

KAY KLIPS

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Activities included giving away “Paws”-itively drug free ribbons, stickers and pencils to students during Red Ribbon Week. The **Bushton-Quivira Heights** KAY Club handed out treats to the Elementary & Junior High students.

Cottonwood Falls-Chase County KAY Club along with the National Honor Society are going to sponsor a concession stand, bake sale & food raffle in the Commons Area. The proceeds will go to help victims of the Haiti earthquakes. The KAY Club has sponsored a young girl from Haiti for the past seven years. The club takes care of her birthday, Christmas, school & medical needs. The young girl corresponds monthly with the club to let them know how she is doing.

El Dorado High School KAY Club organized a Pink Night at the football game. The club organized various activities including giving away t-shirts for a donation, suggested the people that attended the game wear pink, gave balloons to children. All proceeds will benefit cancer research. The club also participated in trick-or-treat for UNICEF.

The Girard Kayettes worked hard to make the holidays better for others. They rang their hearts out for the Salvation Army. During a 6 day period, 101 members & 2 sponsors spent 32 hours ringing Salvation Army bells at Walmart in Pittsburg. For the past three years, the Girard Kayette club has been the largest group to ring the bells. Some of the members would entertain the shoppers as they rang the bell. One student played his drum & did a rap & another student had five songs that she enjoyed singing to the crowds while ringing the bell. While the club was not busy ringing the bells, they were selling tickets to benefit Angels Among Us and baking holiday treats for the high school staff members. The Angels Among Us aids cancer patients with needs such as rent, utility bills and other expenses. The club will be raising funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Assoc. They have also collected & sent items to U.S. troops in Iraq & have helped with community activities, including filling & hiding eggs for the annual Girard Easter egg hunt.

Hiawatha KAY Club celebrated Red Ribbon Week, an anti-drug campaign by dressing up in various themes. The week serves as a way for people to take a stand in commitment to drug prevention and a drug-free life. The week was celebrated by the students with certain themes on each day & the students were dressed up according to the theme. Red ribbons are provided to tie on to the antennas of all the cars in the high school parking lot. The KAY President said that it's an empowering experience, tying the ribbons on the antennas.

Lincoln KAY Club will promote Coaches vs. Cancer, a national program cosponsored by the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The program's goal is to empower coaches, teams, & communities to help the fight against cancer. The club has invited the other schools in the league to participate in the Twin Lakes League basketball tournament. During the tournament, the members will have “Pledge Night” and the “Wall of

Hope". For every \$1 donated & collected by any of the participating league schools, a donor sheet will be completed. Each donor sheet will be taped to a wall in the gym with the names of the donor & the school. The club expanded the "Wall of Hope" campaign to include "Challenge of the classes", a contest to see which of the four classes can raise the most funds before the tournament. Also local businesses will be approached by the members to act as "corporate" sponsors. As a corporate sponsor, the business will pledge a dollar amount for each three-pointer made by their local team during a specified game. The final night of the tournament will be designated "Coach for the Cure Night". The club is asking that all coaches from each school wear tennis shoes while they coach as a show of solidarity for the fight against cancer.

Jetmore KAY Club organized a balloon launch as their area project. The club released about 60 yellow balloons during half-time of a football game. They raised \$100.00 for the American Cancer Society. People were able to buy balloons to honor their loved ones throughout the month & the names of those honored were printed in the football program the night of the balloon release.

Manhattan-Anthony Middle School KAY Club expressed their teacher appreciation by sending a note to all of them. The club organized an "Enjoy Fun and Laughter" party for all of the after-school clubs. They had a scavenger hunt, played Pictionary & enjoyed good food & friendship. They have sold candles & food to raise money for the club's 2010 camp delegates. The club will be organizing the Pennies for Patients campaign & selling valentines for the Riley County Humane Society. The proceeds from the Pennies for Patients will be used from blood cancer research & services for patients.

Olathe-Prairie Trail Jr. High KAY Club sponsored a clothing drive. All students & staff were asked to bring in clothes for the event. The coats collected were given to the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. The rest of the clothing items collected were donated to a Johnson County site for the needy. Approximately 200 clothing items were donated .