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Stacie Beegle and Fallon Shaffer

Congratulations goes out to two of our Pennsylvania FBLA State Officers who were recently appointed to the FBLA Eastern Region Board.

Chestnut Ridge FBLA members Stacie Beegle and Fallon Shaffer were appointed to the positions of Eastern Region Vice President's Assistants. They will work closely with the FBLA Eastern Region Vice President, Paul Cohen.

Stacie is currently PA FBLA's State Parliamentarian and Fallon is the State Secretary.

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Hatboro-Horsham Student Learns Importance of Job Shadowing

Robert Frost eloquently wrote the poem "A Road Last Traveled By" as a statement to depict the harsh mindset of being stuck amongst two choices. As a daughter or son, brother or sister, student, teenager, and/or FBLA member, one is faced with many difficult decisions that will impact the course of their life. As the narrow trim of the minute hand slowly counts the minutes to graduation, one might feel overwhelmed because they do not know where to go

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Morgan Richman and State Representative, Rick Taylor, during a job shadow.

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or what to do with their life. Thus, I encourage everyone to participate in a job shadow.

A job shadowing experience allows a person to experience a career that interests them for a day to see if this is the exact career path they might want to pursue. By experiencing the job first hand, students can see the advantages and disadvantages of the job. In addition, they can also see if this is what they thought the job would be like.

For example, I have been interested in a political career. There-

fore, I chose to do a job shadow under State Representative, Rick Taylor. This job shadow taught me skills about the political atmosphere that I would have never learned or saw without participating in such a shadow. This job shadow also opened internship opportunities.

Finally, this job shadow made me realize what I would like to do with my life. This job shadow helped me see that I am interested in International Business. I believe that with my savvy business and math skills in combination with my interest in servicing others and my

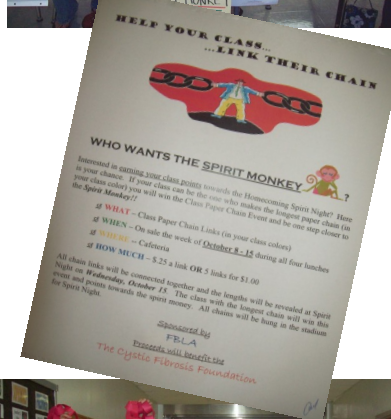
community, I would be great at helping fix many economic problems in various countries.

This job shadow experience was very beneficial. I hope that all students take advantage of this opportunity and seek out job shadows in any fields of interest. This way, students can decide what they would like to do with their life. In life you will face many tough decisions, why not make the decision of career choices easier by trying out every path. I encourage you to participate in a job shadow, you will learn something.

Cocalico Chapter Links School Spirit and Community Service Together

The Cocalico High School Chapter of FBLA recently took on the challenge of finding a way to link the school spirit surrounding the annual Homecoming season with raising money and awareness for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. They decided to do this by getting involved with the Homecoming Spirit Night Activities where each class (Senior, Junior, Sophomore & Freshman) comes together to compete for spirit points, and ultimately bragging rights possession of the "Spirit Monkey." The decision was made that FBLA sell paper chain links in each classes color and set the challenge to see which class would purchase the most links and make the longest chain.

FBLA members took turns selling chain links during lunch for the week leading up to Spirit Night. Links were sold for \$.25 a piece or 5 for \$1.00. For each chain link sold,



students were given a card with Cystic Fibrosis Foundation facts and statistics. At first sales were slow, but once students found out that the class that had the longest chain would win the points for that portion of the Spirit Night activities, sales picked up.

The senior class was determined to win the Spirit Night competition and retain their possession of the Spirit Monkey and the bragging rights of being "Back-to-Back Champions." Therefore they challenged each senior to purchase a link and in the end, they did indeed have the longest chain with 332 links. The juniors came in second with 129 links, followed by the freshmen in third place with 39 links and the sophomores in last with 12 links. In the end, Cocalico FBLA was able to raise close to \$100 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation but more importantly shared some important information about

Pine Grove FBLA off to a Stellar Start!

The Pine Grove Area FBLA Chapter is extremely excited this year. Officers Eliot White, President; Jeff Zimmerman, Vice President; Cassie Allen, Secretary; Andrea Fidler, Historian; Corrine Reichert, Historian; and Billie Jo Siegel, Reporter were selected last May and their Plans of Work were set for the school year. During the summer, the chapter was very proud to have student, Eliza Daubert, and advisor, Mrs. Hughes, attend the FBLA NLC and especially excited to have Mrs. Hughes be recognized as the Outstanding Advisor of the Year! Additionally, the officer team met several times in June and were busy making decisions about the goals of our Chapter.

The year has just recently begun and already we have a very busy agenda. The most important thing that has happened so far is the update of the student contracts. Last year we tried something a little bit different to try to make sure that members were attending the meetings and were doing their share of community service hours required. We have found this new addition to be fair and effective.

Another big part of our FBLA Chapter is community service. Members are working with our PGA Elementary School to continue our volunteering projects and help with after school projects as well. Even-

tually, we would like to do more activities such as playing bingo at the retirement home, bowling for kids, helping out at our local food pantry, and many others that we have done in past years.

This year's charity for PA FBLA is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and we have a former PGA alumni that is associated with the charity that we are excited to work with throughout the year. In order to help support the cause, we decided to have our homecoming spirit link sales go to this charity. We are anxious to work on projects this year to surpass our fundraising goal of over \$1,000.

We are still doing the Grocery on the Go project on Wednesdays and Thursdays every other week after school.

On Sunday October 26, our officers departed for their trip to State College for the State Leadership Workshop. The workshop was a huge success. Our officers learned many important leadership values and ideas to bring back to our chapter. Monday afternoon, they announced the top sellers of the Cystic

Fibrosis Charity Walk Fundraiser. Pine Grove outstandingly placed first with an amount of \$925. Andrea Fidler was our top seller for Pine Grove. Along with our fun, busy weekend, on the night of October 27th our chapter had a booth at our trick-or-treat night in town for Pine Grove. Hundreds of kids showed up from all over in spectacular costumes. FBLA members stood in front of Bartos and handed out tons of delicious candy and



Pine Grove State Officers at the SLW.

helped children to cross the streets to make this a safe night for all.

This year is looking very promising and we hope that we will be able to accomplish all of our goals, making this year's program one of the best!

Welcome Back!

Upper Dauphin Area High School is reactivating their FBLA Chapter after many years.

We welcome this new chapter and their new advisor, Mr. Daniel Frake.

Upper High School is in northern Dauphin County and a member of Region 15.

Mountain View Takes on Homecoming

The Mountain View High School FBLA Chapter has had an exciting start to the school year. When there was no Student Government at the beginning of the year to run this year's homecoming events, FBLA stepped in and got right to work.

The dedicated FBLA members jumped at the chance to show the school and community what they could do. Students quickly organized into four committees for the

Vegas themed event: decorations, nominations, advertising and food. With excellent participation, the students created ballots, held nominations, made many decorations and prepared enough food for 240 people.

Homecoming week was a big hit. The students and the FBLA members enjoyed helping out. The FBLA students enjoyed taking on such a large project and seeing everything come together in the end.

Sayre FBLA on a Fundraising Frenzy

The Sayre chapter of FBLA has been very busy this past year. Between several conferences and workshops, it seems difficult to find the time to raise money for our chapter. However, we have found easy, effective, and fun ways to make money.

Sayre's first major fundraiser was a traditional method of selling items. We have our members sell Tom-Wat fundraising books, with a deadline for turning in their orders and money. This is great for chapters with a large number of members. For example, if everyone sells 50 dollars worth of items, our chapter of 97 people makes \$2037 in profit.

Our other major fundraiser was working at a concession stand during a Penn State football game. This was a great opportunity for the members of our chapter to have fun and make money. We had to prepare the concession area, serve peo-

ple during the game, and clean up afterwards. We were allowed to keep a percentage of the profits made from that concession stand. During a big game, this can be extremely substantial. This idea is very lucrative and enjoyable.

Our third major fundraiser was a community wide dodge ball tournament. Around October, the Sayre Chapter usually holds an event as a fundraiser. For the 2008-2009 school year, our officers decided to hold a dodge ball tournament. We had to organize a date and a location, and we had to spread the word using posters, newspapers articles, and daily announcements. We had



Hershey Helps

This year, Hershey FBLA was invited by the Hershey Education Association, HEA, to assist in raising money for its annual scholarships. These scholarships benefit college bound students in Hershey High School.

In order to raise money for this cause, Hershey FBLA held a silent auction during the annual HEA teachers play. Members gathered items from around the community and local businesses to provide items for the auction.

The auction was held during the two nights of the play and was very successful in bringing in money to help support this cause. Hershey FBLA will continue to help this cause year after year and help support the school to provide scholarships to students.

teams of six sign up for the events, and we created an elimination knockout bracket. This fundraiser created school spirit, competitiveness, and profit. Since it was almost no cost to use our school's facilities, most of the money made was full profit. All of the money went to a local food bank.

As you can see, fundraising doesn't have to be boring, difficult, or time-consuming. With some creative thinking and a little hard work, fundraising can not only be a way to make money, but to create memories as well. Sayre FBLA has other fundraisers planned for the remainder of the school year, and they will surely be profitable ventures.

Waynesboro FBLA Shows Fall Festivity

So far this school year Waynesboro FBLA has been doing many things for the community. The chapter has worked a pancake breakfast, volunteered time at Hooverville Elementary School for a fall festival and at Renfrew's Pumpkin Festival.

The pancake breakfast was held on the second of October. The chapter gathered at Waynesboro's Applebee's to serve the community. The tickets for the event were five dollars and the FBLA members, using salesmanship qualities, sold them to the Waynesboro community. The profits of this fundraiser came in at \$1547 all going to our states project, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The Hooverville Elementary Fall Festival took place on October 16th. This was a chance for the students to come after school and take part in games and autumn festivities. The Waynesboro FBLA chapter ran the games for the children that evening.

On October 18th Renfrew, a local historical park, held its 17th annual Pumpkin Fest. The festival was held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the weather could not have been more perfect for the merriment. The festival had many activities throughout the day including scarecrow building to "pumpkin chuckin."

One of the stations that FBLA helped with was the food service department. A key thing FBLA did was cleaning up the tray that people ate off of so that they can be reused when needed. Another location that our members assisted with was marking off the tickets of visitors who had already received their food. A third station FBLA helped with was scarecrow building. At this station members assisted customers to pick out different fabrics and helped them stuff and put together their own personal scarecrow. Still another activity that FBLA helped out with was pumpkin carving. Here volunteers helped visitors pick out their pumpkin and

carve them in preparation for Halloween.

Additionally, manned by FBLA members, was face painting. For this job members needed the ability to draw and paint at a certain level. Lastly, FBLA helped with making corn necklaces. Here they helped people pick out corn and color and fitted the necklace for individuals.

The administrator of Renfrew, Bonnie Iseminger, noted that the festival traditionally brings in approximately 1,000 people. Within the first hour, an estimated 500 people visited. Not only were there over 1,000 people at Renfrew throughout the day but over 100 volunteers ranging from adults to about 60 high school students, and of those 60, Waynesboro's FBLA has approximately 21 of those students.

Overall, Waynesboro has been off to a great start getting involved and has much more planned for the remainder of the school year!

Selinsgrove Sells Miniature School Replicas



The FBLA Chapter of Selinsgrove Area High School met in September 2008 for a new year of recruiting and setting goals. The chapter is 39 strong as of October 15th and growing.

Students are busy selecting and preparing for business competitions and looking over the website, www.pafbla.org.

FBLA Seals fundraiser/business, beginning this year is the sale of Selinsgrove Area High School minia-

tures. The miniatures come in a series of three with the cupola section being produced first with a history on the back. As sales grow, section two (the office area) and section three (the gymnasium) will be produced for sale. The club hopes to be selling all three pieces by February 2009. FBLA will sell the miniatures year round. Anyone can go to the high school website (<http://www.seals-pa.org/sahs/>) to download the form for orders.

The high school miniatures are sold exclusively by FBLA Selinsgrove Area High School. Chapter officers are Kayley Eshenar, President; Kalina Bowersox and Hayden Conrad, Vice Presidents; Katie Sassaman, Secretary; and Harpreet Kaur, Treasurer. Mrs. Gavitt is the advisor for the Selinsgrove Seals FBLA.

Jersey Shore Starts Off Successful

The beginning of this school year has been a very successful time for the Jersey Shore FBLA chapter. Our first meeting was a great success and showed that students were very eager to be involved with our chapter. The officers and advisors have been working hard to recruit new members, and the results of these efforts have been apparent in our various chapter meetings. This strong start is very encouraging for our chapter as we strive to meet our chapter goal of 500 service hours, \$500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and increased membership.

Volunteer work and service hours are an important focus for our club this year. The Jersey Shore

Chapter will roll up its sleeves this fall and come together in order to clean up around the school. We will be working to keep our environment clean by picking up strewn garbage around the perimeter of the high school. The service committee is working to come up with several more service project ideas that will give all members the opportunity to become active in the Big 33 service organization, such as an upcoming bake sale and numerous fundraisers. The members have already accumulated over 250 Big 33 community service hours, which gives us an excellent start in striving to meet our service hour goal. The members have demonstrated dedi-

cation in contributing to the community throughout the summer and the service committee hopes to continue this active involvement right through the year.

The plans for an FBLA business trip to our nation's capitol has been finalized and members are excited about the eventful itinerary for Washington D.C. The members will get to experience the life of a spy in our plan to visit the International Spy Museum. They will also have the opportunity to explore monuments and museums at the National Mall and spend some leisurely time at the historical Union Station. The students and advisors are very eager to attend the trip and the chapter proves that it has many enjoyable

Peters Township Proves They've Got the Edge

During the first few months of the 2008- 2009 school year, the Peters Township School District FBLA has been working hard to positively impact our community. This year's members, advisors, and elected officers, Nicole Provident, President; Jeff Lioon, Vice President; Nick DeNardo, Secretary; and Christine Dee, Reporter have been cooperating on various projects.

During the month of October we have kicked-off our Sarris Candy Sales fundraiser to raise money for the PTHS FBLA's outings, that include Leadership Conferences and other beneficial activities.

Another fundraiser that took place in the month of October was the Peters Township FBLA's

Teacher Costume Madness fundraiser, in which PTHS teachers dress in their favorite Halloween costumes and compete to raise the greatest amount of money in student donations. Peters Township High School students donate to the teacher that they feel has the most creative costume. The money raised in Teacher Costume Madness will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The PTHS FBLA has decided to pledge \$1,100 dollars to the foundation this year. Teacher Costume Madness is a fun and festive way to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The PTHS FBLA has also begun the planning of our Thanksgiving Community Service Project. This project will take place at Manor

Care Nursing Home in McMurray, PA. We plan to enjoy a relaxing afternoon playing bingo with the patrons and providing homemade food and drink. The Thanksgiving Community Service Project is sure to be a delight to the residents of Manor Care and PTHS FBLA members. There is truly no better way to open the holiday season than by improving the lives of community occupants.

The Peters Township FBLA has some great ideas on how to improve our community, business skills, corporation skills, leadership skills, and character. In the 2008-2009 school year, the PTHS FBLA will certainly "Get the Edge!"

Chestnut Ridge Members Learn to “Frolf”

FBLA members who participated in Frolf include: Nick Green, Elijah Barefoot, Fallon Shaffer, and Brett Braley. Row 2: Darcie Shaffer, Stacie Beegle, Catie Roadman, Jeremy Feight, Carissa Bowser, and Kelsi O'Rourak.



The Chestnut Ridge Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America met at Shawnee State Park on Sunday, October 5th, 2008, to learn the sport of Frisbee Golf. “Frolf” as the members fondly called it was part of the chapter’s project to promote fitness for all ages.

Before beginning the course, Frisbee Golf basics were taught by George Barner, Regional Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, from Get Outdoors PA. Bedford Frisbee Golf coach Brian Schrock also demonstrated techniques and throws to the members before starting the course. A practice basket was set up where members could practice throws and putting before the game began.

Shawnee offers a Frisbee golf course of nine holes, each with a par 3. Distance and obstacles differ for each hole. The sport is one of the cheapest sports, with a basic disc costing \$7-\$10. Score is kept much like miniature golf by counting each stroke made on the course. If your disc goes out of bounds, you add a penalty stroke to your score. The picturesque Frisbee golf course offers beautiful views of the lake and beach fronts.

The FBLA members had a great time learning to “Frolf” while spending a beautiful autumn afternoon with their friends. The sport is appealing to all ages since it is low impact and leisurely paced. Other fitness activities anticipated in the coming weeks include kayaking and GPS hiking.

Western Wayne Recognized for Achievements

Seven students from Western Wayne High School were recognized at the Awards of Excellence program at the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in June marking another year of multi-award winners for the chapter.

Capturing a first place award in the Electronic Career Portfolio event was recent graduate, Mitchell Kowalchick from Lake Ariel. This event combined his knowledge of technology with his career goals to produce a tool that will give employers a complete picture of who he is.

Katie Quinn, also from Lake Ariel, placed second in the Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures event. Receiving a tenth-place



Left to right: Mike Callahan, Jenna Clauss, Katie Quinn, Mitchell Kowalchick, Renee Reeke, Chloe Karnick and Mitchell Vitovsky.

award in this same category was Renee Reeke. Chloe Karnick and Jenna Clauss, placed seventh and eighth, respectively, in the event of FBLA Principles and Procedures. All four of these girls are currently juniors.

Finally, the team of Mitchell Vitovsky, Michael Callahan and Chynna Bragg picked up an eighth

place award in the Business Presentation event. This event recognizes members who demonstrate the ability to deliver an effective business presentation while using multimedia presentation technology.

Ms. Fran Vitovsky is the Advisor of the chapter. She was recognized at the Eastern Region meeting for 30 years of service to the organization.

Stroudsburg Starts with a Bang

Stroudsburg FBLA is gearing up for another big year. After decoration the school with festive pumpkins and corn stalks, the club has now begun its many fundraisers and conferences. On October 16th the officer team and a few others

attended the Regional Leadership Workshop hosed by Lehigh High School. Stroudsburg FBLA headed off to State College for the State Leadership Conference, and shortly after planed to attend the National Leadership Workshop held in

Washington D.C. With its dedicated members logging many hours for a Community Carnival and raising as much money as possible for the state charity, Cystic Fibrosis, Stroudsburg FBLA is starting off the year with a bang.

Bishop Canevin Sets-up Handball Tournament

Over the summer we carefully planned our agenda for the new school year. We have decided to partner with our interact club and host a handball tournament. The FBLA proceeds will go towards our donation for this year. So far we have had a great response to the idea. The cost is \$5 dollars per player, \$45 per team.

On Oct.25th through the 27th our executive board traveled to Penn State for the State Leadership Workshop. Everyone had a great time and learned many new things. We are planning more events for the remainder of the year to raise more money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. We hope everyone is working to help fight this terrible disease.



REMINDER!

The next deadline for article submission is
January 15th, 2009.

Let the entire state know how your school
has been "Getting the Edge!"

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