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BankNotes

Wyoming County BEC Recognizes Bank's Partnership in Education



Bryce Thompson, second from left, Wyoming County Business Education Council president, presents the 2010 Outstanding Partner in Education award to Brianna Stone, manager of The Bank of Castile's Warsaw branch, as Linda Leblond, Wyoming County BEC executive director, and Mark Merrill, vice president/commercial credit officer for the bank, look on.

More than just a financial supporter, The Bank of Castile is an active participant in the Wyoming County Business Education Council's effort to link business and education to prepare young people to become productive members of the workforce.

The BEC recognized the bank with the 2010 Outstanding Partner in Education award recently.

"Our relationship with The Bank of Castile, which began in 1991, has developed into a valuable collaboration," said Linda Leblond, BEC executive director. "Their financial support assists the BEC in providing students with business fundamentals through workforce learning programs and activities, and bank employees have contributed numerous volunteer hours in and out of the classroom."

Leblond noted that Bank of Castile employees have consistently given their time to BEC initiatives such as the Young Entrepreneurs Academy, Junior Achievement, Career Day and Job Shadowing.

In fact, John Wheeler, manager of the bank's Perry branch, was honored by the BEC for his role as facilitator/volunteer in the Junior Achievement Success Skills program at Perry Central School.

Over a period of eight weeks, Wheeler met with a group of 25 juniors and seniors, teaching lessons on life, school and business.

"The goal of the JA Success Skills program is to connect what the kids have learned in school to the business world," John said. "It is a great opportunity to spend time with our future customers as well as our future local and regional business leaders." ♦

Important Reminder About Exercising Your Choice

A new regulation will take effect this summer that will change the way overdraft practices work for everyday debit card and ATM transactions. With increasing use of bank cards for casual transactions, the regulation is intended to ensure that consumers understand their bank's overdraft practices and fees.

Recently, we sent a letter to our clients who have a debit or ATM card, detailing the changes that will soon take effect for everyday debit card and ATM transactions, and requesting a response. We'd appreciate our clients' responses by August 1.

If you have any questions or you're ready to make your choice, please call us at 1-888-294-4119, visit www.bankofcastile.com/optin or stop by your branch. ♦

