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Chenango Valley Central School District April 2014

Message from the superintendent



David Gill Superintendent

Dear CV community,

This is my first formal opportunity to write to you in my new role as Chenango Valley superintendent. Let me start by first thanking many of you for the cards, emails, and kind words I received in response to my appointment. As I have said many times, I am not perfect -- none of us are -- but I do truly care about Chenango Valley, especially the future of our students. I feel so fortunate to have

this opportunity and can guarantee that I will do my best to not disappoint!

I try to visit our schools regularly and attend as many school functions as I can, and I am so thankful for all that I encounter. Our staff works tirelessly for our students. I see great lessons as well as great love for our children. Some days are better than others, I'm sure, but the Chenango Valley staff supports our children and wants them to be successful. I'm sure many superintendents feel the same way, but in my experience, Chenango Valley is tough to beat as an overall educational experience.

We are busy preparing the 2014-2015 school budget to present to the community. The Board of Education is scheduled to adopt the budget on April 23. The budget presentations are posted on our website. As always, if you have any questions regarding anything you see in the presentations, please do not hesitate to contact me or our Business Executive, Mrs. Elizabeth Donahue.

I have been speaking to the staff about "CV Celebrations." It is so easy to get bogged down with the stresses and negativity that unfortunately surround us and too often become part of life. We have been reflecting on our "CV Celebrations" - which are many! I had the pleasure of participating in PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) at Port Dickinson. I was fortunate enough to be part of the poetry contest at Chenango Bridge. If you have a middle school student – you surely heard about the exciting cardboard boat races that brought out a huge crowd. And lastly, hopefully you were able to attend one of the

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Math Night adds up to a night of learning and fun

Who knew math could be so much fun? The many students and families who attended our second annual Math Night on February 26, that's who!



Children made their way through 20 different stations that featured fun games, activities and crafts centered around math concepts. It was a great way for parents to connect with their children -- and the children learned that math really is fun!





David Gill named superintendent

Congratulations to David Gill, who was recently appointed to the position of district superintendent after serving as interim superintendent since January 2012. He has accepted a threeyear contract with the Chenango Valley Board of Education. "David Gill has provided the vision, the direction and the stable, patient leadership this district needed to reach the promising plane on which we now stand," said CV Board of Education President Gerald Abbey. "His steady, thoughtful guidance has helped position our district to meet the challenges of the future, both fiscally and academically."

Mr. Gill joined the Chenango Valley Schools as a math teacher in 1986 and was chair of the math department. In 2005, he became principal of the Middle School and in 2010 was named as the assistant superintendent.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in education from the University of Scranton, a Master's Degree in Math Education from Binghamton University, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Administration from SUNY Cortland. He and his wife, Chris, have four children.

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Four staff members attend Common Core conference

Four Chenango Valley educators attended an Uncommon Approaches to the Common Core conference on March 14 at the Roberson Museum & Science Center in Binghamton. Staff members Carrie Vesci, fourth grade teacher; Karen Krawczyk, art teacher; April Huyck, third grade teacher; Cheryl Ryder, fifth grade teacher and Chris Ruf, librarian, were among 180 local and regional educators from schools, libraries, museums, performing arts groups and other cultural organizations who attended the event.

The purpose of the Uncommon Approaches conference is to develop understanding of the Common Core with the goal to create common skills, a common base of information and common language so that conference participants will be able to effectively support teachers, students (including English-language learners and children with special needs), and parents.



A crowd of local educators listen to a presentation on Common Core standards at a conference at Roberson.

Facilities and Maintenance Chenango Valley Central School District 221 Chenango Bridge Road Binghamton, NY 13901

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Chenango Valley Central School District has completed the inspection of all schools and buildings to determine the condition of asbestos that is present, and whether any action is required to avoid potential health hazards for students, employees and visitors.

A management plan has been developed in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), to ensure the continued provision an maintenance of a safe environment for students, employees and visitors. The management plan includes training of maintenance staff to prevent disturbance of asbestos, periodic re-inspection, surveillance, and limited abatement by trained personnel.

Please note that the comprehensive, triennial inspection occurs once every three years. A surveillance inspection of the asbestos containing building materials occurs every six months, typically during the months of December and July. Monitoring of these building materials occurs on a continuing basis.

A copy of the management plan is available at the district office. If you would like further information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. George Zlock, Director of School Facilities and Operations at (607) 779-4724.

Food Bank's BackPack program at CV helps weekend hunger



All too often, children who receive free/reduced-price meals at school go hungry over the weekends. To help combat this problem, CV has teamed up with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier to provide children who are at risk of hunger with a kid-friendly, nutritious backpack of food each Friday.

During the 2012-13 school year, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier's BackPack program served a total of 73,872 packs to students in 33 area school districts. This year, the program expanded to include 37 students in CV schools -- from both Port Dickinson Elementary and Chenango Bridge Elementary.

Each backpack contains at least eight items: two proteins, two grains, two dairy and two fruits or vegetables. The food is individually packaged and easy to prepare.

Students are selected for the program by school staff, and the packs are distributed discreetly to ensure confidentiality.

CV District News



Gerald Abbey Board President

Now that the board of education has selected a superintendent, Mr. David Gill, I would like to provide an update on the plans and priorities for the remainder of the school year and beyond.

The superintendent is currently appointing an administrative team and re-assigning some administrators to different positions within the team.

As of this writing, the following appointments have been made:

- Asst. Supt. of Schools Mrs. Elizabeth DiCosimo
- Director of Curriculum Mrs. Tammy Ivan
- Director of Special Education TBA
- Director of Technology/Curriculum Mrs. Sarah Latimer
- HS Principal Mr. Terry Heller
- HS Asst. Principal and Athletic Director Mr. Brad Tomm
- MS Principal Mr. Eric Attleson
- Chenango Bridge Principal Mrs. Mary Beth Hammond
- Port Dickinson Principal Mr. James Pritchard

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank these individuals for being part of our administrative team. To the entire CV faculty and staff, I ask that you provide your support to the new administration. These leadership positions involve making many decisions, many of which are necessary but not always easy or popular. We rely on these leaders and their expertise to make the best decision for everyone involved.

The board and the superintendent will have our 2014-15 budget proposal completed and ready for vote on May 20. This year, our allowable tax levy increase as calculated by New York State, is *negative* .44 percent, which means that our tax levy -- the amount collected from local taxpayers -- will be less than the amount collected last year. Look for details of the budget on our website and in the budget newsletter.

We are also looking at a capital improvement plan to address immediate needs as well as long-range plans. Plans we will be reviewing include future development of the Hillcrest Depot property, upgrades to Port Dickenson Elementary, and security upgrades to all of our buildings.

Thank you for your continuing support of our district. Without you -- the taxpayers, parents, students, faculty, staff and administration -- we could not be the great district we are and will continue to be.

District to conduct census Forms to be included in Budget Newsletter

Over the next few months, Chenango Valley will be conducting a census of households in the district. The census will ask for the household address and the name of all occupants. For occupants under the age of 22, a date of birth will be requested.

In accordance with the Child Find mandate of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the census form will also give parents/guardians the opportunity to indicate whether their child may need special education services.

The purpose of the census is to update our newsletter mailing list with more accurate addresses and to help us plan for future student enrollment. All information collected will be kept confidential.

A census form will be included in the next edition (budget issue) of the district newsletter. We ask that each household complete the form and return it to the district. Forms can be mailed or dropped off at any CV school building main office. For your convenience, a copy of the form will be provided on our website. The online form can be downloaded and printed for mailing, or can be completed and submitted electronically.

During the summer, representatives of the district will contact households that have not submitted a census form. We appreciate your cooperation as we work to improve our communications and long-range planning.

Proposition for Fenton Library to be on district ballot

Chenango Valley residents voting on the 2014-15 school budget in May will notice something new on the ballot: a separate proposition to fund the Fenton Free Library in Hillcrest.

According to New York State Education Law, libraries within the boundaries of a school district have the right to place a separate funding proposition on the district's ballot. The law provides this as a means for libraries to access community voters and levy taxes.

The CV Board of Education recently approved the Fenton Library's request for a funding proposition to be placed on the district's May 2014 ballot. The proposition is for \$85,000 in annual funding. If the proposition passes, it will be included as a separate line item on residents' tax bills. It is important to note that library funds and school district funds remain separate, and the school district does not have any role in funding, operations or management of the library.

Information sessions will be held at the library on April 27 and May 15 at 7 p.m. There is a Frequently Asked Questions document available on the Town of Fenton website: www.townoffenton.com or call 724-8649.

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Hillcrest Rotary donates \$5,000 to CV Food Pantry

Representatives from the Hillcrest Rotary visited the district March 26 to present a \$5,000 donation to CV's Food Pantry located in the High School.

The donation will be used to buy food and personal/household items for the pantry to have on hand as needs arise in the CV community. Judy Hayes, HS guidance counselor, and Jackie Arnold, HS social worker, report that the need for food and basic necessities among district families has grown significantly in the past year, making the Hillcrest Rotary donation especially appreciated.

Thank you, Hillcrest Rotary! Your generous donation will go a long way towards helping those in need in the CV community.



Larry Dougherty, right, and Alan Blythe, left, of the Hillcrest Rotary present a donation check for the CV Food Pantry to Jackie Arnold and Judy Hayes.



Jackie Arnold and Judy Hayes were overwhelmed when they realized the amount of the donation!

"Message," from the cover

performances of our high school drama production of "Beauty and the Beast!" These are only a few of MANY "CV Celebrations" – all of which are examples of what is right at Chenango Valley!

Thank you to staff, students, and parents – for all working together to give our children a well-rounded education in one of the best school communities in the Triple Cities!

Happy spring!

David Gill Superintendent

Operation Safe Stop provides important reminder

Law enforcement officers in the CV district and across New York State participated in "Operation Safe Stop" on April 3 - a cooperative project aimed at promoting school bus safety through education and enforcement efforts.

To help in this effort, we remind all drivers:

- Yellow lights mean the school bus is getting ready to stop.
 SLOW DOWN!
- Red lights mean students are getting on or off the bus.
 STOP!

Students learn childcare skills in Red Cross Babysitting class

Holding, feeding and changing a diaper are just a few of the many childcare skills students learned at the recent American Red Cross babysitting course held Saturday, March 15 at Chenango Bridge Elementary. Twenty-one students attended the all-day class, which was taught by Chenango Bridge physical education teacher Mrs. Price and Mr. Frayer from CVHS. All participants completed the course and received their babysitting certification.



I-r: McKenna Miller, Lian McGuane, Amelia DiRenzo, Brooke LaBrie and Elizabeth Morgan proudly hold their "babies" after learning skills needed to babysit.

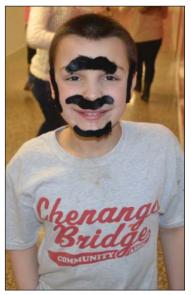
COMMUNITY NIGHT 2014



























Guidance News

College courses offered at CVHS

Chenango Valley continues to offer a multitude of college opportunities. With the support of our administration and board of education, we offer over 50 college credit hours available through various college courses.

CV teachers, certified by SUNY Broome, Tompkins Cortland Community College and the University of Albany promote and offer challenging college-level experiences to students in the last two years of high school. Students benefit through their ability to enroll in rigorous college-level courses while simultaneously meeting high school graduation requirements.

College courses offered for the 2014-2015 school year:

American History 201 and 202	Dr. Hemzik
Beginning Drawing 115	Mr. Zanot
Biology 104 and 105	Mr. Reed
Calculus 181 and 182	Mr. Hughes
English 110	Mr. Italiano
Financial Accounting 111	Mr. Hertzog
French 201 and 202	Mrs. Henyan
Introduction to Ceramics 130	Mr. Fitzsimmons
Introduction to 3D Design 106	Mr. Fitzsimmons
Pre-Calculus 100	Mr. Hope
Spanish 201 and 202	Mr. Simonis
Statistics 108	Mr. Mercik
AP World History	Mrs. Haskell
AP Politics and Government	Dr. Hemzik

A special thank you to these CV teachers who continue to work towards enriching the lives of our students!

Submitted by Charles Purce, Director of Guidance

Making the move...from high school to college

First-year college students will quickly discover that college is very different from high school. There will be new academic demands, many competing and tempting diversions, freedom to go or not go to class and many other exciting opportunities. There is a lot to know and even more to do.

How can new students be sure that they are getting off to the best start possible? There are so many resources available to students that they need to take advantage of. Get to know your academic advisor, resident advisors, and faculty members. Take advantage of the career/counseling center, speak to other students and ask for assistance. Building relationships can make the difference between students who "survived" and those who "thrived" during college.

Here is some advice from current college sophomores and juniors at the University of Rochester:

- Don't worry about how people around you are doing –
 just focus on doing the best you can
- · It's OK to say "no."
- · You don't have to know everything now.
- · No one will wake you up in the morning.
- · Take an art class.
- Trust yourself.
- · School IS a full-time job.
- Take a study skills course even if you don't think you need one!
- · Visit your professors during their office hours.

Submitted by Judy Hayes

Welcome to Reality!

Chenango Valley High School seniors experienced a dose of reality and first-hand lessons in financial management at a "Life is a Reality" Expo on March 20. The event took place in the Senior High Library. Students prepared for the event through their economic/government classes. The expo is co-sponsored by Chenango Valley Guidance department, the Family and Consumer Science department and Visions Federal Credit Union.

"Life is a Reality" gives students an interactive, hands-on, authentic experience as they learn how to manage their money in real life situations. Each student entered the event with an occupation of their choice, an entry level salary and a check register. Students navigated through 15 "life booths" that simulated real life situations and necessities, such as paying rent, buying a car and



Senior Cal Jones spins the Wheel of Fortune, (or misfortune)

paying for groceries. Reality set in quickly in the form of life twists, including the reality of paying for their own cell phones bills and entertainment. They learned that managing their money in the real world isn't as easy as they may think.

6 Submitted by Karen Mullins

Guidance News

Older students help young ones deal with test stress

A group of students, led by ninth-grader Elizabeth Selby, developed an idea to help our third grade students as they faced their first state test. The older students remember third grade and the stress they experienced with their own first state test.

Elizabeth thought if they could cheer the third-graders on, it might help them to feel more comfortable and confident going into the English Language Arts state test during the first week in April. Armed with "testing treat" goodie bags, the ninth-graders went to Port Dickinson Elementary on March 28 and visited all of the third grade classrooms, giving a pep talk and presenting the bags to each student.

Each of the goodie bags contained: Smarties (You're a smartie), Starburst (You're bursting with knowledge), pencils (You've got the "write" stuff), erasers (Erase your fears) and some stickers (Stick to it! You can do it).



assembling the testing treat goodie bags

The ninth-graders participating in the project were: Shai-ana Bess, Nicole Blance, Shannon Giblin, Hollis Krisko, Meg Rossie, Rachel Seifert, Elizabeth Selby and Lindsey Thorton. Well done, girls!

Submitted by Beth Hubenthal, social worker

Spring brings state testing...and test anxiety

Test anxiety is a reality for students in middle school today. As a parent, you want to help your child succeed in school and life. It's important to help students identify what they are feeling and give them the tools that will help them manage the emotions such as anxiety, self-doubt, anger or frustration. Here are some tips to help your child decrease their stress and test anxiety:

- Reinforce the idea with your child that no one is perfect. No student will know all the answers to every test they take. The desire to be perfect can be a big part of test anxiety. When a child starts trying to be perfect it can lead to guilt or panic.
- Teach them positive self-talk. Work with your child so they can tell themselves at the beginning of the test, "I am prepared for this test. I may not get all the answers right. But I can do my best." The positive self-talk goes a long way towards reinforcing a feeling of calm and control.
- Make sure your child gets enough rest the night before the test. Big tests require a lot of energy and stamina to be able to focus for several hours. Make sure they get at least 8-10 hours of sleep the night before the test.
- Do something fun the night before to take their mind off the test, like watch a movie, play a board game or participate in a sports activity. Your child's mind and emotions will be more relaxed in the time leading up to the test.
- Try to eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the test. A child's brain needs a lot of energy to maintain focus on a big test for several hours. Eat a hearty and healthy breakfast, including complex carbohydrates and protein to make your energy last as long as possible. Foods such as eggs, cereal and whole-wheat toast help energize your brain to think more clearly.

Standardized tests and other tests will be part of your child's life throughout school. Learning to successfully deal with test anxiety early is a valuable skill for your child to possess. Practicing these tools in advance can help students limit test anxiety and perform even better on their school work.

Second Quarter MS/HS Honor Roll

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Alia Arnold Tyler Benedict William Blewett **Abigail Buckley Audrey Calica** Ellis Cleveland **Ethan Cooper** Tara Crissman Rachel Cron Katie Doan David Dodson Rose Eccleston Joshua Fendick Kayla Ferris Dylan Ferry Kaitlyn Guelzow Christy Hanson Kaitlyn Hardler **Grace Harrington** Mary Hibbard **Brady Hope** J-Lah Jackson Morgan Jones Nathan Klein Travis Kraack Sarah Lamoreaux Liam Lewis Thomas Love Kendyll McMahon **Baylee Merrill** Michael Mettler Diamond Ming Cody Nagle Nicholas Norton Hunter O'Connor Caitlyn Pierce **Ashley Rogers** Nicholas Roser Jayna Ross Breanen Rought Harley Sarvey Madisyn Savage Tori Schreiber Daniel Schuldt Calista Smith Ryan Spence **Taylor Trout** Joshua VanBarriger Mikayla Warner Bryanna White Angelina Williams

Grade 8 Honor Roll

Ty Abell Kiana Archer-Cronk Cameron Ashman **Amathyst Baker** Alyssa Benninger Addelynne Bixby Webb Botting Patrick Buchinsky Riley Buckland Rebekah Courtright Brianna Dayton **Alexis Demas** Sarah Dorn Maria Forbidussi Dominic Francavilla Cora French Patrick Giblin Marlaina Giurastante Christina Gladhill Cassidy Golden Molly Grady Mark Inzhirov Elizabeth Kimble Matthew Klein Isabella LoVuolo Kaitlyn Mach Zackarv MacLaren Jonathan Miller Russell Nelson Morgan Odgers Danielle Paulhamus Jessica Riegal **Madison Riley** Craig Salzman **Devin Sawyer Dustin Schmidt Christofer Schmits** Mackenzie Showers **Madison Smith Chace Snyder** Anna Stacey Keira Strong Joseph Testani **Emily Velez** Benjamin Venuti Jacob Willis

Julianne Worden

Grade 9 Honor Roll

Martin Buchinsky Mark Burchett Jr John Cemay Kyle Chapman Matthew Cole Meghan Cooley Jennica Crisman Victoria DiRienzo Sean Dundon Samantha Ferry **Emily Friends** Nicole Heatherman Megan Heifferon Nathaniel Hopper Savanah Judd Casev Lorenc Nicholas Marinaro Garrett Miller Tyler Mosher Bailev Reardon Mikayla Rogers Tyler Sanderhoff Gabrielle Siedlecky Austin Smith Tyler Smith Lindsay Thornton **Charles Wilkins** Jeffrey Worden

Grade 10 Honor Roll

Stephen Aylward Tanner Beagell Kyle Briggs Abigail Carr Sarah Chandler Jenna Conrow Austin Crissman William Eccleston Chelsi Fyans Mark Gallo Briana Kellar Abigail Lane Nicholas Mace Mallory Mailen Suehaidee Masso Sophie Miller Mark Mullins Connie Nguyen Bailey Raker **Emily Schmits**

Sharon Smith Kevin Taylor Emma Yannuzzi Adisa Zukic

Grade 11 Honor Roll

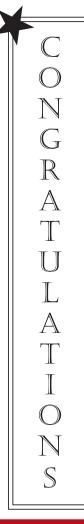
Gabrielle Becker Megan Broughton Gavin Brown Madison Cline **Benjamin Daniels** Rachel Fadden Danielle Forbidussi **Shantel Francis** Casey Gorman **Brandon Greiner Christian Hart** Connor Harvey Tess Hatton Kyra Heatherman Chelsea Henige Michaela Hensel Carl Iacona Courtney Kushner **Tobias Lanfear** Casey Leadbeater Laura LeVonne Katelyn Lewis Shane Moriarity Elma Muric **Dominick Potter** Sarah Raichlin **Daniel Reppard** Caroline Smith Alaena Sullivan Ashton Visconti Courtney Wood

Grade 12 Honor Roll

Amanda Zeggert

Chantel Adams
John Anderson Jr
Taylor Austin
Kelly Bakker
Bethany Bertram
Ashley Chase
Zachary Cole
Ryan Corey
Nathan Cower
Thomas Dundon

Amer Dzaferovic Jason Fehr Juvelee Finch Kayla Galusha Eugene Gorman III Samantha Johnson Chantelle Judd Jessup Lints Christopher Marean Gabrielle Mellen Allison Miller Sarah Munson Alexis Osborne Nyasia Rice Shane Robinson **Karoline Ross** Adrienne Scala Gaberial Seaman Emma Snyder Mikayla Torrey David Trudeaux II Matthew Waskie



Second Quarter MS/HS High Honor Roll

Grade 7 High Honor Roll

Catherine Ashman Alexa Attleson Sara Bozuhoski **Eric Brom** James Bush Shane Culver Faith Fassett Sabrina French Hannah Frey Jacklyn Hardler Ryan Houseknecht Jeremy Kellam **Brittany Kropp Edward Kuklo** Natalie Lehr Nathan Lehr Andy Li Marina Maerkl Marc Marion Jennifer McLaughlin McKenna Miller Angelo Montemagno Hallie Morgan Elizabeth Morton Leann Mulligan Carly O'Brien Madison Perrault Taylor Potenziano Alexis Randis Jeffrey Rice Mackenzie Rios Marrissa Rogers Lucas Scott Erin Skinner Mallorie Turner Peyton VanSoest Kara Watson John-Paul Webster Caitlin Whiting Carter Wilson Katelyn Wood

Brianna Yang

Camryn Zaic

Grade 8 High Honor Roll

Madeline Broderick Alaina Carman Natalie Ehrensbeck Owen Gillette Hannah Grunder **Abigail Hamilton Elaine Hamilton** Jenna Hanyon Mia Hause Peter Jensen Ian Keldon Brenna King Kristapher Lindsey Kayla Lopez Lauren Marble Lian McGuane **Grace McManus** Emma Moore Matthew Pecha Linsey Reardon Jackson Retzlaff Jacquelyn Ruf Croce Santa Jocelyn Schell Kathleen Schultz Kelly Smith Madison Stockmaster Noah Stroka Tara Terpstra Kelly Thompson James Wyatt

Grade 9 High Honor Roll

Cameron Auchinachie Nicole Blance **Bradley Blewett** Kit Cheng Chandlar Courtright **Andrew Cronin** Karl Grunder Kevin Hammond Nathan Marble Alexis Phillips Jack Riegal Meg Rossie Brendyn Savage Elizabeth Selby Mackinaw Shutt Chad Simmons Jr **Christopher Singleton**

Cameron Smith Kesondra Stafford Aaron Trumino Christopher Vegiard Kimberly Winans

Grade 10 High Honor Roll

Margaret Gross Trisha Illsley Cydney Mallery Chase Page Nicholas Pert Bailey VanSoest

Grade 11 High Honor Roll

Brenda Barry Jared Cornell Ruth Crissman Kaleb Green Reed Grunder Rhianna Henson **Harold Jones** Charles Kane Juliet Kina Rebecca Mach Colton Miller Victor Mulligan Valerie Nguyen Stephanie Orzelek **Brittany Rose** Jacob Rossie Sarah Volk Amber Wallach Kaitlyn Yurenda

Grade 12 High Honor Roll

Brian Ball
Caitlin Crisman
Rachel Guth
Taylor Hayes
Brandy Illsley
Mikayla Kilts
Damiana Mellen
Corrine Muccio
Matthew Personius
Victoria Pipher
Catherine Schaum

Nicholas Schuldt Kelsey Smith Natalie Spear-Meade Courtney Tester Ashleigh Weir Olivia Wickham

★ Grade 9 Honors w/Distinction

Shai-ana Bess

Zachary Carr Sean Corey **Emma Crooks** Jessica Feyler Mariah Galli Shannon Giblin Kevin Grady **Robert Gross** Samuel Hatton Matthew Igo Jessica Kellam **Brandon Kipp** Hollis Krisko Gunnar Madison **Daniel Norris Spencer Peters** Lauren Rice Spencer Root Rachel Seifert Sarah Trick

★ Grade 10 Honors w/Distinction

Rudy Cen Erin Culver **Fthan Flliott** Michaela Gay Owen Klepfer Kerri Kunkel Jacob Lehr Melissa Marean Kelsilyn Norman Cassidy O'Brien Carlee Ostrom Nicholas Ostrom Ryan Phillips Ciara Sherling Jenna Simons Matthew Wells

★ Grade 11 Honors w/Distinction

Jenna Decker Luke Dionne Emily Hammond Trevor Hope Kristen Igo Sonja Jensen Caitlin Mellen Oliver Mohr Julia Peters Olivia Trumino Zachary Wyatt

★ Grade 12 Honors w/Distinction

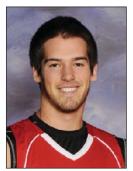
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Athletics

Scholar Athlete Teams

- ★ Girls Basketball
- ★ Girls Indoor Track
- **★** Boys Swimming

Winter 2013-14 Academic All-Stars



Matt Personius *Boys Basketball*



Maddie Staiger Girls Basketball



Calahan Jones
Bowling



Kyra Heatherman *Bowling*



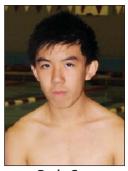
Courtney Tester
Cheerleading



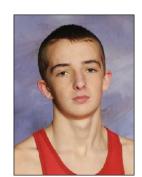
Trevor Hope Indoor Track



Sarah Trick Indoor Track



Rudy Cen *Boys Swimming*



Jake Lehr Wrestling

Congratulations to these fine student-athletes for their accomplishments in their sport and in the classroom.

Hannah Elliott named WBNG-TV Academic All-Star

Senior Hannah Elliott was recently selected as a WBNG-TV Academic All-Star. Hannah is a three-sport athlete, playing varsity basketball, track and soccer. At the time of her all-star selection, she ranked second in the senior class with a 102 average.

"She's predictable, reliable and you know what you're going to get every single day from her," said coach Carl Kucharski. "Her work ethic is just phenomenal."

Congratulations, Hannah!



Fall sports physicals

Physicals for the 2014 fall sports season will take place in May.

A green sport form must be completed for each sport season for all athletes, regardless of physical status. Parents, please watch for this form to come home with your student athlete. Please complete the health history, sign the form, and have your student return the form to the health office no later than May 7.

Reminder for fall sports: Due to state mandates, once a student-athlete has submitted the green "Health History Form/Physical" in May, he/she will not be qualified to play a sport unless the blue "Health History Form" update is turned in to the Athletic Office within 30 days of the start of the season. These forms will be mailed to student-athletes 30 days prior to the start of the sport season. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Frost, RN or Kim Riquier, RN in the HS/MSchool Health Office at 762-6912 or 762-6911.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT & AWARDS

Winter 2013-14



Cam Auchinachie

Boys Swimming

★ All Conference



Gavin Brown

Bowling

★ All Conference

★★ State Qualifier



Gannon Connors

Boys Swimming

★ All Conference



Luke Dionne
Boys Swimming
★ All Conference



Hannah Elliott

Girls Basketball

★ All Conference



Cora French
Indoor Track

★★ State Qualifier



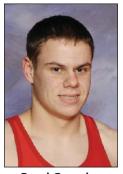
Eugene Gorman

Boys Swimming

★ All Conference



Karl Grunder
Boys Swimming
★ All Conference



Reed Grunder
Wrestling
★ All Conference
All Division



Chelsea Henige Girls Basketball All Division



Trevor Hope Indoor Track ★ State Qualifier



Jake Lehr
Wrestling

★★★ Section 4 Cl.B
Division II Champion

★ All Conference
All Division



Mark Mullins Boys Basketball All Division



Dom Potter
Indoor Track

★★ State Qualifier



Nick Schuldt

Boys Swimming

★ All Conference



Alaena Sullivan

Bowling

★ All Conference

★★ State Qualifier



Caleb Wiggins
Wrestling
★ All Conference
All Division

Sportsmanship Award

Boys Basketball Zach Cole

Girls Basketball *Ashleigh Weir*

Boys Bowling Neil Terrell

Girls Bowling Breanna Nowetner **Cheerleading** Sarah Kellogg

Indoor Track Kevin Taylor Cora French Boys Swimming Ethan Elliott

> **Wrestling** Bryan Pert

Spirit Award

CheerleadingChantel Adams

Music & the Arts

MS Advanced Instrumental Music students perform at Oakdale Mall

Music teacher and band director Karla Jensen directs her eighth grade AIM (Advanced Instrumental Music) students at a recent performance at the Oakdale Mall. The event was part of "Music in Our Schools" month.



Spring Concerts

High School Jazz Night Concert
Thursday, May 1 - 7 p.m.
High School Auditorium

Middle School Spring Concert
Thursday, May 8 - 7 p.m.
High School Auditorium

High School Spring Concert Monday, May 19 - 7 p.m. High School Auditorium

*Ice Cream Social*Wednesday, June 4 - 6:30 p.m.
CVHS - lawn near football field

All performances are also a Bottles For BaCH bottle drive Please bring your bottle/can donations to support BaCH

A special 'thank you' from the CV Theatre Guild

It was with deepest pride and greatest pleasure that CV Theatre Guild welcomed the community to its production of "Beauty and the Beast." The directors, production staff, and cast and crew sincerely appreciate the support of our patrons which resulted in three complete sell-out performances! That was so thrilling for us; a first in the 16 years of Theatre Guild!!

We are so proud of the hard work and the tireless commitment given to this program from the cast and crew, the directing team, production staff and designers, and the many dedicated and outstanding volunteers. Putting on this "Beast" of a show was a daunting task, but the consistent energy and enthusiasm shown was what truly created the magic on stage! It is through this wonderful teamwork that made for an outstanding production!

The Theatre Guild would like to thank the many area businesses and patrons who supported us by various donations of goods, services, and advertisements. Thank you CV community, parents and friends for supporting the Performing Arts at CV.

Carole Stanley & Elaine Pierce

See back cover for "Beauty & the Beast" photos

Music & the Arts

With students taking everything from ceramics, sculpture, 3D, Fast Forward (college credit) or independent study, art teacher Mr. Fitzsimmon's ceramics studio is always alive with activity.

Many students come in during free periods to work on their projects, with "Fitz" giving them guidance, which could mean showing them pictures of works from famous potters to inspire ideas, teaching them to determine if a clay piece is ready to be fired, or demonstrating how to safely remove a pot from the wheel.

The studio is an encouraging environment that helps students explore their creativity and expand their skills.



Emma Snyder works on a bowl.



Reed Grunder adds handles to a large jug he created.



Teacher Andy Fitzsimmons shows David Trudeaux how to add a cane handle to his ceramic teapot.



Adrienne Scala creates a pot on the wheel.



Mark Gallo works on a lid for his clay pot.



Haley Spencer shows off her portrait.

Self-portraits with a twist

Students in Ms. Krawczyk's advanced art class used a variety of styles, materials and mediums to create their self-portraits. Anime influences, abstract features and quotes/lyrics were just some of the ways students expressed themselves through their art.



Tara Terpstra and Kelly Smith work on their art.



Linsey Reardon completes the background design on her portrait.

Elementary - Port Dickinson



Jim Pritchard, principal, Port Dickinson Elem.

Spring has sprung here at Port Dickinson and everyone is looking forward to some warmer days. We had many teachers and families participate in Math Night, which turned out to be a lot of fun for all who attended. We had our annual poetry recitation in which we choose two third graders, Lucas Baier and Erin Wales, both from Mrs. Huyck's class, to represent Port Dickinson at the annual countywide Eleanor Henrick's Poetry Recitation for Children on Saturday, April 26.

Our students are in the middle of state testing. Third grade teachers are busily preparing our students for the New York State test. The teachers continue to work on implementing the New York State Common Core Math modules. Finally, I would like to thank all of those that helped raise money for Jump Rope for Heart, the American Heart Association fundraiser. At Port Dickinson we raised over \$15,000 dollars for this great cause.

May you all have a super spring.

- Jim Pritchard, PD principal

PD poised to be #1 - again - in Jump Rope for Heart campaign

Port Dickinson physical education teachers Mr. Novotny and Mr. Hayes become men on a mission when it comes to the American Heart Association's "Jump Rope for Heart" campaign.



Jump Rope for Heart is an event that encourages students to jump rope,

learn about their hearts and how to keep them healthy, and raise money for the American Heart Association. Mr. Novotny and Mr. Hayes organize a "wholehearted" effort each year, encouraging students to raise donations.

Apparently, when the two physical education teachers speak, students listen! Students have raised \$15,003 this spring alone, likely placing Port Dickinson as the top fundraising school in the area for the fourth consecutive year. Over the past six years, Port Dickinson has raised a total of \$40,376 -- truly amazing!

Top individual student fundraisers this year were third-graders Jessica Gates, who raised \$2,000 (wow!) in donations, and Mercedes Roys, who raised a whopping \$550.

"We put a lot of work into it," said Kevin. The two created a video encouraging students to participate, and they collected prizes from local businesses such as Sonic, Wendy's and Hoopla, to offer as incentives for the top fund-raisers. Kevin has an added incentive to encourage donations: he and his wife, Jennifer, a teacher at Tioga Hills in Vestal, have a friendly JRFH competition each year, though he admits with a smile that he always wins.

In addition to helping the American Heart Association's efforts to combat heart disease, schools raising money in the Jump Rope For Heart campaign earn incentives as they reach different levels of donations. This year, Port Dickinson earned \$800 in physical education equipment to help kids stay active.

Honor Society students are guest readers during PARP Week

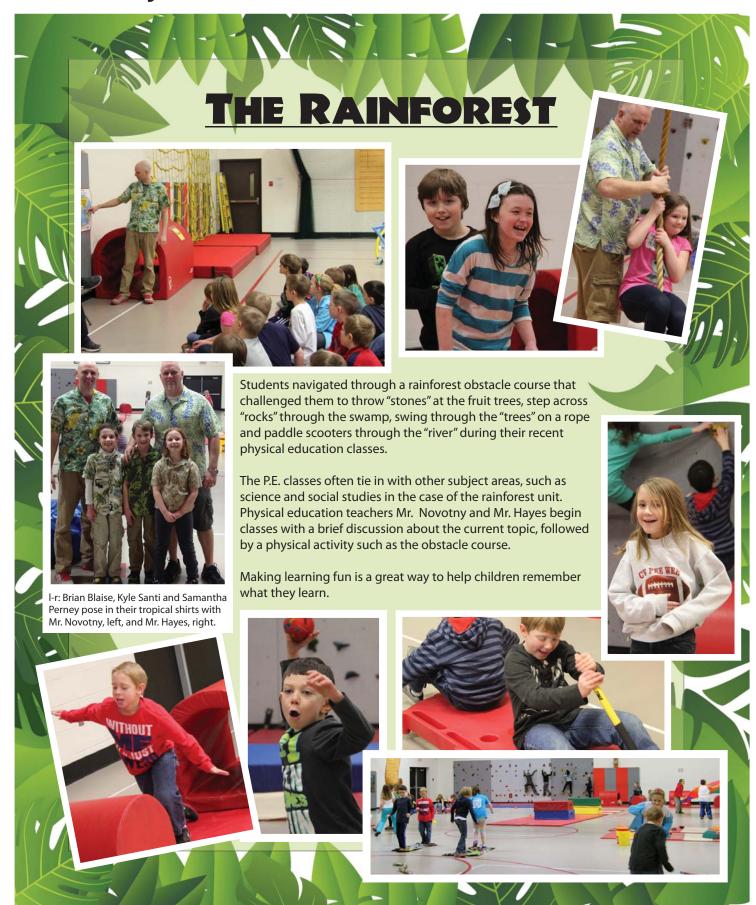
Members of the CVHS National Honor Society paid a special visit to Port Dickinson during Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) week to read to students. Readers included: Becky Belo, Zach Cole, Emily Hammond, Sonja Jensen, Julie LeVonne, Denae Moyer, Sarah Munson, Shane Robinson and Olivia Trumino.



Above: Zach Cole reads to Port Dickinson PreK students, as Shane Robinson, a.k.a., Clifford the Big Red Dog, helps to entertain the young ones.



Elementary - Port Dickinson



Elementary - Chenango Bridge



Tamara Ivan, principal, Chenango Bridge

It's finally time to welcome spring!!! Along with warmer weather we also welcome a host of school activities as well as NY state assessments. We have been focusing on poetry at CB and had a wonderful recitation in March. The selected students will eventually be going to Binghamton High School and/or Binghamton University to perform. Students are also starting to prepare for the CB Science Fair on May 13. Hundreds of projects will be on display that evening for all to view. We will also simultaneously host an Art Show and Basket Raffle to raise money for our end-of-the-year carnival.

By the time this *Newscaster* goes to publication, we should be in the middle of our NYS exams. The NYS ELA exams were held April 1, 2 & 3 and math exams are on April 30, May 1 & 2. The NYS fourth grade science exam is on June 2. As with all state exams, please make sure your child is well rested, relaxed and on time for school. Please make every effort to have your child in school and schedule appointments around those days if possible.

The CB PTA will provide a muffin and juice or milk for breakfast for each child on every exam morning during ELA and math testing dates. Many thanks to our generous PTA! If your child would prefer something else for breakfast, please make sure he/she eats prior to coming to school.

Also, we have to follow very strict guidelines regarding electronic devices. Students will not be allowed to have any cell phones or electronic communication devices with them during testing times. Please encourage your child to leave his/her phone home. We have plenty of phones in the school that students will be permitted to use if necessary. Cell phones will be collected prior to the exams and returned when all students have completed the tests. Phones are not allowed in classrooms, bathrooms, or anywhere students are present during testing times. We appreciate your help in enforcing these rules with your child.

As always, please feel free to contact myself or anyone at the school with a question or concern. The entire school appreciates the parental and community support of our various activities. Happy spring!

- Tamara Ivan, CBE principal

Projects combine core subjects with art

Mrs. Vesci's and Mrs. Walsh's classes recently completed two projects that integrated core subjects with art, allowing students to express their creativity while learning new concepts and building skills.

At right, students in the top photo show off their biographical essay and pencil portrait. Front row, I-r: Emily Goodstal, Celia Trumino, Justin Wardell, Maisy Wood. Back row, I-r: Abby LaDue, Donavan Tomm. Rocco Ashman.

Students in the bottom photo display their science projects depicting the layers of the earth. Front row, I-r: Mason Lewis, Eric Attleson, Dustin Arnold. Back row, I-r: Gracie Brown, Chloe Osteen, Ethan Rogers.





Earning the way to play



Students pictured above participated in a VIP Glow-in-the-Dark volleyball party. The students qualified for the party by each raising \$75 or more for the American Heart Association during the Jump Rope for Heart campaign. CB students raised nearly \$3,500 for The American Heart Association.

Great job!

Elementary - Chenango Bridge

Telling the story of "My Pet Rock"



I-r: Jenna Pratt, Anna Peret and Patrick Sweeney hold their pet rock creations. Students in Mrs. Martin's, Mrs. Sweeney's and Mrs. Gates' fourth grade classes each created a pet rock as part of a unit in earth science taught by Mrs. Martin. Each student created their own pet rock and wrote a story about their pet's journey through the rock cycle.



Teamwork is the name of the game



Above, Ms. Smith's and Mrs. Zanot's classes posed together after participating in the Seidentopp's Sport Education Model as part of a volleyball unit.

All CB physical education classes participated in the Seidentopp program, which aligns with Common Core curriculum by encouraging students to become teammates, train as a team in skill development, formulate team names and uniforms, referee games during class and demonstrate sportsmanship through competition in an in-class tournament.

The photo shows the team uniforms these students produced for the class competition.

Poise, talent and humor on display at 'Spring Into Poetry' recitation

If they were nervous, they sure didn't show it. One by one, 22 students stood at the microphone on stage to recite a poem during the school's annual poetry recitation. Each showed tremendous confidence as they recited their poem, with many using props and expressive gestures to entertain their schoolmates in the audience. The judges - Superintendent David Gill, "Miss Anne" Szymaniak of the Dance Connection and Joanne Klenovic of the Red & White, had a very difficult job selecting two winners to participate in the annual Eleanor Henricks Countywide Poetry Recitation at Binghamton High School on April 26.



Chenango Bridge Elementary Poetry Recitation Winners

Emily Goodstal

Mrs. Vesci's class, grade 4 "The Armpit of Doom" (anonymous)

Sophia Peret

Mrs. Ryder's class, grade 5
The Dentist and the Crocodile"
by Shel Silverstein

Middle School



Eric E.Attleson, principal CV Middle School

Thank you to all the parents and MS/HS guidance department staff who attended the eighth to ninth Grade transition program and eighth grade information session on March 6. MS Counselor Mrs. Sampson has been meeting with eighth gradess students explaining the scheduling options for their freshman year.

The fourth annual Cardboard Boat Race held March 14 was a complete success. We had a total of 44 cardboard boat teams with 126 MS students participating in the event. A special thank-you goes to our science teachers, Mrs. Bigelow, Mrs. Dutter and Mrs. Lally for their work with students in this major undertaking.

The Middle School Warrior Club held its first Warrior Talent Show. There were 22 students who auditioned for the event. The judges had a very difficult task, but finally selected five winners: Diamond Ming, Jacob Weir, Natalie Lehr, Christy Hanson and Jayna Ross, Nataline Ehrensbeck. See photos of the winners on the next page.

The NYS ELA exams were held April 1, 2 and 3. The NYS math exams will be given on April 30, May 1 and May 2. Make sure your son/daughter is preparing for the exams. Students should get a good night's sleep before the exams, eat a healthy breakfast in the morning and come to school prepared. A light snack will be served to all students before the exams, courtesy of the Middle School.

Upcoming Events in the Middle School:

Monday, April 14 - Monday, April 21: school closed for spring break

Wednesday, April 23: Board of Education meeting, MS Café - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30 - Friday, May 2: NYS math exam

Wednesday, May 14 - Friday, May 16: Eighth Grade Trip to Baltimore/Washington DC

- Eric E. Attleson, MS principal

Students of the Month - February 2014

Red Team
Peter Jensen
Jocelyn Schell

White Team

Madison Stockmaster

Madison Perrault

Gray Team
Nicholas Norton

Our Students of the Month "CARE" about CV

- C Citizenship
- A Attitude
- **R** Responsibility
- **E** Enthusiasm



Photo taken by Eric E. Attleson

Front Row – Diamond Ming, Jocelyn Schell Back Row – Nicholas Norton, Peter Jensen, Madison Stockmaster, Madison Perrault

Middle School

TALENT SHOW WINNERS

The five students pictured were selected as winners in the Chenango Valley Middle School's first Talent Show. The judges and the audience were wowed by the tremendous talent, courage and poise shown by all participants.

Congratulations to the winners and to all who participated. Thank you for making the Warrior Club's first talent show a great success!



Diamond Ming



Natalie Lehr





Natalie Ehrensbeck



Christy Hanson and Jayna Ross

Lots of socks for World Down Syndrome Day

On Friday, March 21, students and staff at Chenango Valley Middle School joined an international effort in raising awareness for people with Down syndrome. Everyone across the world was invited to wear "lots of socks" on March 21. The date being the 21st day of the 3rd month was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) off the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

Students and staff wore brightly colored and mismatched socks to advocate for rights, inclusion and well-being of people with Down syndrome. Eighth-grader Christina Gladhill pioneered the movement at the middle school to support her younger brother who has Down syndrome.

This year marked the ninth anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day.

For more information on how you can help raise awareness, visit: www.worlddownsyndromeday.org





Christina Gladhill, who promoted World Down Syndrome Day in the Middle School

Middle School

CARDBOARD BOAT RACES







Girl power!

Females took first, second and third places in the annual CVMS Cardboard Boat Races on March 14. A total of 126 students competed in the event, which challenged them to design and build a boat using only cardboard and duct tape. The boats then had to travel the length of the pool and back, carrying at least one occupant.

With many students working in teams, 44 boats hit the water. Some made it all the way, both lengths of the pool, some made it halfway, and some, well...



It was a great project for the students, who used the physics concepts they've learned in class and put their ideas to the ultimate test. The boats were also a spectacle of creativity. Several were painted or taped in bright colors, and each one had a unique shape, size and design.

High School



Terry Heller, principal CV Senior High School

As the weather begins to turn warm and the sun shines on Chenango Valley, students will get "itchy" to go outside and break free from the cabin fever they have been dealing with for the past several months. While they will soon want to wear their summer clothing to school, all students must be reminded of the Chenango Valley dress code which states; "A student's dress, grooming and appearance shall recognize that objectionable or immodest clothing is not permitted." This would include but not limited to: extremely brief garments such as tube tops, net tops, low necklines (front and/or back), see-through garments, "spaghetti" straps and bare mid-tops. Shorts must come down on the leg to the lowest point where the arms hang down by their sides. Clothing must ensure that underwear and cleavage are completely covered. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

When the weather turns warm, students start to think about summer vacation. Before we know it, the end of the year will be here. If your child is struggling in a particular subject, **NOW** is the time to get help. Don't wait until June to address the problem. Have your child take advantage of our staff during the day and during

remedial periods for extra help. Putting in quality time and effort now through June will make the final exams much less intimidating. Please impress upon your child to make a strong final push to finish the year doing their best!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

- Terry Heller, HS executive principal

Art teacher 'Fitz' hosts Hot Chocolate Day

Twice a year, once every semester, students in Mr. Fitzsimmons' art classes take a break for "Hot Chocolate Day," when they drink the tasty beverage from clay mugs they created themselves.

Students in all of Mr. Fitzsimmons' classes, including 3D, studio art (clay unit), ceramics, sculpture, Fast Forward classes, and independent studies, each make a mug. The mugs get bisqued, glazed and fired together. When the mugs come out of the kiln, the students gather with 'Fitz' and drink hot chocolate out of their mugs.

It's a celebration of personal achievement and creativity that Mr. Fitzsimmons has done for the past 15 years of his teaching career.



Ciara Sherling enjoys hot chocolate from her hand-made mug.



Dawson Day serves himself hot chocolate in his newly-fired mug.



Dawson Day, Amel Muric and Kyle Briggs using their mugs.

High School

A race for the sprouts

Students in Mr. Grassi's biology class are learning about scientific inquiry and conducting experiments as they participate in his annual sunflower seed germinating contest. The lesson involves formulating hypotheses, designing and conducting experiments, collecting data, and analyzing the data to form conclusions.

The students designed experiments that test different types of soils for germinating seeds. Using observations as evidence, they will develop an explanation that helps provide validity to their hypothesis of which soil is "best" for growing or germinating sunflower seeds. This lesson is a good opportunity for students to review the elements of a soundly based experiment: formulating a hypothesis, devising an experiment to test the hypothesis, setting up an experiment and including a control.

The students planted sunflower seeds using four different types of soil, and will monitor the germination (sprouting) process and measure variables that determine how quickly a seed germinates, which can include type of soil conditions, temperature, moisture, light, oxygen, and genetic makeup.

The seeds and plants will be monitored until spring break. The student growing the tallest sunflower will win the competition and will receive a \$10 gift certificate to the Student Store.





Team of seniors wins Dodgeball Tournament

The CV Business Club hosted its annual Dodgeball Tournament on February 27.

Nine teams participated, with a team of seniors calling themselves "Tenacious D" winning the event.

It was an evening of fastpaced action and fun for the players as well as the spectators!



"Tenacious D" won the annual Dodgeball Tournament sponsored by the Business Club.





High School

A new kind of March Madness pits historical figures against one another

The buzz in the high school hallways wasn't Kentucky vs. Wisconsin, or Florida vs. Connecticut. At CV, March Madnesss speculation was more about Socrates vs. Stalin, Karl Marx vs. Osama bin Laden and Lenin vs. DaVinci.

In a voluntary afterschool event created by social studies teacher Mrs. Haskell, students speaking as an important person in history had three minutes to convince a jury that they were more influential than their opponent.

The event, called March Madness/History's Search for the Most Influential Person, was set up in brackets like NCAA basketball, with winners in each round advancing to the next bracket. Beginning with Round 2, jury members (rotating panels of teachers and seniors) could ask a question, and each speaker could ask their opponent a question.

A total of 33 students participated, representing 27 different historical figures. (Some worked in pairs.) Many spectators attended the afterschool event and many more kept track of the bracket updates posted after each round on a large banner outside the cafeteria.

In the final round on April 3,

was declared the winner.



Cole Mace (Attila the Hun) is up against Jenna Simons and Maggie Gross (Christopher Columbus).



Above left, John Hoeft (King Leonidas) presents his case with Tom McCabe (Kim Jong il) in Round 2.

Students compete in regional Science Olympiad

The Chenango Valley Science Olympiad team competed in the Regional Science Olympiad competition on February 8 at Binghamton University. Sue Dutter is the Science Olympiad advisor. Fourteen teams participated in the competition, which was a great opportunity for students to network with other local science students and to experience the BU campus. CVHS students Becky Belo and Almasa Talovic took home Bronze Medals in the Write It/Do It event.



Science Olympiad team members, from left to right: Monika Roznere, Almasa Talovic, Becky Belo, Julie Levonne, Miranda Currier, Connor Harvey and Luke Dionne. Not pictured: Margaret Galatioto.

Interact Club volunteers help at Rotary event

The Chenango Valley Interact Club volunteered at the Hillcrest Rotary's annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 15 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Hillcrest. The students helped set up and served breakfast at the annual fundraiser, which benefits Rotary charities.

Students learn leadership skills while volunteering for this event, and are grateful to have these opportunities through Hillcrest Rotary.



I-r: Sonja Jensen, Natalie Hawkes, Brittney Rose, Elizabeth Selby, Zach Carr

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