



**The Clay Counts Coalition
November Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Stuart Administrative Center
Noon to 1:00 Lunch Provided**

Attendees: Lori Martin, Ashley Delehanty, Jeanna Walters-Fancella, Ron Fancella, Sharon S., Don Wright, Dana Rickley, Craig Rickley, Brett Nelson, Wade Reh, David Vanlew, Allie Fitzgerald, Melissa Petesch, Jonathon Sapaugh, Hayden Hackworth, Kate Larson, Nikki Burwell, Haylee ?, Paul Tessaro, Lisa Last, Melanie Musselman, Kelsey McFarland, Sue ?, Bill Bloom

Zoom Attendees: Ryan Duey, Kimberly Sanchez, Alessia Carrales, Vicki Kopsa, Audrey Waid

I. What I Can Learn Time

Supporting our Veterans in Clay County: Jeanna Walters-Fancella, Ron Fancella, & Ashley Delehanty

Ashley has presented across the state about veterans suicide

- 6,100 people live in Clay County, and about 1,000 are veterans (about 16%)
- About 38% of veterans in the county are using VA for healthcare
 - o The VA doesn't have funding for many things that the Legion Auxiliary does
- The Armory has provided a building for the Clay Center Legion to provide a meeting area and services to local veterans
 - o This is a shift from providing a place to providing services
 - o Many services & activities also involve the local Scouts organizations
- Social connections are key to veterans, so many regular activities are scheduled
- They are asking for help with the Wreaths Across America event Dec. 13 at Greenwood Cemetery at 11 a.m., where they will be laying 1,200 wreaths for all veterans

II. How I Can Contribute Time

A. YLink Update: Alyssia Corrales, Hayden Hackworth, and Kate Larson

1. Follow Up on State Convention
 - a. Held at the Kansas Dream Car Museum and hosted by the CCCHS YLink chapter
 - b. Multiple speakers presented to almost 200 students from Garden City to Kansas City
2. Hayden recommended donating books to the Dusty Bookshelf in Manhattan
3. November 14th and December Fifth Quarters: Volunteers Needed



- a. YLink and Clay Counts is hosting a social for CCCHS students after the Powderpuff football game
- B. Presentation from Clay County Public Transportation: Mike Wilson
 - a. They run Monday-Friday starting at 7:30 a.m., and they offer travel basically anywhere in Kansas; They cannot cross state lines
 - b. 38% of all trips were medical care runs last year, 24% this year
 - c. Funding has been a struggle this year
- C. Follow Up on 10/25/25 Clay County Health Fair: Allie Fitzgeralds
 - a. There was a good turnout for this event
 - b. Drug Takeback Day was also held on this day
 - i. 61 lbs of unused medication was collected and disposed
- D. Update on Girls on the Run Program: Sofia Gallup and Allie Fitzgeralds
 - a. Final 5K will be Sunday, Nov. 9
 - b. 7 girls are participating in GOTR
 - c. There are lessons that take place along with running sessions
- E. Follow Up on 10/21/25 Courageous Conversation “Can’t Look Away:” Lori
 - a. 164 people attended this event at the Rex Theatre
- F. Car Seat Challenge: Sophia Gallup and Nicki Burwell
 - a. This was tabled to the December meeting

III. How I Can Help Time

- A. Chaperone YLink Fifth Quarter on 11/14/25 @ 8:00 to 10:00
- B. Serve as a Buddy for GOTR 5K on
- C. Help With YLINK State Convention on 11/4/25 Dream Car Museum in Manhattan
- B. Spread the Word About the Car Seat Challenge

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 10thth @ Noon at the Stuart Administrative Center

Our Mission

The Clay Counts Coalition exists to promote social, physical, and mental well-being for the residents of Clay County, emphasizing reduction of youth substance use and to foster a thriving environment in which to live, learn, and play.