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## Congressman Viscosky and Superintendent Berta Visit Our Alternative Energy Demonstration Project

Congressman Peter Viscosky recently visited the Career and Tech Center to observe our Alternative Energy project. He was joined by Valparaiso Community Schools Superintendent, Mike Berta. They climbed to our roof to observe our student-built wind generator and our new robotic solar tracker. They also observed our recent shipment of 32 photovoltaic panels which are waiting to be installed. Pictured at right is Director, Jon Groth discussing the student-built wind generator with Rep Viscosky, in front



of Superintendent Berta. The Congressman is shown below speaking to our TV Productions class about employment and college opportunities for them in the future.

Pictures by student photojournalist, Hunter Warren



Mr. Berta (left), Superintendent of Valparaiso Community Schools and Rep. Peter Visclosky (right) talk with Mr. Jon Groth about the potential for our alternative energy project on the roof of the Career and Tech Center.

The project is a major emphasis of our Machine Trades and Electronics classroom curricula, taught respectively by Mr. Carmack and Mr.

Kenning.

### **Student Bake Sale Raises Money for HOSA Student Trip**

Mrs. Marcus' students baked cookies, cakes, and brownies to help defray the cost of a student leadership trip to Trafalgar as part of the Health Occupations Student Organization trip.

Salespersons at right are (L-R) Emily Heinold (VHS), Tayler Miley (Hebron), Shelby Yankauskas (Hebron)



## High School EMT Class is about Helping Others



The EMT program at Hobart High School is full of students that care from Hobart High, Chester-



ton, Valparaiso, Portage, Kouts, Morgan Township, Washington Township, and Boone Grove. According to instructor, Mr. Lawley, the juniors and seniors in this program will spend the school year learning to take care of others in their time of need and have started the year thinking about kids and their families. They have collected over 4000 kid themed band-aids to donate to the pediatric unit at St. Mary Medical Center in Hobart. "For some sick kids, the one thing they look forward to at the end of their tests is a Scooby Doo band-aid...and we wanted to give that to them" said Logan Allen (Senior at HHS).

## Ribbon Cutting for New Machine

A ribbon cutting was held to announce a new machine, pictured at left, located in our Modern Machining program. The machine is a CNC, four axis, ten tool, milling machine/lathe manufacturing center. Our students will be learning programming and manufacturing on this



machine which is very similar to what is already in many manufacturing plants. Mr. Carmack is very eager to include this machine in his curriculum. Attending the ribbon cutting were

Superintendent Berta, elected

officials, and representatives of Task Force Tips, Urschel Labs, the Center for Workforce Innovation, Hasse Manufacturing, and the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission. The Redevelopment Commission gave a technology grant to our school for the purchase of the machine and Urschel Labs provided the funds to move the equipment into our shop. (photos by PCCTC student photojournalist, Megan Leetz)



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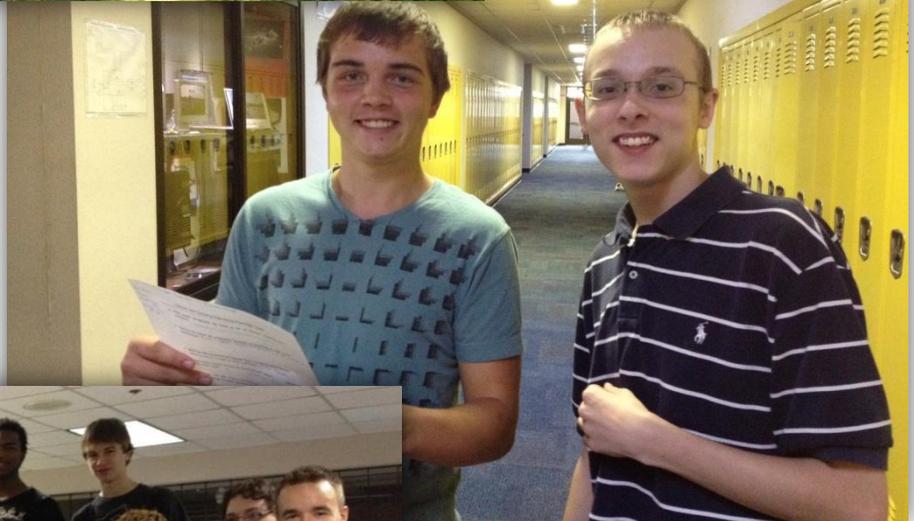
**“When kids volunteer it tells others that they don’t have to be perfect or famous or even grown up to make a difference.” - - Kalynn Dobos, age 7**

## Marketing Internship Students Learning Fishlosophy



Marketing students are at left doing a team building exercise.

Electronic students can be seen at right and below doing more Fishlosophy along with a school-wide scavenger hunt.



## PHS Spirit Week Reaches Career and Tech Center



**Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 2 pm**

Students at the Porter County Career and Tech Center will conduct a winter car check on Saturday, October 20. This is a free service our students are offering to the community. After a short inspection of your vehicle, you will be apprised of any necessary items that need to be replaced or repaired. Fluid levels, tire pressures, lights, and wipers will be inspected. Please bring your car and invite your elderly neighbors to take advantage of this free service. For additional information contact Mr. Sickles or Mr Avalos at 531-3170.



**Health  
Occupations  
Student - **Emily  
Tezak****

Emily is enrolled in our Health Occupations class but is also a busy athlete competing in cross country and track. She is shown here right after her 5K run at the PCC cross country sectional competition. She is a Washington Twp HS senior.

## Calendar

- Hypnotist, Paul Knight, at the Career Center on October 12 sponsored by Health Occupations students
- Oct. 20, Winter Car Check
- Oct. 25, Advisory Committee Meeting, 330-430, 1005 N. Franklin St.
- Career Center Costume Day for Riley Children's Hospital, October 31, donate a buck to Rileys
- Nov. 2, Second Blood Donation Day at the Career Center hosted by Health Occupations students
- Nov. 12-16, Food Drive
- Dec. 1-14, Angel Tree Drive
- Jan. 14-18, Spirit Week at the Career and Tech Center
- Jan. 25, Notre Dame Hockey Trip, PCCTC Student Tickets \$5
- Feb. 11-14, Valentine Gram Week Fundraiser for Charity to be selected

## Our Newsletter

*Porter County Career and Technical Education News* is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our staff and students. Written contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Most articles should be written in 100 words or less. Please fax (531-3173), call (531-3170), or email (jgroth@valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.

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