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Notes From Dorene

After a break from all things FCE in December, I hit the ground running in January to begin the last year of my term as KAFCE President. The two years completed have been filled with phases of joy, staccatos of sadness and disappointment, and a few moments of despair. The challenges have been invigorating and difficult at the same time.

I have noticed this last year as I have received calls with requests for one form or another, that there still exists some confusion throughout the membership as to when what forms are received—which in the August Mailing and which in the program packet received after the EPC State Leadership Training in Salina, the last part of August. And then, where do I go (or who do I go to) to find these forms? I will try to further clarify.

The August Mailing contains everything a Unit or County Council needs to send in any forms for membership or for any honors being sought: Heart of FCE; Individual honors for number of years as an FCE Member; Unit honors for number of years it has been in existence; forms to send to the State Treasurer with dues and Contributions for the new FCE year beginning in January; membership forms for the next new FCE year; the next year's Educational Program guide—just a peek for early planners as to what is available for the next year's programs; liability insurance forms; explanation for procedures for reporting member deaths & Volunteer hours; directions & explanations and addresses & deadlines & who to send them to all included; COMPLETE Roster with names of all committee members, State Officers, Area Directors, area EPC members, State appointees, with all contact information included except birth weights; NOW, THAT'S EXCITING!

And all of this in one document emailed to all County Council Presidents, FCS Agents, Area Directors, Board Members, & Web Master. This all pertains to Units' functioning—AUGUST MAILING.

Now for the **Program Packet** - delivered by hand in hard copy--you receive at your Area fall workshop or before, from your Area Director or perhaps, in some Areas, the Area EPC people. That packet(s) will contain all matters & forms relating to programming & lessons for the coming new FCE year: **Copies of each program leaflet** for each member of each Unit and a copy of the corresponding leader's guide for each lesson; FCE **Accomplishment Report** application; **Standard of Excellence** Report form; **Community Service Award** form; **County Council Project** forms; **Volunteer Hours Forms**; **program year evaluation** forms; **instructions** for completing all forms & who to send them to and when. **NOW, THAT, TOO, IS EXCITING!**

I have begun 2018 wanting to emphasize being CONNECTED. The two mailings above keep us connected for FCE. Now for personal connection. I was contacted recently by a member who was seeking the Club Collect that was in our Program Books each year and that we used to recite (from memory) before the beginning of each Unit Meeting. (Perhaps some still do! Good for you!) The Collect was not to be found in the KAFCE Handbook, and our county long ago did away with program books. Where to find it? My friend, of course, consulted Google! Even reading it brought back such fond memories & some important teachings:

KEEP us, O Lord from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed...

LET us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking...

MAY we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self pity and without prejudice **MAY** we never be hasty in judgment and always generous...

LET us take time for all things: make us grow calm, serene, gentle...

TEACH us to put into action our better impulses straight forward and unafraid...

GRANT that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences;

that in the big things of life we are one...

AND may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all, and **O LORD GOD** let us not forget to be kind...

There is no better way to be connected than putting these qualities into practice in our lives. I wish you all a wonderful 2018, seeking to become more closely connected to others.

Vice President Report By Edith McClain

The State EPC members will meet in late February to judge all the Area Reports. The State EPC members are: Judy Fullmer, Susan Gartrell and Linda Leonard. These ladies are already hard at work on the 2019 lessons.

Thank you to those who took the time to do the evaluations of the 2017 lessons. We received 71 evaluations with some as entire FCE's which are great. Individuals also sent evaluations. This information shared on these evaluations help with future planning of future lessons. We are limited to few choices from KSU but we are so greatly appreciate their continued support.

After tallying the numbers, here is the order of the member choice:

FCE lessons: 1st Laughter is Good Medicine

2nd Safety First

3rd What's in Your Jar

KSU lessons:

1st Fixing Funky Foods

2nd Spend Some, Save Some, Share

3rd Is It Safe...GMO's

Truly loved reading all the comments on the evaluations. The best lessons are those that are NOT read—Those using visual aids, current topics, food related topics.

Those lesson that were least favorites were either not enough information shared or too much paper work.

Some great suggestions included: What to do during car, fire, medical emergencies. Food related lessons: breads, cake decorating, making candies, freezing foods, pressure cooking, herbs, cooking for 1 or 2, Food and Culture of other Countries. Caring for the Caregivers, sewing, gardening, Personal Hygiene as we age, Local Geology, Determining Charitable organization, Cell phones, tablets, useful apps and other electronic devices.

Lots of wonderful suggestions. If you have a suggestion, please let the Educational Program Committee know.

Area meeting should present PREVIEWS of the lessons with suggestions for using the lessons.

The EPC training is tentatively set for August 20 & 21, depending on KSU schedules. Letters will be sent to those on this committee and the Area Directors. The State pays for these members to attend. If anyone else wants to attend, they must pay for their own lodging and meals.

As Vice President, I would like to attend as many Area Workshops as possible, so as soon as your Area has plans made, I would try to attend. Phone calls and emails are always welcome.

MEMORIAL LIST

Northeast Area

Margie Schutz 12 - 17 - 16

Douglas

Virgie Pfantz 2 - 7 - 17

Douglas

Naomi Pearl Scott 6 - 10 - 17

Riley

Glee Eggers

9 - 19 - 17

Riley

Pauline Nunamaker 1 - 17 - 18

Douglas

Northwest Area

Kimberly Schwant 1 - 22 - 17

Smith

Velma Siefers

s 10 - 7 - 17

Russel

JoEva McClellan 10 - 25 - 17

Rooks

South Central Area

Shirley Ade 1 - 15 - 17

McPherson

Pearl Voth 1 - 29 - 17

Reno

Myrtle Jarboe 3 - 26 - 17

Sumner

Tommie Ingrim 8 - 19 - 17

Reno

Berniece Kearns 10 - 10 - 17

Saline

Southeast Area

Doris Bradley 12 - 25 - 16

Crawford

Luella Fuhman 3 - 27 - 17

Allen

Norma Barclay 9 - 11 - 17

Allen

Southwest Area

Jean Scheckler 12 - 16 - 16

Greeley

Delmer Speer 2 - 18 - 17

Lane

Louise Unruh 2 - 16 - 17

Pawnee

Lillie Heath 3 - 24 - 17

Lane

American Income Life Insurance Company Mail Out

Dorene Reimer

Each year, for a small premium, KAFCE insures each of the State Board Members with a \$10,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment policy with the American Income Life Insurance Company (AIL). In turn, every member of KAFCE has a no-cost \$4000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit.

AlL does not do a mail out every year to all KAFCE Members notifying of this benefit; mail outs occur every three to five years. This is the year of a mail out. If you haven't already received a letter, you soon will. The letter enclosed is signed by me, your State President. It contains a yellow card to return to AlL for the purpose of receiving your certificate of coverage, designating a beneficiary, receiving free Child Safe Kits for your children &/or grandchildren, and opportunities to take advantage of other discounted services for you & your family.

Each KAFCE Member can choose whether or not to send AIL the yellow card. Even if you should choose not to send the card, you still are insured. AIL has a full membership list of 2018 KAFCE members, and every name on the list has the \$4000 insurance benefit. You will notice at the bottom of the letter that you also may respond online or call the telephone number provided for questions. If you send in the yellow card, you might receive a call from an AIL representative wanting to deliver your certificate of coverage; this request can politely be refused, and you can request the certificate be sent to you.

We are grateful to AIL for offering this benefit. Your family should be informed that you have this insurance so that, in case of an emergency, it can be redeemed.

That dreadful topic of money is upon as again. OH, that is a topic we are not to talk about!!! The CD that matured in December was rolled over. The good news is we didn't need to money at that time. A CD matures in March and we should also be able to roll that over. As of today KAFCE membership is 929 and in that number is two new memberships I received from Atchinson County.

The ending 2017 bank balance was \$36,624.48. Besides membership dues (2018 is 927) (Youth members don't pay state dues) we rely on memorials, raffles and marketing items to pay for this great organization. "Restricted Funds" (in and out) are KAFCE Scholarships, Joann Newby Adult Ed. Grants both NAFCE and ACWW projects, Clovia 4-H House and Smurthwaite House.

*TIME TO THINK ABOUT RESERVATIONS !!!

2018 National FCE Conference "REACH FOR THE STARS"

Holiday Inn Austin Midtown

July 19 - 22. 2018
Austin, Texas
Keynote Speakers
General Sessions
Annual Business Meeting
Workshops and FCL Training

www.nafce.org for registration and forms *Registration deadline: June 28, 2018

NEWS FLASH!!

2019 KAFCE STATE CONFERENCE

"Building On The Future Thru History"

October 7-9, 2019 Fort Scott, KS

Co-chairs: Linda Leonard & Sharon Giacometti

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News Flash!!!!

The 2018 State FCE Conference will be Oct.1-3 at the Russell Fossel Creek Hotel & Suites in Northwest Kansas. Russell is almost in the center of Kansas and just off I-70.

This will be a very relaxed, non-rush Conference but with lots to see, hear and do.

We are still asking counties &/or individuals to donate items for the "Prizes by the Yard." All money raised will go to the KAFCE scholarships. Volunteer to be Hostesses will be greatly appreciated.

Detailed information, registration and First Timer's forms will be in the June KAFCE News.

See you there!!

2018 Area Heart of FCE Winners

Laverne Fowler Nortonville—Atchison County Northeast Area Heart of FCE

Laverne Fowler thrived from lessons provided by Kansas State University since she was a new bride in the mid 1950s when, encouraged by her mother, she joined the same unit. Through the years, Laverne served on the county's Home Economics Committee (known today as County Council) & has held almost every position-Unit & County Council.

The early year's lessons that started Laverne off in FCE were Cooking & Baking, Canning, Sewing & Tailoring, & Health & Safety. She laughingly recalls one of the first lessons, *Working With Bread Dough*, that she & another new member nervously presented to a Unit of 'seasoned members' who could have written the lesson.

Laverne has not kept all she has learned through FCE to herself. From knowledge gleaned in FCE lessons through the 50s, 60s, & 70s, the one on canning is the lesson she continues to use today. Having ready, canned beef on hand from the family beef cattle production makes a quick meal. She gives gifts of canned beef to neighbors who instantly ask for knowledge of canning for their families. In the 1970s, she realized many seamstresses in her county were eager to learn about new sewing products and about cake decorating. As FCE Council Education Chair, she organized guest speakers to present a series of county-wide lessons on both sewing & cake decorating for not only FCE members, but also anyone interested in learning. A Topeka proprietor, who sold beautiful fabrics as well as lingerie fabrics, gave ongoing classes on constructing lingerie, dress pants & blazers, the Techniques to achieve good pressing, interfacings, use of different notions, & the use of sergers & other new machines. Another woman gave many weeks of cake decorating classes to women of the county in addition to FCE members. Laverne enjoyed this education so much that she earned the Wilton Instructor Certification and taught cake decorating at the Vo-Tech school for many years. She is still well known for creating hundreds of beautiful wedding cakes & one special cake for a community event in 1997 that served 1000.

In the year 2000, Laverne advanced into the computer age of transferring designs to disks, & today owns an amazing embroidery machine, sharing knowledge of it with Unit Members & interested community.

Laverne was a 4-Her herself & gave unselfishly to her children and grandchildren through their 4-H years. She was 4-H judge of sewing, music, crafts, & talent & supervising judge in her county. She has played piano weekly for many years for her church. Almost all of her talents she has shared had their beginnings in FCE. Laverne exemplifies the Heart of FCE with years of giving her time, talents, and energy sharing skills learned in FCE to make a difference in her FCE & her community!

Louise Greenberg Smith Center—Smith County Northwest Area Heart of FCE

Louise Greenberg has been a member of FCE for 45 years. During those years, she has demonstrated dedication & commitment to FCE. When she lived in Scott City she was on, what was then named, the Educational Program of Work, & chairman of one of the eight areas for three years. She served as State Board Secretary while she lived in the Southwest Area. After moving to Smith County, Louise has served on the State Nominating Committee multiple times. She served as NW Area Director from 1980 to 1983. In the 1990s, she took the leadership training at Rock Springs. She has attended nine National FCE meetings all over the country, serving as hostess/hospitality chairman for the 1989 National FCE Conference in Manhattan. She recalls, "At that time, we had a large number attend the national meetings—we filled up most of the rooms in Manhattan, & brought in buses to shuttle everyone from the hotels to campus where all the activities were held."

Louise was a member of Sunflower FCE until it disbanded. She chose to become an Independent member & continues to serve on the Smith County FCE Council. She attends most of the NW Area meetings & acts as Secretary for those meetings when asked. She shares the current FCE lesson information with other organizations. Louise is always willing to assist with County & Area projects. In addition to FCE, she is very active in her church, Lions Club and Picnic Club.

Ellie Elsen Dodge City—Ford County Southwest Area Heart of FCE

Ellie Elsen has been an active member for 25 years in the FCE organization. In those 25 years, she has served as Unit President in two different local FCE clubs (one club discontinued as a club). She served as the years. She is currently serving as Ford County FCE Council President.

Ellie has attended Area & District meetings, & several State Conferences in the years she has been an FCE Member. In her Club, she has provided leadership training & has given FCE lessons to the Senior Companion group.

Ellie's children were in the local 4-H program &, while they were members, Ellie served as a project leader in the foods area. She volunteers for her church as a Sunday School teacher, provides food for various functions, assists with Hospice, Sr. Companions, RSVP, and helps make quilts with another church organization.

Ellie has committed herself to FCE & using what she has learned in FCE to helping others in her community & Area.

Geneva Wedel Moundridge—McPherson County South Central Area Heart of FCE

In 1976, Geneva Wedel was a charter member of the Canton Dizzy Dames FCE. From that time until the present, the FCE Unit has been active & busy, & Geneva is right in the middle of the action. The Dizzy Dames planned an "Adopt A Highway" Project which Geneva worked on for five years. The Unit has Geneva's assistance as, each year, they plan & serve a meal that coordinates with a current lesson.

Through the years, Geneva has been a servant to FCE in many ways. For more than six years, she transported older members to unit meetings. She not only helps with her unit's annual county educational display at the McPherson County Fair, but then takes the display to other meetings. She writes monthly newspaper articles about Unit meetings as well as State & National meetings. Geneva has given, & still gives, many FCE lessons to Senior Centers & other groups.

Geneva served as McPherson County Council President for approximately twelve years. She planned many Spring Tea events for the county, several District Recognition Day programs for the Area, & helped plan several State Conferences for SC Area. She has been South Central Area Director & is now on the SC Area Educational Program Committee. She has been on the State EPC for many years, has written three FCE lessons for KAFCE Members, & has made three report Booklets & three display boards for KAFCE to be displayed at NAFCE Conference.

Ten different bus trips to NAFCE Conferences—with sightseeing excursions along the way & after arrival—have been planned by Geneva since 1991. She has been a sales person of "Hearth Fires" and other FCE products for eight years & is now on the State Marketing Committee.

Besides FCE, Geneva is very active at West Zion Church in Moundridge on the Mission Team. She has been a deacon & treasurer of the Ladies Group. Much volunteer work is the norm for Geneva at Pine Village Retirement Center in Moundridge. Her Dizzy Dames FCE Unit feels Geneva is an inspiration for continued growth of the Local, State & National FCE Organizations.

Sharon Giacometti Farlington—Crawford County Southeast Area Heart of FCE

Sharon Giacometti was excited to be invited by her first piano teacher to an EHU (now FCE) meeting in March, 1986. Since joining Sliferette FCE, Sharon has learned many things. She feels learning is a life long process, & it is important to keep passing on learning to community members in order to keep up to date with the latest concepts. Sharon has been busy putting feet to that belief from the beginning of her FCE service.

Sharon has led the unit to create over 150 educational displays at the county courthouse, local newspaper office, county fair, & public library—a host of visual opportunities. She promotes the 4th Grade Essay and Artwork Contest each year. Sharon has also given wellness and health lessons to elementary school classes & TOPS groups, and participated in Walk Kansas for her own health.

Sharon was on the County, Area, & State Educational Program Committees for six years, filling out reports at county & area levels & judging reports on all three levels. As KAFCE Vice-President, she led the state EPC members in updating forms, planning leadership training, and corresponding with Area EPC members. For three years, Sharon wrote State reports to send to national, winning several vouchers for KAFCE to spend on program materials, helping the State Budget.

After taking the FCL training, "Generations at Odds" & "Come Ride With Us On the Wheel of Public Policy" in 2011 at the NAFCE Conference in Colorado, Sharon wrote the KAFCE lesson "Coping With Conflict in Society" & a two page handout on "Public Policy for 2012" for Kansas EPC Leadership Training. She has been on three State Conference Committees (Chairman of one) & has managed committees, budgets, & appointed members to specific tasks.

Sharon was KAFCE State President (2013-2015) & presided over three board meetings a year, proofed each "KAFCE News" issue, wrote the FYI Booklet for each yearly conference, worked to reduce expenses, & promoted membership.

Serving presently on the National Board, Sharon has the chance to learn ideas from others across the Nation. She is on the Heart of FCE & the 4th Grade Essay & Artwork Contest Committees. She has co-authored two Hearth Fire Series Lessons: "Someone's Asking...How do I Manage My Obesity?" & "Aging in Place...Aging Well." She also has co-written two FCL (Family & Community Leadership) programs: "Motivating Members, Great Groups, Terrific Teams" & "Being Your Best Every Day."

As President of her local unit, Southeast Kansas Area Director, KAFCE State President & Vice President, Sharon has gained confidence in Leadership rolls. She views her experience in FCE as an extension of the knowledge & skills gained in her youth in 4-H & her college education. She wants to continue to be a better leader.

Besides her work in FCE, Sharon has served in St. Michael's Alter Society & served as St. Monica Guild Leader & as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Girard & St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Arma.

Sharon likes to sew, work outside on the farm, walk and exercise, atten'd K-State Football games with friends and enjoy the Kansas City Royals.

On January 17, 2018, Pauline Nunemaker, past President of KAFCE—1986 to 1988—passed away. It occurred to me that it is time again to review our past presidents' accomplishments. As I read through this list, I realized the commitment of our predecessors is a model for all of us who follow. I am thankful for their example of leadership. Read and be inspired!

KAFCE PAST PRESIDENTS

<u>Erma John</u> was president 1983-1985. While she was president, Kansas was recognized for the "Get It Together Kansas" safety belt program. In one of her KAFCE NEWS articles, she wrote, "We feel a responsibility to extend the knowledge that is available to us through extension. We can't lose, and the time is well spent."

<u>Pauline Nunemaker</u> was president 1986-1988. Pauline had a busy year in 1988 helping prepare for the upcoming 1989 National EHC Conference to be in Manhattan. She now lives in Lawrence and wrote, "KEHC is a great organization, and it has a great future ahead." Pauline passed away January 17, 2018.

<u>Juanita Gillaspie</u> was president 1989-1991. During her term, Kansas hosted the National Conference in Manhattan. In 1989, Juanita represented Kansas at the ACWW Triennial in Kansas City and also in 1995 in New Zealand. In 1991, KEHC had two firsts: a state membership list and an informative letter sent to each member (19,000 plus!). Juanita went on to serve at the National level as Central Program Coordinator, 1992-1994, as NAFCE Treasurer, 1995-1998, and as National Board Alumni Chair, 2006. She wrote, "Only an active, exciting, challenging organization will attract new members. We have the opportunity to serve our communities, to educate our members, and to have an impact on families. We are making decisions today for our future."

Bernis Parker was president 1992-1994. Before becoming KAFCE President, Bernis was the General Chair for National EHC annual meeting in Manhattan in 1989. In 1992, Kansas Extension Homemakers Council (KEHC) changed to Kansas Association for Family and Community Education (KAFCE). She made a video to explain the name change and sent it to all 105 counties. Bernis served as NAFCE Central Region Director, 1995-1996. She was awarded the 1996 "Friend of Extension" award from the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service. She was quoted, "FCE is an important educational organization. Belonging, we do enrich Kansas families through educational programs, leadership development, and community service."

<u>Florence Reheis</u> was president 1995-1997. During her term, Kansas FCE members actively sought pledges for the successful April 5th "Tune Out Violence" on TV event. In 1997 KAFCE worked with the Kansas State Attorney General and participated in "FCE Sting," a national project on consumer and mail fraud. Florence passed away January 8, 2010.

<u>Joan Best</u> was president 1998-2000. She attended the ACWW Triennial in South Africa. While she was in office, each member was automatically enrolled in a \$1000 Accidental Death policy. KAFCE continued work on the "FCE Sting" project and collected thousands of scam letters. During Joan's term, yarn and embroidery floss were collected and sent to India—15,500 new skeins! Also, \$4,000 was collected for The Habitat for Humanity, Africa Project. Joan passed away July 8, 2015.

<u>Judy Fullmer</u> was president 2001-2003. She attended the ACWW Triennial in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. During her term, KAFCE received money from the FCE Foundation assets based on the Kansas Membership as of December 31, 1997. After her Kansas FCE Presidency, Judy went on to serve on the National level. She served as NAFCE Central Region Program Coordinator, 2004-2006, as 2007 NAFCE Conference Committee Chair, as NAFCE Vice President for Program, 2008-2010 and as National FCE President, 2010-2012. Judy is currently serving as NAFCE Secretary.

<u>Peggy Martens</u> was president 2004-2006. She attended the ACWW Triennial in Tasmania, Australia. The Kansas web site opened in the first year of her Presidency. Revised bylaws were adopted to streamline the organization. During her term she chose three main goals: Leadership Development, Communication and Marketing, and Performance and Effect goal.

<u>Marcy Price</u> was president 2007-2009. She attended the ACWW Triennial in Turku Finland. The cookbook challenge was issued to help raise money. Due to the new IRS e-postcard, she had to answer many questions for the State Treasurer about how to file the EIN. She served on the 2010 NAFCE Conference Committee, and as National Treasurer, 2011-2013.

<u>Mary Jane Adams</u> was president 2010-2012. She attended the ACWW Triennial in Hot Springs, Arkansas. She set up one day only meetings for the board during March and June. She worked many hours with updating the bylaw changes and the KAFCE Handbook. She served as KAFCE Treasurer, 2013-2015 and originated a "Penny a Day = \$3.65" Challenge to every Kansas FCE Member to give over and above State dues; its yield for the year was helpful to the KAFCE treasury.

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(Past State Presidents Continued)

<u>Sharon Giacometti</u> was president from 2013-2015. She was the first KAFCE President who was unable to attend the ACWW Triennial Conference because of budget concerns. She attended the NAFCE site review in Kansas City when planning for the 2015 NAFCE Conference, as well as coordinated the "Spirit of Kansas" luncheon for the same Conference. During her terms as KAFCE Vice President, President-Elect, and President, Kansas won a total of twenty NAFCE awards in the Education, Leadership, Action, Community Service, and Brochure categories, granting educational materials for future KAFCE years. She is currently serving on the NAFCE Board as a Program Coordinator.

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2018 Calendar of Events

March 7 Board Meeting

Sedgwick County Extension Office

Wichita, KS

TBA June KAFCE Board Meeting

Wichita, KS

July 19-22 NAFCE Conference - "Reach for

the Stars Austin, TX

August 20-21 EPC Leadership Training

Webster Conference Center Salina. KS

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October 1-2 KAFCE State Board Meeting Russell, KS

October 1-3 KAFCE State Conference Russell, KS

October 14-20 National FCE Week

November 11-17 National Family Week

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2018 Area Calendar of Events

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Northeast Area

March 22 - Area EPC Training 10 - Noon

Atchinson, Ks

April 5 Semi - Annual Business Meg

Manhattan, Ks

April 10 DRD and Spring Tea

Riley and Pottawatomie Counties

April 24 DRD - Atchinson, Doniphan, Nemaha

and Meadowlark District Counties

Northwest Area

April 26 Northwest Area DRD

Lenora, Ks

South Central Area

April 9 South Central DRD

Moundridge, Ks

Southeast Area

April 3 Southwind District Spring Tea

Bronson, Ks

May 10 SE Area DRD

Erie, Ks

Nov 8 SE Area Area Fall Learning Day

Southwest Area

April 25 SW Area DRD

Dighton, Ks