

Two sophomores picked as state officers

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Last weekend two Goodland High School students became state officers in the Family, Career and Community Leader of America club.

Brennen Clouse became the Kansas State President and Julica Bonsall the Kansas First Vice President at Newton on Monday.

"I set this goal to become a state officer around the beginning of the school year," Clouse said.

"I decided in November," Bonsall said.

Sponsor Sarah Short said they both worked very hard to be prepared and came in after school for two weeks and worked until 5:30.

To be able to run for state office the pair had to be elected at the district level to be a candidate.

Each candidate had to give a three minute speech and answer two questions on the family and consumer science and two personal questions.

Each district is allowed to elect two officer candidates. State officers also have to have been district officers.

Eleven candidates for the ten state offices were elected by the 12 districts in Kansas. District A contains 10 schools in 12 counties, said Short, and from Norton to Trego County south to I-70 and west to the state line. The committee decided to fill only six offices.

The selection committee made up of club alumni, at-large members and others. The process of selection for state officers involves a three-minute speech.

Usually it is the same speech that was given at district but it can be changed, said Clouse.

Then there was an 11 minute interview to answer 15 questions. The more questions that are answered



Members of the second parliamentary law team for Goodland High School's Family, Career and Community Leader of America club in a Students Taking Action with Recognition event at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church family center on Wednesday, Jan. 20. Members of the team pictured are T.J. Freeman (left), Shelbi Herl, Chelsie Gausman and Brennen Clouse.

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the higher the person's score.

The questions were on family and consumer sciences and personal. An example of a consumer science question is "When was the organization of Family, Career and Community Leader of America founded?" Bonsall said.

She said an example of the personal question is "What Disney character do you want to be and why?"

The candidates are judged on traits of integrity, responsibility, empathy and well-roundedness, said Short.

After the interview each candidate wrote a business letter and took a 50 point test on Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

They got a break for lunch and then had another interview for six minutes with 10 questions. These questions were behavioral and situation.

Clouse said an example is to give an example of "When did you have to think fast on your feet?"

Short said it took four hours for the selection committee to come to a decision.

The candidates are given points

for their speeches and interviews.

National President Michael Smith will train the new district and state officers on Wednesday, April 2.

Clouse said the president helps plan and organize the state leadership show case for April 2008, recruit corporate sponsors and set goals for the organization.

Both Clouse and Bonsall are on the state executive board, said Short.

There are 90 Goodland High School students in Family, Career and Community Leaders of

America this year, said Short. This is a first year in a long time that the number was below 100.

Clouse said a goal for him this year is to educate members on Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Bonsall's goal is to make a purpose of the month on the eight Family, Career and Community Leaders of America purposes.

Bonsall and Clouse said they would like to change Kansas' opening ceremony to make it the same as the opening of the Students Taking Action with Recognition events.

Clouse said he is considering running for a national office next year and Bonsall said she might run for state president. Clouse said he wants to major in business or law and go to a top university.

Bonsall said she would like to go to a design school in interior design or architecture in California.

Clouse and Bonsall have to raise money to attend conferences and national conventions.

The club held a Students Taking Action with Recognition event at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church family center Wednesday, Jan. 30.

The event gave members an opportunity to compete and be recognized for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills and occupational preparation.

Norton High School brought students to compete in illustrated talk, chapter display, chapter manual and applied technology, said Sarah Short, while Hill City had students in illustrated talk.

Goodland had two senior parliamentary law teams, Short said. The first team comprised Smith, Lea Shores, Jena McCall, Ashley Cebula, Jared Hall, Sandy Johnson and Kerek Mason, while the second included Clouse, Shelbi Herl, Chelsie Gausman, T.J. Freeman, Bonsall, Rory Kling and Taylor McLemore. The first team scored 95.6 and the second 94.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, the district elected its new officers. Herl was elected district president and Sammie Raymer as district secretary. Clouse was the outgoing president.

The Goodland chapter's members are national president, state president and district president.

Technical college could benefit with state board

Proposed changes in the way vocational and technical education is governed and funded should be through the state legislature this week.

"The changes will be very positive," said Ken Clouse, president of Northwest Kansas Technical College.

The state legislature is being urged by business leaders and educators to create a seven-member board to govern technical education under the state Board of Regents.

A committee, Kansas Technical College and Vocational School Commission, was formed by the legislature last year to recommend changes in the governing and funding.

Clouse said the committee realized that most community colleges need to be included with vocational schools and technical colleges. The committee said the state needs to improve its hodgepodge system for technical education.

Presently vocational schools are all independent with boards running each. Some have local boards, some are under school districts and others are a combination.

Clouse said the Attorney General has ruled that only two entities in Kansas can run education in Kansas, the state Board of Education and the Board of Regents.

The new governing body would consist of two Board of Regents members, three business leaders and two at-large members from the general public. The members would be appointed by the governor and would be under the Board of Regents.

Supporters of the bill stress that reforms won't help unless the schools receive adequate funding and want lawmakers to give \$38.5 to \$40 million to fund technical education. A million dollars will be earmarked to hire an executive director and staff for the board.

Most of the new money would probably go to community colleges but the technical college here should get a small piece, Clouse said.

The state board would establish program lengths and certification requirements for all schools.

"This would establish state oversight," Clouse said.

Students receive I's for music

Students and piano students from Grant Junior High and Goodland High School were busy in February at various music competitions.

Junior high music students performed at the Northwest Kansas Junior High Music Festival on Friday, Feb. 16 on the Colby Community College campus. Riley Oharah got an advanced performance on his vocal solo.

Kirsten Toppliff, Katlyn Toppliff, Parker Sieck, Caleb Fugleberg, Michael Pettibone, Nicole Hendrich and Alexandra Borders got a I rating on their vocal solos. Jamie Gittinger, Gabby Wallis,

Ashley Martel, Layne Perdew, Erika Fyfe and Day Waugh got a II on their vocal solos. Kendra Promise got a III on her solo.

The men's trio and the seventh and eighth grade mixed ensembles received a I. The eighth grade women's ensemble number one and two received a III. The vocal students are taught by Randy Berls.

Parker Sieck, Abby Jolly and Sydney Winston got I's on their piano solos. Stephen Buller and Andrew Shores got II's. GERALYN PARKER and Nancy Shores are the students' piano teachers.

The seventh and eighth grade

concert band got a I. The flute trio got a II rating and Stephen Buller got an advanced performance on his alto sax solo.

Instrumental solos receiving a I were LeRoy Prine on clarinet, Kirsten Toppliff on clarinet, Promise on flute, Keaton Sloan on bass clarinet, Tyler Jones on snare drum, Garrett Geist on snare drum and Seth Stramel on trumpet.

The instrumental solos receive a II were Katlyn Toppliff on flute, Michael Pettibone on trombone, Oharah on snare drum, Waugh on trumpet and Shores on baritone.

The band students are taught by

Deanne Spanier and Melanie Biel.

The Regional Piano Contest was held in Hays on Saturday, Feb. 3, and six Goodland High School piano student played. Students receiving a II were sophomore Kathy Wood and Kaitlin Fugleberg, juniors Renea Reasoner and Heidi Yonkey and senior Jillian Parker.

Senior Lea Shores got a I and a chance to compete at the State Piano Contest in Wichita on Saturday, Feb. 17. Shores got a II at the state competition. The high school piano students were taught by Parker, Linda Koons, Sharon Kriss, Pat Ziegelmeier and Biel.

Limousin cattle producers recognized

Two Edson cattle producers have been recognized by the North American Limousin Foundation for their work on their cattle's genetics.

Chance Schilling and Schilling Limousin of Edson have cows in the latest evaluation for expected progeny differences in the spring genetic evaluation.

"We had five cows that made the top 10 percent," said Ron Schilling

of Schilling Limousin.

He said they have been working to improve the cattle they have and sell.

Most major beef breed association keep track of expected progeny differences and are calculated using complex statistical equations and models. All known information on an animal is used to calculate the expected progeny

difference. Information includes weight records and information on ancestors, brothers and sisters and offspring. Factors are included for merit of mates is included. Adjustments are made for age, sex of animal and age of dam before in the data base. Environmental effects can be estimated but to the widespread use of artificial insemination.

Expected progeny differences help purebred and commercial producers in selecting potential breeding stock, said Schilling.

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