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## A PERSONAL THANK-YOU



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Brianna Cart reacts as Sgt. Matthew Woodburn enters her classroom Tuesday at Owego Apalachin Middle School. Brianna is a sixth-grader who has been corresponding for more than two years with U.S. soldiers serving in Iraq. She has been writing and sending care packages to Woodburn for about nine months. "There are organizations that provide servicemen and women with extras from home, but the fact that you take this upon yourself, and you make it personal, means the world not only to me, but to so many of those serving with me," Woodburn told Brianna. Woodburn, 27, is a 1999 Owego Free Academy graduate and is stationed in Baghdad. He is a member of the 2nd Battalion 32nd Field Artillery unit. Woodburn arrived in Owego Nov. 10 and will return to duty Nov. 28.

eight or more of the exams are named National AP Scholars. They include Eric Butter, Stephanie Geer, Christine Martin and Michael Swift, all 2007 graduates.

— Connie McKinney

### ► BLUE RIDGE

#### Children's author visits school

Rosenberg had students in fourth and fifth grade write their own poetry and share their creations during an assembly. Second- and third-graders learned the secrets behind making the Reading Rainbow video version of her best known story, "The Carousel." Kindergarten and first grade students sat with the author for a story featuring "The Scrap Doll."

Rosenberg met with faculty and staff and signed copies of her

## Bank donates pocket folders

Peoples National Bank donated 300 pocket folders to Blue Ridge Elementary School students in grades 3, 4 and 5. The folders will be used to store practice materials for the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment, which will take place in the spring for grades 3-5.

— Chris Tevyaw

### ► MAINE-ENDWELL

#### Students participate in art show

Students in Orazio Salati's drawing class at Maine-Endwell High School participated in the Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier art show in November.

Sophomore Yin Lin received second-place honors in the drawing category for her entry, "Sphere and Cone Value Study."

Other Maine-Endwell students who participated were Vanessa McGinnis, Jackie Parkes, Michelle Coughlin, George Wilhelm, Amanda Richardson, Kathleen Quinlivan, Patrick Fullmer, Michael Kushner, Skyler Fields, Stephanie Cronk and Erin Sullivan.

— Staff report

### ► OXFORD

#### Students, teachers honor veterans

The students and teachers at Oxford Academy Primary School held a special morning program for Veterans Day on Nov. 9. The children sang patriotic songs, and recognized and thanked veterans for serving in the armed forces.

The idea of honoring veterans was fresh in many of the students' minds: They recently learned about Lt. Col. Matt Redding, an Oxford Academy graduate.