

Career Tech Matters

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While only a four-day week, it's been a busy one filled with a variety of events on and off campus.

Yesterday, Pickaway-Ross was represented at the Success-Bound Conference in Dublin by Kim Graves, Allen Koker, Rhonda Lawless, Susan Schwalbauch and Jason Vesey, who gave a presentation on the Journey to Pre-Apprenticeship with BJ Knutson, apprenticeship service provider at Ohio State Apprenticeship Council.

Your colleagues explained to a group of 20-30 attendees how a school can work toward establishing pre-apprenticeships that will provide students with employment, industry credential points toward graduation and opportunities for full apprenticeship.

Kim Graves explains how Pickaway-Ross students benefit from pre-apprenticeships.



On Wednesday, Pickaway-Ross hosted the annual Superintendent Lunch, in which our home school superintendents or their designees have lunch with some of their students and then tour a few of the labs.

The event is well-liked by the home school representatives, who enjoy seeing how engaged their students are in their career-tech programs.

Students enjoy lunch with a representative from their home schools.



Hillbilly Shriners Mike and Joanne Basye (front row, center), picked up 21.6 pounds of soda can tabs.

Also Wednesday, Michael Shepherd's Diesel & Heavy Truck Mechanics juniors were congratulated by members of the Clan 8 Hillbilly Shriners for collecting the most soda can tabs in a lab competition held on main campus the past few weeks.

Schoolwide, students collected 21.6 pounds of tabs of which Shepherd's juniors collected nearly half: 10.93 pounds.

Sponsored by the National Technical Honor Society as a community service project, the juniors will be treated to pizza for collecting the most tabs.

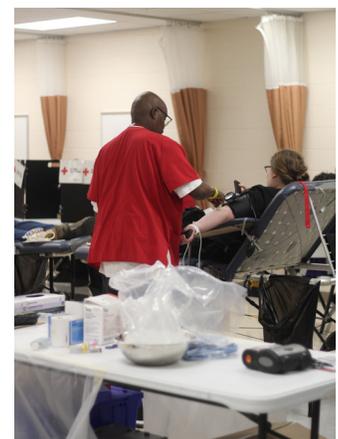
Once converted to cash at a scrapyards, the money is donated to the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital, said Jody French, NTHS advisor.

But our students and staff members do more than drink a lot of soda.

On Tuesday, 67 members of our school community took time to donate blood, contributing 59 units, in excess of the school goal of 51.

That donated blood will save the lives of 177 people.

These vignettes are just an example of one (short) week at Pickaway-Ross. I couldn't be more proud of our school community.



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