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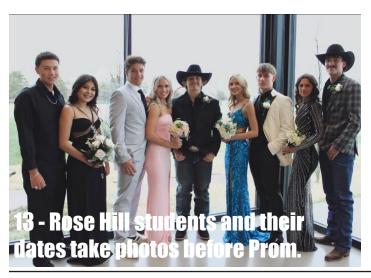
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# Longtime science teacher Grier to retire

by kimberlin lovell, reporter

Science teacher Roger Grier announced he was retiring and English teacher Natalie Page will also be departing. Grier has been at Rose Hill for 19 years and has spent 23 years in education.

"I'm looking forward very much to my retirement from teaching, and then onto my third career," Grier said. "Not exactly certain what that will look like, but will most likely involve my current part-time activities of farming, ranching, and construction."

Grier has also been in charge of the Green Club and plans on staying involved in many other community services after retirement. Since starting up the Green Club, they have won many accolades including the Kansas Green School of the Year award, from KDHE and KCAEE.

"The activities while sponsoring and building up our Green Club from a grassroots effort will have the most gratifying and lasting memories for me," Grier said.

Grier plans on continuing many hobbies after retirement. Besides being able to stay home more and continue to be with family, Grier plans on staying involved with all of his part time activities and calls it his third career.

"Being home every night and basically having nearly four months off throughout the year, has allowed me the time to participate and enjoy many of the other interests and commitments I have," Grier said "I have also appreciated getting to know so many students, parents, and other staff members over the many years."



# New English and Science teachers hired

by danielle mcpherson, reporter

The first teaching position that opened at Rose Hill High School was for English classes. It was taken by Jan Peele, who has been teaching at Winfield for 23 or 24 years. She has been a Rose Hill resident for two years and has been commuting down to Winfeild.

"We have Jan Peele, she's at Winfield right now and has been for several years, I think 23 or 24. And ironically Mrs. Martin's sister had her as a teacher down there and said that she's her favorite teacher of all time," said Rose Hill High School principal Aaron Jackson. "But Mrs. Peel is a Rose Hill resident so she's been driving down to Winfeild to teach and stuff for the last year or two."

Peel has had many great reviews and everyone who has talked with her about this position and her ideas for the next year are greatly impressed.

"When the position became available, she applied and she did a nice job. I think all the students will like her, she's very genuine, a nurturing person and caring," said Jackson. "She also has a great passion for English."

The next position that opened up was for a new science teacher. The spot ended up going to Alexa Madden, who is from Montrose, Colorado. She is moving to Wichita to be with her significant other.

"We ended up hiring Alexa Madden, who is from Montrose, Colorado. She's moving to Wichita, her significant other lives in Wichita, and so she's wanting to move here and the position became available so she applied and will be taking over for Mr.Grier, teaching the same classes he had," Jackson said. "So she'll have physical science, Environmental science, we will be offering physics as well."

Madden also has had a different experience being from a small Colorado school, who has to do virtual for some parts of the year.

"She has three years of experience, it's a different one in Montrose there. It's a smaller skiing community, with farms so up in the mountains when there's snow you can't really get to school. So they have virtual days and in person days, so she's on the virtual side for high school aged kids. But then also has an in person seventh grade class," said Jackson. "As far as directing and overseeing she has about 100 virtual students in the science area. Through that she's teetered in all aspects of science we offer."



### Out with the old; in with the new

by danielle mcpherson, reporter

A crew will be starting on the inside of the Rose Hill High School right after the students walk out the doors as the renovations from the bond issue begin.

"As soon as you guys are walking out the door, we're tearing up the place. All at the same time," said Superintendent Chuck Lambert.

The school is being broken up into sections to complete, so that everything can be accomplished as efficiently as possible. And the hope, of course, is that the beginning of school isn't pushed back.

"We met with the construction team yesterday," said High School Principal Aaron Jackson. "They plan on starting the refurbishing project late next week, after the students are gone."

The new FACS room is the biggest classroom change that's happening. The crew should be starting at the latest on May 27th, and they are going to completely flip the room on its head. All other classes should have the same layout but the FACS room won't even be recognizable. Also starting on the 27th are the hallways. The first one to be touched is

the Spanish, English, and History hallways.

"The new FACS room will begin at the latest May 27th," said Jackson. "The 200 hallway will begin May 27th."

On the 29th they will start working on the office and new entrance which is going to be the biggest change happening. The new entrance will be focusing on safety for students and staff, and improving the general look of the school.

"The office and front entrance is set to start on May 29th," Jackson said.

The 300 rooms, which is the Science and Math hallway, will start on June 6th, and the 400 rooms, which are art and technology classrooms, will start on the 16th.

The last things to be started are the flooring. There will be new flooring in every classroom, hallway, and closet.

"Hallway flooring removal will begin July 7th and installing new flooring on July 22nd," said Jackson.



## Girls basketball gets new head coach

by kimberlin lovell, reporter

Rose Hill has hired Special Education teacher, T'Allyn Smith, to take over the girls basketball program. Smith will also become a full time Special Education teacher at the high school.

"For me to become a head coach at this point in my coaching career means everything to me," Smith said. "For me to become the new coach at a school where people inside the building are excited for me is a blessing. To answer your question, I am proud, excited and ready to do all that I can for the girls here at the school and the community of Rose Hill."

Smith previously was an assistant coach at Campus and has worked at Rose Hill Middle School for three years before transferring to the high school.

"I am most appreciative that I have been accepted by everyone that I have worked with during my four years in Rose Hill," Smith said. "I've had so much love and support from my colleagues, I couldn't say thank you enough. Also, working in a small town such as this has given me a new perspective on how others live."

Smith is passionate when teaching all of his students and values the relationships between them.

"The most rewarding thing about working in Special Education is being able to educate others about how our kids aren't different from their peers. Our kids are just as capable of doing what anybody else that is walking this Earth is capable of doing," Smith said. "I also love being an advocate for them and helping them learn to advocate for themselves as they grow older. I love my students and they know it. Relationships mean everything to me and I am grateful that I get to spend every day with them."



# End of an era: Linot set to retire as athletic director

by danielle mcpherson, reporter

Jim Linot has been a part of the Rose Hill Community and District for 50 years.

"Really my entire life for the most part. I figured 50 years of my life I have been part of the school district and the Rose Hill Community," said Jim Linot. "Other than the years I was in Manhattan for college and teaching at Stafford I have been a Rose Hill guy that bleeds Rocket Red."

He started working at Rose Hill as a science teacher in 1997. Back then the athletic director job was only part time so when he accepted the position in 2000 he was still teaching science. After a few years the position changed to full time and Linot switched over.

"Substituted here for a couple of years at Rose Hill when I moved back and worked for a company in Derby. Then started teaching Science here again full time in 1997 in what is now Mrs. Reed's room. The Rocket Science blind has been there since then," Linot said. "Accepted the AD job in 2000 and taught weights half day and AD all the rest of the day and night. Decided that was way too stressful after a few years and were ready to go a different direction when they decided to make the job a Full time position and the rest is history."

A highlight for him has been the titles that have been won while he was helping organize the games or tournaments. And with the amount of time he has put into the school and its athletes one of the parts he'll miss the most is the friendships that have happened.

"State Titles are wonderful and something I can always treasure. Because I know exactly how hard they are to achieve and how lucky you have to be to even have that opportunity," Linot said. "The thing I will miss the most is the relationships with not only professional colleagues but many kids over the years. Some of those that now have kids that are participating in our programs. Being involved with them and having conversations about not only sports but life in general will be deeply missed."

With all the years that Linot has had it's no surprise that there are going to be things to overcome and challenges to win. He has worked hard to put his skills to use and do what needs to be done as a Rocket.

"The time commitment needed to not only do the job but to be present to support and supervise our programs at both home and away events. Challenges of the last few years have been society spilling over into the school system with the lack of respect for authority and adults in general, not only by kids but also fans, or parents," said Linot. "So I must work hard to make sure that we always try to represent it in a positive manner. Especially to those that are visiting for activities or are already part of this community. I will always want success for Rose Hill and our Programs. ROCKET PROUD!!"





## Thank you Rose Hill!

### an editorial from senior Kimberlin Lovell

It's all over.

Who knew how quick thirteen years would fly by. Everyone says it does, but I think the four years of high school flew by the quickest. High school taught me a bunch. How to be stronger, how to be brave, and how to be myself.

When it came down to everything, I realized what still mattered the most to me. Family, friends, running, and faith. Cross country and track and field became everything to me and became something that is now part of me forever.

As I go to Hutchinson Community College in the fall, I look back on all the memories running gave me. From winning state medals to being absolutely muddy and wet from all the rain, cross country gave me all of my favorite high school memories. I will never forget that feeling of officials calling your name and putting a medal around my neck and feeling like I had finally done something. All of the hard work paid off in one single medal.

Having Coach Barger coach me around the course or on the track. Having Coach Penner and Coach Nolan cheering me on as I do eight long laps around the track. Even having my dad make bets with me that he loses from the sidelines while my mom videos every second. Those fun and exciting moments make running feel like the best sport ever.

I will miss moments like that the most because those are the moments that taught me how to be humble and resilient about the things I accomplish.

Rose Hill will always and forever be a part of me and I hope that one day I can come back here and teach the next generation the same things my teachers and coaches taught me.

I think the best advice I could give is, "You can't listen to the other voices except the ones that make you stronger. If you listen to the ones who make you weak, you get weaker. If you listen to the ones who make you strong, you get stronger."

So thank you Rose Hill. Thank you to my coaches, teachers, and friends. We have reached the finish line to a tough journey that is taking us to a bigger journey. I'm ready to start the next race.

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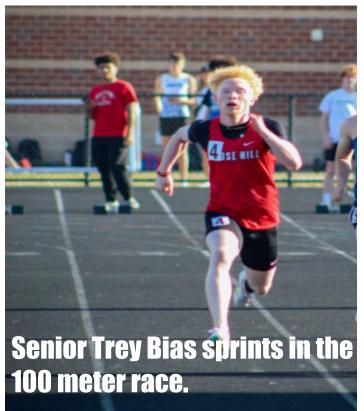


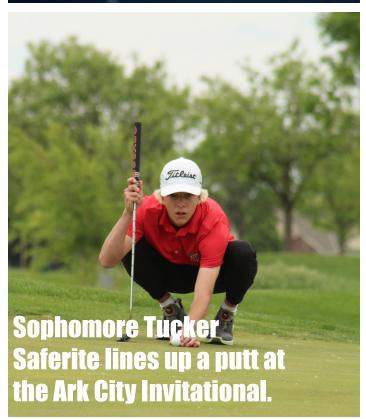


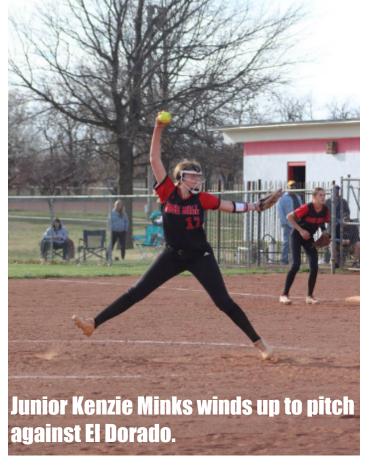


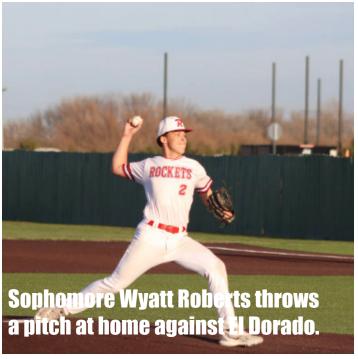












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ALL THAT GOOD STUFF."

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"MY FAVORITE SUMMERTIME MEMORY IS WHEN ME AND MY FAMILY
GO ON VACATIONS TO DIFFERENT PLACES. WE USUALLY GO ON A
VACATION AT LEAST EVERY SUMMER AND MY FAVORITE ONE WAS WHEN
WE WENT TO CANCUN MEXICO."

-JUNIOR TARYN BEERY



"MY FAVORITE SUMMERTIME MEMORY IS PLAYING SUMMER BASEBALL ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. I ENJOY GOING TO THE POOL AS—WELL AS HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS. I ALSO ENJOY GOING OUT TO THE COURSE FOR SOME GOLF."

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