

FBI Kansas Exchange

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Letter From the Editor:

Happy Holidays Kansas Future Business Leaders of America!

The last time I saw many of you was at the 2012 National Fall Leadership Conference. What a great experience that was to network with new people, including a few of our National Officers as well as learning a handful of new leadership skills.

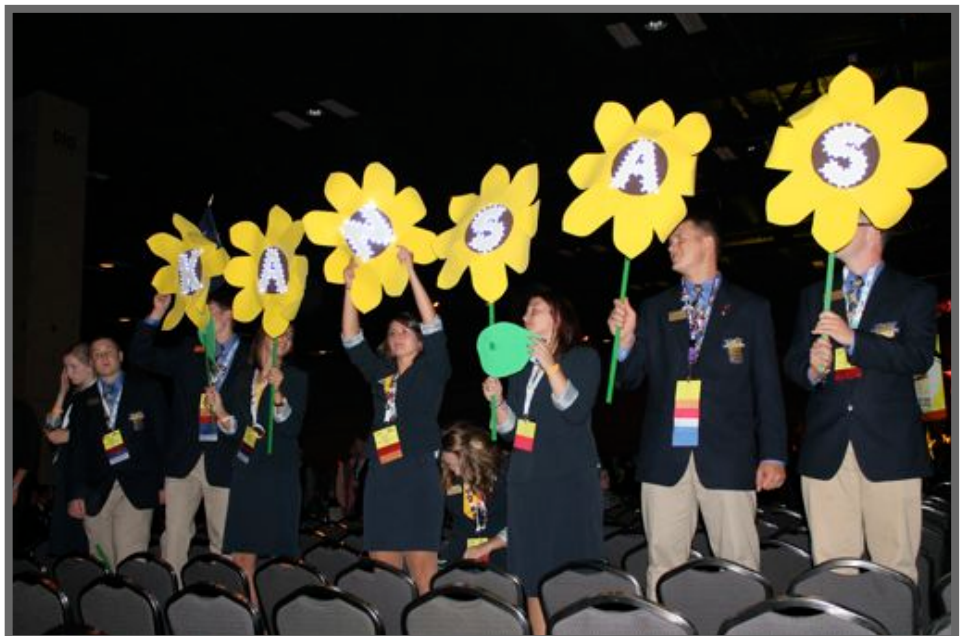
District Conference are coming soon! Have you started studying? This is the first step on your journey to the 2013 National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. Below is a picture of the Kansas State Executive Board at the 2012 National Leadership Conference.

How are you impacting your school and community this holiday season? Are you helping the needy? I would love to see all of your wonderful holiday stories' as well as your District Conference results in the next issue of the Kansas Exchange.

Don't forget to check out our website, KansasFBLA.com. Things are constantly being updated and vital information is being posted.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

Sarah Niederee
Kansas FBLA State Editor



2012 - 2013 State Officer's holding the Kansas Sunflowers at the 2012 National Leadership Conference.

Letter from the State President

Dear Kansas FBLA Members & Advisers:

Wow! This year is flying by. I can't believe that it is already December! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving break! I would like to share a little with you on what has happened so far this year.

On November 8th, 9th, and 10th, your entire State Officer Team attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado. I am proud to tell you that we were among over 360 Kansas members and advisers to attend the 2012 NFL. With this number, Kansas had one of the largest representation of all 16 states in attendance! Way to go Kansas! We rocked the hotel with our State meeting on November 9th at 8:00 p.m., just before the Opening Session at 9:00 p.m. where we got to listen to Keynote Speaker, Ryan Moran, teach us about finding our gifts and



talents, not fearing the unknown, and the difference even just one student can make. The next day, after attending many exciting and interesting workshops, the Kansas group attended the Closing General Session and had the pleasure of hearing Keynote Speaker, Al Duncan, an award-winning youth advocate, publisher, and internationally recognized authority on soft skills. He is the author of four books including the bestseller, *My Success Journal for Young People*. He is the recipient of the President's Call to Service Award and the National PTA Life Achievement Award for his work in the field of youth development and empowerment. Born to teenaged parents, raised in a poverty-stricken neighborhood in North Philadelphia, he went on to enjoy careers as a professional saxophone player and a professional chef, and he is the former executive producer and host of his own television show.

Among the many workshops offered, I am proud to share that one of our own State Officers, Lance Davis, District IV Vice President packed a room for two presentations of his workshop, "Rock Your Leadership Swag!" Lance did an AMAZING job! Thank you for representing Kansas with your outstanding workshop challenging us to tackle bigger things, become stronger leaders and stand out from the crowd.

While in Denver we participated in the March of Dimes Blue Jeans for Babies Dance to end this conference with our \$5.00 donations. During our trip, over 100 Kansas members and advisers went to enjoy the entertainment and Mexican food at Casa Bonita's, the largest restaurant in the world. While taking in the sites, many of us visited The Hard Rock Café and Bubba Gump's.

Currently, your State Officer Team is planning to attend the Governor's Proclamation Signing at the State Capitol in Topeka, Kansas, on Friday, November 30th, at 9:30 a.m.

Now, I would like to take a minute to congratulate Wamego High School's John Ten Eyck, Dakota Bartell, and Dane Stewart. Their team is eligible to compete in the Virtual Business Management Challenge at the 2013 National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California!

Also, a congratulations goes out to Thomas More Prep in Hays, Kansas, for placing in the top 10 for the FALL Life Smarts Competition which is our new pilot event for NLC in 2013.

I am sure you all are beginning to prepare and gear up for District Competitions coming up right around the corner. Good Luck! Also, I look forward to seeing the State Officer Team and all prospective State Officer Candidates at the State Officer Interviews in January.

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful finish to 2012 and I wish you all a fun-filled, relaxing holiday break and a very Merry Christmas!

Kymee Noll

Kansas FBLA State President

Letter from the MPVP

Happy Holidays Kansas FBLA!

'Tis the season to be jolly, festive, and busy? Winter breaks are the perfect time to get your innovation ignited for 2013! The Business Achievement Awards website is active 24/7! Take advantage of your days off from school and complete one of the four levels. It is never too late to start. While enjoying the holiday break, also plan activities for your chapter in the upcoming year, such as the FBLA National Job Shadow Day on February 4.

Looking forward into 2013, the FBLA calendar is full of district and state conferences. The pinnacle of success within FBLA, the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California, is nearly six months away! Also on the FBLA calendar are membership programs like February Frenzy and FBLA-PBL week! This fall, chapters like Wellsville High School and Hayden High School took advantage of FBLA's newest recruitment program, September Sweeps. The success of the program was tremendous! To continue our membership recognition efforts, February Frenzy is designed to promote membership recruitment and involvement. To start your activities, log on to fbla-pbl.org/frenzy/. The activities list is available for you to start your activities now. Don't wait until February to begin!

During the winter months, the Mountain Plains Regional Executive Board is also planning a social media recruitment program to boost your social media numbers – locally and state-wide! All of this information can be found on the regional website (fblampvp.fbla.org). Sign up for the Mountain Plains E-Blast to get the latest innovative news on national programs, Mountain Plains updates, and much more!

I wish you the very best of luck at your district and state conferences! Remember to be innovative and ignite the "FBLA spark" to all those around you. I would love to meet each one of you sometime throughout the year, whether it is at a state conference, the NLC in Anaheim, or via Skype during one of your chapter meetings!

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season,



Brent Comstock, Mountain Plains Region Vice President
Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda, Inc.

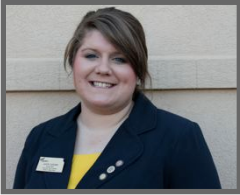


State Officer Blurbs



President, Kymee Noll

“My favorite Christmas family tradition has to be that, ever since I was born, my entire family gathers at my grandmas on Christmas Eve for dinner before we all go to our church Christmas Eve Program. Without fail, we always beg our parents to open JUST ONE PRESENT before we go to church! It never works!!! Then, upon returning back to my grandmas after singing, speaking and performing in the traditional Christmas pageant we dive in to the hundreds of cookies she has waiting for us! However, the portion of the evening that is the highlight for all of the little kids is when we can hear the back door open and the jingle of bells, followed by a booming Ho, Ho, Ho announcing the arrival of Santa Claus! This Santa Claus is a wonderful man ... who shares his entire Christmas Eve with all of the community and families! Thank you Santa for helping all of us make so many wonderful Christmas memories! We all take turns sitting with Santa, chatting and sharing what we’ve done all year and what we would like to have for Christmas! This Santa just happens to be a JCN bus driver, JCN grandpa and friend to all, not missing a band program, music program or ballgame so ... he really does know if we’ve been naughty or nice!”



Executive Vice President, Katie Gerard

“My favorite family holiday tradition is going to Christmas Eve mass then coming home and playing boards games and having a family meal.”



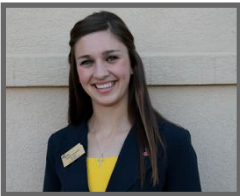
Secretary, Amanda Sales

“My favorite Christmas tradition has been happening for years. Every year my cousins, brother, and I (four boys and me!) sit on the same couch together to take a picture. All five of us used to fit very well, but, needless to say, as we get older it has gotten much harder to cram onto the poor couch. A lot of laughter ensues every year we try.”



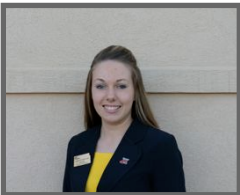
Treasurer, Ashley Ebeck

“My favorite holiday tradition is when my family and I play White Elephant after our family dinner on Christmas.”



Editor, Sarah Niederee

“My favorite Christmas tradition is going to the Children’s Mass on Christmas Eve with all of my family. After the Children’s Mass we go to my Grandma Niederee’s house and open up our presents from her. I love being with family over the holiday’s.”



Historian, Kortney Kirkland

“My favorite holiday tradition is that on Christmas Eve every member in my family gets to open one present. This is always fun because then it gets your thinking about what else you got that could go along with that present.”

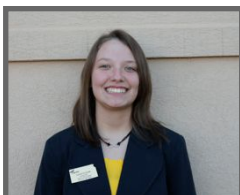


Parliamentarian, Austin Bullinger

“My favorite Christmas tradition is going to my grandma’s house every Christmas Eve for a gift exchange with many of my close relatives. It is very important to me because it is one of the few times my whole family comes together in fellowship and celebration.”

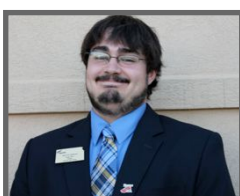
Do you have an interesting FBLA story? Feel free to send me an email at sarah.niederee@gmail.com and your story may have the chance to be published in the last issue of the Kansas Exchange.

State Officer Blurbs



District I Vice President, Sharon Kerr

“My favorite Christmas tradition would be me and my stepmom decorating the Christmas tree together about two weeks before Christmas, then on Christmas Eve we get to open one present together.”



District II Vice President, Joshua Clark

“My favorite Christmas tradition is when all of my brothers get back home and we brawl for the longest time all four of us just wrestling around destroying the house and making my mom mad as can be.”



District III Vice President, Jennifer McNary

“Every year at my house we go to the Hallmark store & we each pick out our favorite ornament. After the tree is decorated and we put all the decorations out (Mom has LOTS of Christmas decorations), we each put our new ornament on the tree. On Christmas Day, Dad’s family comes to our house for a turkey/ham dinner with all the fixins! In the afternoon we have a “white elephant” gift exchange. We actually have a small white ceramic elephant that gets passed around. Whoever ends up with it each year is supposed to have “good luck”!”



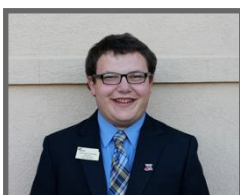
District IV Vice President, Lance Davis

“My favorite Christmas tradition is waking up early to open presents with my family and then having our annual steak dinner for supper that night then gathering around and playing board games like monopoly.”



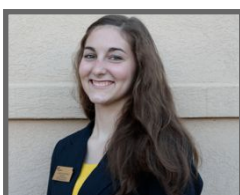
District V Vice President, Kaden Littrell

“My favorite holiday tradition is getting to spend all of Christmas day with my family. We wake up extra early at my house to open presents from Santa. Then we go to my grandma’s house to eat brunch. It’s always fun to see how excited my younger cousins are when they open their presents.”



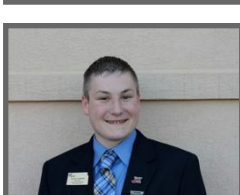
District VI Vice President, Travisray Salyers

“We always set up the Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving and take it down on New Year’s Eve. Christmas is a big deal.”



District VII Vice President, Carlie Snethen

“My favorite thing my family does during the holidays is watch the movie National Lampoons Christmas Vacation. It cracks all of us up every time we watch it! We also go to Tennessee and see that side of the family for thanksgiving, they are the best!”



District VIII Vice President, Blake Edwards

“My favorite holiday tradition is being with all my family and watching Christmas movies while drinking hot chocolate while it’s snowing outside, I love being with all of my family and being so relaxed at the same time.”

Notes

District Conference Dates:

- District I - January 25, 2013
- District II - January 19, 2013
- District III - January 21, 2013
- District IV - February 1, 2013
- District V - February 2, 2013
- District VI - February 13, 2013
- District VII - February 6, 2013
- District VIII - February 16, 2013

Congratulations!

- Wamego High School FBLA Virtual Business Management Challenge team of John Ten Eyck, Dakota Bartell, and Dane Stewart are eligible to compete at the 2013 NLC in Anaheim, California!
- Kansas FBLA received 4th place overall in the September Sweeps contest
- Lyndon FBLA received the "FBLA Market Share Award" for having the most percentage of FBLA members compared to their school enrollment at the Denver NFLC

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Local Chapter News

Pleasant Ridge By: Miriam Churchill

The Pleasant Ridge FBLA chapter has had a fantastic start to the new school year! To promote FBLA and to recruit members, the Officer Team went around to the business classes and told of their past experiences while being in FBLA. We have a total of 48 members this year.

The Fundraising Committee has been busy raising money for our chapter by selling Kansas Maid pastries. We plan on working the concession stands during the basketball season. FBLA is also sponsoring a Mixer in December 7th, for the whole school, to help raise money.

Community Service has ac-

tively been helping the community through Hats Off For Cancer and Trick-or-Treat for Canned Goods. We served Thanksgiving Dinner at the Country Care Nursing Home for the elderly. As we all know, Christmas is almost here and Pleasant Ridge's FBLA chapter has decided to keep up the tradition of our Angel Tree, where each member picks a special child and gives them an item from their wish list. We'd like to make the holiday season special for any child we can.

For National Enterprise Week, November 13-16, the Pleasant Ridge FBLA chapter had many activities planned. We had a Fashion Show on Tuesday to show

our newer members what we are looking for when it comes to being professional at competition. Thursday was bringing awareness to The March of Dimes and Epilepsy. We asked the entire school to wear purple in support of those with Epilepsy. Friday was our Model Meeting between the Officers. We invited a guest speaker and Mrs. DeMaranville spoke about her business. It was a very successful week at Pleasant Ridge.

FBLA continues to be busy and we look forward to participating in many upcoming activities.

Anderson County By: Kortney Kirkland



NFLC attendees: Megan Schuster, president; Kevyn Jacobus, vice president; (back row) Sarah Egidy, secretary-treasurer; Kortney Kirkland, historian.

The Anderson County FBLA chapter has been active in many activities over the past couple months. In October their chapter participated in Trick or Canning alongside the FCCLA and KAY chapters. The members went door-to-door asking for non-perishable items. The chapters collected over 200 items, which were donated to ECKAN, the local food pantry. From November 8th to 11th, the chapter officers attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado. They attended many workshops including "Rock Your Leadership Swag," presented by Kansas' District IV Vice President

Lance Davis. Also in November, the chapter helped out at Parkside Plaza, an assisted living housing center in Garnett, in making Christmas cards and holiday ornaments for all the residents. Upcoming events for the chapter include attending District I contest in Cheryvale on January 25, purchasing and wrapping Christmas gifts for the Adopt and Angel program and planning winter homecoming for their school, which will be Friday, January 11, hosting the Central Heights Vikings.

Garden City

Our most recent fund raiser for the Garden City High School FBLA club took place at our high schools' homecoming carnival. We reached out to our local community for any donations that would help us out with our fund raiser and before we knew it, Hubers, a family ran business, donated watermelons to our FBLA club. We came up with two ideas as our fund raisers which were smashing watermelons with bats for \$3 alongside having a booth where we would have balloons filled with paint thrown at a canvas to create a work of art and at first we were attracting customers but we knew we had to kick it up a notch to try to make even more of a profit. So one of our members improvised and decided that the customers could throw balloons at him instead. We were suddenly selling our balloons like crazy and ended up getting sold out of balloons and watermelons. Turns out that FBLA provided two of the great activities offered that day. We ended up making around \$200 that homecoming carnival while also coming up with future ideas as fund raisers for the year to come.



Girard

Membership Drive on 9-13-12. 18 members. Officers chosen last April, 2012.

Fund-Raiser Booth at Girard Fall Festival: We sold chocolate Trojan Suckers and school magnets at our community fall festival/homecoming celebration on Saturday, September 29.

Other Fund-Raisers: We continue to sell 2 GB flash drives. Our newest product is 2013 (11 X 17 inch) wall calendar posters with

personalization. Customers can bring 1-4 photos that we can Photoshop on the calendar poster for \$5. We will continue this through January 2013. We also keep a piggy bank named "Feed a Pig" that we throw in our loose change each week. We will count this in December to see how much we have collected.

We will continue with our "Adopt A Family" in December. This will be our 6th year with this

project. Each member buys an article of clothing or toy for a child, we all help wrap the gifts and then we take to the families.

Also in December we will sign up for competitions and complete projects for our January 25 District 1 competitions in Cherryvale.

We are planning for a "FBLA Week" in mid January. We will include a collection competition for "March of Dimes," a staff appreciation, fun night, etc.

Jefferson County North By: Cassie Lampen

Jefferson County North Future Business Leaders of America chapter has been hard at work to ignite innovations this year. They have organized a tailgate, worked on organizing community service events and helped raise money for the chapter.

On October 19, 2012, JCN FBLA chapter held both the annual raffle and the annual tailgate at Jeff. North High School. The tailgate, organized by Ty Brickell, chapter treasurer, and his tailgate committee of Sami Twenhafel, Matt Stutz, Tommy Steichen and Cassie Lampen, was a huge success! This year the committee decided to have a baked potato bar with two kinds of soup and chili. Ty and his team arrived at the school early that day to set up and cook soup and at 5:30 they started serving their hungry customers delicious soup for a free will donation that helped fund the chapter's trip to the state conference. Also that night, Hannah Twenhafel announced the winners of the annual raffle. Businesses from Topeka to Atchison donated items to help support JCN FBLA. Each member sold at least 90 tickets to family members and friends. Winners were then drawn and matched with prizes. Hannah would like to thank all the businesses who donated this year. They made the entire raffle possible and a definite success.

Jefferson County North Community Service Director, Catherine Tarka, has come up with an amazing idea for this year's community service project. This year the chapter will collect suitcases, hygiene kits and teddy bears to donate to TFI Family Services, a local foster agency. A teddy bear collection, hygiene kit drive, suitcase collection and other methods will be used to

complete suitcase packs to donate to the agency. This Christmas season, remember those less fortunate and pick up some of these items to donate to the Jefferson County North community service project.

JCN also just returned from an amazing adventure at the National Fall Leadership Conference. Six members from the Jeff. North FBLA chapter had the opportunity to attend this year's NFLC in Denver, Colorado. They attended lectures, went to seminars and most importantly, they learned new ideas to ignite innovations in the chapter this year.

November is very busy for JCN FBLA. Besides NFLC, members will participate in Free Enterprise Day and March of Dimes. Free Enterprise Day will be organized by Matt Stutz, Junior Vice President, who will make plates of cookies for all the businesses who donated to the raffle. March of Dimes, organized by Student Council Rep., Laramie Leakey, will be a week long event that raises money for premature babies. JCN will have a chain link war; boys against girls. Students can buy a chain link for \$0.10 and will add it to the chain going down the hallway.

What else is JCN FBLA looking forward to? In December, the main events the chapter will focus on is the annual business day field trip and Adopt an Angel. For the Business Day trip, the chapter will take a day to tour the Kansas City Board of Trade as well as a bank. The chapter will also help to make a child's Christmas wonderful again this year by working with Adopt an Angel.

Jefferson County North FBLA is always busy trying to make their futures bright by igniting innovations.



Canton-Galva

By: Lindsey Unruh

The Canton-Galva FBLA chapter has had a very busy start of the year. We held our annual pancake feed fund raiser on October 6th, where we served many members of our community. Officer projects then took off when we sent the majority of our members to the Kidron-Bethel Village nursing home to help them host Senior Olympics. Students helped run various events such as horse shoes and the spelling bee while they conversed with the residents. We also held a health fair for the communities of Canton and Galva, where children and their parents could come and learn various health tips from professionals, like dentists and chiropractors. Seventeen members also attended National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado where they



visited business related workshops and learned helpful hints to make the individuals and the chapter as a whole more successful. The Can-

ton-Galva FBLA chapter was also recognized at NFLC for our help at the senior Olympics, which brought excitement to many of the students.

Olathe East

By: Pat Doull

Olathe East's FBLA club has had a great start to the year. We have been raising funds for our upcoming competitions. We have already had 3 fundraising events and 1 DECA/FBLA event with all the local Kansas clubs.

Our fundraising events were a huge benefit to our club. We have hosted the March of Dimes jeans day and the first ever FBLA color run. This is the first year we have held the color run, and it was a huge success. We had over 100 people participate and everyone got colorful. The March of Dimes jean day also was a great event. We raised over \$200 dollars to donate to the March of Dimes! Our last fundraiser was through a website called Zinch. We have been having students sign up for a helpful college service and each student who signs

up, we get \$1 donated to the club. Olathe East FBLA even had the most sign-ups on the website in the month of October.

Our largest event was a field trip to the Sporting KC stadium with all the areas FBLA/DECA clubs. There were guest speakers from the Sporting KC staff and management who informed us about becoming a business person and finding what you love. We then got a full tour of the entire stadium, including the presidents sweet and private club rooms. Our club also formed teams and competed in a small business plan for a new kids program at Sporting KC. Four of our own FBLA students won against over 700 other kids. They won an exclusive meet and greet with the entire Sporting team.



Hayden

By: Jennifer McNary

Hayden's FBLA chapter was one of many Kansas chapters to be recognized as completing the "September Sweeps" campaign. Hayden's chapter has grown from 36 members last year to 60 members this year! The chapter received a certificate from National FBLA and chapter president Jenni McNary received a pin.

Jennifer McNary (president), Kaylin Haines (treasurer), Elyse Adame (historian), and Mrs. Brenda McNary (adviser) attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado, from November 8 to 10. Members attended the Opening Session on Friday and the Closing Session on Saturday as well as attending many workshops. Workshop topics included leadership skills, dressing for success, business etiquette,

and career exploration to name a few. Members also enjoyed shopping downtown Denver and going to Casa Bonita—a Mexican dining/entertainment experience.

After attending NFLC, the group arrived back in Topeka on Sunday, November 11, in time to attend Hayden's Open House. Officers and members staffed the FBLA booth at Open House for prospective Hayden students. Scrapbooks, photo boards, and a slideshow were available for students to see what FBLA is all about.

Hayden sponsored three guest speakers for American Enterprise Day. Mark Reinert (financial consulting), Tony Estes (personal fitness/training), and Ted Uhler (dog kennel business) spoke about their business experiences. All three speakers were very informative and

gave very good advice to students.

FBLA will again be sponsoring a "hat & mitten" tree during the holiday season. FBLA members will put up the Christmas tree in the school's office. All students and staff are encouraged to bring new hats & mittens to decorate the tree. Before Christmas, the officers will take the "decorations" to the Topeka Rescue Mission.

FBLA will also hold a Christmas party for the December meeting. Each member will bring a \$5 gift for a gift exchange. Each member will also bring breakfast items to share during the meeting before school.

Jennifer McNary, District III Vice President, is busy preparing for the District III Conference which will be held at Hayden High School on Monday, January 21.



American Enterprise Day Speaker : Mr. Mark Reinert



Nation Fall Leadership Conference: Jennifer McNary, Kaylin Haines and Elyse Adame



American Enterprise Day Speaker : Mr. Tony Estes

Hope

On Friday, November 9, the Hope High School Chapter of FBLA teamed up with the Hope FCCLA Chapter in a service project helping those in need in the U.S. and abroad. Students boarded a bus and traveled to Shady Brook Lutheran Church outside of Hope, where they loaded almost 900 boxes of clothing, quilts and personal items into the back of a

semi-truck. Students lined up in a "bucket brigade" and passed each of the boxes from the storage unit to the semi-truck. All items collected and distributed are a part of the Orphan Grain Train charity. Chapter members had a great time working together and helping those in need.



Great Bend

One of the largest fundraisers for the Great Bend FBLA Chapter is their Panther Paw Craft Festival. This year the Craft Festival was held on November 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Panther Athletic Center (PAC).

The Craft Festival started out in the Great Bend High School commons area with 10 booths available to vendors and has grown to fill up the PAC, which holds three regulation size basketball courts and increases the size to 82 booths available to the vendors. These vendors from across the state, as well as Oklahoma and Missouri, travel to Great Bend to sell their items and the chapter rents out the space.

The Panther Paw Craft Festival is different from many other craft festivals, because all members of the Chapter are required to be at the PAC during the vendors set up time, to help them unload their vehicles and trailers and with anything that needs to get set up. Vendors love this help, and the Great Bend FBLA chapter believes this is one of the main reasons vendors keep coming to the show every year.

This year Great Bend FBLA's adviser, Mrs. Lee, was on maternity leave for most of the planning time of the craft festival. Therefore, the chapter board did most of the planning of this year's craft festival on their own. Sara McAfee, (Jr.) FBLA President, did most of the work on getting vendors to come to the craft festival.

Great Bend High School FBLA member Zachary Reynolds (Jr.) said, "I helped our [President] call vendors that had not paid. We have a waiting list of vendors that want to be in our show, and if the vendors that have their spots do not pay on time, then their slot is taken."

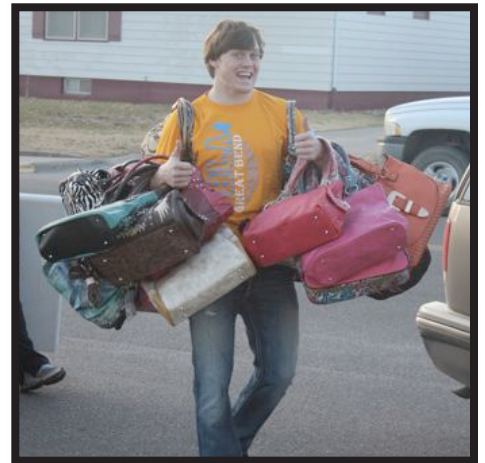
Many marketing steps were taken in order to notify consumers of this craft festival. Part of the marketing strategies utilized by the FBLA were

yard signs being placed around town, flyers sent to other schools in Great Bend and surrounding areas, arranging electronic signs, and setting up radio advertisements, as members.

Sara McAfee (Jr.) said, "I am very proud of how hard all of the members have been working. Everyone was coming together to make this craft festival a success." The Panther Paw craft fair this year had over 1,000 attendees. There were also many vendors that signed up to come again next year. Come see how exciting this event is next year on the second Saturday of November at the Great Bend High School Panther Athletic Center. Unfortunately, this year's event was conflicted with the National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, so only state editor, Sarah Niederee was able to attend NFLC. All members are required to assist with craft fair in order to attend competitions.

Mrs. Lee, Great Bend FBLA Adviser said, "I am always nervous for craft fair, since it involves so many people from all around the state. I knew the students would do an amazing job. Otherwise, I would have tried to handle everything from home. I have a great confidence in the leaders and members of FBLA at Great Bend High School, and I am very proud of how they have handled everything, while I was on maternity leave. They learned a lot of the behind the scenes procedures and worked directly with the vendors. Some even called vendors who still needed to pay their bills. They stepped outside their comfort zones, and that is what produces great leaders. I cannot praise them enough!"

This is a great fundraiser for GBHS FBLA. Unfortunately, it is not enough to fully fund all of our competitions, so we will be looking for more opportunities to fund raise this year. One other fundraiser will be selling Crush soda's for Valentine's day.



Eisenhower

Last month, 40 FBLA members from Eisenhower High School arrived at east side of Wichita at 7:00a.m. on a rainy Saturday morning to volunteer for the Annual Wichita ALS Walk. They volunteered in a variety of capacities and also raised about \$700 as a team to assist local families with their battle of the debilitating, terminal disease. The total amount raised

for the ALS Walk event was about \$200,000, a pleasant surprise in today's economy. O'Connor was pleased to see so many students returning to help, some for their 3rd or 4th years. Eisenhower provided the most volunteers for the past 4 years of any local group to assist with the event. This fight is a personal one because Dr. O'Connor, the FBLA Adviser, had her mother

pass away in July 2008 from the disease. However, she said the ALS Walk is an opportunity for the students to learn how to communicate better with adults, learn the importance of community involvement, and how to help others. This is an event the FBLA Eisenhower High School in Goddard has assisted with for 5 years.

On Saturday, November 17th, 20 FBLA students joined forces with over 150 other students from high schools in Sedgwick County. The project was sponsored by the City of Wichita, the Wichita Mayor's Youth Council, and Mirror Inc. The students were put into small groups and given an area to clean up at two different parks in Wichita. The largest park, Sedgwick County Park, needed serious attention due to the littering on the grounds and around all the lakes and ponds. The trash is devastating to the

ecosystem and environment and kills the wild life, water fowl, and fish that live and use the water. The students picked up over 60 huge bags of trash in about 2 hours, not including such big items as tires, folding lawn chairs, and a camper window frame which people had left behind. Several students were shocked at the amount of littering which occurs and one student said, "I will never litter or leave anything again after helping pick-up all this stuff today." The students were amazed to see how much they

accomplished in such a short time by working together. We plan on doing this event again this spring on our own so we can see how much trash accumulates from November through March. The FBLA group wants to contact the owner of an electronic billboard close to the park to see if they would donate the space to put a public service announcement about not littering. Many students realized littering is a bigger problem than they thought.

On Tuesday, October 16, nineteen students from Eisenhower High School's FBLA Club who are in business classes attended a Business, Computer, and Information Technology Competition with Dr. O'Connor, Business Teacher from EHS. Numerous schools from south-central Kansas were in attendance with over 100 students competing in 5 different areas; Accounting, Entrepreneurship/ Business Plan, Business Administrative Technology, Cosmetology, and Criminal Justice. There were 15 awards presented; three places in each category. Two Eisenhower students won first place for Business Administrative Technology and Cosmetology; two second

place winners for Criminal Justice and an Entrepreneurial Business Plan, and one third place for Criminal Justice. The five winners were given medals for their achievement, plus the two, first place winners were each given \$250 scholarships. O'Connor said "Eisenhower students did an outstanding job at the competition and won the most awards of any school." Their excellent performance shows how well Goddard and the EHS Business Department are meeting the State and National Standards for Business Education. The students also participated in group competitions and leadership activities throughout the day.



Wellsville

By: Chase Bouse and Ashley Ebeck

Throughout October, Wellsville FBLA participated in the March of Dimes Baby Feet War against West Franklin FBLA. The goal was to raise as much money as possible for the March of Dimes, while having a friendly competition. Each school was allowed to sell baby feet at one home volleyball and football game and during the week the two schools played each other in football. Wellsville was this year's victor. Over \$250 was raised jointly by both schools. On October 24, 42 FBLA members gathered to collect canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Wellsville Food Pantry. After two hours of covering the entire town of Wellsville, over 1,000 items were collected, with the FBLA members enjoying cookies and hot chocolate afterwards. Wellsville FBLA also purchased pumpkins for the eight preschool programs in Wellsville to decorate. Once the pumpkins were completed, the decorated pumpkins were delivered to various businesses downtown to be displayed up until Halloween.

November proved to be just as busy, as the FBLA members helped to run the annual Wellsville Scholar's Bowl tournament on the 6th of November. With 30 members volunteering, the event ran smoothly and their help was greatly appreciated.

Wellsville FBLA also recorded five PSA's for American Education Week and Prematurity Awareness Month that were recorded at the local radio station, KOFO. They were played at various times during November.

The Wellsville FBLA officers (Ashley Ebeck, Alec Watson,

Chase Bouse, Trent Smith, & Rebecka Ohlmeier), along with Katie Becker, Ashtyn Rottinghaus and adviser Dawn Rottinghaus attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado. While there, they each attended three workshops, the opening and closing sessions, shopped, and toured Denver. With over 2,800 FBLA members in attendance, the Wellsville officer team had a great time networking with students from over 14 different states and obtaining new ideas to incorporate into the chapter.

Presenting the flags and playing "Taps" at the annual Veteran's Day Assembly on November 12, was another event FBLA was able to partake in. FBLA members also helped to bring 12 nursing home residents over to the assembly to enjoy the Veteran's Day presentation and to be acknowledged for those serving in the armed forces. On November 15, forty-two FBLA members once again presented the American Free Enterprise Day workshops for the 5th grade students. This activity replaced one of the field trips the 5th graders lost due to budget cuts. Not only did the FBLA members have a great time presenting, the 5th grade students enjoyed learning about the American Enterprise System through fun activities. Eight FBLA members also baked brownies for the 68 businesses that are located in downtown Wellsville and delivered them on November 16. Each batch of brownies had a note of thanks and information describing American Enterprise Day.

The Cosmic Bowling/Lock In activity was another fun social event for 44 FBLA members on Novem-

ber 16/17. With the crazy lights and the terrible FBLA bowlers that were present, Wellsville FBLA definitely made quite the presence at the bowling alley. The members arrived back at the school to enjoy pizza, many activities and movies at the lock in until 4:00 a.m. Other than the advisers who didn't get much sleep, a great time was had by all who attended.

FBLA is busily preparing for the upcoming December activities. Some of those activities include making homemade Christmas cards for the troops overseas, hosting the FCA/FBLA Kid's Movie Day (where they take underprivileged kids out to dinner and a movie and buy them a present), shopping for Christmas presents for the nursing home residents and preparing for FBLA's annual Children's Christmas Mall. Wellsville FBLA wishes all of the Kansas FBLA chapters and their families across the state wonderful and merry holidays.



West Franklin

The West Franklin FBLA chapter has been extremely busy the past couple months. Ranging from the biannual Blood Drive, the annual Trick-or-Treat for the local food pantry, attending NFLC in Denver, completing the Emblem Ceremony, hosting a March of Dimes 5K Run, also organizing a district wide clothing drive for those who need winter clothes.

Our chapter partners with Community Blood Center twice a year for a blood drive throughout the high school. Students sign up in time slots that work best for them and save lives. This opening blood drive registered 45 donors and collected 38 units of blood. The chapter hopes to beat this collection in February by registering more donors and everyone being able to give blood.

On October 29th, eighteen members from FBLA and FCCLA walked around Pomona and Williamsburg collecting nonperishable items for the local food pantry in Pomona. Members collected a total of 501 items and ended the night with cupcake decorating.

The officer team was packed and ready to leave Pomona, KS at 5:45 AM on the morning of November 8th to travel the twelve hours to attend this year's National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado. Everyone was excited

to go this year, knowing how much fun it would be. This year the officer team had the privilege of touring Mile High Stadium, hear amazing keynote speakers, and attend wonderful workshops. We were sad to leave, but glad to be back home.

Our meeting this month we completed the Emblem Ceremony. The meeting was called to order, business was discussed. Members signed up for tests for Districts and got their food, once everyone was seated the officer team presented the ceremony. We had twenty four members present.

Carlie Snethen, Vice President, also your District XII Vice President, was head chairman of organizing this year's first March of Dimes 5K Run/Walk. A whole month straight planning this 5K was worth it because we had a total of eleven registered participants, raising a total of \$256.08 for the March of Dimes. This amount is the biggest donation West Franklin has given to the March of Dimes.

Mitch Walters, Historian, and Pam Kane, Editor, organized this year's Community Service Project with a district wide Clothing Drive. It took a lot of effort getting information out to all of the students in the district. Members helped Appanoose with their clothing closet and clothes that were left over were donated to our clothing closet

which was held in Williamsburg. We can't thank everyone enough for donating clothes over the past two months. We started with a total of 855 items of clothing and ended with 617 items. The smaller sizes of these clothes were left at Williamsburg to pass out to students who may need a coat or extra pair of clothes. We haven't decided what we are doing with the bigger sizes yet but our choices are; donate them to State Hospital, donate to Hope House, or hold another closet in the spring.



Santa Fe Trail

By: Jesse Baker

Santa Fe Trail FBLA held a fall social at Keelie Johnson's house, SFT-FBLA freshman rep, on Sunday, October 28. Over twenty members attended with the freshmen winning the 'dance off' contest.

Four SFT-FBLA members attended the ESU Business Career Day on Wednesday, November 7. SFT-FBLA members that attended were: President, Garrett Stout;

Treasurer, James Sage; Blair Urish & Brooke Allen. Keith Johnson, assistance FBLA adviser, sponsored the group. Three workshop sessions were available to participate in.

SFT-FBLA celebrated American Free Enterprise Day on November 15 by having a proclamation signed by Governor Sam Brownback, declaring November, 15 AMERICAN FREE ENTERPRISE DAY IN

KANSAS. We also had our school board president and local entrepreneur, Randy Boudeman, as a career guest speaker at our November 15 local chapter meeting.

On December 2, we will be helping little kids write letters to Santa at the Carbondale library as our December community service project.



Senior James Sage & Freshman Keelie Johnson staple up the American Free Enterprise Day at SFTHS



SFT-FBLA local officer pose for a picture with guest speaker, Randy Boudeman, USD434 school board president and local entrepreneur.



Deadlines	Mailing Dates
February 8, 2013	March 8, 2013
April 5, 2013	April 26, 2013

