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Letter From the Editor:

Hello Kansas FBLA,

My name is Sarah Niederee, a sophomore at Great Bend High School, and I am extremely excited to serve as your 2012-2013 State Editor. As your State Editor I am in charge of maintaining the Kansas FBLA website (kansasfbla.com) as well as sending out the Kansas Exchange. As you may have noticed the Kansas FBLA website was changed dramatically. Hopefully this new design will help you find things as well as look more professional. If you have anything suggestions to change the website please feel free to email me at sarah.

niederee@gmail.com. I would love any suggestions and/or corrections. It would be greatly appreciated if your chapter would submit articles by the deadlines on the back of this newsletter. By submitting an article you will be showing Kansas FBLA how you are "Igniting Innovation".

Good luck to each chapter. May success be ever in your future. Have a wonderful 2012-2013 FBLA year and make sure you are "Igniting Innovation".

Sarah Niederee
Kansas State Editor



Kansas FBLA State Officer's at the National Leadership Conference.

Letter from the State President

Dear Advisers and Local Presidents:

It is time Ignite Innovations in Kansas FBLA for the 2012-2013 year! Your State Officers are dedicated to serve you to the best of their abilities! There are already great new changes, ideas, and innovations! Since being elected we have attended Nationals, held our first meeting in the spring, CTSO Training, CTSO Meeting, Emporia Board Meeting, and hosted Summer Leadership Seminar!



Your 2012-2013 Kansas Future Business Leaders of America Board Team consists of the following people:

President – Kymee Noll from Jefferson County North
Vice-President – Katie Gerard from Hanover
District I VP – Sharon Kerr from Cherryvale
District II VP – Josh Clark from Valley Falls
District III VP – Jenni McNary from Hayden
District IV VP – Lance Davis from Linn
District V VP – Kaden Littrell from Canton-Galva
District VI VP – Travisray Salyers from Eudora
District VII VP – Carlie Snethen from West Franklin
District VIII VP – Blake Edwards from Liberal
Secretary – Amanda Sales from Valley Falls
Treasurer – Ashley Ebeck from Wellsville
Editor – Sarah Niederee from Great Bend
Historian – Kortney Kirkland from Anderson County
Parliamentarian – Austin Bullinger from Canton-Galva

Congratulations to all of the State Officers on their hard work and commitment!

This year our Kansas Summer Leadership Seminar was held in Topeka, Kansas on July 23-24. It was a very innovative conference with workshops varying from March of Dimes, Dress for Success, How to Run an Effective Meeting, Icebreakers, and Running for an Office. There was team building games where you could meet new people. It was a very exciting opportunity for the State Officers to get closer to Kansas FBLA members!

As a board, our wish is to increase our membership as a state and surpass the 3700 member mark! Help us get members and students excited about this upcoming year, to help us Innovate! FBLA is a great organization for your life now and later so don't wait, get students involved now! If any students would like some more information on what Kansas FBLA is about have them visit our YouTube Channel and/or our Facebook page! There are a lot of happenings from the summer posted on both that we're hoping will intrigue students to join and already active members to be more involved!

I hope everyone had a great summer and is now ready for the school year! Hope to see many of you at the National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado!

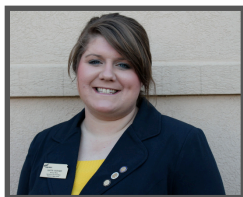
Kymee Noll
Kansas FBLA State President

State Officer Blurbs



President, Kymee Noll

My name is Kymberlee (Kymee) Noll and I am a senior at Jefferson County North High School. As your State President my goals this year are to accomplish everything written out in the 2012-2013 Program of Work to the best of my abilities! I want to make Kansas FBLA reach it's maximum potential! I want other members to experience the friendships and memories FBLA has brought myself!



Executive Vice President, Katie Gerard

Hello Kansas FBLA, I am Katie Gerard a Senior at Hanover High School, and I am your Executive Vice-President. My Goals this year as a state officer are to get as many events as possible sponsored at State. To help each chapter in Kansas incorporate community service into their chapters. Finally, I want to be the best I can be to help Kansas FBLA "Ignite Innovations" for the 2012-2013 year!



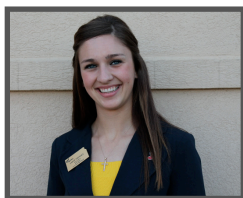
Secretary, Amanda Sales

My name is Amanda Sales and I am a senior at Valley Falls High School. As Secretary my goal is to have the time of my life with my state officer family, and promote the benefits of FBLA amidst the fun!



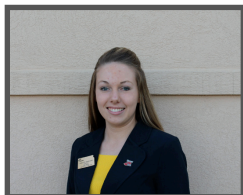
Treasurer, Ashley Ebeck

I'm Ashley Ebeck a junior at Wellsville High School. As State Treasurer my goals are to gain more active and quality members, obtain a position on the Mountain Plains Executive Board, and for Wellsville FBLA to beat March of Dimes in the baby feet war! (HAHA!)



Editor, Sarah Niederee

My name is Sarah Niederee a sophomore at Great Bend High School. As State Editor my goals are to promote FBLA and to gain more knowledge about FBLA in order to serve you more in the future. I hope everything in your FBLA chapter is going well.



Historian, Kortney Kirkland

My name is Kortney Kirkland and I am State Historian. I am a junior at Anderson County High School. My goals as a state officer are to reach out to kids my own age and show them how FBLA can help them in their future, strengthen my knowledge in FBLA, and help members keep all the memories from the year alive.



Parliamentarian, Austin Bullinger

My name is Austin Bullinger, I am a junior at Canton-Galva High School, and I currently serve as your State Parliamentarian. Some of my goals for Kansas FBLA are to increase chapter membership, to create more fund raisers for the March of Dimes, and to help run Kansas FBLA effectively so members may become inspired to Ignite Innovation.

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

Hello, My name is Sharon Kerr and I am the District I Vice President of Kansas FBLA. My goals as a state officer are: building better communication within my district, running a smooth district conference, and giving students within my district the opportunity to practice events for Kansas State Conference.



District II Vice President, Joshua Clark

My name is Joshua Clark and I am a senior at Valley Falls High. As your District II Vice President my goal is to make sure that I and my fellow officers have some of the best times of our lives and to make sure that all FBLA members enjoy the organization as much as we do.



District III Vice President, Jennifer McNary

I'm Jennifer McNary a senior at Hayden High School in Topeka, KS. As your District III Vice President my goal for this year is to again host a successful District III Conference and to help contribute to FBLA to make it even greater this year!



District IV Vice President, Lance Davis

I'm Lance Davis from Linn High School, I'm in the 11th grade, I am the District IV VP and my goals as an officer are to serve Kansas FBLA members to the best of my abilities, work hard to organize an awesome District Conference for my district to compete at, and to meet as many FBLA members as I can by the end of this year.



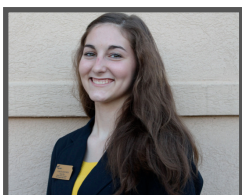
District V Vice President, Kaden Littrell

Hi Kansas FBLA, my name is Kaden Littrell and I'm a junior at Canton-Galva High School. This year my goals as your District V Vice-President are to increase the number of local chapters in the state and to help increase the sharing of ideas between FBLA chapters.



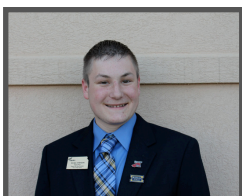
District VI Vice President, Travisray Salyers

My name is Travisray Salyers and I am a senior at Eudora High School. As your District VI VP, my goal as a state officer is to increase communication and membership and to have fun!



District VII Vice President, Carlie Snethen

My name is Carlie Snethen and I am a Junior at West Franklin High School. As your District VII Vice President my goals are to get chapters more educated about the national programs that way they have more opportunities to get involved, another goal is to be in contact with the schools in my district so they are always informed :)

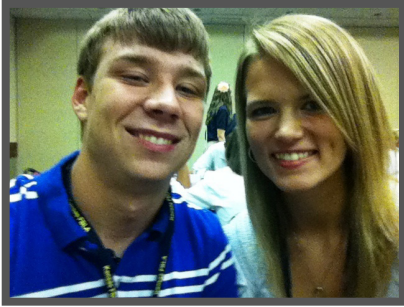


District VIII Vice President, Blake Edwards

My name is Blake Edwards, I am a senior at Liberal High School, I am serving as District VIII Vice-President and my goal for the year is to help District VIII be more active.

Local Chapter News

West Franklin



Over the summer, the West Franklin FBLA attended Nationals , Officer Retreat , and SLS. Adviser Connie Wadkins and Vice President Carlie Snethen traveled to San Antonio, for six days attending the IFL and NLC . They stayed on the San Antonio River Walk, visiting the Alamo and Sea World during their stay.

The seven members of the officer team all arrived at Mrs. Wadkins' house early one summer morning ready to plan out the successful year for the chapter, which turned into a six hour meeting. The team came up with many ideas for recruitment , rewards for members, and fundraising ideas. Some of these ideas for the Igniting Innovation year include: Reading Across America for younger children, a clothing drive, and a March of Dimes 5K Run/Walk. Officers this year have high expectations above and beyond making it as successful as possible.

At the end of July, the officer team along with eight FBLA members experienced SLS in. The members attended a session with a speaker from Tri-Leadership and learned many ways to make our chapter successful while the officer team learned each others' strengths and weaknesses. Our Vice President, Carlie Snethen, also the District XII Vice President; conducted her own workshop about Campaigning for Office.

Lyndon

By: Kristen Payne

The Lyndon FBLA chapter has started the 2012-2013 year with many goals in mind with membership being the first one. President, Gabe Clark, is leading the officer team in recruiting new members as the team would like to increase membership from last year's recording setting number of 101 members.

Over the summer, FBLA members Gabe Clark and Joseph Langr competed in events at the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio. Besides competing in their events, Gabe and Joseph enjoyed meeting new people and touring the city.

FBLA will be in full action this fall and winter with many activities taking place. The Amazing Race, Trick or Treat for Help House and costume party, helping with Hallelujah Square, Data Match for the March of Dimes, kettle corn sales, and the annual toy drive are all set on this year's program of work. A new activity this fall will also be available as members will be holding a new community service project, Tips and Tricks for your iphone.

Look for Lyndon FBLA to ignite their members through innovative programs throughout the year!

Jefferson County North

By: Cassie Lampen

Jefferson County North has been extremely busy since the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Last year they finished with awards and inductions. Awards went great with 42 people lettering in FBLA. There were also five people that made it onto the all time top points board. This board is updated each year with new all time point earners in FBLA for both officers and members. This year Hannah Twenhafel places 2nd on the Top Point Members board with 701 points, Kymee Noll places 3rd on the Top Point Officer board with 1066 points, Sami Twenhafel placed 6th on the Top Point Officer board with 880 points, Cassie Lampen placed 8th on the Top Point Officer board with 867 points and Molly Basset placed 9th on the Top Point Officer board with 857 points. To get this huge amount of points, these girls were very active in FBLA by going to meetings, working concessions and being involved in many other FBLA activities. Inductions followed the award ceremony as 18 students at JCN were inducted as new officers for the 2012-2013 school year. These officers will work hard to ignite innovations throughout the school year.

Jeff. North FBLA also had the honor of having 2 members attend the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio this year! This is a big honor because you must place in the top 2 in most events and the top 3 in some. Kymee Noll and Ty Brickell were able to attend NLC this year. Kymee attended as Kansas's newly elected state president and Ty competed in the FBLA principles and procedures objective test. At NLC, FBLA members are able to compete in events, listen to speakers, attend workshops, but they also were able to explore the river walk area and do other exciting things. Ty was especially excited to eat at the Tower of Americas. "NLC was a great way to meet and bond with new people," said Kymee Noll, chapter and Kansas state President. They are both excited to try and attend next year in Anaheim, California.

Summer Leadership Conference was also a big event for JCN FBLA. SLS teaches kids how to be a better leader not just in their FBLA chapters, but also in their communities. They listened to a speaker, went to workshops and met many other officers and members who are equally as enthusiastic about FLBA. Cassie Lampen, chapter editor said, "I went last year and learned a lot, but this year I learned even more! I am really excited to use the things I learned in some of the workshops I went to!"

If you went to the high school this year to enroll your student at JCN, those smiling faces you saw as you walked in the door were JCN FBLA officers. The officer team set up and worked the FBLA enrollment booth. They were trying to increase membership in the chapter by showing FBLA videos and telling everyone how amazing the organization is. They had students interested in signing up fill out a new online enrollment form.

The first meeting of the 2012-2013 officers was August 6th at President Kymee Noll's house. They grilled, caught up on summer events and discussed the upcoming year. Committees were made and recruiting new members were talked about. Each officer was made head of one committee and had to come up with an outline of what the committee wanted to accomplish for the year. Officers were also asked to look over the chapter's FBLA handbook and make sure it was perfect for the year.

Hannah Twenhafel, chapter fundraising director, has already been busy planning the annual chapter raffle. The raffle, held on October 19th, is JCN FBLA's fundraiser for new shirts and the state conference. Any businesses interested in donating items to FBLA as prizes can contact Hannah Twenhafel or Ann Hutchinson at (913) 774-8515 or 3105th St., Winchester, KS, 66097. JCN FBLA will continue to ignite innovations in everything they do throughout the school year.

Canton - Galva

By: Lindsay Unruh

Canton-Galva FBLA ended the 2011-2012 year with a bang. Eight students attended the national conference in San Antonio, Texas, where they competed in events, took strolls on the riverwalk, and enjoyed a Segway tour. They also visited other popular sites including SeaWorld, Six Flags, and the Alamo. Our elected officers for the 2012-2013 year are Kaden Littrell,



president, Betsy Shobe, vice-president, Erika Smith, secretary, Jacob Dailey, treasurer, Lindsey Unruh, editor, Chelsea Tabolt, historian, and Austin Bullinger, parliamentarian. Two of the officers, Kaden Littrell and Austin Bullinger, also hold state offices. The officers met during the summer to discuss possible projects, activities, and goals. Several members also went to SLS in Topeka from July 23rd-24th, where they learned various leadership skills. Officers prepared a skit in order to recruit new members, which was performed at freshmen orientation. Chapter members attended a Wichita Wingnuts game for our annual kick-off party on August 25th.

Hayden

By: Jennifer McNary

Four FBLA members and their adviser attended the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio over the summer. Alex Reinert and Vince Munoz competed in Management Decision Making event while Mariah Trupp and Jennifer McNary competed in the Marketing event. Mariah, Jennifer, & Mrs. McNary (adviser) also attended the Institute for Leaders seminar.

FBLA's Summer Leadership Seminar (SLS) was also held during the summer in Topeka. Jennifer McNary, District III Vice President, presented the workshop for "Competitive Events" with Lance Davis & Katie Gerard. Jenni then assisted with "Running an Effective Meeting." with Kaden Littrell & Blake Edwards.



FBLA's first meeting is set for Wednesday, September 12. Activities are being planned for the year, such as field trips & American Enterprise Day. District FBLA will again be held at Hayden on Monday, January 21, 2013.

Jennifer McNary, Kayline Haines, Elyse Adame, and Mrs. McNary are making plans to attend NFLC in Denver in November.

Officers for 2012-13 are: Jennifer McNary, president; Lillian Hyde, vice president; Taylor Meeks, secretary; Kaylin Haines, treasurer; and Elyse Adame, historian.

Wellsville

By: Chase Blouse

Wellsville Future Business Leaders of America members Rebecka Ohlmeier and Ashley Ebeck (Business Plan), Alec Watson (Word Processing II) and Katrina Carman (Local Chapter Annual Business Report) competed at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas this summer. While on the trip the students were able to enjoy the sights of San Antonio, as well as go to Sea World and Six Flags. Alec and Katrina also attended three workshops, while everyone enjoyed the opening speaker, Patrick Maurer. Unfortunately no one made it to the stage, but Ashley and Rebecka made it to finals and placed eleventh in their event.

On July 23-24, this year's Wellsville FBLA officer team traveled to Topeka for the FBLA Summer Leadership Seminar. On the first day, the officers attended an all-day leadership workshop that was presented by Tri Leadership. We followed the workshop with an officer meeting at the Olive Garden that evening, where we created the Calendar of Events for the 2012/2013 school year. The next morning, the officers attended various workshops that were presented by the Kansas FBLA officer team. The officers had a blast and met some great people. They also gained leadership skills and brought back some new ideas.

Wellsville FBLA kicked off the school year with its annual Pool Party/Ice Cream Social on August 24. The turnout was great, with 75 students attending and paying their dues early. The students enjoyed the ice cream, but I think they loved seeing our FBLA adviser, Dawn Rottinghaus, get pushed into the pool even more.

FBLA hosted the Wellsville Middle School "Back to School" dance on August 26. The money raised will go towards sending the local officers to the National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver. With a huge turnout, our MC's Rebecka Ohlmeier and Shamus Kearney did a great job as they even gave a live performance by singing "Blown Away" by Carrie Underwood. One middle school student even called Rebecka the next Carrie Underwood. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

As a school service project, the FBLA officers and a few volunteers worked enrollment at the elementary, middle and high schools. They also helped the teachers get their rooms prepared before school started. The teachers were impressed with the work ethic and the quality of work of the officers and members performed.

We are looking forward to our upcoming events in September. We will be hosting our annual booth at Wellsville Days, where we will be face painting, tattooing, and selling snow cones and cotton candy.

We are also going to be hosting our annual Mommy/Son softball games and volunteering to assist with the Special Olympics Bocce tournament.



Anderson County

By: Sarah Edidy

In Anderson County FBLA, we're all about getting down to business. Our newly slated officer team has been cracking the whip since the start of summer. Kortney Kirkland, Kansas' FBLA state historian and our chapter historian, along with Noah Miller, a recent graduate and advisor Phyllis Wilson went to San Antonio, Texas, for the National Leadership Conference. Contest events, Sea-World and Six Flags, and a blown bus tire made the trip one to remember.

During each month of summer vacation, our local officers met at the Pizza Hut. Coincidentally, our meetings were always on our fundraiser days with the restaurant, but more importantly, we discussed our goals and plans for the upcoming year, which is now upon us. One of the topics we discussed, was our membership drive. We wanted people to know that FBLA is not all just business, but fun as well. That's why we decided to play Twister at lunch while running a membership booth. The game was a fun way to spread the word about FBLA.

Our club fundraiser is currently underway as we partnered up with the junior class with their Prom fundraiser, hoping for the same success we had last year. September 7th was our first home football game and that is when we had our booth to raise money for March of Dimes. At the game, we set up a table at the side of the stadium with large baby bottles which the spectators can drop their spare change into. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to help March of Dimes continue their research towards prevention of premature births.

2012-2013 ACHS FBLA Officers

Megan Schuster	President
Kevyn Jacobus	Vice-President
Sarah Edidy	Secretary/ Treasurer



Prairie View

The Prairie View chapter is off to an exciting year. We currently have 29 paid members! Participating in our school's Club Fair the first week of school helped recruit new members. We are so pumped about our numbers and have set a goal of 38 members, which would double our members from last year.

We are in the process of designing club t-shirt for 2012-13. Our first official meeting will be Sept. 7 and will be planning a 'kick-off' party this month for all paid members.

Wamego

Wamego High FBLA Brings Home National Awards

Eighteen students from Wamego High School represented the state of Kansas in competitions at the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference, June 27 through July 2, in San Antonio, Texas. Those competing were: Katie Baker, Dakota Bartell, Bradley Bice, BreShawna Briggs, Kury Comer, Jackson Harken, Ryan Helus, Brett Holle, Anthony Klecan, Calder Malin, Tristan Mansfield, Michaela Sievers, Brad Standlee, Dane Stewart, Gabby Vontz, Blake Warren, Elizabeth White and Tanner Wolf. They were accompanied by their adviser, Mrs. Karen Hynek. Assisting the group during the trip were Don and Nancy Bartell, and Wendy Thornton.

The competitive highlight of the conference was when the Virtual Business Challenge Team of Dakota Bartell, Ryan Helus and Calder Malin received trophies onstage at the Awards of Excellence Program at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center for placing 8th in the nation. This is a highly competitive event, with over 500 teams competing in the preliminary rounds, which took place during the fall and spring semesters of the school year. The students used advanced visual simulation software to manage a business. Competition sessions at nationals were held live in the exhibit hall. Qualifying teams were responsible for managing all aspects of their distribution center, and competed against each other within the same simulated region.

Another competitive highlight was when Brett Holle was notified he placed among the top 15 in the nation in the Future Business Leader event. During this interview event Brett was competing against state officers from almost every state in the nation. He made it to the finals, thus participating in two rigorous sets of interviews.

At the Mountain Plains Region Voting and Recognition Session, the following students were recognized for earning The Business Achievement Award – Future Level: BreShawna Briggs, Brett Holle, Brad Standlee, Elizabeth White, Calder Malin and Kury Comer. They were also recognized for their local Wamego High School chapter earning the Outstanding Chapter Award – which is the highest level of national recognition a chapter can receive. The award is based upon information submitted by the local chapter officer team highlighting the projects and activities of the chapter that enriched the experiences of the members at the local, district, state and national level throughout the year. Activities were designed around membership and chapter management projects, with a special emphasis on the three areas represented on FBLA's official crest: Service, Education and Progress. The chapter was also recognized for earning the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit, which is earned by completing the extensive Local Chapter Annual Business Report.

Along with competing, the students attended the opening general session and campaign rally, and the Mountain Plains Region campaign rally. They also assisted at BreShawna's campaign booth, and took in the exhibits, along with networking with their peers from across the nation. Sightseeing adventures during the trip included the IMAX production of Alamo The Price of Freedom, touring the Alamo, taking a Riverwalk boat tour, enjoying Schlitterbahn and Fiesta Texas, and exploring the eating establishments of The Riverwalk.



Back row: Dakota Bartell, Jackson Harken, Ryan Helus, Brad Standlee, Dane Stewart, Brett Holle, Anthony Klecan, Calder Malin, Bradley Bice, Tanner Wolf, Elizabeth White
Front row: Mrs. Hynek, Michaela Sievers, Blake Warren, Gabby Vontz, BreShawna Briggs, Katie Baker, Kury Comer, Tristan Mans-



Ryan Helus, Calder Malin, Dakota Bartell

Hanover

By: Kent Bruna

Twenty members of the Hanover FBLA chapter left for San Antonio Texas Wednesday, June 26. On the drive down we stopped at the Oklahoma City bombing museum. We spent the night in Dallas and then went to the Six Floor Museum and Six Flags Over Texas before we finished the drive to San Antonio in time to attend the a State meeting.

On Friday we visited Sea World and attended opening session of the conference. On Saturday the members presented and took their test. Also the voting delegates attend caucuses and questions and answers. On Sunday the members spent their time in the mall that was attached to the conference center, and presented if they made it to finals.

Monday the voting delegates voted in the morning and then everyone went to Schlitterbahn. In the evening we went to the awards ceremony. The Hanover chapter took first place in the Market Share Award. Katie Gerard, Claire Bruna, and Sydney Pralle, won eighth place. On Tuesday the National attendees made the long car trip back home.

The Hanover FBLA chapter and National attendees would like to thank everyone who made attending the national conference possible! Thank you for your continued support!

Santa Fe Trail

By: Jesse Baker

Santa Fe Trail FBLA had a very busy summer. We had six people represent our chapter at the 2012 NLC, which was held in San Antonio, Texas, June 29th- July 2nd. The SFT-FBLA members that attended were: Zane Cersovsky, freshman; Blair Urish, sophomore; Wesley Bame, freshman; (Network Design Team); plus, Dylan Smith, sophomore (Word Processing II); Lauren Hobart, freshman (Word Processing I; and Andrea Hinck, freshman (Word Processing I). The chapter received the "Outstanding" chapter honor during the conference; plus was recognized as a Gold Seal Chapter

We had three members attend SLS July 23rd-24th held in Topeka. They were Elizabeth Hill, Secretary; Blair Urish, and Garrett Stout, President.

SFT-FBLA helped with enrollment in early August where officers advertised FBLA to new students. We also sponsored the "Welcome Back" Dance on August 31. We profited over \$500.

Santa Fe Trail currently has 45 members for the 2012-2013 school year. Our first chapter meeting was held September 14, 2012.



SFT-FBLA Network Design team (Wesley Bame, Blair Urish, Zane Cersovsky) ready to take their collaborative team test in San Antonio.

How is your chapter Igniting
Innovation? Submit an article to
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Hope to see you in Denver,
Colorado at National Fall
Leadership Conference
(NFLC)!

Kindley

BY ANDY TAYLOR from the Montgomery County Chronicle

Seven Field Kindley High School students joined forces with the Kansas City Chiefs cheerleaders and several retired Chiefs football players in erecting a new playground in a tornado-damaged neighborhood of Joplin, Mo., last week.

The seven students were members of the Field Kindley FBLA program, which is a national marketing organization for high school-aged students. For one day, the students put down their marketing materials and picked up shovels, rakes and hoes as the playground took shape at 15th and Connecticut streets in Joplin, said Nick Wenger, Field Kindley FBLA advisor.

"The kids worked their tails off," he said. "It wasn't a day to goof around. They worked hard from morning and through the afternoon."

The playground project was developed through Kaboom and the Play360 initiative, which provides parks and recreational facilities to deserving neighborhoods. The Kansas City Chiefs organization has maintained a strong presence in the rebuilding of Joplin since the May 22, 2011, tornado. Field Kindley volunteered its services to the project after learning of the need for more organization to lend a hand, said Wenger.

"It was an awesome experience, and we were the only school involved in the playground's construction," he said.

The Field Kindley students weren't allowed to handle the power tools or erect the piping and various features that made up the playground apparatus. Instead, the students had the task of shoveling and moving mulch to the playground's base area, which, Wenger said, proved to be a large chore because of the volume of mulch required. The mulch had to be one foot thick in the area under and surrounding the playground apparatus.

Ryan Redington was one of the seven FKHS students to volunteer for the playground project. He said the experience proved to be a thrill, especially when he learned that the Kansas Chief Chiefs organization had purposely planted several tickets for a preseason football game deep in the mulch pile that he and the other FKHS students had to move by wheelbarrow and shovel.

"Someone found the tickets and gave them to me," he said. "I was able to attend the Chiefs' preseason game the next night in Kansas City. That was quite a nice surprise."

Besides working on the playground project, the seven FKHS students also painted garden stones that were eventually used as a sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the playground. They also painted a map of the 50 states on a sidewalk at the playground and helped erect benches and shelters.

"It was amazing to see this project take shape throughout the day," said Wenger.

The seven FBLA students to work on the playground project were Ryan Redington, Elizabeth Villaneuva, Raisa Hoggatt, Brianna Yates, Hayley Mersberg, Heather Rogers and Nick Dixon.

Great Bend

Last June, six Great Bend High School Students traveled to San Antonio, Texas for the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference. The students who attended include: Sarah Niederee, Colton Lagerman, Sara McAfee, Dylan Dreiling, Donna Craven, and Kevin Smith.

Also, last summer six Great Bend High School Students traveled to Topeka, Kansas for Summer Leadership Seminar. These students included: Sarah Niederee, Jami McVay, Colton Lagerman, Jun Rei Chen, Michael Sisson, and Paige Vansteenburgh.

Great Bend FBLA has had four chapter meetings to get ready for our upcoming events. The annual Craft Festival will be held on November 10 in the Great Bend High School Panther Athletic Center. This craft fair fills three full sized basketball courts full of crafty vendors. This is Great Bend High School major fund raiser and hopes that this year will be a success.

Great Bend FBLA Adviser, Mrs. Lee, had her third child in September. A big thanks to our chapter President Sara McAfee for all of the hard work she is doing to keep our club involved.



Deadlines	Mailing Dates
November 16, 2012	December 14, 2012
February 8, 2013	March 8, 2013
April 5, 2013	April 26, 2013

