

## Putnam County Schools Eighth Graders Visit Putnam Career & Technical Center

All 8th graders enrolled in the Industrial Technology programs have participated in a tour of the facilities at Putnam Career & Technical Center this year.

The technical programs conducted hands-on activities during these visits, and the 8th graders were given the opportunity to ask questions and talk to the high school students and adults enrolled in the programs.

These visiting students expressed great interest in the program offerings, and "the seed was planted" for developing their future goals for career and technical education.

### Artistically Gifted... (cont. from pg. 3)

University in Lynchburg, VA. Brooks plans to take advantage of the articulation agreement that the graphic design program has developed with West Virginia State Community and Technical College. Once he earns his associate's degree, he may apply that toward a bachelor degree program at either WVSU or Marshall University. Anna's hopes include majoring in interior design at WVU, and minoring in graphic design. Caleb has decided to parlay his graphic design training into a major in video game design at Shawnee State University in Ohio.



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## Brooks Dailey, Graphic Design Student, Wins Billboard Design Contest

Winning his second design contest within the past two months, Brooks, a second-year adult student, is completing the two-year Graphic Design program with a flourish.

Putnam County's Parks & Recreation

Commission sponsored this contest to increase attendance and bring more attention to Eleanor's County Park Pool and its various amenities.

Coming in second in the contest was Robby Vanater, a first-year student from Hurricane High. Third place went to Caleb Pitchford, a first-year student from Poca High. All three students will receive cash awards for their efforts.



### Upcoming Important Dates

5/1-6/7:	End of Course Testing	6/7:	Last Day for Pupils
5/24:	PCTC Graduation	6/8:	Instructional Support Day
5/28:	Memorial Day - No School	6/26-29	SkillsUSA Nat'l. Competitions



## A Career is at your Fingertips!

- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics targets **Dental Assisting** as one of the fastest growing careers nationwide.
- Established program that produces **results!**
- Established career for a **lifetime of opportunities!**
- **Financial aid available** for those who qualify
- Accepting students **now!**
- The program has an **articulation agreement with West Virginia State Community & Technical College.**
- Call Debra Monday, instructor, at 586-3494 or email at [dmonday@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:dmonday@access.k12.wv.us).



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## Principal's Message...Robert Manley, Principal

May's the time of year when students and staff are starting to think about what they'll be doing during the summer and beyond. For some, who are graduating, it is not only an ending but also a beginning. As some complete their training here at PCTC, they are already looking forward to either their first day of employment or to continuing their education at the college level.

Still others are planning for their return to PCTC, while some are gearing up for competing at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference which will be held in Kansas City, MO, June 26-June 29, 2007.

Regardless of your plans, we at PCTC wish you all the very best, and we look forward to seeing many of you back with us again in August.

## Exciting News from Drafting/CAD (Computer Aided Design)!

### Noah Stevens Captures Gold!

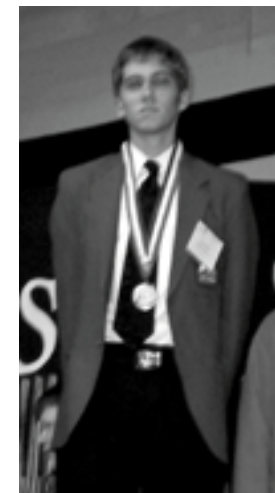


Photo by Lynn Tupes

Noah Stevens proudly accepts his Gold Medal on stage at the West Virginia SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference awards ceremony.

As a student in Mrs. Tupes' CAD & Drafting program, he will represent PCTC at the National Skills and Leadership Conference in Kansas City, MO, in late June.

A senior from Poca High School, Noah Stevens was awarded a Gold Medal in Architectural Drafting, secondary level, after competing at the March 31 WV SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference, held at Carver Career & Technical Education Center.

Noah is the son of Kevin and Kelly Stevens of Liberty, West Virginia.

### Drafting/CAD Graduates Give Presentations to Students

Two former students of the Drafting/CAD program recently provided interesting presentations of their current projects to students in Mrs. Tupes' current classes.

Gordon Blizzard, an '06 PCTC graduate, is presently a student at



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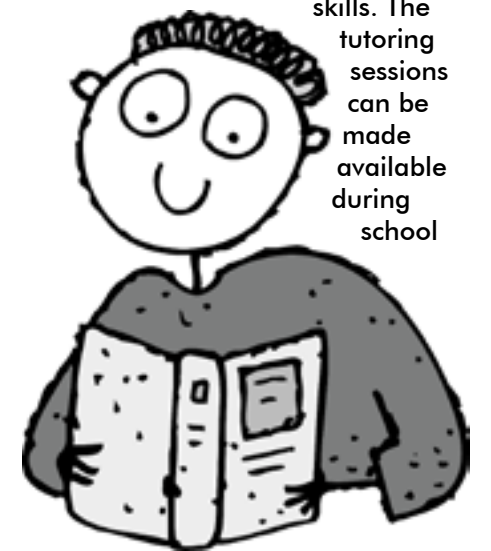
Gordon Blizzard, 2006 graduate of the Drafting/CAD program

West Virginia State University and is currently working for a local architect on plans for a (cont. on pg. 2)

## PCTC Receives Toyota Grant

Robert Manley, principal at the Putnam Career & Technical Center, is very pleased to announce that a \$7,200 grant has been received from Toyota to assist students with improving their reading skills. A trained Read Right tutor will be available, on site, to tutor students who have any type of reading difficulty or to assist students who simply want to improve their reading skills. The

tutoring sessions can be made available during school



hours, as well as before or after school hours, to any secondary or adult student.

The Read Right Program is a fundamentally different approach to teaching reading that enables students to improve their reading skills in a relatively short period of time. Many students advance one grade level for every nine to fourteen hours of active participation in the tutoring sessions.

Read Right has been (cont. on pg. 2)

## Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Students Bring Home Gold and Silver Medals!



Joseph Compton (center) accepts his gold medal at the '07 WV Leadership and Skills Contests awards ceremony.

Joseph Compton, an adult student and graduate of Poca High, brought home a gold medal from the recent WV SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Contests. Joseph, who had already earned a diploma in Electrical Technology from PCTC, is in the process of completing his diploma in Air Conditioning/Refrigeration.

Jonathan Butcher, a junior from Hurricane High, earned a silver medal in the state skills contests. Jonathan's plans include his return to PCTC in August to complete the program and earn his Air Conditioning/Refrigeration diploma.

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Johnathan Butcher (left) proudly displays his silver medal.

**CAD Graduates...** (cont. from pg. 1) cancer treatment center in Adams County, Ohio. His presentation included the life of the architectural design from conception to formal drawing production. Besides being a full-time student at West Virginia State University, Gordon also works as an independent drafting/computer-aided design contractor for local businesses. Additionally, he is a member of the Advisory Committee for the CAD/Drafting program at PCTC.

Nick Stover, a 2003 graduate, is in his second year in the Architecture program at Ohio State. He shared several of the projects from his portfolio with current students. Included was an intramodal conceptual design for the city of Columbus. The college and work experience shared by both of these graduates



Nick Stover, 2003 graduate of the Drafting/CAD program

provided the current students with tremendous insight regarding their future academic and career considerations.



Students at left prepare for the National Technical Honor Society candle and induction ceremony to begin, as Mr. Bess (at right) makes sure everything is prepared for this important recognition of outstanding PCTC students. Twenty-six students were inducted on April 26.

Photo by Lynne McNeil

**Read Right grant...** (cont. from pg. 1) implemented successfully in many schools across America as well as in many corporations that desire to improve the reading proficiency of their workforce. Such businesses include Johnson & Johnson, Procter & Gamble, Texas Instruments, Motorola, and Boeing.

The Read Right system of instruction integrates knowledge from brain research, learning theory, and reading theory. It has proven to be successful with students who have experienced reading difficulties in the past as well as with students in advanced academic classes who want to improve their reading and comprehension skills. Read Right has helped students improve their reading skills when alternative approaches have shown slow or no progress.

Mr. Manley expresses his sincere appreciation to Toyota for their continuing support of the Putnam Career & Technical Center and especially for their dedication to helping students reach their educational goals.

## Dustin Beckett Wins Gold Again

Building Construction's Dustin Beckett, after winning gold at the state level of SkillsUSA competitions and competing nationally in '05-'06, will once again be heading to Kansas City, MO, to compete in the national SkillsUSA competitions. Last year, Dustin competed as a senior from Hurricane High School. Nominated for "Most Valuable Redskin," he will compete this year in the postsecondary division as an adult.

Consistently maintaining an A average, Dustin has prepared himself well for the upcoming competition. He possesses a positive attitude and demonstrates a strong work ethic. His leadership skills have been developed through his experience as a PCTC officer during his junior year, and as SkillUSA president his senior year.



## Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal Provides Grant

When Karen Newhouse, PCTC's Cooperative Education instructor, visited Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal in Poca recently, she learned that they are very impressed with the work standards and attitudes instilled in our students.

While Mrs. Newhouse paid a visit there to check on the progress of one of the Welding Technology students, vice president Kenneth Lindsay presented her with a \$500 check to help support our local chapter of SkillsUSA. This donation will greatly help in funding the expenses involved in sending our state gold medal winners to national competitions in late June.

Thank you, Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal!



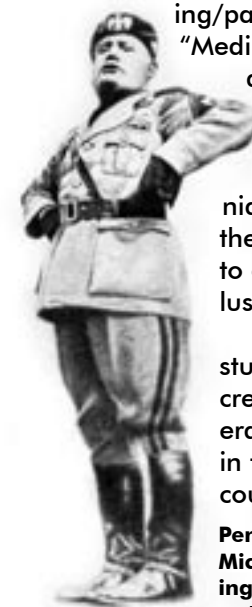
## Artistically Gifted Students from Graphic Design's Illustration Courses "Draw" Attention

Some students in Ms. McNeil's first-year Illustration courses demonstrated a particularly high level of natural drawing ability this year.

Below are a few examples of student work representing various techniques and drawing/painting mediums. "Medium" refers to the drawing/painting substance used, whereas "technique" indicates the method used to complete the illustration.

Graphic design students learn to create hand-generated illustration in the beginning courses, after which

Pencil illustration by Michael Stidham, using a crosshatching technique



## Power Equipment Systems Students Excel at State SkillsUSA Contests

Postsecondary student, Christopher Glenn, captured a gold medal at the recent SkillsUSA competition and will therefore be competing at the national level in Kansas City, MO, in late June. To help a lady at the Faith Christian Fellowship, Chris restored a wheelchair bike. Gary Shaffer generously donated the bike. It was repainted, and the seats were recovered, thus restoring the bike to complete working order.



Instructor Frazier Itson and his students gather around the restored wheelchair bike. On the far left is gold medal winner, Chris Glenn. On the right is silver medal winner, James Harper.

learned about scholarship opportunities through the various Ohio Technical College programs available. Congratulations to both Chris and James for bringing gold and silver home to PCTC!

they learn how to develop computer-generated illustration during the graphic design and computer graphics courses.

It's very important that students be able to create original illustrations for specific customer needs, thereby avoiding the overuse of "clipart,"

India ink illustration by Anna Pennington, using a drybrush technique



India ink illustration by Brooks Dailey, using a drybrush technique

which has often been repeatedly incorporated into other business' documents, thus losing its uniqueness and its ability to promote/sell.

Michael, Anna and Caleb are first-year graphic design students. Brooks is a second-year student who will earn his PCTC diploma May 24. Michael and Anna are seniors from Winfield High and Hurricane High respectively. Brooks is an adult student. All four of these gifted students plan to continue their education at the college level. Michael hopes to attend Liberty



India ink illustration by Caleb Pitchford, using a drybrush and wash techniques.

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