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HOUSTON UVCC FFA NEWSLETTER

MARCH

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State Public Speaking

Malaiya Gross represented Houston exceptionally well at the State FFA Extemporaneous Speaking contest held on March 1st at Marysville High School. There was some pretty tough competition. There were two rooms of extemporaneous speakers and Malaiya placed 8th out of 10 in her room. We are proud of Malaiya and her accomplishments and this has given her even more drive to do even better next year. Way to go!

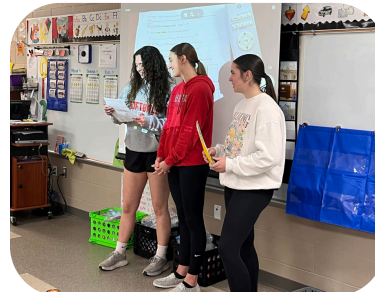
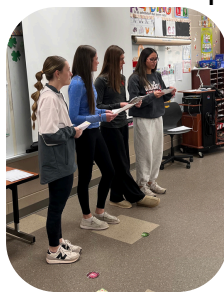


Ag Bag Delivery

The Juniors and Seniors in the 7th period Ag Business class delivered ag bags to 2nd graders during National Agricultural Week March 17th - 21st.

Students received bags with coloring books, eraser, pencil and all kinds of other goodies to learn more about agriculture. Ag students shared with the 2nd graders some facts about agriculture in Shelby County and Ohio and told them about a coloring contest where they could earn cash prizes.

Thank you to the 2nd grade teachers for letting our students come in to present this information.



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State Spring CDEs

After a long month of invitationals and online tests, students made it all count at the State event on Saturday, March 22nd. Students competed in either Poultry, Livestock or Equine at the State event.

In Poultry, students are evaluating different components of poultry products, carcasses and eggs. In a typical year, these students would also judge live birds but due to the bird flu outbreak, so they had to evaluate live animals using photographs.

Livestock students are evaluating live animals in four different species including cattle, goats, sheep and swine.

Students participating in the Equine contest are also evaluating live animals on how they move and ride for certain patterns and evaluating different hays.

Students competing in these Career Development Events are:

Poultry: Dylan Shaffer, Sara Loraine, Bera Sliter, Mekayla Pleiman, Konner Pleiman, Shawnee Martin and Kaia Kellersmith

Livestock: Gracie Dershem and Peyton Mummey

Equine: Hailey McCorkle



Janitor Clean-Up

Bi-weekly cleaning has continued with our FFA families to assist our janitorial staff in making our school look great!





Cardboard City

For the first time in several years, the officer team brought back Cardboard City. This is an event where students build a cardboard structure to sleep in for the night outside. Those students participating in the event were able to join forces with other students of the same gender to make a structure to share.

Prizes were given to those groups/individuals with the most creative, most waterproof and largest structure. The event was hosted at Willowbrook that is part of UVCC in Piqua.

It was a great night with lots of fellowship, making tie blankets to donate, eating smores and sitting around the fire doing karaoke before hitting the boxes and hoping to stay warm throughout the night...some were more successful than others. Thank you to all the students who participated and to Steve Mowery for serving as a chaperone.

