

Career Tech Matters

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The month is almost over and with one federal holiday and four snow days, we've been out a bit. Despite that, students and staff members have been busy at school and off campus.



Last Friday students took part in several activities tied to Healthy Heart Month, with a blood drive held outside the former Adult Education wing during the day that raised 45 units, five units above our goal. During the lunch periods, Medical Careers and Health-Care Foundation students ran stations that promoted heart health.

In the morning, Cosmetology instructor Donna Patrick organized a SkillsUSA awards ceremony to recognize nearly 50 students for their performance in the local competition held at Pickaway-Ross in January.

Also Friday, science teacher Ryan Holbrook and some of his students loaded hundreds of bottles of water into his car that had been collected by multiple program students. Ryan drove the bottles to Shawnee State where a truck was being filled to take the bottles to Flint, Michigan. More than 1,000 bottles were collected through the Pickaway-Ross drive.

On Wednesday, Gabby from Petland stopped by the preschool for one of her visits with the children. The preschoolers love learning about all the animals but nothing gets as big a reaction as when the puppies are let loose.

On Tuesday, students in Aaron McManes' Construction Technologies program and Steve Mapes' senior Carpentry students worked in the former Adult Education wing, preparing it for remodeling. What had been billed as a demolition became a deconstruction, as the students salvaged 75 percent to 80 percent of the ceiling tiles and metal walls that can be reused. Students in Adult Education's Maintenance program also assisted with the deconstruction.

Early in the month, members of Leadership Pickaway visited two of our campuses. Grace King spoke with the group at our Circleville campus before giving them a tour of several labs at the main campus.

This month's activities extended off-campus, too. On Feb. 5, Grace and Anthony Southworth spoke with Huntington High School seniors about Adult Education programs and the financial aid process.

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FROM LEFT: Jasmine Cousins, a senior in Health-Care Foundations, is prepped to give blood during the blood drive held by the Red Cross last week. Preschoolers clamor to pet the puppies during a visit. Members of Leadership Pickaway look at the 3-D printer in the Engineering lab. Carpentry students remove a door from a wall in the former Adult Education wing.

