

## **Flat Casey West**

### **Where has she been, what has she done???**

**State Office:** Flat Casey West started out in Rhonda's office, she traveled with Shirley across the state to Alliance.

**Alliance:** Flat Casey's first stop in the Panhandle was Alliance High School. Her first night in Alliance she attended the Style Show of 100 years of Family and Consumer Science Professionals clothing. She stood on stage so everyone could see her. She spent several days in the classroom being confused with Sydney Swanson, she was a bit perturbed about that. Her most exciting activity was a visit to the Alliance High Show Choir where she got to dance with a couple of the guys. She managed a car trip in a snow storm to get to the Hemingford advisor's house.

**Hemingford:** She was here from November 2-4. While she visited their chapter, she got to experience Nebraska's unpredictable weather, as Hemingford had 2 snow days!! However, while she was there, she met all of Mrs. Neefe's classes and got to help make cupcakes and frosting for District 15's cupcake decorating contest!! She then rode the bus with the Hemingford chapter to their District Conference and she rode home with the Bridgeport Chapter.

**Leyton:** The Leyton FCCLA enjoyed your visit with us November 16-23<sup>rd</sup>. We were glad you were able to see the large number of coats we have collected for our Coats for Kids Service Project, as well the thousands of pop tabs we are saving to deliver to the Ronald McDonald House in Denver this coming spring. You spent time in the Family and Consumer Sciences classroom cooking with both the Foods and Culinary Arts students, helped us celebrate a State Volleyball trip and toured our facility, meeting the administration, faculty, and students of Leyton High School. While meeting all of these new people, you helped our chapter spread the word about FCCLA and the exciting leadership opportunities it provides for students.

While you were visiting our chapter, you also had the exciting opportunity to attend the Clusters meeting in Salt Lake City with Amber McNurlin, Leyton Chapter Vice President and Secretary for the Families First PEER Education Team. You had to unfortunately endure the plane ride in the overhead compartment bin and were nearly lost at DIA. However, that aside, the trip was fantastic. Your most memorable moment in Salt Lake City was being introduced the Executive Director of FCCLA, Michael Benjamin. Thank you again for spending time with the Leyton FCCLA Chapter!

**Bridgeport:**

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**Plattsmouth:** Flat Casey East rode the bus home with the Plattsmouth Chapter and stopped in Louisville for ice-cream. She, since then has attended FCS classes everyday where she focused on Careers within FCS. She helped motivate FCCLA Culinary students during the week of November 2-5 as they got their catering business off the ground and helped with the baking of various sweet treats. She also attended a Choir concert the eve of Nov. 3 where she met parents and faculty. Flat Casey will move on to Conestoga High School.

**Conestoga:** Flat Casey East visited Conestoga on November 18. While she was there, she visited 7 FCS classes after they read 'Flat Stanley' and watched members paint a service project prop. She told the junior high students how they can get involved in FCCLA. They learned Family, Career and Community Leaders is what FCCLA is all about. Flat Casey is on her way to Weeping Water.

**Weeping Water:** Our Chapter, Weeping Water, had Flat Casey visit with us from November 30th through December 3rd. While she visited our chapter, she attended our FCCLA Christmas party/meeting where you helped decorate Christmas cookies and played Christmas Bingo. She also attended a pep rally and a wrestling triangular. She was introduced to many students and staff at Weeping Water, including our superintendent and our principal. She also took part in some junior high FCS classes, too. On the evening of December 3rd you rode to Fremont Bergan with their wrestling team to visit the FCCLA chapter there.

**Fremont Bergan:** Wow! December flew by so quickly! It was a month of snow, ice, frigid temperatures, wind chill indexes, cancellations, rescheduling, more cancellations and...a special visit by Flat Casey!

A delegate of the Fremont Bergan Chapter, along with his adviser had just returned from the National Cluster Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky thanks to the hospitality of the Syracuse Chapter. Patrick Colgan, our State Officer Candidate, and Mrs. Pat Kassmeier, our adviser were able to tell Flat Casey about the many exciting experiences gained from that trip such as meeting new people from around the nation, going to fun-filled leadership sessions, and site-seeing!

Flat Casey was able to attend a Parli-Pro meeting. This is something new for Bergan. A team of eight members along with a chapter parent, Mr. Rick Colgan, have been meeting to learn the process and practice. Flat Casey noted lots of enthusiastic members who are looking forward to experiencing efficient meeting!

She was interested in hearing about our visit to Nye Legacy Health and Rehabilitation Center, Fremont's newest senior living facility. Laura Morris and Kelsey Chamberlain were among several of our Bergan students who visited with residents about how to build strong families! They enjoyed the visit so much that repeat visits are now being planned!

**Wisner-Pilger:** Flat Casey has been at Wisner-Pilger from November 28<sup>th</sup> till February 2<sup>nd</sup>. She is being delivered to West Point. Our students came into the classroom and got "hugs and Kisses" from Casey and signed an autograph. Many questions were asked about who she was, and where she came from.

**Tekamah-Herman:** Flat Casey visited Tekamah-Herman Schools on January 12 and 13. While she was here, she hung out in the FCS room and visited with non-FCCLA students. She also accompanied me to a meeting with some area teachers about a new project that we are involved with. I sent her on to Logan View School.

# Flat Casey Has Visited These Chapters

