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### **Teen Drivers from Eight Tuscarawas County Schools Competed at 28<sup>th</sup> Teen Driving “ROADeo”**

DOVER – On Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen Driving “Roadeo” took place at the Tuscarawas County fairgrounds. Hosted by the Tuscarawas County Health Department, this year’s event featured high school students from eight area schools who competed in safe driving tests and maneuverability courses to win gas gift cards and bragging rights for themselves and their schools.

The Safety Roadeo aims to help young drivers learn better driving skills, the rules of the road, and encourage them to think about their actions while driving. The focus is to reduce traffic accidents and injuries involving teenagers in Tuscarawas County. At the event, students competed through written tests, safety poster designs, and driving skills. Participating schools included Buckeye Career Center, Claymont, Dover, Garaway, Indian Valley, New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas Central Catholic, and Tusky Valley.

The Safety Roadeo is made possible thanks to resources from the Tuscarawas County Community Foundation, Nissan Parkway Auto, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Tuscarawas County Sheriff’s Office, Dover Police Department, Gnadenuhnten Police Department, Ohio Department of Transportation, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Tuscarawas County Coroner’s Office, Tuscarawas County Health Department, Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds, WJER, WTUZ, and school supporters. This event is funded, in part, through a grant from the Tuscarawas County Community Foundation.

#### **Below are the winners from the 2025 Teen Driving Roadeo event.**

Team Rankings (Top 3): 1. Dover, 2. Buckeye Career Center, and 3. New Philadelphia.

Best Written Test Scores: 1. Ryan Yoder, Dover; 2. Macie McMillen, New Philadelphia; 3. Daylen Clark, Dover; 4. Brodie Lindsay, New Philadelphia; and 5. Autumn Fin, Buckeye Career Center.

Best Safety Poster: Claymont

Best Driving Skills: 1. Zachary Douglas, Buckeye Career Center; 2. Mason Grewell, Dover; 3. Nathen Wright, Tuscarawas Central Catholic; 4. Rachel Pfeiffer, Dover; and 5. Bronson Speedy, Buckeye Career Center.

Individual Driving Event Top Scorers: Serpentine—Seth Beaber, New Philadelphia; Star—Avianna Zobel, Dover; Backing and Lane Change—Rebecca Yoder, Garaway; Right Parallel Park—Maxwell Kinsey, Indian Valley; and Left Parallel Park—Gina Beachy, Garaway.

For the third year in a row, the Dover team won with Buckeye Career Center coming in second, and New Philadelphia earning third place. The Dover team of Daylen Clark, Mason Grewell, Rachel Pfeiffer, Sydney Stevenson, Ryan Yoder, and Avianna Zobel earned a school trophy for their successful efforts at the Teen Driving Roadeo. Their team was supported by coordinator Dan Ifft.

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