

WLC District Reports – August 2016

District Two

Summer is usually taken up with County Fairs. Most of the counties did booths at the fairs. Wabaunsee County served ice cream at their fair as well helped with the pedal pull. They are making contact with teachers about attending Ag in the Classroom. They are doing a well plugging next week.

Franklin County had a booth at the fair.

Osage County had 3 pedal pulls at 3 fairs, and antique tractor event, ag education at the library, pollination party and a membership drive at the fair where they gave free popcorn.

Anderson County help with the pedal pull at the fair, helped with VFD informational meeting with over 200 in attendance. The Vet Clinic put it on and they had sponsorship along with Anderson County Farm Bureau, several seed companies.

Morris County did fire safety at the fair with the local fire department.

The counties are also busy with their Annual Meetings. Three have already had theirs. I attended Johnson County last week.

District Three

CHEROKEE COUNTY:

Annual pedal tractor pull with over 40 children participants

4-H/FFA Exhibitor breakfast where we served over 150

Add-ons to 4-H/FFA (parents must be FB members) Livestock auction

Purchased materials for CK County Beekeepers association to build a glass beehive for demonstrations

Two members represented Farm Bureau at a Farm Day for a summer school program.

LABETTE COUNTY:

Local FFA member created and designed an ag game to use at our county fair booth. She also created an activity flyer we handed out with soy crayons. This young lady helped watch the booth.

Young farm wives helped with two pedal pulls

Helped serve and conduct annual Ice Cream Social

Woman served on Budget Committee and helped prepare proposed budget

State award-winning safety posters were displayed at our county fair booth

Couple attended 3rd District Picnic including tour of bio-diesel plant

Women from board volunteered to contact businesses for door prizes to give away at county annual meeting

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

pedal pulls at the Montgomery County Fair in Independence and at the Coffeyville Inter-State Fair & Rodeo

served free sno cones at Montgomery County Fair

Working with the candidates and filled out the vote FBF

Fed 100 exhibitors and family at the Cherryvale Youth Fair

WILSON COUNTY

Held Senate Forum with Senator Forrest Knox, Carl Shay, Mark Pringle, Bruce Givens and also Representative Larry Hibbard spoke

Booth at county fair promoting 100 years

Pedal tractor pull at fair with 44 pullers

Sponsored hamburger feed at fair premium sale

100th annual meeting, invited all past presidents and gave them 100th t-shirts with logo designed by Sandi Cowdin

Used atrazine postcards as entry for door prizes at annual meeting

District Nine

- Pedal Pulls, Watermelon Feeds, Ice Cream Socials, 4-H Livestock Auction support, Informational booths at many county fairs

- Finney County hosted a young Ag Appreciation night at a Garden City Wind baseball game in July – began the evening with tailgating (appetizers and drinks provided by county board), \$5.00 vouchers given to each guest for food and drink during the game, game tickets provided, 2 promotional FB memberships given away during a drawing.

Finney County will sponsor a winter activity as well, possibly involving the entire district.

- Listening Post to be Sept 1 in Lakin

- Kori Davis and I are planning a combined Women's Chair/County Coordinator meeting for Nov. 4 at the museum in Garden City

- Counties are all gearing up for the new school year, most have plans to be in classrooms as soon as possible.

- Finney County board members joined a Mississippi FB group for dinner in Garden City during their tour of beef and dairy facilities in Southwest Kansas

- Roger Marshall contacted county office's when he was in the area – some were able to meet with him

District Ten

Working with Craig Cooper, DA on planning a District Workshop for Oct. 12 in Graham County

Attended several legislative events in our area. Worked with Rick Billinger and Roger Marshall

Attended Jerry Moran's visit to Oberlin; Established relationship with his aide. I met him in DC at the Advocacy Conference

Serving on our Be Ag-Wise Committee

Serving on our committee to increase women's lobbying and advocacy efforts

Attended County Annual Meetings - took pictures, posted to 10th District Facebook page and share with county coordinators

- *Many counties partnered with FFA

- *Norton County hands out silver dollars to all children in attendance

- *Counties trying different ideas to increase attendance: picnics, during fairs, pedal pulls

Sheridan County held a Farm to Fork event to benefit their local Farmer's Market

Share Ag related posts on Women's Leadership Committee, 10th District, and personal Facebook pages.

Communicating with County Coordinators and Women's Chairs through email and at annual meetings

I will attend our District Issue Surfacing on Sept 8 in Colby

Participated with our combined state committees in a brief Listening Post at our August meeting in Manhattan

- *planning to attend Women Managing the Farm in February

- *planning to assist with the Training the Trainer workshop in Hays- date unknown yet

- *planning to attend either AFB Annual meeting or Fusion