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Annual SEPTO Fun Fair Returns

Judging by the general sense of joy and excited squeals of delight, adults and children alike were happy to have the BOCES 2 Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO) Fun Fair return to an in-person event on June 3 after a two-year absence. BOCES 2 students and staff enjoyed a sunny day outside on the Big Ridge Road campus, partaking in the various activity booths, grabbing hot dogs or hamburgers, and enjoying frozen treats. Older students ran games, helping younger students win lots of prizes. Lunch was prepared and served by volunteers from the Rochester West Central Kiwanis. What a wonderful way to celebrate nearing the end of another school year!



CTE Students Showcase Skills at BOCES 2 Annual Meeting

by Nicole Mauro

BOCES 2 Career and Technical Education (CTE) students had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills during the BOCES 2 Annual Meeting. With guidance from their instructors, students from Culinary Arts, Baking and Food Services worked the event from start to finish. They developed the menu, prepared the food and served the guests in the BOCES 2 Professional Development Center.

Students from the Criminal Justice program helped attendees park and guided them into the building for the meeting. Attendees included superintendents, board members and administrators from all nine BOCES 2 component school districts. Dinner included charcuterie boards, a full buffet and dessert. Students executed everything beautifully. Personal Services students contributed to the event by creating the

napkin holders by hand. Following dinner, students working the event introduced themselves, talked with their district leaders and gathered for photos.

The last in-person annual meeting was in 2019, making this meeting extra-special and a first-time experience for many in attendance. The meeting portion of the evening was held prior to dinner where attendees heard from District Superintendent Jo Anne Antonacci, Board President Dennis Laba, and Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Steve Roland. BOCES 2 leaders shared their appreciation of component district partnerships and reminded attendees not to underestimate the impact their work has on their students' futures.



BELL Graduation at Roberts Wesleyan College

by Chris Klem

Congratulations to the newest graduates of the Bridge to Earning, Learning and Living (BELL) program at Roberts Wesleyan College, who took part in the 2022 Spring Commencement on May 14.

The BELL Program is an inclusive postsecondary certificate program offered by Roberts Wesleyan College on campus for students aged 18-26 with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are transitioning to adulthood. The program is a partnership between CP Rochester, Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, and Roberts Wesleyan College.



The newest BELL program graduates are, from left, Yazae Lise Maldonado, Aaron Cummings (CP Rochester), Jacob Gath, Christian Kiesznowski and Madelyn Lindeman (CP Rochester - former BOCES 2 student).



The Outstanding Senior Recognition Dinner, sponsored by the Monroe County Council of School Superintendents (MCCOSS), is the only program which recognizes excellence in all our county and city high schools at one event. Students are selected for this honor based on their scholarship, leadership, service and character. The winners received a plaque and gift presentation by the current MCCOSS president, Lawrence "Bo" Wright, and their own district superintendent. Pictured from left, is BOCES 2 District Superintendent Jo Anne Antonacci and Holden Hewlett (Churchville-Chili). Holden was selected as the Outstanding Senior for BOCES 2 and attends the Residential and Commercial Electrical CTE program.

CTE Students Honored at NYS SkillsUSA Annual Conference

BOCES 2 Career and Technical Education (CTE) students competed in April at the NYS SkillsUSA Annual Conference. Congratulations to all who competed! We applaud the skills, time and energy you put into the competition. Below is a list of the awards received.

First place awards:

- **Mackenzie Alley (Gates Chili)**, junior in Dental Assisting, in the Dental Assisting competition.
- Four-person team of **Micah Fleischer (Lake Ontario Baptist Academy)**, senior in Carpentry; **Holden Hewlett (Churchville-Chili)**, senior in Residential and Commercial Electrical; **Stephen Lader (Greece Arcadia)**, senior in Carpentry; and **Iliya Prus (Hilton)**, junior in HVAC/Plumbing, in the Team Works competition.

First place winners will attend the National Conference in Atlanta, GA in June.

Second place awards:

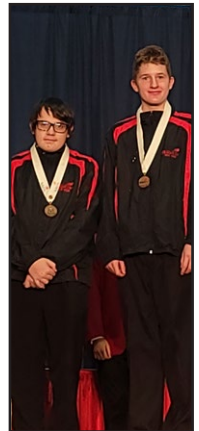
- **Naomi Quevedo Fuentes (Greece Arcadia)**, senior in Dental Assisting, in the Dental Assisting competition.
- **Emma VanWuyckhuyse (Brockport)**, senior in Nurse Assisting & Associated Health Careers, in the Nurse Assisting competition.
- **Abigail Tanis (Holley)**, senior in Auto Body & Collision Repair Technology, in the Collision Damage Appraisal competition.

Third place awards:

- **Jalisa Burandt (Brockport)**, senior in Dental Assisting, in the Job Skills Demo A.
- **Christopher Hall (Churchville-Chili)**, senior in Auto Body & Collision Repair Technology, in the Auto Refinishing Technology competition.
- **D. Isaac Stroup (Brockport)**, senior in Heavy Equipment Operations & Maintenance, in the Precision Heavy Equipment Operations competition.
- **Sammy Burke (Greece SAB)** and **Christopher Lockwood (Greece Athena)**, both juniors in Food Services, in the Community Action competition.
- **Collin Curley (Churchville-Chili)**, **Westin Grim (Hilton)** and **Ryan Olek (Hilton)**, all seniors in Residential and Commercial Electrical, in the Chapter Display competition.

In addition to the awards received above, three students were elected to key positions. **Isabella Campbell (Greece Arcadia)**, junior in Dental Assisting, was elected as NYS SkillsUSA State Reporter for 2022-23 and as a delegate to the national conference. Two other students were elected as NYS delegates to the national conference: **Ryan Frank (Holley)**, junior in HVAC/Plumbing, (he is also the Area 1 Vice President), and **Kaylin Woodin (Gates Chili)**, junior in Nurse Assisting & Associated Health Careers.

CTE's SkillsUSA Chapter was also recognized as a Gold Chapter of Distinction.



Strategic Plan Update

Center for Workforce Development

by Ed Buttaccio

Strategic Goal

Growth

Key Strategy

Customer Service, Continuous Improvement, Community Collaboration and Resource Management

The 2021-22 school year brought a change in leadership at the Center for Workforce Development (CWD). The adult education program welcomed Shawna Gareau-Kurtz as its new Director after the departure of Tom Schulte, who was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Programs for BOCES 2.

Seeing adult learners as customers, CWD's **customer service** focus involved updating its adult education programs to reinforce the work of aligning instructional programs and student services to improve the adult learner's experience from recruitment through job placement.

The organization is committed to **continuous improvement**, evaluating all programming so that each offering leads to employment and a family-sustaining wage, fills a need for regional employers, and increases employability through upskilling and educational gains.

CWD's ongoing **community collaboration** meant increasing outreach efforts to potential students through community groups and potential employers through our growing list of business partnerships. The goal in this area is to grow enrollment pipelines, increase program revenue and enhance student supports.

Establishing expert teams to support each CWD program and providing opportunities for collaboration and professional growth – **resource management** – is a key component to CWD's next chapter. The new organizational structure personalizes the student experience, while maximizing efficiency and eligible contact hours for reimbursement.

Along with the updates comes a new look for CWD's informational materials. Refer to an example of the new colorful Program Overview.

CWD's adult education program has been in place for more than 30 years, providing daytime, evening and Saturday classes for students 18 and older. Courses are offered at either the main campus at 3555 Buffalo Road in Gates or at the Career and Technical Education Center, 3589 Big Ridge Road in Spencerport.

Information about our courses, dates/times and tuition can be found on our website, monroe2boces.org/CWD.

We also invite you to follow CWD on our four social media channels on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Summer @ The Center

by Ed Buttaccio

We're gearing up for fun and skill-building at the second annual Summer @ The Center!



One hundred and twenty-five campers will attend nine camps over three weeks in July. All camps – which are held at the BOCES 2 Career and Technical Education Center – are at or near capacity. Registration for this year opened earlier than last year and closed on June 1.

Designed for students entering grades 7-9, these weekly camps are in-session July 11-15, July 18-22 and July 25-29.

The first week will feature Camp 'Hammer'—head (Carpentry), Camp International Flavor (Culinary) and "Spark" Camp (Welding). Welding was so popular this year that there was a section added for each week of Summer @ the Center!

Week 2 will feature Junior Police Academy, Runway Styles (Hair Design) and "Spark" Camp (Welding).

The third week will feature Baking Bootcamp, Camp "Motor"—head (Auto Repair/Care) and "Spark" Camp (Welding).

This collaboration between the Center for Workforce Development (CWD) and CTE began in the Summer of 2021. It's never too early to start thinking about next summer. You'll find information about camp offerings at: <https://www.monroe2boces.org/Summer-At-The-Center.aspx>

Visiting the Book Fair

by Chris Klem

Many of our classes were able to visit the SEPTO Book Fair in May, with its hundreds of colorful books for students of all ages. The avid readers in teacher Emily Irish's Career Skills Center class were excited to be able to peruse so many titles and choose new reading material for themselves.



2022 SEPTO Dinner Dance

by Chris Klem

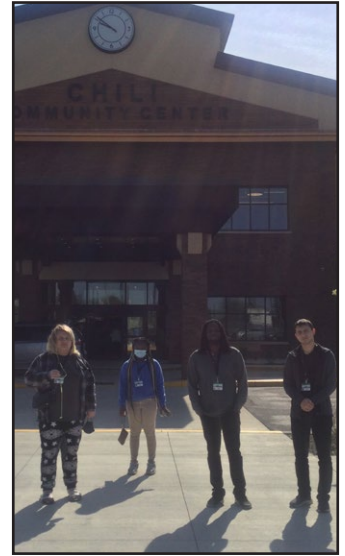
The Spring SEPTO Dinner Dance was back this year – in full, glorious, energetic force! Students came ready to have fun, and fun was certainly had by all. These photos show off the fashion, friendships and excitement at this year's party. Thank you to Jim Jewell for sharing his wonderful pictures.



Getting Out into the Community

by Chris Klem

Opportunities to get out and about have been limited for everyone these past two years, thanks to COVID-19. It's been particularly rough for BOCES 2 students in the Paul Road Transition Program who enjoy socializing with neighbors and benefit from participating in all kinds of community activities. Paul Road teachers and staff members, who along with their students watched the nearby Chili Community Center being built, had a great idea. If they could get memberships for their classes, the Center could be an introduction to a range of exciting activities these young people could enjoy throughout their adult lives.



Our wonderful Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO) stepped up and supplied the funds necessary to purchase one-year memberships for all 16 students.

Students love their new memberships and were excited to have pictures taken for their official membership badges. The morning and afternoon groups visit the Center with school staff about once a week for physical education – walking on the indoor track, or playing ping pong, basketball and pickleball. They have also explored the Chili Library, which has relocated to the Center. Students will be able to take advantage of their memberships on their own this summer.

Teacher Nate Parker said, “The Community Center has provided students the opportunity to practice pro-social interactions with community members who are providing a service. As they have become more familiar with the facility and with staff, they can independently navigate the Center. This might involve signing in using their badges, asking staff what parts of the facility are available for use at a given time, asking for an available room in which they might play a preferred game, and engaging in small talk with other members.”

“The experience has been so great for them, that we are already contemplating ways to procure passes for next year!” he said.



The Paul Road Transition Program likes getting out in the community. Students outside the new Chili Community Center.

“We would like to thank Director of Parks and Recreation Mike Curley and his staff for helping us through the process of getting our students signed up,” said Parker. “It is quite an undertaking, and they have been consistently welcoming and flexible in dealing with our students and staff.”



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Center for Workforce Development



Westview Career Day

by Chris Klem

For most students, graduating from high school and moving on to adult life and a career can be intimidating: So many jobs and endless possibilities – where do you start? Even students who think they know their direction may find that things aren't as they'd hoped. What then?

"We think it's really important that our ninth and 10th grade students start understanding that life plans don't always work out the way you think," said Westview Student Behavioral Assistant (SBA) Shannon Moser. "Connections and opportunities happen when you least expect them, and they can lead to really exciting experiences, including jobs!"

The idea for the first Career Day at Westview in the Department for Exceptional Children was sparked by a conversation Moser and teacher Kim Stephenson had with a student about his dream career. As they thought about all their own friends and acquaintances and the wide range of professions they all worked in, they were inspired. They began to plan a day for visiting professionals to share their job descriptions, learning experiences and fascinating career paths with students.

"We really wanted to bring in people who could roll with the unique personalities of our students and relate to them," said Moser. "Most of our professionals did not picture themselves working in the field they ended up in, especially when they were our students' ages. They had to change directions often and be open to new opportunities."

Guests included WHAM-TV News Anchor Alexis Arnold, Realtor Joseph Avery, Business Owner and Entrepreneur Russ Corey, Dog Trainer and Owner of Kate's K-9s Katie Gallagher, Reality TV Producer Alexandra Lillig, and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Alexandria Scudder. Each explained their job and shared how they decided to pursue and prepare for it. Questions included how to find work/life balance, how to recover from setbacks and how visitors got their biggest breaks.

The visiting pros enjoyed the experience as much as the students did. "I had a great time," said Arnold. "The kids asked really good questions. I would love to come back again."



Producer Alexandra Lillig visited the classroom from Los Angeles via video. She answered many questions about life in a creative profession.

Remembering Steve Kilby

by Beth Nash

Steve Kilby, a BOCES 2 employee for 21 years, sadly passed away on March 17. He was an evening cleaner for BOCES 4 Science and Village Plaza Transition Program.

Operations and Maintenance Director Tom Burke said Kilby was "a solid worker, with a great work ethic. He was 100% a team player, and Steve would step up to help wherever he was needed."

"Steve was well-liked by the kit processors at ESP, as well as the Operations and Maintenance staff," said Burke. "He was always there to help, and they appreciated that. Steve was quiet and soft-spoken, but if he had something important to say, he spoke up."

Kilby enjoyed playing Xbox, hanging out at home and spending time with his family. Survived by his mother, Doris Stettner Kilby; brother, Todd Kilby; nephew, Joseph (Kristie) Kilby; niece, Laurie (Farzads Forouzandeh) Luce; and his best friend, Roxie.



Condolences to:

Rhonda Fauci on the death of her brother-in-law; the family of **Joseph Gold (retiree)**; **Jose Pagan** on the death of his grandmother; the family of **Mercedes "Cedie" Patt (retiree)**; **Christine Richard** on the death of her father; **Bonnie West** on the death of her mother.

End of Year Staff Celebration

The first ever End of Year Staff Celebration was held on June 3 at the BOCES 2 Big Ridge Road campus. At the end of the workday, dozens of employees gathered under the tents for conversation, music and ice cream from the Village Ice Cream Shop in Spencerport. There was also a free raffle for attendees, including a hand-crafted Adirondack chair produced by CTE carpentry students. Each attendee also received a cookie to go prepared by CTE culinary students.



Attendees at the End of Year Employee Celebration gather under the large tent on the Big Ridge Road campus.



O&M Director Tom Burke, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Programs Tom Schulte and Department for Exceptional Children Director Barb Martorana enjoy a little friendly competition.



District Superintendent Jo Anne Antonacci riles up the crowd with the assistance of DJ Ian Hildreth.

I Can Build a Skyscraper

by Chris Klem

Imaginations got a workout in teacher Stephanie Sekaz's preschool class at Autumn Lane Elementary in Greece recently. She and Technology Specialist Sarah Davis introduced the concept of imagining, and then they gave students cards featuring a picture and the words, "I can build a ...". Given a box of plastic building bricks and no further instruction other than to use their imaginations, students let their creativity run wild. They spent 45 minutes focused intently on building pirate ships, robots, skyscrapers and cars. Each creation was colorful, fanciful and totally unique to the young designers. "They truly used their imaginations," said Sekaz. "Thank you, Sarah, for this amazing lesson."



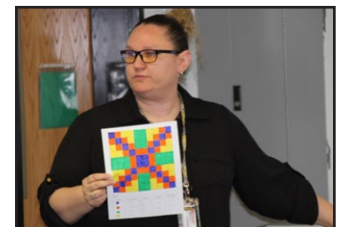
Fourth Graders Learn Math in Art Class

by Ed Buttaccio

Fourth grade students in Julia Mazzota's art classes at Wheatland-Chili's T.J. Connor Elementary School worked with Sara Missell to learn math. Missell is a BOCES 2 Math Professional Development Specialist. She used the work of artist Ellsworth Kelly as an example of math in art where fractions and decimals meet colors and patterns. She helped students connect to this new concept by describing it as "abstract Minecraft."

Students were given a grid with 100 squares in it and allowed to use any coloring medium – alone or in combination - to create their artwork. They used crayons, markers and colored pencils to complete the first part of the assignment. Some students used patterns of colors in the grid and others used color more randomly in their designs.

The second part of the assignment was to count the squares of the same color to determine what fraction, decimal and percentage each color was used in the overall design. Through this exercise, students learned how art and math intersect in a new way. Missal told students, "Math doesn't have to be hard. Sometimes it just makes sense."



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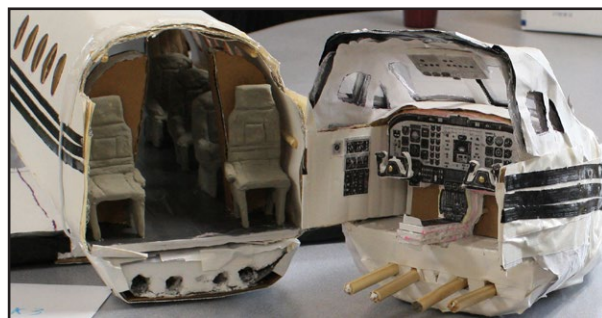
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Student Builds Passion Project

by Amy LaGambino, CTE Outreach Assistant

This amazing replica of the airplane from “Jurassic Park” was built by Felix Galaviz, a student in CTE’s Personal Services program. Felix is a fan of the “Jurassic Park” films and created this huge replica on his own. He brought it to school for classmates and teachers to see.

As shown here, the cockpit separates fully from the fuselage, allowing people to view inside to see all of the details including the passenger seating and pilots’ controls. There are many fine points for fans of the film to spot, such as the number on the plane. Well done, Felix!



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