

2023 State Journalism Championship



#11 Yearbook Feature Writing

Time Limit – 1:15

Directions: From the given information, write a feature story as you would for the high school yearbook. You may use statements attributed to individuals as direct or indirect quotes. You may not change the meaning of a statement. Entries will be evaluated on accuracy and quality of writing.

When you are finished:

1. **Type your first and last name at the top of the document.**
 2. **Save your document as a PDF with the filename: yourfirstlastname_YBfeature_Class (For example: SusieSmith_YBfeature_ClassA).**
 3. **Notify the proctor when you are finished.**
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The Frankfort High School Hot Dogs made news this past December when students raised over \$32,000. Frankfort High School is located in central Nebraska and has an enrollment of 1,300 students in grades 9-12.

It is Hot Dog tradition that the senior class choose a service project to benefit the Frankfort and Beans communities each year. After much discussion, the seniors decided to embark on an epic Weenie Roast for the communities of Frankfort and Beans. All 329 seniors participated in the event and donated their time and grills for the project.

Hy-Vee graciously donated 10,000 hot dogs for the event and Inflatable Wonderland donated three bounce houses. Additionally, the Hot Dog Athletic Boosters raffled off a 2023 Ford F150, which was donated by Frankfort Ford.

Participation in the evening of festivities grew by leaps and bounds when senior Allie Smores posted a TikTok advertising the event. Her post went viral and had over seven million views and was shared over 800,000 times.

Attendance for the event was estimated at 6,500 total patrons.

The senior class plans to use the money raised to support the local Frankfort food pantry and also pay off outstanding lunch balances for all of Frankfort's 1,300 students.

Allie Smores, Senior Class President

“Our initial goal was to raise \$1,000 for our town’s food pantry. When my video went viral it changed everything for the better. Not only did we reach our goal, but then some! It was a super crazy evening and we can’t believe so many people showed up to support us. What a wonderful way to cap off my senior year at Frankfort! Go Hot Dogs!”

Beth Bologna, Frankfort High Principal

“Our senior class is filled with the best and brightest. What an amazing show of community support for the inaugural Weenie Roast. The communities of Frankfort and Beans really banded together to support our kids and our towns. We have never had a senior class raise so much money for their community service project. There are plans in works to make this an annual event and it’s all thanks to the amazing vision of our seniors.”

William Wienerschnitzel, Winner of the Ford F150

“I wasn’t even going to come to the Weenie Roast because I had cows that needed to move pastures. My wife kindly suggested I show up to support my town and I’m sure glad I did. I walked away with a brand-new truck. I can’t believe it because I never win anything! Hot diggity dog this was an epic Weenie Roast!”