HART CAREER CENTER
Board of Education Report

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Cosmetology
Salon has been busy this month! We even picked up a few walk-ins during the SkillsUSA contest. Senior students are starting to prep for state board exams. Mock boards are around the corner. Next month will be interviews and registration for incoming 2026-27students.

Construction
Final touches were put on the Eugene Field shed this month. Discussion and planning continue for the gazebo on the Mexico square. In the meantime, students have been wrapping up small projects in the shop.

Counseling Department (Keri Poehlman)
Starting Feb. 20,, seniors will be taking the WorkKeys. March and April will be time for testing on Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs) in most programs.

Health Science
Students in Health Science are in the field this month. Clinical experience is well underway. In order to earn their CNA license, students must log 100 hrs of clinical experience and be observed successfully completing specified patient care tasks.

Welding
This is contest season for welding students. So far we have had a 10th place finish at Missouri Welding Academy and 3 students place in the top 20 at American Welding Academy (20th, 13th, 8th). Both competitions hosted over 200 competitors.

Diesel Technology
The diesel program is making stong connections and gaining support from local businesses. Mid Missouri Truck and Trailer donated 3 semi axles for labs and McCurdy farms from Middletown donated 2 engines this month.

Personal Finance

We have wrapped up our taxes unit with a simulation on filing taxes using the IRS simulation. We are starting the investing unit, which is usually a big hit. We play the game STAX, which is a stock market simulation and students are determined to beat the computer.

SkillsUSA

Hart Career Career hosted NE District SkillsUSA contest on Feb.13. Over 200 contestants competed to see who will move on to state competition at State Tech in April. Look for a full report of medals and contests next month. A big thank you to KWWR who was onsite for a live broadcast including interviews with local competitors.

FFA

Final planning for the 2nd annual FFA truck and tractor pull is wrapping up. The pull will take place May 22nd at the Audrain County Fair Grounds. FFA week takes place the last week of February with several events planned. Kicking off the week will be a trip to the Western Farm Show in Kansas City on Feb. 20.