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Soph-Senior & Fall Formal

By: Natalie Gary

The Soph-Senior dance took place on November 16th, 2024 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. "A Night in a Villa" was hosted by the Class of 2027 and was attended by students in grades 10-12. Twinkling lights and vibrant decorations made the night one to remember. Tickets were sold for twelve dollars and admission included a stylish pair of glasses. The music was provided by After Hours Entertainment.

On November 1st, 2024, the Fall Formal was held in the High School cafeteria from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. The theme was "Stargazing" and Rocket Vision students sponsored the dance. It was attended by students from grades 7-9.





Rockwood's Music Program

Christmas Choral Concert By Chloe Weaver



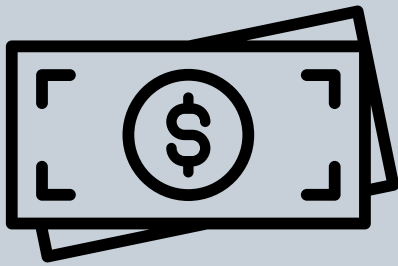
The Junior High Chorus performed "Jingle Bell Rock," "Stopping By the Woods on a Snowy Evening," and "Silent Night." They also performed the song "African Noel" with solos performed by Lux Lee, Lauren Faidley, Isabella Bird, and Arianna Brown. The Senior High Chorus opened their part of the concert with a precession to "Jubilate Deo!" The Senior High continued their concert portion with "Carol of the Bells," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and the Pentatonix version of "Deck the Halls." The Senior High also performed "Somewhere in Your Silent Night" with solos by Lauryn Jones, Paul Sembower, and Addie Barto. To end the night, the Junior High Chorus and the band joined the Senior High Chorus to perform "The Christmas Finale" which incorporated several traditional Christmas carols.

Christmas Band Concert by Chloe Weaver



The Junior High Band performed "A Celtic Christmas," "Christmas Fantasy," and "The Good King Rocks." The Senior High Band used their concert portion to perform traditional Christmas carols like "The Little Drummer Boy," "And All the Bells Shall Ring," "Christmas Concerto," and "Believe." A saxophone quartet also performed the song "Silent Night Blues." This song is a soulful melody that incorporates parts of "Silent Night." The quartet included Tyler Stahl, Nick Strait, Jeremiah Tomcanian, and Bryce Wagner. They all used different variations of saxophones. It was one of the highlights of the night!





FBLA

By: Autumn Mowry

FBLA is an organization that stands for Future Business Leaders of America. This club encourages future business leaders to adopt skills that they would need to run a business, but also skills that they can apply in everyday life such as public speaking, test taking, and teamwork. Through FBLA you meet many new people and make lasting memories while growing as a person. Rockwood FBLA has a total of 32 members. It is led by Mrs. Walker, and a shoutout should also be given to Georgia for always providing transportation. The President of the club is Sydney Beals, the Vice President is Addie Barto, the Secretary is Kalyne Ohler, the Treasurer is Ruthie Mathias, and the News Reporter is Lillian Hetz. All FBLA members test or participate in a performance event to see if they proceed to the next conference. Regionals took place at the ACM Bedford Campus/Everett High School, then States in Hershey, and Nationals in California. Recently the members of Rockwood FBLA attended the Regional Leadership Conference (RLC). They watched two presentations, one given by Mrs. Walker on her business Morning Glory Roastery, and the other by ACM representatives. Then they found out that all members of the club would be able to attend the States Leadership Conference (SLC). Congratulations to Rockwood FBLA, and good luck at States!



2025 Senior Projects

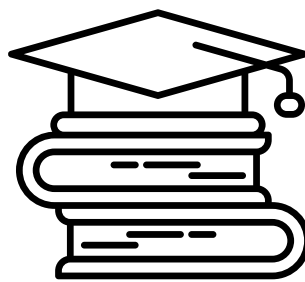
By: Hannah Nedrow-Galway

As the first semester of the 2024-25 school year comes to an end, the Class of 2025 Seniors are preparing to present their graduation projects. Each year the senior class is required to complete a project on their plan after graduation. This project includes topics such as their family background, sports, extracurricular activities, volunteer experiences, future plans, as well as the requirements for their future career. Students present this information to a panel of community members and teachers. The teachers score the students using a rubric and the average score required to pass is a 12.

Senior Projects are scheduled for Monday February 17th. Be sure to wish the Seniors “Good Luck” as they prepare for this important event!

Class of 2025 Post-Secondary Plans

Healthcare - 8
Technical Trades - 20
Animal Science - 5
Forensic Sciences - 2
Real Estate - 2
Political Sciences - 4
Sports Communication - 2
Business/Education - 8



UPCOMING EVENTS

Act 80 Day: Mon. February 17th (President’s Day)

Musical Performances: February 28th-March 1st

In-Service Day: Friday March 14th

Spring Break: Friday April 18th-21st

Elementary Foreign Language Lessons

By: Nathan Show

Students from High School Spanish and French went to the Elementary to teach their respective languages. Students have to be in their third or fourth year of a foreign language to be eligible to teach the elementary students. The Spanish students taught the third grade classes and the French students taught the fourth grade class.

The elementary students are taught everyday words and phrases in each language as well as the colors. Each day in class the elementary students are given a few words to remember and then they are practiced throughout the class. Both the teachers and learners have been doing a great job!



Outstanding Young Woman

By: Chloe Weaver and Julianne Barto

In October, four Rockwood Seniors interviewed and qualified as contestants in the Outstanding Young Woman Scholarship Program. The Outstanding Young Woman Scholarship Program provides scholarships to Somerset and Cambria County young women. Rockwood School District was proud to have so many contestants enter the program. These participants included Julianne Barto, Ruthie Mathias, Erika Pletcher, and Chloe Weaver.

On the night of the program, all participants were judged in the following three categories: fitness, talent, and presence and presentation. A one-on-one interview was held the morning of the program as well. Each category is equal in scoring and the remaining ten percent is for the commitment to the program. The fitness category included a ten-minute aerobic routine, and contestants were judged on their strength and stamina throughout this routine. The talent category included a two-minute routine that showcased the contestant's talent of their choice. The last category of the competition is presence and presentation where the contestants answered their onstage questions and presented their dress. To end the night, all the contestants gathered to hear the results from the judges.

For Somerset County, Julianne Barto received the \$200 Bold Athletics Aerobics and Fitness Award. Erika Pletcher received \$200 for winning the Interview Award, \$500 Debbie Allison Spirit of OYW Award, and was named second runner-up and rewarded a \$3,000 cash scholarship. Chloe Weaver received the Presence and Presentation Award, valued at \$200, and was named the class of 2025/26 Outstanding Young Woman for Somerset County. She was awarded a \$7,000 cash scholarship. Rockwood is very proud of all of the contestants and looks forward to supporting future participants in this program. Congratulations ladies!



ROCKWOOD SPORTS

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL



The Rockwood Lady Rockets have a talented roster for the 2024-25 season. The Freshman are Miley Beckner, Emma Brown, and Trinity Holthaus. The Sophomores are Jayna Burke, Ella Latshaw, Paelyn Sanner, and Brooklyn Wheatley. The Junior players are Taylor Demchak, Faith Foy, and Avri Wareham. There are three Seniors this year: Addie Barkman, Kalynne Ohler, and Skylar Atchison.

VARSITY BOYS/JH BASKETBALL

The Rockwood Varsity Boys Basketball team boasts an impressive 2024-25 roster. For Varsity, the Freshman players are Chance Alesantrino, Ronin Bergstresser, Isaac Foy, and Garrison Hale. The Sophomores are Abram Minor, Joseph Sechler, Lane Svonavec, and Isaiah White. The Junior players are Adrian Facal, Ryan Kinney, and Tammo Leeferink. This year the team has four Seniors: Alexandru Manescu, Zander Ritenour, Riley Fazenbaker, and Isaac Adams.

The Junior High Team consists of Freshmen Levi Davis, Isaiah Paquette, and Collin Langley.

The 8th grade players are Miles Alesantrino, Caydon Frantz, Coltin McClure, and Maxx Stevanus. New to the team this year are 7th graders Brooklyn Arnold, Jonas Blystone, Joshua Carlton, Chloe Davis, Alan Evans, Brady Johnson, Hunter Pletcher, Blake Roberts, Sebastian Shirey, Colby Trimpey, and Jaxon Witt.



2025 SENIORS



BERLIN WRESTLING CO-OP

Four Rockwood students are participating in the Berlin Brothersvalley /Rockwood Co-op for Wrestling. These students include Seth Kimmel, Lukas Smith, Dawson Shaffer, and Braxton Smith.



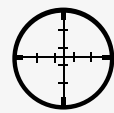
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VARSITY SWIMMING



The Rockwood Swim Team consists of three talented members. Haylie Snyder is a Sophomore, Jonathan Monteith is a Junior, and the team has one Senior: Jeremiah Tomcanin. The season came to a close with Senior Night being held on Friday January 24th. The team did great this season and Senior, Jeremiah, has committed to swimming at the collegiate level at Penn State Behrend.



MEYERSDALE RIFLE CO-OP



This year, Rockwood students have the opportunity to participate in a Co-op Rifle team with Meyersdale Area School District.

We are proud to have Sophomore, Kendyll Younkin, representing Rockwood on the Rifle team this year. The Rifle team competes against several local schools including Everett, Bishop Carrol, Conemaugh, Salisbury, Berlin, Shanksville, and Portage.



Kendyll has performed well in her matches thus far, so be sure to wish her continued good luck as the season progresses!



VARSITY/JV CHEERLEADING

By: **Julianne Barto**

This year there are two cheer teams: Junior Varsity and Varsity. The head coach is Amelia Gross and the assistant coach is Lacey Snyder. The Varsity team has nine girls, Addison Barto, Lilly May, Samantha Phillippi, Allie Jones, Chloe Tressler, Helena Trimpey, Brooke Faidley, Dashja Ream, and Julianne Barto. The Varsity captains are Julianne and Addie Barto, and the JV captains are Isabella Bird and Lauren Faidley. The cheerleaders attended an NCA camp held at Shippensburg University this past summer. They learned new skills and worked together to create new routines they are excited to show off at the Basketball Games this season.



Poetry Corner

By: Delaney Gould

Hearth of the Being

Be it as it is
That there is a hearth within
Unbeknownst to the common stranger
A holding place spurred into creation
By a great foretokening of love

Of which is held the purpose
The purpose unto which is at best
Random, invariable, and uncommon
Foreboding a predictable course of events
For which there is possibly impossible equations

An irresponsible idea
For the semantic manifestation of destiny
Without proper correlation
There may not be an answer
But need there be an answer

For the secrets of the inner being
Need not be displayed for the satisfaction of man
Need not be exalted upon the pyre of the human condition
Need not be understood or comprehended
But need it be present

May it not be present in the beginning
How can it be that one is not the same as the next
How can it be that one wants
Wants for more than what lay about them
Wants for something different and new

How can it be a probability of arbitrary creation
For without differentiation there is not a purpose
Nor a need to compose meaning
So it leaves a meaning unto its own
A meaning that is the hearth

The hearth of mankind
Where it is an unfound philosophy
Where there is great joy in the unknowing
And a worsening sorrow the eyes of the wise
Be it as it is