For twin day the school spirit seemed to increase tenfold by shows of Amish, and beards, and twins oh my. Joe Yarzab and Collin Yake went back to their roots as the local Amish community members, Austin Moffett and DJ Zeronas dressed as Willie and Jase from Duck Dynasty, and the Stoyer twin dressed up with pink shirts, blue jean overalls, and shin high boots. For America day a group consisting of Trevor Griswold, Levi Stoyer, Mason McCollum, Joe Yarzab and Denton Zeronas showed up in America’s home colors of Red, White, and Blue. McCollum had his Knievel jacket, Griswold wore flag shorts, flag glasses, red white and blue socks, and a flag bandana.

On Blue and Grey Day the football team wore their jerseys, and Nick Rodemoyer sported a blue and gray bandana with blue beads. Overall, RHS did a fantastic job participating in spirit week!

2013-2014 Boys Golf Team

By Justin Mostoller

The boys golf team consists of ten players this year. There are two seniors, Denton McKay and Justin Mostoller. There are four sophomores, Jacob Reimold, Jake Palmiter, Zach Taylor, and John Bartolic. And the four freshmen are Sam Leposky, Logan Rosa, Tanner Yake, and Gage Bayless. The team’s record this year was 7 wins and 5 losses.

There were two players that qualified for the individual district qualifier, Zach Taylor and Jacob Reimold. To qualify they had to have an average score of under 44 during the matches throughout the season. The District qualifier was held at Tam O’Shanter. Reimold came in with an 86 for 18 holes and Taylor came in with an 83. Reimold placed 8th and missed going to districts by 1 shot. Taylor placed 2nd and will be moving on to districts which will be held at the Meadville Country Club. Congratulations to the entire boys golf team.
Senior Spotlight: Jack Mahlon

By: Joe Yarzab & Collin Yake

This month’s senior spotlight is centered on a memorable face in these hallowed halls of Reynolds. Jack Bennett Mahlon is the son of Mark and Marcia Mahlon. He has two older siblings that both graduated from Reynolds many years ago. Jack, who is not a stranger to Reynolds has lived here his whole life over on 17th street. He is a 2 year letter winner in varsity football and a 4 year letter winner in baseball. He’s played these sports since he was a youngster starting in peewees and t-ball to becoming a starter on both teams.

Jacks favorite memory at Reynolds was going the last three years to homecoming with junior Chloe Kendra. Though Jack is active in school, he’s even more active with groups outside of school. Jack is an avid rabbit hunter who runs top dogs in Sandy Lake with his uncles. He is also an devoted deer hunter, especially after his first buck was a dandy eight point. Though Jack is a serious hunter he is an even more passionate about fishing. During the summer Jack spends hours on end chasing the fish all over small farm ponds to the rough waters of Shenango Lake. When Jack is not fishing, hunting, or hanging out with Chloe he likes to spend his time with the boys (Joe, Collin, Kegan, Levi, Reimold, Mason, and Logan Snyder). They can be found camping, hunting, fishing, boating on the Miller’s speed boat, taking long walks on the beach, at barbeques, bonfires, celebrating holidays, and lastly, going to $5 dollar movie night.

Lastly, Jack commented, “I’m gonna miss this place when we graduate - all the teachers and friends, but most of all I’m going to miss the memories I’ve made. They’ll last a lifetime.”

Key Club International Convention 2013

By: Gwyn Dubel

Key Club is the largest and oldest international high school student-led service organization, sponsored by Kiwanis International. With over 265,000 members in over 30 different countries, Key Club doesn’t collect keys; however, it does unlock doors that enable its members to make a positive difference in their communities. This great organization has a conference every year in which students from all over the world travel to celebrate the past year’s accomplishments and find new opportunities to serve in the upcoming year. Three Reynolds High School students had attended the 70th annual Key Club International Convention in our nation’s capital, Washington DC.

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The Reynolds High School Key Club does various projects to build our homes, schools, and communities. The members live the organization’s motto, “Caring- Our Way of Life.” RHS Key Club would not be able to accomplish what they have in the past couple of years without the continued support of the Reynolds School Board. Our school supports our Key Club in many ways, whether it may be allowing us to use rooms at the school for meeting space, or providing a school van for transportation. Some schools are feeling the pressures of the budget cuts and are having a hard time funding programs, forcing them to cut many extracurricular activities, like Key Club. Luckily, we have our school’s support and they understand the impact that Key Club has not only bettering the community, but on the members, making them stronger leaders through service.

During the summer of 2012, the school board asked RHS Key Club to repaint the curbs in the school district. Members spent nearly four weeks and nearly 300 service hours, chipping and re-painting all of the curbs in the school district. This past summer, the school board had another request for the Key Club. The fences around the football field at the high school were worn and weathered, and the school administration noticed. The Key Club’s work the summer before was so well-done, that the administration asked the service club if they would be able to paint the fences. As a thank you for the school’s support, the Key Club accepted the request and gladly helped beautify the school.

Key Club members spent their summer mornings, from 9 am to 12 pm, covered in silver paint. The custodial and administration staff helped oversee the Key Clubbers on their work and provided tools for the students. The Key Club provided for water for the members while they worked. The Key Club was also joined by members of the Builders Club and Kiwanis Club of Transfer. RHS Key Club advisor, Mrs. Karen Sherwood, provided transportation for the Key Clubbers every morning. So with brushes and rollers in hand, RHS Key Club got to work; three weeks and hundreds of service hours later, the fences were painted.

The painting of the fences was done as a thank you to the school district for their continued support of Key Club. Although it was hard work, the Key Clubbers kept themselves entertained by singing along with the radio and telling stories as they painted. It was a great service project and the Key Club appreciates all of the help and assistance from the school staff and branches of the Kiwanis family.
Running Raiders: Cross Country

By: Jamie Brydon & Ali Metz

The cross country team is led by two seniors, Jake Giegel and Kristen Walski. The cross country team has had four meets so far and has a 0 - 4, record with one more home meet left. The top varsity runners consistently this year are sophomore Justin Pago and freshman Jordyn Vigus. For junior high, the top runners are Halie Fenton and Dylan Forrestor. You can come out and support them at the last home meet on October 15 at Temple Grove.

In addition to the varsity and junior varsity teams, this year there is a new elementary team called the Running Raiders. The new team has about twenty 5th and 6th grade runners. The runners are inexperienced, but they are enjoying themselves on the team.

Both Coach Williams and Coach Santom hope that earlier involvement will make for a larger, stronger cross country team in the years to come!

RHS participates in Mercer County band night

By: Tessa Russell & Julia Carlson

On Wednesday, September 11th, Mercer County Band Night took place at Sharon High School. Bands from a number of school districts, including Reynolds, Sharon, Mercer, Greenville, West Middlesex, Farrell, Lakeview, Grove City, and Hickory, all came together to preform separately in front of the community. Though our school’s band is small, we were the loudest one present that evening, quoted by Desiree Totten who noted that, “We rocked.” We were also the first band to preform that night, just after all the bands’ directors played the National Anthem together.

Every school, excluding Greenville, complimented the Raiders new outfits, which were neon tank tops underneath black lace. Each section of the band had their own specific color: Flag line was green, Raiderettes were pink, and the Majorettes were yellow. The bands all did a great job that night. Keep up the good work!

RHS erecting Veterans Memorial

By: Kailyn Soros

Since celebrating our school’s 50th anniversary during the 2010-11 school year, many of our community’s residents began to talk of a mutual desire to permanently honor War Veterans living in the area. On June 4, 2011, members of a designated Ad Hoc Committee held their first meeting; those in attendance included: Mr. Larry Sanker (RHS Teacher and Veteran), Mr. Tom Hanzes (VFW Representative and Veteran), and Mr. Scott Shearer (District Principal). Item discussed included: community input, fundraising resources, and design and placement of the finished product.

This past summer construction went underway and much of the memorial was completed. The walkway created will be comprised of pavers inscribed with a Veteran’s name, the branch of military said Veteran served in, and the years served. Paver’s can be purchased for fifty dollars after filling out an order form found on the districts website. A memorial dedication will be being held on November 11th in which all are invited to honor those who have so selflessly honored our country.
Raider Invader

Lady Raider Volleyball
By: Brooke Bresnan

After losing a large amount seniors the last couple of years, the Lady Raider’s volleyball team was at a disadvantage. Although they’ve been playing together for some time, there are only three seniors this year and a just a few juniors. Needless to say, the team was lacking experience. However, with the season just beginning the younger girls really stepped it up.

Almost half-way through the season the girls stand at a region record of 4-2. The ladies were defeated by two tough competitors, Sharpsville and West Middlesex, but they sailed to victory against Kennedy, Jamestown, Commodore Perry and Farrell. With lots of communication and hustle, the Raiders work extremely well together. This was seen in last Thursday’s game against the Farrell Steelers.

Football
By: Kegan Miller

The Raider football team worked hard over the past summer to achieve their goals this fall. Double session practices flew by with very few injuries. The team started off with a scrimmage with Sharpsville. This scrimmage is something the team looks forward to every year to see where they stand. The second scrimmage took place at home as a tri-scrimmage. The Raiders hosted Union City and Brookfield for more competition.

To start the night, the junior varsity defeated the Steelers in a close three-game match. Next, the varsity team was up to show the opposing team what they were made of. The ladies started off the match slow, losing the first two games out of a set of five. With the team frustrated and down, the outcome wasn’t looking positive. Once in the third game though, things started to turn around. The Raiders fought back into extra points and came up with a nailbiting win. Carrying the momentum into the fourth game, the girls won by a great deal. The match was now tied 2-2, and the two teams had to engage in a fifth game to decide the winner. The Lady Raiders continued to give it all they had, and with little to no errors in an exhilarating game, the girls came fourth with a victory of 15-10.

The volleyball team hopes to add to their wins this week at Lakeview and Kennedy Catholic.

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Senior Gwyn Dubel, junior Brandon Mills, and sophomore Jessica Dickson represented Reynolds Key Club and the Pennsylvania District during this weeklong event. Throughout the week, these students learned more about Key Club International and were able to embody the four core values of the organization: leadership, service, inclusiveness, and character-building, all while making new friends with students from across the state, country, and world.

On June 30, 2013, these members arrived in DC with about 21 other Key Clubbers from schools across Pennsylvania for the District Tour. Over the days leading up to the convention, members visited many attractions that our nation’s capital has to offer, including the Smithsonian’s, the Capitol building, the national archives, library of congress, and a nighttime tour of the historic monuments.

Key Clubbers also had the opportunity to give back. On Tuesday, July 2, members from around the world and citizens from the DC area worked side by side in the Kids Against Hunger’s “DC Million: Meal Pack.” Pennsylvania Key Clubbers volunteered during the morning shift and helped package over 1,060,000 meals to be distributed to starving children in the DC area and in Haiti.

On July 3, 2013, conference attendees registered for the official start of the convention. Gwyn Dubel also celebrated her 17th birthday. Dubel, who attended the conference last year and celebrated her birthday in Orlando, said “I couldn’t imagine any better way to spend my birthday than surrounded by thousands of amazing Key Clubbers.” An estimated 2,000 Key Clubbers arrived at the Hilton ready to represent their district and have a great convention. PA Key Club members showed their PA-pride in their district t-shirts and with the Pennsylvania Key Club mascot, Pinky, The Flamingo. At the Meet and Greet, Key Club members met student leaders from across the world. One of the ways that attendees are encouraged to meet people from other geographical areas is by trading pins that each district creates. These pins are specific to that district and are exchanged frequently throughout the convention. Jessica Dickson recalled that one of her favorite moments was receiving a pin from Aruba. Two Reynolds Key Clubbers also participated in the filming of the Key Club International YouTube channel, Key TV, that afternoon. Gwyn Dubel and Brandon Mills worked personally with the convention sessions director behind the scenes, even appearing a district-chant battle.

Throughout the week, there were various opportunities to build and harness leadership skills. At the conference, attendees could attend seven rounds different workshops on everything from KCI service opportunities to ice breakers to chartering a Key Club. These sessions provided students with the tools that they can bring back to their schools, creating a ripple effect in their community.

Key Club is a high school student led organization that is led on the international level by an international president, vice-president, and a board of eleven trustees. These positions are elected at the convention every year. Attendees listened to speeches from every candidate during the over four hours of caucusing and were able to ask the candidates questions on their platform and what they can offer Key Club International. After caucusing, delegates attended House of Delegates to cast their ballot. The election process of Key Club International allows attendees to learn more about exercising the right to vote for the candidate they believe can do the best job and represent the organization in a positive way. As Key Club members looked forward to the new Key Club year, attendees also had the opportunity to reflect and celebrate the past year and its accomplishments. PA Key Club members cheered on their district at the awards and recognition sessions as many clubs from across PA received awards on the international level. Key Clubbers also reflected on the strides that the organization had made the past year with the different service partners that Key Club works with through presentations at the general sessions.

The main goal of Key Club is service. At the service fair, students could practice their communication skills by speaking on the PA District Project, and learn more about different district and international projects. Key Clubbers not only learned about service but took action. Attendees fundraised for the Kiwanis Service Initiative; The Eliminate Project is an international campaign to raise $110 million dollars by 2015 to “eliminate” Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) from third world countries. Several different districts sold pins, t-shirts, and sunglasses to raise money during the week. There was also a “Dance 2 Eliminate,” where members could wear their T-shirts and enter to win a dance with a member from the international board. Gwyn Dubel, won the raffle to dance with a trustee from Texas at the dance. Students were able to make their contribution while having fun with friends.

Finally, Key Club International Convention was concluded on July 6, 2013, where the new international president, Raeford Penny from the Capital District, was introduced and attendees had to say goodbye to the friends that they had made that week. Key Club provides its members with ways to make a positive difference in their community while building leadership skills that will assist them in their personal and professional future. As well as, memories, friends, and inside jokes that will outlast their years in Key Club. Key Club International Convention is a great experience for everyone that attends and incorporates everything that is so great about this organization.