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Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES
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Working With Legislators to Close the Learning Gap



Representing W-FL BOCES in Albany in March was (Back Row) **Ed Hemminger**, Ontario County Chief Information Officer and former W-FL BOCES student; **Jeff Vink**, Adult Literacy Instructor; **Assemblyman Joe Errigo**; **Joseph Marinelli**, W-FL BOCES District Superintendent and **Donna Arno**, Midlakes Education Center Teacher's Assistant. (Front Row) **Laura Arrington**, Midlakes Education Center parent, **Evelyn Goodsell**, Tech & Career Instructor; **Nancy Scher**, President of the W-FL BOCES Board of Education and **Pam Modzel**, Special Education Instructor and President of the Teacher's Union.

On March 7th, a group of representatives from W-FL BOCES attended a BOCES Lobby Day in Albany to meet with legislators and discuss State Budget items of interest. The group met individually with Assembly Members, Kolb, Errigo, Oaks and Bacalles as well as with Senators Nozzolio and Winner.

Many members of the W-FL BOCES Board of Education, area superintendents, principals and

component school district board members attended the Four County Legislative Breakfast on March 25th in Geneva. W-FL BOCES District Superintendent, **Joseph Marinelli** was invited to be the guest speaker at the event where he presented a slide show entitled, *Education and Our Economic Future: Celebrating Our Successes*.

Dr. Marinelli thanked legislators in attendance (Senator **Mike Nozzolio**, Assemblyman **Jim Bacalles**, Assemblyman **Bob Oakes** and Assemblyman **Joseph Errigo**) for their support and asked them to continue to fund and assist educational initiatives that help to *Close the Learning Gap* in the Finger Lakes region.



Senator Nozzolio met with Wayne County BOE Members Following the Legislative Breakfast.



Mark Your Calendar

DS Visit to Manchester-
Shortsville BOE
April 26th * 7:30 p.m.
1506 Route 21
Shortsville, New York
phone: 585-289-3964

W-FL BOCES 2006-2007
Budget Vote
April 26th
Each BOE Holds Individual Meetings

DS Visit to Newark BOE
May 3rd * 7 p.m.
Newark High School
Large Group Instruction Room
phone: 315-332-3205

W-FL BOCES Board of Ed. Meeting
May 8th * 6:30 p.m.
W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center
131 Drumlin Court, Newark
phone: 315-332-7284

DS Visit to Honeoye BOE
May 17th * 6:30 p.m.
Honeoye Secondary School Library
phone: 585-229-4125

W-FL BOCES Board of Ed. Meeting
June 5th * 6:30 p.m.
W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center
131 Drumlin Court, Newark
phone: 315-332-7284





Component School Highlight

Canandaigua Takes Top Honors at Regional Spelling Bee



David Krapf, Canandaigua; Michael Avanzato, Midlakes and Abigail Rice, Canandaigua all placed at the 2006 Scripps Howard Regional Spelling Bee.

W-FL BOCES and the Finger Lakes Times sponsored the 13th Annual Scripps Howard Spelling Bee on March 18, 2006 in the Albright Auditorium at Hobart & William Smith Colleges in Geneva. Forty-three fourth through eighth grade students from 14 area school districts participated in this year's Bee.

More than 200 parents and other avid Spelling Bee fans filled the

auditorium to find out who would win the regional title and get the chance to attend the 79th Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. on May 31 and June 1, 2006.

After almost two hours of intense spelling, David Krapf, a seventh grader at Canandaigua Middle School won the competition by spelling two words correctly, "gorse" and "charismatic."

Abigail Rice, a seventh grader also from Canandaigua came in second, while Michael Avanzato a seventh grader from Midlakes came in third.

Regional Spelling Bee Coordinator, Melissa Stuart, W-FL BOCES Coordinator of Professional Development Services said, "We are very proud of all of the students who participated in this year's competition and look forward to

watching David participate in the National Spelling Bee in Washington."

For more information about the Regional Spelling Bee, contact Melissa Stuart at W-FL BOCES at 315-332-7314 or mstuart@wflboces.org.



Jason Manley, a 5th Grader from Honeoye proudly displays his certificate of participation at the Spelling Bee ending ceremony. More than 14 area school districts participated at the event held at Hobart & William Smith Colleges in Geneva.



*The region's newest school, the **Wayne Education Center** located in Williamson, is almost finished. View recent construction images and construction completion data on the W-FL BOCES website at www.wflboces.org under the Sites and Locations pulldown tab.*

Watch for Grand Opening Ceremony Details...



Tech & Career Students Place at Regional SkillsUSA Competition

Eleven high school students from the Wayne Technical and Career Center (WTCC) in Williamson and two students from the Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center (FLTCC) in Flint placed in the SkillsUSA Regional Competition held on March 7th at Alfred State College. More than 1,100 high school students from the Finger Lakes region competed in 50 technical and leadership contests. Students received awards in the following areas:

WTCC Students

Residential Wiring

First Place: Joseph Slater, Williamson

Second Place: Zachary Musclow, Williamson

Pre-School Teaching Assistant

Second Place: Rachael Ames, Williamson

Third Place: Elizabeth Wilson, Marion

Automated Manufacturing Team

Third Place: Joshua Charles, Sodus

Kevin Geldof, Marion

Leela Shields, Williamson

Culinary Arts

Third Place: Mark Reussow, Gananda

Auto Technology

Third Place: Anthony Hollebrandt, Williamson

Commercial Baking

Third Place: Derek DeWeese, Williamson

Food and Beverage Services

Third Place: Steve Langgren, Sodus

Other participants from WTCC included: Joe DiSanto, Clyde-Savannah; Christopher Gumina, Gananda; Thomas Booth, Steven Brannan and Paul Lent, Marion; Sean Valvano, Newark; Dean Bauer and Rosamaria Otero, Palmyra-Macedon; Tanner Brandt, Sierra DeRoo, Ryan Goulette and Allen Walters, Sodus; and Nicholas Derleth and Charles Keymel, Wayne.

FLTCC Students

Food Preparation

Third Place: Jake Kibbe, Dundee

Auto Body Helper

Third Place: Nicholas Miller, Phelps-Clifton Springs

Other participants from FLTCC included: Angela Antenucci and Heidi Webb, Phelps-Clifton Springs; Jacob Ballerstein and Christian Whipple, Gorham-Middlesex; Andrew Chambers, Tyler Hallings, Ben Parsons and Robert Turner, Penn Yan; Josh Dahl and Ashley Wilcox, Romulus; Tanya Dove, Melissa Eddington and Calynn Schibley, Seneca Falls; Heather Flynn and Darin Rozelle, Geneva; Ian Guck and Allen Hallett, Honeoye; Alex Hagen, Manchester-Shortsville; Christopher Horan and Jonathan Stone, Canandaigua; Melissa McArdle, Naples; Angelo Porto and Jessica Sich, Bloomfield; Brandon Rumsey, Dundee.

Ben Parsons, a Senior enrolled in Metal Trades from Penn Yan, is the departing Area #1 Vice President. He delivered his final speech at the Leadership and Skills Conference.

The SkillsUSA 2006 State Competition will be held in Syracuse on April 5th through the 7th. The SkillsUSA motto is *Preparing For Leadership in the World of Work*. SkillsUSA serves over 280,000 high school and college students in 13,000 chapters. To learn more about SkillsUSA visit them online at www.wflboces.org/wtccskillsusa.



Among the many honored for their technical skills were WTCC students (Front Row) **Steve Langgren**, Sodus; **Rosamarie Otero**, Palmyra-Macedon and **Zachary Musclow**, Williamson. Back Row: **Tanner Brandt**, Sodus.