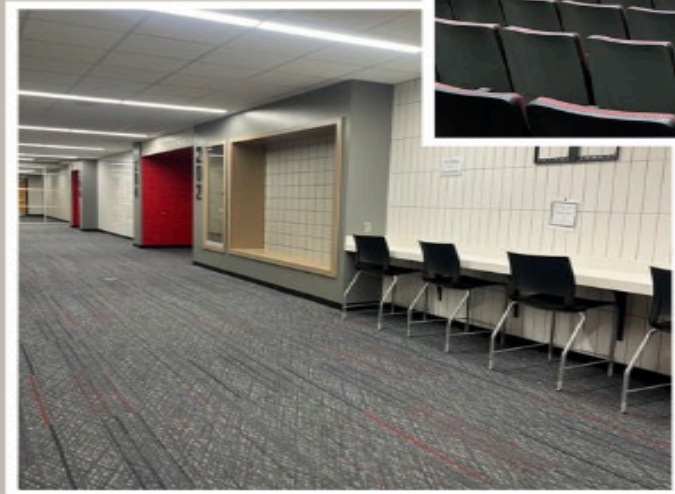
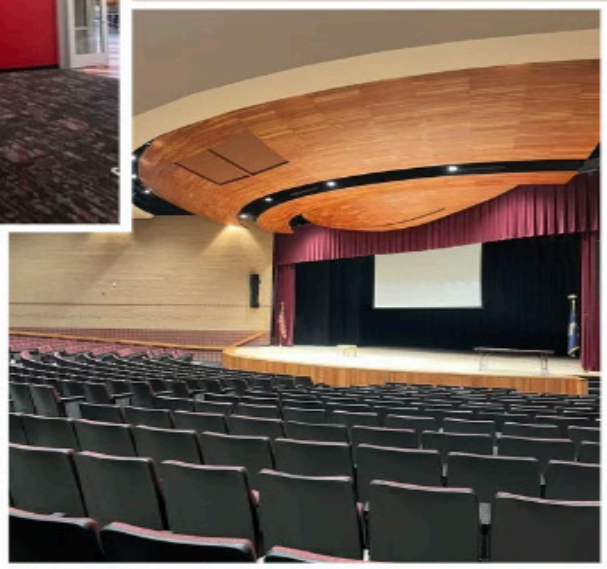
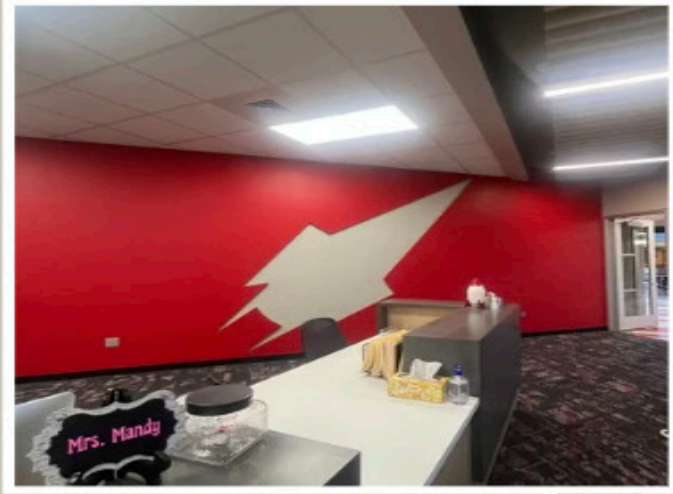


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New high school employees settling in

by ava mills and emme mcnaul, staff reporters

Laura Peele is in her first year here at Rose Hill High School. She replaced Natalie Page who retired last year as an English teacher.

"I have loved getting to see Chuck across the hall (Ms. Madden's service dog). He is the cutest! Also, I have loved reading letters my students wrote to me, telling me about themselves," said Peele.

Peele is still new to the job and she is loving all of her students and other teachers so far.

"Rose Hill has the nicest people. I am so fortunate to have some dear friends here. The staff has been so kind, which makes being new to the district so much easier. As far as students go, I am loving getting to know them and having them in class."

She is very glad that she's making new friends, she says the staff are so kind. Again she loves her students, she's getting to know them better and better each day.

"What I most look forward to is knowing my students better and fostering a feeling of family/community in each class. That only comes with time, investment, and trust," Peele said.

Rashad Daniels is entering his first year as Rose Hill's strength and conditioning coach.

Daniels explains that he doesn't have too many special memories in the short time he has been with Rose Hill, but one that sticks out is seeing all of our lady rockets devote their time to get better during the summer.

"Seeing 40+ female athletes show up in the summer to get better and I think everyone seeing the difference with girls now," said Daniels.

During his first year here, so far Daniels has enjoyed the family oriented atmosphere and seeing students push themselves to be their best.

"It's very family oriented so that's what I like the most. It's great seeing students wanting to be the best version of themselves," Daniels said.

Along with everyone, Daniels is eager for the new weight room to be able to get the most out of the athletes workouts.

"I'm looking forward to our new weight room, just more exciting workouts I can get done for our student athletes," Daniels said.

Alexa Madden is in her first year at Rose Hill High School, she replaced Roger Greier who retired last year.

"The community is very welcoming, everyone is nice and the campus very beautiful," said Madden.

Madden said she has already had several memorable moments in her brief time at Rose Hill High School.

"I was having my environmental science class do a debate about the spotted owl and logging as we were learning about the environment and the economy and how they tie together," said Madden "My first hour environmental science students were very creative in their arguments in favor of saving the old growth forest for the owl as well as those who were in favor of using it for logging. One student even made it into my student quote book when he, in favor of logging, argued that "owls are propaganda."

"I have been seeing signs about the Fall Festival and it sounds really exciting! I am also looking forward to Community day," Madden said.

Madden is looking forward to seeing what else Rose Hill has to offer including events like the Fall Festival and Community Service Day.

"I am loving everything about Rose Hill," Madden said.

Collin Mangus is in his first year here at Rose Hill High School. He replaced Jim Lionot who retired last year as an athletic director.

"I have only worked in Rose Hill for about one month, so I am looking forward to making new memories at our activities and events," said Mangus.

Mangus is still new to the job and he is excited to make new memories at upcoming events and activities.

"I am loving my time so far here in Rose Hill. Everyone has been very welcoming," Mangus said.

He is enjoying his time at Rose Hill so far, he thinks that the people are great and very welcoming. He is excited to go to school activities and games, he is glad to be becoming a part of rocket traditions.

"I am looking forward to seeing our students in action at their competitions and games and becoming a part of the Rocket traditions," Mangus said.

FACS room gets complete makeover

by jocelyn davis, staff reporter

Rose Hill High School just finished up with phase one of their renovations and one of the most exciting of these being the new FACS room.

The FACS room was built with the school in around 1994, and had never been remodeled before – aside from the occasional replacement of an oven or microwave.

FACS teacher, Becki Evans, was thrilled to be able to see something new after such a long time of looking at the same things.

“Everything, the layout, the furniture, the windows, the flooring,” said Evans, of the renovations.

The whole setup of the room has changed with the kitchens now on the opposite side of the room. Along with a new demonstration kitchen with a camera so everyone in the room can see.

Evans had one particular aspect of her new room she enjoys the most.

“The new flooring and cabinets,” Evans said. “The old ones were rough and tired looking.”

There is good and not so good in every project, the big question Evans got from her students was; where will we sew?

“We will figure it out,” Evans said.



New year, new execs for student council

by kaitlin mcilrath, staff reporter

With a new school year comes new leadership. The 2025 Student Council Executives are prepared to take on many challenges, create new opportunities, and help students make long lasting memories throughout the year.

The 2025 executives are Josie Palmer (President), Emersyn Herod (Vice President), Braxton Frazier (Treasurer) and Jocelyn Davis (Secretary).

“My focus stepping into this role was to bring more energy and excitement to the student body,” said Palmer.

Palmer has noticed that in previous years Rose Hill High School has lacked school spirit. She has many ideas for this school year to ensure an increase in school spirit.

A lot comes with holding such a high position in Student Council. Palmer has expressed that her main challenge this year is balancing everyone’s opinions. With a large group it can be hard to accommodate everyone’s point of view.

“Another challenge could be keeping students engaged and excited throughout the whole school year,” said Palmer.

Palmer plans to overcome these challenges by interacting with all students to ensure they are being heard. She wants everyone to have a voice in the choices being made.

Herod feels it is her main priority to make sure everyone is included as well as oversee the assigned committees so everything is getting done on time.

“My position in STUCO affects the students and staff by trying to bring everyone together by having fun at school to increase school spirit,” said Herod.

Something fun that STUCO organizes is planning fun activities for the students to participate in during homecoming week. Herod has created her own tradition to dress up as the Lorax for character day. She hopes her involvement inspires students to be more involved and participate in these fun activities.

“That week (homecoming) honestly brings me so much joy with everything that is going on,” said Herod.



Phase one of bond project complete

by kaitlin mcilrath, staff reporter

On November 5, 2024 a bond issue was passed for Rose Hill High School to begin construction for new facilities. The staff and students were thrilled to have this opportunity.

“(I was) very pleased with the renovations that have taken place,” said Aaron Jackson, Rose Hill High School’s Principal.

Although Jackson was pleased with the outcome, there were some flaws in the material that the architect chose. The lunchroom flooring is not holding up to the lunch table weight when students sit down. As a result of this the tables are denting the flooring and leaving permanent marks.

“(In order) to fix this issue the architect and Hutton Construction are looking at possible options to correct it,” said Jackson.

Throughout the summer Jackson would do weekly checks to see how the progress was coming along. He showed his excitement to this project by always being present to give the students a wonderful environment to learn in for the upcoming school year.

The lockers that were lined in the halls were all removed in this process. This created more usable space for the students. With the remaining area, they installed countertops and chairs for the students to have a place to study.

“(The countertops and chairs) will give students more room with better options to do many things,” said Jackson.

A very special feature they added to the building was hanging framed black and white pictures of the students around each hallway. As you walk around the school you can see all the memories the students have made at RHHS.

With all of the improved facilities, Jackson thinks this opportunity will really impact our students and how they will grow through Rose Hill High School.

“It’s an exciting time to be a Rocket,” Jackson said.



Phase two of bond project set to begin in Septemeber

by jocelyn davis, staff reporter

The Rose Hill Schools have recently been updated with some much needed renovations, but there are still many more exciting things to come.

The high school will continue to see many improvements as phase two of construction begins, starting with the new multi-use storm shelter.

“The shelter will be used for a weight room, wrestling room and an addition to the band room,” said Superintendent Chuck Lambert.

Lambert said they are hoping to have this construction done by

the end of the school year.

Many athletes are excited about these new facilities in the hope that they will give them more opportunity to improve their skills.

These athletes will be idolizing the new weight room with lots of new equipment and space to advance their abilities, whether that is on the field, the court, or the mat.

The middle school is also getting some new improvements, they will be getting a multi-use storm shelter that will have a lunch room. Another addition they will have is a “flex room” that could hold an entire grade level.

The primary school will be adding a multi-use storm shelter. Along with this, they will also be getting another space for Kids Klub and Pre-K.

“The entire project should be finished by the end of August in 2026,” Lambert said.

The order in which the buildings will be completed is; the high school project will be the first then the primary, followed by the middle school.

District to implement new concussion app

by danielle mcpherson, staff reporter

Rose Hill High School has started using the “Sway” concussion app for all athletes throughout the year. This app is making it so athletes know where they stand on a balance and reflex level before they even start playing.

“The Sway Medical platform wants to ‘use the mobile devices that athletic trainers and athletes already own for baseline testing, sideline assessments, and the return-to-play process through an ever-growing battery of balance, cognitive, and functional assessments,’” said James Werbin, Rose Hill Athletic Trainer. “This allows me to have a baseline assessment of balance and cognitive function for each athlete.”

Superintendent Chuck Lambert was the one who first talked to Werbin about doing baseline concussion tests. Werbin was already familiar with Sway Medical so he was able to get it for our schools.

“Both myself and the administration wanted to find a way to better protect our athletes, and Mr. Lambert approached me last school year about doing baseline concussion examinations,” Werbin said. “I had experience with Sway Medical previously and suggested it to them, and they approved.”

Werbin is hoping that with this app can show him why a student has a concussion and how serious it is. This will allow him to make better decisions on whether a student should take a break or return to play.

“I hope that Sway will allow me to make more informed decisions when not only deciding to remove a student-athlete from participation, but also in their return to play,” Werbin said.



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Kai Kirchhoff-Jones tries to elude a Wichita Collegiate tackler on September 12.



Rocket goalkeeper Nathan Salinas rolls a ball to his teammate.

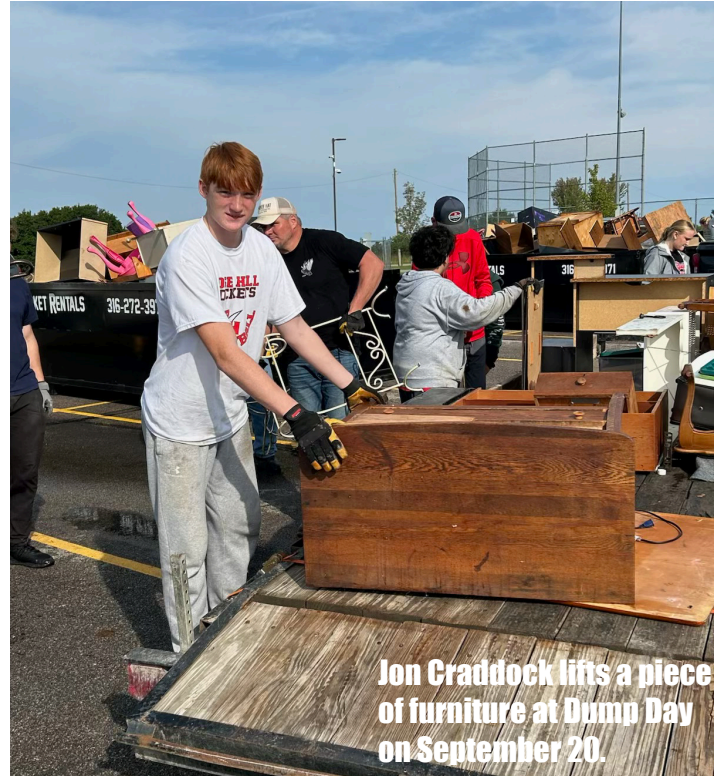


The 2025 Iron Man Volleyball champion - the senior class!

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STUCO members take a photo after Iron Man Volleyball on September 15.



Jon Craddock lifts a piece of furniture at Dump Day on September 20.



The Rocket volleyball team with their first place trophy at the Eureka Invitational on September 13.

An editorial from Danielle McPherson

I've been in the Rose Hill School District my whole life. Some of my earliest memories are when the seniors would come down every year and read with us, lead cheer clinics, and spend time with us.

And when they would walk through the school at the end of the year and wave at you you felt like the most important kid.

Now that I'm in my final year at school I have a deeper respect for all the seniors who would take time out of their day for us. So when I got into high school I wanted to join as many clubs as possible and be a senior that the younger kids look up to.

Senior year is something every kid looks forward to. It's when you're at the top of the school and have the most freedom. It's also the most hectic year because of deadlines for colleges, scholarships, and making sure that you attend all the senior activities to make the most out of your final year.

To make the most out of my senior year I'm involved in three clubs and I am a cheerleader for football and basketball. I go to almost every event the school is hosting so as to not miss out, and I'll go to my job in my free time. I know that all the chaos this year is going to pay off in the end when I have amazing memories with my teachers and friends.

It's very cliché but high school was the best four years of my life so far and I'm confident that it will stay like that as I get older. But there are a lot of things I'm going to miss about Rose Hill and being in school. I'm going to miss being able to go get lunch with friends when we don't have class, talking with teachers who have become friends, and being in classes with kids who I've grown up with.

Time has always moved fast for me. When I was young I could hardly wait to be in high school and now that I'm here I can't even imagine graduating college and having to go be a grown up all on my own.

But the last thing I'm going to miss about high school is getting dressed and ready for graduation, and being in the same room as all my classmates one last time.



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