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Joel Bacon of C-SPAN talks to Boardman High School students on the television network's bus. As part of a 50-state tour, the C-SPAN bus visited Poland and Boardman students to share information about C-SPAN's public service resources.

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## On US tour, C-SPAN bus stops in Valley

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gested the Mahoning Valley as a good place to visit.

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Local officials helped students understand what's going on closer to home. Bold letters on the side of the C-SPAN bus declare that the television network is "where history unfolds daily."

At Boardman High School, students heard from local township trustees, state Rep. John Boccieri of Poland, D-59th, and state Sen. Joe Schi-Seminary High School and a Boardman, D-33rd. On Tuesday, Mahoning and state officials, including Valley students learned about township trustees, state Rep. some of that history when John Boccieri of Poland, D-59th, and state Sen. Joe Schi-Seminary High School and a Boardman, D-33rd. the bus paid a visit to Poland 59th, and state Sen. Joe Schi-Seminary High School and a Boardman, D-33rd.

At Poland Seminary High School, speakers included SPAN bus, which is in the representatives of township midst of a trip to 50 state capitals to mark the network's 25th anniversary. In addition to the videos and interactive activities provided by C-SPAN, students also heard from speakers who talked to them about local government and civic engagement. Township Trustee Joanne Wollet explained how township governments in Ohio operate, and how local government services are managed. Township Administrator Jim Scharville emphasized the importance of civic engagement.

The idea behind the C-SPAN bus is to showcase resources for students," said Doug Hemmig, C-SPAN community relations representative. "You better register and get out to vote. Don't say your vote isn't important," he said, noting that the township's first tax levy passed by a single vote.

The bus contains more than 2,000 hours of content, which students were able to explore Tuesday. Local government impacts you. Local government makes you a better citizen.

The main thing is to create that awareness, so they can learn what's going on in Washington," Hemmig said. Local government makes your community a better place to live," he said. Marik Rogenski, a PSHS senior, said he was most interested to learn about local politics.

The visit was made possible by help from Armstrong. C-SPAN partners with local cable providers to plan such events, and Armstrong sug-

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"It's interesting learning who runs the place," he said. "I live in the village, so it affects me personally."