

AN EXTRA EFFORT

• FCCLA CHAPTER GROWS IN NUMBERS AND SERVICE

Dedicating special effort to special service projects defines McIntosh High School's Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

The 21-members of the McIntosh FCCLA recently focused their efforts on the Ronald McDonald House and Humane Society in Bismarck.

"FCCLA helps students interact with the community, as well as each other," McIntosh FCCLA Advisor Kisha Jordan, also the district's Family and Consumer Science Instructor, said. "It is a national career and technical Family and Consumer Science based organization that puts the family first and foremost."

The students spent a Saturday at the Ronald McDonald House, learning about program, how it supports families who are accompanying children to area hospitals undergoing treatments and completing tasks around house.

A group of students spent the day doing yard work and helping around the house while another group made several dozen freezer cookies and freezer meals, which families staying at the house can bake when needed.

Students donated more than \$50 of their own money to the Ronald McDonald House, which is the equivalent of a five night stay for a family.

FCCLA members also spent a Saturday afternoon in October walking dogs from the Bismarck Humane Society Shelter. Students have supported the Humane Society Shelter for the past three years.

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said. "They are so open to all types of activities."

Jordan praised the program for offering students many different opportunities that develop their leadership, teamwork, planning and critical thinking skills.

"FCCLA has so many different opportunities for different interests, ranging from politics to child care to the culinary arts," Jordan said.

Last November, the McIntosh FCCLA Chapter traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas to attend the National Cluster Meeting. The group networked with students from around the nation and also learned some great leadership skills.

At the national competition McIntosh FCCLA President Harley Schell competed in the Food Art competition and placed 8th overall. Jordan hopes the dedication of the 21 FCCLA members, the largest group she's worked with, influences more students to join.

"The numbers are exciting," Jordan said. "We are pushing our exposure to the middle grades hoping to keep up the numbers in the upcoming years."