



# Mustang Express

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## New Faces at the Rock!

**Jessica Augustine** – Ms. Augustine teaches English and multimedia. She graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelors degree and is currently working on getting her masters degree through Fort Hays State University. Originally from Ellis, Kansas, Ms. Augustine taught at Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School for six years. Ms. Augustine's hobbies include attending KSU games, watching the Cowboys and Chiefs, taking photos, spending time with family and friends, walking, napping, cleaning, and organizing. She loves all fruit but especially peaches, pears, strawberries, and cranberries. Ms. Augustine would like to go to Europe because she would like to see where her ancestors were from.



**Chad Herren** – Mr. Herren is a special education teacher at Rock Creek and will serve as the head baseball coach and the assistant junior high boys' basketball coach. He has a bachelors degree in physical education/health from Washburn University and a masters degree in special education from Baker University. Mr. Herron worked in Colorado as a program supervisor helping high school students' transition into adulthood. Mr. Herren has been married to his wife, Keri, for a year and a half. Mr. Herren's hobbies are baseball, golf, camping, and hanging out with his friends. His favorite fruit is frozen strawberries with sugar added. Mr. Herren's favorite place in the world is Colorado; he enjoys the mountains and weather.



**Cherrie Lindsey** – Ms. Lindsey is an English teacher. She has a bachelors degree in English Literature with an Emphasis in Creative Writing from the University of Kansas. Ms. Lindsey attended University of Missouri Kansas City on an athletic scholarship for a year then went to Ottawa University where she attained her teaching license. Ms. Lindsey worked at Williamsburg, Kansas, and at West Franklin High School after schools merged. She has two daughters; Natalie is 8 and Rylee is 4. Ms. Lindsey's hobbies are listening to music, attending concerts, reading, writing, and target shooting. Pears are her favorite fruit. Ms. Lindsey would like to go to England and check out Charles Dickens' house.



**Mark Oberkrom** – Mr. Oberkrom has joined the Rock Creek physical education department this year. He received a bachelors degree in pre-med and a masters in athletic administration from Kansas State University. Mr. Oberkrom was the Kansas State Associate Head Strength Coach from 1995-2007. Mr. Oberkrom is still a newlywed. He married his wife Aprilly in March. His hobby is fishing and he makes time to stay involved with football, strength, and conditioning. Mr. Oberkrom's favorite fruit is pineapple. His favorite place to be is Aruba, again. It must have been a great visit the first time.



**Bridgette Rankin** – Mrs. Rankin is another new English teacher. She holds two bachelors degrees from Fort Hays State University. Mrs. Rankin taught grades nine, ten, and eleven at Washburn Rural High School for three years. Mrs. Rankin grew up in Clay Center, Kansas, where her parents still live. Mrs. Rankin was newly married in June to her husband Brian. Her hobbies are watching movies, reading, spending time with family and her dog, Katy, and the occasional nap. It is a toss up between Bing cherries and fresh pineapple for her favorite fruit. Ms. Rankin would like to go back to Jamaica where she spent her honeymoon or Tahiti to relax by the beach and read a book.



## Newsletter Mailing

This is another new year for the **Mustang Express** high school newsletter. The newsletter is available to the public through the Internet and by mail. We have established a beginning mailing list. If you know of anyone who would like to receive this newsletter by mail, contact Rock Creek High School at 785-494-8591 or by e-mail at [boothp@rockcreekschools.org](mailto:boothp@rockcreekschools.org).

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
9/25	JHVB @ Santa Fe Trail, w/Carbondale, Overbrook JHFB @ Santa Fe Trail Rock Creek FRVB Quad Freshman/Sophomore FB – Riley County	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
9/26	Homecoming Parade @ St. George HSFB Riley County – Homecoming	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
9/27	HSVB @ Wamego Tournament HSVB JV @ Wabaunsee Tournament HSCC @ Wabaunsee	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
9/29	HSFB JV @ Riley County	6:00 p.m.
9/30	Rock Creek Picture Retakes HSVB Silver Lake	1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
10/2	HSVB @ Riley County w/Herington, Council Grove HSCC @ Council Grove Rock Creek JHCC Meet JHVB @ Mill Creek Valley (Paxico) Freshman/Sophomore FB @ Jefferson County West JH FB @ Mill Creek Valley (Alma)	4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
10/3	HSFB @ Rossville	7:00 p.m.
10/4	HSVB JV @ Jefferson County West Tournament	8:00 a.m.
10/6	HSFB JV Rossville JH/HS Choir Concert	6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
10/7	HSVB @ Wabaunsee	5:00 p.m.
10/8	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
10/9	JHVB 7A/7B Quad JHFB Fort Riley	4:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
10/10	HSFB @ St. Marys	7:00 p.m.
10/11	Rock Creek HSVB JV Tournament HSVB JV Quad @ St. Marys JHVB Mid-East League Tournament @ Wabaunsee HSCC @ Riley County	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
10/13	No School PK-12 Teacher In-Service/Plan HSFB JV St. Marys	6:00 p.m.
10/14	HSVB Rossville Senior/Parents Night	5:00 p.m.
10/16	HSCC Mid-East League @ Riley County JHFB Riley County	4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
10/17	HSFB Royal Valley	7:00 p.m.
10/18	HSVB @ Hillsboro Tournament	9:00 a.m.
10/20	HSFB JV @ Royal Valley HSFB Freshmen @ Royal Valley	4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
10/21	HSVB @ Riley County	5:00 p.m.
10/23	HSFB Freshman/Sophomore Wamego	6:00 p.m.
10/24	HSFB @ Wamego	7:00 p.m.
10/25	HSVB Sub-State HSCC Regional	TBA TBA
10/27	NHS Induction	7:00 p.m.
10/28	P/T Conference 7-12	4-8 p.m.
10/30	HSFB Clay Center Senior/Parents Night	7:00 p.m.
10/31	No School 7-12 HSVB State @ Salina	TBA

## Best Choice Labels

The FCCLA chapters at Rock Creek High School are saving Best Choice labels to cash in for chapter money. Cut the UPS label off a package and send them to school in an envelope with FCCLA written on the outside. Thanks for your support.

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## FCCLA Fundraiser

FCCLA members will be selling Elsie Grace products starting September 30, 2008. For those who are unfamiliar with this brand, Elsie Grace products are produced in Frankfort, Kansas. We have chosen their products because they are good and the money goes into our local economy instead of out of the area. Products include mixes for soups, dips, meat rubs, cookies, pie filling and crust, and pancakes. The sale of Elsie Grace products help the members to pay for dues, chapter T-shirts, scholarships for seniors, STAR Event activities, district and state conference registration and other chapter events. Delivery of the items will be the week of October 27-30, 2008. Contact a FCCLA member or Mrs. Siderewicz ([siderewm@rockcreekschools.org](mailto:siderewm@rockcreekschools.org)) to purchase some of the items.

## HomeworkKansas

Kids have homework and HomeworkKansas can help. The State Library of Kansas is offering a tested and proven, free tutoring service called HomeworkKansas.

This fall begins the third year of this statewide service offering interactive, one-to-one homework tutoring in math, science, social studies and English for students K-12.

Students need to go to the HomeworkKansas website at [www.homeworkkansas.org](http://www.homeworkkansas.org) and choose "Click here to connect to Homework Kansas" to initiate a session. Tutors are available seven days a week from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Spanish-speaking tutors are available to provide assistance for most subjects from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.

Last year, students logged over 20,000 HomeworkKansas sessions and raved about the help they received.

## Foster Families

Children you already know need **your** help! Won't you be a part of a life-giving and life-changing experience for yourself and a child? Too often, children in foster care are uprooted from more than just their families. With your help, we can prevent them from losing their homes, their schools, their friends and their communities. In Kansas, we can now immediately place a non-relative-kin (anyone who has a bond with the child).

KVC is Behavioral HealthCare is entrusted with the care of 2,000 children. We have been caring for them in Kansas for over 30 years with satellite office near you. KVC Behavioral HealthCare assists you in becoming foster and/or adoptive parents by providing the required PS-MAPP training, which is free! KVC Behavioral HealthCare is located at 222 Southwind Place, Manhattan, KS 66503. Their telephone number is 785.537.9144.

For more information on this program or the PS-MAPP training classes, contact KVC Resource Family Recruiter Jessica Gleaves, LBSW at 785.410.0856.

## Counselor's Notes

Seniors interested in attending KSU "Senior Day" activities should see Mr. Sullivan for registration information or visit [consider.k-state.edu/seniors](http://consider.k-state.edu/seniors).

Seniors planning to attend KU may want to participate in a KU Senior Day event. To register, students should see Mr. Sullivan or visit [www.admissions.ku.edu/seniordays](http://www.admissions.ku.edu/seniordays).

Students with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average who've excelled academically and athletically in addition to being involved in community activities, may be interested in applying for the Wendy's High School Heisman Awards. Apply online at [wendysheisman.com](http://wendysheisman.com) (\$5 to \$50 Wendy's gift cards to the first 41,000 applicants). Application deadline is October 1, 2008.

Seniors interested in cinematic arts, dance, jazz, instrumental music, photography, theatre, visual arts, voice, or writing may want to participate in the 2009 Young Arts competition. There are \$5,000 - \$10,000 awards available as well as expense-paid trips to Florida. Visit [www.nfaa.org](http://www.nfaa.org) for registration details. The deadline is October 1, 2008.

Seniors with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average who are planning to pursue 4-year college degrees may be interested in applying for the Horatio Alger Association Scholarships. Awards range in value from \$2,500 - \$20,000. Apply online at [www.horatioalger.com/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships). The deadline is October 30, 2008.

Seniors planning to pursue engineering studies in college may be interested in applying for the 2009 SAE Engineering Scholarships. These scholarship applications have a December 1, 2008 deadline. See Mr. Sullivan for details and application information or visit [www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm](http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm).

Seniors planning to attend KSU may be interested in applying for the K-State Civic Leadership Scholarship. Applicants should have demonstrated a commitment to serving others in their community, school, or church. Interested students may apply by completing both the K-State scholarship application at [consider.k-state.edu/financialaid/](http://consider.k-state.edu/financialaid/) and the Civic Leadership Scholarship supplement application at [www.k-state.edu/nss/scholarships](http://www.k-state.edu/nss/scholarships). Awards range in value from \$2,000 - \$4,000. The application deadline is December 15, 2008.

Seniors are eligible to participate in the 2009 Kansas School Safety Hotline scholarship contest. Awards range in value from \$500 - \$1,250. See Mr. Sullivan for contest detail or visit [www.kansashighwaypartrol.org](http://www.kansashighwaypartrol.org). The entry deadline is December 15, 2008.

High school students may be interested in participating in the 2009 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest. Awards range in value from \$500 - \$5,000. The submission deadline is January 10, 2009. See Mr. Sullivan for more information or visit [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org).

## Booster Club News

Election of officers for the 2008-09 Booster Club was held on August 27, 2008. The following members were elected: President – Carrie Andrade, Vice President – Jennifer Hill, Secretary/Treasurer – Sue Yenzer. We are still in need of volunteers to act as parent liaisons/representatives. Contact Sue Yenzer at 494-2597 for more information.

It's not too late to join Booster Club. For more information, contact Carrie Andrade at 494-8591 or Sue Yenzer at 494-2597. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday October 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rock Creek Media Center.

If you own a business and are interested in advertising in the athletic programs throughout the school year, contact a booster club officer to see how. A \$75 membership will provide a business card size ad in the program throughout the school year.

Rock Creek apparel is now available for sale. Contact Robin Knoblauch or Amy Blackwood for more information or look for the Booster Club table at all the home high school football and volleyball games.

The Booster Club will be providing the meal at the Clay Center High School football game on October 30. An e-mail will be sent to all members asking for donations and assistance in serving the meal or working the concession stand. If you are able to help with this fundraising event, please contact Carrie Andrade or Larry Couchman.

Good luck to the Rock Creek Debate Team on their upcoming season.

When you get the chance, please support your student athletes competing in junior high football and volleyball, high school cross country, football and volleyball. For schedule information, see the district calendar on the Rock Creek website at [www.rockcreekschools.org](http://www.rockcreekschools.org).

Thank you to everyone that joined us for ice cream at the fall scrimmages on August 29. We look forward to a busy and exciting school year!



# Rockin' at the Rock

## **SOFTBALL**

### **All State**

*Dana Elliott* 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
*Mindy Hodges* 2<sup>nd</sup> Team  
*Amy Yenzer* 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

### **All League 1<sup>st</sup> Team**

*Regan Baker* - P  
*Dana Elliott* - IF  
*Amy Yenzer* - P

### **All League Honorable Mention**

*Mindy Hodges* - IF  
*Bree Campbell* - P

## **BASEBALL**

### **All League 1<sup>st</sup> Team**

*Matt Gee*  
*Luis Gonzalez*  
*Kegan Rawhouser*

### **All League Honorable Mention**

*Dustin Miner*  
*Rusty Renner*

### **Summer Baseball in Germany**

*Matt Gee*  
*Luis Gonzalez*  
*Logan Lauer*  
*Dustin Miner*  
*Kegan Rawhouser*

## **Youth Senate Program**

*Torrey Peterson*, Nominee

## **CFL National Tournament**

*Audrey Peterson*, top 48  
 Original Oration

*Colby Helget*, top 48  
 Oral Interpretation of Literature

*TJ Roberts*, quarterfinals, top 24  
 Oral Interpretation of Literature

## **Volleyball**

*Rock Creek High School*, Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in state

Wabaunsee Tournament  
 Nemaha Valley Tournament  
*Rock Creek High School*, Champions

*Becky Lightfoot*

KMAN Student-Athlete of the Week

## **Onaga Invitational Cross Country**

*Boys' Team*, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
*Seth Ruder*, 6<sup>th</sup> place, school record 17:49; *Harrison Newman*, 11<sup>th</sup> place; *Jake Newkirk*, 21<sup>st</sup> place; *Shane Schaake*, 28<sup>th</sup> place; *Michael Parker*, 30<sup>th</sup> place; *Sam Cott*, *Nolan Fike*, *Connor Roche*, 3 minutes off personal best times

*Girls' Team*, 4<sup>th</sup> place  
*Monica Ebert*, 14<sup>th</sup> place; *Ashley Altenhofen*, 15<sup>th</sup> place; *Chelsea Ebert*, 16<sup>th</sup> place; *Sara Liming*, 24<sup>th</sup> place; *Megan Jilka*, 25<sup>th</sup> place; *Lizz Herra*, *Mandi Blenn*, *Rachel Nider*, *Bridget Hoover*, new personal best times

## **Homecoming Candidates**

*Kortney Campbell*, *Dana Elliott*, *Courtney Stillwagon*  
*Matt Gee*, *Logan Lauer*, *Dustin Miner*