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## Wash Twp Cad Students also Excel at Sports

Laney Martin (Cad student) of Wash Twp competes in soccer after school.



Samantha Allen competes in volleyball at left on one of the strongest volleyball teams in NW Indiana.

and other interested parties.

## Counselor's Corner

Let's go, seniors.

If you are heading for college in 2010-11, this could be a good time to apply for admissions.

Many in-state universities will waive their usual application fees during Indiana's College GO! Week Oct. 12-16. That could save you \$25 to \$60 or even more.

Most students apply online through a college's website. See your home school guidance counselor if you have questions. Example websites are [www.purdue.edu](http://www.purdue.edu) for Purdue University or [www.bsu.edu](http://www.bsu.edu) for Ball State University.

Seniors planning on college who have not yet taken the SAT or ACT need to take action. The next SAT deadline is Oct. 30 for the Dec. 5 exam. The next ACT deadline is Nov. 7 for the Dec. 13 test. Most colleges and universities will accept either exam. Some technical schools or community colleges use other kinds of assessments to check out your English and math skills.

Juniors are not forgotten during College GO! Week. If your school offers e-transcripts through your school's website, you are encouraged to sign up during College GO! Week. That way, you will be ready to order electronic transcripts when you apply for college.

*Mrs. Debra Heitmann, Career Counselor*

## Task Force Tips Opens New Facility

Task Force Tips, a great friend and employer of Career and Tech student graduates recently opened a new and larger facility near the Porter County Airport. Included in the new plant is an historical museum of firefighting equipment. Pictured below is a restored fire truck which is featured in the museum. Task Force Tips is a locally owned, internationally competitive company that engineers and builds fire hose nozzles.



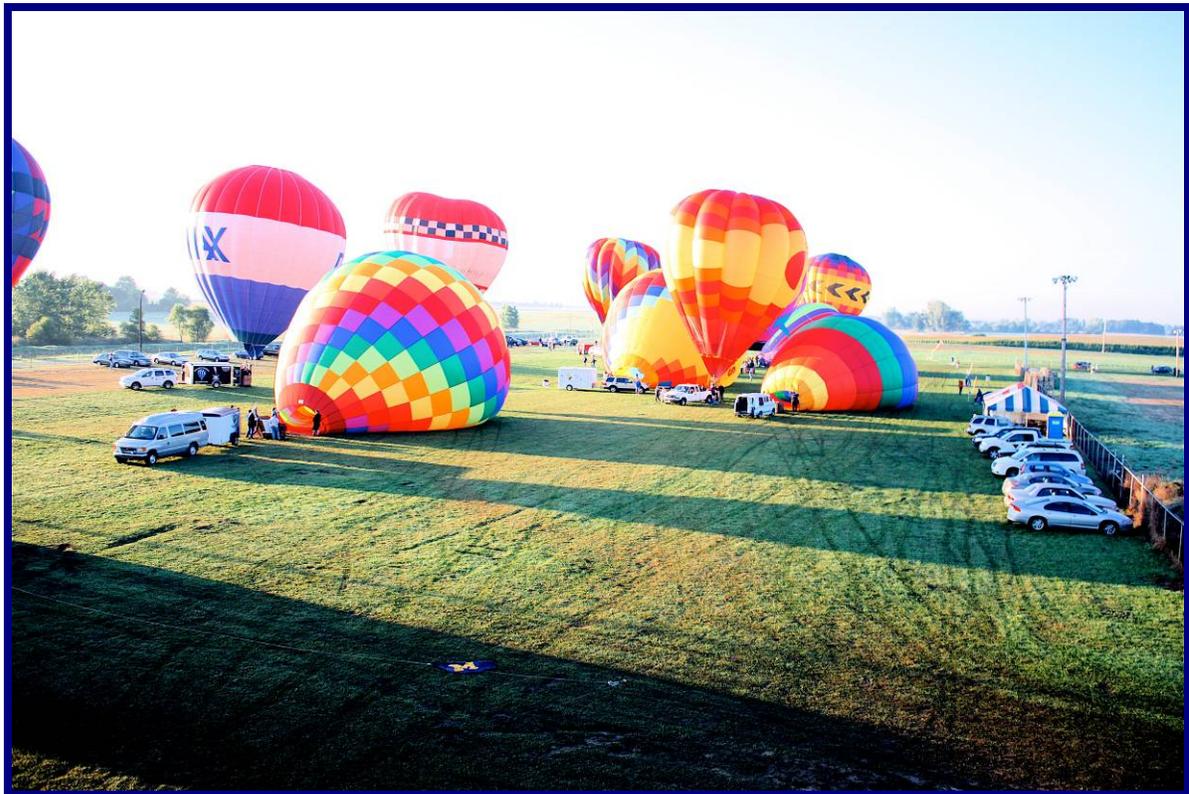
## Video Productions Students Go Hot Air Ballooning



VHS senior, Paul Uhrina, took his video camera up in the air at the Kiwanis Hot Air BalloonFest. Pictured, at left, is Paul inside his balloon gondola before ascension. Below, he is sailing off to the west.



Alexis Davenport, a VHS junior, also went up for a ride as a photographer. She returned with some really beautiful and creative photography. See below:





**Thanks to ValpoLife, our newsletter is posted at the following URL:** [http://www.valpolife.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=3762&catid=160&Itemid=169](http://www.valpolife.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3762&catid=160&Itemid=169) and our newsletter is posted to 1250 ValpoLife Facebook Fans: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#/ValpoLife?ref=nf> and our 650 ValpoLife Twitter fans: [www.twitter.com/ValpoLife](http://www.twitter.com/ValpoLife)

Roger Goddard defines a term he refers to as collective efficacy as the perceptions of teachers in a school that the faculty as a whole can execute the courses of action necessary to have positive effects on students. Collective efficacy has a stronger effect on student achievement than socioeconomic status or race.

Visit the Porter County Career and Technical Education Website at:  
<http://www.pcte.org>

**Students and Supporters can also join our Facebook Group  
“Porter County Career and Tech Center”**

## Hygiene and the Flu

The first step in prevention is getting your students and faculty vaccinated against the flu. This year, everyone should also be aware of the novel H1N1 flu virus - it is different than seasonal flu and so is the vaccine. Vaccine manufacturers are currently developing vaccines against the new pandemic strain of the influenza virus, which are expected to be ready sometime this fall. However, other flu prevention steps are the same for both flu viruses. In addition to getting students and faculty vaccinated with both vaccines, practice these other prevention steps to help prevent the spread of illness in your school:

1. **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.** Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. If you don't have a tissue, cough into your elbow.
2. **Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.** Alcohol-based hands sanitizers are also effective.
3. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs can spread that way.
4. **Stay home if you get sick.** The CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school, and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
5. **Use disinfectants on surfaces, as directed, to help prevent the spread of the influenza virus.** Germs can spread when a person touches an infected surface and then touches their own eyes, mouth or nose.

\* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency believes that, based on available scientific information, currently registered influenza A virus products - such as Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes and Clorox® Regular-Bleach - will be effective against the novel H1N1 flu strain and other influenza A virus strains on hard, non-porous surfaces.

For the most up-to-date information about the novel H1N1 flu virus and vaccine, visit [www.CDC.gov/H1N1flu](http://www.CDC.gov/H1N1flu).

*Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program applications are available at [www.teachercreativity.org](http://www.teachercreativity.org)  
Individual grants are for \$8,000 and the grant proposal is due November 6, 2009 for implementation during the summer of 2010.*

***The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/school delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the school closing decisions of the host school.***

***All commuting students should drive carefully and use their parent's input and common sense when deciding if it is safe to drive to their CTE location.***

***In the event of severe or inclement weather, school may be delayed or canceled. Please use the following sources to track any weather related delays or cancellations:***

- VCS Alert (The registration procedure is available on the Valparaiso Community Schools homepage (<http://www.valpo.k12.in.us>). You can register your cell phone to receive messages.)
- Radio station 105.5
- Cancellations.com

It is the policy of the Porter County Career and Technical Education Program to comply with all state and federal regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in enrollment procedures or access to programs.

## Calendar

October 7, Open House at the Career and Tech Center, 6-7 pm

October 15, 3:30 – 4:30, Porter County Advisory Committee Meeting at the Career and Tech Center

November 24, Blood Drive #2 at the Career Center, 8 am – 2 pm

Join the Porter County Career and Tech Center Facebook Group  
The group is designed for students, alumni, and supporters to keep in touch and to hear about news and events happening at the Career and Tech Center.

## *Career & Technical Education: Training Tomorrow's Workforce*

### Our Newsletter

*Porter County Career and Technical Education News* is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our staff and students. Written contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Most articles should be written in 100 words or less. Please fax (531 - 3173), call (531-3170), or email (jgroth@mail.valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.



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