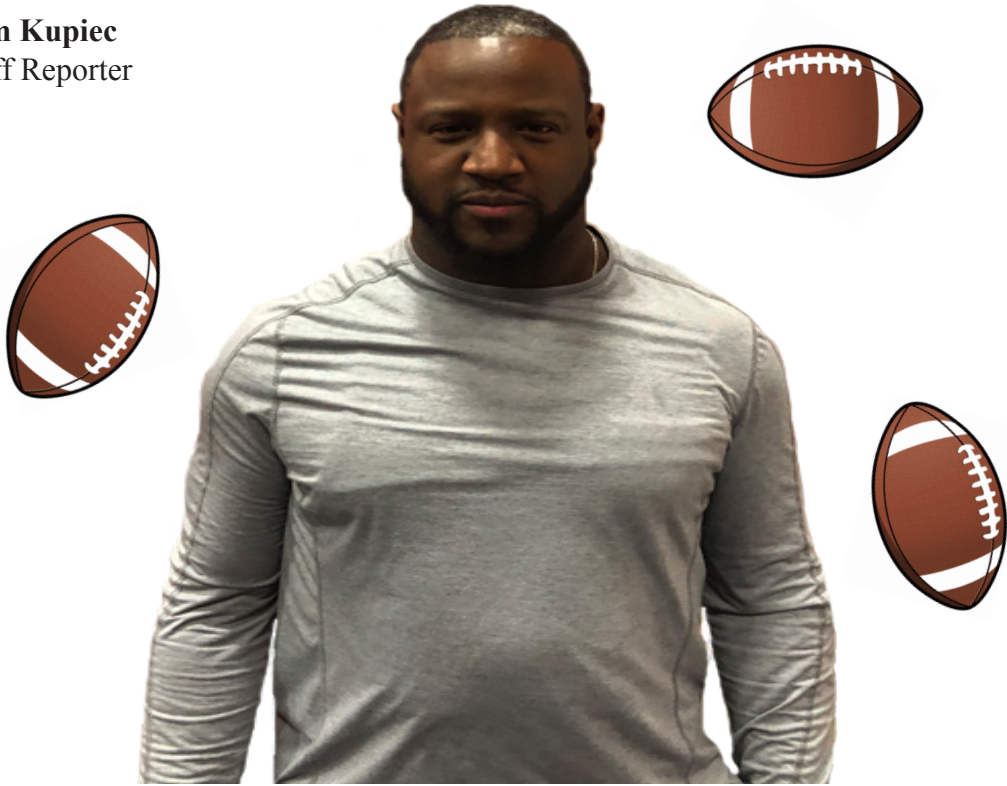


Football program undergoes new changes

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Newly hired football coach Vernard Snowden looks forward to the upcoming season with the varsity Panthers.

Over the past years our sports programs have gone through some drastic coaching changes. One major change was a new athletic director being named just a few years ago, and a new head football coach came along with him. Michael Mahar was the head varsity football coach for two years. During this time he led our school to the playoffs both years, which is a huge step forward for Roseville. However, after Mahar's recent resignation, the program needed something to keep the ball rolling.

After many intense interviews and careful

consideration, Vernard Snowden has been named the new head football coach. Snowden has previously coached at King High School, and South Lhcfhdfake High School, where he helped athletes reach college level. He has produced much success in the past, being a known powerhouse throughout Michigan.

Snowden has big dreams for our team this coming season. His goal is to keep the momentum of the last two seasons going by maintaining a strong offseason. On Monday, Jan. 28, Snowden started holding preseason workouts at 3 p.m. He feels

this school has much potential to win a state championship, but it all comes down to the athletes. The most important things in Snowden's eyes are academics, effort, and punctuality. He has not yet assembled a complete staff to run the program, but he is piecing it together. Snowden also wants to push athletes to find another sport so they will stay active.

"If you want to play football I advise you to pick up another sport in the offseason, wrestling and track especially," Snowden said.

New varsity softball coach steps up to the plate

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New softball coach Sean LaForge is ready to lead the varsity team this spring season.

RHS varsity softball has a new coach this year, Sean LaForge. RHS softball had a rocky season last year with a record of 2-8 but are striving for a better season this year. "The best memory was last year on senior day against Warren Mott high school. The team scored 4 runs in the last inning to win. It was great to see the excitement after the game." former RHS varsity softball coach Cliff Piper said.

Previously, LaForge was an assistant coach for RHS junior varsity softball

for the past two years. He teaches math classes including algebra I at Eastland Middle School. LaForge attended Central Michigan University (CMU) and received a Bachelor's degree in education specializing in secondary mathematics. He also attended the American College of Education and earned a Master's degree in curriculum and instruction. He played baseball at Cousino High School.

LaForge coached an 18U travel baseball team, the SCS Mariners, for three years and was an umpire for high school, travel

baseball, and softball for about six years.

"I applied for the varsity coaching position at RHS because I am excited about the talent we have this year and for many years to come. I would like to build a culture and make a name for Roseville softball," LaForge said.

Having a new coach can be a fresh new start for the softball program at RHS.

"I feel like it would be good for the team, but it will take time to get used to," sophomore Madison Milot said.

Football player becomes a new substitute

Rachel Hyde
Staff Reporter

Robert Porter

anything you want with hardwork and believing in

Porter said.

Porter attended college at Northland Community & Technical College, located in East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls, Minnesota, until 2013, and received his Associates Degree. He received a scholarship to Jackson State University until 2016, and received his Bachelors of Science. At JSU he was a defensive MVP and unsung hero award.

During his free time he enjoys reading, writing, and playing with his bearded dragon, in addition to off-season training.

Porter stayed motivated by seeing his parents and family struggle, and knew he has to work hard to be successful. By staying focused, dedication, believing in yourself, and working hard helped him get to where he is today. Along the way to his accomplishments he had to make some sacrifices, such as going out with friends and fun in general. Porter made up his mind that he would work hard now and have fun later.

Jr. is currently working as a building substitute teacher during the off-season of the Canadian Football League. During the last three years of his professional football career, he has been here at RHS, where he graduated from in 2011. Porter plans on staying here until April, when he has to report for pre-season training for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. He enjoys being a substitute because it gives a different point of view, since he used to be one of the students in the chairs. Porter chose to work as a substitute because it is an opportunity for him to give back the wisdom and knowledge he obtained over the years to becoming a professional football player.

"Being that I'm young, the students would be able to connect with me better and be more comfortable being themselves, plus it's a great way to show you can be



Robert Porter

Canadian professional football player spends the offseason as an RHS substitute teacher.

yourself," Porter said.

Porter is a cornerback and also a kicker. The next season of football begins at the end of May. He began his football playing for junior sports leagues right here in Roseville. He decided to play football because it kept him out of trouble and over the years he grew to love it, ultimately changing his life.

"I always wanted to be the man my family can depend on, I always told myself I was not going back to my old life,"

RHS welcomes new parapro

Kristi Patton
Staff Reporter

Recently,

RHS has welcomed new technology parapro, Theresa Kluge. Prior, she worked at L'Anse Creuse High School, but looking for full-time employment, now takes position previously held by Nathan Fowler. At L'Anse Creuse she worked as a instructional parapro where she helped teach math and reading.

In addition to fixing and changing parts of computers, Kluge works as a security where she patrols the hallways during class, and also helps

at E2020 after school. When Kluge first started at L'anse Creuse, she was subbing as a parapro, but now she has been fixing computers



Kristi Patton

Technology paraprofessional Theresa Kluge repairs computers while helping make RHS a positive learning space.

and helping with the technology for just about six years.

"I've always

known I wanted to work around kids," Kluge said.

For a long time, she has wanted to work in schools with high schoolers because she feels like she relates to the age group, and she has three teenagers of her own.

Outside of school, Kluge enjoys spending time with her husband, daughters, and niece. In her free time, she enjoys gardening and volunteering at her kids' school. She is enthusiastic about her new job and hopes to connect with more kids here and help them as the year goes on.

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