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BOCES Staff Heads to Albany for Lobby Day



From Left: Joe Galante, Director of Technical, Career and Continuing Education; Pam Modzel, RJE Special Education Instructor and Teachers' Association Representative, New York State Senator Michael Nozzolio; Donna Arno, MEC Teaching Assistant and School Support Personnel Association Representative; Laura Arrington, parent of a student attending MEC and Dr. Joseph Marinelli, District Superintendent of Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES on Lobby Day in Albany. Not pictured, Jeanna Savage, Public Information Coordinator.

Representatives from W-FL BOCES including staff, teachers, administrators and even a parent of a special education student traveled to Albany on February 27 to meet with state legislators on BOCES Lobby Day. BOCES representatives shared individual stories about positive experiences at BOCES and explained how they are preparing diverse populations for roles in a global economy. Joe Marinelli, W-FL BOCES District Superintendent, took the lead in discussing BOCES' position on Governor Spitzer's budget proposal with legislators. In addition, BOCES staff handed out folders

of information describing BOCES programs and services to legislators.

Overall, the day was successful and the group met with all BOCES New York State representatives including, Senator Michael Nozzolio, Senator George Winner, Senator Dale Volker and Assemblymen Jim Bacalles, Bob Oaks, and Joe Errigo.

Assemblyman Brian Kolb had planned on meeting with the group, but was called away for an emergency meeting.

The theme for this year's BOCES Lobby Day was "Boards of Cooperative Educational Services - Part of the Solution."

For more information on BOCES Lobby Day, contact jsavage@wflboces.org.



Mark Your Calendar

School Library System
Regional Storytelling Festival
March 28, 2007 * 5:30 p.m.
Midlakes High School
Clifton Springs
phone: 315-332-7236

3rd Annual Science, Technology,
Engineering & Math
K-12 Conference
March 30, 2007
Midlakes High School
Clifton Springs
phone: 315-332-7267

W-FL BOCES Annual Meeting
and Regular Board Meeting
April 2nd * 5:30 p.m.
W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center
131 Drumlin Court, Newark
phone: 315-332-7284

W-FL BOCES Instructional
Conference Day
April 6th

W-FL BOCES Instructional
Spring Recess
April 9th - 13th

W-FL BOCES May
Board Meeting
May 7th * 5:30 p.m.
W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center
131 Drumlin Court, Newark
phone: 315-332-7284



Christmann Receives Distinguished Service Honor



Joe Marinelli, W-FL BOCES District Superintendent; Bob Christmann, Former Newark CSD Superintendent; Maria Ehresman, Superintendent of Williamson CSD, and Tim McElheran, Superintendent of Victor CSD.

Bob Christmann, Former Superintendent for Newark Central School District and past Chair of the Wayne County Chief School Officer Group received the Wayne-Finger Lakes Superintendents' Association *Distinguished Service Award* for exemplary leadership to the Newark Central School District since 1991. He was also recognized for his contributions made to the district's students and for significant educational contributions made to the W-FL Region.

In February 2007, Christmann left Newark to accept a superintendent position in Grand Island, New York. All of the CSOs who are members of the Wayne-Finger Lakes Superintendents' Association wished Bob well on his new endeavour.

W-FL Leadership Institute Welcomes 14 Fellows

The Wayne-Finger Lakes (W-FL) Leadership Institute held a recognition dinner on January 18, 2007 at the Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua, to congratulate and recognize 14 area teachers who have been chosen by their individual superintendents for membership in the W-FL Leadership Institute. Tom Cox, Principal at East Irondequoit High School was the keynote speaker for the evening and presented, *"The Courage to Lead with Passion, Purpose and Integrity."*

The W-FL Leadership Institute was created in 2002 by a group of school administrators from the Wayne-Finger Lakes Region to help increase the pool of qualified candidates who apply for administrative positions at local school districts. The group created partnerships with SUNY Brockport, SUNY Oswego, St. John Fisher College and The University of Rochester to create the Institute.

This group of fellows is the fifth group to go through the program since its inception in 2002. Most of the teachers in the first two groups to graduate from the program are currently employed at area school districts in a variety of administrative capacities.

For more information on the W-FL Leadership Institute or the recognition dinner, contact Beatrice Parker, Program Coordinator at 585-742-6245.



W-FL Leadership Institute Corhort #5 at the Canandaigua Inn on the Lake in January.

Fellows

Ryan Clair
Michelle Crance
Dan Farrands
Jeff Hamelinck
Jennifer Hayden
Aaron Quku
Laura Robbins
Martin Rotz
David Schwind
Nancy Taddeo
Heather Uetz
Bridgette Waldron
Kristin Waldron
Tammy Wood

School District

Phelps-Clifton Springs
Palmyra-Macedon
Phelps-Clifton Springs
Newark
North Rose-Wolcott
Newark
Phelps-Clifton Springs
Romulus
Newark
Red Creek
Sodus
Lyons
Palmyra-Macedon
Phelps-Clifton Springs

Superintendent

Mike Ford
Harold Ferguson
Mike Ford
Robert Christmann
Lucinda Miner
Robert Christmann
Mike Ford
Michael Midey
Robert Christmann
David Sholes
Susan Salvaggio
Richard Amundson
Harold Ferguson
Mike Ford

WTCC to Install First K-12 Wind Turbine



WTCC's Noel Ramage from Pal-Mac discusses wind power with Fox News 8 Reporter Katrina Irwin.

Wayne Technical and Career Center (WTCC) received approval from the New York State Education Department to install a 10 KW residential wind turbine on the technical and career campus located in Williamson. This makes WTCC the first K-12 public school in New York State to receive approval to install a wind turbine for instructional purposes.

Bids on the \$55,000 project opened in January 2007 and installation of the wind generator will begin as soon as the bidding process is complete and a vendor is chosen. Students currently enrolled WTCC's Electrical Trades, Carpentry, Drafting/CAD, Metal Trades and other related programs will have the unique opportunity to assist in the installation of the wind turbine this spring.

The addition of the residential wind turbine will add another instructional component to WTCC's ongoing effort to teach students the technical skills needed to pursue careers in the Alternative and Renewable Energy fields. WTCC Science teacher, Linda Wetherall said, "Teaching our students about new and emerging job fields gives them an extra edge and makes them aware of future career possibilities." WTCC has been teaching students about Alternative and Renewable Energy for the past two years through many of their tech and career programs. Areas of study have included wind and solar energy, biodiesel and hybrid cars, alternative fuels, geothermal energy, solar thermal energy, renewable energy possibilities and other alternative sources of energy.

As part of their ongoing effort to educate the community, WTCC is in the process of making available a mobile Alternative Energy Educational Trailer for elementary and middle school teachers to use at their individual school

districts to help them meet New York State Standards in Science, Math and Technology.

Craig Logan, Principal at WTCC said, "We look forward to paving the way for students in Wayne County to learn about alternative energy and the job opportunities available to them in this field." Logan also thanked New York State Senator, Michael Nozzolio; Dennis Taber from the Wayne County Alternative Energy Task Force and Bob Bechtold from Harbec Plastics for their support of this project. W-FL BOCES District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Marinelli said that this project directly aligns with W-FL BOCES ongoing efforts to promote and provide educational opportunities to students in the fields of Math, Science and Technology.

Through W-FL BOCES, WTCC provides technical and career high school programs to junior and senior students from the 11 school districts in Wayne County. Staff at WTCC helps students to achieve high-level technical and career skills as well as high-

level academic skills. WTCC offers relevant programming by maintaining strong partnerships with the business community, achieving national certifications, and focusing on school improvement through the *High Schools That Work* national model and the New York State Education Department's Program Approval process.

For more information about WTCC visit them online at www.wflboces.org/wtcc or call 315-589-2600.



Jim Buck, WTCC Electrical Trades Instructor, is interviewed by Irwin. Buck was recently accepted into the Sustainable Energy Education Program (SEET) at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado. Only 25 teachers from around the country were chosen to participate in this educational opportunity.

100 Attend Library Leadership Academy in Geneva



Keynote speaker and author **Gail Bush** with W-FL BOCES Library Media Services Administrator, **Judy Marsh**.

The W-FL BOCES School Library System sponsored their annual Library Leadership Academy for librarians, administrators and teachers at Geneva High School in January. Although the weather was snowy, more than 100 educators from the W-FL Region attended the day-long conference. The conference included 12 workshops offer-

ings, roundtable discussions, vendors and a keynote speakers **Gail Bush** and **Vivian VanDeVelde**.

Bush is a Ph.D., author and is the Director of the Center for Teaching Through Children's Books at National-Louis University in Chicago. She discussed the benefits and strengths of educator collaborative efforts and shared what she called "the gift of story" with the group. **VanDeVelde** is an author from the Rochester area who conducted writing workshops and shared her storywriting process and "Vivian's Writing Rules" with those who attended her workshops.

Other workshops offered during the conference included: iPods in Education; a presentation from Victor Teachers on the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program; Using Picture Books in the Middle School Classroom; Using Internet Technology to Enhance Instruction; Finger Lakes Community College Gemini Program and many other topics of interest to those in the library or education field.

For more information about the W-FL School Library System or about the annual Library Leadership Academy, contact **Judy Marsh**, Library Media Services Administrator at 315-332-7234 or jmarsh@wflboces.org.



Christine Lauster, a librarian from Clyde-Savannah describes a character from a story she created to **VandeVelde** during her writing workshop.



Rochester-based author, **Vivian VanDeVelde** shows **Christine Porschet**, a teacher from Victor, a black and white picture and asks her to create a storyline from the photo. **VanDeVelde** was a keynote speaker and also conducted writing workshops during the conference.



FLTCC Hosts Career Day at Canandaigua Middle School



FLTCC Culinary Arts Instructor, **Gerry Lesniak**, discusses the many opportunities available in the Culinary Arts Program with two CA Middle School students.

Instructors and staff at Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center (FLTCC) recently spent the day at the Canandaigua Middle School gymnasium to give students an opportunity to find out about the many technical and career training opportunities available to them through FLTCC in Stanley.

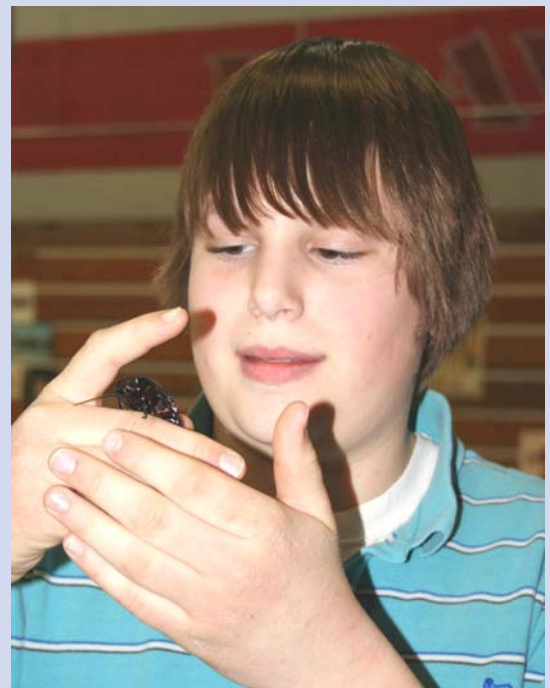
More than 20 tech and career programs were highlighted at the Career Fair where students participated in hands-on learning activities related to the career fields they chose to explore.

For more information about FLTCC high school programs, contact Judy Adams, Principal at 585-526-6471 or jadams@wflbores.org.



Carpentry Instructor, **Jim Rysweck** shows 6th grader, **Marcus St.Deneis** the correct way to operate a hand drill.

8th Grader, **Amie Zwecker** learns what it takes to maneuver in a tall tree using repelling gear from FLTCC Conservation student **Tom Eddy**, who is also a junior at Canandaigua Academy.



8th grader, **Josh LaDue** makes friends with a Madagascar Cockroach at the Finger Lakes Tech Animal Science booth.