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The Town of Colesville History Committee Meeting

will be on Monday, June 10, starting at 7:00 in the Colesville Town Hall. The program will be "Quilts from the Underground Railroad" by Pat Smith. Everyone is welcome.

A regular meeting of the Windsor Central School District Board of Education will be held



on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at Windsor High School. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Announcement:
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of the Windsor Town Board
June 12, 2024 7:00 P.M. at Windsor Town Hall

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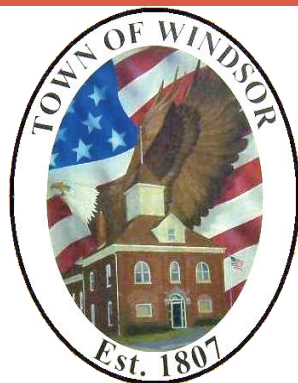
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Newspaper Edited: WINDSOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 High School

Members Present

Peter Nowacki, Margo Kibbler, Alan Colosi, Tom Starley

Members Absent

Dave Bidwell, Kevin Truman, Rhea Deyo

Others Present

Dr. Jason Andrews, Andrew Fiorentino, Scott Beattie, Barb Tasber, Building Administrators

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Peter Nowacki called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Salute to Flag

1.3 Good News

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

3. PUBLIC HEARING

4. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

4.1 State of the Arts - given by Scott Beattie, Kristen Oliver and Lindsey Smeenk

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approval of Consent Agenda

5.2 Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2024

5.3 Accept Budget Transfer Report, April 2024

5.4 Approve the 2024-2025 SRO Agreement with the Broome County District Attorney's Office

5.5 Approve 2023-2024 Engagement Letter with Vieira & Associates CPAs, P.C.

5.6 Approve 2024-2025 Children's Home of Wyoming Conference Day School/Day Treatment Program Agreement

5.7 Approve Requests to Declare School Property Worthless

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the consent agenda be approved.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 Building Projects Update

6.2 Summer Program Update

6.3 Data Reports (Data Dashboard & Special Education Snapshot)

6.4 RISE Regional Grant

6.5 End of Year Events

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

DISCUSSIONS

8. PERSONNEL ITEMS

8.1 Adjust start date for Kellin Harting to May 16, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the adjustment of Kellin Harting's effective date to May 16, 2024, be approved.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.2 Accept retirement of Gene Kirk as a Bus Driver, effective June 21, 2024

WHEREAS, Mr. Eugene Kirk has served long and faithfully in the Windsor Central School District, since September 3, 2014, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk has expressed his intention to retire effective June 21, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Mr. Kirk's retirement be and is hereby accepted, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends to Mr. Kirk, on behalf of the parents, children, and community, its heartfelt best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.3 Accept resignation of Betty Jones as a Cleaner, effective May 24, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation of Betty Jones as a cleaner, effective May 24, 2024, be accepted.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.4 Accept resignation of Dillia Valle as a Teacher, effective June 30, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation of Dillia Valle as a Teacher, effective June 30, 2024, be accepted.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.5 Accept resignation of Kathleen McMahon as a Teacher, effective June 30, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation of Kathleen McMahon as a Teacher, effective June 30, 2024, be accepted.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.6 Accept resignation of Heather Colwell as a Teacher, effective June 30, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation of Heather Colwell as a Teacher, effective June 30, 2024, be accepted.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.7 Accept resignation of Ronald Boyce as a Bus Driver, effective May 14, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation of Ronald Boyce as a Bus Driver, effective May 14, 2024, be accepted.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.8 Accept resignation of Amara Keefer as a Teacher Aide, effective May 15, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation of Amara Keefer as a Teacher Aide, effective May 15, 2024, be accepted.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.9 Approve appointment of 2023-2024 Election Workers & Chief Election Inspectors

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following 2023-2024 Election Worker appointments be approved:

Betty Bogart - Chief Election Inspector

Jeannie Ditch - Chief Election Inspector

Jane Page - Election Worker

Catherine Bunker - Chief Election Inspector

Laura Zakarajsek - Election Worker

Garret Calta - Election Worker



Calendar

June 10

--Town of Colesville History Committee Meeting, see more info on page 1!

June 11

--Middle School Academic Awards Starting 6/11/2024 at 8:00 AM

Location: Windsor Central Middle School (Windsor Central School District)

--Spring KORT Show Starting 6/11/2024 at 5:30 PM

Location: Windsor Central High School (Windsor Central School District)

June 12

--Public Hearing & Regular meeting of the Windsor Town Board, see page 1 for more info!

Senior Events

--See page 7 for all Eastern Broome Senior Center Events!

--See page 3 for Windsor Wednesday Seniors Events!

Farrah Fenescy - Election Worker

Thomas Donohue - Election Worker

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.10 Approve permanent appointment of Alexis VanPatten as a Food Service Helper

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the permanent appointment of Alexis VanPatten as Food Service Helper, effective May 15, 2024, be approved.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.11 Approve permanent appointment of Emily Clapper as a Food Service Helper

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the permanent appointment of Emily Clapper as Food Service Helper, effective May 15, 2024, be approved.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.12 Approve permanent appointment of Kristin Lee as a Food Service Helper

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the permanent appointment of Kristin Lee as Food Service Helper, effective May 15, 2024, be approved.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT Board of Education
Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2024
High School
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8.13 Approve probationary appointment of Amber Antoni as a Bus Driver, effective May 13, 2024
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the probationary appointment of Amber Antoni as Bus Driver, effective May 13, 2024, be approved.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.14 Approve probationary appointment of Matt Green as a Bus Driver, effective May 1, 2024
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the probationary appointment of Matt Green as a Bus Driver, effective May 1, 2024, be approved.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.15 Approve probationary appointment of Taylor Guley as District Business Coordinator, effective May 28, 2024
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the probationary appointment of Taylor Guley as a District Business Coordinator, effective May 28, 2024, be approved.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.16 Approve substitute appointments
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following names be added to the substitute list

- Adalgisa Diaz - Substitute Bus Driver, effective April 23, 2024
 - Gerald Nemconsky - Substitute Cleaner, effective May 8, 2024
 - Mikala Anderson - Substitute Support Staff, effective May 6, 2024
 - Macenzi Stoeckel - Non-Degreed Substitute Teacher, Substitute Support Staff
 - Caitlyn Cass - Non-Degreed Substitute Teacher, Substitute Support Staff - pending fingerprint clearance
 - Danielle Saraceno - Certified Substitute Teacher
 - Autumn Webb - Substitute Support Staff
- Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.17 Accept resignation of Lindsey Hendricks as a Teacher, effective June 30, 2024
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation of Lindsey Hendricks as a Teacher, effective June 30, 2024, be accepted.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.18 Approve the probationary appointment of Brady Weingartner as a Physical Education Teacher, effective August 21, 2024
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following probationary appointment is hereby made:
Name of Appointee: Brady Weingartner
Tenure Area: Physical Education
Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: August 21, 2024
Expiration Date of the Appointment: August 20, 2028

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**Village of Windsor
General Notices**

Village Residents – On the first Monday of each month, the dead-end hydrants will be getting flushed. This will start in June and end in October.

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May Schedule:**

- June 5: Lea and Dan sing pop and country music. Dan gives us a history on each song
- June 12: The Forever Young Band, Steve, Russ, Ron, and Bill
- June 19: Country Revival Band plays country and gospel songs
- June 26: Harmony Lane Band plays classic pop

Windsor Wednesday Seniors meet every Wednesday for great fellowship and entertainment at the Windsor Community House, 107 Main Street, Windsor from 12 noon until 2pm. A covered dish lunch is from noon until 1pm and entertainment is from 1pm to 2pm. Seating is at 11:45. Call Carolyn at 607-655-1028 if you have questions.

**Town of Windsor
Announcements**

**UPCOMING
MEETINGS**

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of The Windsor Town Board June 12, 2024 7:00 P.M.
Windsor Town Hall

Zoning Board Meeting June 13, 2024 6:00 P.M. Town Hall

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Certification Status: Initial
Brady Weingartner has been cleared by the State
Education Department
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

A2705
Gifts & Donations \$500.00

A2110.450-05-268
Instruction/Materials & Supplies/MS/Science
\$500.00

Furthermore, via this resolution, the Board of Education expresses their appreciation to Visions FCU for this donation.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

9.4 Accept \$450 donation from Progressive Insurance Name Your Cause program to be used for the purchase of Palmer Elementary classroom supplies

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the donation from Progressive Insurance Name Your Cause program in the amount of \$450.00 to be used for the purchase of Palmer Elementary classroom supplies as awarded to the Windsor Central School District, be accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$450.00 be appropriated into the General Fund for 2023-2024 as follow:

A2705
Gifts & Donations \$450.00

A2110.450-02-223
Instruction/Materials & Supplies/Palmer \$450.00

Furthermore, via this resolution, the Board of Education expresses their appreciation to Progressive Insurance Foundation for this donation.

9.5 Accept \$500 donation from Care Compass Network to be used for the SAMHSA Mental Health Training Program

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the donation from Care Compass Network in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for the SAMHSA Mental Health Training program as awarded to the Windsor Central School District, be accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$500.00 be appropriated into the Special Aid Fund for 2023-2024 as follow:

F2770.99W03
Other Revenue/SAMHSA Mental Health Training Grant \$500.00

F2825.450-18-99W03
Social Work Services/Materials & Supplies/District Wide/SAMSHA Mental Health Training Grant \$500.00

Furthermore, via this resolution, the Board of Education expresses their appreciation to Care Compass Network for this donation.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

10. SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORTS

10.1 Approve Committee on Special Education Recommendations

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education accept the 504 recommendations of the Committee on Special Education of the April 22, 24, 2024 meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education accept the CPSE recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the April 22, 2024 meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education accept the CSE recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the April 15, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29 and

May 7, 2024 meetings at the May 14, 2024 Board of Education Meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.1 The next Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on May 28, 2024 at the High School. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.1 Motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing tenure recommendations.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Entered Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

13.2 Motion to adjourn Executive Session & Return to Regular Session

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Returned to Regular Session at 7:45 p.m.

14. CLOSING ITEMS

14.1 Motion for Adjournment

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Accept \$467.53 donation from Visions FCU Loves Educators Program to be used for the purchase of CR Weeks classroom manipulatives and games supplies

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the donation from Visions FCU Loves Educators Program in the amount of \$467.53 to be used for the purchase of C.R. Weeks classroom manipulatives and games supplies as awarded to the Windsor Central School District, be accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$467.53 be appropriated into the General Fund for 2023-2024 as follow:

A2705
Gifts & Donations \$467.53

A2110.450-03-283
Instruction/Materials & Supplies/Weeks/2nd Grade \$467.53

Furthermore, via this resolution, the Board of Education expresses their appreciation to Visions FCU for this donation.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

9.2 Accept \$500 grant from Visions Federal Credit Union's We Win Together program

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that a grant of \$500.00 from Visions Federal Credit Union's We Win Together program as awarded to the Windsor Central School District, be accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$500.00 be appropriated into the Special Aid Fund for 2023-2024 as follow:

F2770-99W29
Other Revenue/We Win Together \$500.00

F2110.450-15-99W29
Instruction/Materials & Supplies/We Win Together \$500.00

Furthermore, via this resolution, the Board of Education expresses their appreciation to Visions Federal Credit Union for this grant.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

9.3 Accept \$500 donation from Visions FCU Loves Educators Program to be used for the purchase of Middle School science goggle sanitizer

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the donation from Visions FCU Loves Educators Program in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for the purchase of Middle School science goggle sanitizer as awarded to the Windsor Central School District, be accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$500.00 be appropriated into the General Fund for 2023-2024 as follow:

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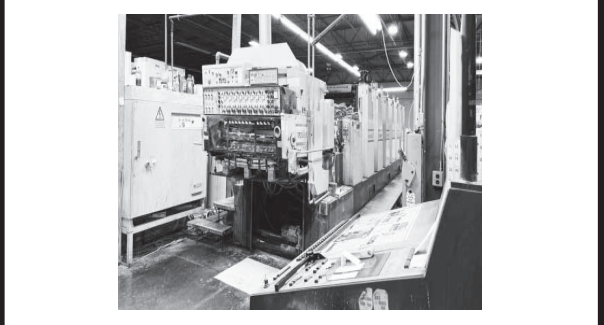
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Eastern Broome Senior Center

27 Golden Lane, Harpursville, NY 13787
 Open: M-F, 9 am- 2:30 pm, lunch served around noon
 Site Supervisor: Marcie Michalek (607) 693-2069
 MOW Supervisor: Nicole McNeal (607) 693-1566

June 2024

Mondays:

--Shuffleboard at 9am, Stop in!
 --Gentle Yoga -Gentle Yoga has returned on Mondays
 June 3,10,17, and 24 at 9:30am
 --Canasta- June 3,10,17, and 24 at 10:30am
 Join us every Monday- All skill levels are welcome.

Tuesdays:

--From 8am- 9:30am, Walk-In Breakfast:
 Made to order just the way you like! Nice variety, affordable- Suggested contribution of \$4.00 and \$5.00
 for those younger than age 60.
 --Mobile DMV: June 4,11,18, and 25 at 9am-1pm
 Walk-ins are welcome! No appointment is necessary.
 (No appts during lunch 11:30am – 12pm)
 --Music-Jam: Every Tuesday from 10am-12pm. Enjoy a relaxing Jam with other musicians- stop by! All are welcome!

Wednesdays:

--Crafters' Group - Wood Burning:
 June 5,12, and 26 from 9am - 11am (Closed Wednesday, June 19) Try sharing talents, help each other and be creative! Join Mark to enjoy your hand at wood burning and carving.
 --Billiards:10am – 11:30am Enjoy a Game or Practice.

Thursdays:

--June 6,13,20, and 27
 Acrylic Painting Class: 9am- 11am
 Discover Your Talents. All Supplies to Start Are Ready for You.
 --BINGO for Prizes:10am-11:30am
 Just bring a new item to be used as a prize. No money necessary!

Fridays:

--Shuffleboard: 9am, Enjoy practice or a fun game!
 --Gentle Tai Chi: June 7,14,21, and 28 at 9:30am-10:30am Increase Balance, and Overall Wellness. Perfect For Seniors!

Monday Through Friday: We offer cards, dominoes, and a variety of board games and the Wii.



Broome County Parks Announces Hours and Pricing for Amenities

The Broome County Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Services has announced the opening times for county park amenities.

While the parks are open year-round, special events are hosted during the summer months, including the annual Broome Bands Together, Movies in the Park, the Broome County Triathlon, the 5K Series, Beach Bash, and the popular Spiedie Fest. Starting on Memorial Day, the following amenities will be available:

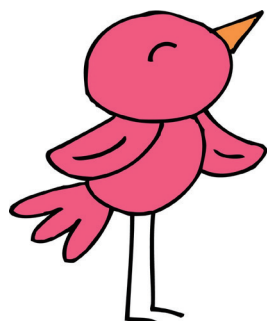
- ****Boat Rentals:**** Open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (last rental at 6:30 p.m.)
- ****Beaches:**** Open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- ****Concessions:**** Available at Nathaniel Cole Park and Greenwood Park daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ****Camping:**** Open daily at \$28 per night with a \$5 reservation fee
- ****Pavilions:**** Available for \$30 on weekdays and \$100 on weekends and holidays, with a \$5 reservation fee

Boat rental pricing is as follows:

- ****Paddle Boats/Kayaks:**** \$20 deposit, \$8 per hour
- ****Sailboats (Dorchester Only):**** \$20 deposit, \$8 per hour/\$30 per day
- ****Stand-Up Paddle Boards (Dorchester Only):**** \$20 deposit, \$8 per hour
- ****Rowboats/Canoes:**** \$20 deposit, \$5 per hour/\$20 per day
- ****Senior Citizen (age 60+)/Veteran Rowboats/Canoes:**** \$20 deposit, \$3 per hour/\$10 per day

The Department reminds all visitors to follow park rules and practice proper etiquette when using trails, beaches, boats, and other park equipment. Dogs are welcome in all parks but must be kept on a 6-foot leash and cleaned up after.

Parks open at 8 a.m. and close at dusk. For questions regarding amenities, please contact the Department at 607-778-2193.



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	Residential Monthly Rate*	Business Monthly Rate*
Afton	\$23.00	\$28.95
Deposit	\$23.00	\$25.95
Harpursville	\$23.00	\$31.96
Windsor	\$23.00	\$31.96
Sherman		
Zone 4 (Base Rate Area)	\$13.85	\$17.85
Zone 5	\$15.85	\$19.85
Zone 6	\$17.85	\$21.85
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--For more information, visit the Windsor Central School District website or go to: <https://www.windsor-csd.org/MenuItem/Summer%20Program%20Registration%20Flyer%202024.pdf>

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GOOD NEWS

(From May 28, 2024 - Regular WCSD Board Meeting) By Windsor School District

On May 21, Windsor voters approved the 2024-25 Windsor CSD budget by a vote of 296-92, a 76% approval rate. Margo Kibbler won re-election and Megan Waldron-Carroll won election to the Windsor CSD Board of Education.

In any language, Sydney Angelo, Aubrey Dixon, Thomas Donohue, Jarah Jubay, and Nicholas Pisano are trailblazers at Windsor Central High School. The five seniors are the first WCHS students to earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy. The state award recognizes students who speak English and another language at a proficient level. Students had to present using their target language on a topic of interest. They also had to complete a research report on an article that was completely in their target language, and the report had to be in the target language.

Musician Jared Campbell played a series of concerts at Windsor elementary schools, spreading messages of kindness and supporting the district's efforts to highlight the importance of mental health. Each Monday in May has been a Mental Health Monday. Students and teachers met to discuss what mental health is, and steps students can take to take care of their mental health, such as spending time outside, spending time with friends, taking care of their bodies, eating well, and focusing on the positives.

Bell Elementary announced its annual donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society – over \$1,600. Over the past 16 years, the school has raised almost \$30,000 for the cause.

Inspired by a former Bell student who suffered from childhood leukemia, participating in the Pennies for Patients campaign has become a yearly tradition at Bell School. The school holds a series of fundraisers to support the effort, including the annual Coin Carnival.

Last Thursday was a highlight of the Windsor Central Middle School schedule – Up With Life Day. Students enjoyed 29 hands-on workshops on ten career pathways highlighted by the district. They also had fun with magic and improv workshops, and a concert to end the day by the Windsor Central High School Knights of the Rock Table (KORT) band. “Students were engaged, they explored, stepped out of their comfort zones, and had fun,” said Windsor CSD career counselor Heather Noyd.

Also Thursday, Broome-Tioga BOCES held its “Wars Day” competition for CTE (Career and Technical Education) students. Windsor seniors Ash Indelicato (1st place) and Drew Diesel (2nd place) took the top spots in the “Video Wars” competition.

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Real Heroes

By Windsor School District

Jared Wilbur had just spoken to his mother on the phone. Something didn't seem right.

“When he came to me, I immediately knew something was wrong by the look on his face. Then he told me some of the symptoms his mom was having, and I immediately thought she was having a stroke,” said Marc Ayers.

Wilbur, then a sophomore at Windsor Central High School, and Ayres, then the WCHS School Resource Officer, decided to go to Wilbur's home, where his mother was waiting for a friend who was an hour away for help.

“I ran inside, and my mom was sitting in her bed. She was crying and on the phone with her friend. I told her that Marc was here, and we were taking her to the road to catch the ambulance,” said Wilbur, now a junior.

Wilbur's mother was indeed having a stroke. The quick thinking of her son and Ayers helped avert catastrophe.

“The doctor said if we waited that long (for her friend) it would have been worse. Our time just barely made the cut,” said Wilbur, now a junior at WCHS.

On May 15, the Southern Tier Chapter of the American Red Cross honored Ayers and Wilbur as their “Education Heroes” at the organization's Real Heroes breakfast in Binghamton. Each have their own definition of who the hero was.

“The true hero is Jared and his mom. I was just doing my job, doing what I was supposed to do,” said Ayers.

“I think it was a team effort, more on his part because he had the radio,” said Wilbur.

Wilbur's mother has recovered, regaining much of the form she had before the stroke.

“I'm very grateful. If we didn't go, my mom would probably be in a hospital or not able to walk,” said Wilbur.

A Good Read

By Windsor School District

Thoughts of summer led to a memorable school year for Bell Elementary's Nicholas Kristof. He won first place in the WSKG Student Writing Challenge for his book about things to do in the summer. He placed first in the K-1 nonfiction category.

“I was excited. I felt happy,” said Kristof. “I told my older brother Charles. My parents already knew.”

Kristof wrote about how he liked playing football in the summer, and that there are also thunderstorms. He drew pictures in his book to illustrate the story.

“I was very proud of him. I know he worked super hard on it. It was actually something he wrote at home and his mom messaged me as he was writing it. He brought it in, and it was beautifully done,” said Bell Elementary teacher Colleen Patch.

“He loves to make books, so he literally made this book out of printer paper and tape. I sent it back to Mrs. Patch and asked, ‘Is this OK?’” said Nicholas' mother, Carli Kristof. “I'm so proud of him. He did the whole thing himself. I think he did a great job. He's such a creative boy.”

Nicholas and other winners will be honored at a reception at the WSKG offices in Vestal on June 5.



Inside Albany

By Windsor School District

A trip to Albany has shown Windsor Central High School junior Nora Drexler the journey she wants to take for her career.

“I want to be an Assemblywoman,” said Drexler.

Drexler attended the League of Women Voters of New York's Students Inside Albany program May 19-22. She participated in a series of interactive lectures on topics such as the state budget process, the role of lobbyists in the legislative process, citizen rights to access government information, the role of media in politics, and the move to reform state government. Drexler also shadowed members of the State Senate and Assembly.

“I went because I love law and wasn't sure what direction I wanted to go, law or government. Now I got to learn how government works and what I am passionate about – making a difference for individuals, especially in our area,” said Drexler.

Drexler's shadowing of State Assemblyman Joe Angelino inspired her to follow his career path.

“He made it easy for me to understand and explained the job to me so well that he really inspired me to want to be a part of that,” said Drexler.

Drexler is a member of the WCHS Student Council and Windsor Civic Club, and has mentored younger students in the Windsor Strong Academy during the summer. She is still deciding where to attend college but plans on studying law and public policy.



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