

Publicity of Chapter Projects Wessington Springs Junior High 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.

Students, community pull together to help local family

Benefit raises \$7500 for Springs woman burned in kitchen accident

Last November, a typical night at work quickly turned catastrophic for Tiffany Knipfer, steering her down a painful road to recovery that she continues today.

In a kitchen accident involving scalding hot oil from a deep fryer during her shift at the Prairie Lounge in Wessington Springs, Tiffany received third degree burns on a large portion of the left side of her body.

Jerauld County Ambulance responded to the scene and transported her to Avera Weskota Memorial Hospital in Wessington Springs. Health care professionals at Avera Weskota along with Avera e-Emergency staff in Sioux Falls evaluated Tiffany and arranged for fixed-wing air transport to the burn center at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Minn.

"With oil burns it gets under your skin and keeps burning for up to three to five days," said Tiffany. "I ended up having third degree burns on 38% of my body."

As soon as they heard about the accident, FFA and FCCLA students at Wessington Springs High School wanted to help the Knipfer family. Family and Consumer Sciences/Technology Teacher Charlotte Mohling and Agriculture Education Instructor/FFA Advisor Craig Shryock started planning and helped the kids organize a benefit held last week that included a bake sale, silent auction, soup supper and chuck-a-duck fundraiser.

"I was surprised at what all the kids had done for it and everything that was there," said Tiffany. "They definitely had a great crowd, I was impressed that there were so many on Valentine's Day."

"These kids were great, taking time out from their other activities and school," said Tiffany's husband Ryan. "With 12 soups they must have been cooking for weeks and with all the other things going on, they were busy."

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Articles published in local newspaper – *True Dakotan*.

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.

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 grade; 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.



Junior High FCCLA posts a weekly News Broadcast on Facebook and the local television station.

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.