



BLUE JAY CORNER

Back to School

By Ashley Christian

The 2017-2018 school year has officially begun and it is very busy for most. There are a few new faces among the students and teachers this year in high school and elementary. The schedule remains the same in the high school as we welcome a new principal. Several new paraprofessionals joined the district along with a couple of new teachers. Although there are no prominent schedule changes, there are some differences between this year and previous years.

Mr. Ethan Sickles is the new 7-12 principal. He was the principal at Nodaway-Holt for a total of five years before coming to Rock Port. "I was excited about the opportunity here because I know

how proud of the school everyone is and that they take academics and activities seriously," Mr. Sickles said. One difference between Nodaway-Holt and Rock Port is that the class sizes are bigger here than they are at Nodaway-Holt.

Sickles also says that he feels the students and families genuinely care about their education here and want to do their very best.

"I like that it is a small town, but that I can find fast food a couple minutes away! Plus I really do like everyone in our school; there are some fantastic students and staff here. The community has also been very welcoming," Mr. Sickles said.

The Rock Port School District also welcomes three new paraprofessionals. Ash-

ley Grossman, Shelby Garst, and Jennifer Ostrowski are excellent additions we have made to the staff this year.

New teachers to the district are fifth grade teacher and Rock Port alum Ciara Armstrong and middle school social studies teacher Alec Hendrickson.

One major change for this school year primarily affects the females of the school. Girls are now allowed to wear athletic shorts, which is a relief for the majority of them. It allows females to be more comfortable throughout the day and takes the stress off of having to find a nice outfit every day.

With all of the new additions and few changes, the Rock Port School is looking forward to a great year.

Levi Lucas

Grade: 2nd

Teacher: Mrs. Lawrence

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Lawrence

Favorite food: Meatballs

Favorite class/subject: Math

Favorite song: Old McDonald

Favorite movie: *Phineas and Ferb*

By Mackenzie Lager

Welcome Back

Caleb Lucas, Ethan Lucas, and Aaron Haltman.

Have a good year!

Be sure to attend the annual **BOOSTER CLUB Jersey Auction!**

WHEN: Wednesday, September 27 at 5:45

WHERE: Blue Jay Stadium

WHY: Booster Club raises funds to help with a variety of Blue Jay athletic expenses. Recently, they have donated money toward a new wrestling mat and purchased a new mascot uniform.

Consider joining BOOSTER CLUB!

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month in the high school commons at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- September 23- Carrollton Band Day
- September 23- HS football at Cameron
- September 25- JH football at home
- September 26- Cross country at home
- September 26- JH and HS volleyball at West Nodaway
- September 27- Powder puff football & Jersey Auction
- September 28- JH football at home
- September 29- Homecoming HS football at home
- September 29- Homecoming dance after game
- JH can attend until 10:45, HS until 12

Braidyn Buckner

Grade: 3rd Grade

Teacher: Mrs. Geib

Moved from: Sidney

Favorite food: Macaroni

Favorite class/subject: Ag

Best thing about Rock Port: Long recesses

By Rachel Vogler

Hobby: Building with Legos

Favorite movie: *Open Season*

Mass Media Update

It's that time of year again when new mass media students have had enough training to start publishing Blue Jay Corner and to start planning the yearbook. This year the class is a great blend of veteran and rookie journalists.

Junior Ashley Cue is at the helm as Blue Jay Corner editor; she has decided what content will be in each week's edition for first semester and will be laying out the page as well (did someone say puzzle-solver?).

Cue's classmates Riley Vogler and Ashley Christian are

leading the yearbook project. Jacie McMahon, also a junior, will serve as the business manager; her main project was ad sales, which took place September 20.

Senior Abbie Hale rejoined the staff and will head up communication with seniors

and their parents, while junior Jentry Freemyer will be in charge of designing and planning of senior features.

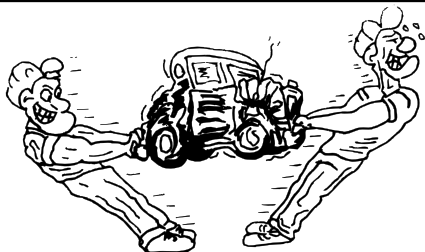
Mckenna Barnhart is a part-time staffer who will contribute immensely with her photography talents.

Darius Skillen rounds out the veteran staff. New staff

members are Preston Jones, Makenna Farmer, Lauren Kelly, Mackenzie Lager, and Rachel Vogler.

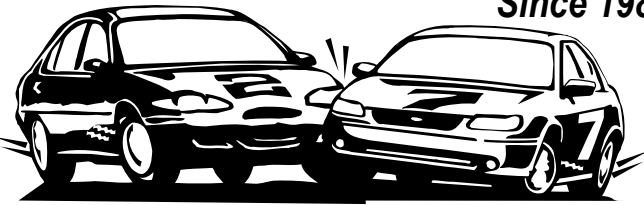
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