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Habitat for Humanity Partnership is a "Win-Win" for All

As covered in an earlier story appearing in the November issue of CTC Times, students in the [Electrical Occupations](#) program have been working on the "trim out" of three of the [Habitat for Humanity \(HfH\)](#) houses on the Depot property in Traverse City. Working in partnership with [Advantage Electric](#) and the retired members of the [International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers \(IBEW\)](#), the students have installed the receptacles and light switches, along with the light fixtures that complete the electrical system of the homes. Additionally, the students have performed tasks that aren't normally done in the classroom setting and, as a result, have benefited from learning the necessary skills in order to complete them. For instance, the homes needed to have ceiling fans installed in them; this isn't something with which students have had classroom experience. The students were required to "learn on the job" and found that the installation process can be a bit complicated and time consuming. As they discovered, it involved two students to complete the task – one student reading out loud the directions; the other student listening to the directions and completing the necessary steps. Interestingly, these HfH houses are unique in that each is built with a large solar array on the roof that is connected to the electrical system, thereby giving the home the ability to produce electricity during the day when the sun is shining. Each house also has an extensive monitoring system that allows the owner to observe the energy consumption and then determine where energy waste is occurring. This type of system was a new concept for the students, and they have begun to see that the use of these systems in homes will only increase in the future. In late January the students will help with the rough electrical work on the next home that will be built in early winter. This work will involve drilling holes through the framing "members" and installing the non-metallic cable for the electrical circuits. Once more, the students will work with the volunteer electricians from IBEW, providing them with the opportunity to interact with and learn from someone who has over 30 years of electrical field experience. Working in the winter in bitter cold temperatures, wind, and snow will also give the students real-world exposure to the working conditions of the job as well as providing a lesson on the need to be prepared for all sorts of weather situations. It's obvious that this partnership between TBAISD CTC and Habitat for Humanity is producing benefits for students, HfH, and, eventually, the future family members who will reside in these homes!



Festival of Trees Holds Special Needs Day

In late November, the [Artists Creating Together – Grand Traverse \(ACT-GT\)](#), along with [The Zonta Club of Traverse City](#), rang in the holidays at the annual Special Needs Day at [Festival of Trees](#). ACT-GT, a non-profit organization, brings the arts and cultural opportunities to children, youth and adults with disabilities in the Grand Traverse region. This one-day event hosted over 300 participants and enlisted the help of many volunteers, including 20 students in the [Early Childhood Education](#) program. Surrounded by the beautifully-decorated trees and other holiday decorations, many students helped the participants at a variety of holiday stations, including a Christmas tree station and a Santa hat station. Other students joined in the singing of Christmas carols with visitors, accompanied by David Chown, a well-known local Traverse City pianist. Several students, dressed as the Grinch, Cookie Monster, and the Christmas Mouse, arrived at the event and greeted participants as well as added holiday cheer and mirth to the event. Thanks to the efforts of all, the Special Needs Day at Festival of Trees brought joy to many.



Culinary Arts Students Sweeten the Lives of Single Moms

This past September, [Chef Adriana Martin](#), the paraprofessional and pastry chef in the [Culinary Arts](#) program, was approached by Julie Elliott-Eickenroth from [Single MOMM Ministries](#) in Traverse City and asked if the Culinary Arts program would be willing to donate 20 pieces of sweets every other week. These treats would be served to the single moms during their bi-monthly meetings. Single MOMM Ministries is a regional non-profit organization that serves as a support structure for single moms, striving to help them acquire a healthy self-concept, develop a wide base of community support, become more invested in and skilled at parenting, achieve economic stability, and view themselves as valuable and contributing members of society. Monthly meetings, ten-week small group sessions, life coaching, networking, and practical needs help are some of the activities that Single MOMM Ministries offers. After discussing this request with [Chef Daryl Collins](#), Culinary Arts instructor, and [Chef Janna Tucker](#), paraprofessional, and realizing that it offered the students an opportunity to serve this non-profit organization, Adriana contacted Julie and arranged to provide desserts and pastries on a regular basis. As Adriana has indicated, this service project has fostered both an understanding of the needs of single moms as well as created a spirit of giving for the students– not to mention the opportunity to showcase their creative culinary talents.



Nicole Seitz,
Kingsley H.S.

CTC Graduate Interns at Sports Training Facility

[Sophie Schuetze](#), a 2013 graduate of Grand Traverse Academy and the [Allied Health](#) program, is currently working as an intern at Barwis Methods, a professional grade sports training facility in the Detroit area. This facility provides conditioning and training for the general population of clients that wants to increase fitness and strength levels, for professional athletes who want to continue to stay in shape or receive help for a sports injury, or individuals who suffer from a neuromuscular disorder, such as cerebral palsy, a spinal cord injury, or multiple sclerosis. At Barwis Methods, Sophie assists the other trainers as they work with the various clients. Members of the [Red Wings](#) hockey team use the facility for training and rehabilitation, as needed, and, although she hasn't directly worked with them, she "rubs elbows" with them regularly! Sophie attends Schoolcraft College, enrolled in her general education courses, hoping to transfer to the University of North Carolina to earn a degree in exercise science with the eventual goal of helping those individuals who have experienced a spinal cord injury. As a child, she was completely certain that her future would entail a career in the health care field; in fact, she vividly remembers how she would construct a "fake" cast for her dolls who would be her patients! As she recalled her two years in the Allied Health program, she noted, "CTC was a family to me. I had all my home high school friends, but it is my CTC friends with whom I continue to be in contact, well after high school graduation. I loved going to Munson during my second year in the program and seeing what really happens in the Emergency Room or on a regular nursing floor. Two memories that really stand out during my time at CTC were when I was involved with Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and the time I organized a "stress free night" for kids with the Youth Health and Wellness Center." As a result of her time at CTC, the concept of a solid work ethic was instilled in Sophie and has been reflected in her performance at Barwis Methods. As Dan Mozes, Vice President of Operations & Head Strength Coach, stated, "Sophie has been doing a great job while doing her internship at our facility. She is always the first one here and the last one to leave. She never complains and 'works her tail off.' While she has been here, she helps with athletes, the general public, and, more importantly, the special needs and neurological clients. You can see that she loves learning how to help a person walk again or watching them get better just a slight bit every day. Hopefully, we can keep Sophie around longer!!" CTC is proud to count Sophie as one of its graduates.



Sophie Schuetze; Pavel Datsyuk



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Services Are Available at Youth Health & Wellness Center

Hello! This is **Chris Roggen**, the Adolescent Health Clinic Supervisor for YHWC. As a reminder, the YHWC is a school-based clinic located on the grounds of TBAISD Career-Tech Center.

This clinic provides a vast array of services such as:

Primary Care Services

- Minor acute illness and injury
- Chronic illness management
- Sports and Annual Physicals
- All Immunizations
- Any teen health issue

Mental Health Services

- Full counseling services
- Stress management
- Referrals and resources

We are open five days per week from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. We accept private insurance, Medicaid, and have a sliding fee scale, if uninsured. NO ONE will be turned away regardless of ability to pay!! Additionally, we are a Medicaid enrollment site and can assist with completing applications for coverage. Appointments are recommended, but we accept walk-ins if the schedule allows. Contact us at 231-922-6416 for additional information.



Future Healthcare Leaders Give Back

In an effort to raise money for a local charity, the **Allied Health I (AHI) A and B** students decided to hold a competition between the AM and PM sessions' students to see who could collect the most money by sponsoring a penny war, dubbed the "Clash of the Coins," that would involve the students in **Mrs. Griffin's** and **Mrs. Recchia's** classrooms. The session that collected the most money would then be able to choose the charity that would be the recipient of the total amount. When the competition ended, the PM students were the winners and, after some discussion, they chose **Munson Healthcare Regional Foundation**, specifically the new cancer unit, to benefit from their efforts. The AHI PM Health Occupations Students of America leadership team traveled in early December to present the check representing the amount. The Foundation's representatives were thrilled and commented, "Our hats are off to you and ALL of your hard work!" Kudos to these future healthcare workers!



TBA Early College Shouts Out to Sophomores

High School Sophomores! Are you focused, motivated, and ready for a challenge? If so, the **TBA Early College** may be the perfect opportunity for you! The TBA Early College is a program designed for students entering 11th grade. The program, which lasts three years (11th and 12th grades plus an additional 13th year) creates a unique high school experience allowing you to begin college while still in high school. By enrolling in one of the participating **Career-Tech Center** programs (**Allied Health, Business Careers, Drafting and Design Online, Manufacturing Technology Academy, Precision Machining Technology, or Welding**) and applying to be an early college student, you can start taking college classes your junior year. As a member of the early college, you will take classes at the Career-Tech Center, your home high school, Northwestern Michigan College, and/or Ferris State University. By accelerating your education and personalizing your high school career, you could finish with not only a high school diploma, but also with an associate's degree or 32 (or more!) transferrable college credits. For more information, please contact **Meredith Schmidt, Early College Specialist**, at mschmidt@tbaisd.org or 922.6425, or speak with your high school guidance counselor.



NEWS AND NOTES

TBAISD Career-Tech Center, "A Great Place to Learn"

Often times the holiday season is a challenging time for many students and families throughout our region. Many people struggle with being able to provide their families with the basic necessities needed to survive such as food and shelter. I am so proud to acknowledge all the great things Career-Tech Center students have done during this season to give back to their communities and find the true meaning of what the holiday season is about.

The CTC student council put together a very successful food drive campaign which all of our CTC programs participated in this fall. All proceeds were delivered to the Father Fred food pantry. Our Allied Health students participated in a Clash of Coins where all proceeds were donated to the Munson Healthcare Regional Foundation. Skilled Trades, Construction Trades, and Electrical Occupations have all participated in the Habitat for Humanity Depot project, which has allowed them to learn about construction while giving back to their community. The students at the Career-Tech Center understand the importance of "giving back" and supporting their community. I am so proud of our students and all of their hard work to benefit our region!



Patrick Lamb,
Principal, TBAISD CTC

SNOW DAY!

Please note: When TCAPS is closed for inclement weather, CTC is also closed.



CTC Offers Scholarships to Qualified Seniors

The TBA Career-Tech Center has a strong annual scholarship program, awarding over \$20,000 in awards each spring! **CTC Academic Scholarships** are available for seniors moving on to college or technical training during the 2015-2016 school year. **CTC Tools of the Trade (TotT) Awards** are available for students in a variety of programs which require tools for entering the workplace or a post-secondary technical program. A student can apply for either the Academic Award or the TotT Award. One \$1000 CTC Award of Excellence scholarship will be awarded to the top candidate from each award category. The remainder of the CTC scholarships awarded are \$500 each. Good grades, attendance and citizenship at the Career-Tech Center are the basis for eligibility. Please visit the CTC website at www.ctcscholarships.com for more information and the downloadable application, which will be available in January and due to be submitted in late March. Students should be aware that the CTC website is updated regularly and lists other scholarships that are available to CTC students. Additionally, if a student is attending college or a technical school, he or she must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by March 1, 2015. This CTC scholarship website can also assist with information on this process and in completing the FAFSA online. Students are encouraged, too, to check their home schools' scholarship websites and their local newspapers for scholarship opportunities. Students can contact either **Mrs. Carol Smith** or **Mrs. Kris Wendland** in the Student Services Office if they have questions or need more information.

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