



# Community Newsletter

SUMMER 2002

## Congratulations Class of 2002!

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2002! On June 21, 2002, over 400 students participated in commencement exercises at the Blue Cross Arena. Spirits soared high as each name in the Class of 2002 was called and students received a diploma declaring that all academic requirements had been met as Rush-Henrietta students.

Commencement 2002 was a celebration of both personal development and academic achievement. From academic scholars and star athletes to award winning artists and musicians, many graduates in the Class of 2002 received awards, commendations and scholarships for outstanding achievements during their high school careers. The District takes pride in that it has shared responsibility for guiding the education of each graduate as the students and their families, staff and community residents celebrated their many successes as closure was brought to high school careers.

In the salutatory and valedictory addresses, Jennifer Paull, Salutatorian, and Christa Rideout, Valedictorian, noted that the life of each student graduating had been touched in a special way by many individuals who will be fondly remembered as classmates go their separate ways to begin the next phase of life. Rush-Henrietta teachers, staff members, parents and families were acknowledged for the supporting roles each played



The singers were joined by elementary students and together sang Nnenna Freelon's "One Child At A Time," the District's 2001-2002 theme song directed by Christine Sargent.

Commencement guest speakers included Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, Senior High School English teacher and Joseph Pennella, Student Council President, Class of 2002. The graduate procession was led by Mrs. Allison Freiberger and Mrs. Kimberly Glanton, class advisors. Greetings, congratulatory notes and best wishes for continued success on behalf of the District were conveyed by Senior High School Principal Stephen R. Barbeau, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kenneth Graham, and President of the Board of Education, David R. Pennella.

while guiding student success . . . one child at a time.

It was noted by student speakers that over the last 13 years, many adults went the distance for the Class of 2002 so that their dreams were given strong wings to fly. Having met rigorous standards, the class is prepared to take flight and continue life's journey . . . a journey that promises to be filled with fond memories of R-H, hope and opportunities for life-long learning.

Instrumental music was provided by the Senior High School band under the direction of Mr. Daniel McMurray. Vocal music selections included "In My Life" by The Beatles sung by the R-H Singers.

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## FROM THE BOARD

Dear Community Residents:

For the children, teachers, administrators and staff of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District, summer is a time of renewal. Our children have the opportunity to relax, to enjoy camp and to learn a variety of new skills from swimming to animation. Our teachers reflect on the past year and plan changes for their classes in the upcoming school year. The staff is busy closing out the old school year and getting ready for the new school year. The Board of Education, administration and District leadership spend the summer months reflecting on the previous year, identifying our successes and those where we need to improve. We then finalize our goals and plans for the upcoming school year and update our long-term goals.

Our District will continue to focus on improving the academic achievement of Rush-Henrietta students and providing the academic support necessary for them to be successful. The success of our children depends not only on what goes on in our schools, but also on the involvement of parents, families and community residents. We each have a role to play and must work together to achieve the goal of preparing our children to successfully meet their future.

As the District puts its plans in place to improve our students' classroom learning experience, I would like you to consider how you will participate in the education and success of

our community's children. Will you volunteer in one of our schools, participate in the Budget Advisory Council, join the Teenage Employment Partnership or read stories to a kindergarten class? There are unlimited ways for you to participate in guiding the success of our students. We each have something to contribute to this most critical mission, educating our children. Look for the way that suits your time and talents. The Board of Education looks forward to seeing our community working with us in the coming years to ensure that our children get what they deserve, a high quality education in a safe environment where they feel valued and have the support they need to succeed.

On behalf of the Board of Education I wish you a safe and happy summer. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Board of Education. For your convenience, our e-mail addresses and telephone numbers are listed on this page. Thank you for your continued involvement in guiding the success of our Rush-Henrietta students.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Perez-Hardy, President  
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## Participation in Annual Partnership Survey Increases

Parent involvement in the education of all children continues to be an important goal of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District. When parents, teachers and students work as partners in education, learning environments are created that have a positive impact on student success.

To measure the effectiveness of parent partnership practices in Rush-Henrietta, parents are asked to complete and return a Partnership Schools Survey each year. The survey asks parents to indicate their level of satisfaction with various parent involvement practices at District schools and to offer suggestions about steps that schools could be taking to improve involvement. It includes 50 questions that are broken into five main categories including parenting education, communications, volunteering, learning at home and decision-making. The results indicate the strengths and weaknesses of the District and are used to implement practices that will improve parent participation to better support student success.

To build effective parent partnerships, schools and teachers must develop effective practices at each grade level. While some practices work well at one

recommendation of the District Parent Advisory Council [DPAC], the 2002 survey was sent under separate cover to all parents. As a result, the number of responses increased dramatically with the return of 1,866 surveys. In most areas, the 2002 results indicated an overall increase in parent satisfaction.

The District invited parent representation from shared decision-making teams, DPAC and school parent groups from each of its nine schools to attend a Partnership Survey Forum on June 26, 2002. During the forum, parents and administrators reviewed the results of the 2002 survey. The group also discussed strengths, areas of concern, content of the survey and possible improvement initiatives for the 2002-2003 school year. Those interested in reviewing the 2002 survey results may request a copy of the summary from the Office of the Superintendent of Schools by calling 359-5021.



*Parents and staff review annual survey results at Partnership Forum.*

grade level, those practices might not work as well at other levels. In an effort to provide schools with better feedback about current parent involvement practices, efforts were made in the 2001-2002 school year to increase the number of parents returning the survey. At the

## 2001-2002 Volunteer of the Year

Each year the District gives special recognition to a deserving school volunteer whose contributions have been particularly noteworthy. The 2001-2002 Volunteer of the Year was Martha Mack, a long-time District resident, Rush-Henrietta graduate and the mother of two children enrolled in the District. Her daughter Sarah attends Roth Middle School and son David is a student at the Ninth Grade Academy.

From the very first day that David entered kindergarten, Martha became an involved and dedicated parent volunteer. During her tenure as a Leary Elementary School parent and volunteer, she held several positions: PTA officer, the chair of numerous committees and was active in various projects which included Art Fun Night, staff and transportation appreciation events, book fairs and Leary Night at the Red Wings, just to name a few.

As Martha's children moved on to secondary schools in the District, she remained an active volunteer serving as Co-President of the Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association [RHMPA], an officer of the Ninth Grade Academy Parent Group, a member of the District Parent Advisory Council [DPAC] and an officer of the Roth Parent Group. For the past several years she has coordinated and facilitated the annual DPAC Meet the Candidates Night prior to the election of candidates to the Board of Education.

Martha actively encourages parent involvement in the education of all children and support for our community schools. She is also a staff member at Leary Elementary School serving as a positive role model for others to emulate and always ready to help in any way she can.

Martha is a humble, hard working individual and a most deserving Volunteer of the Year. E. Sue Mills, principal of Leary Elementary School, will tell you that Martha is a treasure and she's proud to know her and work with her. Sue's only regret is that Martha has learned to say "no" to Leary projects so that she can devote more time to volunteering in the schools that her children now attend.



*Martha Mack, Volunteer of the Year, with Dr. Graham.*



# Rush-Henrietta Welcomed Over 7,500 Visitors at State Track & Field Championships

Dear Community:

On behalf of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District, I extend a sincere thank you to all community residents and area legislators for your recent support as the District hosted the 2002 Section V "Meet of Champions" and the New York State Track and Field Championships. It was an honor to have had this opportunity to share our facilities and hospitality with over 7,500 athletes and spectators from around the state and beyond.

Hosting these events was made possible through the cooperation and support of the Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation, many area businesses, school groups, community organizations, sponsors, contributors, advertisers and volunteers . . . students, parents, area residents and District staff members. In addition, hosting these prestigious sporting events was made possible, in part, through support received from Senator James Alesi, Assemblyman Joe Errigo, Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle, the Monroe County Sports Authority and the Greater Rochester Visitors Bureau to install a steeplechase at the Senior High School, which was required to host the events. Without the support of area legislators, hosting these events at this time would not have been possible.

Our school community is well-known for its long tradition of extending warm hospitality to all who visit. We can stand proud of successfully hosting events of this magnitude which require a true team effort. Whether a participant, coach, official or spectator, our visitors enjoyed your warm welcome, first-class accommodations and good sportsmanship in an award-winning venue that met and exceeded the highest of expectations.

Thank you again for your cooperation and support that enabled the District to host these memorable sporting events, which were noted many times as being everything and more, that our caring school community and the greater Rochester area is noted for.

Sincerely,

J. Kenneth Graham, Jr., Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



Participating in the Opening Ceremony of the 2002 New York State Track & Field Championships on June 8th were [from left to right] Assemblyman Joseph Errigo, Ken Good, representing the Office of the Monroe County Executive, Town of Henrietta Supervisor James Breese, State Senator James Alesi and Dr. Kenneth Graham, Superintendent of Schools.



Finish line of the Boys 3200. First place and Second place were .4 seconds apart . . . a very exciting race!



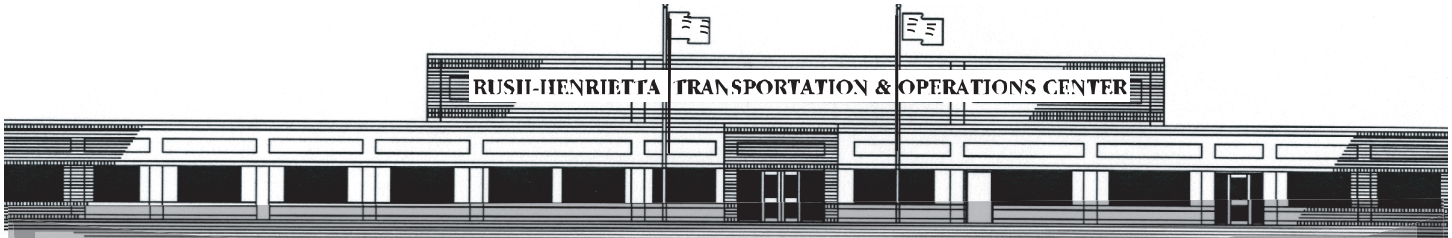
Finish line of the Boys 800M.



Athletes running through the water pit of the steeplechase, a new addition to the Rush-Henrietta track.



Finish line of the Boys 110M hurdles.



## Transportation/Operations Center Site Development is Under Way!

In October 2001, voters in the Rush-Henrietta Central School District approved the construction of a 35,000 square foot transportation and operations center, not to exceed \$9.435 million, at the corner of Lehigh Station and Middle Roads. The construction of this modern and more centrally located facility will ensure the long-term capacity of the District to maintain the efficient delivery of quality services that support the advancement of education. It will also enable the effective utilization of resources and the efficient delivery of quality services that meet industry standards, as well as student and community requirements as they evolve and change over the next 25 to 30 years.

Site development began with the awarding of bids in early May, 2002. DiFiore Construction of Rochester, NY, was the successful low bidder at \$1,912,636. Original estimates for site development work were \$2,221,230 making the start of this project well under budget. Development work on the site includes cleaning and clearing of the 20 acres designated for construction, recontouring the site, provisions for all

utilities, permits for and the construction of entrances from Middle and Lehigh Station Roads, preparation of the building pad, parking areas and internal roadways, as well as construction of the required mitigation/retention pond consisting of three sediment pools designed to protect federal and state wetlands.

Site development is one of five primary contracts to be awarded for this project. Other contracts include general construction, plumbing, electrical and mechanical. Final State Education Department approval of the facility section of this project and the award of the remaining four bids is anticipated this summer. Timely site approval, along with favorable construction market conditions, explain why this project is, and is expected to remain, on schedule and under budget.

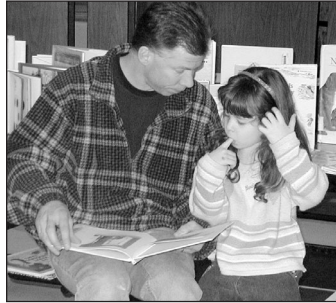
Construction is scheduled to be completed in August of 2003 and the center will be fully operational for the opening of school that September. For additional information, residents are encouraged to call the Office of School Operations at 359-5018 or David Kaye, Project Manager, at 359-5387.





# Everyone Can Encourage a Love for Reading!

Library Card Sign-Up Month is observed each September. It was established by Congress to serve as an annual reminder to ensure that all children have library cards. During September, please encourage the children of our community to sign-up for a library card and to take advantage of the many opportunities that our public libraries offer. Reminding children to visit the library, whether a school or public library, will encourage a life-long love of reading for pleasure!



## 2002-2003 CALENDAR

### September

- 2 Labor Day [Schools Closed]
- 3 Teachers Report to Work
- 4 Staff Preparation for the Opening of School
- 5 Schools Open – First Day of Classes

### October

- 14 Columbus Day [Schools Closed]
- 29 Half Day Grades 1-5, K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences in Evening

### November

- 5 Superintendent's Conference Day [No School K-12]
- 6 Half Day Grades 1-5, K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences in Afternoon
- 11 Veterans Day [Schools Closed]
- 14 Half Day Grades 1-5, K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences in Evening
- 18 Half Day Grades 1-5, K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences in Afternoon
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Recess

### December

- 23-1/1 Winter Recess

### January

- 2 Schools Reopen
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day [Schools Closed]
- 27-29 Regents and Mid-Term Examinations
- 29 Grading Day [No School for K-8 Students]
- 29 First Semester Ends
- 30 Second Semester Begins

### February

- 17-21 February Recess

### March

- 14 K-12 Parent-Teacher Conference Day [No School K-12]

### April

- 14-18 Spring Recess

### May

- 20 Budget Vote & BOE Election
- 26 Memorial Day [Schools Closed]

### June

- 17-25 Regents Examinations
- 23 Last Day for K-8 Students
- 25 Regents Examination Rating Day
- 25 Last Teacher Work Day

### Community Libraries

#### BRIGHTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2300 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618  
 Information: 784-5300 • Taped Information: 784-5310  
 TDD: 784-5302 • [www.brightonlibrary.org](http://www.brightonlibrary.org)

#### HENRIETTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

455 Calkins Road, Rochester, NY 14623-4299  
 Information: 359-7092 • Taped Information: 334-3401  
 TDD: 321-1499 • Library Storyline: 334-6670 • [www.hpl.org](http://www.hpl.org)

#### PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

24 State Street, Pittsford, NY 14534  
 Information: 248-6275 • [www.townofpittsford.com](http://www.townofpittsford.com)

#### RUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

5977 E. Henrietta Road, Rush, NY 14543  
 Information: 533-1370 • [www.libraryweb.org/Rush](http://www.libraryweb.org/Rush)

## 48 Retire from District

Near the close of each school year, the Board of Education bids a fond farewell to those retiring from the District at a retirement celebration. This year, on behalf of the District, Dr. J. Kenneth Graham, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, and members of the Board of Education congratulated and extended a sincere word of thanks to 48 retiring staff members for their individual and collective contributions to the education of Rush-Henrietta children. Each retiree was presented with a personalized crystal apple in recognition of their dedication and commitment to serving the needs of the community's children in a variety of roles throughout their careers. Together, the total years of service accumulated by those retiring in 2002 exceeds 1,200! Recognized on May 21, 2002 for service to the District were:

Mary Alt  
 Diane Andrews  
 Louise Baxa  
 William Bills  
 Anita Bonanni  
 Wayne Burdett  
 Barbara Carlton  
 Margaret Cawley  
 William Cowden  
 Kate Crosby  
 Lois Czekai  
 Linda Denslow  
 Roderick Denslow  
 Cindy Dorn  
 Carol Ann Farnung  
 Lucy Gibson  
 Mary Jane Gormel  
 Jeanne Hamele  
 Joanne Hammond  
 James Hoagland  
 Richard Howland  
 Alice Jean Johnson  
 Elaine Kazmierczak  
 Carole Kent

Betty Kinney  
 David Leupold  
 Kay Lyons  
 Betty Ann McDonald  
 Betty McKane  
 Martin McKane  
 Len Miller  
 Katherine O'Donnell  
 Frank Oliveri  
 John Paterson  
 Lynn Rogan  
 Grace Ronnenberg  
 Linda Scahill  
 Diane Seager  
 Robert Smith  
 Sharon Smith  
 Helena Spring  
 Sharon Trest  
 Daniel Ugine  
 Joan Updaw  
 Donald Vercolen  
 James Wiborg  
 Dawn Wilkins  
 Lois Winters



# Community Education Opportunities

Each year the Rush-Henrietta Central School District offers a wide variety of educational programs and services to students, their families and community residents of all ages. To meet individual needs, District residents are encouraged to participate in age appropriate learning opportunities.

## Continuing Education For Adults

The Rush-Henrietta Continuing Education Program includes offerings in computers, personal and professional skill development, fine arts, crafts and physical fitness. New courses are added regularly when sufficient interest is shown. The program year is divided into four sessions: fall, winter, spring and summer. A Continuing Education brochure describing courses, fees and registration procedures is mailed to District residents before the start of each session. Residents may register as soon as you receive the brochure. Please use the registration process outlined in the brochure. If you do not receive a brochure or if you would like further details, please call the Continuing Education Office at 359-7805 or e-mail your questions to [RHCE@rhnet.org](mailto:RHCE@rhnet.org). To view or print the brochure, visit the District web page at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org).

## Continuing Education Advisory Council

This council, which includes representatives from business, higher education and the adult education student body, advises the Continuing Education Coordinator on the development of adult education programs. If you are interested in serving on the council, please call 359-7805.

## High School Equivalency Program

It's never too late to earn a high school diploma! The Family Services Program offers courses during the day and evening to prepare you to take the NYS high school equivalency exam, leading to a diploma. There is also a GED Home Study Program for those who can't attend classes. The program is free to District residents and non-residents. Call 359-7918.

## Native American Cultural Center

The Native American Cultural Center, funded by a federal grant, provides after-school classes for Native American students, educational programs for our schools and evening family programs. For information, call 359-7947.

## Literacy Services

Do you need help with English as a Second Language [ESL]? The Family Services Program offers ESL classes during the day and evening. There is also an ESL Home Study Program for those unable to attend classes, which is free to both District residents and non-residents. If you have questions about the District's literacy services, please call 359-7918.

## Family Center

The Family Center is both a place and a program. Located in the Vollmer Building on Telephone Road, the Center is an educational and service center for families. Each month, the Family Center offers activities such as preschool story hours and family nights for parents and children. The Family Center also sponsors workshops and information nights for parents who want to learn more about being active partners in their children's education. Check the calendar and watch for special mailings about activities at the Family Center. You may also call 359-7915 or 359-7918 for more information.

## School-Age Child Care Program

This program serves Rush-Henrietta students in grades K-6. Care is provided before and after school, on school vacation days and during the summer. This fee-based program is located at the Webster Building and at the Vollmer Building. Before school only care is provided at Crane Elementary School. For information, call 359-7911 or 359-7912.

## Even Start Program

Even Start is a special literacy program for preschoolers and their parents. Families who qualify for the program are eligible for services for their preschoolers as well as literacy and job training for parents. To qualify, the preschooler must be between the ages of two and five, the family must reside in the Rush-Henrietta District, and the parent must lack a high school diploma, need further training for employment or need to improve English language skills. To learn more about the program, call 359-7918.

## Bulletin Board Online Course

The Rush-Henrietta Bulletin Board Service facilitates communication within the Rush-Henrietta School District. The online course is available to R-H District residents and staff [excluding current R-H students].

To take the online tour, point your web browser to <http://email.rhnet.org> and follow the directions given.

If you have questions, call the R-H District Computer Services Help Desk at 359-7870 during workday hours or e-mail [help@rhnet.org](mailto:help@rhnet.org).



# Use of District Facilities

District buildings and school grounds are available for community use as outlined below. When in, or on, school property, please observe the below guidelines for use.

## School Buildings

Rush-Henrietta schools are available to community groups for meetings and special events under rules established by the State Education Department and the Board of Education. Applications for use of school space are available at each school. Completed forms need to be returned to the principal of the school you wish to use. Please give as much advance notice as possible to permit the scheduling of requests.

## Athletic Fields

School athletic fields are in great demand. The District works with the Rush and Henrietta recreation commissions, the Rush-Henrietta Athletic Association and other community sports groups to schedule equitable use of fields. During the summer, town recreation commissions use school fields/facilities for playground programs and for town-sponsored recreational sports leagues.

The community is invited to use the outdoor track at the high school. The hours, weather permitting, are sunrise to dusk, Monday-Friday and weekends/holidays only if the high school is open.

## Guidelines for Use

- When on school grounds, please obey speed limits and parking regulations.
- Park your car only in designated lots.
- Snowmobiles, motor scooters, motorbikes and model airplanes are prohibited.
- School buildings and grounds are off limits to unauthorized persons from 15 minutes after sunset to 15 minutes after sunrise.
- Alcoholic beverages, firearms and the possession of weapons are always illegal. Individuals violating the rules will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- Smoking is not permitted in any school building or on school grounds at any time.

## District Pool Use Family Open Swim

The Senior High School pool is open to District residents for Family Open Swim according to the schedule to the right. For admittance to the pool:

- Infants through elementary school students must be accompanied by an adult and provide appropriate emergency information.
- Middle school students must be signed in and out by an adult, provide appropriate emergency information and leave an R-H Student ID.
- Ninth Grade Academy and high school students must sign in and out, provide appropriate emergency information and leave an R-H Student ID.
- Adults must provide appropriate emergency information.

Non-swimmers must be accompanied by an adult in the water. To be classified as a swimmer, one must be able to enter and exit the water without assistance, float on stomach and back without assistance and proceed across the width of the pool, using any form, without assistance. At any time, a lifeguard has the right to remove any participant who is deemed to be in an unsafe circumstance. Once admitted to the pool, all rules posted on the premises must be followed. Only Coast Guard approved floatation devices are allowed.

For a complete list of pool rules and updates to the Family Open Swim schedule, please contact the Continuing Education Office at 359-7805 or call the pool office at 359-5262. The Family Open Swim fee is \$1 per person, per hour.

## District Learn to Swim Program

During the school year, Continuing Education offers the American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program. Watch for the lesson schedule and registration procedures in the fall and winter Continuing Education brochures. For more information, 359-7805.

## Community Pool Use

The pool can be scheduled by District residents for school and non-school groups for a fee. Requests may be made through the Continuing Education Office and must be approved by the building principal. For a fee schedule, available dates and appropriate paperwork, contact the Continuing Education Office at 359-7805.

## Pool Schedule During School Year

The pool is available for District resident use during the school year according to the following schedule. Pool hours may change at any time. For up-to-date information, call the pool office at 359-5262 or the Continuing Education Office at 359-7805.

Sunday	12-2 p.m.	Scheduled Community Use
	2-3 p.m.	Family Open Swim
	3-4 p.m.	Family Open Swim
Friday	7:45-9:15 p.m.	Family Open Swim

## Open Swim Schedule During School Recesses

The R-H Family Center sponsors Open Swim sessions during three school recesses. The fee is \$1 per person, per hour. Open swims will take place on December 30 & 31, 2002; February 18-20, 2003; and April 14-17, 2003. There are two sessions each day from 2-3 p.m. and from 3-4 p.m. Call 359-7915 or 7912 for information.

## Summer Pool Use

The Henrietta Recreation Department is responsible for the summer pool schedule. Information about summer 2003 will be available May 1, 2003. Call the Recreation Department at 359-2540 for more information.

## Walk Program

All R-H schools are available for walking on school days.

School	Days	Walk Times
Crane	T, W, Th	4:30-9 p.m.
Fyle	T, W, Th	3-9 p.m.
Leary	M, W, Th	3-9 p.m.
Sherman	M, W, F	3-8 p.m.
Winslow	T, W, Th	4-9 p.m.
Burger/Roth	M-F	6-9 p.m.
NGA	M-Th	6-9 p.m.
SHS	M-Th	6-9 p.m.
Vollmer	M, W, Th	3:30-9 p.m.





# FOUNDATION NEWS

## RHEF Thanks Community!

Community involvement and support made this past school year a very rewarding one for the Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation [RHEF]! The Board of Trustees extends a special thanks to all of the volunteers who worked under the yearlong leadership of Trustee Charley Lookup to plan for and provide the many services needed to help the District host the New York State Track & Field events in June. In addition to the volunteer hours donated by community residents, District staff and Foundation trustees, RHEF is pleased to announce that with strong legislative and sponsor support, it was able to contribute \$25,000 to help defray the cost of constructing the steeplechase at the Senior High School which enabled the District to host the track and field events.

## Distinguished Alumni Nominations

Each year at the annual homecoming festivities, RHEF announces the recipients of the coveted Distinguished Alumni Awards during half-time of the football game. Community residents are encouraged to nominate graduates from the Rush-Henrietta Central School District whose lifetime achievements have been particularly noteworthy. Please call 359-5008 to request a nomination form. Nomination forms are also available in the front foyer of the Parker Administration Building at 2034 Lehigh Station Road or by e-mailing [dharper@rochestr.r.com](mailto:dharper@rochestr.r.com).

## Class of 1977 R-H Graduate Accepts Trustee Appointment

Linda Terrell, a graduate and long-time resident of the District, was recently appointed to the RHEF Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Ms. Terrell is a Human Resources consultant and owner of Lintrell Communications. As a trustee, Terrell will chair the RHEF Public Relations Committee.

## Grants & Scholarships

During the 2001-2002 school year, the Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation awarded over \$9,200 in mini-grants and scholarships. Mini-grants awarded to students and staff support projects and initiatives that extend beyond the scope of the school district budget. This past June, RHEF presented four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. Class of 2002 scholarship recipients were Jason Conway, Lisa Hubers, Alexis Lawrence and David Michel.

## Visit RHEF at [www.rhef.org](http://www.rhef.org)

Please note that general information regarding the Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation can now be accessed on the web in one of two ways . . . at [www.rhef.org](http://www.rhef.org) or by visiting the District website at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org) and clicking on District Information and then on Education Foundation.

## Community Awards Presented by Henrietta Commerce Network

Each year, the Henrietta Commerce Network [HCN] hosts an annual Community Awards Celebration. This year at the 16th Annual Awards Celebration held on May 29th, Bill Cowden, a Rush-Henrietta educator, was named recipient of the Education Award. This award recognizes an individual whose work and dedication have helped to impact education programs or policies for the good of the Henrietta community.

Bill has spent his entire 34-year career in education in the District as a teacher and a coach. Among many accomplishments, he is highly regarded as the "father" of gymnastics in Monroe County, having urged other school districts to include gymnastics in their athletic programs. This prestigious award honors his commitment to guiding the success of students, not only in Rush-Henrietta schools, but in the greater community.

The HCN Scholarships Program works to invest in the future leadership of the community and three Rush-Henrietta Senior High School students received 2002 William J. Welch Scholarship Awards. Jane Race, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, awarded scholarships to Melissa Horn, Rhea Santangelo and David Swan.

The Henrietta Commerce Network works to enhance business and the quality of life in the Henrietta area. Membership consists of professionals in the retailing, education, professional services, banking, corporate, high technology, health care and small business industries. The HCN provides networking activities, education programs and business support services for its members. In addition, this past school year, the HCN partnered with the District to launch the Teenage Employment Partnership, an initiative which emphasizes that a teenager's number one job is doing well in school while a student in Rush-Henrietta.

## 2002-2003 School Calendar

The annual school district calendar will be mailed to the homes of all parents with children attending Rush-Henrietta schools in mid-August. It will also be posted to the District's website, [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org).

This year's calendar features important information about the school district and is intended to strengthen connections between home and school. It contains dates for upcoming events, activities, tests, parent/teacher conferences and other opportunities for parent and family involvement. The calendar also includes school, building and department contact information.

The calendar is not intended to serve as a comprehensive guide to the District, its nine schools, programs or services. School specific information can be obtained directly from each of the District's schools or can be accessed on the District's website at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org) where on-line calendars can also be created to meet individual needs.

Please note that throughout the school year, last minute calendar changes, as well as emergency and weather related school closings, will be posted to the web as required.



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Can & Bottle Drive to Benefit R-H Singers

Start saving your cans and bottles! The R-H Singers will be having a can and bottle drive on Saturday, September 14, 2002 to help fund 2002-2003 performance trips. The group of world renowned singers will visit most neighborhoods in Henrietta on that day to collect cans and bottles from area homes. Residents will receive a reminder notice approximately two weeks prior to the event. If for some reason you don't receive a notice or if you prefer to deliver your donation of cans and bottles, please feel free to do so at the Rush-Henrietta Senior High School drop-off location, 1799 Lehigh Station Road, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on September 14th.

## Notification of District Senior Citizen Benefit Change

At the June 11, 2002 meeting, the Rush-Henrietta Board of Education approved a new senior citizen benefit which will impact senior citizen pass eligibility and participation in certain District programs. Beginning January 2003, a Rush-Henrietta Central School District Senior Citizen Pass will be available only to District residents 65 years and older, and will entitle the holder to:

- reduction in tuition for many Continuing Education courses as specified in the Continuing Education brochures
- free admission to school events such as plays, concerts and sporting events
- free admission to scheduled open swims as specified in the Continuing Education brochures

Current passes will be accepted through December 2002. As of January 1, 2003, all previously-issued senior citizen passes will be obsolete. District senior citizens who wish to take advantage of the above-mentioned benefits need to obtain a new pass, which will be available this fall, at the reception desk located in the Parker Administration Building at 2034 Lehigh Station Road between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To obtain a pass, proof of age and residency must be presented at the time of issue. Please note that senior citizens will now be required to present the new Senior Citizen Pass for entrance to events and to obtain a discount for Continuing Education courses.

## Summer Hours for all Schools

For the convenience of parents and community residents, each of the District's nine

schools will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., including the lunch hours, Monday through Friday, during the summer months. If for some reason a building cannot be accessible to the public during these times, school office hours will be posted near the main entrance of the building. In this case, signs will be posted that designate when the office will reopen and who visitors should contact if they are unable to return at another time.

## Visit [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org)

Community residents are encouraged to visit [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org), the District's award-winning e-source of information. Visitors will find information regarding the District, its nine schools, departments, programs and services. The user-friendly site also features an on-line calendar that can be customized to meet individual needs, school and District news, a staff directory, contact information and Board of Education information.

## New Time for RHTV

Community residents are encouraged to tune in to RHTV, the District's cable television program on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month on cable CH15. Please note, effective immediately, the two-hour programs will air from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tapes of each program are available for loan to residents who do not live within the cablecast boundaries. To reserve video tapes, please call the District reception desk at 359-5000. Tapes of each program are also in circulation at the Brighton, Henrietta and Rush public libraries.

## Commencement 2002 Photo Gallery on Web

For your enjoyment, a photo gallery of images captured during the Class of 2002 Commencement has been posted to the District website. To access the gallery, visit [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org), click on News and Publications and then on Photo Gallery. Enjoy!

## Sports Information

In an effort to provide up-to-date sports schedules, including sports awards, the sports calendar is available this year on the District's website at [www.rhnet.org/sports](http://www.rhnet.org/sports). A copy may also be obtained by calling the Physical Education & Athletic Department at 359-7854.

Community residents are encouraged to call the SPORTS HOTLINE at 359-5176 for up-to-date information regarding Rush-Henrietta

sports. Please note the following fall, winter and spring starting dates for sports, tournaments and the annual Royal Comet Dinner.

### Fall 2002

August 19	All Varsity/JV sports start
August 29	Modified A Football starts
September 2	Other Modified A sports start
September 5	All Modified B programs start
September 28	Homecoming

### Winter 2002-2003

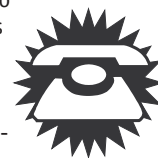
October 28	Modified Girls' VB starts
November 4	V/JV Cheerleading starts
November 11	All V/JV sports start
	Modified A Basketball/Modified B Boys' Basketball starts
December 16	Modified B Girls' Basketball starts
November 14	Modified Wrestling starts
November 22-23	R-H Hockey Tournament [ESL]
December 27-28	Boys' Basketball [Webber] Tournament

### Spring 2003

March 10	All spring sports start
June 11	Royal Comet Dinner

## District Tip Line [359-STOP]

As part of continuous efforts to ensure safety throughout the R-H school community, the District has activated a Safety Tip Line. This number, 359-7867 [STOP], is for students, staff, parents or community residents who wish to report situations that may pose a threat to the safety or well-being of R-H students, staff and/or school property. This line will be checked twice daily and calls will be referred to the appropriate school administrator. All calls will remain confidential; however, if callers want to be contacted, they may leave a telephone number where they can be reached. This telephone message line is an important component of the District's SAVE Legislation Plan. It is intended to **STOP** and prevent any harmful acts before they happen and to provide a communication vehicle for students and others that will help to promote a caring school community environment.





# 2001-2002 PHOTO GALLERY

## Guiding Student Success . . . One Child at a Time

Images captured during the 2001-2002 school year highlight teaching and learning in Rush-Henrietta classrooms and beyond.



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# A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION

September 11, 2002

September 11, 2001 is a day that few will forget. It is also a day that we must all remember. As a nation, we were saddened by the senseless images of death and destruction at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and with Flight 93.

As our students return to school this fall, September 11th will take on a new meaning as the 1st anniversary of the terrorist attacks that forever changed the future. It will be a day of remembrance and a time that we individually and collectively honor the victims, our fallen heroes and think of their loved ones. It will be a day that all must strive to make the young people of our community feel comfortable and safe in caring environments.

Together, on this day of remembrance, our community will reflect on what it means to be an American and the freedoms that we enjoy and so often take for granted. We will be uplifted on September 11th as we remember scenes of a nation as it came together to meet the special needs of others. We will forever remember how the hearts and hands of the Rush-Henrietta community also came together and demonstrated its support for fellow Americans and its own.