

KAY KLIPS

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Clifton-Clyde KAY Club has been very active with sponsoring many projects during the school year. The club assists the Lions Club with the Red Cross blood drive several times throughout the year. They assist with preparing & serving food for the donors. The club was asked to participate in this year's "Buddy Walk". Because there are members of the local community that are affected by Down Syndrome, the club wanted to be a part in helping to create an awareness of the importance of supporting families affected by Down Syndrome. The club is looking forward to participating again in the future. The club is very active in spending time with the young students by reading to them & doing craft projects. The members take time out of their regular classes to read to the students as part of a school service project. The club sponsors a Children's Holiday Store which was held at the City Hall this year. Community people donate items to the store. The holiday store is an annual event which allows the club to raise money & in turn, donate back to the community. 23 children from the community braved the cold & snowy weather & attended the store. They members help the children shop for gifts & wrap their purchases. It is a fun way for the children to participate in the excitement of giving at Christmas.

Great Bend Kays Club in conjunction with the Kayette Club sponsored a Santa's Workshop. Both clubs worked together to hang balloons & streamers while others set up tables with fun activities. The workshop was for the children from the community to come & decorate Christmas tree ornaments & get a picture taken with Santa Claus. The members enjoyed working with the children & it gave them joy to see the children smiling & have a good time.

Hiawatha KAY Club is active throughout the year with numerous service projects including helping the community with the Halloween pumpkin & poster contests & the Easter egg hunt. Members of the club also participated in the Citizens State Garden Bank Centennial celebration week by washing windshields. The banks' contribution will enable the club to do more service projects for the community. Celebrating the holiday season, students purchased stickers to vote for a teacher that they most wanted to see wearing a festive Christmas tree outfit. The proceeds will be used for their international project. For seven years, the club has come together to earn hundreds of dollars for cancer research by participating in the Silent Basket Auction. The bidders raised \$1,000 this year which the club donated to the Missy Newell Memorial Fund.

Kinsley KAY Club has been very busy the 1st semester of the school year. Projects include: Trick or Treating for canned food—collected over 200 items; Hosted the Area 5 Regional Conference; Participated in the annual Rake-n-Run; Helped with the local Health Dept. in "Great American Smokeout Week"; Adopted Grandparents from the local Senior Citizen home; Made 9 tie quilts for senior citizens for Christmas; Painted paws on the streets to help boost school spirit; Helped vote for top drawings from Offerle & Lewis; Christmas door decorating contest; Participated in the local Christmas Parade—Snoopy characters; Raised over \$1,200 for the American Cancer Society with the "We Can Crush Cancer" program.

Oberlin-Decatur Community Kayette Club sponsored the first high school Rock, Paper, Scissors contest. The entry fee was a stuffed animal for each team. These stuffed animals were donated to the Decatur County hospital. The tournament was a success with nearly 20 teams competing.

Osawatomie High School KAY Club hosted a four day "Change Challenge" between classes in the high school. Through the generosity of the students & faculty, \$500 was collected & donated to the Salvation Army Bell Ringers. This activity was part of KAY Citizenship Week, December 2-8. Other activities that took place during the week were: Secret Snowflakes, where members deliver secret messages & small gifts to each other all week; Members were encouraged to write cards & notes of welcome to the six OHS foreign exchanges students; To show support for those in the Military, the students wore CAMO & yellow ribbons were passed out during the school day; A big thank you card signed by the student body was presented to the Chamber of Commerce in appreciation for their support; Members enjoyed a breakfast as a culmination of the week's activities.