



# Winter Exchange

2019 is coming to an end, which means a whole new year of districts, State and Nationals! Are you ready? December is a busy time for many people but don't forget to practice and study for your events because districts aren't far away, you can find your district date on Page 4. You can look to the internet for resources and textbooks from your adviser. In speaking events, practice makes perfect. Go to the [www.fbla-pbl.org](http://www.fbla-pbl.org) and click on competitive events and check on time constraints for your speeches and presentations.

In this month's Kansas Exchange you will see how other chapters have celebrated American Enterprise Day, Awareness for premature babies, Veterans Day and many more. You will also see what other chapters did at this year's NFLC in Denver, Colorado.

## Chapter of the Month

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Congratulations to  
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October: Louisburg  
November : TBD

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KANSAS EXCHANGE DEADLINES AND IDEAS

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- § FBLA WEEK ACTIVITIES



## Lyndon High School

Lyndon FBLA members have been taking full advantage of all their opportunities this year by making a difference in the community. In October, the chapter sponsored a mini-walk and raised \$325 in support of the March of Dimes. On October 31, Lyndon FBLA also operated the annual Halloween Town, a free carnival for all kids ages birth to sixth grade. Forty-six FBLA members participated by dressing in various Halloween costumes and operating games for all the small children. The cold night brought record crowds to the event!

Our community service activities continued in the month of November with a Food Drive for Help House.

FBLA members and other Lyndon High School students were challenged to donate over 2,500 non-perishable items while receiving a dodge ball tournament reward on the last afternoon before Thanksgiving break if the goal was reached. With a creative marketing campaign 2,921 items were donated!

In addition to community service activities, members also participated in a Game Day Cookout and five students were able to gain leadership knowledge by attending the National Fall Conference in Denver. Members will close 2019 with a Christmas party and preparation for the district conference.

## Linn High School

This Halloween the Linn FBLA members went trick or treating for change in Linn, Palmer, and Greenleaf. The winner of the costume contest was Claire Beikmann. The chapter collects donations for the March of Dimes. The March of Dimes organization fights for the health of all moms and babies. They advocate for policies to protect them. They work to radically improve the health care that moms and babies receive. Plus, they pioneer research to find solutions as well as empowering families with the knowledge and tools to have healthier pregnancies.

The chapter would like to thank the communities of Linn, Palmer, and Greenleaf for their generous donations as they collected \$505.46. They will present a check to the March of Dimes at the upcoming State Leadership Conference in March.



## Santa Fe Trail

Santa Fe Trail High School's Future Business Leaders Of America chapter held their annual dodgeball tournament on October 24th, 2019. The tournament helps members come together to help with something bigger than FBLA. All the proceeds benefit The March Of Dimes and Osage County Help House. Students made teams and paid a team fee, each participant donated a can item in order to play as well. The event was a great success with a positive outcome.

Members also handed out candy at Trunk or Treat at Carbondale and Overbrook on Halloween night.



## Clifton-Clyde

Clifton-Clyde FBLA participated in American Enterprise Day with all three schools in the district. At the Grade School, FBLA students performed a skit, read a story to them, and colored with them. At the middle school we had all seniors in the school speak with each class about their future plans (what career they want to go into, where they are planning to attend school, etc.) and at the high school we had one of the Cloud County Community College coaches talk to the freshmen-juniors about why it's important to do your best in high school in order to help you reach your goals. We also held a Powder-Puff game in October for all of the girls in the high school (freshmen/seniors vs. juniors/sophomores) as a fundraiser.

## Clay Center

Clay Center's new FBLA chapter gathered to make decorations & then to decorate the tree on the Courthouse Square preparing for the Clay Center Festival of Lights from November 29 to January 5th. Proceeds for the purchase of a tree go to local charities in the community.





# Wellsville Chapter Spotlight

## By Jessie McClellan, Editor

### District Conference Dates

District I.....	February 11
District II.....	January 29
District III.....	January 20
District IV .....	January 13
District V .....	January 29
District VI .....	January 15
District VIII .....	January 29



All Wellsville FBLA members have been hard at work completing their Business Achievement Awards, helping their community, and preparing for the National Fall Leadership Conference. This year our chapter gained thirteen more members than last year, with a total of 124 members, with the freshman class having 69% participation. Wellsville FBLA has been extremely busy -so busy that we decided to tell you what we have been up to in an easy to read list.

**Mommy/Son Olympic Games:** Sixty Elementary school boys and their mothers were invited to compete in ten stations against their mothers on September 15.

**Sold March of Dimes Baby Feet:** Members sold baby feet at one home volleyball and one home football game to raise money for the March of Dimes. Wellsville has competed in a friendly competition with West Franklin, in hopes of raising money for premature babies for the past nine years.

**PTO Babysitting:** Monthly, two Wellsville FBLA members care for the children of the parents who are attending the Elementary PTO meetings.

**Downtown Pumpkin Decorating:** Wellsville FBLA members provide pumpkins to each of the eight preschool classes to decorate for downtown businesses. The pumpkins on display at the businesses were amazing.

**Baking Brownies for Parent/Teacher Conferences:** On October 16 & 17, Wellsville FBLA members baked brownies for the district teachers as a treat to have during the long evenings of conferences.

**Trick or Treat for Canned Goods:** On October 9, members collected non-perishable food items around town asking community members for can goods for a local food pantry and while doing so competing in a friendly competition for who could get the most cans, all together they acquired approximately 1,000 cans.

**Bring Your Own Banana Party:** All 124 paid FBLA members had the opportunity to attend an ice cream social in the commons on October 11.

**Special Olympics Bocce Tournament:** Sixteen members went to Olathe to help Special Olympians with the regional Special Olympics Bocce Tournament that prepares the athletes for the state tournament. This occurred on October 20.

**American Enterprise Day:** In celebration of American Enterprise Day many Wellsville FBLA members got together to put on workshops for the fifth graders where they could learn about the American Enterprise system. Over 65 members participated in the workshops, while almost all other FBLA members participated in through other avenues. This happened on November 7,



instead of November 15 due to the FBLA officer team attending NFLC in Denver, Colorado during that time..

**Veterans Day Program:** On November 11, the Wellsville local officers helped in the annual Veterans Day Program by

carrying the military branch flags during each branches medley, some sang in the choir and other played in the band. Senior Natalie Shuey played taps, while other members brought over residents from the nursing home, created and distributed programs to the attendees.

**Assist with Scholars Bowl Tournament:** FBLA members volunteered to help out with the home scholars bowl meet by keeping score, running timers, and guarding the doors on November 12.

**Shopping for Holidays in Wellsville & Adopt-a-Resident:** After school, a FBLA members went shopping to buy toys and other gifts for the upcoming Children's Christmas Mall that is held at Holidays in Wellsville on December 7. This is an event where kids of all ages can buy gifts for their friends and family for only \$1. They also are able to wrap and receive assistance in wrapping if needed, their gifts at no charge. Christmas gifts were also purchased for all of the Wellsville Retirement Center residents to be given during the holiday season.

**Recycling Committee:** To help keep our school clean, organized and to continue with our "Go Green" campaign, FBLA members have been collecting recycling from classrooms in both the high school and middle school, and bringing it to a local cellulose fiber recycler.

**National Fall Leadership Conference:** Wellsville FBLA brought all ten of their officers to Denver, Colorado for NFLC, where they learned about many of opportunities by participating in hands on workshops, and listening to captivating guest speakers.

## Cherryvale

## Annual Trick-or-Treat a BIG Success!

Local Cherryvale FBLA members participated in the annual Trick-or-Treat for Canned Goods community service event on Thursday, October 24th from 6-7:30pm. Students were broken into 4 groups and assigned an area of town to collect non-perishable items to donate to our local Community Food Bank. This time of year the Food Bank is in desperate need of items to provide to community members in need, so our group does what it can to help supply those needs. The group collected a total of 1,142 items this year, the most the chapter has ever collected in the 15 years that we have participated in this event. The group bringing in the most items with a total of 459 items included Natalie Shepard, Lilly Bryson, Cammie Dodson, Trevin Elam, Jackson Knight, Trenton Medlock, Paulina-June Myskow-Rice & Riley Plumley; they were each awarded treat bags for their efforts.



## Chase County

Chase County Future Business Leaders of America celebrated Global Entrepreneurship Week with the Chase County Entrepreneurial Tailgate. This event was FIRST and ONLY student led downtown Entrepreneurial Tailgate in the world and was held Saturday, November 23, 2019, downtown Cottonwood Falls.

FBLA members at Chase County Junior Senior High School, along with their teacher Bernice Albers, partnered with Jenn Laird of Authenticity Inspired Community Development to celebrate Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW). According to the GEW website, "Global Entrepreneurship Week is a celebration of innovators who dream big and launch startups that bring ideas to life."

The Entrepreneurial Tailgate involved a variety of activities to draw attention to our local innovators and dreamers and introduce residents, business owners and the youth of Chase County to entrepreneurship and the opportunities that abound from creating and cultivating the entrepreneurial mindset. Ten entrepreneurial businesses were represented at the tailgate.

There were also games for all ages, from Cornhole to Monopoly. Future Business Leaders of America operated a tailgate concession stand.

FBLA members created a Business Scavenger Hunt to encourage participants to visit our local entrepreneur booths. The first ten hunters completing the hunt were awarded a copy of "Who Owns the Ice House? Eight Life Lessons from an Unlikely Entrepreneur" by Clifton Taulbert and Gary Schoeniger.

In addition, resources and information were provided by the Kansas Small Business Development Center to support individuals who may be considering an entrepreneurial endeavor

To kick off the event, local, independently-owned businesses were presented "bright" appreciation gifts in the days leading up to the event, creating a week long atmosphere of education, resources and fun.

This one-of-a-kind celebration of innovation, opportunity and community is made possible by a generous grant from NetWork Kansas and the Chase County E-Community Leadership Team, and supported by the amazing partnership with the Chase County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Cottonwood Falls.

If you wish to see your chapter's success posted on the website or social media, please send pictures and information to:

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## Hanover

### FBLA MEMBERS WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE AMERICAN ENTERPRISE DAY A SUCCESS

On November 13th, after many hours of hard work and planning, the Hanover FBLA Chapter hosted their second annual American Enterprise Day events. The morning was spent with the elementary students. Committee members Cora Coufal, Elaina White, and Michelle Zarybnicky, with the assistance of FBLA members, taught these students about the free enterprise system and its benefits. Interactive activities were performed to make the day fun, as well as educational.

In the afternoon, high school students, staff, and guests from the community gathered in the gym to listen to guest speakers. These guest speakers, Lauren Lawrence, Adrienne Meyer, and Matthew White, are entrepreneurs that are all alumni of Hanover High School. They shared the stories of their journeys to becoming the business people they are today and how they utilized the American Enterprise System to become successful. Students also delivered cookies to local businesses to express their gratitude for their contribution to our free enterprise system.

Other highlights for November included the Hanover chapter celebrating prematurity awareness awareness month by wearing purple and selling cookies. The proceeds from the cookie sales went to March of Dimes. Hanover FBLA also was a Kansas Honorary Chapter of the Month for October, and member, Madison Bruna, completed her Business Level Business Achievement Award this month.

December aims to be a fun month, as Hanover FBLA gets ready for Christmas. A chapter Christmas party aims to be the highlight of the month, with many activities to be done and even more memories to be made.

## Anderson County

Anderson County joined the Kansas group to travel to NFLC-Denver in November. Besides the conference workshops, highlights for the week included touring the Denver Broncos stadium, shopping along 16<sup>th</sup> Street and enjoying some good food at the Cheesecake Factory. The weather was fabulous for our trip out west.

During October, we sponsored a Food Pack Project by gathering items for students who need food over the weekends. November saw our chapter take part in American Enterprise Day by reading announcements to the school and furnishing fliers to local businesses. We also observed Prematurity Awareness Day by inviting all students to wear purple.

Activities our chapter have planned for December include sponsoring Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, Adopt a Family for Christmas, finalizing District I entries and presentation events and continuing our planning for sponsoring winter homecoming on January 10, 2020.





## Ellinwood

Members of the Ellinwood High School, Future Business Leaders of America have maintained the tradition of placing the Holiday Hope Tree in the school community library to receive gifts for children in need within the local area. The receiving box for unwrapped gifts for children age birth to 11 years of age is located at the school community library. The ornaments are tags a patron can take to purchase a gift.

## Rock Hills

The months of October and November were quite busy for the Rock Hills FBLA chapter. New members started working on Future awards, the chapter had two fund-raising events, and several community service projects were conducted.

Events we have participated in include Mankato Chamber of Commerce Trunk or Treat, VFW Auxiliary Storybook Walk, Jewell Corn Show Parade, Jewell Corn Show Park Games, business tours in Salina, Veterans Day Program and Coffee, American Enterprise Day business dinner with a guest speaker, and raising just over \$350 for the March of Dimes during Prematurity Awareness Week using an idea members learned about while attending Summer Leadership Seminar. We held a "Dress in Purple" day complete with a Style Show and prizes for the faculty and student winner. Four of our chapter members also attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver. And, of course, it wouldn't be FBLA without two fund-raising events included.



*Dressed in Purple on Prematurity Awareness Day*



Members are getting ready for a busy December with several community service projects and for the District IV competition to be held on January 13, 2020, at our school.

*Veterans Day Program*



*Noah Daniels gives highlights of his 6-month internship in Japan during American Enterprise Dinner with professional members*



## Marysville

Seventy two MHS Future Business Leaders of America members attended the FBLA Leadership Day at the University of Kansas on November 13. This day is organized at a different educational location each year by MHS Adviser, Mrs. Karen Hynek, to provide collegiate & business exposure to the members of the MHS FBLA organization. Parent chaperones for the trip were Mrs. Brenda Arntt, Mrs. Rachel Frye, and Mrs. Paula Landoll-Smith.

The students were welcomed at the Kansas Union by KU student ambassadors. They then broke up into small groups and were given a guided walking tour of campus. After the walking tour the students traveled to the KU Visitor's Center where they met with Jolee Webb, KU Admissions representative. This session included admission requirements, information on priority scholarship deadline dates, financial aid, and ACT submission dates. There was also an overview of KU's top-ranked academic programs. Following this presentation the students were given a Housing tour.

After a full morning of campus touring, the FBLA members had lunch at Mrs. E's Dining Hall, where they had the opportunity to meet up with Marysville alumni attending KU.

The major afternoon activity on the KU campus was the tour of Capitol Federal Hall, KU's business school. The students received information on various business degree programs and minors. They heard from a business student panel, including MHS alumni and KU graduate student Kennah Roberts. The panel shared with them a student perspective on the various benefits of the KU School of Business.

The final activity at KU was a Booth Hall of Athletics Museum tour and Film & Media Studies department tour. In the Athletics Museum the students were able to learn information about the history of KU athletics, and the origins of the game of basketball. During the film studies tour students were given the opportunity to experience a professional filming stage, a sound booth, and a professional editing studio.

## Washington County

Three members of Washington County attended NFLC in Denver. Camryn Boykin was recognized as an AMAC member at the state meeting in Denver. Sean Bruna, State Editor, brought the famous sunflowers for opening and closing meetings. The members enjoyed walking the streets of Denver and meeting new people.

In December, several members helped wrap presents for the Angel Tree project put on by the local ministerial alliance in our area. The organizers really appreciated the help carrying all the gifts for more than 150 people upstairs of the church.





# Photos from NFLC

