

Editorial

Teacher who helps deserves support

Throughout the years, high school teacher Merritta Combs has helped a countless amount of students. She leads our FCCLA chapter with great pride and dedication, and is practically famous at every FCCLA event, whether it is district, state or nationals. She pushes students to succeed for the simple fact that she knows they can.

On Dec. 5, Ms. Combs lost her house in a tragic fire while school was still in session. People driving by witnessed a devastating sight. The house is being considered a "total loss" with only a few things remaining.

In a time like this, our community has pulled together to "help the helper". Coffee cans have been set up at various local gas stations, restaurants, and the school to raise money for Ms. Combs. I have seen many cars parked at her house, with people sifting through the rubble in an attempt to find variable items left in tact.

Ms. Combs helps everyone without asking anything in return except the satisfaction of helping those in need. This is our opportunity as a community to repay her for all she does.

- Kara Mullin, editor



Minnesota trip a growth, learning experience

By Kelsey Sullivan

Traveling around with friends is so much fun. This year I traveled with many friends and students to Minneapolis, Minn.

This trip I had an amazing time. We went to the Mall of America, it was really great. There were so many stores and things to do, I had a good time. We went to huge conferences with almost 2,000 people there, it was exciting!

The conferences at the National Fall Leadership Conference were really good. The key-note speakers were

amazing. There were many times when I could actually relate to the speakers.

I think this was the most successful leadership conference I've

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ever been to. I really broke out of my shell and talked to a lot of new people that I probably wouldn't have before, just what FBLA has done for me as a person.

I learned so much from this leadership conference, and I think other students did as

well. I met so many new people and I'm actually keeping in touch with them, which is great because I could maybe get some ideas from them!

I talked with a few of the State Officers including Clint Newton, FBLA State President, and I learned a lot about him, along with some of the people from his school. That was an awesome experience because Clint seemed like he was really happy and was having a great time at the conference.

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