



# BLUE JAY CORNER

Colton Stevens works on pinning his opponent in the Rock Port Invitational Junior High Wrestling Tournament. The eighth grader had two pins in the tournament on Monday, February 26.

Due to all the bad weather last week, two meets were cancelled, so the coaches came to the conclusive idea to have everybody come to Rock Port for the tournament that was already scheduled.

Everybody on the wrestling team got to wrestle his designated opponent while the high school team helped keep score and time. Three seventh graders out and two eighth graders wrestled this year. Caption by Darius Skillen; Photo by Ashley Cue.



On Monday February 25, the three high school bands and choirs in the county got together at Fairfax High School to perform four songs: *Tribute and Triumph*, *Encanto*, *Rock and Roll All Night*, and *Sweet Georgia Brown*. The choir also sang three songs: *I Lived*, *Bridge over Troubled Water*, and *Fight Song*. Band members practiced the majority of the day with guest conductor Mallory Mahon from Kansas City. Choir members arrived later in the day to practice their selections, which were led by the area choir teachers. Atchison County Band Day is a tradition that is over 60 years old.

Participating in her fourth and final County Band/Choir Day, senior Gretchen Tharp (pictured left) said, "(I will miss) seeing people from other schools and getting the opportunity to play music with them." Caption by Rachel Vogler; Photo by Darius Skillen

## Hannah Miller



**Favorite high school memory:** "My trip to Oklahoma City, Okla., for my FCCLA Cluster Trip."

**Plans after high school:** "I plan on attending Missouri Western and majoring in nursing."

**Advice to underclassmen:** "Appreciate how lucky you are to grow up in a small community where everyone cares."

**What is something people don't know about you:** "I'm lactose intolerant, but I don't follow the rules."

**Favorite year of high school:** Junior Year

**Describe your senior year in three words:** "A learning experience, fast, and memorable."



By Abby Bradley



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PLTW Showcase will begin at 6pm

### Annual FFA Petting Zoo

By Mackenzie Lager



Above: Rebekah Lucas gets the miniature donkey Chester ready for the kids. Photo by Jacie McMahon.

Below: and pet Ally Demott's dog during the petting zoo held by the Rock Port FFA Chapter on Wednesday February 21. Photo by Jacie McMahon.



Above: Gylane Green pets Emma Pankau's turkey during the Annual FFA petting zoo. Emma brought four lambs, a sheep and a turkey. Photo by Jacie McMahon.

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