

FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER



HOSA COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) and Health Career students at Whitwater Technical Career Center sponsored a blood drive with the Indiana Blood Center on January 18, 2011. Eighty-two students, staff, and community members volunteered to donate blood this year.

Every three seconds, someone needs blood. Every minute patients use more than 36 units of blood or blood products. Every day, approximately 40,000 units of blood are used throughout the country. Each unit of blood is around 300-400 cc's – or approximately the amount in a soda can. A unit of whole blood donation can be divided into four separate components: platelets, plasma, red-cells, and cryoprecipitate. Some patients just need one of these components. So in effect, each donor could be helping four people.

Currently the State of Indiana and surrounding states are experiencing critical blood shortages. The Indiana Blood Center provides approximately 500 units of blood daily for more than 40 hospitals across the state, including Fayette Regional Health Systems and the Riley Children's Hospital. The students and staff of WTCC gave generously to help with this critical need.

THANKS !



SKILLS USA REGIONAL CONTEST

Whitwater Technical Career Center had 24 students register for the Skills USA Regional Competition that was held in Indianapolis. Nine students received a Bye at the Regional level and advanced automatically to the state competition. Three students who competed at the Regional contest advanced to the State. Listed below are the students who will be competing and the categories they will be competing in at the State competition on April 15-16.

Andrew Strait – UCHS – Automotive Refinishing Technology;
Cody Stevens – CHS – Residential Wiring; Shane Yager – RCHS – Residential Wiring; Brandon Nagele, Darrin Pauly and Tyler Wright – FCHS – Welding Fabrication; Nick Lewis – CHS – CNC Milling Technology; Derek Speers – CHS – CNC Turning Technology; Kayla Matheny – UCHS – Related Technical Math.

Pictured below are the Regional Winners who competed in regional competition on January 29, 2011.



Left to right - Cody Stevens and Andrew Strait
below - Shane Yager



SPOTLIGHT STUDENTS



RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL WIRING



Tyler Murphy is a senior Residential/Commercial Wiring student from Rushville Consolidated High School. He is an excellent student and comes prepared to work every day. He is willing to take that extra step to make sure his

job gets completed in a timely manner and right the first time. Tyler plans to attend Vincennes University next fall and study Construction Technology.

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

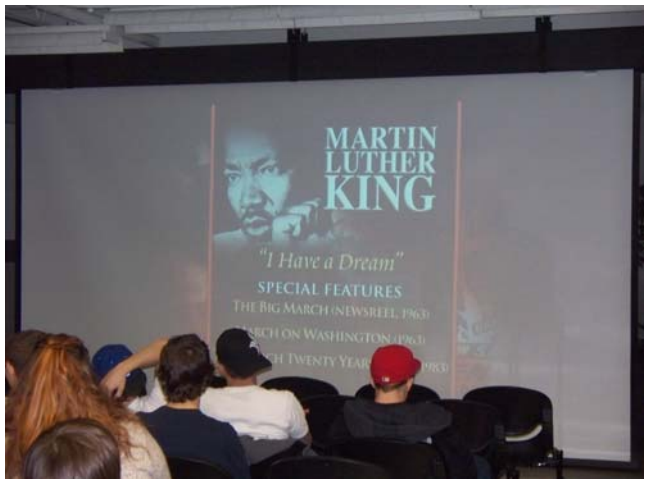


Matt Bean comes to WTCC from Connersville High School where he is completing his senior year. Matt works on the family farm and works at his own business of selling, cutting, and delivering fire wood. Matt also works at Cutshaw's Market in

Cambridge City, Indiana, thru the Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education (ICE) program at WTCC. His Co-op teacher is Ms. Hayley Harvey. Matt's free time is spent hunting, enjoying the outdoors, and driving his 4WD truck. After graduation, Matt intends to take advantage of the 15 hours college credit he receives from the WTCC-Ivy Tech dual credit agreement. Matt is going to pursue a career in construction or engineering with an Associate Degree from Ivy Tech that began here at WTCC.

MARTIN LUTHER KING PRESENTATION

On Friday, January 14, 2011, WTCC students gathered in the auditorium for a video presentation honoring Martin Luther King and his achievements.



WELDING TECHNOLOGY



Keith Purcell is a senior at Connersville High School and in his second year of Welding Technology at WTCC. Keith has made a tremendous effort this year, making drastic improvements in both his welding and his high school classes at CHS. He is determined and focused on graduation. Keith is pursuing the AWS entry-level welder certification and plans to attend Ivy Tech Community College after graduation. Keith is

a student setting a great example of what can be achieved with hard work and dedication.

ANNOUNCEMENT

School will be in session on April 21, 2011 and on May 6, 2011. These dates were make-up snow days that were built into the calendar. In addition to these two days, school will also be in session May 25, 26, 27 and 31. These days make up for the six snow days that have been missed this school-year.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ✚ March 21 – March 25 (Spring Break) – No School at WTCC
- ✚ April 15-16 (State Skills USA Contest)
- ✚ April 22 – (Good Friday) – No School at WTCC
- ✚ May 30 – (Memorial Day) – No School at WTCC
- ✚ May 31 – (Last Student Day) – at WTCC

LOOK FOR OUR NEXT NEWLETTER IN APRIL!



PRECISION MACHINING



Nick Lewis is a senior from Connersville High School and in his second year in Mr. Bever's Precision Machining class. He is a class leader and always volunteers to do machine repair jobs. When a junior needs help with a tough project, they do not

hesitate to ask him for advice. On April 15, Nick will represent WTCC in CNC programming at the State Skills USA contest in Indianapolis.