



BLUE JAY CORNER

Super Spellers



Aubrey Watkins, Seventh Grader
Atchison County Spelling Bee Champion.
Words Spelled Correctly: monsoon, ballerina, diorama, gradient, hypothesis, hassock, spoor, newton, protein, Spartan, adios, algebra, anchovy, hosta, padlock, hyphen, petunia

Sixth Grader
Fourth place, Atchison County Spelling Bee.
Words Spelled Correctly: croon, Netherlander, confidence, llama.

Aubrey advances to the Northwest Missouri Regional Spelling Bee March 11 in St. Joseph. Is the second alternate for Atchison County. Congratulations!

PRESIDENTIAL FUN FACTS

By Ashley Cue

1. John Adams used to skip school to go hunting and fishing.
2. Martin Van Buren popularized the phrase "Ok."
3. Zachary Taylor's nickname was "Old Rough and Ready" after fighting in the Seminole War.
4. Millard Fillmore married his teacher.
5. James Buchanan was the only president to never marry.
6. Abraham Lincoln was a great wrestler.
7. Ulysses S. Grant got a speeding ticket on a horse.
8. James A. Garfield was ambidextrous.
9. Benjamin Harrison was afraid of electricity and refused to touch the light switches.
10. Grover Cleveland had an artificial jaw.
11. Calvin Coolidge had a morning ritual where someone rubbed Vaseline on his head while he ate breakfast in bed.
12. Herbert Hoover spoke Chinese.
13. Gerald and Betty Ford were fashion models.
14. Ronald Reagan did stand-up comedy.
15. George W. Bush was a cheerleader in high school.

"Singing the fight song when the band isn't there to play after we win a game."
-Ally Demott, Junior



"The homecoming parade."
-Demonic Evans, Sophomore



What Rock Port tradition are you most proud of?



"Academic competitiveness in classes."
-Darius Skillen, Freshman



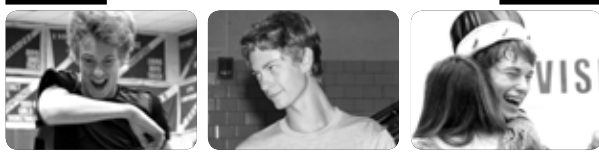
"I love when the football boys ring the victory bell after a win."
-Shelbie Gaines, Senior

By Abby Bradley



Middle name: Karl with a K
Favorite teacher: Mr. Shineman
Best memory: When the cross country team watched as a high speed chase went right by us on our way back from a meet.
Favorite year of high school: Senior year
What was your toughest challenge in high school: All four years of cross country.
Advice to Underclassmen: Whatever you do, always give 100%. Unless you're giving blood.
Plans after high school: I plan on attending the University of Arkansas and studying to be an engineer.

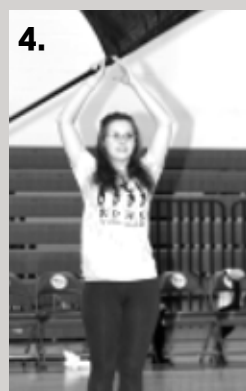
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By Erika Dietze

Who is this?

Can you guess who the pixelated person is?



Answers: 1. Ashley Christian 2. Colleen Stevens and Trey Peshak 4. Emma Pankau
By Dayle Davis

Student Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Rachel Lee

By Jacie McMahon

Rachel Lee has traveled a long way from her home in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Ms. Lee is currently attending Peru State College in Nebraska.

When asked why she wanted to become an art teacher, Ms. Lee said, "I want to inspire students and I want them to have a love for art. I want to get them excited about learning because



art is a part of the day where they think differently because they are so used reading, writing, and spelling where when they go into art, they relax and get ready for the next class."

A few things Ms. Lee likes about teaching at Rock Port are how supportive the community is when it comes to giving hints, feedback, and ideas for help.

The best thing about having Mrs. Eickhoff as a cooperating teacher is that "she is always helping me become better. She gives me support; she tells me ways to reflect and become better as a teacher."

Rachel's hobbies outside of school are painting and drawing. She likes creating, but also loves reading.

Lastly, when asked where she wanted to work after college, Ms. Lee said "I want to work at a school around Nebraska, but anywhere really that will take me."

Photo Contest: Worm's Eye View

Mass Media students took the following pictures applying the composition skill of using a worm's eye view (getting below the subject of the photograph). To vote for this contest's winner and see the pictures in color, go to @rbluejaysvrk on Twitter. Please only vote for one photo.



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