

CTE: New building provides career vocation training for those not headed to college

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with his auto-mechanic dad, Dusty, to check out the facility.

"I'm excited for it," Dwayne said. "I really like them offering this type of education. It opens up careers."

He's thinking about automotive technology or metal-working.

Hayleigh Anglin, a sophomore in the high school's fisheries program, wanted to see what all the fuss was about.

"It's amazing," she said. "I knew it would come out really good, but this blows my mind."

Sophomore Nathan Streibeck is enrolled in an auto class and loves the new building. "I was taking apart an en-



Left: Josh Jannusch thanks community members for their input. **Middle:** Automotive/welding teacher James Veverka, left, talks with a car club member. **Right:** Posters and 3-D print projects made by graphic design students.

gine over there."

Members of Lower Columbia Classics Car Club came out in force to tour the new building. Club members have sponsored a student club for years and helped develop and support the curriculum at the high school and Clatsop Com-

munity College.

"Our kids need it," club member Judy Jordan said. "Not everybody is wanting to go to college."

Josh Jannusch, assistant principal and the North Coast coordinator for STEM (science, technology, engineering

and math), wrote a proposal that won a \$436,000 state grant in late 2017, allowing the school district to build the CTE center.

He thanked all the businesses, groups and individuals who made it possible.

Among them: Retired Su-

perintendent Mark Jeffery, for his vision; R&M Steel of Caldwell, Idaho, which donated the building's \$76,000 steel shell; Mark Baldwin Construction, the local contractor who worked with the district on a tight timeline; and companies that donated money, labor and new equipment.

"The community's passion for WHS is very, very strong," Jannusch said. "I hope this is proof that your money is well spent. We've been able to furnish the entire shop with donations."

The new building allows the school to offer or expand automotive, welding, graphic design and natural resource classes, such as fisheries. More will be added as the program grows.

"We hope to be able to thank you with a workforce ready to meet your needs," Jannusch told the crowd. "I feel that we're on the absolute right path."

"We're changing Warrenton High School history tonight. We're changing graduation requirements (so) students have to take a CTE class."

Superintendent Tom Rogozinski brought school board members to the front and gave them bowls made by art students.

"No good work gets done without the school board having the same vision," he said. "We have a very invested school board."

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