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## **President Faye Spencer –Dream, Risk, Create**

I am inviting you to dream, to take risk, and to create for the community of FCE.

The invitation calls on you to dream but those dreams will not become a reality unless we take risks. The risks would be getting out of our comfort zone, to challenge our senses and to stretch our beliefs. What risk could there be? To become a leader, to talk in front of others, to contact other organizations or public officials, to speak your mind, to explore and research ideas or problems, to be a part of a group and

much more.

Unless we take the risks required to keep our dreams, we will not create. It takes courage to create. What is created? Fellowship of friends, network of colleagues, partnerships with other problem solving agencies, conduct meetings, write educational programs, compose communications so to share ideas, the list is infinite.

It is hope that inspires us to dream, risk and create, to be a community of FCE.

As the Kansas winds howled and snow piled deep, how does the president spend the hours? Ponder how to improve various aspects of Kansas FCE. For example:

Kansas FCE Scholarship Application: Received 8 applications.

Heart of FCE: Received 4 applications. The Area Directors have selected a state winner.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Essay and Artwork 4<sup>th</sup> grade contest: An email was sent to all County Council Presidents to remind them of the deadline.

Kansas Handbook: Should Article I – Name be amended? The need to identify inconsistencies between sections, and to update the history section.

KAFCE News: Gather materials for the upcoming issue.

American Income Life Insurance Company: Dee Hettinger, agent, said the beneficiary cards will be mailed to all members later this year. The beneficiary card will need to be updated if your life has experienced any major changes.

National FCE Midyear Conference: attended on February 10.

Kansas FCE Executive Committee Meeting: MY FIRST MEETING. Plans were to be in-person on February 14, but (yes, we live in Kansas) due to bitter cold weather, it was by Zoom.

## **Attention to all Kansas FCE members**

Let it be known that none of your national and state officers will NEVER, ever, send you an email requesting you to purchase gift cards, or any other form of money!!! Because the officers' contact information is on the web, scammers harvest that information and send emails requesting finances. DO NOT TAKE THE BAIT! Do NOT reply to them. Do NOT click on any link of that email. Do NOT telephone the scammer. If you have any doubts or concerns, simply telephone.

All financial transactions by the national and state treasurer are processed the "old" fashion way, NEVER by electronic apps.

**Treasurer Marcy Price:**

The audit has been completed, and the taxes have been done. I would like to thank Delores Walden for the work she has done as State Treasurer. She has provided me with a detailed list of my duties and responsibilities and I appreciate it.

As I start a new job as State FCE Treasurer I would like to thank those that had the confidence in me to elect me to this position.

Don't forget to save those vital records you are storing. IRS states that you should save all documents and financial documents for at least three years so even seven years.

The EIN is an important part in opening your checking accounts. They can be maintained on the IRS website.

**AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS:****NORTHEAST – Diane Nielson:**

Northeast Area will be the host site for the 2026 State Conference. Anita Felzke and Lynne Cathy, Johnson County FCE members, will serve as co-chairs. Weather caused a planning gathering of FCE Council Chairs to be cancelled twice. We will discuss plans at the April Area FCE Council Meeting in Holton. Meantime, information is being gathered regarding potential host sites in the area. Information from the state-wide survey regarding state conference has been reviewed for insights. It appears many members like the current rotation of the meeting to various sites across the state. The Southwest Area stated a preference for a central location. There is interest in having breakout sessions related to FCE leadership, lessons and idea sharing. The survey was developed by Northeast Area Director and President Faye Spencer to follow up the discussion at the 2024 conference and to gather additional member input related to future state conferences. Membership generally appeared agreeable to attending a conference scheduled for Tuesday-Thursday.

The Southwest Area has been contacted to obtain helpful planning tips. Northeast members look forward to hosting the State Conference in 2026.

The dedicated Northeast Area EPC team judged the submitted education program reports and Community Service Projects. Reports demonstrated a variety of activities to share lesson topics with the community. Multiple community serve projects were completed in communities across Northeast Kansas. We are currently exploring options to share FCE impacts with state and area stakeholders. We hope to be able to share further details later this year.

Age has taken a toll on membership numbers this year. Units have disbanded in Douglas and Nemaha Counties. We congratulate Vineland Unit in Douglas County who celebrated 100 years. The group serves a Veterans Appreciation meal each year and plan to continue this tradition. Independent Memberships continue in both counties.

One hundred dollars has been donated to support ADD (autism) education efforts in northeast Kansas. EPC member, Carol Lintner, shared several resources during the fall workshop. A fun follow-up auction raised funds to support education.

The Spring Area Council Meeting will return to Holton on April 3. Members liked the new location choice and voted to return for the spring meeting. It will be at the Evangel Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

**NORTHWEST – Edith McClain:**

Received packet from DeLores - NW Seals and awards. Thanks, DeLores for all your great work.

Have been in contact with Marcy Price, New KAFCE Treasurer. Welcome Marcy.

Have been in contact with several members regarding the Area Director position and the NW EPC Committee. Waiting for their reply.

The NW Spring Recognition Day will be Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> hosted by Norton County. Meeting will be held in the Lenora Community Room, with registration beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be coffee and breads to enjoy. Reservations due by April 20<sup>th</sup> to Maxine Mai, 785-567-4538 or email: [jimmai@ruraltel.net](mailto:jimmai@ruraltel.net). Price for the noon meal will be \$10.00. Following registration will be a Business meeting, followed by a speaker. After lunch the awards will be presented.

Please consider this as an invitation to any and all FCE Board members.

Question: Is there any KAFCE stationery and envelopes available? I would be happy to pay postage for these items.

**SOUTH CENTRAL – Kathy Preheim:**

Thank you to Linda Hess for your time of service as the SC Area Director.

At this time, a SC Area is looking for a member to volunteer to be on the Education Program Committee.

The SC Area Spring Council Meeting will be on April 14, 2025 in Moundridge. A special program about the orphan train will be given by Marcia Sebree, from the Peabody Historical Society. Recognition and awards will be given out, and a business meeting will round out the day.

**SOUTHWEST – Connie Chavez:**

Let's "Hop Into Spring With FCE" is all the encouragement that Southwest Kansas FCE members need to get together for our Area's Spring Recognition Meeting set for April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Ford County Fair Building, 901 W. Park St., Dodge City. The Ford County Stitch and Chatter FCE Unit will host this meeting. Our speaker, Barbara Straight, will present a program based on the iconic Harvey Girls, those hardworking young ladies who worked as hotel and restaurant wait staff for the Fred Harvey Company. These women are often described as the first workforce made up of women who worked in the great American Southwest.

Seventeen (17) Southwest Kansas FCE members will be recognized who have reached 5-year membership increments, all the way to 75 years! **Pauline Fecht** of Hamilton County will receive her **75<sup>th</sup> Year Membership Certificate**. Members of the Gray County **Bluelight FCE Unit** will receive their unit's **90<sup>th</sup> Year Charter Certificate**!

We'll also spend time enlisting FCE members to serve as hostesses and join committees as we prepare to host the 2025 Annual FCE State Conference set for Oct. 9-11 in Dodge City. **"LET'S GET THE HECK INTO DODGE"** is the theme of this year's conference and it should be a fun time for all who attend! Read about what's planned in the separate article included in this newsletter.

**SOUTHEAST – Mary Dunn:**

October 22, the SE Area FCE Fall Follies event was held at the Humboldt United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, hosted by Allen County GALS FCE. Approximately 40 members and guests gathered to share a meal and hear Master Gardener Karen Works present a very informative program on Gardening Tips for Seniors. She included benefits of raised gardening, watering using a soaker hose set on a timer, and discussed beautiful flowers, such as zinnias, that reseed themselves and bloom for an extended period of time. Thanks for such a fun evening, ladies!

November 7 was the Southeast Area Fall Council Meeting held at the Southeast Research and Extension Center in Parsons. Details of the meeting were reported by SE Area Director Cindy Kiser in the December KAFCE News.

Some Giving Back to the Community activities recently done include: Allen County GALS FCE members donate loose change monthly to give to Ministerial Alliance who turns it into milk vouchers that are given out at the Food Pantry; Bourbon County Starlite FCE members collected Valentines greeting cards to mail to the veterans in Topeka; Labette County Don't Dodge Difficulty FCE members send Christmas Cards to all the residents in 4 Nursing Homes, as well as making quilts for service agencies in Parsons and Pittsburg (62 quilts were made and donated in 2024); Neosho County Leamona FCE members decorated a Christmas tree for the Christmas Tree Festival at the Art Gallery in Chanute. The theme of the Christmas tree was "Who Stole the Cookies from the Cookie jar?" Thanks for all you do, FCE ladies!

Eight FCE members from Neosho County and two members from Labette County met at the Erie Library to attend the Midyear National FCE Meeting via zoom on February 10. The general consensus was that it was a very good experience and a lot of knowledge and understanding was gained from the meeting presentations.

April 1 will be the SE Area Spring Tea hosted by Neosho County and held at the Neosho Valley Event Center at the Erie Fairgrounds. After sharing a meal, FCE members will be touring the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Erie, KS, to see the marvelous paintings done on the walls and ceiling of the church. The tour will be narrated by the Lutheran pastor.

The SE Area Spring Area Council Meeting and Recognition Day will be May 1 at the Southeast Research and Extension Center in Parsons. Labette County Don't Dodge Difficulty FCE members will be our hostesses.

The SE Area Fall Council Meeting will be held November 6 at the Southeast Research and Extension Center in Parsons.

**State Nomination Committee-Sharon Giacometti, Chair** January 20, I sent emails to all the Area Nominating Committee members and Alternates that have emails, with the responsibilities of the secretary and the nomination form. I sent emails to the Area Directors, that the area committee members didn't have emails. February 6, I sent emails to the County Council Presidents that Faye Spencer's forward to me, with the same responsibilities and nomination form. On February 19, I talked to Cindy Kiser (SE Area) and she will accept the position as State Secretary.

### Standing Committee Reports

**Budget Committee** - No report until September

**State Educational Program Committee** – Ruth Shafer

**Marketing** – Dorene Reimer -

**State Conference Committee – 2024 in SE** Carol Stephens and Lois Carlson

October was a busy month as SE Area hosted the KAFCE State Conference, October 6-8, 2024, in Chautauque, with the theme “Incredible Journey of FCE celebrating 110 years”. The planning of the event was co-chaired by Lois Carlson and Carol Stephens, members of Rock and Roll FCE from Erie. Seventy one (71) members and guests were welcomed and enjoyed a bus tour of Humboldt, tour of the Osa-Martin Johnson Museum, a speaker from Kansas State University about the Nelly Don Dress, a Parson native, entrepreneur in the 1930’s and 40’s; prizes by the yard; many other presentations; and the annual business meeting presided over by Nancy Kernick, State President of KAFCE. Lois Carlson was welcomed as a new member of the State EPC committee. Thanks to everyone who combined efforts to make our KAFCE State Conference a success.

**State Conference Committee - 2025 in SW**

**“LET’S GET THE HECK INTO DODGE”** is the theme for the **2025 Kansas FCE Annual Conference set for Oct. 9 -11, 2025**. This year’s meeting will be held from Thursday afternoon till Saturday Noon, according to Area Director Connie Chavez, coordinator for this event. “Meeting at the end of the week will allow us to enjoy many venues that are normally closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. It’s also Columbus Day weekend, so some members may want to make this a “get-away” weekend trip,” she added.

After arriving at the **Holiday Inn Express** located off historic Wyatt Earp Blvd., members will be able to board the **Dodge City Big Blue Trolley** for a historic tour of the city and surrounding area. The trolley’s moderator will share many interesting facts, including why Dodge City became known as the “Queen of Cowtown’s”.

Members will enjoy visiting **Boot Hill Museum** which features over 60,000 historical objects, photographs and documents. This recently renovated facility offers several interactive displays, including a buffalo stampede that will have you shaking in your boots!

Artists at **2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Art Guild** will conduct the “Make and Take” project at the art gallery located in downtown Dodge City.

On Thursday evening, we’ll kick off our conference at **Boot Hill Distillery**, which sits at the top of the infamous Boot Hill! We’ll gather on this historic site’s spacious patio, have a food truck on site, and enjoy live music from jazz musicians John and Connie Chavez. Tasting tours at this “soil to sip” distillery will also be available.

If you prefer beer over booze, you’ll want to visit **Dodge City Brewery**, a microbrewery located at the bottom of Boot Hill. They also serve the best pizza in town!

And, if you’re a gambler at heart, you’ll want to visit **Boot Hill Casino!**

Our meetings will be held at the historic **Guymon Petro Building’s Conference Center** conveniently located across the street from our hotel.

Each FCE Unit or County Council is asked to bring a gift basket/item (\$20 value) for the “Prizes by the Yard” drawing that supports the Kansas FCE Scholarship fund.

We’re planning an exciting conference with plenty of time to mingle and share ideas with each other. We’ll have more details in the next newsletter! In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Connie Chavez at 303-718-3349 or email her at Chavez\_17@msn.com.

## **Other Appointed Positions Reports**

### **State Registrar/Historian - Marcy Price:**

Standard of Excellence Report - Total 41 FCE Units completed the Standard of Excellence Report

NE Area 10 gold seals and one Blue seal

NW Area 7 gold seals

SC Area 5 gold seals and one Blue seal

SE Area 9 gold seals

SW Area 8 gold seals

Membership Awards - Total 94 Membership Awards

NE Area 33 Awards

NW Area 11 Awards

SC Area 14 Awards

SE Area 18 Awards

SW Area 18 Awards

### **Membership List/Records - Marcy Price**

According to Delores Walden, in 2024, Kansas had 509 members and 7 deaths.

The membership year of 2025 has 467 members, losing 67 members but gained 25 new members.

I have received the dues for a rejoined member .

Longest member: Donna Wilson, Ft. Scott, 74 years of membership.

Oldest member: Dorothy Ottes Galva, born in 1924.

Youngest member: Madelyn Hazlett, 22 years old, joined in 2024.

The Membership by Area chart will be distributed at a later time.

### **Memorial List**

Bishop, Carol J.; July 22, 2024, (75), Kansas Nebraska FCE, Nemaha County, NE Area

Emert, Judith; February 22, 2024, (84), Berwick Home Benefit FCE, Nemaha County, NE Area

Frihart, Linda Sue; January 28, 2024, (83), Renaissance FCE, Crawford County, SE Area

Gaskell, Lorraine; September 13, 2024, (94), Leamona FCE, Neosho, SE Area

Hammond, Mary M. Ayers; August 4, 2024, Evening Belles FCE, Saline County, SC Area

Stanley, Suzanne; January 18, 2024, (73), GALS FCE, Allen County, SE Area

**William Allen White Children's Book Award – Denise Marcum**

The **William Allen White Children's Book Award** is the oldest statewide Children's book award in the United States. I am grateful to be sitting in my second year of a four year term as a voting Family and Community Education member on this award board. Supported in part by the Trusler Foundation and the Emporia State University Libraries & Archives, The White Awards Program was established to encourage the children of Kansas to read and enjoy good books. Those on the board will spend months reading current year published books for youth to then vote for the award.

The first round of books has been presented and the board members have 75 plus books to read for round one. We will get a chance to offer other reading choices in two more rounds. We can 'vote' encouragement for a book already on the list offering it again for the next round or two. Every book suggested from sitting board members will be on the reading list and each board member agrees to read at least 65% of the total list by end of round three and voting day. This is so that we can have a more complete conversation in the voting process.

The books under a consideration for the William Allen White Award are not presented to the general public until the end, so that we have a non-bias voting table.

The link to read more about the William Allen White Award is: <https://wawchildrensbookaward.com>

**National FCE Public Policy Coordinator Report Sharon Giacometti***3-2-1 Contact! Your Officials*

Public Policy is government policies that affect the whole population. Even if you don't follow politics, what the government does on your behalf should matter to you because it affects your daily life.

But **what** do you do if you have an issue with a policy? **How** do you begin to get help and answers?

**Who** do you complain to? **Where** do you find the people in authority? And **when** is it time for you to act.

This FCL lesson will give you the tools to answer those questions and the information to navigate the process of addressing your concerns.

**Report from National FCE Mid-year Meeting Sharon Giacometti****COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

PURPOSE of the Community Service Award is to recognize FCE groups, who through their community service projects, are changing the lives of others for the better.

Many of the projects that members do deserve recognition, but do not fall under the umbrella of any of the National FCE program awards. This award will encompass and honor those projects.

The Community Service Report Book criteria should list the name of the project, state, person submitting the project, mailing and email address. Then answer thirteen questions about the project.

A copy of the Community Service Report Book should consist of 8½X11 paper, stapled together, and will follow the format listed on the book criteria form.

It can be submitted by State Affiliates, Area, District, County or Local groups. The Community Service Report Book is to be mailed to the State Affiliate and to National FCE Headquarters, postmarked by April 15, of the current year.

The criteria and form may be accessed on the National FCE website > Resource Library.

## 2025 ROSTER

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### List of Disbanded Units

2025	Berwick Home Benefit FCE	Nemaha County	NE Area
2025	Corning FCE	Nemaha County	NE Area
2025	Kansas Nebraska FCE	Nemaha County	NE Area
2025	Nemaha County Council	Nemaha County	NE Area

### Heart of FCE Winners

#### Marlene Faul –Harvey County SC

Marlene, the oldest of four siblings, grew up on a farm, near Granite Falls, in Western Minnesota. After high school, she went to Minneapolis, Minnesota for her degree. Then work, marriage, volunteer work, and then she and her husband moved to Kansas in 1963 for him to restart the instrumental program at Bethel College in North Newton that the College had let lapse. Marlene was Bethel College bookstore manager for 4 years until they adopted their first child. Jim, deceased in 2005, and Marlene have two married daughters, two sons-in-law, with their families of 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Marlene worked as Administrative Assistant at Bethel College Mennonite Church for 34 years, retired, and worked ten more years in offices in North Newton, and mega volunteer positions which she is still doing.

#### FCE

--Member of Modern Mrs. of Harvey County and will be 58 years in 2025 having been both EHU and FCE member. She served as International Chair with Area EHU, eons ago, and served 11 years, 1989 – 2000 (State secretary, subscriptions chair, historian, state treasurer at the time of the name change which included 3 individual sheets of membership forms for each member so their living room was frill until 2/3 of them were sent off).  
 —Marlene was a member of Harvey County FCE Council 1978-1982 & President 1980-82 & 2000 and published the EHU Harvey County Cookbook.  
 --Marlene served in all offices of Modern Mrs., County Council Chair, Area Director, Area Secretary, State Secretary two separate terms, and National secretary, 4 year term.  
 --James & Marlene Faul family received "The Outstanding FCE Family Award" for Kansas and was 6th in National Competition in 2003.  
 --Marlene has been co-chair and chair of four state conferences, the last as chair held in Newton, 2022.

#### Church

--Administrative Assistant, 1968-2002. Also served on Church Board a number of years, Deacons, Clerk of Congregation a few times, MMA/Everence representative, etc., plus many committees.  
 —Sunday school teacher, Wednesday night teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, 1964-2019. •-Women's Fellowship of BCMC, held most offices, and currently am Convener & WF Executive Board Secretary,  
 --Chair of Hospitality Commission, 2021-2025 — a monster volunteer job at a college church. --On Caring Connections Committee visiting elderly members monthly.  
 --Member of BCMC Adult Bell Choir from 1980 to the present as well as playing in the First Presbyterian Church Bell Choir in Newton since 2020 (COVID).

#### Community

—Member of Harvey County Circle of Hope, (Peace Connections) an ally, helping people out of poverty.  
 —Help at New Hope Shelter (Homeless Shelter in Harvey County) Capacity: 36 Harvey County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for children for 18 years receiving both state and Harvey County recognition.  
 —Clerk weekly at the local Et Cetera Shop for 12 years.  
 —Member of Scandinavian Society of Wichita having served as chair for 15 years of the December Scandinavian Smorgasbord and still on committee.  
 —Formerly a Girl Scout Leader and Formerly a 4-H Foods Leader  
 —Marlene was a nominee for Newton Woman of the year in volunteering in 2018.

## Heart of FCE Winners continued

### Jackie Warren -Bourbon County SE

Jackie is a fifteen year member of the Starlite FCE of Bourbon County. She has served as secretary for four years. She has been very involved in every FCE activity – Veteran Recognition, 911 observance, Tri Valley Christmas, Christmas and Valentine Cards for the VA Hospital in Topeka and many community projects. She has presented many lessons and served many delicious homemade refreshments. Other groups she is active in are: Bronson High School Alumni as treasurer for four years, Fort Scott United Methodist Church and Community Christian Church. She attends church and helps with the Soup Kitchen project.

Before the Fair even gets mentioned in the paper Jackie is already gathering sponsors for special awards and contacting over 60 businesses and individuals who donate over \$2300 for the Fair each year. As Bourbon County Fair Superintendent for Open Class Exhibits, she enlists the help of the two FCE units in the county to clean up the Meyers Building, and she finds willing workers to set up the exhibit cabinets while the ladies do the cleaning.

She spends the fair week supervising the area and dealing with any problems which might arise. To say the least, Fair time is a very busy time for Jackie. She makes sure the Fair information about Open Class exhibits is correct, and she does the proofreading before publication. Arranging for judges is the next task and then she also makes sure that each class has a superintendent. Once again she calls on the FCE membership who step up to be class superintendents. Jackie is responsible for tallying the prize money and making out checks for awarded. This involves over 1000 entries. At the close of the Fair Jackie makes sure the building is clean and everything is stored for next year's – fair once again calling on her FCE members. We have had many wonderful fairs because of Jackie's organizations skill and her hard work. She served as the Open Class Superintendent from 2012-2023.

During the Fair Jackie is also in charge of the King Arthur Flour contest. Everyone who wants to enter this contest receives a portion of King Arthur Flour to use in their recipe. There are entries for juniors and seniors. Jackie is in charge of getting the flour ready. There are over 100 entries in this category. Each entrant gets their recipe and allotment of flour.

In addition to her duties for the Fair Board she finds time to place her own entries in the Fair. She has earned many top honors in foods, quilting, and needlework. Serving on the Fair Board she plays an integral role in the Fair's success. There is a plaque placed at the entrance to the Meyer Building to honor her and her late husband Alan for their many hours of service.

As a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Jackie is in charge of the sewing club that makes quilts, pillow cases, and ditty bags filled with supplies for overnight stays in the hospital. She has worked on numerous quilts that have been given to Shriners Children Hospitals. She has hand delivered many of the quilts. For her work with sewing quilts, fixing meals, providing refreshments and always being there to do what needed to be done she received the honor of being appointed to the degree of Supreme Giving hearts.

The Pioneer Harvest Fiesta is in its 68<sup>th</sup> year and Jackie and her late husband Alan have always been active supporters. He passed away in 2022. This event lasts for three days and is a collection of educational and historic exhibits. Jackie is not an officer, but it was an important event to her husband, and she continues to work at the Fiesta. She weighs in on all major decisions. She is involved and dependable and because of husband's involvement she continues to help gather corporate sponsors, old and new. Jackie is in charge of the Quilt show and encourages everyone in the county to share their quilts old and new.

Jackie is a Jack of all trades, never finding a job that she can't handle. She is always looking ahead to see what can be done to make things run smoother and to make experiences more rewarding for the people involved. She is a very quiet individual, but under all the quietness is an organizer and a hard worker. She will take on any job that needs to be done and handle it neatly and completely. Starlite Fce feels she is a perfect candidate for the Heart of FCE Award.

### **Virgina Rezac—Pottawatomie Count NE**

Virgina has been a member of FCE since 1952 receiving her 72 year certificate in April of 2024. She was a member of Kaw Better Homes from 1952-1958. She was then a charter member of the Emmett Homemakers HDU from 1959-1965, and then went back to the Kaw Better Homes Unit in 1966 and has been with Kaw Better Homes to the present. Virgina has also served on the Pottawatomie County Council for quite a few years until 1991 and served as Program Chairman, Health, Food and Nutrition Chairman and Family Resource Management Chairman.

Virgina has presented many programs on an annual basis. Topics included: Whole grains, Artificial Sweeteners, Pasta, Exercise, Heart ways to Health, Upkeep of a car, Pumpkin Pleasures, A is for Apple, Canning and many more.

While Virgina was president of the Kaw Better Homes Unit she kept us involved with the youth in our community by having 4-H members give talks and demonstrations at some of our meetings and encouraged our group to sponsor a Photography and Foods Preservation awards at the Pottawatomie County 4-H. She also got the group to give a Scholarship to a graduating senior from St. Mary's High School. These have been ongoing projects for the last 17 to 20 years. She has really enjoyed having out group participate in the Home Coming Parade for the St. Mary's High School. When I joined FCE in 1989 we did a float and continue until most of our members could not get on a float even with a step stool! Other community activities she was involved in was playing Bingo at the St. Mary's Manor with the many residents.

County Extension Office activities she has done is working with the St. Mary's Grade School and Emmett Grade School children by helping the 4<sup>th</sup> graders with making muffins in a jar for Christmas present for their mothers and she encouraged our members to participate in this activity. She also encouraged us to help with the County Extension Office "Kid Cooking School", which is done in St. Mary's High School Home Economics Class Rooms During the month of June.

In the mid 1990's Virgina helped make a Frontier costume from deer skins for one of the bankers when St. Mary's was celebrating "Oregon Trail Days" which was a weekend celebration of the Oregon Trail that went through St. Mary's.

A county project that was involved in was making and embroidering Bibs for the Raise A Reader project, which we are still doing in our County. Sewing and making quilts is one of the many talents that Virgina has been doing. In 1989 Virgina made a "Baby Block" quilt block that was included in a national quilt that hangs in the Agriculture Hall of Fame in Bonner Spring, Kansas

Virgina was very involved in the Methodist Church in Emmett, she helped with their children's programs. She was also one of the Community 4'H leader for the Emmett Hustlers 4-H club.

At the age of 92 Virgina is still involved as the Historian of the Kaw Better Homes FCE. We don't know how much longer she can keep going, but she has been a major player in our group!

### **Earlene L. Ganoung - Rooks County NW**

What's New FCE proudly nominates Earlene Ganoung. Earlene has been a member for 46 years and remains active in our unit. During those years, she served in many positions of leadership, including president, vice president, and county council representative. Her service continued there as secretary and treasurer on the council.

Earlene is meticulous when planning and carrying out a plan. We have been privileged to have her input on so many projects. This year, at the age of 87 years, her pie won the FCE Grand Champion Food at the Fair. Earlen continues to put her whole heart into FCE.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT submitted by FCE Unit in the Education Category**

- 1<sup>ST</sup>: Farmerettes FCE, Atchison Co. / NE Area. *"Managing the Strain of Stress"*  
1<sup>ST</sup>: Hobart Homemakers FCE, Rooks Co. / NW Area. *"Lavender"*  
1<sup>ST</sup>: Canton Dizzy Dames FCE, McPherson Co. / SC Area. *"Managing the Strain of Stress"*  
1<sup>ST</sup>: Sliferette FCE, Crawford Co. / SE Area. *"Lavender"*  
1<sup>ST</sup>: Bluelight FCE, Gray Co. / SW Area. *"CHARACTER COUNTS! - Citizenship"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Terry FCE, Atchison Co. / NE Area. *"The Silent Killer - Facts about Ovarian Cancer"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Vinland FCE, Douglas Co. / NE Area. *"Senior Care"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: What's New FCE, Rooks Co. / NW Area. *"Pathways to a Healthy Kansas"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Happy Home Makers FCE, McPherson Co. / SC Area. *"CHARACTER COUNTS! - Citizenship"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Rock 'n Roll FCE, Neosho Co. / SE Area. *"Pathways to a Healthy Kansas"*  
3<sup>RD</sup>: Broderick FCE, Pottawatomie Co. / NE Area. *"Lavender"*  
3<sup>RD</sup>: GALS FCE, Allen Co. / SE Area. *"CHARACTER COUNTS! Citizenship"*  
HM: Witty Women FCE, Sedgwick Co./ SC Area. *"Managing the Strain of Stress"*  
HM: Starlite FCE, Bourbon Co. / SE Area. *"CHARACTER COUNTS! Citizenship"*

**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT submitted by FCE Unit in the Action Category**

- 1<sup>ST</sup>: Springhill FCE, Johnson Co. / NE Area. *"CHARACTER COUNTS! - Citizenship"*  
1<sup>ST</sup>: Kettle Queens FCE, McPherson Co. / SC Area. *"CHARACTER COUNTS! - Citizenship"*  
1<sup>ST</sup>: Leamona FCE, Neosho Co. / SE Area. *"Exotic Vegetables"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Harmony FCE, Johnson Co. / NE Area. *"CHARACTER COUNTS! - Citizenship"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Movers & Shakers FCE, Smith Co. / NW Area. *"CHARACTER COUNTS! - Citizenship"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Modern Mrs. FCE, Harvey Co. / SC Area. *"Pathways to a Healthy Kansas"*

**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT submitted by County FCE Council in the Education Category**

- 1<sup>ST</sup>: Atchison County FCE Council / NE Area. *"Exotic Vegetables"*  
1<sup>ST</sup>: Crawford FCE County Council/ SE Area. *"The Silent Killer – Ovarian Cancer"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Allen County FCE Council / SE Area. *"Exotic Vegetables"*

**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT submitted by County FCE Council in the Action Category**

- 1<sup>ST</sup>: Rush County FCE Council / SW Area. *"Pathways to a Healthy Kansas"*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT submitted by FCE Unit**

- 1<sup>ST</sup>: Broderick FCE, Pottawatomie Co. / NE Area. *"Want to Learn More About Our Great American Flag"*  
1<sup>ST</sup>: Hobart Homemakers FCE, Rooks Co. / NW Area. *"Cloverbud 4-H Club"*  
1<sup>ST</sup>: Kettle Queens FCE, McPherson Co. /SC Area. *"Caring for Moundridge through Volunteerism in 2024"*  
1<sup>ST</sup>: Spring Creek FCE, Lane Co. / SW Area. *"Giving Generously to Our Community"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Harmony FCE, Johnson Co. / NE Area. *"Sweet Memories"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Movers & Shakers FCE, Smith Co. / NW Area. *"Happy Trails Newsletter"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Viola FCE, Sedgwick Co. / SC Area. *"2024 Arnoldine Mission Trip"*  
2<sup>ND</sup>: Sunshine FCE, Rush Co./ SW Area. *"150 Years Rush County, Bison Open House"*  
3<sup>RD</sup>: Vinland FCE, Douglas Co. / NE Area. *"Honor Dinner for Veterans on Veteran's Day"*  
3<sup>RD</sup>: Lenora FCE, Norton Co. / NW Area. *"Corner Clean-up"*  
3<sup>RD</sup>: Homemakers FCE, Hodgeman Co/SW Area. *"Nursing Home Valentine's Day Party"*  
HM: Bluelight FCE, Gray Co./SW Area. *"Christmas Cards for Bethal Home Residents"*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT submitted by County FCE Council**

- 1<sup>ST</sup>: Atchison County FCE Council / NE Area. *"Sleep in Heavenly Peace"*  
1<sup>ST</sup>: Rooks County FCE Council, NW Area. *"Stop Human Trafficking"*

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**ACWW Celebrates Women Walk the World**

Every year, women worldwide celebrate the 29th April as ACWW day. Since 2012, around this date, members and friends gather and walk together to raise funds, and share information about our work with their communities. We call this celebration 'Women Walk the World'

Want to support and celebrate with us? Go to this website to find out more.

<https://acww.org.uk/fundraise-for-acww>

**Mark your calendars for the Spring Area Meetings**

NE –April 3, Evangel Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Holton, Kansas

NW –April 25, Lenora Community Room, hosted by Norton County

SC – April 14, West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge

SE – May 1, Kansas State University Research and Extension Building, Parsons

SW – April 24, Ford County Fair Building, Dodge City

**New Address For National FCE**

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**2025 DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 15 - Due date for National FCE forms, awards, honors and contest.

April 29 - Women Walk the World

May 15 - International Day of the Family

June 20 Kansas FCE Board of Directors' Meeting, State nominations form due

July 21 - National FCE Annual Business Meeting

July 21-24 National FCE Annual Conference and ACWW USA Area conference, Holiday Inn Cincinnati, Erlanger, KY

August/September Kansas State EPC Leadership Training

September TBA Kansas FCE Board of Directors' Meeting

October 9-11 Kansas FCE State Conference, Dodge City

October 12-18 National FCE Week

November 23-29 National Family Week