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Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

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FFA Accomplishments

Rock Creek FFA chapter celebrated FFA week February 20-24, 2012. The officers prepared a fun and eventful week to entertain the students.

Throughout the week, students were given clues to the location of an owl they were to find. Other animals were also hidden randomly throughout the building. *Tory Plummer* and *Mrs. Rankin* solved the owl clues and received a bag of candy and a 2-liter bottle of pop. The students finding the individual hidden animals received a can of pop.

The Labor Auction was held Monday evening, February 20. FFA members agreed to work eight hours for the community residents who purchased them at the auction. The fundraiser brought in \$3,000.

Tuesday was Ag Career day. Chapter members were to dress up like someone in an ag-related career. There were a few cowboys around the school.

Officers arrived at school early on Wednesday morning to prepared breakfast for the staff and FFA members. FFA provided biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, and beverages such as milk, coffee, and orange juice.

Thursday was the day for the FFA tours. The chapter toured Jeffrey Energy Center, the St. Marys sale barn, and Caterpillar in Wamego. Puffy's Steakhouse was the restaurant chosen for lunch. Everyone agreed the tour of Jeffrey Energy Center was the top choice.

District Proficiency Selection was held February 28. Rock Creek district winners were *Courtney Hoover* and *Annette Trieb*. *Courtney* took 1st place in Specialty Animal Production. *Annette* won 2nd place in Small Animal Production and Care Division. *Courtney's* application will be taken to state and, hopefully, qualify for Nationals. *Courtney* will receive a plaque and cash award on April 23 at the District Banquet held at Wamego High School.

Successful Blood Drive

Rock Creek National Honor Society sponsored the annual Red Cross blood drive on March 1, 2012. A nurse reported that 16 pints of blood were donated, just one short of the 17-pint goal. Twenty-four individuals signed up to give blood, but some were deferred because of weight requirements, iron deficiency, or other health-related reasons.

This annual event is organized and manned by National Honor Society members. The members give support by advertising the blood drive, supplying juice and cookies for the donors, and locating donors to fill in vacant time slots. This year, about one-third of the NHS members also gave blood. The student and staff donors should be congratulated for giving their time and blood. For each pint of the life-saving blood donated, three patients may be saved.

Calendar of Events

3/16/12	No School PK-12 Senior Exit Projects	7:30-3:30 p.m.
3/19-3/23	No School – Spring Break	
3/26/12	JH Cheer Clinic	5:30-7:30 p.m.
3/27/12	HS Baseball vs Osage City HS Softball vs Osage City JH Cheer Clinic	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30-7:30 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 JH Cheer Tryouts	3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:30-9:30 p.m.
3/30/12	HS Baseball vs Marysville	4:30 p.m.
3/31/12	Mid-East League Art	9:00 a.m.
4/2/12	HS Softball JV @ Silver Lake	4:30 p.m.
4/3/12	JH Track RC Invitational HS Softball vs Abilene HS Baseball JV @ Silver Lake	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/5/12	JH Track @ Silver Lake HS Track @ Wabaunsee HS Baseball @ Wamego HS Softball @ Southeast of Saline	3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/6/12	No School PK-12 Inservice/Plan	
4/9/12	HS Softball JV vs Clay Center HS Baseball JV vs Wamego	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/10/12	HS Track @ Wamego HS Track JV @ Abilene HS Baseball @ Chapman HS Softball @ Clay Center	3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/11/12	JH Mid-East League Scholars Bowl @ Riley County Board of Education Meeting	12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
4/12/12	Mid-East League Art Day JH Track @ St. Marys	9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
4/13/12	Washburn Jazz Fest RC HS Track Invitational	TBD 3:00 p.m.
4/14/12	Regional Solo & Ensemble ACT Exam HS Softball JV Tournament with Jeff West and Royal Valley RC Prom	TBD 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
4/16/12	HS Softball vs St. Marys HS Baseball vs St. Marys	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/17/12	JH Track @ Frankfort HS Track @ Jeff West HS Baseball JV @ St. Marys HS Softball JV @ St. Marys	1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/18/12	State Band & Choir	TBD
4/19/12	HS Softball JV @ Council Grove	4:30 p.m.
4/23/12	HS Softball JV vs Riley County HS Baseball JV vs Riley County	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/24/12	HS Baseball @ Riley County HS Softball @ Riley County	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/25/12	KC Jazz Summit	TBD
4/26/12	JH Track @ Rossville HS Track @ Manhattan HS Baseball JV @ Wamego HS Softball JV vs Abilene	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/27/12	HS Track @ St. Marys HS Baseball @ Clay Center HS Softball JV @ Chapman	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/28/12	State Solo & Ensemble HS Baseball JV @ Wamego	TBD 10:00 a.m.
4/30	Activities/Athletics Banquet	6:00 p.m.

Soles 4 Souls Response

The senior high FCCLA chapter would like to thank everyone who donated to the Soles 4 Souls shoe drive. We stopped counting after 200 pairs of shoes were donated.

Rose Mary Winter came from the Health Ministry in Wamego and collected a large number of shoes to help with individual needs in the Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee county area. She also collected shoes to be sent to the P.R.A.Y. mission in South America.

The remaining shoes (seven bags and four boxes) were loaded into Brian Jilka's car. Brian, class of 2006, is attending Mundelein Seminary at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake near Chicago, Illinois, and volunteered to deliver the shoes to the Soles 4 Souls warehouse. We are greatly appreciative of all who donated shoes and to Brian for making the delivery of the shoes possible.



FCCLA Competitions and Elections

Competition for STAR events was held February 8, 2012. Rock Creek chapter member *Anna Jilka* received second place in the Job Interview competition. *Lane Frazier* served as a student judge and *Alexis Wilson* was a timer for two STAR events.

FCCLA District Officer Elections were held March 15, 2012. *Dakota Nelson* and *Alexis Wilson* will attend the meeting and serve as voters to elect the 2012-2013 District Officer Team.

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 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.
	Students, minimum age 16, may be interested in completing a summer CNA Class at Valley Vista Good Samaritan in Wamego. The class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6/5-7/26. Class registration, certification exam fees, and book rental is \$500. Contact Betsy Miller or Bonnie Dillen at 456-9482 for more information and registration details.
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.
3/19/12	Seniors with athletic backgrounds may be interested in applying for the 2012 Sammy Awards . Twenty-five \$7,500 scholarships will be presented to deserving applicants. Visit Facebook.com/MilkMustache for complete rules, information, and an online application.
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	Grade 9-11 students may be interested in attending the annual summer Rotary Youth Leadership Academy at the University of Kansas from June 3-7, 2012. The residential program allows participants to enhance their leadership and civic skills, while also facilitating personal growth and self-awareness. See Mr. Sullivan for applications
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.
4/3/12	Seniors planning to pursue political science, communications, or journalism students may apply for the KCC/EOA Scholarships . Ten \$500 awards will be presented. Visit www.pottcounty.org/Clerk/2012%20Scholarship\$20App.pdf or see Mr. Sullivan for applications.
4/6/12	Seniors may apply for the 2012 Margaret Van Horn Scholarship . One \$250 award will be given. See Mr. Sullivan.
4/12/12	Juniors interested in Cloud County Community College in Concordia may attend the CCCC Junior Preview Day . See Mr. Sullivan for registration information
4/13/12	Grade 7-12 students are eligible to participate in the 2012 Congressional Art competition. 2012 winners will be invited to Washington D.C. and presented with art school Scholarships. See Mrs. Delay or Mr. Sullivan for program details and registration forms or contact Melissa Underwood at (785) 234-5966.
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.
4/20/12	10 th grade students planning to attend KSU may want to participate in the annual "For Sophomores Only" event at KSU on April 20 and 21. See Mr. Sullivan for program details and registration information or visit www.k-state.com/fso .
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.
6/3/12	Junior girls interested in participating in the 2012 Girls State program, to be conducted at the University of Kansas from June 3-8, 2012, should contact Mr. Sullivan at the earliest opportunity. The annual event promotes civic leadership, representative government, and patriotism.
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.

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State Basketball Rock Creek Team 4th Place



Regional Journalism Contest

1st Place

Katie Hodges, Yearbook Copy Writing

2nd Place

Paige Leonard, Editorial Cartooning

Devin Muir, News Writing

Mason Swenson, Academic Photography

3rd Place

Kayla Huffman, Editorial Cartooning

Honorable Mention

Thomas McAnerney, Editorial Writing

*Jacob Milham, Advertising and
Yearbook Sports Writing*

Devin Muir, Editorial Writing

Paige Nickell, Student Life Photography

Constitution Bee Youth Education Scholarship

2nd Place: *Lane Frazier*

3rd Place: *Jacob Milham*

2012 Topeka Capital-Journal Academic All-State Competition

Logan Miner

2012 Masonic Lodge Essay Competition

Jacob Miller

2012 Bluestem Electric Cooperative Scholarships

Jessi Snapp

Josh Srna

Discovery Center Freshman Initial Regional Experience

Shannon Caffrey, Keldon Fox,

Jacy Johnston, Shilo Schaake