



# BLUE JAY CORNER

## Rock Port Europe Trip

Update by Preston Jones

The Rock Port History Club, advised by history teacher Thomas Herron, has been setting up plans to make its way to Scotland and Ireland in the summer of 2019 since early last year. They have been doing some fundraisers and have others planned for the future.

Mr. Herron is "super excited" for the upcoming trip. The group sets off on their adventure on about May 22. They will be gone for nearly two full weeks on this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

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## RP Junior High basketball wrap-up

by Darius Skillen

The junior high basketball season just ended this week. The boys played their last game on Thursday with a win against East Atchison. The girls ended their season on Monday and were supposed to play another game later in the week, but Nodaway Holt had to forfeit.

The boys had a winning record at 9-5; and the girls had a final record of 5-9. Coaches Stephen Gaines and Alec Hendrickson (boys' coach) and Gary Davis and Jan Burke (girls' coach) pushed their players to do their best throughout all the games and practices.



Jaysa Welch (7th grade), Morgan Cofer (8th grade), Mikayla Makings (8th grade), Kylie Jo Nuckolls (8th grade)  
Photo by Rachel Vogler

Phillip Herron (8th grade)  
Photo by Darius Skillen

## Youth winter sports commence

By Rachel Vogler

As youth volleyball and flag football came to an end, youth basketball and wrestling started up.

Wrestling recently had their first regrouping. It is an official community club with Jason Brown as president; Trystan Lair as vice-president; Todd Stevens as treasurer; and Nichole Wallace as secretary. The coaches for groups 1 and 2 are Joe Hirner and Ty Jones with 16 kids signed up. In group 3 there are 18 kids signed up and they are coached by Jason Brown and Trystan Lair with Chris Gebhards and Ty Jones helping. In addition to Rock Port Elementary students participating, children from Auburn, Mound City,

Tarkio, and homeschool are wrestling.

Youth basketball has teams for grades 3-6. Coaches are Ryan Meyerkorth and Clay Vogler for third-sixth grade girls; Jared Meyerkorth and Damian Ellis for third and fourth boys; Gabe Minter and Alex Burke for fifth grade boys; and Jim Skillen and Sam Giddinge for the sixth grade boys. There are about eight to ten out per team.

Competitions for both of these sports will begin in January. Even though these activities are not officially associated with the school, events take place in the building, and we encourage community members to support them when they get the chance.