

By KIAH BLAU

Over 225 students from Northwest Kansas were at Decatur Community High School for a KAY Conference the morning of Jan. 26. KAY stands for Kansas Association for Youth and it is unique to Kansas. No other state has a service organization like it.

Cheryl Gleason, the state director of KAYs, was a special guest, and she explained that anyone in high school can belong to KAYs. "You don't have to have any special talent or be part of a team. Everyone is welcome at KAYs," she said.

This year's KAY theme is "The Power of One."

KAY conferences are held throughout the year to bring together the KAY clubs of various schools. Nine schools were represented at the conference. KAYs work to serve schools, our state, our country, and our world and to improve leadership skills.

"It was a tremendous morning," said Linda Glaze, Oberlin school's KAY sponsor.

The morning started with all 225 students gathering in the gym for an icebreaker activity. Then it was off to the auditorium for a welcome by KAY president and vice president Tracy Hoppal and Garrett Berry.

Brenda Breth, high school counselor, also welcomed the group.



STUDENTS tie a fleece blanket for a service project at the KAY Conference held in Oberlin on Thursday.

"Service and leadership are the two things that come to mind when I think of KAYs," said Mrs. Breth, the two things our world needs."

The presidents of the northwest Kansas KAY chapters introduced themselves and explained a bit about their organizations. Then, it was off to break-out sessions. The

Oberlin KAYs had organized sessions for their guests, including "Geocaching" by Jenny and Jeremy Tally; "No Place for Hate" by Mrs. Breth; "The Benefits of Rotary" by Dan Nedland; and "Project Haiti" by Nannette Zander.

"My favorite session was the geocaching," said sophomore Jude

Walinder. "That was really cool."

The final project for the KAYs was tying fleece to make blankets.

All members tied fleece to make blankets for each school to take home.

Each school took at least three blankets home to be used for needy kids.

"The conference went really smoothly," said President Tracy. "I'd like to thank everyone who helped make it possible, especially Mrs. Glaze."

Members inducted at banquet

By CASSIDY SHIELDS

The Decatur Community High School chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 13 members at their annual banquet on Jan. 23 at the Gateway in Oberlin.

New members include Kyle Breth, Kennedy Fortin, Konner Fortin, Baron Green, Alexis Hissong, Kayla Jones, Caleb Koerperich, Sierra Lohofener, Hannah May, Brooklyn O'Hare, Jalyn Shaw, Megan Wentz and Lara Zodrow.

In order to become a member of the honor society, a student needs to be at least a sophomore and have a 3.4 grade point average.

Potential members also have to show leadership, character and service and complete an application in order to be considered for the prestigious club.

The banquet was kicked off with a warm welcome from President Nolan Henningson and a prayer led by Matthew Helm. After the meal of chicken fried steak, the members and inductees were introduced. Next, everyone moved into the auditorium for entertainment by the DCHS Singers.

Ward Foley, Norton, was the featured speaker for the night. He shared a very inspiring message.

According to his website, Mr. Foley has given hundreds of presentations throughout the U.S. and Canada for more than twenty years, at businesses, colleges, churches, and schools. He is also a frequent guest on TV and radio.

Author, speaker, husband, father and friend, Mr. Foley has also been a Little League coach, cross-country bicyclist, and more – all as part of his lifelong campaign to share happiness and peace. He has bicycled across the United States and Canada.

Mr. Foley, who calls himself "Scarman," was born with arthrogryposis, a rare non-degenerative condition and was given little chance to live, but he did, only to undergo decades of surgery, rehabilitation and humiliation.

Later as a young man he worked at a donut shop and fell into a deep fryer, missing his face by inches but burning the skin off his hands and arms. Tragedy struck again and again when he was beaten by people he was trying to help and then almost killed by a drunk driver. In

spite of everything, Mr. Foley remains positive and uplifting.

His message is that happiness is a choice. "We are not given a good life or a bad life. We are given life, and it's up to us to make it good or bad," said Mr. Foley.

After the banquet, Mr. Foley gave each honor society member an autographed copy of his second book, "Thank My Lucky Scars." He also wrote "God Didn't Make Me a Woman Because I Had Enough Problems."

At the end of the ceremony, each inductee received a certificate, formally inducting them into National Honor Society and making them an

official member.

Nolan Henningson thanked everyone for coming and closed the night by congratulating the new members.

Other officers are Tyler Shields, vice president; Miki Dorshorst, secretary; Elizabeth Nedland, treasurer; and Cassidy Shields, Student Council representative. Candy DeJmal is the faculty adviser.

Other members of National Honor Society are Kade Brown, Matt Glading, Matthew Helm, Dalton Jones, Amanda Marshall, Ryan May, Zach May, and Darbi Rouse.

Notice of Personal Property Assessment

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The Decatur County Appraiser's Office need to be notified of the sale of any personal property during 2011. All taxpayers must file before the March 15 deadline.

All new businesses in Decatur County are required to contact the Decatur County Appraiser's Office to report business equipment for tax purposes.

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Personal Property Penalties:	
March 15 through April 15	5%
April 16 through May 15	10%
May 16 through June 15	15%
June 16 through July 15	20%
On or after July 16 through May 14 of the following year	25%
Failure to File	50%

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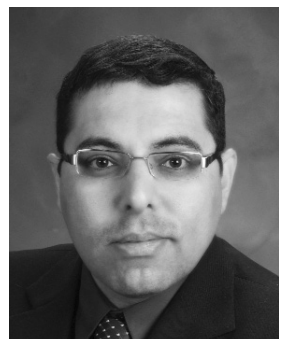
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Summary of Cash Receipts, Expenditures, and Unencumbered Cash For Year Ended December 31, 2011

Description	Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balance	Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balance	Add Outstanding Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Ending Cash Balance
General	\$ 245,399	\$ 1,078,025	\$ 1,077,295	\$ 246,129	\$ 18,498	\$ 264,627
Police-Special	\$ 61,332	\$ -	\$ 4,397	\$ 57,004	\$ -	\$ 57,004
Special Street	\$ 37,230	\$ 122,448	\$ 98,637	\$ 401,041	\$ -	\$ 401,041
Library	\$ 21,196	\$ 54,815	\$ 55,605	\$ 20,406	\$ -	\$ 20,406
Employee Benefits	\$ 15,343	\$ 23,608	\$ 853	\$ 38,098	\$ -	\$ 38,098
Risk Management	\$ 104,498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104,498	\$ -	\$ 104,498
Special Parks & Recreation	\$ 10,258	\$ 4,927	\$ 1,859	\$ 13,326	\$ -	\$ 13,326
Memorials	\$ 8,792	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 9,292	\$ -	\$ 9,292
Tourism	\$ -	\$ 12,180	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,180	\$ -	\$ 2,180
Debt Service	\$ 37,458	\$ 119,114	\$ 125,520	\$ 31,052	\$ -	\$ 31,052
Centennial Trust	\$ 1,517	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 1,519	\$ -	\$ 1,519
Cemetery Directory	\$ -	\$ 3,375	\$ -	\$ 3,375	\$ -	\$ 3,375
Sappa Ranch	\$ 26,569	\$ 1,015	\$ 275	\$ 27,309	\$ -	\$ 27,309
Economic Development	\$ 15,045	\$ -	\$ 766	\$ 14,279	\$ -	\$ 14,279
CDBG Wastewater Grant	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ 101,076	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 91,076	\$ -	\$ 91,076
Gateway	\$ 93,741	\$ 203,648	\$ 149,324	\$ 148,065	\$ 7,631	\$ 155,696
Gateway Donation	\$ -	\$ 651,216	\$ 927	\$ 134,694	\$ 517,449	\$ 517,449
Electric	\$ 266,814	\$ 1,960,968	\$ 2,000,143	\$ 227,639	\$ 110,030	\$ 337,669
Electric Reserve	\$ 610,834	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 685,834	\$ -	\$ 685,834
Customer Deposits	\$ -	\$ 13,400	\$ 13,400	\$ -	\$ 27,066	\$ 27,066
Sewer	\$ 177,377	\$ 308,273	\$ 289,957	\$ 195,693	\$ 592	\$ 196,285
Sewer Reserve	\$ 736,651	\$ 65,617	\$ -	\$ 802,268	\$ -	\$ 802,268
Waste Water Project	\$ 10,609	\$ 7	\$ 10,616	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Water	\$ 145,847	\$ 383,306	\$ 316,084	\$ 213,069	\$ 2,662	\$ 215,731
Water Treatment Plant	\$ -	\$ 4,474,995	\$ 127,831	\$ 4,347,164	\$ -	\$ 4,347,164
Agency Funds	\$ 725	\$ 269,562	\$ 269,043	\$ 1,244	\$ -	\$ 1,244
Total	\$ 3,719,528	\$ 9,175,781	\$ 4,696,300	\$ 8,199,009	\$ 166,479	\$ 8,365,488

Outstanding Debt:

2003 General Obligation Bonds Water Project:	\$665,300
2010 Temporary Notes Water Treatment Facility:	\$4,473,000
2004 KDHE Waste Water Revolving Loan:	\$1,165,628
Total:	\$6,303,928