



# Paw Prints

A District Publication of Clinton County Schools  
Compiled by Ammie Marcum, Community Education Director

Volume 17 Issue 4

May 2016

## Clinton County Board of Education

Superintendent  
Charlotte Bernard

**Board Members**  
Paula Key, Chair  
Crystal Irwin  
Kevin Marcum  
Jeff Sams  
Goldie Stonecipher

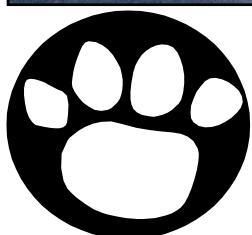
## 3rd Annual Healthy Hometown 1K Family Fun Run & 5K Run for the Roses

Over 300 people came out to Mountain View Park on Saturday, May 7th for the 3rd annual Healthy Hometown 1K Family Fun Run and 5K Run for the Roses. All participants received a t-shirt. Trophies were awarded to the top three runners in each category of the 5K, and medals were awarded to all participants in the 1K. The first twenty-five runners who crossed the finish line in the 5K also received roses. Complete results and more photos from the event can be found on the school district webpage or on the Clinton County Healthy Hometown Facebook page.



### Inside this issue:

Kindergarten Registration	3
Little Kentucky Derby	4
Healthy Taste of the Month	6
AES Related Arts Showcase	7
G/T Activities	10-11
Taste Test Sampler	12
Cinco de Mayo	13
Math-a-Thon	14
VSA Arts Inclusion Project	16
PRIDE Earth Day Grant	17
Rogers Explorers and Scholars Announced	25
JROTC Activities	26
CCR Events	27
CCATC Activities	28-30
Stop Littering Poster Contest	32



This issue of *Paw Prints* is sponsored by  
**Clinton County Healthy Hometown.**





# Clinton County Early Childhood Center

## *Preschool & Kindergarten Registration*

- A child who will be 3 or 4 years of age by August 1, 2016 may apply for preschool.
- Any child who is 5 years of age or may become 5 years of age by October 1, 2016 may enter a primary school program.
- A child who is 6 or will become 6 years of age by October 1, 2016 shall attend public school or qualify for an exemption as provided by KRS 158.070.



Call  
387-3150  
for more  
information.



UNITED WAY  
**bornlearning®**

The Born Learning Academy is a program for families with children who are aged **birth to five years old**, and their siblings. The goal is to give families practical tips on working with their children from the earliest moment in order to help develop strong learning skills. Born Learning

Academies across Kentucky are being held to help parents and guardians prepare their children for their first school experiences and also to help prepare parents and guardians to be their child's first teacher. **For more information please call the Family Resource Center at 387-8948.**



Each of the six **Born Learning Academy** sessions will include:

- ▶ fun educational experiences for children and parents
- ▶ educational workshops for parents and guardians

**dinner • child care • door prizes**

**Your child was born to learn.**

**Read. Play.  
Talk. Nurture.**

Learning begins the  
moment they hear your voice.





# Kindergarten...Here We Come!



Children entering kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year were invited to participate in KinderGo at the Clinton County Early Childhood Center on Tuesday, April 12th. The Clinton County Community Early Childhood Council sponsored the KinderGo kindergarten registration event, in conjunction

with the Clinton County Early Childhood Center faculty and staff. Incoming kindergarteners and parents were able to explore their “new school”, sit on a real school bus and learn about safety, create fun arts and crafts, connect with resources to be successful in school, and were familiarized with the Brigrance

Screener. Each student received a new backpack full of enrichment activities to work on over the summer. Parents who have not registered their child are encouraged to do so as soon as possible and pick up their backpack of enrichment activities while supplies last.



## Preschool Alphabet Party

The Preschool students at the Clinton County Early Childhood Center showed that

they know their ABC's at an Alphabet Party on April 27th. Students brought in items and

talked about which letter of the alphabet each item started with.





# And They're Off!!!

Just in time for the real Run for the Roses, the annual Kindergarten Little Kentucky Derby was held at the Early Childhood Center on May 6th. Each kindergarten class competed in separate heats, and the final race featured the winners from each class. The Clinton County

High School band was at the event to play the bugle call. Pictured below left are the 2016 Little Kentucky Derby winners. From left to right: Drake Bacon (Mrs. Tammy Cook's class), Coban Tweedy (Mrs. Jamie Cooksey's class), Briana Mielu (Mrs. Jackie Frey's class),

Rylan Lee (Mrs. Tracy Goodman's class), Crit Cowan (Mrs. Tiffany Norris' class), Donovan Reynoso (Mrs. Patricia Riddle's class), and Landon Demmons (Mrs. Lisa Smith's class). The overall winner was Crit Cowan.



## ECC Trike-a-Thon

A large crowd was in attendance at Mt. View Park on Thursday, April 28th to support the preschool students from the Clinton County Early Childhood Center during the annual St. Jude Trike-a-Thon. St. Jude Trike-A-Thon™ is a fun, week-long curriculum for daycare centers

and preschools that teaches children riding-toy safety lessons through a series of interactive stories. Children receive these lessons from special St. Jude friends, Bikewell Bear® and Pedals the Bunny®, while raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.® The local

coordinator for the St. Jude Trike-a-Thon is Lorie Dalton. Students raised \$2,251.00 during the event. The top fundraiser was Emily Cravens. Joseph Reneau and Izzy Upchurch tied for second place fundraiser.





# Summer Feeding Begins June 6th!



**Summer Feeding will begin on Monday, June 6, 2016 and will continue through Thursday, July 28, 2016. The mobile Bus Stop Café will be making rounds again this year for breakfast and lunch.**

**The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program will be serving meals at Albany Elementary and the High School. The Clinton County Public Library will be offering “Read and Feed” as well. Watch the Clinton County News for dates and times for these as well as other locations.**

## Attention Churches!

**Food Service can supply free meals  
for your Vacation Bible School.  
Please contact Georgia Rigney, FSD  
at 606-387-7534 for more details.**

# Title II Parent Meeting

**Title II, Part A, created from the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation of 1992, places major emphasis on teacher quality as a factor in increasing student achievement in academic areas and is based on the principals of increased flexibility, local control, and stronger**

**accountability at all levels. The program uses scientifically based professional development interventions and holds districts and schools accountable for improvements in student academic performance. This program was created because research shows that teacher**

**quality is correlated with student academic achievement (Sanders and Rivers, 1996). Because each community may face a variety of challenges with respect to teacher quality, this program allows funds to be used for a wide array of interventions.**

**There will be a Title II Advisory Council and Parent Meeting on Friday, May 27, 2016 at the Superintendent's Office at 11:00 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to review the district's Title II plan and budget and make suggestions for improvement. All parents are invited to attend.**



COOPERATIVE  
EXTENSION  
SERVICE



College of Agriculture,  
Food and Environment

# Healthy Kids Day

On Friday, March 25th, the Clinton County Extension Office sponsored the second annual Healthy Kids Day at the Clinton County Early Childhood Center, along with partners from Healthy Hometown and Cumberland Family Medical Centers. Healthy Living Day encouraged kindergarten students to think about making lifestyle choices. Students participated in educational sessions focused on the importance of dairy with Mrs. Stacy, recognizing healthy foods with Mr.

Junior, learning about fruits and vegetables with Ms. Christy, gardening with Mr. Colby, hand washing with Mrs. Taylor and Scrubby Bear, and physical activity with Mrs. April and Mrs. Cheryl. Students were also able to sample a variety of fruits and vegetables during snack time. Healthy Living Day is a fun way to teach children the importance of health and physical activity.



## Healthy Taste of the Month

Students at the Clinton County Early Childhood Center and Albany Elementary School have had the opportunity to try new foods each month with the Healthy Taste of the Month Club. The fourth "Try Day" was on Tuesday, April 12th, when the featured foods were Dinosaur Eggs and Romanesco. The fifth "Try Day" was on Tuesday, May

10th, when the featured foods were Forelle Pears and Rainbow Carrots. Each month, the Healthy Taste of the Month Club will feature new foods for the students to try. This program is a collaborative effort of Clinton County Schools Food Services and Healthy Hometown.





# AES April Related Arts Showcase

The fifth Related Arts Showcase of the year at Albany Elementary School was held on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in the AES gymnasium. The student performances were directed by AES drama teacher Patty Crouch and music teacher Teresa Williams. The students who had Mr. Eric Mercer for computer applications class designed and distributed programs for the event. During the showcase, student artwork was

displayed in the lobby for viewing. The artwork was created by the students who had art for related art class with Mr. Scott Gregory.

The 1st grade classes of Ms. Jamie Reagan and Ms. Rachel McFall presented a performance entitled "Big Beautiful Plant." The 2nd grade classes of Ms. Chasity Stearns and Ms. Sandy Shelton presented a performance entitled "It's Easy Being Green!" The 3rd grade

classes of Ms. Reda Thurman and Ms. Samantha Blackaby presented a performance entitled "Every Day is Earth Day." The 4th grade class of Ms. Megan Rains and the 1st grade class of Ms. Tammie Conner presented a performance entitled "Cinderella...If the Shoe Fits!"



## AES Health Fair

Albany Elementary School held its annual Health Fair on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Each student heard from six presenters on topics including: nutrition, eye care, dental care,

hygiene, and healthy choices. Scrubby Bear was on hand to greet students during the hygiene session. A big thank you to each of the participants for volunteering their time for our

students: Cumberland Family Medical, Clinton County Extension Office, Vision Care, Healthy Hometown Coalition, and Ms. Christie Coop.





# ZuZu Acrobats Perform at AES

The ZuZu Acrobats from Mombasa, Kenya performed live at Albany Elementary School on April 20, 2016. This high energy group has performed in 25 countries world wide over the past ten years and received high reviews on *America's Got Talent*. They

entertained AES students with tumbling, limbo, contortion, pyramid building, and balancing feats like none they'd seen before. Students volunteered for acts and begged for more. In addition, students were taught that in Mombasa, 42 languages are spoken, with English and

Swahili being most popular. They practiced saying hello, friend, no worries, and goodbye in Swahili. A great time was had and students learned about their African cultures.



## Talents of Tomorrow

Albany Elementary held its annual Talents of Tomorrow talent show on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Twenty nine acts from grades 1 through 4 performed for a nearly packed gymnasium. Christ's Choir opened the show

with an amazing performance of "Every Move I Make", followed by Clinton County Elite Cheerleaders' Fab Five. Guests enjoyed a variety of singing, dancing, and keyboard pieces. A special thanks to the hosts from

Clinton County Middle School, Dalton Gregory and Makaya Gregory. We salute our Talents of Tomorrow!!





# LET'S TRAVEL THE WORLD

## 21st CENTURY SUMMER CAMP



**June 6, 2016 thru July 1, 2016**  
**7:45 AM—2:00 PM Monday—Friday**  
**Students in Grades 1—8**  
**Breakfast & Lunch Served Each Day**  
**Transportation NOT Provided**  
**\$20.00 per week or \$65.00 for 4 weeks**

**Visit the school district webpage to download the parent letter, application, & swimming permission form.**  
**For more information contact 21st Century Community Learning Center Director Sandra Guffey at 387—9542.**



**CREDIT  
RECOVERY**

# BEGINS JUNE 6, 2016

**7:45 am—12:00 pm**

**Breakfast and Lunch Provided**

**For more information contact:**

**Jake Asberry - 387-5569 or Sandra Guffey - 387-9452**

# Let's Get This DONE !





# Wave on Wheels Outreach Program

On Friday, March 11th, students in the Gifted & Talented Program at Albany Elementary School participated in the WAVE on Wheels Outreach Program from the Newport Aquarium. The WAVE Foundation strives to excite, engage, and educate students about the wonders of aquatic life and the importance of conservation. Students participated in the Creature Feature Animal Program, Scales and Tails, which allowed students to encounter a tortoise, baby alligator, and snake.



## Students See “*The Lightning Thief*”

On Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, AES students traveled to The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Kentucky for a performance of *The Lightning Thief*. Students watched the familiar story unfold on stage. Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school... again. And that’s the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy’s Greek mythology textbook and into his life. AES students in the Gifted & Talented Program had the opportunity to follow his adventures in this exciting performance, based on the first book in the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series by Rick Riordan.





# Battle of the Books

*America's Battle of the Books* is a reading incentive program for students in 3rd thru 12th grades. Students read books and compete in teams to demonstrate their abilities and to test their knowledge of the books they have read. Students in grades 3 - 8 in the Gifted & Talented program competed on March 29th & 30th at CCMS in the first Battle of the Books in Clinton County. The winning teams from

each age category and high-scoring participants were rewarded with a trip to Breakout in Lexington on April 6th. Breakout is a real-life escape room adventure for small groups.

Pictured below left is Cover to Cover, the winning team from the 3rd grade competition. Team members include Valarie Latham, Shelby Fitzgerald, Cambria Moses, and Cannon Young. Pictured below center is Fire

Wolves, the winning team from the 4th - 6th grade competition. Team members include Emma Tompkins, Loren Little, and Ryan Bair. Pictured below right is Team 3, the winning team from the 7th & 8th grade competition. Team members include Nathan Brown, Conlan Beck, Sydnee Albertson, and Rachel Sawyers.

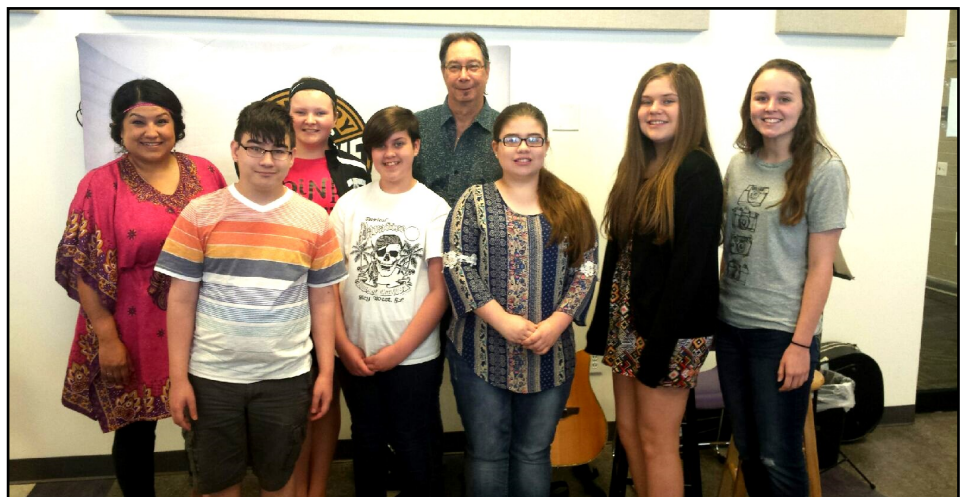


# Students Are Songwriters

On Friday, April 22nd, CCMS and CCHS students in the Gifted & Talented Program participated in the Words and Music Program at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee. In the weeks prior to the visit, the students had been working to write or co-author with fellow classmates original song lyrics. The lyrics were then sent ahead to the

Country Music Hall of Fame, where local professional songwriters and musicians selected a few and put the words to music. After a tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, students had the opportunity to listen to the new songs they had created during a session with their collaborating professional partners.

Pictured below right are the students whose songs were selected to be recorded during the visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum with the professionals who recorded the songs: Vocalist Rachel Rodriguez, Lex Marcum, Claire Guffey, Emma Tompkins, Musician Kenne Cramer, Jaden Mullins, Abbi Young, and Autumn McCutchen.





# Taste Test Sampler & Bulldog Lip Sync

Nearly 250 people came out to sample potential new menu items for next school year and to vote for their favorites. Thanks to Food Services Director Georgia Rigney & Food Services Secretary Alice Morrison, as well as all the school cafeteria kitchen managers and cooks for the hard work they put into making this event possible. Extra thanks also to School Board Member Jeff Sams for his special interest and help in coordinating this event. Clinton County Extension Office, Clinton County Family Resource Center, and 21st Century Community Learning Center were also there to provide information to attendees. In addition, the Bus Stop Cafe was on site so that parents

and students could see how meals are distributed throughout the county during the Summer Feeding Program. Big thanks to the Clinton County Alumni Band for providing music during the event!

And...the results are in! This year the food displays were organized by vendor. The big winner at the General Mills table was the **Pillsbury Mini Cinnis**, receiving a 92% favorable vote! Among the JTM items, **Gold Kist Pop Corn Chicken Smackers** came out on top with a 96% "liked it" vote! The JTM **Philly Beef** on Rich's **Flat Bread** was also very popular, with 95% of taste testers giving it a "thumbs up!" Rich's **Cinnamon Roll** received

the most favorable feedback - 99%! The favorite item offered by Schwan's was **Big Daddy's Primo Four Cheese Pizza**, with 96% of those who tried it voting "yes!" In the "Battle of the Sidekicks," Ridgefield's **Kiwi-Strawberry Sidekick** frozen treat was the winner. Kellogg's offered five different varieties of Naked Juice, and the flavor with the most votes was **Mighty Mango Smoothie**. The new **Cheddar Stuffed Pretzel Sticks** by Bosco and the new **Tangy Chicken Parmesan** recipe were also well received. Thanks to everyone who participated!



Students in all grades were challenged to show off their skills at the Bulldog Lip Sync, held in conjunction with the 4th annual Taste Test Sampler and Academic Showcase at CCHS on April 19th. The contest was sponsored by First Place Trophies and by Shearer Drug, who provided trophies and cash prizes for the winners. The contest was emceed by Ryan

Poore of Poore Boy DJ Service. Thanks to the sponsors, judges, and emcee for helping with this event! Pictured below left is CCMS 5th grader Ashton Daniels, who won first place in the Lip Sync. Pictured below center left are CCMS 7th Graders Kaitlyn Brown, Destiny Stephens, Krislyn Mason, and Kimberly Troxell, who won second place in the Lip Sync.

Pictured below center right is CCHS senior Heather Gibson, who won third place in the Lip Sync. Pictured below right are CCHS seniors Cody Starns and Kaylee Burchett & ECC kindergarteners Isabella Young and Dannon Dalton, who tied for fourth place in the Lip Sync.





# 4th Annual Academic Showcase

The 4th annual Clinton County High School Academic Showcase was held on April 19th. The Clinton County High School

Academic Showcase provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate a wide variety of talents and skills in various content areas. The

showcase featured an array of activities from drama performances to projects and demonstrations.



## Cinco de Mayo Celebrations

The Clinton County High School Spanish Club students and sponsor Mr. James Walker visited AES and CCMS on May 5th to teach students about the history of Cinco de Mayo. At CCMS, the Spanish Club students

sang and danced, and taught CCMS students some dances. Students and teachers who were wearing yellow, green, or orange got to take swings at piñatas full of candy. At AES, students were treated to dances, translations,

and a piñata as well. Spanish Club students taught the elementary students *"The Itsy Bitsy Spider"* in Spanish. AES students enjoyed the presentation and learned several animal names in Spanish.





# Math-a-Thon Adds Up!

For more than 35 years, the St. Jude Math-A-Thon, benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, has been America's largest education-based fundraiser. To participate, kids in grades K-8 ask family and friends for pledges to solve math problems in the St. Jude Math-A-Thon Funbook, developed by Scholastic. Again this year, students at the Clinton County Early Childhood Center, Albany Elementary School, and Clinton County Middle School put their math skills to work to raise money for this worthy cause. The coordinator of this event at ECC and AES is Mrs. Lorie Dalton, and the coordinator at CCMS is Mrs. Betsy Beaty. Students at ECC and AES raised \$1,177.00, and students at CCMS raised \$947.64 for the patients of St. Jude. Congratulations to our students for their hard work!

Pictured at bottom left are the ECC students who participated in Math-a-Thon: Rylan Lee, Cade Ipock, Adalyn Duvall, Addison Whittenburg, Dannon Dalton, and Mason Musk.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®



Pictured at bottom right are the AES students who participated in Math-a-Thon: (front row) Sydnee Lowhorn, Holdin Thrasher, Sarah Smith, Kylee Pruitt, and Abby Jones & (back row) Kellie Brown, Kade Beaty, Mileigh Jarvis, Allison Latham, Kassandra Shelton, Charla Shelley, and Carlee Albertson. (Not pictured is Rylan Speck, who was the top fundraiser for ECC & AES.)

Pictured at left are the CCMS students who participated in Math-a-Thon: (front row) Alex Duvall, Jordan Shelton, Taylor Milam, Allie-Jo Finley, Kayson Brummett, Megan Neal, Laramie Murphy, and Bailey Polston & (back row) Adam Whittenburg, Ryan Bair, Jaden Mullins, Nathan Brown, Autumn McCutchen, Kendra Bertram, Maggie England, Olivia Boils, and Makenzie Cope.





# “Be Active!” Club Awards

Clinton County Healthy Hometown recently awarded prizes to the faculty and staff Be Active Club members at ECC and CCMS for the third 9-weeks. Prizes included tote bags, t-

shirts, umbrellas, pedometers, and 3-month membership passes to Twin Lakes Wellness Center. The Be Active Club encourages participants to get healthier by exercising on

their own for 20 minutes, three times each week. Participants keep track of their efforts on a weekly log chart at school.



## Relay for Life Spirit Week at CCMS

Students and staff at Clinton County Middle School joined the effort to raise money for Relay for Life during the week of April 18th

- 22nd by participating in Spirit Week. Each day participants could dress up in a different theme (blue & white, camouflage, superhero,

princess, hats...) by paying a quarter. The money collected during the week benefited the local Relay for Life fundraising efforts.





# CCMS VSA Arts Inclusion Project

Clinton County Middle School received an Arts Inclusion award in the amount of \$1,250.00, funded by VSA Kentucky, a non-profit organization that provides opportunities in the arts for children and adults with disabilities. This award funded a week-long program at CCMS called *Blacksmithing* –

*"Forging" a Connection Across the Curriculum.* Blacksmith Bob Montgomery of the Wolf Gap Mountain Forge spent the week of April 25<sup>th</sup> thru April 29<sup>th</sup> with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers at CCMS. While discussing the science, math, and history of metal forging, he showed the students how to

heat a piece of iron and transform it into a functional and decorative hook. Then each student and teacher got a turn to make their own hooks. He also brought along several pieces of his iron dragon sculptures, and discussed his career as a blacksmith.



## Students Make Wearable Art

The students in Mrs. Pam Miniard's art classes at Clinton County Middle School recently put their art skills to work by creating

wearable pieces of art. While making tie-dyed t-shirts, socks, and other apparel, students

learned about the artistic aspects of the process and about art careers.





# PRIDE Environmental Education Grant

Clinton County Middle School received a PRIDE Environmental Education grant in the amount of \$500.00 in March to fund activities to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd. The purpose of the project was to teach students at Clinton County Middle School the importance of environmental protection by expanding the efforts of the CCMS student PRIDE Club. Funds were used to expand the nonfiction section of the school library to include environmental education books and to revitalize the outdoor classroom with plants native to Kentucky, planted by students. CCMS PRIDE Club students created posters to promote the new books, which were placed next to them in the "Featured Books" section of the library. The

second aspect of the project was revitalization of the Outdoor Classroom at CCMS. CCMS PRIDE Club students worked to clear out a spot and planted native Kentucky plants. The area was covered with mulch and will make a beautiful addition to the Outdoor Classroom.

In celebration of Earth Day 2016 on April 22nd, students at Clinton County Middle School created posters with the theme "Trees for the Earth." Rural Community Action Partnership (RCAP) partnered with CCMS to sponsor the contest by providing the poster paper, prizes, and judging the contest. The winners were recognized during an assembly at CCMS on Monday, April 25th. All students at the assembly received pencils made from

recycled currency and Earth Day bracelets made from wildflower seed paper, also courtesy of RCAP. Pictured at bottom left are the winners of the 2016 Earth Day poster contest. Haley Allen received a \$25.00 iTunes gift card for 1st place. Dawson Jarvis received a \$15.00 Wal-Mart gift card for 2nd place. Kaitlyn Brown received a \$10.00 Sonic gift card for 3rd place. Pictured at bottom right are the students who were recognized as Honorable Mention in the Earth Day poster contest: Bailey Polston, Shaina Brown, Lacy Smith, Jayanne Murphy, Bobbianne Key, Caleb Marcum, Sydnee Albertson, and Jaelin Oplinger.





# Truth or Consequences

On Friday, March 11, 2016, freshmen students at Clinton County High School participated in the Truth and Consequences event. "Truth and Consequences: The Choice Is Yours" is an enrichment event designed to allow students to see the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse. Students were given scenarios and then visited appropriate officials as if they had actually engaged in the behavior. Parents and volunteers worked with the youth as they visited booths, such as court system, school administration, counselors, and

jail. Students also participated in interactive and informative sessions with guest speakers from Probation and Parole, and watched a prevention video. At the conclusion of the event, a mock accident was staged, with participating organizations such as law enforcement, hospital, and ministers, responding accordingly. The event included more than 130 students and over 40 parents, volunteers, and community partners. Truth and Consequences is organized by the County Cooperative Extension

Office. According to the County FCS Agent Christy Nuetzman, "The event continues to make an impact on students each year by providing them with a first-hand look at the realities and consequences of getting involved with substance abuse." Ms. Nuetzman also expressed her appreciation for the willingness of community volunteers to share time and expertise with the students. The event would not have been successful without the involvement of community partners.



# Operation Preparation

On March 30th and 31st, volunteers throughout the Clinton County School District, as well as community agencies and organizations came together to work with students during Operation Preparation. For two days, these volunteer mentors met one-on-one with all 8th and 10th grade students. As they

reviewed Individual Learning Plans (IEP), the adults and students discussed career aspirations, as well as required education, training, and workforce skills needed for careers. Students had the opportunity to look over their MAP test results to see if they were on target to meet their goals. Class schedules and grades were

examined to determine whether the students were taking the courses recommended to prepare them for a life beyond high school. The mentors also talked with the students about their attendance records, stressing the importance of making the most of their school experience to ensure a successful future.





# Career Day

Students in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at Clinton County Middle School were introduced to real jobs by community volunteers at Career Day on Friday, March 18th. Career Day offers solid, practical information from real people about careers. Students can discover why people they know choose certain careers, hear what they like and dislike about their jobs,

and learn about the skills needed to perform their jobs. The goals of Career Day are to show the relationship between school and work, encourage continuing education, and motivate students without overwhelming them. Thanks to the following Career Day speakers: Matt Aaron, Richard Armstrong, Janice Beard, Lisa Beard, Jamie Brumley, Junior Cecil, Adam

Denney, Penny Duvall, Bethany Grubbs, Eric Hagen, Doc Hardin, Sarah Beth Huff, Crystal Irwin, Mitch Latham, Dwana Myers, Buddy Owens, Paula Owens, Carol Peddicord, Morgan Pence, Ricky Pickens, Jake Staton, Dillon Stonecipher, Mark Thrasher, Joni Upchurch, and Darien Wallace.



# Reality Town

On Friday, April 22nd, the eighth-graders at Clinton County Middle School and the students at Foothills Academy got a taste of the real world at Reality Town. This exercise is an effort to help students gain the knowledge necessary to set educational and career goals in order to obtain the lifestyles they want. The purpose of this event is to remind students that they can make choices now that will help them reach their goals. Before entering Reality Town, students chose their careers and

randomly selected cards to determine the number of children they had. They were required to move through all the booths in Reality Town. They began their adventure at the Uncle Sam booth, where taxes were subtracted from their gross monthly salaries. Next, each student visited the Bank booth to open a checking account and a savings account, if desired. Then students followed a Route Card to visit the remaining booths. Reality Town is a collaborative project coordinated by Clinton

County Cooperative Extension Service, Clinton County Middle School, CCMS Youth Services Center, 21st Century Community Learning Center, and Community Education. Reality Town was funded through contributions by First & Farmer's National Bank, Monticello Banking Company, and People's Bank & Trust of Albany. We especially appreciate all of the community volunteers who helped make Reality Town a success.





# Volley Dawgs Win Glasgow Invitational

The Clinton County Middle School Volley Dawgs defeated Glasgow, Campbellsville, and Allen County to capture the championship at the Glasgow 8th Grade Invitational on April 16th. The team is pictured

below left with their trophy. Front Row: Paisley McIver, Alena Garner, Autumn McCutchen, and Taylor Cross. Back Row: Kayleigh Weston, Kaylee Latham, Coach Kayla Mora, Katie Thurman, Coach Ginger

Davis, Kristen Branham, Brittney Stearns, Bobbianne Key, Sally Johnson, Jordan Mullins, Kayli Hadley, Taylor Bagwell, and Coach Ashley Hardin.



## Regional Governor's Cup

The Clinton County Middle School elementary academic traveled to Green County to compete in Regional Governor's Cup Competition on Saturday, March 12th. The team placed 3rd overall. The Quick Recall team also placed 3rd. The following students placed in Written Assessment: Loren Little (1st in Language Arts); Evan Little (1st in Arts and Humanities); Emma Tompkins (4th in Arts & Humanities); Alex Duvall (3rd in Social Studies). The team is coached by Danielle Hicks and Ashley Braswell-Shelton. The team is pictured at right with their trophy. Front row (L to R): Loren Little, Emma Tompkins, Sadie Moons, Claire Guffey, and Sami Criswell. Back row (L-R): Ryan Bair, Evan Little Alex Duvall and Ethan Rains.





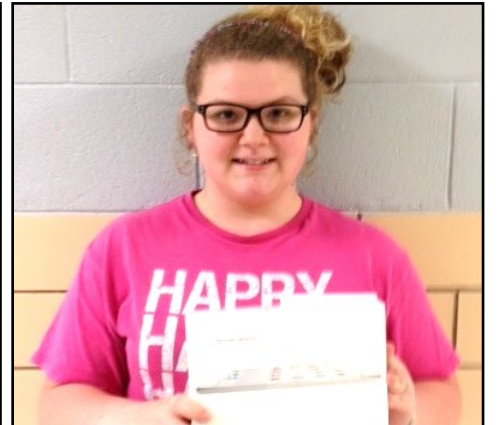
# iPad Attendance Winners

Each attendance month of the second semester, students with perfect attendance (no absences or tardies) are entered into a drawing for an iPad. The district earned money to purchase these prizes from donations received from the KONA ICE company. Each time KONA ICE visits the schools, they donate a percentage of their profit back to the school

district to support attendance. The district is using this money to give something back to the kids and support good attendance. On April 25th, the drawing was held for the iPad winners at each school for Month 8 attendance rewards.

Below left is Ethan Martinez, the winner of an iPad from the Early Childhood Center, with DPP Julie York. Below center left is

Veronica Raymundo, the winner of an iPad from Albany Elementary School, with AES Principal Tim Armstrong and DPP Julie York. Below center right left is Kayleigh Slone, the winner of an iPad from Clinton County Middle School, with DPP Julie York. Below right is Samantha Manis, the winner of an iPad from Clinton County High School.



# CCMS Reuse, Reduce, Recycle Projects

Students in Mrs. Lora Grant's fourth 9-weeks 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade practical living & career studies classes at CCMS were

asked to generate examples of how they could reuse varied items that would normally be thrown away. Students brought several

examples to class and explained to the class how to reuse the items which would help take care of the earth, instead of throwing them out.





# CCMS Title I & 4-H Night

Clinton County Middle School Title I Family Night was held on April 14th, in conjunction with the Clinton County 4-H speech and demonstration competitions. In the 4-H Demonstrations Junior Division, Hailey Cole won 1st place in the Crafts category with her demonstration on how to make clay roses and

Elisa Shelton won 1st place in the Foods category with her demonstration on how to make brownies. In the 4-H Demonstration Junior Team Division, Ashton Daniels and Ella Marlow won 1st place with their demonstration on making Root Beer Float Sugar Scrub. The 4-H Talk Meet winners were: Akira Nagel (9 year

-old), Ashton Daniels (10- year-old), Kendra Bertram (11 year-old), Sara Turner (12 year-old), Jaden Mullins (13 year-old), and Makaya Gregory (14 year-old). The winners will advance to the Lake Cumberland Area Showcase of Stars.



## 4-H Introduces Rocketry to 7th Graders

Clinton County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development Junior Cecil and 4-H Youth Development Program Assistant Linda Bell recently introduced rocketry to the 7th

grade students at CCMS. 4-H science programs provide 4-H youth the opportunity to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) through fun, hands-on activities

and projects. Students developed and created their own rockets in the classroom, and then took them outside to see if they would fly!





# Take the GED for FREE!

Don't Miss Out!!!



*Earn your  
GED*

*Get a new job  
Make more money*



*Go to college*



**We can help and our help is free!!!  
Call about SUMMER HOURS!!!**

Required scores for the GED Ready Test and the actual GED have dropped from 150 to 145. Call for details. Testing available for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). Please contact Mitch Latham or Nicole Cross at the Clinton County Adult Education Program at (606) 387—6648.



**Clinton County  
Adult Education**

*Your future  
starts here!*



# CCMS & CCATC Students Give Back!

Clinton County Middle School recently wrapped up its annual Pennies for Patients drive. Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and other spare change by more than 10 million elementary, middle, and high school students throughout the country. The funds, which were collected at CCMS over a two-week period, will benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Each grade level's homeroom classes were competing to earn an ice cream social. The 5th grade homeroom winner was Ms. Kim Stonecipher's class, raising \$371.90. The 6th grade homeroom winner was Ms. Nicole Duvall's class, raising \$214.83. The 7th grade homeroom winner was Mr. Spencer Parrigin's class, raising \$171.89. The 8th grade homeroom winner was Ms. Rhonda Blankenship's class, raising \$41.85. Overall, CCMS raised \$2,232.39 for Pennies for Patients. Pictured at bottom left are CCMS student Skye Rogers and Ms. Sherri Shelton, who collected and counted the money each day.

The students in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Advisors Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN; Future

Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Advisor Holly Claborn; and SKILLS USA Advisor Jason Harlan, at the KY Tech Clinton County Area Technology Center also raised money during the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients' fundraiser. These students collected \$233.67 to help persons suffering from blood cancers such as Leukemia and Multiple Myeloma. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to assist others who are need of medical support. Pictured at bottom right are some of the students who participated in Pennies for Patients: Tiffany Koger, Holden Shepard, Parker Barnett, Alicia Riddle, Brandi Sparks, Kendra Lee, and Mildred Dominguez.

CCATC students, along with the Instructors Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN, also recently collected items for persons battling cancer. The "Chemo Care Kits"

contained items such as blankets, hand sanitizers, lotions, water bottles, word search puzzles, Chap Stick, tissues, and hard candies. The "Chemo Care Kits" were taken to Lifeline Home Health in Albany and Quality Home Health in Byrdstown, TN to be delivered to patients in need. This project gave the students an opportunity to help persons and their families battling a disease that impacts so many people in our community. Pictured below are the students who participated in this effort. First Row: Kendra Albertson, Kim Stockton, Chelsea Conaster, Amber Cross, Haley Cooper, Madison Ravellette, Konner Gibson, Valerie Thompson, and Breana Russell. Second Row: Lakota Hardin, Adam Garrett, Kaylee Stearns, Abbie Lowhorn, Hailey Everett, Kaitlyn Matthews, Cydney Sampson, Isabelle Moons, Makayla Cope, Keonna Thompson, Emily

Hurst, Sholonda Ramsey, Gabrielle Longwell, Sabrina Gray, and Faith Johnson. Third Row: Tatyanna Blake, Ashley Thompson, Allee Hopper, Bailey Stockton, Christina Collins, Shania Bagwell, Jacob Brown, Jackson Harlan, Garrett Page, Serrenna Perdue, Jedidiah Smith, Tessa Roberts, and Kelsey Patrick.





# Rogers Explorers & Scholars Announced

Clinton County Middle School students Jaden Mullins, Raegan Thrasher, Rachel Sawyers, and Conlan Beck have been selected to attend The Center for Rural Development's 2016 Rogers Explorers youth leadership program. Rogers Explorers is open to eighth-grade middle school students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky who have a strong interest in developing their skills in leadership, technology, math, science, and community service. One hundred and eighty-two students—the largest class ever—will converge on the campuses of six Kentucky colleges and universities this summer for the Rogers Explorers program. “Rogers Explorers gives students a one-of-a-kind learning experience to explore different career opportunities and possible career paths in the fields of math, science, and technology,” said Delaney Stephens, community liaison and youth programs coordinator for The Center. “The program also encourages creative thinking and teamwork and builds leadership skills as the region’s next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.”

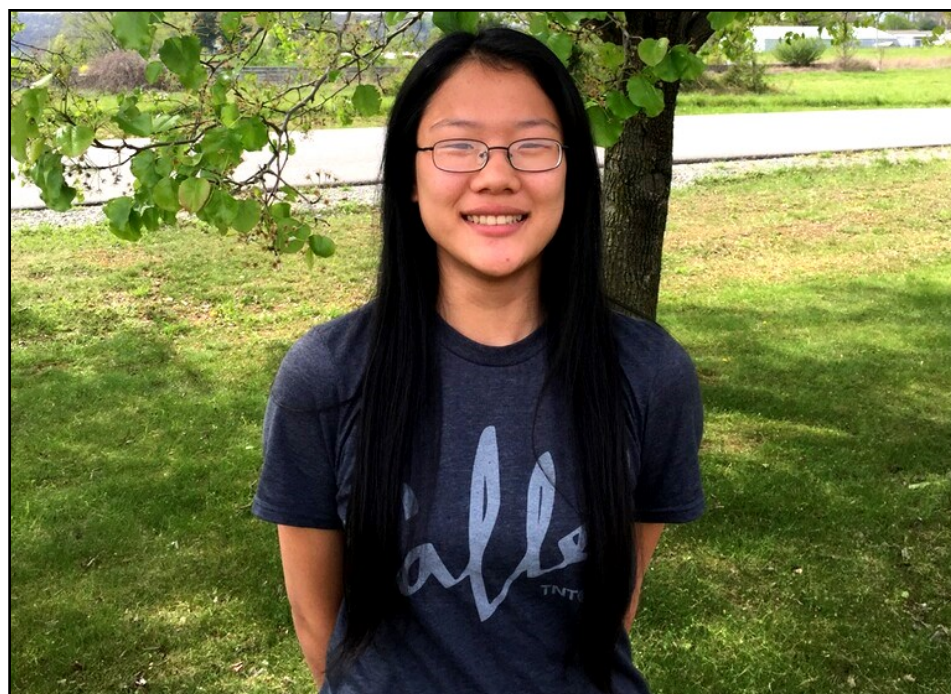
Rogers Explorers is presented by The Center for Rural Development in partnership with Lindsey Wilson College, University of the

Cumberlands, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Asbury University, and the University of Pikeville. Students spend three days and two nights on one of these leading Kentucky college campuses, where experts guide them through hands-on assignments, all of which encourages participants to build their math, science, and technology skills. The program is provided tuition-free to eligible students within The Center’s 45-county primary service area. For more information about Rogers Explorers, call The Center at 606-677-6000, email [youth@centertech.com](mailto:youth@centertech.com), or visit [www.centeryouthprograms.com](http://www.centeryouthprograms.com). Follow Rogers Explorers on Facebook to keep up with the latest news on the summer camps.

Vivian Zheng, a sophomore at Clinton County High School, will join 62 high school students from Southern and Eastern Kentucky this summer for the 19th annual Rogers Scholars youth leadership program. Rogers Scholars—The Center’s flagship youth program—is an intensive one-week summer program that provides valuable leadership skills and exclusive college scholarship opportunities for high school students in 45 Kentucky communities to build their skills as the region’s

next generation of business and entrepreneurial leaders. “The Rogers Scholars program gives high school students an experience of a lifetime to grow their leadership skills while learning how to become more community-minded individuals,” said youth programs coordinator Delaney Stephens. “Each graduate earns access to exclusive college scholarship offers from some of the state’s top-ranked colleges and universities upon completion of a required community service project.”

The 2016 Rogers Scholars program will be held June 26-July 1 and July 10-15 on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College in Adair County. There is no tuition charge to attend the program and lodging and food are provided free of charge to participants. Vivian is the daughter of Wen Juan Chen and Yao Zheng of Albany. Since 1998, 1,056 high school students have graduated from Rogers Scholars, and potential scholarships valued at more than \$7.2 million have been offered to graduates by 17 partner colleges and universities. For more information about the Rogers Scholars program, call youth programs coordinator Delaney Stephens at 606-677-6000 or visit [www.centeryouthprograms.com](http://www.centeryouthprograms.com).





# JROTC Recruits at CCMS

JROTC students from Clinton County High School recently visited Clinton County Middle School to introduce the program to next year's freshman class. The high school students

encouraged participation in JROTC by detailing the expectations of the program and answering questions. They also promoted Adventure Training, which includes physical education,

team building, rope bridge techniques, knot tying, leadership obstacle course, and climbing techniques.

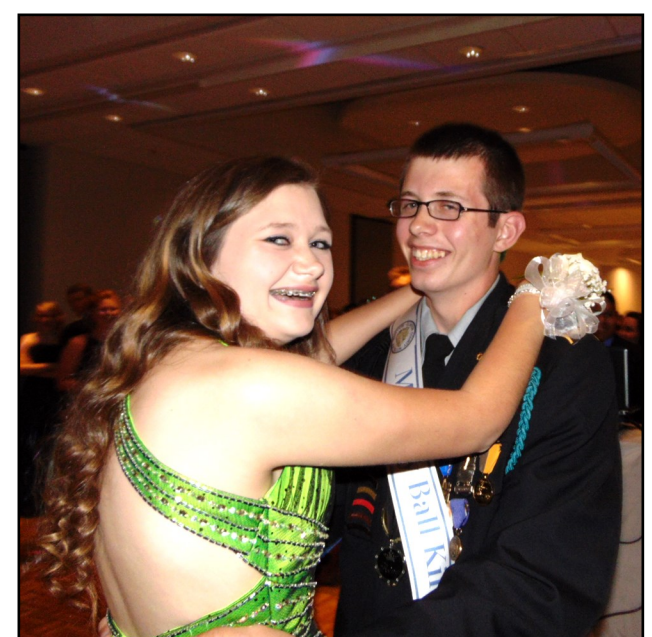


## CCHS JROTC Military Ball

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Clinton County High School JROTC Military Ball was held at Dale Hollow State Resort Park, on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Military Ball is designed to give the cadet an opportunity to participate in a formal event. The event is organized by the Cadet Command and Staff, including choosing and

designing the Ball Glasses, the menu, the event brochure, name cards on tables, seating arrangement, decorating the Ball Room, assigning Military Ball tasks to other cadets, and fundraising to pay for the event. Planning starts at the beginning of the school year. A Ball King and Queen are also voted on during

the Ball. This year's Ball King and Queen were Cadet Major Nigil Guffey and the Battalion Commander Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kristina Huddleston. As you can see, the Bulldog Battalion and invited special guests, had a great evening of good food and fun.





# CCR Fiesta & “Egg”stravaganza

The College and Career Ready students at Clinton County High School were taken to lunch at Eben Ezer's Restaurant on February 25th to enjoy some delectable Mexican cuisine for their hard work and diligence. They were able to choose from the delicious Pollo Blanco, tasty Chimichangas, or the delightful Pollo

Loco. It was a very rewarding and fun experience to collaborate and enjoy appetizing entrees to celebrate their achievements and preparedness. These rewards also give great incentive for the seniors to strive and work harder to pass their Compass and WorkKeys tests, meet ACT benchmarks, and inch toward

their goals. The extravaganzas are always a wonderful time for everyone involved. The CCHS staff who make this happen for the seniors are greatly appreciated and valued.

*Written by CCHS student Kierra Mason*



CCHS students who have attained College and Career Readiness were rewarded again in March with an "Eggstravaganza" celebration, including an Easter luncheon in the lobby and egg hunt in the gym, complete with candy and prize eggs! Mrs. Kayla Mora's

students decorated the tables and created Easter treats for the honorees. Much collaboration was required to make this event happen. Thanks to American Woodmark Corporation, Super City Mart - Subway, Sonic, Junction Station, Superintendent Charlotte Bernard, CCHS

Principal Stacey Evans, CCHS JROTC, CCATC, CCHS faculty and staff, as well as Mrs. Kayla Mora, her students, and classroom assistants.





# FBLA Regional & State Conferences

On March 10, 2016, twenty-five members of Clinton County Area Technology Center's Future Business Leaders of America chapter traveled to the campus of Eastern Kentucky University to compete in the Regional Leadership Conference. The results were as follows: Business Calculations - Frank Zheng, 1st place; Local Chapter Newsletter - Frank Zheng, Keisha Garrett & Vivian Zheng, 1st place; Agribusiness - Jared Grant, 2nd place; Local Chapter Nametag - Frank Zheng, Kaylin McWilliams & Vivian Zheng, 3rd place; Introduction to Financial Math - Vivian Zheng, 3rd place; Spreadsheet Applications - Vivian Zheng, 3rd place; Sales Presentation - Abbiegale Lowhorn, 2nd place; Social Media Campaign - Lauren Norris & Alexis Reagan (advanced to finals). Voting delegates were Vivian Zheng and Mildred Dominguez. These students advanced to the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY, on April 18th - 20th. The local chapter advisor is Mrs. Holly Claborn.

The CCATC FBLA students who attended the Regional Leadership Conference are pictured at bottom left. First row: Mildred Dominguez, Sidney Dominguez, Kaylin McWilliams, Madison Ravellette, Abbiegale Lowhorn, Courtney Guthrie, Abbie Gibson, and Karlee Gibson. Second row: Vivian Zheng,

Keisha Garrett, Mackenzie Polston, and Tori Franklin. Third row: Frank Zheng, Sarah Thompson, Renska Covey, Nevin Slaven, Ashley Brummett, Christy Sidwell, and Autumn Mason. Fourth row: Holden Shepard, Steven Grider, Lauren Norris, Roberto Pascual, Alexis Regan, and Jared Grant. The students who won awards at the conference are pictured at bottom right: Vivian Zheng, Jared Grant, Abbiegale Lowhorn, Kaylin McWilliams, Frank Zheng, and Keisha Garrett.

On April 18th - 20th, six members of Clinton County Area Technology Center's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America attended the State Leadership Conference at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. Frank Zheng and Keisha Garrett competed in Local Chapter Newsletter, placing 4th. Vivian Zheng competed in Introduction to Financial Math, placing

4th. Frank Zheng finished in the top four in Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS). Frank Zheng and Vivian Zheng will advance to the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in June. The students who attended the state conference are pictured below: Frank Zheng, Sidney Dominguez, Keisha Garrett, Vivian Zheng, Abbiegale Lowhorn, and Sarah Thompson.





# HOSA State Leadership Conference

Several members of the Clinton County Area Technology Center's Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) student-led organization, along with their Instructors/Advisors Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN, attended the HOSA State Leadership Conference held in Louisville, KY on March 17th & 18th. Those attending and competing in the conference were: Emily Frye and Sarah Albertson, Career Health Display; Kayla Parrigin, Extemporaneous Health Poster; Victoria Turner, Nursing Assistant; Mary Cross, Clinical Nursing; Annie Cross, Job Seeking

Skills; Mildred Dominguez, Keilee Dalton, Taya Cook, and Allee Hopper, Medical Innovation; Brooke Albertson, Medical Photography; Haley Huckelby, Pharmacology; Chandra Tallent, Human Growth and Development; Mackenzie Polston, Medical Terminology; Erika Rodriguez, Home Health Aide; and Carly Upchurch, Dana Guffey, and Gabby Beaty, HOSA Bowl.

Pictured below left are the HOSA students who attended the State Leadership Conference. Erika Rodriguez, pictured below right, a member of Clinton County Area

Technology Center's Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) student-led organization, competed in the Home Health Aide competition at the HOSA State Conference. Erika won first place in the Home Health Aide competition. The competition consisted of both knowledge and skills testing. Erika's Advisors Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN are extremely proud of Erika for winning this state competition and are grateful to her family for allowing her the opportunity to compete at HOSA's State Competition.



## SkillsUSA Regional & State

Seven students from the Clinton County Area Technology Center's SkillsUSA program attended the SkillsUSA Regional Competition in Somerset on March 5th. The students are pictured below left: Daniel Duvall - 1st in Industrial Motor Controls; Cameron Rhul - 2nd in Industrial Motor Controls; Billy Abbott - 2nd

in Automotive Technology; Kameron Smith - competed in Welding; Kacey Wade - 1st in Wood Sculpturing; Kyle Kerney - competed in Welding; Jonathan Stearns. Daniel, Cameron, Billy, and Kacey advanced to the state competition in Louisville on April 13th - 16th. The local SkillsUSA adviser is Mr. Jason

Harlan. Congratulations to Daniel Duvall and Kacey Wade, pictured below right, for their outstanding performance at the state competition! Daniel placed 3rd in Motor Controls and Kacey placed 2nd in Wood Sculpture.



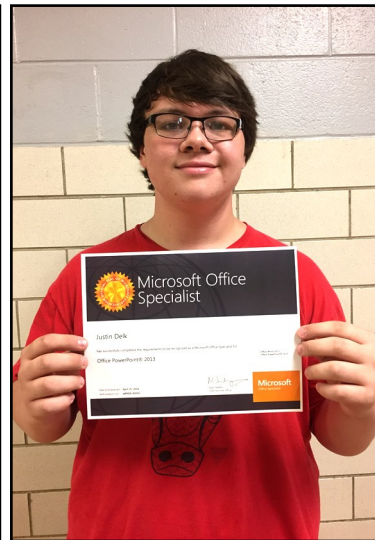


# CCATC Students Are Office Specialists

Ten students passed the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Excel or PowerPoint certification in Digital Literacy this semester at Clinton County Area Technology Center. Students are able to complete training and take the certification tests free of charge through the Microsoft Imagine Academy in Mrs. Holly Claborn's Digital Literacy classes at CCATC. These certifications are valuable because they help students become more knowledgeable in using Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. These certifications give students an advantage when

seeking part-time employment while in high school and/or college. Students who earn 3 certifications (Word, Excel & PowerPoint) may be eligible to receive college credit. Further information is available at the ACE College Credit Recommendation website: [www.acenet.edu](http://www.acenet.edu) or [www.certiport.com](http://www.certiport.com).

Pictured below are the students who passed the Microsoft Office Specialist certifications this semester: Savannah Cooper (PowerPoint), Renska Covey (Excel & PowerPoint), Justin Delk (PowerPoint), Sidney Dominguez (Excel & PowerPoint), Matthew Griffin (Excel & PowerPoint), Kierra Mason (Excel & PowerPoint), Callie Melton (Excel), Taylor Phillips (Excel), Christy Sidwell (Excel & PowerPoint), and Frank Zheng (Excel & PowerPoint).



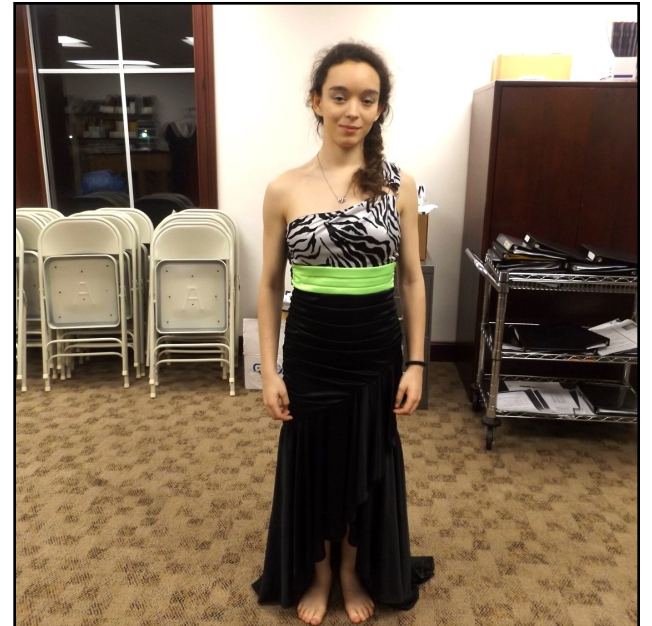
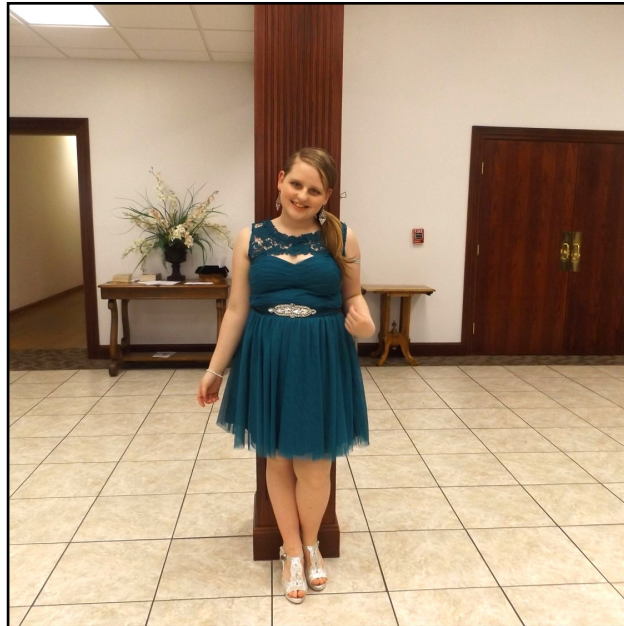
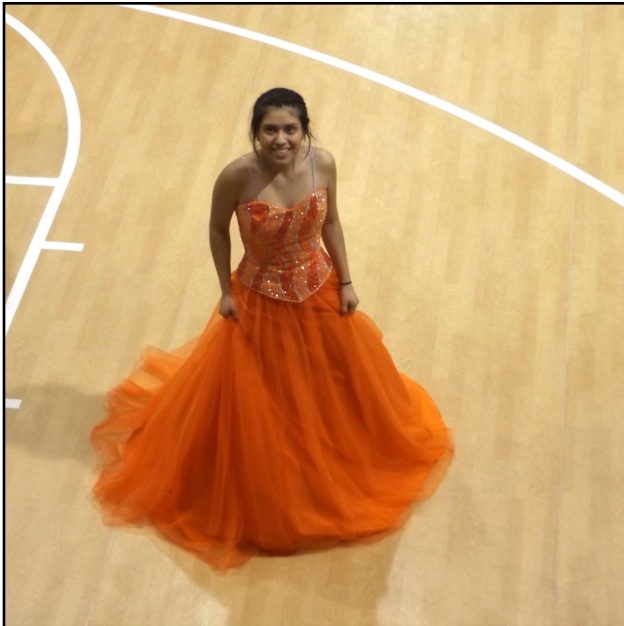


# “A Beautiful You” Girls Night Out

On Friday, March 11th, Clinton County High School Youth Services Center joined with Albany First Baptist Church to host "A Beautiful You" Girls Night Out for young ladies at CCHS. The event was held at Albany First Baptist Church, where many church and community volunteers worked together to make

this a special evening for the girls who participated. Students from the Somerset Community College cosmetology department were there to present workshops on hair, makeup, and nails. Participants also listened to guest speakers and enjoyed a workshop on career development. At the end of the evening,

a formal dinner was served, and the girls had the opportunity to choose a dress for prom or military ball. Thanks to CCHS YSC, 21st Century, Albany First Baptist Church, and all of the volunteers for hosting this wonderful event!



## FFA Regional Banquet

Clinton County High School FFA students attended the Lake Cumberland Regional FFA Banquet at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Kentucky on April 26th, where they received awards for regional competition. The Clinton County group received Superior in Senior Chapter Meeting, Superior in Agriculture Mechanics, and Superior 2nd in FFA Quiz Bowl. Emma McClellan received Superior in Creed Speaking and Superior in FFA Quiz. Hayli Pillar received Superior in Prepared Public Speaking. Ethan Daniels received Superior 1st in Beef Impromptu. Macy Campbell received Superior 3rd in Floral Impromptu. Taylor Cash received Superior in Nursery / Landscape Impromptu. Chase Claborn received Superior 2nd in Poultry Impromptu. The FFA Instructor at Clinton County High School is Mr. Jonathan Oakes. Pictured at right are the students who attended the Lake Cumberland Regional FFA Banquet: Taylor Cash, Kayla Shelton, Emma McClellan, Macy Campbell, Ethan Daniels, Chase Claborn, and Hayli Pillar.





# Stop Littering! Poster Contest Winners

All students from all schools were given the opportunity to enter a picture with a slogan in the Stop Littering Albany Poster Contest. Pictured below left is Tressay Stinson, the winner from 3rd Grade and the Elementary School winner. Stacy Pascual was the winner

from 5th grade. Her poster is pictured below center. Pictured below right is Ben Tallent, the winner from 6th Grade. Ben was also the Middle School winner and the overall winner of the contest. Pictured at bottom left is Sydnee Albertson, the winner from 7th Grade. Pictured

at bottom center is Victoria Honeycutt, the winner from 8th Grade. Pictured at bottom right is Savannah Jackson, the winner from 11th Grade and the High School winner.

