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Medina County Spelling Bee



Dr. Dan Vincent with Rithey Pich

The Tenth Annual Medina County Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at Medina High School. **Rithey Pich**, an eighth-grade student from Visintainer Middle School, was the first-place winner. He won the Bee with the final word of "terrapin." **Caleb Thomas**, an eighth-grade student from Highland Middle School, was the runner-up.

Forty-three Medina County students competed for top honors in the Spelling Bee sponsored by the Medina County Schools' ESC and The Gazette. The Bee was open to all sixth-, seventh-, and

eighth-grade students in public school districts, in private schools, and being homeschooled who met the eligibility requirements of the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee and who had won their Spelling Bee at their local district level.

The ESC thanks The Gazette for its sponsorship. We would also like to thank the Reverend Chris Cahill for being the pronouncer for this year's Bee. This is the eighth time in the past nine years that Reverend Cahill has served in this capacity. A special thanks is also extended to this year's Spelling Bee judges—Michele Wargo from the MCSESC, JoAnn Boruvka of Westfield Upper Elementary School, and Shvonne Davis of Visintainer Middle School—for their support of the Medina County students.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Medina County Bee, and good luck to Rithey as he and his family travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee on May 26-28, 2009.

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"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." – John Quincy Adams

Art in Public Places

Congratulations to the 181 visual arts students who are among the 31st "class" of students in the county to have their work on display at the Medina General Hospital Medina Medical Center, South Building, Entrance D (970 East Washington Street, Medina). Displays may be viewed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday. The work will be on display until April 21, 2009.



The following visual arts teachers are participating in this rotation of student artwork:

Kelly Harrison	Willets Middle School (Brunswick)
Monica Florek	Crestview Elementary School (Brunswick)
Wendy Luedy	Kidder Elementary School (Brunswick)
Emily Ball	Memorial Elementary School (Brunswick)
Kelly Porter-Santamaria	Liverpool/York Elementary Schools (Buckeye)
Mollie Jarvis	Cloverleaf High School
Julie Krueger	Cloverleaf High School
Adam Michels	Cloverleaf High School
Kevin Amburgy	Root Middle School (Medina)
Deborah Hartman	Root Middle School (Medina)
Mary Anne Mayer	St. Francis Xavier School
Laura Zales	St. Francis Xavier School

Please note that new display boards are currently being installed on the first, third, and fourth floors of the Medical Center, so the artwork being displayed on those floors has been taken down temporarily. The artwork will be hung again after the new boards are finished.

For further information on this display, please contact Marcus Neiman or Brenda Zacharias at 330-723-6393, Ext. 101.

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Summer Enrichment Opportunities

Do you know a student who has an interest in math, music, science, creative writing, or many other areas of study? Summer programs can provide a valuable opportunity for gifted students to develop academic skills, explore new interests, and form social relationships in a setting that encourages and supports exploration and talent development while working with other students who have similar abilities.

We have collected information on day camps and exciting enrichment experiences for children of all ages. There is something for everyone. Check out the link on our Web site (http://www.medina-esc.org/pages/uploaded_files/SummerOps09.pdf) for the Northeast Ohio Summer Enrichment Opportunities for Students and Families booklet. Or call Linda Gehring at the Medina County Schools' ESC office (330-723-6393, Ext. 125) to request a copy of the Summer Enrichment Opportunities booklet to be mailed to you.

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"Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." This week we will tell you about another way to use those empty TV carts. Here we go!

A New Use for Your Old TV Cart

Flat panel retrofit kits for your old TV carts are now available. These kits become part of the older style TV flat top shelf. Using this kit will allow the new flat screens to be properly and safely mounted to your old TV cart. You will be saving money and reducing waste by re-using your old carts.

The MCSESC can provide this new service to you. Please contact me for more information.

Protect Your Electronic Equipment

Always use a surge protector to protect your electronic equipment from sudden voltage surges. Many times your area could be subject to brownouts or rolling power interruptions. When selecting a surge strip, a higher Joule rating will mean better protection for your equipment.

An *uninterrupted power supply* known as a UPS will allow time for your computer to shut down properly.

Audiovisual Repairs Are Always Welcome!

Please feel free to send in your audiovisual repairs for some fantastic service! Your equipment will be inspected, repaired, and returned to you promptly. Thank you for using our services. We appreciate your service and care about our customers.

Have a great day, and thank you for reading our weekly Internet newsletter.

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Thank You

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you the events and the latest services that our ESC offers. Through this newsletter, you are learning about our ESC and what type of services we can provide to you, our customers.

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