



THE ORACLE



Rochester Area High School



We are back to type your entrainment and in school news. The fall is coming in through the tree leaves that turn red, yellow, and orange. Changes happen throughout the year. With changes there is a brand new year ahead.

Homecoming 2021 at Rocky High!

Staff writer, Abigail Martin

The Rochester homecoming game was held on Friday October 15, with the dance the following evening in the high school cafeteria and courtyard.

Although, our Rams football team lost 14-7 to the opposing team (Cornell), our winners of the night featured Ashley Dolnack crowned as homecoming queen, and Corynne Hauser crowned princess. The other members of the court included Taylor Sebecic, MeKenzie Robison, and CiRe Anderson. Their respective escorts were Logan Hill, Devon Hemer, Kyleb Fracasso, Ashley Barbour, and Dante Spagnolo. Even though the weather for the game wasn't promising, it turned out to be a beautiful night. During the dance, students enjoyed music, pizza, drinks, and just being in each other's company after missing 2020's homecoming due to COVID.



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Since the Beginning of the Pandemic

Staff writer, Aenyia Durham

Due to the COVID-19 all the sports were canceled and this was very difficult for the people who played. Everyone had stay home because of the uncertainty of what we were dealing with. It was most definitely difficult for some people because they had to attend school online indefinitely. People were stressed, depressed, and felt isolated while we all had to be on lockdown. Now in 2021 we have learned to live with COVID. The vaccine is available and this is causing the infection rate to decrease. Schools are opening back up and everyone still has to wear a mask for everyone's safety. Some schools are still getting Covid cases but it is better than everyone and be forced to learn is sick or has must quarantine for at one else gets sick. normal for the most volleyball and Hopefully, it will be the other sport and that will be starting promising for 2022 as precautions and not living during a

having to stay home online. If someone symptoms they still least 10 days so no Sports are back to part, like football, basketball. same for every physical activities soon again. It looks long as we follow forget that we are pandemic.



PICTURE BY AENYIA DURHAM

Shakespeare's Final Play of His Career The Tempest: Fiction or Factual?

Student writer, Amarina Simoni

Did Shakespeare base one of his plays on true events? "The Tempest" by Shakespeare was written in 1611. It's a play about magic, betrayal, love, and comedy. It begins on a ship off the coast of Italy in the middle of a terrible storm. Many people jumped the ship and try to swim for help, but miraculously everyone survives. Many people believe that this play may be based on true events. For an example, there was a boat named, "Sea Venture" that was part of a fleet traveling to Jamestown to deliver supplies in June of 1609. A hurricane developed separated the "Sea Venture" from the rest of the fleet. After about four days land was sighted and they crashed into two reefs near the shore. Again, all of the approximate 150 passengers survived the crash. The land they reached was Bermuda. A tropical island, just like the island the boat crashed near in The Tempest. Both ships crashed near a tropical island and everyone on board survived, both ships were carrying important people like governors and former dukes. Could Shakespeare's play be based on this event? If this fleet sailed for Jamestown in 1609 and The Tempest was put out in 1611, it would be stranger if the play wasn't based on this event. Did Shakespeare have an extremely vivid imagination or did he have a little help from the supply run to Jamestown? Once I develop a time machine, I'll let you know. Until then, Shakespeare will just have to keep us guessing.



PICTURE BY MIKE FROM PEXELS

Traveling to see The Tempest - and not on a boat!

Ms. Perelman is traveling to Cleveland, Ohio in October with her students to see The Tempest by William Shakespeare! This was Shakespeare's last known play and one that is unforgettable since it involves the supernatural and a shipwreck! Her 11th grade English classes studied and acted out the play in her classroom last month so they are very familiar with the plot and the characters! She hopes to visit the Contra Theater in Cranberry

Township in February 2022 with students interested in going to see a weekend matinee with her! Please email her, if interested! The tickets are only \$15!

Is Social Media Dangerous?

Staff writer, Allie Spade

Social media, the greatest thing on devices. But have you really looked into how dangerous it can be? We all think as kids or young adults that social media is the only way to connect with friends or peers. Now me, someone who doesn't have any form of social media, is grateful that my parents didn't let me have it. Why? you may ask because it made me realize that life is so much better than being stuck in your phone 24/7. Life is the greatest thing we could have and we only live once so why not live life to the fullest. I know that may sound cliché but we should have the most fun we can right now before we grow up and can no longer live that lifestyle. There are dangers you should be aware of. Especially cyberbullying, this is not a good thing for anyone let alone adolescents, they can feel depressed, anxious, lonely, and/or have self image/esteem issues. Cyberbullying can be caused by who they think are "friends", peers, even adults that think it's okay. For example, celebrities get mean comments on pictures they post or hate mail. It had to take a toll on them eventually. It's not easy being human. I did a survey, out of 21 students only 1 said they don't have social media! The people that do use it are using it often. Have you ever noticed the



PICTURE BY ALLIE SPADE

emotional and mental issues that it is causing you or friends. It's a horrible thing that social media can cause depression, stress, loneliness, and low self-esteem, physical issues, such as reduced sleep quality. Why should this be an issue for us?

News in our Nation

The Future of Abortion in America

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Pennsylvania Law



In Pennsylvania abortion laws have been the same since April 1st, 2017. It requires a state-mandated counseling program that is designed to discourage people who are considering getting an abortion to wait 24 hours before the procedure will be provided. This means that patients will have to make multiple appointments, travel for no reason if they are positive they want to receive the procedure, and an unnecessary delay of procedure said. This law only applies to three circumstances, if its life endangering to go through with the pregnancy or if the person is a victim of rape or incest. If for instance, you are raped at your place of work and are a public employee, the same would apply. If you are under the age of 18, you must have parental permission before you are allowed to receive one. In extreme cases, abortions can be provided to people 24 or more weeks only if that person's life is endangered.

Senate Bill - 8 Texas' latest extreme Abortion Restriction

On September 1, 2021, Texas took the right away from people with uteruses to get an abortion after six weeks of carrying with the so called, "Heartbeat Ban." During this time period, most people are unaware they are pregnant unless they are trying for a child. There are no exceptions for victims of rape or incest, but some exceptions are made for medical emergencies. SB-8 is different than most abortion laws. It allows private individuals to sue an abortion provider. If they succeed in suing the provider they get fined at least \$10,000 and the provider will receive a court order preventing them from practicing anymore. In more recent news, Senator Carol Moseley Braun, the first black female in the senate house, with other cases coming through decided she would speak up on the matter. Senator Braun called to attention the similarities between the new law in Texas and the laws being enforced upon women in Afghanistan. "But the fact of the matter is, you can draw a straight line from one to the other." she stated in an interview for PBS discussing the topic. Senator Braun goes on to explain how we, as a country, continue to take bounding leaps into the past discriminatory values, even referring to documents from medieval times. She claims these to be the "underpinnings of male supremacy." It is very concerning that they think that by taking the decision away from people that are able to carry and deliver a child is in any way right because this may lead people to get illegal abortions which could result in death! Please stay vigilant in these times and keep pressing for what is right when it involves your body.

Community Heart and Soul Rochester

Lori Anthony, Faculty

The organization is called Rochester Community Heart and Soul. The mission of our organization is to collect information from Rochester residents to find out what we can do to make our town a great place to live, work and play. We are



collecting stories from residents to find out what makes this town great, and what we can do to make it even better. Once we collect this information, we will put together a plan to help improve our town and improve the image of Rochester.

Esports Club in The Making

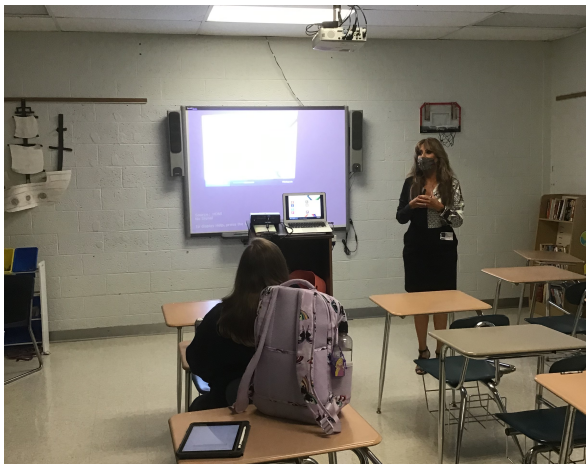
Staff writer & Layout designer, Abi Hohman



SCREENSHOT BY ABI HOHMAN
LEAGUE OF LEGENDS WILDRIFT

E-Sports Club trying to be in the making. There is a student at Rochester High Trying to make an e-sport club for the school. You may be wondering, “What are ESports?”. Esports are a form of competition using video games. Esports often takes the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions, particularly between professional players, individually or as teams. The competitions can be world wide for esports. There are lots of games that are part of esports. Some of them are League of Legends, Overwatch, Counter-Strike: Global

Offensive, Dota 2, and many more. League of Legends is a strategy game that you play with five players and to destroy the nexus of the enemy’s base. For a player to be an esports you must be the best of the best in your nation that plays the game that you would play. The players that play these games are called E Athletes. E Athletes are competitive sports where gamers use their physical and mental abilities to compete in various games in a virtual, electronic environment. They have to stay in physical and mental shape to play and be part of this. The student wants to bring in an Esports club for others to have a fun time playing



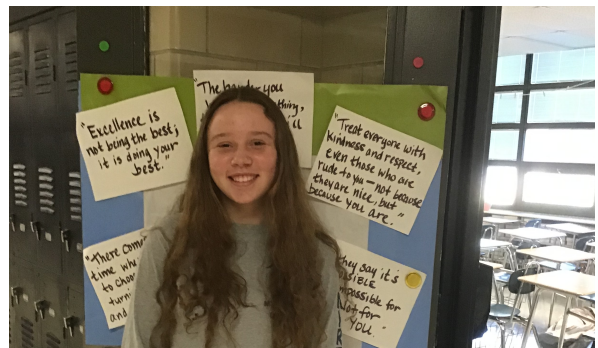
Mrs. Gina Olmo

In Real World Writing & Journalism Class, we are learning how to give a 30 second intro speech during an interview. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Gina Olmo who has taught business for over 25 years as well as interview techniques! Gina gave us tips and career advice!

with others and working on teamwork. Let's see if he can get the club made and approved by the school.



Anemia Durham



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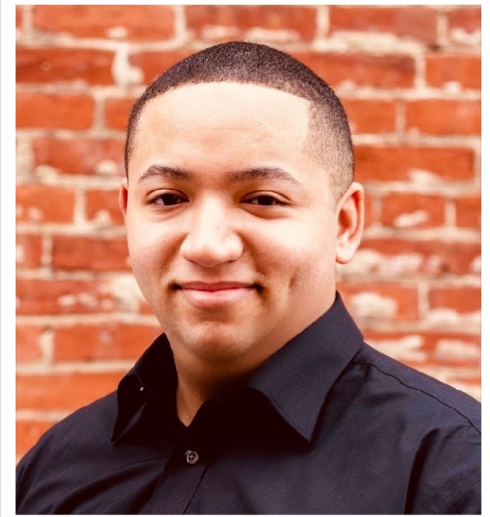


Left to Right: Ms. Perelman, Abi Hohman, Aneyia Durham, Nevaeh Williams, Allie Spade, Ashley Barbour, & Abby Martin.

Staff Spotlight With Mr. Kibble

Staff writer, Abigail Martin

Mr. Kibble is the new Director of Bands for Rochester. This is his first job out of college. Mr. Kibble is originally from Cadiz, Ohio. It is a small town with not much to do, so he spent his childhood hanging out with friends and riding his bike around town. Mr. Kibble enjoyed his high school experience. He used whatever time he could studying voice and trumpet, which included being in music ensembles. He sometimes even had to learn a new instrument just weeks before a performance! Coming to such a small school like Rochester was not that big of an adjustment for him, he only graduated with 120 students himself. The most influential person in Mr. Kibble's life is his own band director from school, Mr. Jay Woods. The example set by Mr. Kibble's band director is what made him want to pursue the same career. Mr. Kibble says "Music is way more than notes on a page; it is a life changing experience!" Mr. Kibble has been determined to have a job in music education since fourth grade. He is living his lifelong dream! Mr. Kibble's student teaching experience in college is something he will remember forever. He taught two different age ranges at two different schools. At both of them, he learned what college cannot prepare you for; the reality of being a teacher. He says, "Book work, exams, lectures and studying can only prepare someone to an extent; however, in my opinion, actual practice of doing what you are studying is the best type of education." So, if you see Mr. Kibble in the halls, say hello to him! Show him what being a Rocky Ram is all about!



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Happy Halloween!

Pumpkin Contest 2021

