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(Left to right) Program participants and speakers Emily Ash and Heather Runnalls

Whitehall students learn about 'Women in Trades' opportunities

Whitehall freshman and sophomore girls recently learned about the WSWHE BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and the Early College Career Academy (ECCA). The focus was primarily on programs and trades not traditionally pursued by women, according to a press release received from WSWHE BOCES.

WSWHE BOCES environmental conservation instructor Sherri Slater introduced herself and gave an overview of the CTE courses offered. After showing a short video about some of the courses, she turned the floor over to Emily Ash and Heather Runnalls.

Ash graduated from the environmental program in 2018. Runnalls is a senior in the Glens Falls City School District and in her second year of the environmental conservation program.

Ash stated that she really did not enjoy school until she started attending the environmental conservation program. Both speakers shared their initial intimidation when they first started: "There were no other girls in the class, and I was really out of my com-

fort zone," Ash said.

Runnalls shared that since enrolling in the class, she has gained confidence in the classroom, which has carried over to other aspects of her life.

Claire Pelletier-Hoblock, a Schuylerville student who is enrolled in the WSWHE BOCES ECCA's advanced manufacturing program spoke to the students about the hands-on education and experience she has gained. Plus, she will graduate from high school having already earned 27 college credits.

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(Left) Michael Ross was one of the veterans saluted with a certificate; (right) Slate Valley Center residents and visitors recited the Pledge of Allegiance during the day's ceremony.

Slate Valley Center salutes its veterans at a special Veterans Day ceremony

Slate Valley Center had a beautiful heartfelt Veterans Day ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 11, as the Granville VFW Post 1633 headed by Bruce Hurlburt and his colleague Brian came to lead the 2021 program.

In addition, second-grade students from Mary J. Tanner Primary School and kids from Truthville Baptist Church in North Granville made lovely cards for the vets in which they wrote about the various freedoms they are thankful to have. They also thanked the veterans for their bravery.

The time was filled with discussion about what Veterans Day means to everyone. Participants also heard what the day means to the veterans themselves.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem, attendees also sang songs from each of their military branches.

Finally, before enjoying juice and dessert, each veteran received a certificate of appreciation saluting each of them for the time they served in the military.

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