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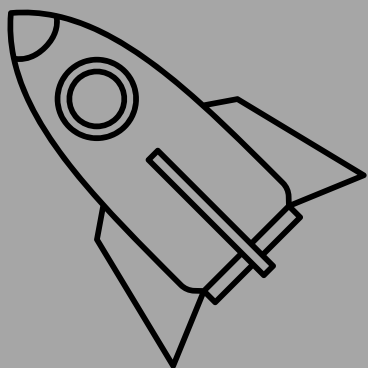
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Homecoming Court

By: Juli Barto



Homecoming festivities took place on Saturday September 28th. The Homecoming Court consisted of twelve students, all voted on by the Senior class. Members of the court were Adeline Barkman and Max Trimpey, Julianne Barto and Hunter Berkey, Sydney Beals and Davis Bruening, Lillian Hetz and Frankie Barkman, Ruthie Mathias and Paul Sembower, and Kalyne Ohler and Carson Brown. The 2023 King (Aaron Show) and Queen (Mollie Wheatley) returned to crown this year's Homecoming King and Queen. Adeline Barkman and Paul Sembower were selected as Homecoming King and Queen for 2024, as voted on by the 9th-12th grade.



Homecoming Spirit Week

By: Juli Barto

Leading up to this year's Homecoming festivities, the Rockwood Student Council sponsored a week of Spirit Days. On Monday, students were invited to dress comfortably. Tuesday was a 'teal out' in honor of suicide prevention and awareness. On Wednesday, students picked a partner and participated in "rhyme without a reason." Thursday was picture day, and all students and teachers wore their brightest smiles. Lastly, Friday asked Rockwood to show support for their team for the annual Powderpuff football game. The Juniors were represented by neon pink, and the Seniors were black and red.

2024 Powderpuff Football Game

By: Hannah Galway



The annual Powderpuff game was held on Friday September 27th. For game day, students and staff were asked to “Show Your Allegiance” with the Juniors’ color being neon pink and the Seniors sporting black and red. Despite the cold weather and rain, the Seniors won the game with a score of 28-6. Before the game started, the homecoming court, marching band and cheerleaders were recognized. The Fall Sports teams including football, soccer, volleyball, rifle and golf were also recognized for their season’s accomplishments. The game started with the High School Chorus singing the National Anthem. The Seniors had three cheerleaders this year: Tanner Salyer, Isaac Adams, and Kaleb Gerhard, and the Juniors had one enthusiastic cheerleader: Hunter Taylor. The Senior coaches were Max Trimpey, Franklin Barkman, Davis Bruening, Carson Brown, Zander Ritenour, and Ethan Pletcher. The Juniors were coached by Nathan Show, Seth Kimmel, Tammo Lefferink, and Matt Lambert. Overall, it was an eventful game showing great sportsmanship and school spirit.



VARSITY SPORTS



BERLIN CHEERLEADING

By: *Chloe Weaver*



BERLIN FOOTBALL

By: *Chloe Weaver*

In the 2024-2025 season, many Rockwood students participated in the Berlin co-op for cheerleading. These students include Chloe Weaver, Ruthie Mathias, Emma Santillo, Kaise Sanner, Pyper Lytle, Lilly May, Dashja Ream, Isabelle Schmuck, and Reese Demchak. Three seniors from Rockwood act as captains on the team: Ruthie Mathias, Chloe Weaver, and Emma Santillo. Congratulations on your great season, ladies!



This year, the Berlin Brothersvalley Varsity Football team had a solid record. Two of their winning games were against Claysburg-Kimmel High School and Everett High School. Both of these games contributed to their conference standing in fourth place. One of the year's biggest games for the Berlin Mountaineers is the "Backyard Brawl." This game is played against the Meyersdale Red Raiders. The "Backyard Brawl" game was held this season on September 27th. Although the weather conditions were less than ideal, the Berlin Mountaineers pulled out a win. The final score of the game was 7-0. The Rockwood students contributing to the strong team include Zander Ritenour, Seth Kimmel, Tammo Leeferink, Cody Livengood, Joseph Sechler, Garrison Hale, and Mason Little.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

By: *Natalie Gary*



The Rockwood Varsity Volleyball team consisted of ten players, including Seniors Skylar Atchison and Natalie Gary, Sophomores Rylee Atchison, Allie Jones, Samantha Phillippi, and Kendyll Younkin, and Freshmen Miley Beckner, Emma Brown, Madyson Maurer, and Hallie Watson. The head coach was Jason Atchison and the assistant coach was Kelly Atchison. The team started their season on August 26th with an away game against Shade. Although this game was a loss, the ladies greatly improved and won games against Glendale and Fannett-Metal later in the season. Their final game was held on October 15th at Meyersdale.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Act 80 Day: Nov. 1

Financial Aid Night: Nov. 4

Act 80 Day: Nov. 11

Soph-Senior Dance: Nov. 16

Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 28 - Dec. 2

Christmas Concert: Dec. 17

Christmas Break: Dec. 23 - Jan. 1

Senior Projects: Jan. 20

VARSITY SPORTS



VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

By: Delaney Gould

The Lady Rockets persevered throughout their 2024 season. Their record was 4-7 as of Thursday, September 26th, which Statistician Havyn Wareham recorded. Head Coach Noah Wareham, Assistant Coach Bruce Gould, and Assistant Volunteer Coach CJ Livengood coached the Lady Rockets. In total, the Lady Rockets had 13 players on their roster, including their Senior captains Adeline Barkman, Delaney Gould, and Kaitlyn Lishia, as well as their goalkeeper Taylor Demchak. The Lady Rockets advanced to the District V playoffs this year, marking a great accomplishment for Rockwood. The end of the season came with Addie Barkman being selected as 2024 Soccer Queen.



VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

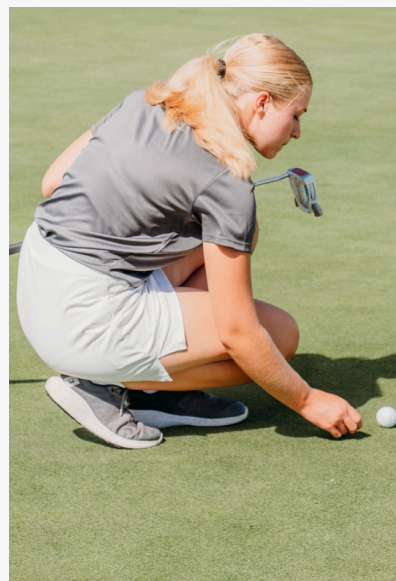
By: Delaney Gould

The Rockwood Rockets continued to thrive and succeed as they approached the halfway mark in their 2024 season with a record of 4-4-1 as of Thursday, September 26th. They were coached by Head Coach Zach Gaskin and Assistant Coach Jordan Svonavec. Altogether, they had 19 players on the roster, including their Senior captains Davis Bruening, Max Trimpey, Noah Hunt, Kaleb Gerhard, and Alex Manescu. The Boys made it into the District V playoffs this year, and foreign exchange student Alex Manescu was selected as 2024 Soccer King at the end of the season.



VARSITY GOLF

By: Nathan Show



The Rockwood Golf team posted a record of 6-11 in the 2024–2025 school year. The team was coached by John Nichols, who is in his third season of coaching golf at Rockwood. This year, the team only returned one starting player from last year. The team has two seniors, Juli Barto and Sydney Beals. The other players include Nathan Show, Addie Barto, Annah Sechler, Matthew Truska, Eli Show, and Cooper Harbaugh. On September 23rd, the team competed in the ICC Championship held at Seven Springs. The team placed third in this tournament. On October 7th, the team traveled to Iron Master's golf course to play in the district championship. The team ended the year strong, and looks forward to the 2025 season.

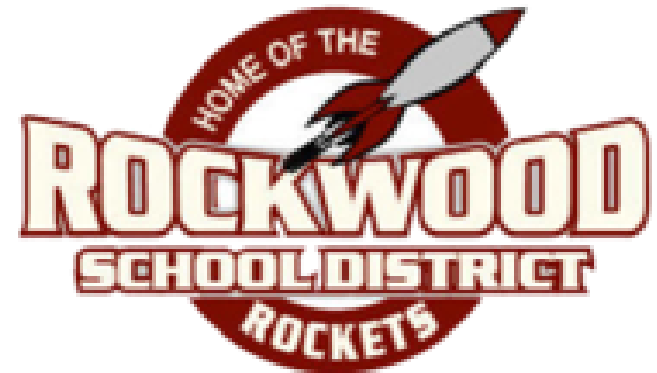
JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS



JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

By: Chloe Weaver

The Berlin Brothersvalley Junior High Football team had a strong roster this season. Thanks to the Rockwood Co-op program, four Junior High players participated. They consist of Trip Lambert, Coltin McClure, Owen Plocha, and Jaxon Witt. The boys worked hard to improve throughout the season, and look forward to another successful year of building their skills.



JUNIOR HIGH GOLF

By: Nathan Show



JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL

By: Natalie Gary

The Rockwood Junior High Golf team was coached by Steve Barto. The team had two matches against Conemaugh Township and won both times. The team consisted of Lucas Shipley, Olivia Nichols, and Landon Roebuck. The team hopes to keep improving and getting ready to play Varsity.

The Rockwood Junior High Volleyball team consisted of two Freshman: Olivia Mcklveen and Aleecia Grove. The 8th graders are Kaitlyn Mitchell, Aleksey Schafer, Makenzee Stiffey, and Lux Lee. The 7th graders were Juliet Shirey, Sierra Coleman, Lyla Mcklveen, Mackenzie Miller, and Sydney Fickes. Great job on your 2024 season ladies!



JUNIOR HIGH SOCCER

By: Delaney Gould

GIRLS

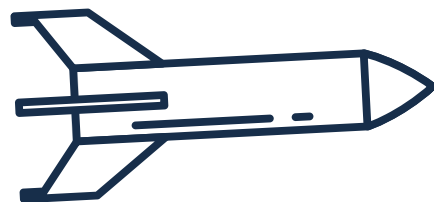
- Isabella Bird
- Lauren Faidley
- Lydia Faidley
- Jordyn Gross
- Kaitlyn Latuch
- Makiia Walker
- Kataryna Iorio
- Brooklyn Arnold
- Allyson Lloyd
- Auzalie Minor
- Nadiya Putman
- Ella Pletcher
- Chloe Davis

HEAD COACH:

Maria LaRotonda

ASSISTANT COACH:

Jaime Gross



BOYS

- Thatcher Bruening
- Lucas Faidley
- Caydon Frantz
- Luke Kleinert
- Damian LaRotonda
- Luke Ream
- Phoenix Roberts
- Brycen Pletcher
- Tristan Pritts
- Maxx Stevanus
- Jackson Hearn
- Kobe Hochstetler
- Brady Johnson
- Brock McCleary

Matthew McClintock

Hunter Pletcher

Colby Trimpey

HEAD COACH: Tyler Pritts



2024 FARMERS AND THRESHERMAN'S JUBILEE

By: Autumn Mowry

September 4th through the 8th, the 72nd Annual Farmers and Thresherman's Jubilee was held in New Centerville. This event showcased the heart of steam engine history and the spirit of family. Many locals and tourists came out to enjoy the experience of tractor pulls, great food, and freshly pressed apple cider.

People came from all over Pennsylvania to visit the agricultural displays and the vintage farm equipment. The event kicked off with the impressive Jubilee Parade showcasing businesses, clubs, and organizations from all over Somerset County. Immediately after the parade, the traditional Jubilee Queen contest was held, and ended with the crowning of Miss Eva Shaffer. Next, the essential "Outhouse Dash" took place which brought many laughs to the crowd.

Throughout the rest of the five-day festival, many more fun activities were held including the annual pie baking competition. There were many friendly kid competitions that included arts and craft booths, quilt show and sales, the hay bale toss, a horseshoe pitching contest, arm wrestling, and even a cornhole tournament. There were many other events as well, including the spark show, musical performances, and several demonstrations of the history of agricultural practices. Throughout the week antique steam engines were displayed proudly for all to see and the community took time to appreciate these great agricultural advancements.

The 2024 Jubilee was, yet again, another huge success for the community. All profits benefitted the New Centerville Rural and Volunteer Fire Company. From the Journalism team, have a happy fall y'all!



Poetry Corner

The Journalism Staff reached out to the Creative Writing Club and other students interested in having their work featured in the Rohistat poetry section. If you are interested in having your work included in the next edition, please email your submissions to Mrs. Shultz.

We look forward to reading new pieces!



Beneath the Fire and Above the Frost

By: Delaney Gould

As the sun begins to halt,
its canderous leap across the sky
The antithesis of Summer approaches
Hurried along by Autumn's cultivation
Trees blossom into plumes of fire
With their fingers outstretched to the heavens
Amassing across the vast landscape
Like the grandest of funeral pyres
Where the wind shepherds mankind's sorrows
And the wind chills the bones of humanity
Suppressed by the fire-branded canopy
Concealing the frozen remnants of the harvest
Upon which the breezes carry the cold whispers
Of harsh Winters yet to come

Autumn's fiery crown teetering upon the anomaly
An anomaly of nature's kingdom
Making the forests a grand hearth
Where the unsuspecting might consign their
worries to oblivion

Forgetting the frostbitten foundation that lay beneath
And instead, relish in the beauty of the flame
Which burns with a candescence
Comparable to that of the soon-forgotten sun
As the darkness begins its reign
Over the land and the sea
And Autumn is dethroned
The tyranny of the great hibernal shall begin
With which there can be found no forbearance
Cutting the edge off of the clouds
All knowing all seeing
Be the blanket of the sky
In its folds, the sun is found
Tucked away from prying eyes
Wrapped in the stars
In an eternal unending dance
Of the kindred stars

And as the seasons transform
The landscapes of Earth and humanity
Until the last leaf meets its ancestral roots
Beneath the fire
Above the frost