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Four RC Seniors Sign with Cloud County

Rock Creek High School baseball players *Kegan Rawhouser*, *Luis Gonzalez*, and *Matt Gee* all signed with Cloud County Community College to play next year. *Kegan*



Rawhouser is a two time first team all-Mid-East League pitcher, *Luis Gonzalez* is a first team all Mid-East League infielder, and *Matt Gee* is a two time first team all Mid-East League outfielder as well as a two time first team all-state outfielder.

Ashley Garetson signed with Cloud County Community College for track and field. She will be joining the track team in the fall.

BPA State Leadership Conference

On February 19, six Rock Creek students, headed south for the annual Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference. After a few hours wedged in the van, *Tim Herra*, *Greg Pushee*, *Lane Frazier*, *Brittany Chasser*, *Elke Thompson*, *Megan Jilka*, and of course, Mrs. Booth, were finally able to sprawl out at the Airport Hilton in Wichita. Thursday afternoon kicked off with an opening session, featuring hypnotist Bryan Fiese. On stage, and slightly hypnotized, *Elke* belted out a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T and *Lane* flexed his muscles for the crowd. Following the opening session, several students made their way to Wichita West High School for competitions. *Lane* competed in Basic Office Systems and Procedures, *Tim* in VB.Net Computer Programming, *Greg* in C++ Computer Programming, and *Elke* in Keyboarding Production as well as Medical Office Procedures. *Megan* stayed at the hotel and presented her Graphic Design. Open events, which are paper tests everyone can take, were also available at the hotel that night.

The next day, *Brittany* and *Lane* competed in prepared speech. *Tim*, *Brittany*, and *Greg* competed in the Software Engineering Team event. *Megan* presented her business plan in Entrepreneurship. Open events, for anyone who hadn't taken one yet, were available again. That night, a social was held in the hotel, boasting a night filled with a dance, a "Velcro wall," as well as ping-pong and pool tables. At eleven, it was time for some well-deserved rest.

Saturday, brought the closing awards session. National qualifiers were *Tim*, who received third in VB.Net Programming, *Greg*, who took fourth in C++ Programming, *Megan Jilka*, who placed in the top ten in the Administrative Support Concepts open event and is an alternate in Entrepreneurship, and the Software Engineering Team made up of *Tim*, *Greg*, and *Brittany* finished in second. These students will be making their way to the National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas, in May. Good job and good luck to all!



Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
3/16-3/20	Spring Break	
3/24	HS MEL Speech @ Silver Lake	2 p.m.
3/28	Softball Mini Clinic @ St. George Baseball Mini Clinic @ Westmoreland KSU Choral Invite	9 a.m.-3 p.m. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. TBA
3/30	FFA Chapter Applications Postmark Date HS Band/Choir Concert	7:30 p.m.
3/31	Baseball/Softball Spring Sports Scrimmage	6-8 p.m.
4/1	Baseball/Softball Sports Pictures Track Sports Pictures	2:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
4/2	Baseball JV vs Marysville Softball JV @ Rossville	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/3	JH Track @ Carbondale HS Track @ Silver Lake Varsity/JV Softball @ Wamego	2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/4	Regional Solos/Ensembles FFA KSU Open House Prom	TBA TBA 8-12 p.m.
4/6	Softball JV vs Silver Lake	4:30 p.m.
4/7	HS Track JV @ Wamego Rock Creek JH Track Softball @ Abilene	3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/8	FFA CDE Day BOE Meeting @ RC	TBA 7 p.m.
4/9	HS Track @ Wabaunsee Baseball JV @ Council Grove Baseball vs Wamego Softball vs Southeast of Saline	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/10	No School PK-12 Teacher In-service	8 p.m.
4/13	Baseball JV @ Wamego Softball JV @ Clay Center	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/14	HS Track @ Wamego HS Track JV @ Abilene Baseball vs Chapman Softball vs Clay Center	3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/15	State Music Large Group JH MEL Scholars Bowl @ Rossville	TBA 12:30 p.m.
4/16	JH Track @ St. Marys	2:00 p.m.
4/17	HS Track @ RC Baseball @ Marysville	3 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/18	Softball JV Triangular	11 a.m.
4/20	Activity Banquet	6:30 p.m.
4/21	JH Track @ Frankfort HS Track @ Jeff West Baseball/Softball @ St. Marys	1 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/22	FFA Livestock	9 a.m.
4/23	Baseball JV Tournament @ Wamego Softball JV vs Council Grove	TBA 4:30 p.m.
4/24	Baseball/Softball @ Osage City	4:30 p.m.
4/25	Baseball JV Tournament @ Wamego	10:00 a.m.
4/27	HS Track JV @ Holton Baseball/Softball JV @ Riley County FFA District Banquet Jazz Concert	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
4/28	Baseball/Softball vs Riley County	4:30 p.m.
4/30	JH Track @ Rossville FFA Banquet	12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Counselor's Corner

A "Criminal Justice Career Day" will be hosted by Cloud County Community College March 26.*

Juniors may be interested in attending the "Bird's Eye View" Junior Day at Cloud County Community College, April 13.*

Seniors planning to pursue photography or natural resources studies may apply for the 2009 Steve Harper Memorial Scholarship.*

Sophomores interested in attending the annual "For Sophomores Only" event at Kansas State University April 17 and 18 need to register by April 8, 2009.*

Girls in 7th/8th grade interested in math/science careers may want to attend the Master It program at Emporia State University June 8-13. Limited openings.*

*Registration/application information in counselor's office.

Books! Books! Books!

Are books cluttering up your house? If you have books that would be appropriate for and are willing to part with, the Floersch Media Center at Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School would be interested in obtaining them. Please contact Lou Ann Fike at 785.494.8591 or fikel@rockcreekschools.org. Thanks for your support.

League Art Awards

The art department had a successful day at the Mid-East League Art Competition. The art is on display in the media center. Congratulations to the following winners:

Overall Best of Show 2 Dimensional: *Angie Patrick*, Honorable Mention, Pen & Ink

Overall Best of Show 3 Dimensional: *Thomas Sheffield*, Gold Medal, Ceramic's Handbuilt; *Mandi Blenn*, Bronze Medal, Mixed Media 3-D; *Neil Patrick*, Honorable Mention, Silversmithing;

Gold Medals: *Angie Patrick*, Pen & Ink Self Portrait and Pencil Drawing; *Thomas Sheffield*, Cloth Sculpture and Ceramic's Handbuilt; *Morgan Eichman*, Acrylic Painting; *Mandi Blenn*, Mixed Media 3-D

Silver Medals: *Devin Kesl*, Charcoal; *Debra Hollingshead*, Pen & Ink Self Portrait; *Thomas Sheffield*, Pencil Drawing; *Kallie Siderewicz*, Ceramic's Handbuilt; *Tracy Seehafer*, Silversmithing

Bronze Medals: *Brittany Chasser*, Oil Pastel; *Morgan Eichman*, Charcoal; *Alyssa Donoho*, Full Body Tape Sculpture; *Thomas Sheffield*, Silversmithing

Honorable Mention: *Tracy Seehafer*, Tempra Painting and Pen & Ink Self Portrait; *Seth Ruder*, Ceramic's Handbuilt and Silversmithing; *Caitliné Christenson*, Oil Pastel; *Connor Roche*, Pen & Ink Self Portrait; *Morgan Eichman*, Cloth Sculpture; *Brittany Chasser*, Cloth Sculpture and Glass Mosaic; *Justin Fronce*, Cloth Sculpture; *Becca Milligan*, Photography; *Leona Poeske*, Graphic Design; *Alyssa Reeves*, Silversmithing



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Rockin' at the Rock

Mid-East League Wrestling

Shane Schaake and Andrew Wahlmeier, Champions
Sam Wilson, Justin Weers, Michael Wilson, Cody Liming, and Jeran Fry, 2nd Place

Regional Wrestling

Andrew Wahlmeier and Matt Unruh, Regional Champions
Shane Schaake, 3rd place

Mid-East League Wrestling First Team

Andrew Wahlmeier, Matt Unruh, Colin Duncan

Mid-East League Wrestling Honorable Mention

Shane Schaake, Justin Weers, Cody Liming, Jeran Fry

National Youth Science Camp

Caleb Schmitz
State of Kansas Nominee

Mid-East Junior High Boys Basketball

8th Grade Team, Champion
7th Grade Team, Runner-Up

Mid-East League Music Festival

BAND

II ratings:

Brass Ensemble
Flute Ensemble
Cody Liming, Trap Set

I ratings:

Band
Saxophone Quintet
Clarinet Quartet
Percussion Ensemble
Brad Duncan, Trombone
Jana Havens, Flute
Colten Smith, Alto Sax
Brenda Stevenson, Clarinet
Lizz Herrs, Alto Sax
Sam Cott, Alto Sax
Nolan Fike, Tenor Sax
Josh Unruh, Tuba

Kansas All-State Band:

Jana Havens and Brenda Stevenson

CHOIR

II ratings:

Courtney Brown
Elke Thompson
Derek Saueressig

I ratings:

High School Choir
Women's Ensemble
Mixed Ensemble
Men's Trio
Chasity Ridder
Rachel Nider
Becca Snapp
Kallie Siderewicz
Kyron Case
Brian Sixbury
Brittany Willard
Kortney Campbell
Justin Fronce

HOLTON FORENSICS

Nolan Fike, 2nd Place, Prose; 4th Place, Humorous Solo Acting
William Trieb, 2nd Place, Oration

VALLEY HEIGHTS FORENSICS

Mandi Blenn, 1st Place, Extemporaneous; 2nd Place, Humorous Solo Acting
Brenda Stevenson, 3rd Place, Extemporaneous; 6th Place, Dramatic Solo Acting
Paige Miller, 4th Place, Dramatic Solo Acting
Eric Willard, 1st Place, Prose
Adara Leonard, 6th Place, Humorous Solo Acting
Sara Liming, 3rd Place, Dramatic Solo Acting
William Trieb, 3rd Place, Oration

ROYAL VALLEY FORENSICS

Sam Cott & Torrey Peterson, 1st Place, Duet Acting
Morgan Eichman & Nolan Fike, 2nd Place, Duet Acting
Nolan Fike, 1st Place, Humorous Solo Acting
Adara Leonard, 3rd Place, Humorous Solo Acting
Morgan Eichman, 1st Place, Prose
Sam Cott, 1st Place, Poetry
Josh Camacho, 2nd Place, Oration
Paige Miller, 2nd Place, Dramatic Solo Acting
Torrey Peterson, 2nd Place, Informative

SILVER LAKE FORENSICS

Morgan Eichman & Nolan Fike, 1st Place, Duet Acting
Morgan Eichman, 3rd Place, Dramatic Solo Acting

WABAUNSEE FORENSICS

Sara Liming, 1st Place, Dramatic Solo Acting
Eric Willard, 1st Place, Prose
Alexa Ukena, 3rd Place, Informative
Adam Schmitz, 6th Place, Dramatic Solo Acting