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From the Desk of the Administrator

As we inch closer to that first day of Spring I would like to apologize for the over abundance of the "WHITE STUFF" which has happened since the last Newsletter was mailed out. Pretty much feel I was a likely cause of that 😊

This month we would like to share the an awesome story on the AED Project undertaken by Kendall Hilbun and Laynee Shields.

At our January 24 Council Meeting Mayor Klopfenstein introduced Kendall Hilbun and Laynee Shields. Laynee Shields introduced herself and her friend Kendall Hilbun and that they are members of the Jackson Center Schools Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Kendall stated that in January of 2020, her brother was diagnosed with a rare heart condition called, Long QT Heart Syndrome. Hilbun stated, that as a family, they started educating themselves, but the thing that they kept hearing from the doctors was to educate the community around Tanner. Shields stated that as they started talking to their family, friends and community members, they soon realized how little the community knew about cardiac conditions. Not only did the community not know about heart conditions and that they could affect children and young adults as well. The community was not prepared in case of an emergency. Hilbun and Shields decided that they wanted to change that and this is where their idea for their FCCLA project began. Over the summer, they started locating AED's everywhere they went and at that time they were still waiting on Tanner's personal AED to arrive. They noticed that there were not AED's at the parks or at the youth soccer fields. At that point they started having fund raisers and were able to raise enough money to purchase AED's and all weather cases for both of the park locations. Hilbun and Shields stated that today we are hear to inform you that we have met our goal. They said that they would like to donate two AED's and all weather cases for both of the park locations in Jackson Center. They stated that Anna Rescue Squad David Klopfenstein has stated that they will add these two AED's to their yearly maintenance rotation. The girls credited Chief Klopfenstein with helping them with their project regarding getting them information and price quotes for the AED's, setting up and training community members for CPR and helping with their health fair. Today we would also like to thank him for all of his work. The pair stated that they will be donating a check to the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation for \$194.00 in his name. GREAT JOB LADIES!!!!