



Mustang Express 2.0

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Winter Royalty Crowned

Adam Schmitz and *Lizz Herrs* were named the Winter Royalty King and Queen during halftime of the basketball game against St. Marys on January 27, 2012. Serving as attendants were *Katie Zimmerman*, *Josh Gee*, *Caitlinè Christenson*, *Josh Srna*, *Ashley McDaris*, and *Shane Schaaake*.



RCHS Seniors Sign Letters of Intent

Rock Creek athletes have been in demand this year. Several seniors have already signed letters of intent to attend colleges and participate in sports.

Elizabeth Herrs has signed a letter of intent to throw the javelin at the University of Oklahoma. *Lizz* hopes to continue her track and field success at Oklahoma and has future aspirations of throwing the javelin in the 2016 Olympics. She is the daughter of Mary Herrs and Dan Herrs.

Caitlyn Larson, senior outfielder and left-handed slugger, has chosen to pursue her softball career at Barton County Community College in Great Bend, Kansas. *Caitlyn* will play this summer for the Techno Cats out of Salina after she finishes her high school career this spring. *Caitlyn* is the daughter of Tracy and Wayne Rohleder and Mark Larson.

The Rock Creek Mustang baseball team has two signings to announce. Senior shortstop *Ryan Harshbarger* has announced he will take his talents to Longview Community College in Kansas City. *Ryan* will join the 2007 National Champions this fall under the Lakers Coach Culbertson. *Ryan* is thrilled to become a Laker and continue his baseball career at the collegiate level.

Senior first baseman *Eric Willard* has signed to play at Ottawa University under Coach Blaine. *Eric* is very excited about becoming a Brave. He hopes to make an immediate impact at the corner position and help his team win a conference title in the KCAC!



Calendar of Events

2/23/12	State Wrestling Forensics @ Council Grove HS Basketball vs Rossville	TBD TBD 4:45 p.m.
2/24/12	No School PK-12, Inservice 7-12 State Wrestling	TBD
2/25/12	Forensics @ Marysville Forensics @ Osage City	TBD TBD
2/27/12	HS Spring Practices Begin HS Boys Basketball Sub-State	TBD 7:00 p.m.
2/28/12	HS Girls Basketball Sub-State	TBD
3/1/12	HS Boys Basketball Sub-State @ St Marys	TBD
3/2/12	HS Girls Basketball Sub-State @ St Marys	TBD
3/3/12	HS Boys/Girls Basketball Sub- State Finals @ St Marys	TBD
3/5/12	JH Band/Choir Concert	7:30 p.m.
3/6/12	Parent-Teach Conferences 7-12	4-8 p.m.
3/7-3/10	HS Basketball State	TBD
3/13/12	HS Band/Choir Concert	7:30 p.m.
3/14/12	Spring Sports Pictures Board of Education Meeting	2:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
3/16/12	No School PK-12 Senior Exit Projects	7:30-3:30 p.m.
3/19-3/23	No School – Spring Break	
3/27/12	HS Baseball vs Osage City HS Softball vs Osage City	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
3/28/12	Rock Creek Dismiss Early Mid-East League Forensics Tournament	1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
3/29/12	HS Track @ Silver Lake HS Softball vs Wamego HS Baseball JV @ Marysville	3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
3/30/12	HS Baseball vs Marysville	4:30 p.m.
3/31/12	Mid-East League Art	9:00 a.m.

Herrs KMAN Player of the Week

Lizz Herrs has been named the KMAN Player of the Week for her performance at the Hiawatha Invitational Tournament on January 24, 26 and 28. *Herrs* averaged 17.6 points over the three tournament games. In the championship game she had 23 points, 8 rebounds and 5 steals for the Mustangs.

In addition to the great tournament performance, *Lizz* is averaging 16.2 points and 5.8 rebounds per game for the season.

**National Honor Society
Blood Drive
March 1, 2012
Rock Creek High School**

Lady Mustangs Win 5th Consecutive Hiawatha Tourney

The Rock Creek Lady Mustangs won their fifth consecutive Hiawatha Invitational Tournament by crushing the Horton Chargers 53-27 in the championship game. The Mustangs were led by *Lizz Herrs* who had 23 points, 8 rebounds, and 5 steals in the victory. Rock Creek never trailed in the game opening a 10-2 first quarter lead and then a 19-11 lead at the half. In the third quarter, the 'Stangs exploded with a huge quarter to put the game out of reach at 38-12. Other game scorers include *Caitliné Christenson* with 9 points, *Bailey Elliott* with 8 points, *Megan Srna* with 7 points, *Shiann Bruce* with 3 points, *Codi Ebert* with 2 points, and *Annette Trieb* with 1 point. The Mustangs placed three players: *Lizz Herrs*, *Megan Srna*, and *Shiann Bruce* on the Ten Member All-Tournament Team. With the win, the 'Stangs move their record to 12-2.

In the Mustangs first round game the Lady 'Stangs destroyed tournament host Hiawatha 53-23. After a slow start to the game, Rock Creek outscored the Red Storm 35-14 in the next two quarters to ease to their tenth victory of the season and a ticket into the semifinals against the Marysville Bulldogs.

To no one's surprise, the semifinal game against the long-time tourney rival, Marysville, proved to be the toughest of the tournament games for the Mustangs. For the past six years, the championship of the Hiawatha Tournament has boiled down to a tight contest with the Bulldogs, with the Mustangs winning five of those six championship games. This year the annual matchup was held in the semifinals. Regardless, the outcome of this game, as it has had many times before, came down in the final seconds of the game. *Shiann Bruce* hit one of two free throws with 18 seconds left to give the Mustangs their final margin, but the 'Stangs had to survive a long 3-point attempt by the Bulldogs to secure the win.

13th Annual Baseball/Softball Camp

On March 31, 2012, Rock Creek Mustang's softball and baseball teams will host the 13th annual baseball/softball camp. The camp will cover base running, sliding, mechanics of hitting and batting, fielding, position play, pitching, catching, and strength and conditioning. The registration fee is \$25 and is due by March 12. Please make checks payable to Rock Creek High School and send them to or drop them off at Rock Creek High School. This fee pays for a t-shirt, lunch and a camp certificate. If inclement weather does occur, you will be notified and camps will be moved indoors.

For more information contact Coach Jeri Brummett at brummetj@rockcreekschools.org or Coach Chad Herren at herrenc@rockcreekschools.org.

Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	Seniors interested in studying mathematics at KSU, may wish to apply for the 2012 KSU Freshman Mathematics Scholarships . See Mr. Sullivan for application information .
	Juniors and seniors interested in pursuing elementary or secondary education degrees at Kansas State University may want to participate in the annual Education Experience Day activities on March 2 or April 19. Participants will be paired with College of Education ambassadors to experience classes, campus life, and KSU, in general. See Mr. Sullivan for applications which must be received three weeks prior to preferred event.
2/29/12	Seniors planning to pursue post-secondary engineering, technology, business, or design studies may apply for the 2012 Buick Achievers Scholarships . See www.buickachievers.com for more information and applications.
3/1/12	Seniors whose families subscribe to Blue Valley Telecommunications service are eligible to apply for the FRS National Scholarships . Awards range in value from \$500-\$5,000. Apply at 222.frs.org .
3/1/12	Senior boys with a minimum 3.0 GPA planning to attend KSU, may be interested in applying for the 2012 Delta Chi Memorial Scholarship for \$250. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
3/1/12	Grade 10-12 students with a minimum 2.0 GPA and involved in athletics, may apply for the 2012 Sports Quest – Playing with a Purpose scholarships. Apply at www.playingwithpurpose.org . The amounts vary.
3/9/12	Seniors may apply for the Dub/Inez Johnson Scholarship (one at \$500) and/or Kansas Grain and Feed Association Scholarships (five at \$1,000). Download at www.ksgrainandfeed.org or see Mr. Sullivan for applications.
3/9/12	Seniors planning to pursue studies in agronomy, crop science, ag engineering, or related fields may apply for the 2012 KARA Scholarships (\$500 and \$1,000 awards). Visit www.ksagretailers.org or see Mr. Sullivan to apply.
3/9/12	Seniors with a minimum 3.25 GPA and 22 ACT score may wish to apply for the 2012 KACRAO Scholarships , \$250. Apply at www.kacrao.org .
3/9/12	Seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA planning to attend a Kansas Regents University (KSU, KU, Wichita State, Fort Hays State, Pittsburg State, Emporia State) or Washburn University may apply for the 2012 Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholarships . Sixty \$1,000 awards will be distributed to deserving students; apply at www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/senatordolepublicservice .
3/13/12	Seniors planning to pursue health care related studies may apply for the 2012 Partners for Quality Healthcare Scholarship sponsored by the Wamego Hospital Foundation. One \$500 award will be presented to a deserving applicant. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
3/15/12	Senior boys planning to attend KSU may apply for the 2012 Sigma Nu Scholarships . Two \$500 awards will be given. Apply at www.k-state.edu/sigmanu .
3/16/12	Grade 9-11 students interested in teaching careers may attend the summer Kansas Future Teacher Academy at Emporia State University. See Mr. Sullivan for information and registration details.
3/16/12	Juniors whose parents are Blue Valley Telecommunications subscribers participate in the 2012 FRS Youth Tour from June 2-6, 2012, in Washington, D.C. The all-expenses paid trip provides participants an opportunity to explore our nation's capital and its many attractions. Apply at www.bluevalley.net/scholarships .
3/16/12	Seniors whose families subscribe to Blue Valley Telecommunications services may apply for the 2012 BVTC Scholarships . Apply at www.bluevalley.net/scholarships . Awards range in value from \$500-\$5,000.
3/17/12	Seniors planning to pursue studies in electric power/distribution or power plant operation may be interested in applying for the 2012 Westar Energy Craft Scholarship for \$2,000. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
3/23/12	Seniors whose families utilize Wamego Telecommunications as service provider are eligible to apply for the 2012 WTC Primo Scholarships . Preference afforded those students choosing marketing, public relations, or telecommunications related fields. Five \$500 awards will be presented to deserving applicants. See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit www.primomkt.com .
3/23/12	Grade 7-12 students are eligible for the Doodle 4 Google 2012 logo design contest. Competition winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship, in addition to his/her artwork being displayed on Google's homepage. Register at www.doodle4google.com .
3/23/12	Seniors planning to attend KSU, Manhattan Area Tech College, or Manhattan Christian College may apply for the 2012 Leadership Manhattan Scholarship . One \$500 award will be given. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
3/31/12	Sophomores interested in pursuing law degrees may attend the Journey to J.D. summer program at the University of Kansas from June 3-9, 2012. More information and the applications are available at www.law.ku.edu/journeytojd .
4/1/12	The 2011-12 Virtual Business Scholarship application is available online to juniors/seniors enrolled in business, marketing, or personal finance. Applications will be judged nationally and the winner will receive \$2,000. The application is accessible at www.KnowledgeMatters.com/scholarships .
4/2/12	Seniors may apply for the inaugural 2012 First Baptist Church Scholarship . Applicants are judged according to academic achievement, school/community/church involvement, and a prepared essay. One \$500 award given. See Mr. Sullivan for more information.
4/6/12	Seniors may apply for the 2012 Margaret Van Horn Scholarship . One \$250 award will be given. See Mr. Sullivan.
4/14/12	Students planning to complete the ACT exam on 4/14/12 may be interested in completing an ACT Test Taking Strategies course at Wamego High School. See Mr. Sullivan for registration details, fees, etc.
5/9/12	10 th and 11 th grade students planning to pursue nursing careers may attend the annual The Nightingale Summer Experience at Fort Hays State University on June 19-20, 2012. The all-expenses paid event provides participants an opportunity to learn more about a career in nursing, visit the FHSU Nursing Department, stay at a residence hall overnight, and observe clinical units at Hays Medical Center. See Mr. Sullivan for registration information.
6/3/12	Juniors boys interested in attending the annual Boys State Leadership Academy at Kansas State University should see Mr. Sullivan for program details and registration information .
7/15/12	Seniors may apply for the 2012 American Legion Scholarships . See Mr. Sullivan for program details, qualifications, and information sheets. The award amounts and deadlines vary.

Champs of the Rock



BASKETBALL

Rock Creek Boys, 1st, Canton-Galva Tournament

K. J. Dobbins, Aaron Kuecker, All-Tournament Team

Freshman Boys, 1st, Rock Creek Tournament

Freshman Girls, 1st, Rock Creek Tournament

**KSU Outstanding Senior in
Math/Science**

Governor's Scholars Award

Logan Miner

BPA State Leadership Conference

Lane Frazier

3rd in Extemporaneous Speech

5th in Prepared Speech

Top Ten in Financial Math & Analysis

**ESA Outstanding Junior
High Youth Scholarship**



Jackson Fike

Renaissance Awards

Parking Passes

Thomas McAnerney and Mason Swenson

Perfect Attendance

Alex Feldkamp, Keldon Fox, Brooklyn Lohse, Kaitlyn Taylor, Megan Thompson, Heather Goodenow, Eric Stadel, Codi Ebert, Shannon Oakley, Megan Srna, Brittny Fensom, and Lane Frazier

High 5's

Ashley Bramhall, Morgan Tiers, Ashten Anderson, Tyler Ahring, William Henry, Isaac Camacho, Amanda Gross, Quintin Lara, Tim Pushee, Kaeleen Laird, Felicia Smith, Dameon Shriner, Charlie Pyle, Josh Stevenson, Sheldon Rogge, Breanna Stillwagon, Colton Leikam, Zachary Spriggs, Tori Plummer, Marcus Guerra, Garrett Hudson, Tim Merry, and Dakota McAdams

Stretch Award

Ashley Bramhall, Kaeleen Laird, Sheldon Rogge, Zachary Spriggs, and Tim Merry

4.0s

Sarah Altenhofen, Ana Bell, Shannon Caffrey, Alexis Engelken, Rachel Forrester, Keldon Fox, Jacy Johnston, Lyla Lenauer, Abbie Plummer, Chase Ridder, Shilo Schaake, Hayden Schlochtermeyer, Mckenzy Umscheid, Larissa Eshelman, Macy Hawkins, Chance Maginness, Sarah Marek, Brooke Minihan, Kelsey Parker, Kelsey Plummer, Dani Rakowitz, Ben Berard, Kerri Briggs, Crystal Chitwood, Ben Commerford, Cheyenne Deyo, Codi Ebert, Rachel Frank, Kynedee Hodges, Chelsea Lake, Lauren Leupold, Dylan Meyer, Jacob Miller, Taylor Newman, Shannon Oakley, Lauren Overkamp, Zachary Rieck, Josh Roberts, Hanna Ruder, J. T. Weers, Katie Hodges, Aaron Kuecker, Thomas McAnerney, Logan Miner, Ben Peterson, Adam Schmitz, Jessi Snapp, and Trevor Sutton

Republic County Forensics

Rock Creek Team, 2nd

Trey Basa, 4th in Poetry

Trey Basa, Justin Ward, 2nd in Duet

Crystal Chitwood, Kelsey Cook, 5th in IDA

Kelsey Cook, 4th in Oration

William Henry, 3rd in Poetry, 4th in Humorous Solo Acting

Jacob Miller, 1st in Humorous Solo Acting

Jacob Miller, Justin Ward, 2nd in IDA

Brooke Minihan, 4th in Serious Solo Acting

Sara Nider, 1st in Poetry, 1st in Serious Solo Acting

Charlie Pyle, 5th in Humorous Solo Acting

Molly Pyle, 6th in Humorous Solo Acting

Rossville Forensics

Rock Creek Team, 1st

Trey Basa, 6th in Poetry

William Henry, 3rd in Poetry

Aaron Kuecker, 1st in Poetry

Aaron Kuecker, Alexis Engelken, 4th in Duet

Chance Maginness, 1st in Extemporaneous

Jackson Meyer, Will Henry, 1st in IDA

Jackson Meyer, Sara Nider, 1st in Duet

Jacob Miller, 1st in Prose, 2nd in Humorous Solo Acting

Sara Nider, 2nd in Serious Solo Acting

Jessi Snapp, 1st in Humorous Solo Acting, 2nd in Informative