

The Kansas Exchange

Letter from the Editor

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Hello Kansas FBLA,

There were 286 members from Kansas in attendance at NFLC in Little Rock, Arkansas. Jerry Ackerman was the opening session keynote speaker., and Derek Clark was the closing keynote speaker, who held the audience’s attention by showing off his rapping skills.

The officer interviews will be January 7, 2011 at Wellsville High School. There will be many members in attendance who will be competing to be a part the next Kansas FBLA State Officer Board. This provides local members the opportunity to strive for a more involved leadership position.

The district competitions are coming up, so remember to be

prepared for those competitions. A list of the locations of the district competitions will be posted on the Kansas FBLA website at www.kansasfbla.com. Good luck to everyone on their tests.

Remember it is the holiday season, and there are many ways to give back to the community. Some of those ways include giving back to your community through Adopt-A-Family, hosting a Children’s Christmas Mall or sending cards to the troops. The opportunities are endless.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season!

Taylor Graham
Kansas State Editor



Front Row Left to Right: Katie Twenhafel, Makenzie Farnham, Erika Foster, Connie Lindell, Katie Gerard

Back Row Left to Right: Hunter Allison, Carrie Carlson, Whitney Earnest, Kymee Noll, Taylor Graham

Chapter Membership Increase or Maintenance

Chapters Exceeding Membership from Previous Year or Maintaining (as of 12/14/11)

<u>School</u>	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Increase</u>	
Anderson County	22	18	4	
Andover Central	64	22	42	
Axtell	10	0	10	New
Bern	7	7	0	
Blue Valley West	27	10	17	
Burlington	17	15	2	
Central Heights	29	19	10	
Centre	41	27	14	
Cherryvale	20	18	2	
Clifton-Clyde	47	42	5	
Dodge City	24	23	1	
Emporia	33	29	4	
Fort Scott	17	17	0	
Garden City	15	5	10	New as of 5/11
Great Bend	131	78	53	
Hanover	76	59	17	
Hartford	37	28	9	
Hope	26	24	2	
Horton	20	0	20	New
Inman	18	17	1	
Jefferson West	13	13	0	
Kingman	51	37	14	
Labette County	93	72	21	
Leavenworth	16	0	16	Reactivated
Lyndon	101	83	18	
Marais des Cygnes	27	18	9	
Mission Valley	13	0	13	
Neodesha	24	21	3	
Northern Heights	26	20	6	
Oakley	11	11	0	
Oskaloosa	25	22	3	
Perry-Lecompton	16	15	1	
Prairie View	19	14	5	
Rossville	25	22	3	
Saint Marys	33	24	9	
Santa Fe Trail	49	47	2	
Southeast	22	0	22	New
St. Marys-Colgan	25	0	25	New
Topeka	12	3	9	
Trego Community	5	0	5	New
Wabaunsee	31	31	0	
Wamego	108	103	5	
Washington County	39	33	6	
Yates Center	13	8	5	

Letter from the Kansas State President

Dear Advisers and Local Presidents:

These past few months the officer team and I have been busy working to make Kansas FBLA the greatest! These activities vary from local chapter responsibilities to attending the NFLC in Little Rock, Arkansas, to working on preparations for the upcoming District Conferences. As you know, this is a very busy time of year for FBLA. We hope you and your members are prepared for the upcoming competitions. Also, do not forget that the deadline for submitting state officer applications is December 16.



The National Fall Leadership Conference in Little Rock on November 18-19 was a great success. The Kansas FBLA members that attended were an exciting, cheerful group that participated in the opening and closing sessions, as well as the workshops held throughout the conference. It was a wonderful group that represented Kansas FBLA in an outstanding fashion. You should be proud. There were several motivational speakers that had incredible life stories that would blow your mind. Derek Clark was the man that spoke at the closing session, and I would recommend you visit his site and read his story at www.iwillnevergiveup.com.

The District Conferences are approaching fast, so hurry and get your members prepared and excited to compete. The following is a list of all the conferences, their dates, and locations:

- District I: Cherryvale High School, January 27, 2011 (Friday)
- District II: Valley Falls High School, January 14, 2011 (Saturday)
- District III: Hayden High School, January 16, 2011 (Monday)
- District IV: Marysville High School, February 3, 2011 (Friday)
- District V: Canton-Galva High School, February 4, 2011 (Saturday)
- District VI: Blue Valley North High School, January 25, 2011 (Wednesday)
- District VII: Emporia State University, February 8, 2011 (Wednesday)
- District VIII: Hugoton High School, February 4, 2011 (Saturday)

If you have any questions about your conference, please feel free to email me or your District VP.

With the holiday season in full swing and everyone busy at school finishing up the first semester, I hope you all have time to celebrate and enjoy the excitement with friends and family. I wish you a very safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Kymee Noll

Kansas FBLA State President

Kansas State Executive Board



"If I were given an extra \$1,000 to spread joy for Christmas. I would most definitely donate it to the March of Dimes. The March of Dimes organization is amazing and has effected my life through many births varying from brothers, cousins and friends. It's crazy to think they might not be here today without the help of the March of Dimes. The feeling I get knowing I'm helping babies everywhere have a chance at a successful birth is incredible. That is how I would spend \$1,000 to spread joy for Christmas."

~Kymee Noll- President

"In Kansas City, the Gillis Home is a retreat for traumatized children. Christmas is a holiday for the young and innocent. So, it seems to me, donating a few hundred stuffed animals, basketballs, or mega-sized candy canes to the home would put great warmth in some hearts who need Christmas joy most."



~David Tauber- Executive Vice President



"I love to bake so I would spend the money to bake Christmas treats and surprise community members with care packages for the holidays."

~Carrie Carlson- Parliamentarian

"If I was given an extra thousand dollars to spread Christmas joy, I would adopt several local families to give them a happy Christmas holiday. I would like to adopt families that wouldn't be able to afford food, clothes and gifts for their young children. I would like for the families I adopt to be families that do all they can for their children, but are still unable to afford the basic necessities for their children and themselves. Being able to help more than one family during the holiday season would be amazing."



~Whitney Earnest- Secretary



"With the extra \$1,000, I would spread Christmas joy by donating half of it to needy families in my community and the other half to the March of Dimes."

~Katie Gerard- Historian

"If I was given an extra \$1,000, I would donate half of it to the March of Dimes, and I would help out needy families with the other \$500."



~Tayler Graham- Editor



"I would donate half of the money to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and donate the other half to an organization that provides Christmas presents to under privileged families."

~Katie Twenhafel- Treasurer



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“I would spread Christmas joy by using the money to help families in need.”

~District I Vice President– Hunter Allison



“I would give \$250 each to the Salvation Army and Operation Christmas Child, and the remaining \$500 dollars would be sent to St. Jude's Hospital.”

~District II Vice President– Amanda Sales

“I would divide the \$1000 up and give it to needy families to make their Christmas better. At my high school, each grade adopts two families, plus the faculty adopts one family. Students are asked to bring in items for the families including food and household items—whatever is on the families' wish lists. Also, students have several fundraisers to help buy gift cards for each of the families. My high school has raised about \$2000 to go to the families!”

~District III Vice President– Jennifer McNary



“I would use the \$1000 to help buy gifts for the kids with broken or troubled homes, and donate some to the local food pantry.”

~District IV Vice President– Martin Howard

“If I had an extra \$1000 to spread Christmas joy, I would donate it to a homeless shelter so the people there could have money to provide their families with food, presents, etc. for Christmas.”

~District V Vice President– Makenzie Farnham



“To spread holiday joy, I would use \$800 to help families in developing countries buy animals from Heifer International, creating food and income producing abilities for families with need. Prematurity of babies affected my life when I was born three months early. In order to give back to the community who supported me, I would use the other \$200 dollars to purchase premature sized baby clothes and supplies for the families of premature newborns.”

~District VI Vice President– Heidi Friedrich

“I would donate it to needy families so they could have a good meal and their kids could have presents.”

~District VII Vice President– Erika Foster



“If I had \$1000 to spread Christmas joy, I would buy gifts for the children in the lower middle class and provide for a Christmas dinner for those who have no family.”

~District VIII Vice President– Sharon Gonzalez

Wellsville High School

By Hannah Boehm

Wellsville's Future Business Leaders of America are doing everything except slowing down. Adviser Dawn Rottinghaus is keeping her FBLA members extremely busy including NFLC, the annual Holidays in Wellsville Children's Christmas Mall, and the FCA/FBLA Kids Movie Day.

On November 14, 2011, forty FBLA members and business students presented an American Enterprise Workshop Day for Wellsville's fifth grade students. The high school students presented ten different interactive workshops for the fifth graders to attend. Some of the workshops included Communication is Key, Landing that Job, Dress for Success and Can You Sell It? The fifth grade students enjoyed learning about various business scenarios and they enjoyed interacting with the high school students for a fun-filled morning. Wellsville FBLA plans to make this a yearly workshop for the fifth graders and the WHS business students.

On November 17-19, four officers, Hannah Boehm, Taylor Broers, Ashley Ebeck and Tayler Graham along with adviser Dawn Rottinghaus, traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas for the National Fall Leadership Conference. Along with taking in some of the beautiful sites and enjoying the southern atmosphere, the officers attended workshops that ranged from learning about top careers of the future to learning how to land your dream job.

Our town's annual Holidays in Wellsville was the first weekend

in December, and FBLA students set up a Children's Christmas Mall, where everything was sold for a dollar. The children get to shop for their parents for Christmas with the assistance of an FBLA member, and then they



get to wrap the presents they bought themselves. This tradition has gone on for the past five years; as the kids have a great time buying and wrapping surprise gifts for their family members.

Wellsville FBLA enjoyed their annual FCA/FBLA Kids Movie Day. Underprivileged students from the elementary go to the movies, and out to lunch with an F B L A "buddy" for a day. Twenty elementary students went this year, on Saturday, December 10. The movie this year was *Arthur Christmas*. Following the movie and lunch, the kids came back to



Wellsville Elementary where they received the chance to pick out a Christmas gift.

A committee of 12 FBLA members also recently created and decorated 50 handmade Christmas cards that were sent to our troops across seas to show our appreciation and to let them know they have not been forgotten for the holidays.

Finally, instead of adopting a family for Christmas, Wellsville FBLA adopt every resident once again at the Wellsville Nursing Home. Shopping for their gifts on their list took place on December 13. On December 20, FBLA members delivered the gifts and spent some quality time with the residents.

As to not forget our newly chartered Wellsville Middle School FBLA, they went to the nursing home on December 12 to play Christmas Bingo with the residents and to spend some fun quality time.

On behalf of Wellsville FBLA, we wish all Kansas FBLA chapters a Very Merry Christmas and Blessed Holiday Season.



Great Bend High School

By Dylan Dreiling



The Great Bend High School FBLA chapter has been extremely busy with activities this year. To start off the year our chapter met with Ellinwood FBLA for some fun and business activities. After networking together over pizza



and pop, the chapters integrated and participated in an activity that promoted skills such as teamwork, leadership and communication. The activity mocked a company that had to design a product and produce a 45 second commercial for that product. The members were split into groups simulating



different portions of a company. However, none of the groups could communicate with one another except through the manager. Other specifications were added along the way to make the activity more challenging. Ultimately, the activity was designed to highlight the importance of communication among one another to efficiently complete a task. All participants had a great time all while learning.

The GBHS FBLA chapter has also been busy preparing for our annual March of Dimes fundraiser, "Dancing With the Staff." The club puts on a show in which select members of the student body dance with a member of our school staff. A portion of the earnings from admissions and donations are given to the March of Dimes. We are looking forward to continued success from last year.



Prairie View High School

Seventeen of our nineteen members kicked off the year with a Pizza Party and Wii "Dance Off". Our chapter also participated in the local Christmas Sharing Project, which provides Christmas assistance in the way of gifts to area children in need. Our members will also celebrate the holidays together. We are planning an evening in Kansas City for dinner, a Christmas lights tour and ice skating.



Jefferson County North

By Cassie Lampen

October 14 was a busy night for Jefferson County North FBLA. The night started with members serving a delicious taco bar to raise money for the State



Leadership Conference. Organizing the event was Ty Brickell and his tailgate board that consisted of Sami Twenhafel, Luke Pyle, Cassie Lampen and



Matt Stutz. The event was a huge success and made a good profit. The other event held on the 14th was the FBLA raffle. Members were required to sell at least 80 tickets to raise money for the State Leadership Conference. The winners were drawn and the prizes distributed. Prizes for the raffle were donated by local businesses. The JCN FBLA would like to thank everyone who donated and who purchased tickets.

Little Rock, Arkansas was home to this year's National Fall Leadership Conference for many FBLA members. Members attending were Kymee Noll, Katie Parkey, Katie Twenhafel, Catherine Tarka, Molly Bassette,



Savannah Wiseman, Laramie Leakey, Cassie Lampen, Calder McAfee and Andrew Wolfe. Members participated in a series of workshops to refine their business skills. They had the pleasure of meeting many new people from all over the U.S. and had a wonderful time.

On November 15, Jefferson County North FBLA made approximately 50 plates of cookies for American Enterprise Day. Each member made two dozen cookies to help make plates for the the businesses that donated gifts to the FBLA raffle. Cory Noll, local chapter junior vice president, headed the project, along with



Brett Manville, local chapter senior vice president. Kymee Noll, local chapter

photographer and state president, is organizing the events for JCN's March of Dimes. To start it, daily announcements were read regarding March of Dimes. Kymee is also in the process of getting an event approved that will involve students of the school and members of the community, who are welcome to come watch.

Starting October 1, a change war was initiated by the community service board between the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade classes, as well as the high school staff. People are encouraged to donate any extra change they have in their pockets and the class with the most change will win a secret prize.

On October 31, the community service board held a pumpkin decorating event, while partnering with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for their Trunk-or-Treating event. "It was a huge success. The kids seemed to have a lot of fun," Ty Brickell, local chapter treasurer and community service board member, commented about the pumpkin decorating event. Parents were urged to donate and have their child decorate a pumpkin. All proceeds from the event were given to God's Storehouse.

Jefferson County North is still traveling through "Gateways to Greatness" and promoting FBLA in all they do.



Hanover High School

By Kent Bruna

The Hanover FBLA Chapter has had a busy fall semester. They held their annual Trick-or-Treat for Canned Goods Monday, October 24. The chapter collected over 600 canned goods that were delivered by the officers the next day to the Washington County Food Pantry for needy families. Winner for the best costume of the night was awarded to member Melissa Diederich for her clown costume.



On Saturday, October 29, the Hanover FBLA chapter held its annual FBLA Member Overnight Lock-In at the high school. Approximately 55 out of the 76 members attended the event. The event started at 6:30 p.m., with the doors being locked at 8:00 p.m. Nachos, chili dogs, pizza, cake, ice cream, cookies, brownies, pop and lemonade were provided for members in attendance.

Set up in the gym was an inflatable obstacle course, bungee run, bounce house and Velcro jump wall. The chapter officers organized a relay race on all the inflatable obstacles. The wide screen projector was also set up in the gym for Xbox and Wii games,

with the projector being used later in the night to watch movies. On the gym stage, TVs were set up to allow members to compete in additional Xbox games.

From 10:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., the members could go to the "FBLA Casino" in the music room where casino game tables were set up. FBLA Member Preston Jueneman was the member who ended the night with the most chips, winning him the first place prize of an LCD TV. Other smaller prizes were awarded to those who placed from second to twentieth place. Special thanks to the Hanover FBLA Dads for running the tables at the Casino. The rest of the night, members stayed up playing games and watching movies. Members slept overnight on the inflatables. The doors were opened at 7:00 a.m. and everyone was allowed to go home.

Currently, the Hanover Chapter is busy preparing for competitive events at the District IV FBLA Conference in Marysville on February 3rd. The chapter also competed in the National FBLA Virtual Business Challenge. Hanover FBLA had 5 teams competing in this event.



The fall challenge ended on November 18. The chapter took 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 10th place in the state of Kansas. Congratulations to these members. The chapter is currently

competing in the Kansas Stock Market Challenge. Good luck to these members as the Stock Market Challenge continues.

The Hanover FBLA Chapter celebrated American Enterprise Day on November 15. American Enterprise Day was originally recognized by President Jimmy Carter in 1980 and by subsequent U.S. Presidents in Presidential Proclamations. The day is reserved to celebrate the value of the American Free Enterprise System and its benefits over other economic systems. The Hanover Chapter baked and delivered brownies to the local businesses in Hanover to recognize the day and thank them for their support of the U.S. Free Enterprise System and of the Hanover FBLA Chapter.

Hanover FBLA Secretary and Kansas FBLA Historian Katie Gerard helped to represent Kansas and Hanover FBLA at the FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas on November 18 and 19. Conference attendees went to workshops on leadership, team building and community service. Katie said she had a great time with the Kansas delegation.

The chapter is currently planning for its second fall community service project this coming month with the elderly in the Hanover community. The full report of this event will be included in the next Kansas Exchange article. The Hanover FBLA chapter looks forward to seeing everyone at District and State Competition.



Hayden High School

By Jennifer McNary

Hayden High School's (Topeka) FBLA has been busy this fall with a variety of activities.



October 9 was the annual hayrack ride/weenie roast at the McNary home (our sponsor). Members enjoyed an old-fashioned hayrack ride in the country and had a weenie roast. To end the evening, members watched a highlight video of Hayden's FBLA activities from the previous school year. Historian Lara Shufflebarger created the video.

On November 9, twenty-two FBLA members toured Hazel Hill Chocolates and Hallmark Cards Production Plant, both located in Topeka. At Hazel Hill Chocolates, members were able to experience first-hand how candy is made. The first candy made was Black Forest Fudge. The store's manager and member, Conner Beck, made this candy. The steps in making the fudge were explained during the process. After the fudge was made, members were able to make their own chocolate-covered pretzel sticks. Every member took a turn dipping and twirling their pretzels in warmed chocolate. The sticks were then cooled and given to the

members to enjoy. Mrs. Terry Xidis, owner, also talked about being a small business owner.

At Hallmark Cards, members were able to see many aspects of the card production process, such as printing cards, foil embossing, folding cards, making envelopes, packaging cards with envelopes, and boxing finished goods. Both of these tours were very interesting and at no cost.

Hayden High School's Open House was on November 13. Hayden's FBLA chapter had a display to show prospective students what FBLA is all about. Tri-fold displays with pictures of activities were used, along with last year's highlight video. Mariah Trupp (treasurer), Annie Eller (secretary), Lara Shufflebarger (historian), Kaylin Haines (member) and Jennifer McNary (vice-president and District III VP) visited with guests during the afternoon.

To continue with FBLA activities, Hayden's chapter hosted Free Enterprise Day for members



and Mrs. McNary's Marketing class. Three area business people were invited to talk about owning a business and how they got started in business. The three guests were: Mrs. Susie Coleman (convenience store owner and fuel marketer), Mr. Dennis Strobel (owner of Tradeposts), and Mrs. Linda Donnelly (owner of Amfast,

delivery service). All of the speakers gave practical insights into owning and operating a small business.

Jennifer McNary, District III VP, represented Hayden's FBLA at the National Fall Leadership Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, on November 18 and 19. Jennifer attended several workshops, gained leadership skills/ideas and made new friends.

On November 30, FBLA met to put up the school's Christmas tree. Members and other students/faculty are encouraged to bring hats and mittens to use as "decorations" on the tree. The "decorations" are then taken to the Topeka Rescue Mission for the holidays. Members also made posters encouraging others to bring items for the tree. This is Hayden's community service project.

Hayden FBLA is continuing to work on coordinating events, judges, timers, and workers for the District III Contest which will be held on Monday, January 16, 2012, at Hayden High School in Topeka.



West Franklin

By Courtney Renfro

The past few months have been extremely busy for West Franklin FBLA. The club has hosted and participated in numerous activities ranging from community service, to attending the National Fall Leadership Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas. The club's first act of community service was a breakfast hosted by the Jayhawker Club of Williamsburg. Four FBLA members helped set up and clean for the breakfast held at the Community Building in Williamsburg. Six FBLA members also helped with a Quilt Show by setting up tables and hanging quilts. The Quilt Show was held in the Williamsburg Library. On Halloween, 19 of the members went out into the towns of Pomona and Williamsburg to collect cans instead of the traditional candy. All of the cans accumulated went to help the Pomona Food Pantry. FBLA partnered with the Community Blood Center to host the semi-annual Blood Drive, in which 40 students participated to collect a total of 33 units of blood. Students had their blood taken in the library or in the Bloodmobiles.

Every year FBLA partners with March of Dimes to help raise money for premature babies. This year FBLA held the 2nd Annual Bikers for Babies Motorcycle Rally. Ten participants set off on a 100 mile route that rode from Pomona, KS to Osage City and back. The organization charged twenty dollars for each rider and ten dollars for every passenger. At the end of the day, after their breakfast of donuts and drinks, the riders were given door prizes and goody bags. All together the

organization made \$200 from the event for March of Dimes. Also, to help the March of Dimes, FBLA conducted the 1st Annual Baby Foot March Traveling Trophy with Wellsville. The schools of West Franklin and Wellsville competed against each other to see which school could raise the most money. The combined total of both schools was \$339.53, with West Franklin coming out the victor. The trophy received was a replica of a premature baby in a cradle.

FBLA also participates in the American Enterprise Day. For the day, FBLA brought in local business owner Dena Williams, owner of the Wil-Mart, to talk about what it is like to own your own business. She spoke to a number of classes about the struggles and successes of owning your own business.

The last event the club partook in was the National Fall Leadership Conference held in Little Rock, Arkansas. A total of 16 members went to the conference. Members toured Little Rock and attended a number of fascinating and eye-opening sessions. This trip helped the entire group of people pass through the Gateway to Greatness and become better leaders.

As you can see, this year has been extremely busy, and we hope that it will continue to be as successful as it has been so far.



Lyndon High School

The Lyndon FBLA chapter has been very active this fall. With a total membership of 101, the organization is trying to use their numbers to make a difference in the community. In September, members helped fill luminaries for Osage County's Relay for Life.

During October, FBLA contributed by participating in Trick-or-Treat for Help House, where over 725 items of food were



collected for needy families. Several members also volunteered to help with kids games and hand out candy at the Hallelujah Square on Halloween night.

Lyndon FBLA contributed to the March of Dimes in November by selling Data-Match printouts and in December the organization will help less fortunate families by sponsoring a toy drive.

In addition to helping with community service projects, the Lyndon officers attended Youth Leadership Day at Emporia State University. This day allowed the officers a chance to utilize teamwork skills and develop a plan of action for getting more students involved at Lyndon High School. Lyndon FBLA is looking forward to a productive second semester.

Wamego High School

On October 24, the Wamego High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America hosted its eighth annual “Trick- or -Treat So Kids Can Eat” community service project.

The event consisted of 64 student members dressed in



Halloween costumes going door-to-door collecting non-perishable food items for the Wamego Council of Churches Food Pantry. The members were divided into groups to compete to see who would collect the most items.

At 9 p.m. the groups met back at the high school commons to enjoy pizza and refreshments. As food items were counted, the students eagerly awaited the final amount of collected items.



The winning team members were: Caitlin Boeckman, Daniele Wilson, Jessica Hollenbeck, Marinna Vance-Lind, Brooke

Gober, Bradley Bice, Tanner Wolf, Brett Holle, Mason Stewart,



Kelsey Holtman, Ryan Pachta and Emily Stratton, with 604 items collected. The night was a huge success with over 2,400 non-perishable items being collected for the food pantry, a new record for this event.

Dakota Bartell, Ryan Helus and Calder Malin, members of Wamego High School’s Future



Business Leaders of America, recently competed as a team in the preliminary round of the National FBLA Virtual Business Challenge. They placed 1st in the nation out of 269 teams at the conclusion of this month-long competition. This qualifies them for the opportunity to compete in the final rounds at the FBLA National Leadership Conference this upcoming summer in San Antonio, TX.

This is an official FBLA competitive event sponsored by Knowledge Matters and FBLA. Students use highly visual simulation software to manage a distribution center. Teams are ranked based upon their

distribution center’s cumulative profit after running the simulation for an entire virtual year. The challenge lasts for one month, and the students may work through as many virtual years as time will allow. During this fall competition they were able to manage specific aspects of their business, which included the hiring and supervising of their employees at their distribution center. There will be a total of 16 teams from across the nation competing in the final rounds this upcoming summer at the FBLA National Leadership Conference. During this final competition they will control all aspects of the simulation, which will also include fleet management, workflow management and sales management. Dakota, Ryan and Calder are all juniors at Wamego High School.

Wamego FBLA members are shown presenting the 213th coat to Lorena Carlson of Community Health Ministry. WHS FBLA assisted in the sixth annual coat collection, sponsored by Kaw Valley State Bank, Wamego, which eclipsed last year’s total of 170 coats. Coats will be distributed by CHM to those in need.



B&B-Baileyville High School

By Caitlin Deters

The B&B-Baileyville High School FBLA Chapter has a Fall Ice Cream Social each year to welcome back everyone to the new school year. Funds are used from the FBLA treasury to fund this event. It is a great award for the people who chose to be a part of FBLA.

The B&B-Baileyville High School FBLA Chapter had their Fall Ice Cream Social on November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the school commons area. People who attended were the FBLA members, officers and the advisor. Vanilla ice cream was served with the choice of chocolate, caramel, and strawberry syrups, sprinkles, and crushed Oreos for toppings. Homemade chocolate chip cookies were also served. Pepsi, Dr. Pepper and Mountain Dew were the beverage choices.

After everyone was finished with their snack, the group played *Apples to Apples*, a board game where a card with a noun word on it is drawn and everyone has to place a card with an adjective word on the noun card that describes it. Whoever places the best adjective card on the noun card, wins that round. After our *Apples to Apples* game was over, we set up a TV and then hooked up an Xbox to it with Kinect. We played Dance Central, a game where you have to mimic the dancer's moves on the screen.

After everyone was tired of playing games, we cleaned up and went home. The party ended around 7:45 p.m. The Fall Ice Cream Social was a great success, just like every year. It was a lot of fun.

Jackson Heights High/Middle School

The Jackson Heights FBLA high school and middle level chapters have been busy this semester helping others and preparing for upcoming conferences. In October, a portion of sales from the Cobra Pit were donated to breast cancer research. Many pink ribbon items are for sale as support is shown throughout the year. Customers can choose between bags, towels, shirts and more.

Members also started selling fundraiser cards that highlighted several businesses in Holton and some in Topeka. For \$10, consumers can use the card for one year with no limits. One dollar from each card sold will be donated to the Jackson County food pantry. The remaining profits will be used for FBLA activities, including the District II conference coming up in January at Valley Falls.

During the short week in November, students were allowed to wear hats for \$1 and teachers could wear jeans for \$2 with all funds going straight to the March of Dimes. Those donations were then matched by a national contributor. Over \$55 was raised during those two days and was doubled to \$110 to help premature babies.

The Cobra Pit will also feature a new item in December. Sugar-free slushies. Two slushy machines were purchased as well as cups with lids and spoon straws.

Nickerson High School

By Ashley Schweizer

Nickerson High School's FBLA had a busy fall, hosting several service projects including Coats for Kids, in which they gathered 15 boxes of coats, sweatshirts, and blankets for the Salvation Army.

Members also decorated a Christmas Tree with recycled pop bottles, CDs, and t-shirts, which were braided into handmade garland for the Hutchinson Zoo Fundraiser.

At the monthly meetings, FBLA members made Borax crystal ornaments for their parents as Christmas gifts.

Fundraising also kept club members busy this fall. FBLA President, Dylan Schonborn, organized the football game concession stand we were assigned. We will do the basketball concession stand on January 31, 2012. Nickerson FBLA will host the Red Cross Bloodmobile as a community service project on March 21, 2012. Many members not only work as donor escorts and recovery table experts, but also give blood to help save the lives of others.

Nickerson High School has 19 members who are anxious to sign up for District Contest events. Members have also started collecting coins for the March of Dimes competition. As an added bonus, members used the hot iron transfer machine to make their own t-shirt design around the 2011-12 theme "Gateway to Greatness".

Santa Fe Trail High School

By Blair Urish

Fall is almost over and it has been a busy time for SFT FBLA. Local SFT-FBLA officers, Erika Foster, Garrett Stout, William Foster, Carli Erickson and Blair Urish, visited Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, to have a proclamation signed to proclaim American Free Enterprise Day in Kansas on November 15. SFT-FBLA had a guest speaker, Scott Averill, who is the owner of Brookside Manor, at one of our



recent FBLA meetings for our American Free Enterprise Day celebration. Mr. Averill discussed with us how important it is to think outside the box to succeed in business and life.



Danielle Elwood, Garrett Stout, Jesse Baker, Mikayla Henderson and Erika Foster attended the 2011 National Fall Leadership Conference in Little



Rock, Arkansas. "It was an awesome conference. It enlightened me," stated Garrett Stout.

SFT-FBLA also helped with "Christmas in Carbondale" by acting as elves and helping children write letters to Santa.

SFT-FBLA is one of five school organizations that also helps to pick up trash east of the high school, twice a year.

Cherryvale High School

Due to the overwhelming amount of work required to run a district conference, Cherryvale FBLA officers were afraid they wouldn't have the time to plan for FBLA Week with it falling in mid-February, right after our District Conference, therefore Cherryvale FBLA observed FBLA Week in November this year.

Some of the activities we did included: a Mr. Potato Head scavenger hunt with each piece representing an important quality or skill needed in the world of



business, a March of Dimes day where the whole school was asked to wear the color purple, a "Dress for Success" day where everyone was asked to wear business attire, and a member appreciation day where all FBLA members wore this year's shirt and got to eat lunch with Ms. McClelland. During the week we also sold purple March of Dimes baby feet for a quarter each. We sold a total of 461 baby feet, earning \$115.25 for the March of Dimes.

This year, Cherryvale tried something different; instead of making FBLA week only for members, we decided to include the whole school in order to give non-members the chance to experience the fun of FBLA. Students from all grade levels (7-12) participated in FBLA week, and many of them commented on how much fun they were having.



Overall, the week was a success, and Cherryvale FBLA plans to make next year even better!



Canton-Galva High School

Canton-Galva FBLA has been full of activity. The annual Halloween Carnival was held on October 28 at the Canton Fairgrounds. It was organized by the CG FBLA officers, and almost all of the other members helped by putting up decorations in the early morning and dressing up in the evening to run the carnival. Members handed out candy to children who played the carnival games. The festival was deemed successful, with a huge turnout and a spooky profit of \$110.

The annual Thanksgiving Food Drive was held by CG FBLA students on November 16th, which partnered with the Baptist church and the Canton Food Bank. They had terrific results with approximately 500 pounds of food being donated.

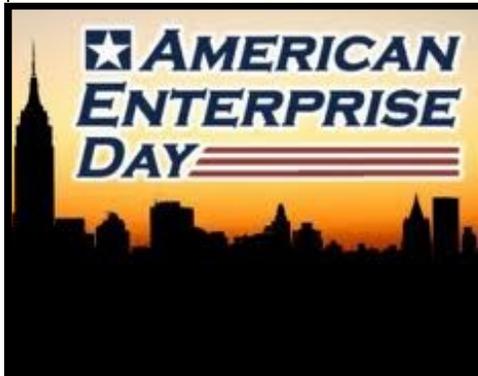
On November 17, fifteen CG FBLA members piled onto a charter bus in Ottawa, KS to make the nine hour trip to Little Rock, Arkansas for the National Fall Leadership Conference. Members got on their own bus at 6:45 a.m. to make the trip to Ottawa. FBLA and Phi Beta Lambda students from all over the country came for the workshops to learn how to be a great leader.

The CG FBLA officers are busy at work on their projects. The Partnership with Business project is well underway, with members reading to children at the local Canton Carnegie Library. Two read-times are left on the schedule, on January 10th and February 14th. The students are holding this reading hour for elementary age children, with snacks and a

holiday-themed craft. By doing this, they hope to bring more people to the library. The library recently celebrated its 90th anniversary on October 1. FBLA members enlisted to help put up decorations and serve people who attended the open house celebration. The library's theme was "Reading Together for 90 Years."

The American Enterprise project will be going up soon, with thoughts about having a "Career Day" at the Canton-Galva Middle School.

The Community Service project will also be taking off quickly, as they plan a community-wide health fair at the Canton-Galva High School.



Hugoton High School

The Hugoton High School Future Business Leaders of America student organization has been awarded a \$500 Prematurity Awareness Month Grant by the March of Dimes. The HHS organization is one of only 20 to receive the award this year.

To qualify for the grant, organizations across the nation submitted a detailed application outlining their plans to increase community awareness and knowledge of premature birth. Our



local FBLA plans a variety of activities November 14-18, including decorating the campus purple, providing student incentives, and purchasing educational materials to increase campus understanding of prematurity.

In addition, student groups will compete to be the top donors in bringing "Change to Change a Baby's Future," with all proceeds going to March of Dimes for research and education.

The community is encouraged to participate. More information can be found on our local FBLA chapter's website, usd210fbla.weebly.com.

Chaparral High School

Our activities this year have helped us continue on our journey to the "Gateway to Greatness." While in Little Rock, Arkansas for NFLC, we took a tour of the Heifer Foundation



and really learned a lot. We discovered how they keep their organization alive and strong.

The Heifer Foundation donates animals such as milk cows to poor families so they have the food from the animal. They also do this so that the animal can reproduce, and they can sell the offspring to earn money. It was interesting, and we were glad to be able to visit.

To start the new year of 2012, we are organizing our 2nd annual talent show for the March of Dimes. Last year we raised about \$1,000, and this year we hope to raise just as much, if not more.

Hope High School

The Hope Chapter of FBLA decided to make a difference this holiday season by participating in Operation Christmas Child, a program through the Samaritan's Purse charity that packs and sends filled shoeboxes to needy children all over the world. FBLA members teamed up with FCCCLA and FCA members and brought in wrapped shoeboxes filled

with toys and other supplies to send.

They also collected supplies and toys from others in our school community, which helped to pack even more boxes. The chapter had lots of fun packing the boxes and writing notes to the children. The packed boxes will be sent to children in need around the world. These children would not get any presents for Christmas otherwise. The Hope FBLA Chapter packed 24 boxes this year and plans to make this an annual event.



Deadlines	Mailing Dates	Article Ideas
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