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President Faye Spencer –

Bring your dreams to Life

Salvador Dali Museum, St. Petersburg, FL has the largest masterpieces collection of the surrealist painter Dali than any other museum in the world, including *The Hallucinogenic Toreador*, *The Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus*, *The Disintegration of the Persistence of Memory*. Dali invented a unique method to create his art. He would awaken himself from his dreams to draw what floated through his mind.

At one display, a visitor was given the opportunity to have an AI interactive experience. The visitor was encouraged to turn dreams into an artistic vision that would then be integrated with those of other Museum visitors to create a collective tapestry.

What about the dreams of our FCE members? Could we create a “tapestry”?

The Executive Committee met via Zoom May 30 to prepare the agenda of the June 20 Board of Director’s Meeting and the State Conference duties.

There was only one Joanne Newby Adult Education application received and it was not complete.

Since the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee are all on the same team, I assisted, when needed, to answer questions, review and/or proof materials, and attended Area Council meetings via Zoom as possible.



OFFICIAL CALL * OFFICIAL CALL

For the Annual Kansas FCE Business Meeting Friday October 9, 2025

Cowboy Capital, Dodge City, KS

This meeting is for the purpose of electing Officers, receiving reports,
and transacting business as may properly come before it.

Since the KAFCE NEWS goes to every Member,
all Kansas FCE members as well as County Council Presidents,
should consider themselves duly notified.

OFFICIAL CALL * OFFICIAL CALL

Vice President -DeLores Walden

“FCE...Growing Through Knowledge” 2026 Kansas FCE Theme

The 2026 State and Area EPC Training Meeting is on August 27 by Zoom. Starting at 9.00 AM. The K-State specialists will present their lessons in the morning. The State EPC will present their lessons that they wrote in the afternoon.

I put my name in for nomination of the National FCE Secretary—as of right now, I am the only one running

Secretary -Tina Bailey

As I finish my term as secretary, I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful three years as your State Secretary. I have learned from my mistakes and appreciate those who have supported me through my journey. I am leaving the state level but will be Northeast Area EPC.

I want to wish Cindy Kiser the best as the candidate for State Secretary.

I will see you around the state.

Treasurer -Marcy Price

Have you ever been scammed? It seems that's the new talk around town. Since I became Kansas FCE Treasurer, I have received three emails requesting that I pay a voucher, send Maryland FCE gift cards, or request payment for an invoice.

Now, since the email claimed to be from Faye Spencer, I took a particular interest in what it had to say. The first thing I thought of, though, is that it is not the usual way Faye would handle something like that. So, I looked closer at the email address and noticed that it was not Faye's email address.

This could have been a serious event if I had not noticed that it was a scam.

Pay attention, citizens. This is a serious business. More than one in three U.S. adults have experienced a scam or financial fraud in the last year. Have you been a victim?

I will no longer include in our newsletter the amount we have spent, the bills I have paid, or the balance of our checking account, for this very reason. Faye's address is spencerf.kafce@gmail.com

Protect yourself from Scammers.

AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS**NORTHWEST -Edith McClain**

We were scheduled to hold the NW Area Spring Recognition Day in Norton County (Lenora) on April 25th. But due to low attendance, it had to be canceled. The NW Area, awards and information was mailed to each county.

We are Still Desperately searching for an Area Director!

We welcome Pat Keas as the newly appointed NW EPC member. Patricia Keas, 604 SW 9th St, Plainville, 67663-3402; 785-639-1423; [<prkeas@gmail.com>](mailto:prkeas@gmail.com)

If possible, the NW Area EPC members and I will watch the State EPC Leadership Training together in Stockton on Aug. 27th. That way we can discuss each lesson and decide who will present which lessons at our Fall Workshop.

Our Fall Workshop is planned for Wednesday, October 22nd at Russell. More details later.

Denise Marcum is from NW and shares information about the William Allen White Committee. She is loving this position.

Area Director Reports continued...

SOUTHCENTRAL -Kathy Preheim

The South Central Area FCE meeting was held on April 14 at West Zion Mennonite Church. Twenty-six women representing four counties and seven FCE Units attended this meeting. After recognizing our SC members that are currently serving on the FCE National and State Boards, it was announced that a 70 year old member, Rosella Cline, had passed away.

Discussion was held about the fact that SC Area will be in charge of planning the 2027 State FCE Conference. Excitement was shown by the members while discussing possible towns, venues, and ideas for the future state conference. Area Director, Kathy Preheim, will select a chairperson for the planning committee.

Linda Hess was recognized for her previous leadership as former SC Area Director. Beverly Nickel was thanked for being the past SC Area EPC chairperson. Marlene Faul was thanked for continuing to serve as the SC Area Secretary. Bonnie Kaufman was appointed as a member of the SC Area EPC for the next three years. Marlene Faul was recognized as being the SC Area Heart of FCE recipient.

Marcia Sebree of the Peabody Historical Society presented a history of the orphan train in Marion County with artifacts, pictures, and interesting stories. We found out what happened to the children and learned about their stories as they grew older and became a part of the communities in which they lived.

After lunch, recognition and awards were given to FCE units and members.

The Fall SC Area Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 21 at West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge at 9:30 a.m.

SOUTHEAST -Mary Dunn

April 1, which happened to be April Fools' Day, the Southwind Counties of Allen, Bourbon, and Neosho held the Southwind District Spring Tea hosted by Neosho County at the Neosho Valley Event Center in Erie, Kansas. The FCE group sang Happy Birthday to Irene Baldwin, age 96, member of Rock N' Roll FCE Unit and Mary Jane Burghart, age 84, member of Leamona FCE Unit. A remembrance ceremony was held for members lost during past 12 months, including Lorraine Gaskell of Leamona and Sheryl McCoy of Rock N' Roll. After sharing a meal of sliders, salads, angel food cake, and a cupcake tier, 22 members and 2 guests toured the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Erie to view the marvelous paintings on the walls and ceilings painted by local artist, Judy Vogts. The tour was conducted by Rev. Caleb Stover, minister.

May 1, the SE Area Spring Area Council Meeting and Recognition Day was held at the K-State Southeast Research and Extension Center in Parsons, KS, with the theme "Spring Forward with FCE". Thirty-two members, and three guests were in attendance, as well as KAFCE President Faye Spencer, who attended via Zoom. The State award for 100% Reporting was presented to all 6 counties and 9 FCE Units won the Gold Recognition Seal. The Individual Membership Tenure Recognitions were given to 17 members with one member recognized **for 50 years-Terry Broyles of Allen County and one member for 73 years-Irene Baldwin of Neosho County.**

A fascinating program about the preservation of the Oak Grove School that is situated on the Osage Trail just west of the Trotters Ford crossing on the Neosho River was presented by Roger Pruitt, local historian. The Trotters' Ford and the Osage Trail was the only road for many years, and in the 1800s **all** travelers of that era, including the Laura Ingalls Wilder family came down this road. This school is on the State and National Registry of Historic Places. See oakgroveschoolhouse.org for more information. It was announced that Savannah Semrad, a student of Erie High School was a winner of a KAFCE Scholarship of \$1,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. Members were encouraged to contact high schools in their individual counties with information about the availability of these scholarships for 2026-2027 school year.

The SE Area Fall Council Meeting will be held November 6, 2025, at the K-State Research and Extension Center in Parsons, KS, beginning at 9:00 am. Montgomery County ladies will be in charge of registration.

The 2026 SE Area Spring Area Council Meeting and Recognition Day will be May 7, 2026, with the location TBA. Crawford County ladies will be hostesses.

Area Director Reports continued**SOUTHWEST-Connie Chavez**

Southwest Area Kansas FCE members held their Spring Recognition meeting in Dodge City on April 24th at the Ford County Fair Building. The Dodge City Stitch 'n Chatter FCE Unit hosted the event and provided delicious morning refreshments and a lovely lunch.

Barbara Straight, the former Depot Theater Guild president, presented an interesting talk on the Harvey Girls, who were the young ladies who ventured out West to work as wait staff for the hotels and restaurants owned by the Fred Harvey Company. Since Barbara's talk was so well received, she has agreed to host a similar program at The Depot Theater during our State FCE Annual Conference. This event will include a tour of The Depot Theater and an original hotel room!

It was a privilege to present the Gray County, Bluelight FCE Unit members with their 90th year Charter Certificate. We also honored 17 area members who earned their 5-year to 75-year membership certificates. Unfortunately, our 75-year member, Pauline Fecht from Hamilton County, passed away a few days before this meeting. We are so happy that we honored her with her 74th membership certificate in 2024.

A short business meeting was held and included an update on the State FCE Annual Conference set for October 9 – 11, 2025, in Dodge City. We're looking forward to having a great turnout!!

Wichita County's Prairie Pals FCE will host the SW Area Fall Workshop on October 28th, 2025, in Leoti.

The "new" SW Area EPC will be Connie Chavez, 725 Atkin St, Jetmore, 67854, Hodgeman Co; 303-718-3349; chavez_17@msn.com

NORTHEAST -Diane Nielson

Northeast Area FCE members gathered in Holton on April 3 for a day of fellowship, celebration and planning. Information was shared regarding Kansas FCE plans to introduce the high school essay contest related to Character Counts. National FCE currently offers a national level program. Respect will be the topic for 2026. A PowerPoint outlining the program and resources was shared. Information regarding the national office closure and website resources were shared.

Tina Bailey, area EPC chair presented program awards.

Amy Masters will serve on the nominating committee. Tina Bailey will rejoin the area educational program committee for a second term. Diane Nielson was elected to serve as area director for the 2026 term.

Northeast area will host the 2026 state conference. Following a review of conference survey information shared by Kansas FCE members; potential northeast Kansas host sites were reviewed. Atchison, Kansas was selected to be location for 2026 conference.

Diane Nielson, Area Director attended District Day and FCE county celebrations in Holton, St. Mary and Olathe. Member and unit recognition and Standard of Excellence awards were presented. Information was shared with members regarding plans to host the 2026 state conference.

State Nomination Committee-Sharon Giacometti, Chair

Cindy Kiser (SE Area) will accept the position as State Secretary.

WEBMASTER -Marcy Price

The website has gotten overloaded with documents so I am deleting some of the older documents. If you happen to use one of the links and nothing comes up or the wrong document appears. please let me know at thesewinglady@yahoo.com

I have added the 2026 and 2027 Essay and Artwork Contest Information.

I have updated the Executive Board officers.

I have changed the Navigation Bar on some pages and will continue to on other pages.

I have added some past lessons to the Archived Lesson Page.

2026 State Conference Report-Diane Nielson

Following 2 snow delayed state conference planning session; Northeast FCE members gathered for a planning session at the April area meeting.

Anita Felzke and Lynne Cathey, Johnson County members will serve as conference co-chairs. After reviewing the FCE member conference surveys completed by the membership; potential northeast host sites were considered. Prior to the meeting, the co-chairs had gathered information about sites including Rock Springs, Manhattan, Lawrence, Topeka, Kansas City-Great Wolf Lodge and Atchison. Those attending the planning session ranked host locations. Atchison was selected as the host site.

The theme will be *Soaring to New Heights with FCE*. Tentative conference dates will be Tuesday, October 6 to Thursday, Oct 8, 2026.

County teams and members have volunteered for several committee assignments. Further planning will occur at the November area meeting. Potential Kansas Humanities Council speakers are being considered plus other speakers.

Atchison Chamber of Commerce has been contacted and will assist with planning and offer transportation on the trolley.

The Amelia Hanger Museum is being considered as a welcome event site. Cost is \$15 per person. Tours may include: Stained glass tour, historic trolley tour, haunted Atchison tour; Fort Leavenworth tour, All things Amelia tour (Earthwork, Forrest of Friendship, Birthplace museum) and more.

Two names were left off the Memorial list in the last issue. We want to apologize to our readers for the mistake. The names are:

McCoy, Sheryl, December 13, 2024, (70), Rock 'n Roll FCE, Neosho County, SE Area

Folk, Mae Laverda; December 30, 2024, (87), Lucky 13, Montgomery County, SE Area

2024 Program Year State Winners

Accomplishment Report by FCE Unit, Educational Category

First Place: Hobart Homemakers FCE, Rooks County, Northwest Area

Lesson: "Lavender" Description: Reached over two thousand nonmembers with a display showing lavender and lavender products. Handouts and recipes were passed out to the public. Toured a Lavender farm and worked with lavender products.

Second Place: Rock 'n Roll FCE, Neosho County, Southeast Area

Lesson: "Pathways to a Healthy Kansas" Description: Ten businesses, a county fair, and a state conference enjoyed a poster and handouts on what it involves being healthy and looking for ways to improve your health.

Third Place: Canton Dizzy Dames FCE, McPherson County, South Central Area

Lesson: "Managing the Strain of Stress" Description: Made people aware of stress and ways to alleviate stress by giving the lesson to other groups, a newspaper article, and a display at the county Fair.

Honorable Mention: Sliferette FCE, Crawford County, Southeast Area

Lesson: "Lavender" Description: Set up a display in several different businesses. Gave the display to the Wildcat Extension Office for the agent to use. The community will better understand the uses of lavender.

Accomplishment Report by FCE Unit, Action Category

First Place: Kettle Queens FCE, McPherson County, South Central Area

Lesson: "CHARACTER COUNTS?!® -Citizenship" Description: Worked with Moundridge 4th Graders and the National Essay and Artwork Contest. It involved forty-five students. Had a display at the county fair and other businesses.

Second Place: Movers & Shakers FCE, Smith County, Northwest Area

Lesson: "CHARACTER COUNTS!® Citizenship" Description: Had a display at the fair and in a library with five hundred viewers. All members took the opportunity to vote.

Third Place: Leamona FCE, Neosho County, Southeast Area

Lesson: "Exotic Vegetables" Description: Presented the lesson to a youth center to inform them of new plants and how to grow them. Eight thousand were reached with displays in several places.

Honorable Mention: Modern Mrs. FCE, Harvey County, South Central Area

Lesson: "Pathway to a Healthy Kansas" Description: Prepared a meal and served it to a Circle of Hope meeting. They reached eighty people.

Accomplishment Report by County FCE Council, Education Category

First Place: Atchison County FCE Council, Atchison County, Northeast Area

Lesson: "Exotic Vegetables" Description: Had a display that contained exotic vegetables and reached over two hundred fifty people. The display had recipes and samples of different healthy foods.

Second Place: Allen County FCE Council, Allen County, Southeast Area

Lesson: "Exotic Vegetables" Description: Purchased seeds and distributed to members and the community. Displayed a poster at the fair to show how to plant seeds. Reached five hundred non-members.

Third Place: Crawford County FCE Council, Crawford County, Southeast Area

Lesson: "The Silent Killer Ovarian Cancer" Description: Reached fifteen thousand non-members with a display that was displayed in several businesses.

Accomplishment Report by County FCE Council, Action Category

First Place: Rush County FCE Council, Southwest Area

Lesson: "Pathways to a Healthy Kansas" Description: Display booth at different places with handouts. The members made two hundred wristbands, two hundred fifty bookmarks, and wrote a grant for funding of the booth.

Accomplishment Report by Independent Member, Education Category

First Place: DeLores Walden, KAFCE Treasurer, Shawnee County, Northeast Area

Lesson: "Lavender" Description: Independent members can get the name of FCE out into the community. A lavender lesson and a sachet of lavender were passed out to several groups of non-members. A short tale about lavender with the sachet and lavender candy was passed out at the state conference.

Community Service by FCE Unit

First Place: Sunshine FCE, Rush County, Southwest Area

Lesson: "150 Years Rush County-Bison Open House" Description: Set up a public meeting to celebrate 150 Years of Bison, Kansas. The schoolhouse is the oldest building in Rush County. Volunteer hours were two thousand eighty hours.

Second Place: Hobart Homemakers FCE, Rooks County, Northwest Area

Lesson: "Rooks County 4-H Cloverbuds Club" Description: A continuous program in helping the 4-H club in their county. Sponsored six different meetings with the 4-H members and their families. Volunteered hours include eighty-two hours and reached one hundred fifty non-members.

Third Place: Viola FCE, Sedgwick County, South Central Area

Lesson: "2024 Arnoldine Mission Trip" Description: Raised money for a trip to Arnoldine, supplies, sewing supplies, and money to help drill wells. Volunteer hours were one hundred fifty and reached over two hundred fifty non-members.

Honorable Mention: Movers & Shakers FCE, Smith County, Northwest Area

Lesson: "Happy Monday & Happy Trails Newsletter" Description: Members wanted to get FCE out into the community and help the COFFEE SHOP. They sponsored a monthly meeting at the coffee shop to bring people into town, three hundred thirty-six volunteer hours were provided for this project and they reached two hundred seventy-five non-members. Published a Newsletter.

Community Service by County FCE Council

First Place: Rooks County, Northwest Area

Lesson: "Stop Human Trafficking." Description: Information was gathered concerning Human Trafficking and a display board was made. It was displayed in several key locations in the county. Volunteer hours were thirty hours and reached over two thousand non-members

Second Place: Atchison County, Northeast Area

Lesson: "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" Description: "Build a Bed" was sponsored by the council, with members helping put beds together, deliver beds, and get the word out about the project. Provided over fifty volunteer hours and reach thirty-five non-members.

Bylaw Changes for 2025 Annual Conference:

Proposed Amendments to Kansas Association for Family & Community Education By-laws

Currently Reads: Article I - - Name

The name of the organization shall be Kansas Association for Family and Community Education, hereinafter referred to as KAFCE. KAFCE is an affiliate of the National Association for Family and Community Education, hereinafter referred to as NAFCE

Amend Article I – Name and to conform the remainder of the Kansas FCE Bylaws, Handbook and any and all publications and writings by striking KAFCE and inserting Kansas FCE and striking NAFCE and inserting National FCE.

The name of the organization shall be Kansas Association for Family and Community Education, hereinafter referred to as Kansas FCE. Kansas FCE is an affiliate of the National Association for Family and Community Education, hereinafter referred to as National FCE.

If adopted, the Article I – Name and all other writings will read:

The name of the organization shall be Kansas Association for Family and Community Education, hereinafter referred to as Kansas FCE. Kansas FCE is an affiliate of the National Association for Family and Community Education, hereinafter referred to as National FCE.

Rationale: To conform to wordage used in trademarks and logos by the National FCE organization.

The above amendment will be voted on at the Annual State Kansas FCE Conference in Dodge City, KS. Friday October 9, 2025 at the Annual Business Meeting.

2025 Fall Area Council Meetings dates:

NE – November 6, Holton

NW –October 22, Russell

SC – October 21, West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge, 9:30 a.m.

SE – November 6, Kstate Research & Extension Center, Parsons, 9:00 a.m.

SW - October 28, Leoti



State Winner of the Heart of FCE
Earlene L Ganoung

Earlene L. Ganoung - Rooks County NW Area What's New FCE proudly nominates Earlene Ganoung. Earlene has been a member for 46 years and remains active in our unit. During those years, she served in many positions of leadership, including president, vice president, and county council representative. Her service continued there as secretary and treasurer on the council. Earlene is meticulous when planning and carrying out a plan. We have been privileged to have her input on so many projects. This year, at the age of 87 years, her pie won the FCE Grand Champion Food at the Fair Earlene continues to put her whole heart into FCE.

State Winner of the 4th Grade Essay and Artwork Contest
Forrest Mckinney, Wichita County Elementary

Trustworthiness/trust-wor-thi-ness/honest, truthful, and reliable. That's what it means to be trustworthy. Trustworthiness has 4 parts. Those are: honesty, integrity, promise-keeping, and loyalty.

Honesty means the state of being honest. So, let's say you broke a vase, and your mom finds out. She asks you and your brother "Who BROKE it?" Then you speak up, and you say "I broke the vase. I'm sorry." That's honesty.

Integrity means gaining trust, doing what is right over your normal comfort. The following is an example of integrity. You go to the movies, after the movie you find a wallet. There is an ID inside. Then you locate the person it belongs to, and you return the wallet. That is integrity. The person that lost their wallet gained your trust. You went outside your comfort zone to do what's right.

Promise keeping means keeping promises. So if you make a promise and keep it that would be promise-keeping. I promised my mom I would watch the baby. I didn't want to, but I did. I made a promise, and I kept it.

Loyalty means the state of being loyal. Being loyal is showing respect, being firm and showing faithfulness. I am loyal to my teacher and my school by listening and following directions.

Being trustworthy means you're reliable, people can trust you to do the right thing. An example of trustworthiness is when someone asks you to do something for them. You do it, right then you're trustworthy. The person that asked you to do something gained your trust. Trustworthiness is a foundation for good relationships and flourishing societies.



Kansas Association For
Family & Community Education

73rd Annual Kansas FCE Conference

October 9 – 11, 2025 in Dodge City, Kansas

“LET’S GET THE HECK INTO DODGE IN ‘25!”

Hotel and Conference Locations:

Holiday Inn Express
201 4th Ave.
Dodge City, KS 67801

Guymon Petro Building
301 4th Ave. – 2nd Floor
Dodge City, KS 67801

The Holiday Inn Express (HIE) and the Guymon Petro Building (GPB) are located south of Wyatt Earp Blvd. (US Hwy. 50) on 4th Avenue. The Cowboy Capital Saloon & Grill is located on the first floor of the Guymon Petro Building.

For Hotel reservations, call Dodge City Holiday Inn Express at 620-225-1000. Please use the **Reservation Code: FCE State Meeting**. Reservations made by September 1, 2025, will have a *Special Conference Rate* of \$124 plus applicable tax (1 King or 2 Queen beds). Each smoke-free room holds 1-4 people, and has a refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker and hair dryer. Each Guest is invited to enjoy a **full breakfast FREE** in the Lobby during their stay.

Conference Purpose: *To promote the Kansas Association for Family and Community Education (FCE) programs, broaden Kansan’s perspectives, celebrate achievements, present awards, provide leadership directions, receive National FCE updates, conduct the annual Kansas FCE meeting, elect officers and provide opportunities to connect with other Kansas FCE members.*

Conference Registration & Confirmation: Registrations postmarked **BY** September 1, 2025, will receive **Early Bird Conference Rates**. Confirmation will be sent via email to each registrant.

Make **CHECK** or **MONEY ORDER** payable to **KAFCE Conference**

Mail to: Connie Chavez, 725 Atkin St., Jetmore, KS 67854 **Phone:** 303-718-3349

Late Registration/Cancellation Refunds: Registrations postmarked **AFTER** September 1, 2025, will pay the Regular Rate. There are **NO Refunds** after September 9th, except for major medical emergencies or the death of an immediate family member. However, after September 9th, the registration fee can be transferred to another attendee. **Registrations will be accepted until September 30, 2025.**

Meals include the Friday evening banquet and the Saturday luncheon. Please specify any special dietary needs when registering.

Display tables for educational displays or special projects/lesson boards must be reserved by September 30th. Contact Connie Chavez at 303-718-3349 or email her at Chavez_17@msn.com to reserve your table space.

Many THANKS to the Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau for providing the gift bags and offering their assistance to make our annual conference a success!

2025 Kansas FCE State Conference Registration Form

October 9 -11, 2025 in Dodge City, Kansas

Print Name (for Name Tag) _____ **FCE ID#** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Conference Confirmation Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____ **(Mark One):** ____ **NE** ____ **SE** ____ **SC** ____ **NW** ____ **SW**

County: _____ **FCE Unit Name:** _____

Affiliation (Mark ALL that apply): FCE Member: ____ Council President: ____ FCS Advisor: ____

State Board Member: ____ Past State President: ____ First Time Attending: ____ Non-Member: ____

My Unit or I will donate to “Prizes by the Yard”: _____ **I’d like to be a Hostess or Helper:** _____

Reserve a spot for me to attend the 2nd Ave. Art Guild “Make & Take” class on Thursday afternoon. _____

Special Dietary Needs:

Conference Registration Fees

Registration Form postmarked: **By September 1st** **After September 1st**

	“Early Bird” Rate	Regular Rate	Total
Full Conference (w/both Meals)	\$85	\$100	\$ _____
Friday ONLY (w/Banquet Meal)	\$50	\$ 70	\$ _____
Saturday ONLY (w/Luncheon Meal)	\$35	\$ 50	\$ _____

Checks payable to: KAFCE Conference

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Mail payment and Registration Form to: Connie Chavez, 725 Atkin St., Jetmore, KS 67854

All Admission/Tour Fees* listed are Off Season/Winter rates and Paid at the Attraction.

Big Blue Trolley Tour (1+ Hr.) Tour of the Dodge City area. Adults: \$10; Veterans/Seniors (62+): \$9

Boot Hill Museum (Open 9 -5 pm Daily; Sunday, 1 -5 pm). Adults: \$16; Veterans/Seniors (62+): \$14

Boot Hill Distillery Tour (4 pm or 5 pm tours offered **before** FCE Kick-Off Party): \$20

2nd Ave. Art Guild “Make & Take” Art Project (2 - 4 pm Thursday) (Limited to 10 members): \$35

**Prices may be subject to change.*

2025 Kansas FCE State Conference First-Timer Scholarship Application and Rules

The Kansas FCE Board of Directors offers up to five (5) scholarships to members who wish to attend the Kansas FCE State Conference for the first time. This \$85 scholarship covers the Early Bird Registration fee. To apply, you must:

Be a current National/Kansas FCE dues paying member.

Complete the 2025 Kansas FCE State Conference registration form and pay the \$85 Early-Bird registration fee by the September 1, 2025 deadline.

Complete this form and answer the qualifying questions listed below.

Name _____

Membership ID# _____ Unit Name or Independent _____

County _____ Area _____ Years as a Member _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Answer the following questions on a separate page:

Describe your FCE contributions and achievements in the last 5 years.

Identify significant FCE focus areas or issues and explain their importance. (Examples include health, home, community, environment, international affairs, leadership, youth engagement, community service, and membership.)

Explain how you will share the knowledge gained at the conference with your unit members and community.

This scholarship only covers the Early Bird Registration Fee; all other expenses incurred are the winner's responsibility.

Winners must attend the entire conference; otherwise, the scholarship is forfeited. It is non-transferable.

Winners will be notified by September 15, 2025. Scholarship checks will be distributed to winners during the conference.

Postmarked submissions due by September 1, 2025

Completed First-Timer Scholarship Application Form

Answers to the three (3) qualifying questions

Kansas State FCE Conference Registration Form and \$85 Early-Bird registration fee

Mail all completed paperwork to Connie Chavez, 725 Atkin St., Jetmore, KS 67854

2025 Kansas FCE State Conference Schedule

Locations: Holiday Inn Express (HIE), Guymon Petro Building (GPB), *As Noted.

Thursday, Oct. 9th, 2025

- 1-4 pm **Conference Registration** (HIE)
- 1-4 pm **Set-up** displays, gift baskets (GPB)
- 2-4 pm **"Make & Take"** Art Project at **2nd Ave. Art Guild***, 608 N. 2nd Ave.
- 4-5 pm **Boot Hill Distillery – Private Tasting Tour***, 501 W. Spruce St.
- 5-6 pm **Boot Hill Distillery – Private Tasting Tour***, 501 W. Spruce St.
- 6-9 pm **Kick-off Party at Boot Hill Distillery's Patio***, 501 W. Spruce St.
- 6-7 pm **B-B-Q** from **S&P Catering Food Wagon**
- 6-8 pm **Live Music** by **John & Connie Chavez**
- Use your time today to get settled in, participate in a group activity, catch up with your friends or tour the town! Attendees and their guests are invited to attend Boot Hill Distillery's Kick-Off Party this evening (at no extra charge)!**

Friday, Oct. 10th, 2025

- 8:45 am **Big Blue Trolley Tour** (1+ Hr.) (HIE)*
- 9-12 pm **Conference Registration** (GPB)
- 9-12 pm **Set-up** table displays
- 9-12 pm **Sale** of marketing items & tickets for **"Prizes by the Yard"**
- 10 am **Harvey Girls Talk/Tour** (1+ Hr.) The Depot*
- 10 am **Big Blue Trolley Tour** (1+ Hr.) (HIE)*
- 1-3 pm **Business Meeting**
- 3-4 pm **Discussion/Education Roundtables**
- 4 pm **Drawing** for **"Prizes by the Yard"**
- 6 pm **FCE Awards Banquet** with **Speaker: Christina Haselhorst**, AKA, Boot Hill's very own **Miss Kitty!**

Saturday, Oct. 11th, 2025

- 9 am **Installation of 2026 State FCE Officers**
- 11 am **FCE Luncheon** with **Speaker: Lisa Burdett**, retired CSI agent and Pawnee Sunflower FCE Unit President.

Conference Registration

Conference attendees can pick up their hostess bags with name tags and luncheon/banquet tickets at the **Holiday Inn Express on Thursday** or on **Friday at the Guymon Petro Building Conference Center, 2nd Floor.**

The "Attractions" brochure in your gift bag is a great resource to help you find all the sites you'll want to visit during your stay in Dodge City!

"Prizes by the Yard"

Each FCE Unit or County Council is asked to provide a gift basket or an item (\$20 value) for a drawing that supports the Kansas FCE Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 by the "yard". The gift basket drawing will be held on Friday afternoon.

2025 Conference Speakers:

Friday's Banquet Speaker

Christina Haselhorst is a woman who wears many hats! She sings her heart out as Miss Kitty and entertains throngs of visitors each summer at the Long Branch Saloon; she serves as the Director of Financial Aid at Dodge City Community College; she's a wife and mother of three, and if that's not enough, she's an active member of the Miss Kansas Organization.

Saturday's Luncheon Speaker

Lisa Burdett, with degrees in Microbiology and Veterinary Pathology, joined the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in 1996 as a crime scene investigator (CSI) agent. She will share highlights of her crime-solving career with us! Lisa is a wife and mother of three, as well as a grandmother. She is an active FCE member and lives in Larned.

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2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

July 21, National FCE Annual Business Meeting

**July 21-24, National FCE Annual Conference and ACWW USA Area Conference, Holiday Inn
Cincinnati, Erlanger, KY**

August 27, Kansas FCE EPC Leadership Training

September 26, Kansas FCE Board of Directors' Meeting

October 9-11, Kansas FCE State Conference, Dodge City

October 12-18, National FCE Week

November 23-29, National Family Week