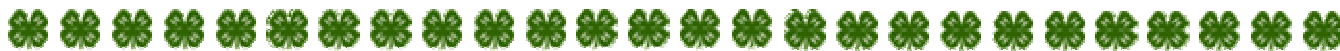




# Rock Bridge Rockets



## Caroling at Columbia Manor



We had a great turn-out for our annual caroling at Columbia Manor Nursing Home.

The residents of Columbia Manor enjoyed a musical selection of holiday tunes chosen just for them by Ms. Lois Connor. Thanks to Ms. Connor who led our large group in joyous holiday singing.



Samantha Garrett and Amanda Forward

## Update on Holiday Adopted Family

Our adopted family wanted us to know how much our donations meant to them. The grandmother was overwhelmed with all the gifts that were provided. When she was told that the utility bill was paid off, she cried! The family had been able to pay part of the bill. But, between the donations from our club and from Englewood, we were able to pay the balance.

The grandmother just had knee surgery, her husband has just had bypass surgery and they are living with 6 grandkids in a doublewide trailer.

Thanks to all of you who so generously donated to this help this family in need.

### Rock Bridge 4H Club



For Your Calendar:

- ⌘ January 25—Sr. Council Meeting
  - ⌘ March 12—Annual MO Youth Livestock Grading and Judging Contest and Workshop - participation encouraged for all livestock members
  - ⌘ March 12 First Annual Horse Judging Contest and Clinic - participation encouraged for Horse members
  - ⌘ April 1— 4-H College Scholarship deadline. Watch county newsletter for details.
  - ⌘ April 15— apps due for 4-H Summer Service trip (13+)
  - ⌘ April 20 — State 4-H Congress apps due
  - ⌘ July 17-24 Boone County Fair
- Check with your club leader or extension office for more information on these trips and events.**

## Project Meetings/Enrollment

**Hiking Anyone?** Bill Copeland, the parent of a new member, has offered to lead a Hiking project. Mr. Copeland is an experienced hiker with a willingness to share his knowledge with our members. So far, only one member is enrolled in Hiking. If you would like to add Hiking to your list of projects, it's not too late! Please let Beth or Janie know.

**Enrollment Papers Missing:** If you have papers sticking up out of your family folder, they need to be completed and **returned to a club leader tonight.** The Extension Office has indicated that members who do not complete their enrollment materials will jeopardize their enrollment status.

**PROJECT LEADERS:** *Please keep in mind that we have many new kids and families in our projects. They may need a little extra information on how things work!*

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## RB Rocket Kudos!



Congratulations to **Bryan Forward** on a first place finish in his weight class at the Midwest Challenge Wrestling Tournament in December. Bryan also placed 3rd at the Blair Oaks Tournament on Jan. 8.

Congratulations go **Phil Van Hove** for placing second in his weight class at the Truman Wrestling Tournament at Kansas City in December.

*If you have a special achievement, announcement, or recognition please let a club leader know. We'd like to recognize your achievement in our monthly newsletter!*

## Notes:



**Orscheln Night** was a huge success. The business was very pleased with the turn-out. Thank you for continuing to support our 4-H businesses partners!



**New Service Project:** A club parent has asked if the club would be interested in adopting a relative's military unit currently serving in Iraq. This unit has suffered many injuries and morale is low, but they continue to serve their country.

I'm asking each family to write at least one letter to send to this unit. You might tell them how much you appreciate the sacrifices they are making for our country. Whatever your political beliefs, please remember that these men and women are doing what their country has asked them to do, even if it means placing themselves in harms way. Since Valentines day is next month, this could be a theme you might use. Remember, these men and women want to come home. They are working under harsh conditions and are homesick. Let's see if we can brighten a soldier's day by sending them a "we love you" from home!

Bring letters to the February meeting or email to a club leader.



A special thanks to Mr. David Dorth, a.k.a., **Safety Dave**, for our December program. Want to know more? Safety Dave has shared a web-site that gives important safety information: National Safety Council [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org) or Fact Sheets at <http://www.nsc.org/library/facts.htm>.

## RB 4H Birthdays!

### Happy Birthday to:

Jan 1 — Carl Cunningham and Emmett Crespy  
Jan 7 — Blake Forward  
Jan 11—Anna Bell  
Jan 18 — Devin Olisah  
Jan 21 — Star Pluschke-Gerard  
Jan 26 — Leah Easley and Royal Sanders  
Feb 2 — Amanda Forward  
Feb 3 — Marcus Burgett  
Feb 4 — Diana Jung  
Feb 6 — Jessica Sees  
Feb 10 — Gary Saunders