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March 24-25, 2015

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Kansas FBLA Members and Advisers:

Congratulations Kansas FBLA on 8 successful district conferences! The next step in competition is to attend the State Leadership Conference in Topeka, KS on March 24-25, 2015. Make sure you work hard to sufficiently prepare for all of your tests, interviews, and presentations.

There is a group of very eager members running for state offices this year. These members are bringing new ideas and are ready to serve you, Kansas FBLA! I wish each and every candidate good luck on their campaigns. The following candidates and positions will be campaigning at the 2015 SLC. Remember District Vice Presidents were voted on at their respective district conference.

President—Allison Railsback & Ashtyn Rottinghaus

Secretary—Sarah Frye

Treasurer—Alexander Yelland

Editor—Jeremy Andersen

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District II— No Candidates

District III—Brooke A. Hupe

District IV—Dacey Hagedorn

District V—Garrett C. Goetz

District VI—Molly James

District VII—Kyle Hug

District VIII— No Candidates

Kansas FBLA State Officers are working to assist local members on many FBLA topics. Check out our monthly podcasts on the links page of the Kansas FBLA Website (kansasfbla.com) to learn more about Shopping 2 Donate, parliamentary procedure, programs that POP, and fundraising strategies. Videos will be posted frequently so make sure to check back.

Keep up all of your hard working in making Kansas FBLA so successful. I can't wait to see many of you at the 2015 SLC this month. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at sarah.niederee@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Sarah J. Niederee
 Kansas FBLA State President

Kansas FBLA Members and Advisers:

With the Kansas FBLA State Leadership Conference quickly approaching, it's never too early to begin planning for the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Chicago, IL! The 2015 NLC will be held June 29 – July 2, 2015. Take advantage of all NLC has to offer: internship positions, endless networking opportunities, competitive events, sightseeing, elections, and much more! For more information visits the national FBLA website, www.fbla-pbl.org.

The Mountain Plains Region has been working very hard to keep in contact with state and local chapters. We have refined and improved our social media presence and created a new version of the Mountain Plains View. This new version is shorter, but is sent more frequently. This publication can be found on the region website, social media pages, and has been sent to your state adviser.

The Mountain Plains Presidents Council has met three times this year to increase communication and share ideas between the states. Since I also serve as the Kansas FBLA State President, I attend these meetings and have kept all other states up to date with what is going on in Kansas. Copies of all state reports can be found on the region website and social media pages.

Does your chapter have an amazing fundraising idea(s)? The Mountain Plains Region will be reaching out to chapters with outstanding fundraising ideas. There will soon be a form to fill out and you will have the chance to be featured on the Mountain Plain3s social media pages and website.

Eager FBLA Middle-Level members have the chance to attend the National Leadership Conference this summer in Chicago, IL and serve as an intern to one of the national officers. The Middle Level internship form will be released at the national level so make sure to tell your adviser to keep his/her eyes out.

Keep your eyes out for many more exciting things that will be launched at the national level in the next couple of months! If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Mountain Plains Region or anything with the national level please feel free to contact me at fblampvp@fbla.org. Good luck at your upcoming state conference. Let's make the Mountain Plains Region the best region in the nation! I hope to see you all in Chicago!

Sincerely,



Sarah J. Niederee, National Mountain Plains Region Vice President
Future Business Leaders of America – Pi Beta Lambda, Inc.

ROCK HILLS

Rock Hills FBLA members are working hard on district and state projects. Although our February 2 district contest had to be re-scheduled because of snow and wind, members were excited to host over 250 students on February 13.

During FBLA Week, activities the chapter will host include hosting a teachers' appreciation breakfast, holding an evening business meeting with our professional members, staging an "appropriate business dress" style review for all Rock Hills students, working with FCCLA to create newborn baby baskets to donate to the local health department, and working at several locations in our town on February 14, National FBLA Community Service Day. FBLA members provided dessert for all members on February 3 in honor of CTE month.

Members are looking forward to competing at the state contest in March with the hope of qualifying several for national competition.

CANTON-GALVA

Canton-Galva High School took 35 students to Districts at Chaparral High School on February 7th, where the chapter received 1st place out of 15 schools. Shortly after districts, we put on FBLA week where we asked the entire chapter to participate in our daily challenge. Throughout the week of February 9th, students were asked to wear purple for March of Dimes, wear business attire, wear blue or gold, wear red or white and participate in Mr. Popular.

After FBLA week, our chapter put on the annual semi-formal dance. Semi-formal took place on February 14th from 8 to 11 p.m.; 57 students attended.

HAYDEN CATHOLIC

The District III Conference was held on Monday, January 19, at Hayden Catholic High School with over 350 members attending representing 17 high schools. Kaylin Haines, District III VP, led the Opening Session. Brooke Hupe, Wamego, candidate for District III VP, presented her campaign skit and speech. The top three schools were: 1st—Wamego, 2nd—Herington, and 3rd—Rossville. Congratulations to these schools and to ALL members who came to compete. Good luck at the State Leadership Conference!

Results for District III are posted on KansasFBLA.com

CENTRE

Henry Ford once said that “coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” Over the past months, Centre FBLA has lived up to our goals of working together to achieve success. From working in the Centre Perk, preparing for districts, and fundraising, the FBLA members have been busy working to fulfill our chapter’s aspiration for this school year.

Many FBLA students come to school early and stay late to operate our very own coffee and smoothie shop- the Centre Perk. The real business experience has particularly helped the students to step up to the challenge. The Perk found its beginnings as a FBLA business plan project and has since become an inspiration for other in-school businesses and an icon for our school.

With members tied up in basketball, scholars bowl, and many other organizations, FBLA students use any time available to prepare for the district competition; including during lunch! Our rookie parliamentary procedure team is especially excited to use their Robert’s Rules knowledge. A main goal of Centre members in recent years has been to place at state and become National bound. This year is no exception as we excitedly plan for Chicago this summer.

Overall, Centre’s FBLA year has been rewarding. Our new advisor, Mrs. Ashley Coirier, has worked hard to help us all conquer our personal, career, and FBLA ambitions.



Centre Perk, student run coffee shop.

LYNDON

February was a very productive month for Lyndon FBLA members with the chapter being very involved in District VII Conference, FBLA week, and a March of Dimes fundraising event.

The excitement started off with 75 members making the trip to Emporia State University to compete at the District VII Conference. Thirty-four members contributed to 49 top ten awards in various events.

FBLA week was very busy with activities each day of the week. Monday was Membership Day with all members receiving cookies from our adviser, Mrs. Patterson. Tuesday was Survivor Day where all members “survived the day” with a special treat cup. Wednesday was March of Dimes Awareness Day where students were encouraged to wear pink or blue and support our Pies for Lives March of Dimes project. “Thinking Thursday” was a new activity developed this year for the fourth day of FBLA week. Students picked up an FBLA facts crossword puzzle in the morning and any student returning a correct puzzle by lunch time received a treat. The last day of the week was celebrated by dressing for success in business attire.

Our March of Dimes committee developed a new fundraising project called Pies for Lives. During FBLA week members of the committee set up a table during lunch to collect donations to have a teacher receive a pie in the face. Raffle tickets were also sold for anyone wanting to be the person who threw the pie. At the end of the week our history teacher and football coach, Mr. Hoelting, received the most donations and got pied by Ellie Fischer at our Winter Royalty pep rally. A total of \$98.12 was collected and will be donated to the March of Dimes.



WELLSVILLE

Throughout the holiday season, Wellsvilles' Future Business Leaders of America tried to boost the Christmas season even more. Through activities such as the Children's Christmas Mall, Adopt-a-Resident at the local retirement home, FCA/FBLA Kids Movie Day, making cards for the troops, and hosting a New Year's pizza party; FBLA raised holiday spirits for many.

For the past seven years, Wellsvilles' FBLA has organized a Children's Christmas Mall at Holidays in Wellsville. This year it was held on December 6. FBLA members volunteered and went shopping at the Dollar Tree for gifts the kids could purchase for their loved ones. On the day of the Christmas Mall, FBLA members helped the children select the gifts they wanted to give. After the children decided what they wanted, FBLA members assisted the little shoppers with wrap their presents for Christmas morning.



Each year, around the Christmas season, under privileged children at Wellsville Elementary are chosen to attend the FCA/FBLA Kids Movie Day. On December 13, the children selected an FBLA member as their buddy for the day. The group ventured to see "The Penguins of Madagascar", followed by a terrific meal at Pizza Hut in Gardner. After returning to Wellsville, each child was able to select a gift of their choice, that was provided by the FBLA chapter.

On January 14, fifty FBLA members participated in the annual New Year's Pizza Party. Students paid \$3 for two pieces of pizza, a candy cane, pop and a chance at door prizes during the first



lunch shift. Although most of the prizes were gag gifts, the students who attended had a great time.

February 4 was the date for the FBLA District VII conference, which was hosted at Emporia State University. This conference allowed FBLA members the chance to compete in over forty events to prepare them for the FBLA State Leadership Conference. Competitions included individual, team, presentations, interviews, and objective tests.

With Wellsville FBLA doing quite well by obtaining ninety Top 10 finishes, the students are excited about competing at state to vie for a chance to advance to nationals, which will be held at Chicago, Illinois this summer.

February is looking just as busy for Wellsville FBLA as we plan our FBLA-PBL activities, our annual Daddy Daughter Date Night, and the State President campaign for Ashtyn Rottinghaus.

NORTHERN HEIGHTS

The Northern Heights High School Future Business Leaders of America held two chili dinner fundraisers to raise money for the Wounded Warrior United (WWU) group out of Manhattan, Kansas. The WWU program is a non-profit organization that provides outdoor activities and different events for wounded veterans in Kansas.

On Tuesday, January 27, 2015 the Northern Heights High School Future Business Leaders of America presented Tom Tavtigian, the founder of WWU, a check for \$1067.55 to help fund their work with the Kansas wounded veterans. The presentation was held during half time of the boys' varsity basketball game at approximately 8 p.m. To celebrate FBLA Week, we planned a March of Dimes Fundraiser and a Spirit Week with the following themes:

Monday-Don't Sleep On the Job- Pajamas with ties Tuesday-Let's Get Down to Business –FBLA Tshirts and School Spirit shirts Wednesday-March of Dimes Day-Dress like a baby Thursday-When I Grow Up-Dress like the career you plan to have Friday-Team USA-Wear patriotic colors
The March of Dimes Baby Contest/Fundraiser was as follows:

- Students/faculty/staff/ community members vote with dimes for their favorite baby picture of faculty, staff, District employee or School Board Member . Everyone who donated got a March of Dimes wristband.
- The Career Exploration Class that raised the largest donation to March of won 3 dozen donut holes.
- Mrs. Meek's class had the best guess of Who's Who of the babies posted.



Northern Heights High School FBLA Students Raise Money to Support Wounded Warrior United



JEFFERSON COUNTY NORTH

Step It Up!

JCN FBLA has had an incredibly busy past two months! Beginning with concessions stands, forging through the annual business day trip, having exclusive one-on-one interviews with local entrepreneurs, and finally, preparing for districts has left the chapter's members hungry-but not for nachos-for success!

The first step for our FBLA staircase was beginning to run concession stands, a fundraiser for students. Each class takes turns working the concession stands on specified nights to fulfill a time quota and earn money for their accounts! FBLA runs the majority of basketball concession stands. Next time you're at a game, you can drop in and say hello!

The next step of the staircase was the annual business day trip, planned by the senior Vice President, Austin Wolfe, consisted of an outing of business nature for the entire chapter. Attendance to this trip is required in order to attend state, first, we went to the federal reserves in Kansas City. We received a lesson on budgeting and were able to see where they sort the money that America runs on. After that, the chapter traveled to legends to put their new budgeting knowledge to good use!

The middle of the grand staircase FBLA is climbing would be districts. Our state board member, Jeremy Larson, Jr., (Vice President of District II) was in charge of organizing the districts competition where over 250 students gathered to compete. Taking place on December 16th, the districts competition is where students can qualify for state in their events. Jeremy, with the help of several judges, parents, students, and advisors, made the business day a success. The day began with an opening speech from Jeremy, the national anthem, a welcome involving audience participation activities from Tori Arnburger, the PBL (college level of FBLA) president, and some encouraging words from Mr. Gary Bedigrew, the JCN principal. Starting a little early at 9:27 began the three hour time period in which students took difficult tests, made fascinating presentations, spoke passionately about what they saw in the business world, helped frantic customers in mock-help desk situations, and much more. After everyone finished their events, students ate lunch and awaited the ever-exciting awards.

JCN had twenty-seven students receiving first place in one or more events, and 67 members placing in the top ten of at least one event, qualifying them for state. With all these amazing placings, it's not wonder that JCN took 1st place as a chapter for the fifth year in a row! Congratulations are defiantly in order for all those competing. Those who worked hard were awarded greatly and are excited to compete at state, where students have to opportunity to try and qualify for the national competition, held in Chicago this year! But also in order, is a huge thank you to the entire community who has supported members through this year whether it be at concession stands, assisting members with events, or helping judge at districts. JCN FBLA would never be where they are without their continuing support.

NICKERSON

Nickerson was pleased to be published in the January FBLA Business Leader magazine. Nickerson High School attended District V FBLA Contest hosted by Chaparral High School on February 7 and received several awards. Members celebrated FBLA week on Monday for Service to Community by collecting their donation containers in each classroom throughout the school. Tuesday was Service to Students to recruit members for 2015-16 with a free water and an FBLA brochure. Wednesday was Service to FBLA with our monthly meeting and Thursday was Service to School--Teacher Appreciation gifts were presented to NHS teachers. Service to Family was celebrated on Friday with members taking home Family Fun Buckets to promote a family game night.

Nickerson High School FBLA hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive on March 5 for a community service project. Members worked hard to set up the bloodmobile, register donors, and escort blood donors—many even donated blood themselves. We appreciate all the first time donors and repeat donors that helped save the lives of others with their generous donation.

We are looking forward to participating at State Contest in Topeka on March 24 and 25.



FBLA member, Dalton Yoder, talks to freshman Nolan Swindell about joining FBLA next year.

Roy Wise, a graduate of Nickerson High School and former FBLA member donates blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive March 5, 2015.



SHAWNEE HEIGHTS

On Monday, January 19th, the Shawnee Heights FBLA Chapter participated in the district FBLA competition against approximately 15 other schools in Kansas. This competition tested each individual student or team on their ability to problem solve, create market campaigns, outline business models, take accounting tests, and various other skills that are vital to maintaining a successful business in today's world. Shawnee Heights performed particularly well in this year's district competition, with all of our contestants placing high in their categories.

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements:

Natalie Haushalter and Hannah Richey for taking: 1st in Marketing, 2nd in Business Plan, and 3rd in Hospitality Management

Natalie Haushalter for taking: 2nd Place in Sales Presentation

Alex Steffen for taking 2nd in Accounting I

Emily Astle for taking: 4th in Word Processing, and 7th in Job Interview

Club President Natalie Haushalter had inspirational words on the topic: "We all supported each other in our events and, while preparing, we helped each other to improve our weaknesses. That's how our Chapter was successful."

LABETTE COUNTY

Labette County High School having fun and getting ready to compete at the District I competition hosted by Cherryvale High School.



ANDERSON COUNTY

Like every other chapter in the state, Anderson County FBLA has been super busy. We have recently sponsored, along with KAY, our winter homecoming with the theme, "Let It Glow". We had spirit week dress up days, candidates and attendants were chosen and a big pep rally, which was a fun way to wrap up the week. Our very own club president and state editor, Seth Wolken, was crowned homecoming king. This "sealed the deal" of sibling rivalry since his twin brother, Tyler, had been crowned fall homecoming king.

National FBLA Week rolled around and we recognized this by dressing up in our club T-shirts, reading a FBLA fact each day for morning announcements, business attire day and having a chapter lunch.

Eight student members attended district contest at Cherryvale High School. Results came back and several students placed, giving them the opportunity to enter SLC.

With Easter quickly approaching, we are planning to join with KAY again to provide an Easter egg hunt at the local Little People's, a daycare center. This has been a tradition for both of our clubs for the past few years. It brings out the kid in all of us!

Seth has also been fulfilling his duties as state editor superbly well. The third issue of the Kansas Exchange is nearly finished, as well as, wrapping up his year of service on the executive board and ushering in the new state officer with installation during the awards ceremony concluding the state leadership conference.



The royal family, proclamation signing and meeting veterans at the state capitol and District I competition team.



WEST FRANKLIN

The West Franklin FBLA Chapter had a successful day at the District VII Conference at Emporia State University on February 4th. We had 19 members place in 36 events with 22 top five finishes. Members have been putting the finishing touches on state competitive events and preparing for Treasurer Candidate, Alex Yellands' campaign skit and booth.

To celebrate National FBLA week our chapter held a variety of activities which included doughnuts for breakfast, chapter members sporting their FBLA T Shirts, showing the love with sweetheart candies, trivia and Matchmaker results.

Currently, we are preparing to host our second blood drive of the year on March 5th. The Community Blood Center representatives will run the blood drive in the high school library from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Committee members are preparing for our fifth annual Petite Prom April 19th. This year the event will be held the day after prom with the theme Alice in Wonderland. Finger food, dancing, memory photos and games will round out the evening. We even heard a rumor that we might have a visit from Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Rabbit, Tweetle Dee, Tweetle Dum and even the Cheshire Cat.

ELLINWOOD

Ellinwood High School, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members were recent guests on KVGB 1590 a.m. along with host, Nancy Baird. FBLA Chapter President, Cody Woodruff defined FBLA and the active role the organization plays in their community. In addition, Katelyn Lefebvre and Brynlee Baker promoted their project, Riley Smiley. The project focuses on children who are seen at a hospital in Barton County. Concluding the radio show were Cassidy Schlessinger and Bailey Baird who addressed the holiday project entitled The Hope Tree and the FBLA American Enterprise Project, Super Savers, Shop Local. In addition, the FBLA members were breakfast guests of the Optimist organization.

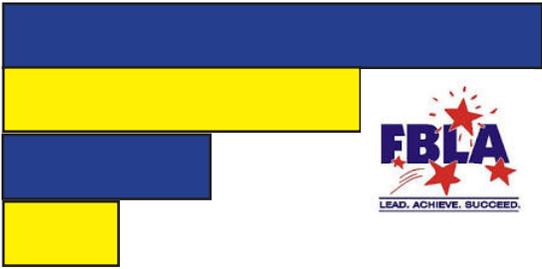


Matt McBain, KVGB representative, FBLA Members Cassidy Schlessinger, Cody Woodruff, Brynlee Baker, Nancy Baird, host of the Focus on Ellinwood radio show, Katelyn Lefebvre, and Bailey Baird representing the Ellinwood High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).



FBLA officers, Mattie Shafer, Emily Fox, Cody Woodruff, Kayla Schartz, former Ellinwood FBLA President and alumni member, and Bailey Baird.

Kayla Schartz, former Ellinwood FBLA President was a guest at the January FBLA meeting. Currently Kayla is a student at the University of Kansas majoring in journalism. She spoke about how FBLA was her passion in high school and the opportunities it provided to her. In addition, she spoke to the members about preparing for college and how important it is to have goals.

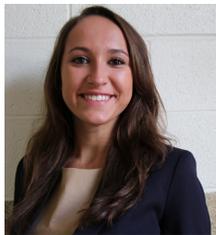


KANSAS FBLA STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD



My favorite FBLA event is Job Interview. I believe this event will prepare all students for the real world whether they are going to pursue a career in business or not. All performance event rank on the top for me, because these are the events that I excel in.

Sarah Niederee, President



My favorite event is Public Speaking II because I love all types of public speaking and this gives me the opportunity to write a speech about whatever I want.

Lanessa Aurand, Executive Vice President



My favorite district contest memory was my freshmen year when we had Districts at my high school. It was so crazy for me to see our commons and gym filled with FBLA members. I hadn't realized, until that point, how big of a deal were Districts. It was also the first time that I saw the State Officers talk in front of everyone and saw the District Officer candidate skits. That was the moment I decided that I was going to go further in FBLA.

Sarah Frye, Secretary



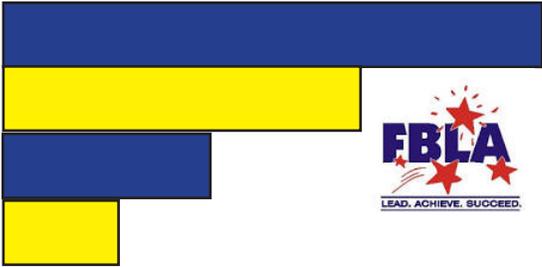
The most enjoyable part about districts was getting to work with a variety of different people from my school on the team events. It was exciting to see all of the Wellsville FBLA members work hard to achieve a placing at districts. I was also able to speak and do what I love to get prepared for ... the State Leadership Conference. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at State!

Ashtyn Rottinghaus, Treasurer



My favorite events would have to be Business Procedures or Job Interview. Because of my FBLA speaking experiences, I am very comfortable talking in front of people. A bonus of Business Procedures is I know that material very well since my future plans are to major in and eventually own my own business.

Seth Wolken, Editor



KANSAS FBLA STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD



My favorite district contest memory was my freshman year experience. It was the first time I had been to an FBLA event and it was when I fell in love with FBLA's mission and goals. That day was both exciting plus stressful and I will never forget it.

Allison Basore, Parliamentarian



My favorite memory was from this year's District V conference. I had a team event with some of my friends. We had absolutely no idea what we were talking about when we were presenting, but we managed to place. We were really surprised that we placed as high as we did.

Samantha Rohlman, Public Relations



Although it makes me a little nervous, I like to participate in the Job Interview event. It's good practice and prepares me for interviews I will have to go through when looking for a real job.

Jaimee Holcomb, District I VP



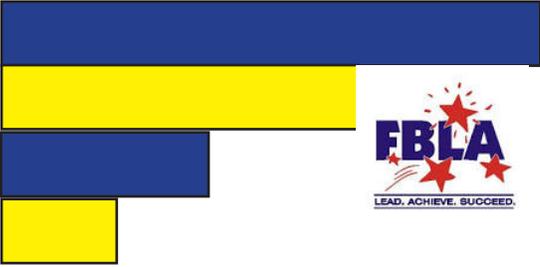
My favorite event is Parliamentary Procedures. I was acting as the President for my group and we were in the room performing at the district level. One of the requirements was to have an article presented. Since we didn't have an article to present, it was understood that I should say we didn't have time for the article to be presented, which concerned our community service project. I didn't remember to say we didn't have time and the member who was presenting it had to come up with an article very impromptu. Her face was so funny and she couldn't get a couple of coherent words out about the article. Our whole team started laughing in front of the judges and we couldn't stop until I had to adjourn the meeting.

Jeremy Larson, District II VP



The first time I ran for office my slogan was "I mustache you to vote for Kaylin". So for my skit, I did my whole speech with a mustache.

Kaylin Haines, District III VP



KANSAS FBLA STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD



I was competing at my second District Contest as a middle-level member in District VII. To see those hundreds of high school FBLA members working non-stop on their competitive events and to see the excitement in their eyes, really made me feel like I was a part of something special. I remember getting there before daylight with my mother, and helping finish some last minute preparations. During the opening session, my chapter, Osage City Middle School, was recognized as a new-chartered FBLA-Middle Level chapter.

Allison Railsback, District IV VP



To me my favorite event is Public Speaking. I enjoy speaking in front of people and love to communicate and network. Speaking has always come easy to me and I felt that this event would be the right choice. Ever since joining FBLA, I have placed in Public Speaking. I believe that my writing and speaking skills have increased a lot because of the great comments I would get back from judges. If I would have not gotten involved so much and put the effort towards this event, I would not be able to do the different speaking techniques that I do. Thanks to a great year and I am glad to see everyone “Stepping Up To The Challenge”!

JT Molina, District V VP



My favorite events are Public Speaking I & II. They’re easy to plan for and fun to compete in!

Molly James, District VI VP



My favorite event is Word Processing. I was lucky enough to get to take the event twice, qualifying for Nationals both years I participated in that event. I really missed doing it this year.

Elizabeth Hill, District VII VP



My favorite events are Ag Business and Business Math.

Braden Mishler, District VIII VP

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Article Ideas
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Please submit articles in WORD FORMAT to:

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Please send photos as separate attachments
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Thank you!

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STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

March 24-25, 2015

Topeka Capitol Plaza
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE DATES

2015 National Fall Leadership Conferences

Nov. 6-7, 2015 Omaha, NE

Nov. 13-14, 2015 Charleston, SC

Nov. 20-21, 2015 Baltimore, MD

2015 NLC—Chicago, Illinois

PBL: June 24-27

FBLA: June 29-July 2

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2018 NLC—Baltimore, Maryland

PBL: June 23-26

FBLA: June 28-July 1

2016 NLC—Atlanta, Georgia

PBL: June 24-27

FBLA: June 29-July 2

2019 NLC—San Antonio, Texas

PBL: June 24-27

2017 NLC—Anaheim, California

PBL: June 24-27

FBLA: June 29-July 2

Chapter of the Month November, 2014 _ Rock Hills

Rock Hills FBLA chapter has kept very busy during the shorter school month of November. The chapter started the month off by visiting four businesses in Salina, Kansas. Chapter members partnered with the Rock Hills FCCLA chapter to tour the following businesses: Kennedy & Coe, LLC., Vidricksen's Distribution Center, Wells Fargo, and Great Plains Manufacturing. FBLA and FCCLA members learned more about career opportunities to help them prepare for the future. For the second year, the FBLA chapter hosted an "After Hours Business Party" for all the small business owners in Jewell County; members networked with the owners and enjoyed the evening. All six chapter officers attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and enjoyed the leadership opportunities they were provided. Rock Hills FBLA participated in Prematurity Awareness Month by hosting a school-wide "dime war;" the chapter raised more than \$680 for the March of Dimes. The FBLA chapter has reached a new mark in Professional Members, having now 11 PD members, including two lifetime members. Rock Hills FBLA has kept busy this past month, and to celebrate all the members hard work they had ice cream sundaes on the day before Thanksgiving break.

Chapter of the Month December, 2014 _ Anderson County

Anderson County FBLA has accomplished many things so far this year. We have completed Super Sweeps. FBLA helps with concession stands at basketball games as well as other sporting events. Starting out in late fall, our first activity was a membership drive during the Anderson County fair which brought in three new members. In October, we went "trick or canning", which is where we went trick-or-treating for canned goods to give to ECKAN. For Christmas, we were part of the Adopt an Angel project, and we bought Christmas gifts for kids in need. In December, we contacted Kaylee Hurt concerning her premature daughter. Anderson County FBLA plans on donating money to her neo-natal unit at Children's Mercy Hospital for our March of Dimes activity. The Future Business Leaders of America went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the National Fall Leadership Conference where we attended many workshops there that bettered our chapter in leadership, chapter ideas, and networking.

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LETTER FROM YOUR STATE EDITOR, SETH WOLKEN



Seth Wolken

Hello, Kansas FBLA! What an amazing year it has been. Your state officer team did their best to create opportunities for you, the FBLA member. With district competitions all said and done, level one is complete and we are one step closer to standing on the National Leadership Conference stage in Chicago, IL. Thank you to all the District Vice Presidents and advisers for the unseen number of hours, which were put into hosting the district contests.

But there is still one more hurdle, the State Leadership Conference.....which promises to be a great experience for the participants. Your state officer team is still hard at work ironing out details for contest events, the March of Dimes activity, voting procedures and, of course, the dance on Tuesday night. With that being said, all of us on the state officer team would like to congratulate everyone on their district contest wins and good luck at state.

Exciting times are ahead---eager to see you all there.

Question and answer session from Anderson County's Matt Kirkland for newly elected District I Vice President Dakota Mashek Elections were held during district contests for all the VP candidates. All other state office positions will be campaigned and voted upon during state leadership conference.



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