Community discovers wide range of student work at Discovery Night

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THE ISLAND—Students at Deer Isle-Stonington High School showed off a wide variety of work during the school’s annual Discovery Night Thursday, April 14. The night also included hands-on demonstrations illustrating the work students have been doing throughout the year, from creating wooden lobster boats to cooking crepes from scratch to bending and molding metals during a blacksmith demonstration.

Members of the band class also showed off the music they have learned and performed during this school year, while students in the art classes displayed their work in the hallways and in the classroom.

Students from the Eastern Maine Skippers class drilled and hammered pieces of wood during a demonstration in the hallway as part of an ongoing project they have been working on. The goals of the project, as detailed by a poster displayed at the demonstration site, are to compare biodegradable wood with wire gear, figuring out catch rates and overall cost, among others.

During a blacksmith demonstration, students Alex Shorey and Hunter Eaton showed how heat can manipulate most types of metal.

“We learned that if you heat a piece of metal like this,” Eaton said as he held a metal rod over open hot coals, “that you can actually make it spark like a sparkler, which is pretty cool.”

“The students work so hard, it’s great to give them a chance to show their parents and the community what they do here every day, because they do some pretty great stuff,” said Eastern Maine Skippers teacher Tom Duyn.

Students at Deer Isle-Stonington High School showed off work they have done throughout the year during the school’s Discovery Night event. Student Alex Shorey, far left photo, takes part in a blacksmith demonstration. Caleb Hardie, middle photo, acts as the surveyor as he works on wooden traps. Lily Gray, left, Kaitlyne Harrison and Addie McDonald, top right photo, made crepes served with strawberries, chocolate and other toppings. Hunter Eaton displays the tools he has learned to use during metal classes this year.

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