



PTHS FBLA

The PTHS FBLA Chapter has been hard at work this year. We hosted a successful food drive for the South Hills Interfaith Ministries organization. We also celebrated Free Enterprise Week in November by holding a luncheon featuring Gary Rosensteel, a successful entrepreneurial advisor and founder of NuCoPro, as a speaker.

Another November event, the Regional Leadership Workshop, provided our members with the opportunity to meet and network with FBLA members from different schools throughout the region

over a fun game of bowling. It was an exciting way to learn more about the organization we have all been fundraising for, Habitat for Humanity.

We also held our holiday service project at a local nursing home. We played bingo and other holiday games with the residents, providing prizes and refreshments. We finished off with a few carols, as well as each member sharing a favorite holiday memory. It was a truly memorable afternoon for our chapter.

The PTHS FBLA chapter is eager to continue its hard work

throughout the year and hopes that its efforts can bring joy to its community.



Waynesboro's Holiday Service Project

As a holiday service project, the Waynesboro FBLA chapter collected various items to help a local nursing home. Our chapter is working with the Waynesboro FCCLA in gathering items such as personal tissue pouches, lotions, combs, brushes, soap,

and other various items for hygiene to be donated to the South Mountain Restoration Center. Our chapter is not only helping the community by donating the items requested, but we're also partnering with another student organization to get the job done! This is a

networking opportunity as well as a service opportunity. Waynesboro FBLA members are delighted to help make the holidays a bit brighter for the elderly in our area.



Chestnut Ridge is Going Green

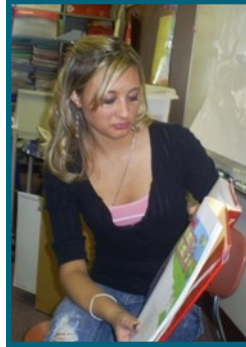
One of the major goals of Chestnut Ridge FBLA this year is to make our school district more eco-friendly. Our project ties in great with the National Go Green Project that was started just last year.

Our chapter has planned many exciting activities in support of our goal to make the school and community more environmentally aware. We kicked off our project with some great earth day activities at the Chestnut

Ridge Elementary School on April 22. On this day the children learned about reusing by making their used milk cartons into custom flower pots in which they each planted a new flower.

In addition to the chapter's Earth Day activities, the chapter also aired going green tips on the high school morning announcements and arranged a "lights out month" in which the teachers only turned on

only half of their lights in their classrooms for an entire month. The chapter also created posters to be displayed in the hallways and created public service announcements to be aired on the local radio station. The chapter has many more ideas for this exciting and new project and looks forward to continuing its efforts for years to come!



Corry Hosts a "Build a House"

The Corry Area School District FBLA chapter recently held a "BUILD A HOUSE" fundraiser to raise money for the Habitat For Humanity. Paper bricks were sold during lunch periods for one week. Each

person had the option of personalizing their brick with his or her name or a message, and each brick was used to construct a house using a bulletin board in the cafeteria. A total of \$54 was raised. In

this picture are some of the Build A House Committee members, Ryan Bartlett, Kara Hannold, Committee Chair Megan Culver, and Katarina Benward.

Cocalico Partners for a Cure

The Cocalico FBLA chapter has partnered with the Cocalico Boys Basketball team to raise money and awareness for cancer. This partnership is taking place in conjunction with the Lancaster-Lebanon League Cancer Awareness Basketball game to be held on Tuesday, January 19. Each boy's basketball team in the Lancaster-Lebanon league will participate and show their support by wearing the Cancer Awareness Basketball T-Shirt that was sold to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The Cocalico FBLA/Boys Basketball partnership is going a step farther. Not only will the t-shirts be sold to raise money for cancer research, but also the Boys Basketball Team will be participating in a Foul-Shoot-A-Thon to raise additional money. The Cocalico FBLA members will assist in the Shoot-A-Thon by helping the boys secure sponsors. Besides raising money, the

FBLA members felt it was also necessary to raise awareness of cancer and the ongoing research. Therefore,

throughout the basketball game on January 19th, whenever there is a stoppage of play a cancer related fact will be read over the PA system. In addition, an informational brochure about cancer and cancer research was made by a few members and will be distributed to spectators as they enter the game.



hope, love, courage, strength

Cocalico Helps Ronald McDonald House

"It is better to give than to receive." As the sights and sounds of Christmas filled the air, the Cocalico FBLA chapter decided to turn our thoughts to the real reason for the season. In the past, during the holiday season, we have worked with charities such as the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project and the Marine Corp Toys for Tots. This year we chose to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania as we collected items listed on the Wish List for the Hershey Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald House of Hershey keeps children and families together by providing temporary housing to out-of-town families of seriously ill

children who are being treated at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital. There are various ways to help the Ronald McDonald House Charities. These include: monetary donations, making a house meal for all house guests, volunteering at the House or by donating items listed on the House & Family Room Wish List. Since we decided to take on this project during the busy holiday season, the chapter decided that collecting items on the wish list would be the best choice. These items included: gift cards to local grocery stores, department stores and restaurants; single-serving food items; personal hygiene supply items and office supplies. Since there was a variety of items on the wish list, we decided that this would also allow the entire school to get involved, not just the FBLA members.

Flyers were handed out to members at all meetings held in December. In addition, posters were hung around the school explaining the project and

directing students and staff where to drop-off their donations. All items were collected before the Christmas break. The items were then packed up and delivered to the Ronald McDonald House of Hershey. In addition to collecting items on the Wish List, the Cocalico FBLA chapter will also be establishing a date in the future where members can go to the Hershey house and volunteer their time doing clerical work in the office and by making a house meal for the house guests.



Chestnut Ridge Makes Blankets for Children

The Chestnut Ridge Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America created handmade blankets for the Project Linus Foundation. On Saturday November 21st, during a blanket making day, 16 members, 2 advisors, and 5 community members created tied fleece blankets and patchwork quilts along with knitting an afghan on a knitting machine. The local elementary school students and

high school students created patches, for the quilts, by coloring patterns onto muslin. Project Linus is a foundation created to provide "security" blankets to needy children. We were able to produce 17 hand tied blankets, 1 quilts, and 1 afghan. Two more quilts are in production. Another blanket making day is scheduled for February 13, Community Service Day.



Central Columbia Has a Busy Year

Central Columbia's chapter has had a very busy end of the fall and start to the winter season. We have been involved in such things as the National Fall Leadership Conference located in Baltimore, Maryland and our local Region Leadership Conference. We also have started a local *For the Cause* program at a local Perkins that is in our area.

In November, the chapter's officers attended the NFLC. It was a great two days filled with educational workshops in a new kind of learning environment. Some of the workshops included **The Climb for Success: Personal Money Management**, How to Get "Yes" vs. "No," Tips to Increase Employability, **The Stock Market**, the March of Dimes, **Effective Communication**,

Workplace Skills for the Business World, Résumé Workshop. While in Baltimore, we were able to take an educational trip to the famous Baltimore Aquarium. Most of our officers had never had the chance to visit an aquarium, especially one of this high ranking. The whole trip was a very enlightening experience, and it got our officers motivated for a new year of leadership.

Recently, we attended our local Region Leadership Conference. With the addition of online testing this year, our region put on many workshops instead of having us test the whole morning. These workshops were mostly put on by students from other schools. Our school volunteered to put on two of

these workshops entitled: **What is FBLA?** and **Business Etiquette.** The workshops were a success and so was the trip overall, because of our 42 members heading to state competition and possibly even more that are pending.

A local program that our chapter has implemented called *For the Cause* is also shaping up to be a fair accomplishment. This program entails coupons for people to take to our local Perkins on a certain Tuesday of every month. By giving them this coupon when paying the bill, Perkins promises to give 20% of it back to Central Columbia FBLA. So far this program seems to be doing pretty well, and we are making a fair amount of money.

Region 27 Leadership Conference

Region 27 recently held their Region Leadership Conference and Competition at Binghamton University in New York. Students arrived at campus just before 9 a.m. and went immediately into online testing and performance events. While not all students could be online testing at one time, the online testing was broken into three sessions. When students weren't in online testing then they were in the main

lecture hall participating in workshops and conducting region business. During these sessions, Region 27 welcomed a new middle level chapter. This brings the total number of chapters in Region 27 to 11 high school chapters and 5 middle level chapters. The region and state officers in attendance also recognized the numerous achievements in Region 27 from the past year, the emblem ceremony, and officer election speeches. With

just over 625 members, advisors, judges, and guests registered for the conference, it was one of the biggest Region Conferences, if not the biggest ever.

After lunch, everyone attended the basket raffle for Habitat for Humanity in the Anderson Center which was followed up by the awards ceremony where the state qualifiers were announced. Region 27 qualified for plan B and has filled almost every slot to Hershey. Good Luck Region 27 in your state competition and be sure to keep striving to be Simply the Best!

Sayre Students Focus on Community Service

December was a busy month for the members of Sayre Future Business Leaders of America. The focus for the chapter was to get involved in community service and give as much as possible during the holiday season.

In early December almost the entire chapter created holiday craft projects and other activities to do with elementary students in our district. The high school students make up a lesson plan to be approved before their visit to the elementary schools. Activities include making cookie houses to decorate, reindeer puppets, snowman shakers, and much more. At the same time, students

from Student Council also went along to bring Santa to the schools for pictures with the kids. Fun was had by all as Santa brought along Mrs. Claus, some reindeer, and elves.

Members were involved with the American Cancer Society too. Every year the ACS has a booth at the local mall. Volunteers work a three to four hour shift wrapping presents for customers. These customers then make a cash donation to the American Cancer Society. "There were some challenging items to wrap during our shift," according to FBLA President Lizzie Crews.

The Historical Society had their

annual Holiday Home tour in the middle of December. Some FBLA members volunteered their time to be greeters at various locations throughout the tour.

Members were also helping on their own with ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, helping the school at the Tip Off Tournament by being ticket takers and cleaning crew, helping run concession stands for the booster club, and traveling to local nursing homes to sing and play music for local residents.

By the end of the month, FBLA members donated to multiple non-profit organizations and helped make a difference with others in the community.

**Please remember to send in
your articles for publication.
Deadline for the Spring issue
is February 15, 2010!**

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