

# ATC offers welding class

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A welding class offered at the Green County Area Technology Center will conclude April 18.

The class, under the instruction of Steven Thomas, has been meeting Tuesday and Thursday nights since March 5 with 15 students enrolled.

Instruction has included oxy-fuel and plasma cutting, and stick, MIG, and TIG welding of steel and aluminum.

The local tech center partnered with Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Department of Workforce Solutions to offer the class.

Students upon completing the requirements will be given the opportunity to become certified welders

through the American Welding Society.

The Gas Metal Arc Welding certification will provide greater opportunities for those seeking employment.

“Local businesses and industries are very interested in our students upon completion of the training,” said Thomas.

“There is a very high demand, with attractive wages, for anyone willing to learn the trade.”

“ECTC Workforce Solutions is excited to partner with local communities to provide training for adult learners. The college currently partners with Green County Schools and the Green County Area Technology Center to offer dual credit for high school students – allowing students to graduate with college credit.



Frank Kidwell shows his latest weld to instructor Steven Thomas. The welding students learned stick, MIG, TIG, Oxy-fuel, and Plasma welding.

Now, adults will be able to earn new skills and credentials to enhance their personal and professional development close to home as well,” said ECTC Workforce Solutions Director of Program Facilitation Ben Whitlock.

“ECTC Workforce Solutions seeks to train adults in high-demand trades. We hope

to be the first choice for training in Central Kentucky – both for individuals and for people who are already employed. We look forward to offering more classes and training opportunities in Green County.”

If anyone is interested in training, call Ben Whitlock at 270-706-8700.



Photos by Angelina Alcott

Cooling the piece after welding Zachary Gibson dips his weld into water. A total of 15 students are currently enrolled in the welding class taught by Steven Thomas on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

# FFA stays busy; does well at regional comp.

March was a very busy month for the Green County FFA chapter. The local chapter participated in regional competition events in March.

The first day of competition was at Lindsey Wilson College March 13.

The following two students qualified for state competition in June: Impromptu Speaking Aubrey Gorin-Floral and Savy Scott-Swine. Abigail Milby placed Superior second in FFA History Quiz competition. The Record Keeping Team placed second and members were Alexandria Whitman, Weston Dixon, Nathan Davis and Will Bonta.

Chloe Dicken placed Superior third in Prepared Public Speaking.

The following students received a Superior rating in their impromptu area: Lilly Squires-Dairy, Jessica Clark- Superior 4th in Crop, Willow Berry-Greenhouse, Mikayla Stewart-Poultry, Abby Dicken placed Superior in Creed Speaking.

The Varsity Parliamentary Procedure Team Placed fourth and consisted of Jessica Clark, Dylan Walker, Clayton Beard, Hailee Scott, Brice Matney, Hallie Griffiths and Steven McCarol. Also competing in Impromptu Speaking: Dylan Walker- Ag Mechanics, Autumn Sidebottom- Beef, Hailee Scott- Fruit & vegetable, Kayla McQueary- Goat, MaeLin Bailey-Horse, Jacob Biggs- Nursery & Landscape, Baylee Allen-Turf & Lawn. Catlin Beard represented the chapter in the Talent competition and Beth Edwards took the AIC test.

The second day of competition was at Adair County High March 28.

In the top three awards given at the regional level: Jalynn Pierce- Selected Regional Star in Agribusiness, Hallie Griffiths- Runner-up Regional Star in Placement and Jessica Clark- Runner-up as Regional Star

Farmer.

The following students qualified for state by winning their proficiency areas: Jalynn Pierce (two areas) Vegetable Production and Nursery, Logan Stearman (two areas) Specialty Crop and Ag Sales, Hallie Griffiths in Dairy and Jessica Clark in Diversified Crop.

Receiving a second place rating Hallie Griffiths in Veterinary Science, Logan Stearman in Diversified Agriculture and Clayton Beard in Turfgrass Management.

Jessica Clark was also selected to represent the region in the Farm Aid Scholarship.

The Freshman Conduct of Meeting team placed Superior second and consisted of Will Bonta, Abigail Milby, Hailey Paige Scott, Abby Dicken, Sierra Beams, Taylor Bishop. Riley Milby participated in a Tobacco Essay and rated superior. Hailee Scott placed Superior with the chapter Scrapbook. Briley Cox, Dylan Walker, Clayton Beard and Daniel Sidebottom also competed in the Small Engine competition.

The Green County FFA Chapter is currently working on UK and WKU field day competitions in April. The local banquet will be May 2 and members will be awarded for their hard work.

In other news, the greenhouse is now open. Please be encouraged to visit the greenhouse. Purchases will help fund state competition this summer and to start the year next year.



The Green County FFA Chapter participated in regional competition events at Lindsey Wilson College March 13.



Impromptu Speaking winners were Savy Scott and Aubrey Gorin.



Hallie Griffiths, Jessica Clark and Jalynn Pierce were Regional Star Candidates.

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