

Career Tech Matters

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Last week's Circleville Pumpkin Show featured a Pickaway-Ross tent for the first time in at least a quarter century and giving away balloons was a hit.



came early; he stayed late. He just went above and beyond."

An effort to have a presence at the largest annual event in Pickaway County was suggested last year and spearheaded by Bob Edwards, High-Performance Automotive Technologies instructor, and Jamie Nash, director of Secondary Education.

Bob had the PRCTC golf cart at the parking lot and Rex shuttled visitors from the lot to the tent.

This fall, planning took off with career and technical student organizations and their advisors signing up to staff one or more shifts at the tent on the U.S. Post Office lawn on Court Street.

At the tent, information about Secondary and Adult Education programs was available. In addition to getting a balloon, visitors could enter to win a Pumpkin Show-themed bench made by Tommy Collier's Welding students. Tommy also was responsible for securing the donation of helium from Airgas for the balloons.



Participants included members of BPA, DECA, FCCLA, FFA, SkillsUSA, the Transportation Academy and Student Council. More than four dozen staff members and students spent time at the tent Wednesday through Saturday.

Britany Freeman, marketing coordinator for Adult Education, said the show was a nice opportunity to make connections with potential students and businesspeople seeking employees.

In addition, Rex Cockrell and his Law & Public Safety students staffed the Mound Street campus parking lot, raising nearly \$2,000 by parking cars.

"We had a lot of good discussions about our Adult Education programs and making people aware of our multiple campus locations."

"Rex just hit it out of the park," Bob said. "He

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ABOVE: Britany Freeman, right, speaks with a visitor at the school's tent at the Pumpkin Show about Adult Education programs.



ABOVE: Taneshia Lewis talks with a customer at the Mound Street lot.

LEFT: Students prepare to take balloons out to kids around the show.