



# Mustang Express

Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

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T. J. Andrade and his mentor, Ryan McKee, hold a shirt used by the basketball team which T. J. coached for his project.



Courtney Brown worked with her mentor, Bettina Boller from the Manhattan Arts Council, to further her interest in drama.



Jared Hawkins and his mentor, Aaron Keller, rebuilt an engine with a goal of less air pollution.



Shanna Nelson learned about appropriate day care practices from her mentor, Sandi Fowler.

## 2010 Senior Exit Projects

On March 12, the Rock Creek seniors completed their exit projects, a requirement for graduation. Their project started during the spring semester of their junior year in English class. They wrote an 8- to 10-page research paper on a topic of their choice. The students then completed a project that tied in with that research. Finally, they compiled a portfolio and gave a presentation on the entire project to their senior advisor, a faculty judge and their community mentor.

The community mentor is vital to the exit project. The process may seem difficult and overwhelming at times, but each senior chooses someone to guide them through and answer questions. This mentor may be a professional in the area, or simply someone who excels in a hobby and wants to share it with others. Students can choose from a variety of topics. The project can be career-oriented, service-oriented, or simply for personal growth. For instance, some of this year's seniors fixed motors, built furniture, raised money for important causes and completed home improvement projects.

Along with helping students learn about a topic they are interested in, the project forces students to develop important life skills. They must learn to communicate effectively with others, especially people with whom they are unfamiliar. In addition, students learn time management skills, since they must meet deadlines and coordinate their schedule with their mentors' schedules. Each year seniors say that the project teaches them about the problems of procrastination!

The Rock Creek faculty and staff are proud of the seniors and what they have accomplished. We hope you will join us at graduation when we will recognize several seniors whose projects were exceptional.



Erica Smith and her mentor, John Blaker, are standing beside her collage which is hanging in the St. George diner.

# Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
3/26	JH & HS Cheer Tryouts	6:00 p.m.
	JH Stuco Dance	7:00 p.m.
3/29	HS Track @ Silver Lake	3:00 p.m.
3/30	JV Baseball @ Herington	4:30 p.m.
	Baseball & Softball Scrimmages	6:00 p.m.
	JH Band/Choir Concert	7:30 p.m.
4/1	Softball Wamego	4:30 p.m.
	JV Baseball @ Marysville	4:30 p.m.
4/2	No School - Inservice/Plan	
4/5	JV Softball @ Silver Lake	4:30 p.m.
4/6	JH Track Rock Creek Invitational	3:30 p.m.
	Softball Abilene	4:30 p.m.
4/7	No Rock Creek Classes	
	FFA Spring Super CDE Day	8:30 a.m.
4/8	JH Track @ Silver Lake	3:00 p.m.
	JV Baseball vs Herington	4:30 p.m.
4/9	Washburn Jazz Festival	TBD
	Softball @ Southeast of Saline	3:00 p.m.
	HS Track @ Wabaunsee	3:30 p.m.
	Baseball @ Wamego	4:30 p.m.
4/10	Regional Solo & Small Ensembles	TBD
	ACT Exam	8:00 a.m.
	Prom	7:00 p.m.
4/12	JV Softball Clay Center	4:30 p.m.
	JV Baseball Wamego	4:30 p.m.
4/13	HS Varsity Track @ Wamego	3:30 p.m.
	HS JV Track @ Abilene	3:30 p.m.
	Softball @ Clay Center	4:30 p.m.
	Baseball @ Chapman	4:30 p.m.
4/14	Pottawatomie County Envirothon	TBD
	State Large Group Music	TBD
	Booster Club Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	BOE Meeting	7:00 p.m.
4/15	JH Track @ St. Marys	2:00 p.m.
	JV Baseball @ Riley County	4:30 p.m.
	FFA Banquet	6:30 p.m.
4/16	HS Track Rock Creek Invitational	3:30 p.m.
	Baseball Marysville	4:30 p.m.
4/17	Regional Forensics	TBD
4/19	JV Baseball @ Wamego	4:30 p.m.
	Spring Jazz Concert	7:30 p.m.
4/20	JH Track @ Frankfort	1:00 p.m.
	HS Track @ Jeff West	2:30 p.m.
	Softball & Baseball St. Marys	4:30 p.m.
4/21	FFA Livestock	9:00 a.m.
4/22	JV Baseball @ Wamego Tournament	TBD
	JV Softball @ Council Grove	4:30 p.m.
4/23	Softball & Baseball Osage City	4:30 p.m.
4/24	State Solo & Small Ensembles	TBD
	JV Baseball @ Wamego Tournament	TBD
	JV Softball Rock Creek Tournament	10:00 a.m.
4/26	JV Softball & Baseball Riley County	4:30 p.m.
	FFA District Banquet	6:30 p.m.
4/27	Softball and Baseball @ Riley County	4:30 p.m.
4/29	JH Track @ Rossville	12:30 p.m.
	HS JV Track @ Manhattan	3:30 p.m.
	JV Softball Abilene	4:30 p.m.
4/30	State Forensics	TBD
	HS Track @ St. Marys	3:30 p.m.
	Baseball @ Clay Center	4:30 p.m.

# MEL Art Competition

Rock Creek Art Department had a great day at Mid-East League Art Competition. The following students placed in the competition.

## Jewelry:

*Hanna Ruder*, Gold  
*Justin Fronce*, Silver  
*Devin Stamm*, Bronze  
*Thomas Sheffield*, Hon. Mention  
*Hanna Ruder*, Hon. Mention

## Ceramics:

*Samantha Stevens*, Gold

## Photography:

*Alyssa Donoho*, Gold  
*Karl Thompson*, Silver

## Graphic Design:

*Debra Hollingshead*, Gold  
*Alex Robison*, Silver  
*Courtney Brown*, Hon. Mention  
*Alyssa Donoho*, Hon. Mention

## Novice Pencil:

*Josh Gee*, Silver  
*Hanna Ruder*, Bronze

## Colored Pencil:

*Angie Patrick*, Gold  
*Hayeon Lee*, Honorable Mention  
*Anthony Dultmeier*, Hon. Mention

## Pen & Ink:

*Debra Hollingshead*, Gold  
*Josh Gee*, Silver  
*Simon Johansson*, Honorable Mention

## Sculpture:

*Thomas Sheffield*, Gold  
*Debra Hollingshead*, Bronze

## Fiber:

*Ben Berard*, Silver  
*Anthony Dultmeier*, Bronze

## Watercolor:

*Angie Patrick*, Gold

## Tempra:

*Paige Nickell*, Silver  
*Hanna Ruder*, Bronze  
*Ben Berard*, Hon. Mention

## Computer Art:

*Simon Johansson*, Gold, Bronze, Honorable Mention

## Advanced Pencil:

*Adara Leonard*, Gold  
*John Frank*, Silver  
*Thomas Sheffield*, Honorable Mention

## Oil Pastel:

*Shannon Oakley*, Gold  
*Marie Chasser*, Silver  
*Larissa Eshelman*, Bronze

## Mixed Media:

*Angie Patrick*, Gold  
*Marie Chasser*, Honorable Mention

# State Honor Choir

*Justin Fronce* participated in the State Honor Choir performance in Wichita. He is the first Rock Creek student in nine years to be chosen for the State Honor Choir. It was an unforgettable experience for him and instructor. As Lacey Burton, Rock Creek choir instructor, commented, "I was very proud of Justin and his accomplishments."





## Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	Sophomores/juniors interested in Fort Hays State University may attend " <b>Tigermania</b> " Day on April 7. Visit <a href="http://www.fhsu.edu/admissions/tiger-mania">www.fhsu.edu/admissions/tiger-mania</a> for more information.
	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls interest in math/science careers may attend the summer <b>MASTER IT</b> program at Emporia State University June 7-12, 2010. See Mr. Sullivan for program details.
	Seniors may apply for various <b>2010 State American Legion Scholarships</b> . Numerous award categories and stipulations. Scholarship values are from \$250 - \$1,500.
	Seniors pursuing art, dance, music, or theatre studies at Kansas State University may apply for the <b>2010 Fine Arts Scholarships</b> . See Mr. Sullivan for details and an application.
	Grade 9-12 students planning to pursue careers as physicians may attend the <b>National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine</b> . The 10-day summer sessions, which will be conducted in cities across the U.S., are dedicated to the early recognition and preparation of the nation's most promising future physicians. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and registration details.
	Juniors interested in University of Kansas may participate in <b>KU Junior Day</b> . Visit <a href="http://admissions.ku.edu/junior%20days">admissions.ku.edu/junior days</a> or see Mr. Sullivan.
	Grade 7-12 students are eligible to participate in the annual <b>Images of Aging</b> photo contest sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center. Awards range in value from \$100 - \$300. See Mr. Sullivan for contest rules/more information or visit <a href="http://www2.kumc.edu/coa">www2.kumc.edu/coa</a> .
	Grade 10-12 students may attend a <b>Summer Leadership Academy</b> at Dodge City Community College. Career academies include business, fire/rescue, nursing, teaching, law enforcement, and music. College credit is available. See Mr. Sullivan or visit <a href="http://222.dc3.edu/li">222.dc3.edu/li</a> .
	Seniors may qualify for <b>free college tuition scholarships</b> and monthly \$1,000 awards by registering at <a href="http://nextSTEPmag.com">nextSTEPmag.com</a> .
	Seniors currently or formerly involved in athletics may be interested in applying for the <b>Big Sun Scholarship</b> (\$500). Visit <a href="http://www.bigsunathletics.com">www.bigsunathletics.com</a> for application details.
	Students in grades 9-12 may be interested in the full year or summer <b>International Student Exchange Program</b> for 2010-11 school term. See Mr. Sullivan for information/application details.
	Any junior boys interested in participating in the <b>2010 American Legion Boys State Program</b> should see Mr. Sullivan. The annual session will be conducted on the KSU campus from June 6-12, 2010. More information and applications are available.
	Students in grade 10-12 who are interested in teaching careers may attend the annual <b>Summer Kansas Future Teacher Academy</b> at either Emporia State University or Dodge City Community College. The week-long sessions allow participants to live in residence halls, attend leadership/self-improvement workshops, interact with Kansas Master Teachers, Kansas State Teachers of the Year, and National Board Certified Teachers, as well as learn more about college life, in general. See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit <a href="http://www.emporia.edu/jones/kfta">www.emporia.edu/jones/kfta</a> .
4/2/10	Seniors pursuing journalism, political science, or communications studies are encouraged to apply for the <b>2010 News Election Service Scholarships</b> . \$500 awards available. See Mr. Sullivan.
4/10/10	Senior boys planning to attend KSU may be interested in applying for the <b>2010 Loren Mall Leadership Scholarships</b> (2/\$500 awards), academic achievement, community activities, leadership roles. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
4/15/10	Juniors interest in Cloud County Community College may attend the 4 <sup>th</sup> annual " <b>Bird's Eye View</b> " in Concordia. Participants will have an opportunity to explore careers, learn about community college life, and enjoy a free lunch. See Mr. Sullivan to register.
4/15/10	<b>Local Rock Creek Scholarships</b> are due. See the Rock Creek Website or go to the I Drive, Shared, for the Local Scholarship Application.
4/22/10	Seniors are eligible to apply for the <b>2010 Student-View Scholarships</b> (7 awards ranging from \$500 - \$4,000). Visit <a href="http://www.student-view.com">www.student-view.com</a> to register.
4/23/10	Sophomores interest in Kansas State University may attend the annual " <b>For Sophomores Only</b> " event at the KSU Open House Weekend.

## BPA State Leadership Conference

The Rock Creek Chapter of Business Professionals of America traveled to Wichita on February 18, 2010, to participate in the Kansas State Leadership Conference. Members competed against nearly 600 other students from across Kansas in their choice of over 70 events. *Lane Frazier* entered Extemporaneous Speaking and Economic Research Project Individual. *Jeran Fry* and *Erica Smith* competed in C++ Programming and Web Page Design. *Nick Horner*, *Caitlin Leiker*, and *Haley Lenauer* also entered the Web Page Design contest. *Nick's* second event was Prepared Speech. *Caitlin* and *Haley* competed in Keyboarding Production. Unfortunately, none of the Rock Creek chapter qualified for the National Leadership Conference, although *Jeran* and *Erica* were the first alternate team in Web Page Design. *Lane Frazier* was 6<sup>th</sup> in Economic Research Project Individual as well.

# The Rock Spotlight



## Mid-East League Wrestling

*Shane Schaake, All-League*

*Luke Goodenow, Colten Smith, Trevor Sutton,  
Honorable Mention*

## Mid-East League Boys' Basketball

*Josh Camacho, Pake Ebert, All-League  
Travis Briggs, Honorable Mention*

## Mid-East League Girls' Basketball

*Becky Lightfoot, Elizabeth Herrs, Taylor Ebert,  
1<sup>st</sup> Team All-League  
Lora Blackwood, Honorable Mention*

## 3A All-State Basketball

*Becky Lightfoot, Josh Camacho, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-State  
Lizz Herrs, Pake Ebert, Honorable Mention*

## Forensics Team

### Marysville Invitational

*Mandi Blenn: 1<sup>st</sup> Extemporaneous, 3<sup>rd</sup> Informative  
Jacob Miller: 1<sup>st</sup> Humorous Solo Acting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oration  
Adara Leonard: 2<sup>nd</sup> Prose, 6<sup>th</sup> Poetry  
Paige Miller & Sara Nider: 3<sup>rd</sup> Duet  
Devin Muir: 4<sup>th</sup> Prose*

### Concordia Invitational

*Eric Willard: 1<sup>st</sup> Dramatic Solo Acting  
Torrey Peterson and Sam Cott: 1<sup>st</sup> Duet  
Torrey Peterson: 1<sup>st</sup> Oration  
Adara Leonard: 2<sup>nd</sup> Poetry  
Dylan Meyer: 3<sup>rd</sup> Oration  
Nolan Fike: 4<sup>th</sup> Dramatic Solo Acting  
Mandi Blenn: 5<sup>th</sup> Informative  
Skylar Myers: 6<sup>th</sup> Poetry  
Sara Nider: 6<sup>th</sup> Humorous Solo Acting*

**Boy Scout Troop 777**  
*Neil Patrick, Eagle Scout*

## Mid-East League Band

### II Superior Ratings:

*Brenda Stevenson, Clarinet Solo  
Karl Thompson, Tuba Solo  
D.J. Denzien, Trombone Solo  
Percussion Ensemble  
J.D. Garetson, Trumpet Solo*

### I Excellent Ratings:

*High School Band  
Colten Smith, Alto Sax Solo  
Woodwind Quartet  
Flute Trio  
Samuel Cott, Alto Sax Solo  
Anna Jilka, Bassoon Solo  
Lynette Bellinder, Flute Solo  
Saxophone Trio  
Brad Duncan, Trombone Solo  
Nolan Fike, Bari Sax Solo  
Rachel Frank, Flute solo  
Jana Havens, Flute Solo*

## Mid-East League Choir

### II Superior Ratings:

*Men's Ensemble  
Courtney Brown  
Chasity Ridder  
Joseph Wilson*

### I Excellent Ratings:

*High School Choir  
Women's Ensemble  
Mixed Ensemble  
Kyron Case  
Becca Snapp  
Bailey Elliott  
Katie Good  
William Trieb*