

## Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America

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### Kennett FBLA Organization

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club has been very busy this year. Within the first month of school, FBLA raised over \$700 to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Throughout the day of the Homecoming Pep Rally, two males from each grade and a retired faculty member returned to dress up in dresses to compete for the Miss Octorara crown. To win, fellow students had to donate money to the contestant whom they felt worthy of the crown. During the pep rally, junior Eric Johnson was crowned Miss Ocorara because he raised the most money throughout the day.

On October 26, many members of Kennett's FBLA chapter traveled to the regional meeting held at Oxford High School.

### Freedom FBLA

Freedom FBLA is having a fantastic year. In an early membership drive, chapter membership increased by 30%. Members also participated in the RLW, SLW, and NFLC last fall. Freedom took part in a basket raffle and a volleyball tournament to benefit the

After taking care of regional business, participants listened to the former Philly Fanatic talk. He encouraged everyone, in the future, to find a job that they thoroughly enjoy. He used work experiences from his own life as examples.

Unfortunately, due to snow, FBLA's annual Mistletoe Magic Dance in the high school gym will have to be postponed. In addition to a king and queen being crowned, several members of the National Honor Society will be auctioned off as dance partners. The proceeds from this dance will benefit the American Heart Association.

In addition to the fundraising events, FBLA members are preparing for Regional Competitions, which will take



place on January 10, 2006, at Goldey Beacom College. Each member has the opportunity to compete for a chance to advance to the SLC, held in Hershey.



American Heart Association. In addition, the chapter plans several Casual for a Cause days to raise additional funds for the state project.

At the RLC on January 25, Freedom's Darshak Shah, Region Secretary, and Sunny

Saxena, Region Treasurer, will head the conference. At the SLC in April, State Treasurer Sunny Saxena will lead the Freedom delegation in another strong showing.

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## Working With CONCERN

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The Fleetwood FBLA chapter has been working with CONCERN Inc., a non-profit organization that provides basic necessities to underprivileged children within the state of Pennsylvania, to encourage community service and support.

The project, managed by Justin Shomper, Daniel Will, and Dane Yuengel, has raised a grand total of more than 850 stuffed animals and \$700 worth of monetary donations. All proceeds donated to CONCERN have helped to fund the next annual

Christmas party and provide children with a stuffed animal to bring in the New Year. Events such as Basketball Half Court Shots, the school's Winter Concert, and a Stuffed Animal Collection have helped to spread awareness of the project to increase participation among students, staff and community members.

Through dedication, enthusiasm, and generosity, FBLA members worked efficiently to complete a monumental task. The skills that members took away from the project included: time

management, responsibility, more profound communication skills, and of course, a better understanding for the common man. Essentially, FBLA members have all agreed that the most rewarding part about the project was being able to see the happy faces of hundreds of children. The massive amount of time and energy spent on the project could only be complimented by the overall euphoria felt by all involved. The project was truly rewarding, physically, and emotionally, and was well worth all of the hours donated to CONCERN.



## Operation Warm

On October 27, twelve FBLA members traveled to the Operation Warm headquarters in Kennett Square. Students volunteered two hours of their time to assist in picking and packaging orders.

Operation Warm is a non-profit corporation that provides new coats to children in need. Its mission is to en-

hance the self-esteem of disadvantaged children by providing new winter coats; thereby, promoting a positive self-image and fostering the conviction that says, “I am of value.”

Students in attendance were Lorraine Neef, Michelle Curran, Sara Brink, Anupma Sahay, Justin Sigda, Joe

Katacinski, Anthony LaFrance, Wendy Liang, Lindsay Farah, Mayra Torres, Brian D’Allura, and David Ruprecht. All students who attended were given a free hat and a five dollar Bruster’s coupon. If you are interested in helping out, log on to [www.operationwarm.org](http://www.operationwarm.org) or call 1-800-730-WARM.

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## Garnet Valley High School

Every Wednesday, starting December 7, students from all over the surrounding counties will meet at Wawa Corporation on Route 1 and team up to run a business venture. Junior Achievement states that “...by organizing and operating an actual business enterprise, students not

only learn how businesses function, they also learn about the structure of the US free enterprise system and the benefits it provides.”

The students will be meeting with volunteer business executives who will advise them on business operations.

Students from Garnet Valley High School who are participating are Lindsay Farah, Brian Mikus, Michelle Curran, Anthony LaFrance, Stacey Snyder, Molly Diggory, Nicholas Lavella, Weny Liang, Laura Loggia, and Jackie McGrath.

## Waynesboro FBLA

The week of January 15 marks the end of the fall semester for Waynesboro. However, this certainly doesn't mean that our FBLA chapter is slowing down on its work and progress. Last week, our chapter participated in the Region 26 Competition.

The Waynesboro Chapter sent fifty-three members to Central Penn College in Harrisburg. Out of the thirteen schools that attended,

Waynesboro had the most attendees. After competing in everything from Accounting to Word Processing for a grueling hour, we went back to the hall where we enjoyed a little R & R. Camille Bowie, a mother and advisor to our chapter provided herself as a DJ. Finally, winners were announced.

Waynesboro had thirty-six students rank in the top five for their event, and more than half of that thirty-six made it

into the top three, qualifying for the state level of competition. Our chapter is thrilled with the number of devoted participants that attended. Not only that, but our current School Store Vice President, Brittany Koll, was acknowledged as an outstanding contributor to the organization with her election to the office of Region 26 Secretary. We're definitely looking forward to a semester of optimism and progress.



## Springdale High School

On January 6, 2006, the Springdale High School FBLA Chapter attended the Region 11 Leadership Conference. While at the conference, the Springdale Chapter setup a breakfast sale for all of the other schools to enjoy. The breakfast sale was for the American Heart Association, our state project. We ended up earning \$40 in one hour. Our breakfast sale was a huge success.

Also at RLC, Springdale High School received

numerous awards in the competitive events. Springdale High School brought home eight first place trophies. They include: Katelyn Roney-- Job Interview; John Baranowski and Kevin Baird—Emerging Business Issues; Emily Hric-- International Business; Amanda King—Ms. Future Business Leader; Nikki Mendicino and Christen Morelli—Business Ethics; Christina Allen—Business Communications; Natalie Moretti—Public Speaking II;

and Michele Tabaka—Public Speaking I.

In addition, we are teaming up with the Springdale Key Club, and we are having a spaghetti dinner that will benefit our local food bank. Another fundraiser we are planning is a business suit fundraiser, Dress for Success. Overall, the Springdale FBLA chapter has been very productive and successful this year.

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## Shippensburg

Through the winter months, many would think that it's a time for relaxation during the holidays. However, Shippensburg FBLA has been as busy as ever with its community service projects.

This year, the Shippensburg Chapter continued its Silver Mile campaign in the high school. Over a four-week period, FBLA collected over

\$700 from students and teachers. This benefited the American Heart Association.

Members of the Shippensburg FBLA also volunteered at the local Chambersburg Mall on December 22 and December 23. The students and advisors helped wrap gifts during the holiday season.

The donations collected from the gift-wrapping benefited the Franklin County Homeless Shelter.

Shippensburg FBLA also held a bake sale at a local K-Mart. All of the items sold were made by members and advisors. Over \$165 was made, which was presented to the parents of a chapter member with cancer.





## Boyertown Makes Big Progress

In the month of September the biggest devastation of 2005 hit Louisiana, Hurricane Katrina. Since our chapter is very motivated to help all people, from our area and from afar, we knew we had to do something to help. One of our members, Allison Schutt, told our chapter that her church was sending school bags filled with various items

to help the children that were affected. Allison's idea, Hope in a Bag, was a big hit in our school. We turned it into a competition that if a homeroom completed a book bag, which means it was filled with a list of items put together by our chapter, our homeroom of FBLA members would bake goodies for their homeroom. The lists

consisted of items such as notebooks, pencils, small toys, jump ropes, and slinkies. Over fifty bags were donated, each receiving compliments from FBLA. This project was yet again another huge success. We got our entire school involved, and helped many in a time of need.



## Pie Day

On June 21, 2005, the Boyertown FBLA chapter participated in our town's annual Sidewalk Sale. During the sale, we had a "pie in the face" stand, face painting, and we sold "Angels for Ally" bracelets. It was an 8-hour day where almost the

entire town came out to participate in the event. Various well-known town members had their faces pied to help. FBLA students ran the entire event. Our artistic students painted on the faces of the young children, who loved the idea of having paint on his/her face. This

event was a blast and a success surely will come again during the annual 2006 Sidewalk Sale.

## Scarf Day

In our school a teacher's nephew, Adam Recke, suffers a terminal illness called Niemann-Pick C disease, which affects the liver, the spleen, and then the brain. Once we heard about this little boy's situation, we immediately realized how much we wanted to help out the family. Our second annual Scarf Day was coming up, and our chapter decided to send our proceeds to the Recke family. Scarf Day is a school-wide school spirit day which the students buy a specially made sticker for Adam for a dollar and could donate more money to Adam if they wanted. The students then wear it on the specified day with a scarf. All students in the school were informed what the cause is for and who it is going to help.

Last year our FBLA chapter held the first annual Scarf Day and collected over \$1500. (Our school size then was about 1600 kids, almost the entire school participated!) for Ally Heintz, a baby with a serious birth effect, gastrochisis, which means her organs were formed outside of her body. Our contributions were sent directly to her family to help pay medical bills or whatever else Ally may have needed.

This year's second annual scarf day, which was held January 11, 2006, collected \$1500 for the Recke family. A majority of the school participated yet again and helped out a local family in a time of need.



Boyertown Senior High FBLA holds second annual Scarf Day

## Cocalico FBLA

Cocalico High School FBLA has completed their Community Service Project with the Lancaster Salvation Army. We collected 350 Angel Tree gifts for needing families and traveled to the Salvation Army, Tuesday, December 13, and spent the day volunteering and assisting the local staff with holiday preparations, packing food and gift items, organizing distribution plans, and selecting age-appropriate gifts and necessities for needy children in Lancaster County. Thirty-five members were selected to assist based on their contributions and dedication to our organization during the year. This was a feel-good project, and it was much appreciated by the Salvation Army. We were told that the work we accomplished that day would have taken volunteers three weeks to complete. We were the only school organization to assist this worthy charity this year. We received a certificate and beautiful thank you letter from the administrators of the Salvation Army.

We are currently collecting personal use items for US soldiers serving in Iraq. We

are teaming with a local club and sending soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and other personal hygiene items to let our troops know we support them.

Plans are being finalized for an Extreme Dodge Ball Tournament to raise money for our State Project contributions. We are also teaming with the Cocalico Track and Field team to plan a Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament in association with the Penn State Three Diamonds Cancer fund.

Our Partnership With Business Project will soon be completed as we work with local businesses to job shadow with them. They present monthly awards to our members and name a "Student of the Month" who is recognized in school and given a plaque and engraved pen set. A larger plaque lists the names of each recipient and is placed in our FBLA showcase to inspire achievement, leadership, and dedication to our program.

In addition, our chapter has prepared for the RLC, which we will be hosting, January 10, 2006. We are trying the

same mass testing trial that will be administered at the State Conference in Hershey in April. We are looking forward to trying this procedure. So far, 326 competitors have registered to attend this RLC. Cocalico FBLA is anticipating having a large group of qualifiers to take in the chocolate at Hershey this April.

The holiday season gave us more opportunities to raise money for this year's state project, The American Heart Association. We sold refreshments at the holiday dance December 17. Cocalico FBLA provides refreshments at all school dances, plays, and musicals. We also had a profitable weekend December 2-4 when we sold refreshments at our school play. These are opportunities for our local members to provide community service and help to support our state project. Finally, we held a district-wide "Casual for a Cause" the day before the holiday break. All the employees of our district supported our event and were pleased to have a "dress-down" day that final school day.




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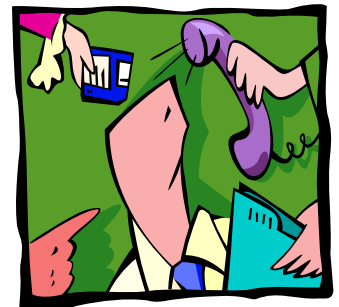
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## Northampton FBLA

Since September, the Northampton Area High School FBLA has been very busy. During December, we collected presents, gift cards, and other donations for a needy family. Every year we find a family in our school

district that could use a little help around the holidays. This year was very successful. We also sold lottery calendars for the month of January. We raised enough money to donate \$1000 (our pledged amount) to the American

Heart Association of Pennsylvania. We are looking forward to our next fundraiser, DataMatch, to be a big success. Our chapter is preparing for our RLC at Nazareth High School on Wednesday, January 25.



## Chestnut Ridge High School

The Chestnut Ridge Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America hosted their annual American Enterprise Project. For this year's project, FBLA members made educational games for elementary and middle school students to use and learn about business.

During the days before Christmas, FBLA members traveled to Central Elementary and the middle school. The members enjoyed teaching the students how to play the games and about business.

Miss Leonard said, "My students really enjoyed the individual attention that was given by the FBLA members."

The CR members have also implemented their latest Community Service Project--the ICE Program. ICE stands for "In Case of Emergency."

The ICE Program was first created by paramedic Bob Brotchie of Great Britain. It is an effort to communicate your wishes in case you

would be in an accident and unable to speak. It is a method for firefighters and other medical responders to quickly get information at the scene of an accident or in an emergency room.



Mrs. Annette Godissart, spokesperson for UPMC Bedford Memorial, spoke at the chapter's November 22 meeting. She stressed how important it is to have emergency information on a patient when he/she is brought to the emergency

room. Often, emergency personnel do not know who to contact or what allergies or medical conditions a person has when they are brought to the hospital. Having this information can save valuable time.

The ICE Program consists of two components--an ICE card with emergency information on it and a programmed cell phone with ICE contacts.

Brochures and ICE cards are available at participating businesses or by contacting the Chestnut Ridge Future Business Leaders of America.

## Stroudsburg Rules Region 21 RLC

"Filling Every Slot" is a top priority for Stroudsburg High School FBLA when it comes to taking part in the Regional Leadership Conference in Region 21. With over 250 members in their local chapter, it has come down to selecting the best of the best to fill the events. Test-offs were conducted and only the top scorers were allowed to compete. This year's pursuit of

excellence resulted in the Overall Regional Championship and 59 students qualifying for the State Leadership Conference in Hershey.

Azeem Khan, the current Region 21 President, passed his torch to another Stroudsburg student – Daisy Karlson, who will lead the region for the next year. Kaitlyn Miller

successfully won the office of Regional Secretary.

Plans for a Valentine's Day Heart Walk to benefit the American Heart Association are underway. One of their members, Matt Pagano, who is living with a heart condition of his own, will be leading the way on the day of the walk.

