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What Floats Your Boat?

On April 21, the Rock Creek Physics class completed their final engineering task of the year by going to the Onaga Life Fitness pool and putting their cardboard boats to the test. The class, along with Blue Valley's Physics class, built row boats using only cardboard and duck tape. The parameters for the boats were that they could have three layers of cardboard (with a maximum thickness of one inch) and that the duck tape seams had to be a minimum of 12" apart. In addition, the boat could not be covered with any "waterproofing" materials.

The two schools met for our first annual competition. The "winning" boat is the boat that made it the length of the pool in the shortest amount of time. Unfortunately, a Blue Valley team won first place this year, but Rock Creek will be back to fight for that title next year. As far as Rock Creek standings, *Samuel Cott* and *Spencer Klocke* were awarded second with a time of 17.40 seconds and *Becca Snapp* and *Sara Liming* placed third with a time of 18.65 seconds.

Additional Rock Creek performances include: the teams of *Dawn Nowakowski* and *Tyler Gardner* and *Jared Hawkins* and *Corey VanPelt* each made it three-quarters of the way down the length of the pool. And challenging themselves with a minimal boat design, *Justin Fronce* and *Simon Johansson* only made it a few paddles.



Left: Sara Liming and Becca Snapp; above: Samuel Cott and Spencer Klocke.

Make a Difference

If you have enjoyed knowing *Ale* (from Argentina) or *Simon* (from Sweden) this school year, then please consider hosting an AFS exchange student next school year! Make a difference. Welcome an AFS exchange student into your family. For more information, contact www.afsna.org or call (800) 876-2377. Local hosting coordinator is Kathy Wichmann, kwichmann@cox.net or (785) 770-8599.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society is getting the jump on the 2010-2011 school year by having officer elections. Leaders at Rock Creek will be *Colten Smith*, President; *Ashley Altenhofen*, Vice President; *Katie Good*, Secretary; *Adam Schmitz*, Treasurer; and *Jessi Snapp*, Student Council Representative. Congratulations to all!

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
5/19-5/20	HS Softball Regionals HS Baseball Regionals	TBD TBD
5/20	FFA Barnyard	TBD
5/21	HS Track Regionals @ St. Marys	3:00 p.m.
5/22	Graduation	3:00 p.m.
5/25	Last Day - Dismiss regular time	
5/26	Teacher Workday	8:00 a.m.
5/27	Inservice/Curriculum Writing	8:00 a.m.
5/28	Offices/Schools Closed	
5/28-5/29	HS Softball State HS Baseball State HS Track State	TBD TBD TBD
5/31	HOLIDAY - Offices/Schools Closed	
6/7	Summer School Begins	8:00 a.m.
6/9	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
6/30	Last Day of Summer School	
8/6	FCCLA Officer Summer Leadership Academy @ Living Water Ranch	TBD
8/10-8/13	Debate Camp @ Rock Creek Media Center	TBD
8/19	First Day of School	8:30 a.m.

Costa Rica

One group of students will have an exciting trip to take in the middle of their summer. The group will tour Costa Rica for 8 days, June 24-July 2. They will practice Spanish, and stay with host families. Sara Miller is the sponsor and will have the following people with her: *Shelby Adams, Mandi Blenn, Kiley Brown, Bailey Elliott, Nolan Fike, Katie Good, Spencer Klocke, Rachel Lewman, Ashley McDaris, Logan Miner, Chelsea Renner, Michael Wilson*, and former student teacher *Kelly Hammond*.

Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour

Congratulations to *Mandi Blenn* who was recently selected to participate in the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour. It provides 100 juniors from across the United States an opportunity to complete an all-expense paid four-day summer tour of our nation's capital and its many attractions. While in Washington, D.C., participants learn about the telecommunications industry, as well as regulatory and legislative processes. In addition, they will visit the Lincoln, Jefferson, Korean, Vietnam, and World War II Memorials; Mount Vernon; and Smithsonian Museum.

Boys State

Congratulations to *Colten Smith* and *Luke Goodenow* for qualifying as Boys State leadership participants. They will join boys from across Kansas June 6-12 at Kansas State University. Juniors must be in the upper half of their class, be a self-starter, and be involved in extracurricular activities.

Kansas Youth Attend FCCLA State Leadership Showcase

Five students from Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School recently attended the 2010 FCCLA State Leadership Conference, "Behind the Scenes: Leadership Explosion," held April 12-13, 2010 in Wichita, Kansas.

This two-day conference began on Monday, April 12 with individuals participating in STAR (Student Taking Action with Recognition) Events competitions. STAR Events are completed at the local level, ranging anywhere from Chapter Service, and Recycle and Redesign to Culinary Arts. To qualify for state, participants received a gold or silver medal and the highest rating at one of the twelve district competitions. Monday evening an opening session was held at the Century II Convention Center, where chapters and members were recognized for various efforts throughout the year such as increased membership and Power of One. *Chelsea Ebert, Jackie Gonzalez* and *Chelsea Renner* received a silver rating for their Illustrated Talk over Planning a Family Vacation.

Upon completion of the meeting, a gala took place as a fun event for the members and a reward for their efforts and hard work throughout the year.

The second session was held on Tuesday, April 13. At this session, members were able to see all of their hard work rewarded. Chapters that took part in one of the state or national Community Service Projects, Children's Miracle Network or the Love Chloe Foundation, were able to see their individual efforts "link up" as a grand total of \$2,739.70 was raised for both organizations. Members then participated in track sessions and listened to Grant Baldwin who inspired teens to plan for their future. At the end of the session members were able to see the outcome of their projects as the National Qualifiers were announced for the STAR Events. The spotlight closed on the installation of the newly-elected officers, two of which were *Anna Jilka* and *Sarah Marek* as our District D Co-Vice Presidents of STAR Events.

FCCLA: the ultimate leadership experience is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences Education. FCCLA has more than 225,000 members and nearly 7,000 chapters from 50 state associations and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only in-school career and technical student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

2010 Scholarships and Awards

Danielle Area: Highland Community College Cheerleading Scholarship

Lora Blackwood: Brown Mackie College Basketball Scholarship

Courtney Brown: Westmoreland High School Alumni Scholarship

Joshua Camacho: Sterling College Academic Scholarship, Sterling College Athletic Scholarship, Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, Masonic Lodge Scholarship, Mike Vaughan Memorial Scholarship, U.S. Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Award

Hannah Cockerill: Washburn University Freshman Academic Scholarship

Samuel Cott: University of Kansas Freshman Achievement Scholarship, University of Kansas Dean's Scholarship, University of Kansas Aerospace Engineering Scholarship, University of Kansas Summerfield Scholarship, Kansas ACT Scholar, Kansas State Scholar, Kansas State University Outstanding Senior in Math/Science Award

George Dille: Kansas State University Achievement Scholarship, Kansas State University Horticulture Scholarship, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Raymond Scritchfield Memorial Scholarship, Wayne Dunafon Memorial Scholarship, National FFA & Ford "Ford Trucks Built Ford Tough" Scholarship locally sponsored by Dick Edwards Ford

Brad Duncan: Kansas State University Medallion Scholarship

Danielle Duncan: FFA Alumni Scholarship, Eugene Plummer Memorial Scholarship

Pake Ebert: Kansas State University Achievement Scholarship, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Eugene Plummer Memorial Scholarship, Kenneth "Pete" and Dorothy Ebert Scholarship, Rock Creek Booster Club Scholarship, Brill Westmoreland Scholarship, National FFA/ILC Resources Scholarship

Taylor Ebert: Kansas Wesleyan University Basketball/Softball Scholarships, Kansas Wesleyan University Pioneer Academic Scholarship, U.S. Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Award

Nolan Fike: University of Kansas Freshman Achievement Scholarship, Blue Valley Telecommunications Scholarship, Rock Creek Booster Club Scholarship, Rock Creek Student Council Scholarship, Manhattan Area All-Academic Team, Kansas Honor Scholar, Kansas State Scholar

Justin Fronce: University of Kansas Freshman Achievement Scholarship, Westmoreland High School Alumni Scholarship

Tyler Gardner: Kansas State University Putnam Scholarship, Kansas State University Engineering Department Scholarship, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Kansas ACT Scholar, Kansas Honor Scholar, Kansas State Scholar

Jana Havens: Washburn University Leadership Scholarship, Washburn University Academic Scholarship, Washburn University Music Scholarship, RCEA "Future Teacher" Scholarship

Jared Hawkins: Kansas State University Fairchild Scholarship

Bridget Hoover: FFA Alumni Scholarship, Westmoreland High School Alumni Scholarship

Adam Kibodeaux: Highland Community College Track Scholarship

Brad Kleusch: Kansas Vocational Education Scholarship

Spencer Klocke: Kansas State University Leadership Scholarship, Kansas State Scholar

Laurel Lauer: Westmoreland High School Alumni Scholarship

Adara Leonard: Kansas State University Leadership Scholarship

Becky Lightfoot: Highland Community College Volleyball Scholarship

Sara Liming: Pittsburg State University Academic Scholarship

Kaitlyn Lohse: Kansas State University Activity Scholarship, Rock Creek Booster Club Scholarship, Tindall Orthodontic Scholarship

Harrison Newman: Southwestern College Track Scholarship, Southwestern College Academic Scholarship

Megan Nider: James/Kendra Nolan Scholarship, James Calvin Magnett Memorial Scholarship, Raymond Scritchfield Memorial Scholarship, Rock Creek Booster Club Scholarship, Brill Westmoreland, Scholarship

Rachel Nider: James/Kendra Nolan Scholarship

Dawn Nowakowski: Kansas State University Achievement Scholarship, Kansas Honor Scholar

Patrick O'Connor: FFA Alumni Scholarship

Amanda Oakley: Kansas State University Leadership Scholarship, Kansas State University College of Ag Scholarship, American Legion Post #260 Scholarship, National Honor Society Scholarship, Rock Creek Booster Club Scholarship, Rock Creek Student Council Scholarship, Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, Kansas Elks Association Scholarship, Bluestem Electric Cooperative Scholarship, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Scholarship, Gus Hildebrand Memorial Scholarship, Kiser Leadership Scholarship, Wamego Telecommunications Scholarship, Kansas Governor's Scholar, Academic All-State Team, Kansas Honor Scholar, Kansas State Scholar

Torrey Peterson: University of Kansas Leadership Scholarship, Rock Creek Booster Club Scholarship, Bluestem Electric Cooperative Scholarship, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Scholarship, Wamego City Hospital Scholarship, Miss Pottawatomie County Scholarship, Kansas Honor Scholar, Kansas State Scholar

Anthony Reid: Kansas Vocational Education Scholarship

T. J. Roberts: Mid-America Nazarene College Football Scholarship, Mid-America Nazarene College Academic Scholarship

Seth Ruder: Kansas Vocational Education Scholarship

Rebecca Snapp: Kansas State University Leadership Scholarship, Rock Creek Starz Scholarship, Brill Westmoreland Scholarship, Kansas Honor Scholar, Kansas State Scholar

Ashley Srna: Downtown Dental Group Healthcare Scholarship, Rock Creek Booster Club Scholarship, Rock Creek Starz Scholarship, Troy Ebert Memorial Scholarship, Bluestem Electric Cooperative Scholarship, Blue Valley Telecommunications Scholarship, Partners for Quality Healthcare Scholarship

Lucas Swoyer: Kansas Vocational Education Scholarship

Wesley Thierolf: Raymond Scritchfield Wrestling Scholarship, Rock Creek Kids Wrestling Scholarship

William Trieb: Kansas State University Leadership Scholarship, Kansas State University College of Ag Scholarship, Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, Kansas Elks Association Scholarship, Leadership Manhattan Scholarship, Orscheln Farm/Home Supply Scholarship, Harold Johnson Memorial Scholarship, Manhattan 4-H Leadership Scholarship, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Family Budget Shop Scholarship, Bonnie Keele Memorial Scholarship, National FFA & Ford "Ford Trucks Built Ford Tough" Scholarship locally sponsored by Dick Edwards Ford, Kansas Honor Scholar, Kansas State Scholar

Corey Van Pelt: FFA Alumni Scholarship

The Rock Spotlight



District FFA Banquet

Pake Ebert

Past District President

George Dille, William Trieb

District Proficiency Winners

Chase Minihan

Master Ritual Treasurer

JohnDerek Garetson

High Individual, Dairy Cattle

T.J. Minihan

Future District President

David Holliday

District Advisor

Rock Creek FFA

National Chapter Award

State CDE

Clayton Frakes, Chelsea Ebert,

Sam Wilcox, Emily Forge

22nd, Horse Judging

Corey VanPelt, Brad Kleusch,

T.J. Minihan, Tyler Gardner

7th, Ag Mechanics

Bridget Hoover, Chelsea Ebert,

Danielle Duncan

18th, Ag Communications

Pake Ebert, JohnDerek Garetson,

Chelsea Ebert, Patrick O'Connor

16th, Dairy Cattle

Emily Forge, Levi Anderson,

Dylan Treadwell, Danielle Duncan

32nd, Food Science

Shane Schaake, Pake Ebert,

T.J. Minihan, William Trieb

24th, Livestock

William Trieb, Sam Wilcox,

Annette Trieb, Eric Beyer

3rd, Poultry

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar

Adam Schmitz

Rock Creek Representative



State Forensics

Rock Creek

2nd Overall

T.J. Roberts

State Champion, Poetry

2nd, Prose

Dylan Meyer

State Champion,
Extemporaneous Speaking

Mandi Blenn

2nd, Extemporaneous Speaking
4th, Informative

Torrey Peterson

2nd, Oration

Nolan Fike

3rd, Prose

Eric Willard

5th, Poetry

State Solo and Ensemble

II Rating

Brad Duncan, Trombone Solo

Rachel Frank, Flute Solo

Trombone Trio

Percussion Quartet

I Rating

Saxophone Trio

Nolan Fike, Bari Saxophone Solo

Colten Smith, Alto Saxophone Solo

Sam Cott, Alto Saxophone Solo

Jana Havens, Flute Solo

Wamego Middle School Band Festival

II Rating

Percussion Ensemble

Austin Umscheid, Timpani Solo

Trombone Trio

Lane Forge, Tenor Saxophone Solo

Justin Ward, Alto Saxophone Solo

Connor Wood-Ross, Alto Saxophone Solo

Heather Goodenow, Clarinet Solo

Jacob Milham, Tuba Solo

William Henry, Trumpet Solo

I Rating

Rock Creek Junior High Band

Ryan Zimmerman, Snare Solo

Trumpet Ensemble

Saxophone Ensemble

Derick Dunaway, Alto Saxophone Solo

Spence Bowers, Bari Saxophone Solo

Clarinet Ensemble

Macy Hawkins, Clarinet Solo

Kelsie Hudson, Clarinet Solo

Flute Trio

Katherine Culbertson, Flute Solo

Jackson Meyer, Trumpet Solo

