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Rookie Perkins Robotics Team fares well among nationwide and veteran competitors at Buckeye Regional

Perkins Township – Perkins Robotics Team #7165 placed 27th out of 55 teams from across the country at the FIRST Robotics Competition Buckeye Regional March 29-31 held at the Wolstein Center in Cleveland. In its inaugural year competing in FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC), the rookie team placed well among veteran teams after the qualification matches.

Seventeen members of the robotics team participated in fabricating and programming the robot, and developing a business plan. Jackson Boothe, David Fanning, Lillie Garrett, Sapphire Hackathorn, Ian Hemphill, Jacob Herrington, Matthew Herrington, Gavin Humphrey, Fisher Kalb, Kyungbon Ko, Jayvon Lewis, Chase Linkenbach, Kamryn Only, Logan Shumate, Paige Skaff, Oliver Stout, and Maggie Wessels also tracked associated costs. Senior Anthony Gardin and sophomore Marek Brodke were the drivers of the robot, working as a team to control the movements of the robot during the many 2:30 minute matches.

After FRC released the goal of the competition the first week in January, all teams had six weeks to build a robot to accomplish the tasks. This year's competition was 1980s-themed video arcade "Power Up" that required the robot to pick up cubes and place them on scales and switches of various heights. The robot was also required to lift itself two feet off the ground to "defeat the boss" of the game. While some robots could only do some of the required tasks, the Pirate robot was built to accomplish all assigned tasks.

Various mentors, including local industry persons and parents, assisted the students. Students are available to provide a demonstration of their robot for their organizations or meetings. If interested, please contact Perkins High School at 419-625-1252.

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