

Publicity of Chapter Projects Wessington Springs Senior FCCLA Chapter 2016-2017

The chapter partners with the local newspaper for promotion of chapter activities. Chapter members also use the school television station (Channel 382), the Spartans Weekly and Facebook to share chapter activities with the community.

Love, support in Wessington Springs for local family

By Caitlynn Peetz
The Daily Republic
WESSINGTON SPRINGS — There was no shortage of love for the Knipfer family in Wessington Springs. A Valentine's Day fundraiser on Tuesday, sponsored by the Wessington Springs chapters of FFA and FCCLA, was held for Tiffany Knipfer, who was injured in an accident Nov. 5, 2016, while working

at the Prairie Lounge in Wessington Springs. Knipfer sustained serious burns on her feet, legs, arms and hands and had to be airlifted from Wessington Springs to the Regional Burn Center in St. Paul, Minnesota. "She really went through a hard time," Wessington Springs FCCLA adviser Charlotte Mohling said. "The community really wanted to do something for her,

so we put this together." During a four-week stay in the hospital, Knipfer underwent surgery to help reconstruct and repair damaged areas of her body, according to her eighth-grade son, Luke. Luke, an FFA and FCCLA member, helped spearhead the efforts to organize Monday's benefit, along with his brother, Lane, a senior,

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Caitlynn Peetz / Republic
Attendees of a benefit for Tiffany Knipfer bid on silent auction items Tuesday afternoon at Wessington Springs Elementary School.

Articles published in local newspapers – *True Dakotan* and *Daily Republic*.

**Benefit for Tiffany Knipfer
February 14**

The FCCLA and FFA chapters are sponsoring a fundraising benefit for Tiffany Knipfer on Tuesday, February 14, at the Double Header Basketball game between Springs and Kimball/White Lake. The WSHS Event Management class is planning and coordinating the event, which will include a soup supper, bake sale, and silent auction. Knipfer, a resident of Wessington Springs, was badly burned in a kitchen accident last year and continues to face mounting medical bills.

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and their classmates. The fundraiser, held at Wessington Springs Elementary School during high school basketball games against Kimball/White Lake, featured a soup supper with 12 options, for a free-will offering, a bake sale and silent auction with more than 100 donated items. Silent auction items included home decor, toys, coupons and gift cards and more. And the event's theme lined up with the holiday, with red and pink decorations scattered around the school's lobby. The amount of money raised was not available Tuesday night, but 100 percent of the proceeds will be given to Knipfer and her family to help defray still-

growing medical expenses. But the Knipfer family and event organizers alike agreed that, regardless of the outcome, the outpouring of love and support for the family made the night a success. "It's really nice, it really is," Knipfer said. "And the kids have done it all with the school's help, so their work makes it really great." Knipfer still has to travel to Minnesota for treatments and attends physical therapy often, and she said she isn't certain when she will be "back to normal." But Luke said he's just happy to have her home safe, healing and happy. "It felt like forever (that Tiffany was in the hospital) sometimes," Luke said. "She's doing pretty good now, though — a little sore, but she's healing pretty good and it's going along and that's what we want."

Great turnout at blood drive

Good Afternoon,

The LifeServe Blood Center blood drive hosted by the Wessington Springs High School on 10/12/16 had a great turnout! Forty-three donors registered and 44 life-saving units were donated. Thank you to everyone that came out to help boost the local blood supply and help the high school reach their goal of lives saved! The units donated at the blood drive can save up to 132 lives! We had several milestone donors, which are listed below and special thanks to Gloria Vavra and the Wessington Springs High School for hosting and sponsoring the blood drive.

Milestone Donors:

Jon Niemeyer – Wessington Springs – 2 gallons

Carla Niemeyer – Wessington Springs – 2 gallons

Gloria Vavra – Wessington Springs – 10 gallons

The next community blood drive in Wessington Springs will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Jerauld County 4-H Building.

Thank you for helping maintain the blood supply in the community.

Rachel Fernandez
LifeServe Blood Center

A tried and true Thanksgiving tradition



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As area families sit down to enjoy their Thanksgiving meal together this Thursday, chances are they'll be enjoying a pie made by Wessington Springs High School (WSHS) students, as part of a long-standing local tradition. Holiday pie baking action was in full swing Monday morning at WSHS with more than 275 pies sold through the annual FCCLA pie sale. The annual Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) pie sale is the group's biggest fundraiser and helps fund student FCCLA projects throughout the year. The student baking crew shown here, from left to right are: Luke Knipfer, eighth grade; Alicia Jackson, junior; Brock Stevens, eighth grader; Denise Tanner, junior. Charlotte Mohling, FCCLA advisor said that pies may be picked up in her room, 105, located down the stairs from the east entrance on Wednesday from 1 - 3:30 p.m. If you are unable to pick up your pies at that time, please contact Mohling at 539-9391.

Article from school newspaper, *The Spartan Weekly*

FCCLA Attends Leadership Training

By: John Witte

FCCLA had their Annual Fall Leadership Conference in Huron on October 2-3. There were 267 students, officers, and advisors that attended the event. All of the members participated in various workshops to learn various information about leadership.

Seven members from Wessington Springs attended the training. Carolyn Groves, the only senior, attended the training required to be on a state

leadership team for FCCLA. The team, called The National Outreach Team, focused on "We Matter", a program that helps students deal with problems they face every day. Ellie Larson attended the Power Training that former national officers put on for the students. She learned more about FCCLA and how to be a better leader.

Eighth graders Grace Gran, Mackenzie Roduner, Trinity Flowers, Brock Stevens, and Luke Knipfer attended the

Rookie Training. This training introduced new members to the basics of FCCLA. The "rookies" learned about national programs and STAR events from the state officers that put the event on.

Overall, the FCCLA members said that they had a great time at the training in Huron. The Wessington Springs chapter will attend a cluster meeting in Denver in a few weeks.

Facebook ad for Knipfer Benefit



The image shows a Facebook post from Wessington Springs School District. The post is for a benefit event titled "Tiffany Knipfer Benefit" on Tuesday, February 14, at Wessington Springs Elementary School. The event includes a soup supper, a bake sale, and a silent auction, all starting at 4:00 p.m. The soup supper is at 5:00 p.m. All proceeds go to the Knipfer family. The event features 12 different kinds of soup, baked sweets, silent auction items, and entertaining basketball games. It is sponsored by the Wessington Springs FCCLA and FFA Chapters. The post has reached 495 people and includes a "Boost Post" button.

Wessington Springs School District
February 7 at 3:32pm · 🌐

Tiffany Knipfer Benefit - February 14th - Wessington Springs Elementary School

Tiffany Knipfer Benefit

Tuesday, February 14
Wessington Springs Elementary School

Soup Supper - 5:00 p.m.
Bake Sale - 4:00 p.m.
Silent Auction - 4:00 p.m.

All proceeds go to Knipfer family

Join us for a soup supper (12 different kinds), baked sweets, silent auction items, and entertaining basketball games

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