



## Flint Hills NFL District Newsletter

### **District Committee**

Pam McComas, Topeka High, ch.  
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Newsletter #1

Dear Coaches:

Who can believe another school year is beginning right before our eyes? I know I'm not ready for it. We have much to do together to ensure another great year in the Flint Hills. But before we discuss what needs to occur, there is still some unfinished business from the Spring. I am truly remiss in not getting out a final newsletter. Too many things were happening at once—4 tournaments in a row—and I was hosting two of them. Whew!

### **Results from NFL IE**

#### **US Extemp**

**NQ, Gail E. Lee, Manhattan HS—5 rds, 11 ranks**  
**Coach—Shawn Rafferty**

**NQ, Derek M. Ziegler, Highland Park HS—5 rds., 12 ranks**  
**Coaches—Les Kuhns and Jennifer**

3<sup>rd</sup>, Mary A. Yanik, Emporia HS—5 rds., 20 ranks  
4<sup>th</sup>, Meg D. Lowry, Topeka High School—5 rds., 22 ranks  
5<sup>th</sup>, Stephanie A. Atwood, Topeka High School—5 rds., 23 ranks  
6<sup>th</sup>, Anastasia M. Place, Manhattan High School—5 rds, 25 ranks  
7<sup>th</sup>, Jess Marden, Manhattan High School—5 rds., 26 ranks

#### **Foreign Extemp**

**\*NQ, Elise K. Higgins, Washburn Rural HS—6 rds. 15 ranks**  
**Coach—Rob Owen**

**NQ, Emily Hane, Topeka West HS—6 rds., 17 ranks**  
**Coach—Melanie Ralston**

3<sup>rd</sup>, Thomas Rosen, Topeka High School—6 rds, 17 ranks  
\*4<sup>th</sup>, Jamie Wenke, Washburn Rural High School—6 rds, 24 ranks  
5<sup>th</sup>, Patrick Lin, Manhattan High School—6 rds, 27 ranks  
6<sup>th</sup>, Nicolas S. Miller, Silver Lake High School—6 rds, 28 ranks  
7<sup>th</sup>, Helen Bolton, Manhattan High School—6 rds, 32 ranks  
\*Indicates qualified in another event—Jamie Wenke represented Flint Hills @  
Nationals

### **Original Oratory**

**NQ, Jenna Hollern, Emporia HS—5 rds, 13 ranks**  
**Coach—Carol Strickland**

**\*NQ, Gail E. Lee, Manhattan High School—5 rds, 13 ranks**  
**Coach—Shawn Rafferty**

\*3<sup>rd</sup>, Meg D. Lowry, Topeka High School—5 rds, 21 ranks  
4<sup>th</sup>, Victoria Owen, Washburn Rural—5 rds, 21 ranks  
5<sup>th</sup>, Hadley Beier-Green, Topeka High School—5 rds, 25 ranks  
6<sup>th</sup>, Rebecca J. Radziejewski, Topeka High School—5 rds, 26 ranks  
7<sup>th</sup>, Heather Whitford, Shawnee Heights HS—5 rds, 31 ranks  
\*Indicates qualified in another event—Meg Lowry represented Flint Hills @  
Nationals

### **Dramatic Interp**

**NQ, Nick Kirkendoll, Emporia High School—6 rds, 11 ranks**  
**Coach—Carol Strickland**

**NQ, Nathan A. Peterson, Topeka High School—6 rds, 14 ranks**  
**Coach—Pam McComas**

3<sup>rd</sup>, Michael A. Austin, Topeka High School—6 rds, 18 ranks  
4<sup>th</sup>, Ashley M. Hanson, Silver Lake HS—6 rds, 20 ranks  
5<sup>th</sup>, Rob Roby Rutherford IV, Shawnee Heights HS—6 rds, 20 ranks  
6<sup>th</sup>, Brandon Ewing, Topeka High School—5 rds, 10 ranks  
7<sup>th</sup>, Aaron C. Schopper, Emporia HS—5 rds, 16 ranks

### **Humorous Interp**

**\*NQ, James P. Rankin, Topeka West HS—5 rds, 13 ranks**  
**Coach—Melanie Ralston**

**NQ, Paul Brecht W. Brecht, Manhattan HS—5 rds, 14 ranks**  
**Coach—Shawn Rafferty**

\*3<sup>rd</sup>, Camille Sultana, Manhattan HS--5 rds, 17 ranks  
4<sup>th</sup>, Caroline Zeller, Washburn Rural HS—5 rds, 17 ranks  
5<sup>th</sup>, Michael Lindquist, Topeka West HS—5 rds, 24 ranks  
6<sup>th</sup>, Jillian D. Lira, Silver Lake HS—5 rds, 25 ranks  
7<sup>th</sup>, Marshall M. Wetta, Silver Lake HS—5 rds, 28 ranks  
\*Indicates qualified in another event—Camille Sultana represented Flint Hills @  
Nationals

### **Duo Interp**

**NQ, Michael Lindquist and James P. Rankin, Topeka West HS—5 rds, 11 ranks  
Coach—Melanie Ralston**

**NQ, Victoria Owen and Caroline Zeller, Washburn Rural HS—5 rds, 12 ranks  
Coach—Rob Owen**

3<sup>rd</sup>, Chris Auten and Bethan Quesnell, Manhattan HS—5 rds, 18 ranks  
4<sup>th</sup>, Aaron C. Schopper and Trevor Whitsitt, Emporia HS—5 rds, 20 ranks  
5<sup>th</sup>, Nick Kirkendoll and Stephanie Washington, Emporia HS—5 rds, 22 ranks  
6<sup>th</sup>, Caroline Holston and Natalie Long, Washburn Rural HS—5 rds, 28 ranks  
7<sup>th</sup>, Nathan A. Peterson and Kye Barker, Topeka High School—5 rds, 29 ranks

### **Sweepstakes**

**Travelling NFL Trophy—1<sup>st</sup> Junction City—851 rds  
2<sup>nd</sup> Silver Lake—802 rds.**

**Top 15 Plaque—1<sup>st</sup> Topeka High—92 rds.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Washburn Rural—91 rds.**

**Laura Scholobohm Top 6 IE/LD Entries—1<sup>st</sup> Topeka High**

### **Results from NFL Student Congress**

#### **Senate**

**Presiding Officer—1<sup>st</sup> Session—Gail Lee, Manhattan HS  
Presiding Officer—2<sup>nd</sup> Session—Thomas Rosen, Topeka High School**

**NQ, Outstanding Senator—Peter Ebeling, Topeka High School  
Coach—Pam McComas**

**\*NQ, Superior Senator—Nick Miller, Silver Lake High School  
Coach—Gail Naylor**

3<sup>rd</sup>, Gail Lee, Manhattan HS

4<sup>th</sup>, Elise Higgins, Washburn Rural HS  
\*5<sup>th</sup>, Douglas Deever, Shawnee Heights HS  
6<sup>th</sup>, Helen Bolton, Manhattan HS  
7<sup>th</sup>, Donald Hanson, Silver Lake HS  
8<sup>th</sup>, Blake Shipley, Washburn Rural HS

### **Super Session House**

**NQ, Kelly Nelson, Manhattan HS**  
**NQ, Mary Yanik, Emporia HS**  
**\*NQ, Lucas Fortsmeyer, Shawnee Heights HS**

\*4<sup>th</sup>, Jesse Marden, Manhattan HS  
5<sup>th</sup>, Benjamin Schroeder, Washburn Rural HS  
6<sup>th</sup>, Tim Ellis, Manhattan HS  
7<sup>th</sup>, Heather Lund, Manhattan, HS  
8<sup>th</sup>, Alex Oyler, Silver Lake HS

### **Non-Qualifying House**

**Presiding Officer—Brian Gilmore, Shawnee Heights HS**

**Outstanding Representative, Paulina Rudolph, Silver Lake HS**  
**Superior Representative, Tessa O'Brien, Shawnee Heights HS**

3<sup>rd</sup>, Steve Unselt, Topeka West High School  
4<sup>th</sup>, Susan Bandy, Topeka High School  
5<sup>th</sup>, Jamie Wenke, Washburn Rural HS  
6<sup>th</sup>, Jacob Overbey, Shawnee Heights HS  
7<sup>th</sup>, Brian Gilmore, Shawnee Heights HS  
8<sup>th</sup>, Nick Hill, Topeka West HS

### **Novice House**

**Outstanding Novice Representative, Luke Brinker, Topeka High School**  
**Superior Novice Representative, Jeanette Schultz, Washburn Rural HS**

3<sup>rd</sup>, Tina Wu, Manhattan HS  
4<sup>th</sup>, Michelle Taylor, Silver Lake HS  
5<sup>th</sup>, Audrey Ballard, Manhattan HS  
6<sup>th</sup>, Corbin Spray, T-West HS  
7<sup>th</sup>, Phillip Watson, T-West HS  
Andrea Keck, Washburn Rural HS

**Sweepstakes Tournament—1<sup>st</sup> Manhattan—159 pts.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Washburn Rural—148 pts.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Shawnee Heights—129 pts.**

**Travelling Sweepstakes—1<sup>st</sup> Highland Park—1129 pts.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Shawnee Heights—992 pts.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Seaman HS—817 pts.**

**Nationals—Grapevine and Colleville National Tournament**

<b>13<sup>th</sup>, USX</b>	<b>Gail E. Lee, Manhattan HS</b>
	<b>Coach: Shawn Rafferty</b>
<b>9 rds, CX</b>	<b>Thomas Rosen and Eric G. Giroux, Topeka High</b>
	<b>Coach: Pam McComas</b>
<b>Top 60, FX</b>	<b>Emily Hane, Topeka West HS</b>
	<b>Coach: Melanie Ralston</b>
<b>Top 60, OO</b>	<b>Meg D. Lowry, Topeka High School</b>
	<b>Coach: Pam McComas and Spencer Holdren</b>
<b>Top 60, OO</b>	<b>Jenna Hollern, Emporia HS</b>
	<b>Coach: Carol Strickland</b>
<b>Top 60, USX</b>	<b>Derek M. Ziegler, Highland Park</b>
	<b>Coach: Les Kuhns</b>
<b>Top 36, Expos</b>	<b>Peter Ebeling, Topeka High School</b>
	<b>Coaches: Pam McComas/Sam Schumann</b>
<b>Top 36, Ex Comm</b>	<b>Luke R. Brinker, Topeka High School</b>
	<b>Coach: Pam McComas</b>
<b>Top 36, Prose</b>	<b>Nick Kirkendoll, Emporia HS</b>
	<b>Coach: Carol Strickland</b>

On behalf of all of the coaches of the Flint Hills, congrats are in order to the competitors and their coaches for such a fine showing at Nationals! You did us proud!!

**New Business—Coaches' Meeting—KSCA Convention**

Our fall coaches' meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 8, after the luncheon in the lower level of Capital Plaza. We have many issues to discuss, esp., Student Congress. So, plan to attend the meeting! We will set NFL tournament dates and possible sites.

**New Coaches**

Not a new coach, but one who has moved to another school—Steve Workman is the new coach at Seaman High School. Steve recently retired from Highland Park HS.

Scott Bonnet, longtime coach at McPherson, is joining the Flint Hills coaches as head debate/forensics coach at Emporia HS. We all wish Scott well in his new teaching assignment!

**Things to Do NOW!**

1. Pay your national dues--\$99.00 and return your chapter information sheet.
2. Fill out your information sheet for the Flint Hills Directory info ASAP.
3. Send me your invitational tournament dates for the calendar.
4. Have a restful start of school! Best of luck to all of you!!!!

Sincerely,

Pam McComas, District Chair  
Flint Hills NFL District

# **Debate and Forensics Schedule 2006-07**

## **DEBATE DATES**

### **August**

29 Baylor Workshop—THS Media Center 3:30-9:30 p.m.

### **September**

- 9 THS, Work Session 9-1:00, Rm. 103
- 15-16 Washburn Rural, Independence, Ft. Scott, Blue Valley Quad, Great Bend
- 22-23 Derby—O/N, Colgan, Wichita NW-N
- 29-30 Parsons, Olathe East, Buhler

### **October**

- 6-7 Silver Lake, Labette Co, Olathe North
- 13-14 Field Kindley, Blue Valley, Olathe Northwest, Hutchinson
- 20-21 Manhattan, Junction City, SE of Cherokee, Blue Valley West
- 27-28 T-West, Emporia (?), Blue Valley North, SM East, Garden City

### **November**

- 3-4 Shawnee Heights, Girard 4<sup>th</sup>-O/N, SM South, Salina Central
- 10-11 Highland Park (?), Wichita NW-V/O, Caney-O/N, SMW, SME, Newton
- 17-18 Topeka High, Winfield-V/O, Ark City-N, Aquinas, Bishop Miege, Salina South

### **December**

- 1-2 Pittsburg-O/JV, Augusta, Lawrence, Free State
- 8-9 SKNFL Deb @ Ark City, TT NFL @ Olathe East
- 15-16

### **January**

- 5-6 DCI/Sunflower Novice at Washburn Rural
- 12-13 Regionals
- 19-20 State Debate Championships –BV/BVW

## **FORENSICS DATES**

### **January**

26-27 Washburn Rural, Neodesha, SMNW

### **February**

2-3 Shawnee Heights, Winfield, Ark City, Augusta, Aquinas

9-10 Labette Co HS, SM East

16-17 Field Kindley, Blue Valley West, SM West

23-24 Topeka High, Pittsburg, Derby, Wichita NW, Lawrence/Free State

### **March**

2-3 Silver Lake, Parsons, SE of Cherokee, Olathe NW

9-10 Topeka West, Independence, Girard

16-17 Manhattan, SE of Cherokee, SKNFL Cong/LD/PFD/Duo @ Field Kindley

23-24

30-31 Emporia (?)TT NFL Congress @ Olathe North, Ft. Scott, Parsons, Olathe North

### **April**

6-7 Blue Valley North, SM South

13-14 Colgan, Caney, Blue Valley, TT NFL PFD-LD@Blue Valley West

20-21 TT NFL @ Blue Valley

27-28

**May 5** – State Championships @ Olathe North (6A)

