

# Pottsville teachers surprised with goodie bags

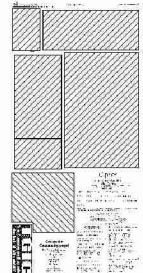
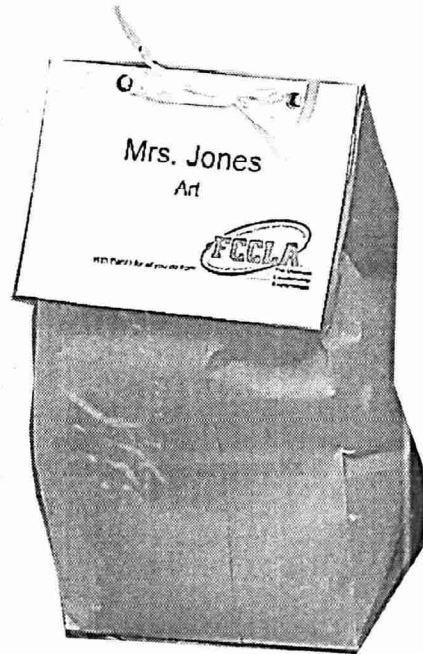
## For The Courier

Pottsville High School faculty, staff and administrators returned to work Aug. 12 only to be surprised with goodie bags filled with back-to-school items prepared by PHS Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter officers. The officers including: BreAnna Smith, president; Emily Hill, first vice president; Alexis Bailey, vice president of membership; Jessi Smith, vice president of programs/projects; Grayson Taylor, vice president of public relations/historian; and Ashley Benham, secretary/treasurer, volunteered the two prior Saturdays to put the bags together. The chapter officers together with local businesses Remax First, Dr. Carmella Knornschild, Dal's Daylight Donuts, Pottsville Country Café and PHS FCCLA adviser, Mrs. Cecilia Gray, contributed items for the teacher treat bags.

The purpose of the goodie bags was not only to welcome the 50 faculty and staff members back-to-school but to also celebrate two important birthdays of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) this year. First, FACS is currently celebrating 100 years (1909-2009) in the schools; and second, FCCLA will be celebrating a 65th birthday (1945-2010) as a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO).

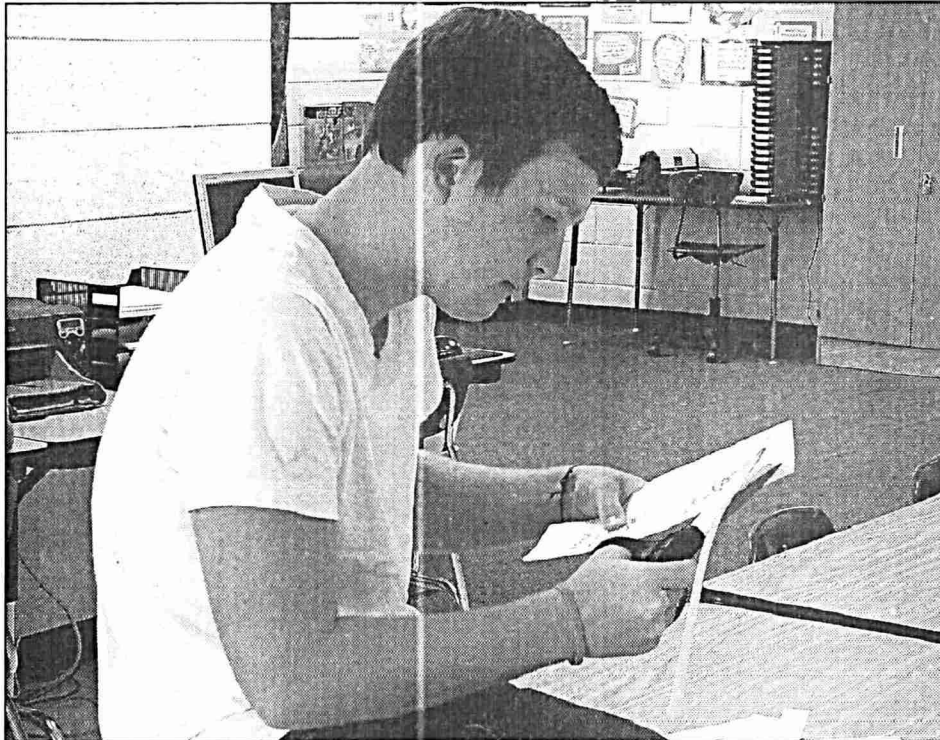
Family and Consumer Sciences is a discipline that prepares young people for living in today's world as well as tomorrow's. Experiences are provided in all areas of the curriculum to strengthen family life and to prepare students for the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, community member and related careers. Family and Consumer Sciences remains the only educational program that directly addresses the preparation of students for adult roles, including work and family responsibilities.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 12. Everyone is part of a family and FCCLA is the only national Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its central focus. Since 1945, FCCLA members have been making a difference in their families, careers and communities by addressing important personal, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education. Today more than 219,000 members in nearly 6,500 chapters are active in a network of associations in 50 states as well as in the District of



Columbia, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Chapter projects focus on a variety of youth concerns, including teen pregnancy, parenting, family relationships, substance abuse, peer pressure, environment, nutrition and fitness, teen violence and career exploration. Involvement in **FCCLA** offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life – planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication – necessary in the home and workplace.

For more information about FACS and/or FCCLA, contact your school's instructor/adviser. Pottsville High School FACS instructor and FCCLA adviser is Cecilia Gray. She can be reached at her office phone at 880-2206 or by e-mail at [cecilia.gray@pottsville.k12.ar.us](mailto:cecilia.gray@pottsville.k12.ar.us). Additional information is also available on the Pottsville High School Web site at <http://apache.afsc.k12.ar.us/> under Workforce Technology.



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Grayson Taylor, PHS FCCLA officer, carefully cuts out nametags for the goodie bags. One down ... forty-nine to go.

