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"We also had to think more about the legitimate pricing and creation of the product, which was new for us, but exciting to see our research go in this direction," she said.

Combs said she was "really excited" when she found out about the scholarship and learned they were advancing to the state competition.

"We've worked really hard on our project the past four years, and it was nice to receive something that will help

us continue our education," Combs said.

McGrail said the project has opened up a world of possibilities as she prepares for life after high school.

"I'm glad we submitted our project to this different competition, and it opened my eyes to the possibility of the entrepreneurship and innovation side of environmental sciences that I'm interested in pursuing in the future."

The projects now move onto the state competition. Unlike the state science fair, students can't change things about their projects before the next

competition.

McGrail said she's proud of their work regardless of how the state competition goes.

"We are honestly just happy we did well at the regional level, so now we just wait and see how we'll do at the state level, and either way, I think we're proud of our project, especially in the other things we've achieved over the four years," McGrail said. "I'm hopeful that we'll do well."

Likewise, Combs said she's excited to hear the results of the competition.

"We've put so much time and effort into

our project, and I think our commercialization plan with four years of research behind it has a good chance of doing well at the state level," Combs said.

As for their plans moving forward, McGrail said she hasn't decided between several colleges yet, but she's planning to study environmental science or environmental engineering. Combs said she plans to study pre-veterinarian with an emphasis on equine sciences at the University of Findlay.

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