



# Paw Prints

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*Missoula Children's Theatre Presents*

**MISSOULA  
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THEATRE**

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Over 270 people were in attendance at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Missoula Children's Theatre residency week performance on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The audience joined Aladdin as he ventured into a swirling sandstorm of famous Arabian Tales, from Ali Baba to Scheherazade and even Sinbad the Sailor, as the MCT team and more than 50 local students performed an original musical adaptation, Aladdin.

The 12th annual Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Clinton County was

# Aladdin

presented by Clinton County Community Education with support from Extended School Services. Thank you to Doris England, who served as accompanist for the week. And thanks so much to Grider Hill Dock for providing housing for the tour team for the past twelve

years. We couldn't do it without you!

Pictured below are the royals. The local cast featured (left to right) Eli Rains as the Sultan, Jaden Mullins as Aladdin's Mother, Devin Huckaby as The Mysterious One, Hailey Cole as the Grand Vizier, Johnathan

Richardson as Aladdin, Mary Willen Cross as the keeper of the Book of Answers Dinazade, Moriah Moons as the Princess Dory, and Andrea Duvall as Scheherazade. The rest of the cast is pictured on Page 16.



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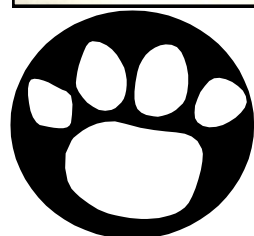
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# Donuts with Dads at ECC

Clinton County Early Childhood Center celebrated fathers by hosting a Donuts with

Dads event on October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Fathers of preschool students in Mrs. Lorie Dalton's and

Mrs. Lezlee Young's classes were invited to share donuts with their children before school.





# AES Related Arts November Showcase

The second Related Arts Showcase of the year at Albany Elementary School was held on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in the AES gymnasium. The students at Albany Elementary School who had drama, music, and art for related arts classes during the second six weeks of school demonstrated their skills in the arts by performing plays, singing, dancing, and exhibiting art projects for parents, peers, and staff. Students performed before large audiences in the gymnasium. Classes from each grade level rehearse and present a drama

performance during each grading period. The drama performance is complimented with musical selections, as well as dance routines and artwork showcase. The students in Ms. Megan Rains' 4th grade class who had Mr. Eric Mercer for computer applications class designed and distributed programs for the event. The student performances were directed by AES drama teacher Patty Crouch and music teacher Teresa Williams.

Below left, the 1st grade classes of Ms. Kathleen Gregory and Ms. Londa Kerr

presented a performance entitled "Happy Thanksgiving." Below right, the 2nd grade classes of Ms. Carolyn Brown and Ms. Carolyn Guffey presented a performance entitled "Gifts." At bottom left, the 3rd grade classes of Ms. Kim Dicken and Ms. Carol Latham presented a performance entitled "A Time to Give Thanks." At bottom right, the 4th grade classes of Ms. Crystal Marcum and Mr. Adam Davidson presented a performance entitled "Off Their Rockers." See Page 32 for pictures of the student artwork that was displayed.





# AES “Pulls” for the “House”

Students from Albany Elementary School recently led a campaign collecting pull tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Nashville, Tennessee. An overwhelming 483 pounds of tabs from soft drink, soup, and vegetable cans were collected locally. This was approximately 7% of the overall total of 7,419 pounds collected by 74 schools participating in the 2015 Pull Tab Collection Challenge.

Employees of the local McDonald's restaurant attended an assembly held by school staff to celebrate, educate, and show gratitude for the combined efforts of the school and community. The event turned a little more personal when students were shown a video of a child whose family has benefited from having

that safe “home away from home” setting, which the Ronald McDonald House provides. It was also pointed out that several Clinton County families have benefited from the program, and that one was a current AES student participating in the assembly.

The tabs collected are recycled in exchange for valuable funds that support families with an ill or injured child who stay at the House. Community involvement is crucial to help them continue to have a place to rest, relax, and recover together. This fundraiser is proof that collecting something little can really make a big difference. Not only will it help a great cause, but it also teaches our children about the benefits of recycling and giving back to their community.

Albany Elementary students will be collecting pull tabs year-round to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Community members and business partners are asked and encouraged to pull tabs from soft drinks, soup, and vegetable cans and bring them to the school at any time during the year. Students would also like to remind the community that “Small Change Can Make a Big Difference.” Another way for you to help support RMHC is to drop your spare change in the RMHC Donation Boxes at the local McDonald's restaurant. Little by little it all adds up (whether it is pull tabs or small change) and can mean a lot.





# AES Students Blast Off at STEMShot!

Albany Elementary School 4th grade students competed on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in the second annual STEMShot paper rocket competition, hosted by Western Kentucky University and Green River Regional Educational Cooperative. Students were challenged to design and build rockets using very specific guidelines based on the S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) principles. Five elementary, middle, and high schools participated, and were represented by 22 teams. The competition included a head to head single elimination match and greatest distance launched using compressed air.

Despite going against high schoolers and very exacting design rules, Albany Elementary came out on top by taking away 7 out of the 8 award spots. All five AES teams placed. Congratulations to the AES teams for all the hard work, great sportsmanship, and setting the standard so high for next year! Below are their rankings:

**Pink Unstoppables** - 1st place in the head to head and 3rd for greatest distance - team consisted of Patrick Bulubench, Lexy Freeman, and Jase Sohm.

**Awesome Wildcats** - 2nd place in the head to head and 5th for greatest distance - team

consisted of Tanner Marcum, Ryan Rains, and Jacob Ferrill.

**Hotrod Rockets** - 3rd place in the head to head and 4th for greatest distance - team consisted of Owen Martin, Andrew Whittenburg, and Jared Brown.

**ICBM's** - 5th place in the head to head and 2nd for greatest distance - team consisted of Lucas Brown, Aysha Sutton, and Landree Moons.

**Fire Blasters** - 6th place in the head to head and 1st for greatest distance - team consisted of Sandra Bell, Mckenzee Smith, and Steele Burchett.





# CCHS Receives Kitchen Equipment Grant

Clinton County High School was recently awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Kentucky Department of Education to purchase new kitchen equipment. The district utilized the funds to purchase a new combi-oven and a doublestack convection oven, which will greatly improve nutritional value and overall quality of meals served at the high school. First, serving baked, instead of fried, foods, can make a substantial difference in the calories, fat, and saturated fat that children consume. For

example, a ½ cup serving of French fries from a combi-oven will have 17% less calories, 55% less fat, and 34% less saturated fat than the same size serving from a fryer. Food, including vegetables, prepared in a new combi-oven will look very appealing, which may encourage children to try and enjoy healthier items that they do not currently eat. Popular “kid foods” like French fries and chicken strips are now available in healthier (and tastier) versions, designed specifically for preparation in this

equipment. The new doublestack convection oven will also mean that food will be fresher when the students receive it, improving the overall quality of the school meals. The Clinton County Food Services Program and the Healthy Hometown Coalition are both extremely pleased with the new kitchen equipment and the positive impact it will have on the high school’s food services program.



## Medicaid Audit

Director of Special Education Eddie Tallent and his assistant Sherry Poore were looking especially happy following the recent Medicaid audit, in which the Clinton County School District received a score of 96.5%! Director of Special Education Eddie Tallent would like to extend his thanks to everyone who has contributed to this process by writing IEPs, chairing ARC

meetings, and submitting monthly service logs. He really appreciates the extra effort to make sure that related services are documented correctly in the present levels of performance and in the related services sections. He would also like to send out an extra special thank you to Sherry Poore and Connie Riddle for their work on the admin side.





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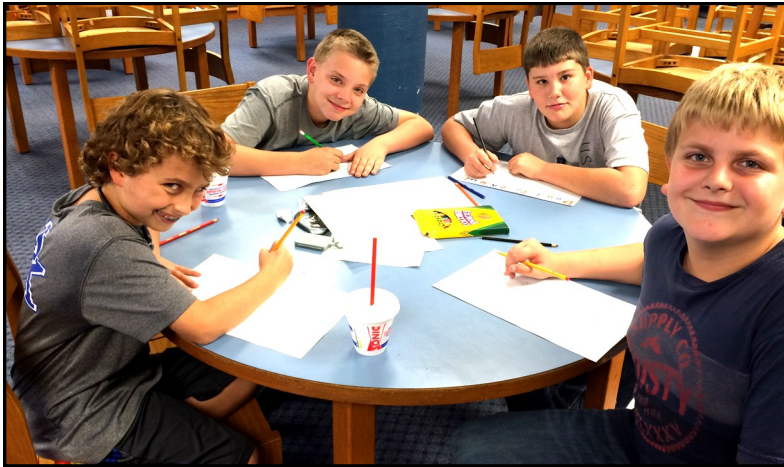


# CCMS Drug Busters

At the Clinton County Middle School October Drug Busters meeting, students created posters for the Red Ribbon Week poster contest. Clinton County Middle School Drug Busters

student club is sponsored by the CCMS Youth Services Center. Drug Busters students meet monthly and participate in a variety of activities throughout the year. CCMS YSC Director Kim

Craig and Assistant Mitzi Flowers always treat the students to a meal during each meeting.



## DKG Honors First Year Female Teachers

The Delta Kappa Gamma International Society (DKG) is a professional honor society for key women educators. With approximately 82,000 members in 17 countries, DKG offers members many opportunities, such as professional development, leadership training, scholarships and grants, networking with educators around the world, fellowship and learning through a local chapter, forums for presenting and publishing, and professional conferences and conventions. DKG membership is an honor and is offered by invitation from a local chapter.

The local Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma honored the first year female teachers in Clinton and Wayne Counties this year. Retired Clinton County ATC Principal Alfreda Stearns (currently the only Clinton County member of DKG) visited the schools to present tote bags full of school supplies to first year female teachers in Clinton County. The local Iota Chapter of DKG wanted to offer this expression of appreciation, support, and encouragement to these ladies as they begin their journey as educators. Mrs. Stearns is pictured here with Mrs. Pam Lovell, history teacher at CCHS.





# Foothills Festival Poster Contest Winners

Winning posters from the annual Foothills Festival Poster Contest were displayed for viewing in the courthouse during the weekend of the festival. The contest was open

to all students in Clinton County. This year's theme was "Where the Lakes Touch the Stars." First, second, and third place winners were selected in each grade level. Pictured here

are the winning posters from CCMS and CCHS, where Mrs. Pam Miniard is the art teacher.



### CCMS Winners

Pictured above left are the 5th grade winners from CCMS. Megan Neal (1st place), Malachi Upchurch (2nd place), & Katie Shelton (3rd place). Pictured above center are the 6th grade

winners from CCMS. Moriah Moons (1st place), Shaina Brown (2nd place), & Austin Duvall (3rd place). Pictured above right are the 7th grade winners from CCMS. Autumn McCutchen (1st place), Haleigh Irwin (3rd

place) & Tucker Hickman (2nd place). Pictured below left are the 8th grade winners from CCMS. Caleb Guffey (1st place), Paige Hicks (2nd place), & Makenzie Kerney (3rd place).



### CCHS Winners

Pictured at right are the 9th grade winners from CCHS. Zach Smith (1st place), Zoey Shelton (2nd place), & Rosalie Thompson (3rd place). Pictured below left are the 10th grade winners from CCHS. London Honeycutt (1st place), Angela Owens (2nd place), & Aryana Floyd (3rd place). Pictured below center are the 11th grade winners from CCHS. Sierra Burns (1st place), Brittany Sexton (2nd place), & Sam Stewart (3rd place). Pictured below right is the 12th grade winner from CCHS. Kaylee Burchett (1st place).





# College, Culture, & Career Fair

Students from the Somerset Community College Clinton Center hosted a College, Culture, and Career Fair at Clinton County Middle School on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Instructor

Joni Upchurch and students from the Somerset Community College Clinton County Center students taught the middle school students about cultures from different countries,

including currency, clothing, food, housing, and styles from the countries. The countries represented were Africa, China, Egypt, Germany, Iceland, India, Japan, and Mexico.





# KY Chautauqua Presents Simon Kenton

Mel Hankla of Kentucky Chautauqua portrayed frontiersman Simon Kenton at Clinton County Middle School on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students in grades 5 and 8 at Clinton County Middle School were invited to watch and listen as frontiersman Simon Kenton

reflected on his famous career as an explorer, Indian fighter, and compatriot of Daniel Boone. Kentucky Chautauqua is a statewide service of the Kentucky Humanities Council. This presentation was part of the council's mission of Telling Kentucky's Story. The interactive

presentation addressed learning standards in arts & humanities, drama, government & civics, culture & society, economics, geography, and history.





# Missoula Children's Theatre Workshops

Each year during the Missoula Children's Theatre residency week, the tour actor and director offer a variety of workshops that can be scheduled at the schools throughout the week. On Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, MCT Tour Actor Jas Spencer and Director Katrina

Sebastian conducted a workshop entitled *"Every Face Has a Story: Storytelling From Around the World"* at Albany Elementary School and Clinton County Middle School. This fun and interactive workshop focused on folk-tales from a variety of cultures.

Participants were entertained with stories from diverse cultures and explored how these tales have affected modern storytelling and our lives today.



## Distinguished Students Honored

Students who scored all Proficient or Distinguished on KPREP tests last school year were treated to a healthy snack and movie at the Learning Center on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Monticello Banking Company is very proud of the academic accomplishments of Clinton County students and awarded the students who scored all Distinguished on all KPREP tests t-shirts. Students wore those t-shirts when they were recognized at halftime of the CCHS boys' basketball game on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Students are pictured at right with Alice Branham and Willard Johnson from Monticello Banking Company. The 41 students who scored all Distinguished are: Tyler Guffey, Rachel Antle, Luke Cash, Ben Leveridge, Evan Little, Loren Little, Sadie Moons, Braden Stockton, Adam Whittenburg, Makenzie Cope, Elijah Rains, Autumn

McCutchen, Conlan Beck, Abigail Burchett, Dalton Gregory, Tristan Moons, Jaden Mullins, Rachel Sawyers, James Smith, Camrick Smith-Wright, Cydney Sampson, Macy Campbell, Samantha Cruser, Allee Hopper, Zach McFall, Samantha Stewart, Cassie Varney, Frank

Zheng, Colton Abston, James Beaty, Kaylee Burchett, Mercedes Cruser, Mildred Dominguez, Kierra Mason, Carrie McClellan, Austin Shadoan, Phillip Staley, Chandra Tallent, James Taylor, Victoria Turner, and Katie Williams.





# Gregory is Jack Kent Cooke Scholar

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program is one of the most competitive and personalized scholarship and educational support programs in the nation.

Recently, Clinton County Middle School student Dalton Gregory learned that he had been selected for this program, which enables high-ability middle and high school students with financial need to realize their full academic potential. The Foundation assigns each Young Scholar an on-staff educational adviser who

works closely with the student and his or her family to guide the student and oversee the educational opportunities the Foundation provides throughout high school. Support for each student is tailored to his or her unique goals, strengths, and interests. Program benefits include assistance identifying a challenging high school and a suitable academic course load, summer academic and enrichment programs, college and career counseling, lessons to develop music, art, or other talents, study abroad and community service opportunities, supplemental academic classes, a computer and software, and access to a high-achieving peer community.

Dalton learned about this opportunity with the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation through his participation in the Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search Program last year. The highly competitive application process included an essay, interview, and letters of

recommendation. Over two-thousand applications from all over the U.S. were submitted, and Dalton was among the 70 who were selected for the Young Scholars

Program. During his participation in the program, Dalton must maintain grades of A's and B's in rigorous coursework throughout his high school years. He would like to thank CCMS teachers Lonnie Brown, Danielle Hicks, and Debbie Lowhorn for helping him during the application process by writing letters of recommendation. Dalton is the son of Kathleen and Junior Gregory. Dalton's father shared his thoughts, "I think it's great. It's an opportunity that our other two didn't have. It's like hitting the lottery." Dalton's mother commented on the college

preparation aspect, saying, "I think it's an amazing opportunity for him, because he is going to get to visit lots of places and colleges beforehand." Dalton himself said that he was kind of surprised and excited. He is most looking forward to going other places and seeing other countries through the study abroad options. Dalton and his mother will travel to Johns Hopkins University in June for

## JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION

*Dalton is pictured above right with his Academic Advisor Patrick Wu during their visit to The Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee. Dalton is pictured at right with Clinton County Schools Superintendent Charlotte Bernard as he was recognized at the December School Board meeting.*





# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Projects

Students in Mrs. Lora Grant's second 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 Y-Club Attends KYA Conference

The Clinton County Y-Club students and sponsors were honored at the November school board meeting for their achievements at the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) Conference in Louisville on November 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. The Y-Club is a student-run school or community-based organization for Middle and High School students (Grades 6-12) that promotes civic engagement, servant leadership, and social responsibility through model government, service learning, and advocacy. The Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) is a 3-

day experiential learning program in which students serve as part of a model state government. KYA offers students the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of issues, develop critical thinking skills, and articulate their beliefs while engaging constructively with their peers from around the Commonwealth.

The Clinton County Middle School Y-Club recently attended the KYA Conference in Louisville and presented several bills, including a bill to require all Kentucky motorcyclists to

wear head protection when driving on public roads, a bill to re-enact the Homestead Act, a bill to make all Kentucky playgrounds handicap accessible, and a bill to require ID's for the use of food stamp cards. The students worked extremely hard and received awards for Delegation of Excellence, Outstanding Speaker, Outstanding Delegate, and Merit of Service. The CCMS Y-Club is co-sponsored by Rachel Bernard and Ashley McWhorter. Below is a reflection on the conference, written by Y-Club member Jaden Mullins.



*The sun was just barely coming up when the Y-Club kids loaded up the school bus and headed to Louisville, Kentucky on Sunday, November 8th. The long bus ride was all worth it though! After what felt like an eternity, the bus pulled in to the Crowne Plaza. They unloaded the bus to start the first day of KYA. While the bill sponsors got prepared to present their bill, tension and nervousness were definitely lingering as they stepped up to the podium. After three long agonizing, stressful, and amazing minutes crept by, the delegates ranked the bill. The bill sponsors were finished for the first day. General Assembly then met to discuss the top ranked bills. Although Dalton Gregory didn't advance to be the conference's governor and only one of our bills were passed, everyone was proud of our accomplishments. The next day was mostly the same; getting up at the crack of dawn, debating bills, and long meetings. As the day dragged on, every delegate had only one thing on their mind; the mixer! The mixer is a time to let go of all the problems you had during the conference and have a great time with music, games, karaoke, and amazing friends, new and old! Before the members knew it, it was another early morning! But, this morning was different, they were going home. Christian Derryberry, Makenzie Kerney, Abbi Young, Sydney Albertson, Haleigh Irwin, and the CCMS Y-Club all got awards! We were all very, very excited! As we said goodbye, some of us for the last time, we felt like we had accomplished a whole lot! This was the end to this years KYA conference!*





# MCT Aladdin Cast

At right, Frank Zheng, Vivian Zheng, Carmen Rodriguez, and Jessica Criswell served as Assistant Directors for the week, taking on essential backstage duties. At far right are the Vagabonds - Eli Melton, Tanner Cross, Drew Davis, Chesney Harlan, Sami Criswell, Ethan Rains, Ella Rose Smith, and Evan Little. Below left, Sinbad was Christian Derryberry and his Sailors were Gracie Melton, Claire Guffey, Kendra Bertram, Callyn Flowers, and Stacy Pascual. Below right, Tatum Harlan, Tessa Cross, and Mackenzie Parrigin were fleet-footed Camels. Kaylee Latham and Sadie Moons played wise-cracking Palm Trees. Loren Little was a spunky Goat and Landon Smith was a stubborn Donkey. Scheming Ali Baba and Cassim were played by Katelyn Perez

and Savannah Mercer. At bottom left, Cambria Moses, Zoe Massingale, and Alyssa Rodriguez were the mischievous Genies. The Cave of Wonders were played by Ashton Daniels, McKenna Moons, Addison Weston, Emily

Sawyers, and Jonna Upchurch. At bottom right is the pack of lost Penguins - Sadie Ipock, Parker Neathery, Kaylah Boston, Noah Claborn, Olivia Lee, Sydney Lowhorn, Abigale Upchurch, Lee Tallent, Natali Derryberry,





# CCMS Spirit Week & Character Day

Students and staff at Clinton County Middle School celebrated Spirit Week during

October 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> by wearing a variety of "spirited" attire on designated days. Students

and staff at CCMS also enjoyed dressing up for Character Day on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.





# CCMS Receives PRIDE Grant & Award

On Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, Clinton County Middle School held a PRIDE Kick Off Rally with the entire student body to celebrate receiving a PRIDE grant award and to promote the new recycling program at CCMS. The effort is headed up by the PRIDE Club at CCMS, with sponsors Rachel Bernard and Ashley McWhorter. The grant allowed CCMS to purchase new plastic recycling containers for every classroom in the school. Receptacles for plastic bottles and aluminum cans have also been positioned in several locations throughout the school. The PRIDE Club members will empty the containers each week. Representatives from RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Partnership) were on hand for the rally, bringing the Scotty Dog Recycling Mascot along too! Each student received a seed packet, compliments of Scotty. The rally was planned to coincide with America Recycles Day on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Clinton County Middle School PRIDE Club was honored at a school wide assembly on December 14<sup>th</sup> as they received the PRIDE Volunteer of the Month Award, which recognizes an outstanding act of service performed in the 42-county region of southern and eastern

Kentucky. “You should take great pride in doing your part to help our environment by recycling,” said PRIDE’s Becky Calhoun to the school’s 500 students before she presented the award during the assembly. “You also can take great pride in knowing that your recycling program is led by students. I am impressed by their dedication to collecting the recyclables, week after week, and by the creative ways they are encouraging everyone to participate.”

Commenting about the Kick Off event, Melissa A. Melton, RCAP Technical Assistance Provider said, “This group of young student leaders planned the whole rally. The only adult participation was contest judging and provision of other event props. I was super impressed with this PRIDE Club and this particular event.” Mrs. Melton attended the rally and nominated

the students for a PRIDE award. “It is wonderful that your students are recycling here at school, and I hope you are talking to your families about recycling, too,” Calhoun told the assembled students. “Even if your family isn’t too excited at first, you keep doing your part, and it will add up over time. Recycling reduces the amount of litter in our community, makes space in landfills last longer, and it saves energy, too.”

The Clinton County Middle School PRIDE Club student members and sponsors Rachel Bernard and Ashley McWhorter toured the new Clinton County Recycling Center on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The local Recycling Coordinator Jay Craig welcomed the group to the facility and showed them how everything works. Solid Waste Coordinator Ricky Stearns also talked to the club members about the importance of recycling and conserving resources for their future. The Recycling Center has challenged the PRIDE Club members to participate in a competition in January to collect plastic bottles and aluminum cans. The students who collect the most recyclable materials will receive prizes from the Recycling Center.





# Sally, Dairy Farmers, & Smart Mouth



On Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Clinton County Extension Office and CCHS student 4-H counselors joined together to bring the "Sally Dance" to Clinton County Middle School, pictured above. Sally-Down-the-Alley is a longtime 4-H camp tradition with only one rule - you can't say no to any offer to Sally. Boys stand in the inner circle and girls in the outer circle. When Sally is called, you ask someone to dance - and they can't say no. You and your partner skip while holding hands around the two groups and then back to your spot. CCHS student leaders and CCMS students did many dances during P.E. time for a great workout! After learning the dance during

the day on Friday, CCMS students were then invited to an official 4-H Sally Dance on Saturday night.

Michaela Sanders from Southwest Dairy Farmers visited Clinton County Middle School on October 9<sup>th</sup>, pictured at bottom. She demonstrated how to milk a cow, described how

milk goes from the farm to the consumer, and then answered questions. This innovative program brings the dairy experience directly to children. Students and teachers shared an experience that included math, science, health (nutrition), and agriculture, all presented in an outdoor classroom format.



On November 6<sup>th</sup>, Ashley Bridgman from the Lake Cumberland District Health Department presented the "Smart Mouth" program to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at CCMS, pictured at left. "Smart Mouth" is an anti-tobacco program, designed to teach students the dangers of smoking, chewing, and dipping tobacco.

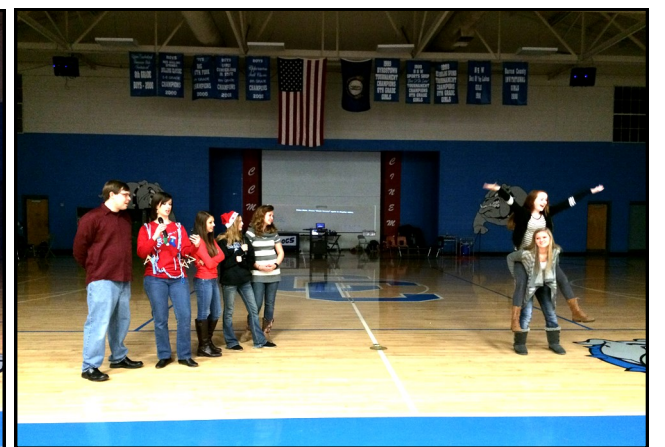




# CCMS Christmas Variety Show



*On Friday, December 18th, Clinton County Middle School hosted a Christmas Variety Show, featuring the school band, as well as musical selections and dramatic performances with students and staff.*





# Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is the world's largest Christmas outreach of its kind. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 124 million children affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, and other crises in more than 150 countries and territories. This program partners with local churches to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who receive shoebox gifts and

offers a 12-lesson discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, that helps boys and girls learn what it means to follow the Lord and share their faith with others. Before Christmas, more than 4,000 locations around the country serve as collection sites for Operation Christmas Child. The annual Samaritan's Purse project is a favorite of many families, churches and groups who spread joy to millions of children around the world by filling shoeboxes with a

"Wow" item—like a doll or soccer ball—other fun toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement. This year, students at Clinton County Middle School joined this project by collecting items and filling 55 shoeboxes. The Jr. Beta Club assembled 36 boxes and the 6th Grade "Make a Difference" Club assembled 19 boxes.



The Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) members at the Clinton County Area Technology Center along with their Instructors/Advisors Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN also collected items for Operation Christmas Child. The donated items brought in by the students included: school supplies, personal hygiene items, candy, and toys. The students collected enough supplies to fill 50 Operation Christmas Child boxes. The boxes are sent to needy children all over the world. A special thanks goes out to all

the students and their families who took the time to purchase and prepare the items, and donate money to help with the shipping cost.



Thanks also to Cave Springs Baptist Church, who took the donated boxes to the appropriate location. Pictured below are the students who

participated: Dallas Burchett, Samantha Ravellette, Keilee Dalton, Ashleigh Thurman, Katherine Duvall, Elijah Dicken, Chris boils, Carmen Rodriguez, Keistan Brown, Katie, Stearns, Chloe Martin, Melissa Johnson, Jana Mullins, Stephanie York, Samantha Beasley, Brett Gibson, Emily Frye, and Noah Gregory.





# Students Make “Chemistree” Ornaments

When students in Mrs. Miranda Stockton's chemistry classes at Clinton County High School asked for an extra credit project, she responded in the spirit of the season. Students were challenged to create

"Chemistree" ornaments that were school-spirited for the classroom Christmas tree. Students presented their ornaments to the class and explained the Chemistry connection. Mrs. Stockton was thrilled with the results, saying

that the students did a great job and the project will likely be a mandatory assignment next year!





# Students Embrace the Christmas Spirit

The Christmas season always seems to bring out the best in everyone. This year, Clinton County students gave their best efforts to help others in the community at Christmas

time. The 8th grade students at Clinton County Middle School made dolls, ornaments, and cards to deliver to residents and clients at Clinton County Care and Rehabilitation Center and at

Horizon Adult Health Care. When the students visited the centers to deliver their gifts, they also gave a gift of music—playing musical instruments and singing Christmas songs.



Clinton County Area Technology Center's HOSA students along with the HOSA Advisors Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN, and school Principal Mrs. Stesha Flowers visited the residents at Clinton County Care and Rehabilitation Center on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The students spent time with the residents wishing them a Merry Christmas, passing out Christmas

cards, and singing Christmas carols. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to visit a health care facility and spend quality time with the residents. The students and their advisors, Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN would like to thank the residents and the staff at the Clinton County Care and Rehabilitation Center for allowing the students to visit. Pictured

below left are: Annie Hathaway, Mrs. Cindy Albertson, Adam Garrett, Elijah Dicken, Dana Guffey, Bailee Stockton, Alexis Roberts, Mackenzie Polston, Emily Frye, Abby Craig, Mrs. Billie Frye, Carmen Rodriguez, Kelsey Patrick, Mildred Dominguez, Yuray Perez, Sarah Albertson, Victoria Beaty, Kim Stockton, Hannah Smith, and Mrs. Stesha Flowers.





# College & Career Fair

A College and Career Fair was held at Clinton County High School on November 19<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 8—12 at CCMS and CCHS. District Gifted and Talented Instructor Gina Poore also escorted the G/T 4th grade students from AES to the event. Numerous representatives from post-secondary institutions

and trade schools, as well as community and career professionals were on hand to discuss future planning with the students, including Brescia University, TCAT Livingston, Somerset Community College, SCC Clinton Center, University of the Cumberlands, Western Kentucky University, WKU Glasgow,

Tennessee Tech University, University of Kentucky, Berea College, Lindsey Wilson College, U.S. Army, Keystone Foods, Office of the Blind, Monticello Bank, KY Career Center Workforce OET/WIOA, Clinton County Extension Office, and KHEAA.





# College & Career Ready Students Honored

A College and Career Ready Luncheon was held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Clinton County High School to recognize students who have attained the level college and career readiness. Students who were honored at the event include: Kierra Mason, Chandra Tallent, Takota Dalton, Jordan Grant, Matthew Griffin, Haley Huckelby, Carrie McClellan, Katie Beth Williams, Daniel Duvall, Samantha Mason,

Victoria Turner, Brett England, Erika Rodriquez, Savannah Cooper. Students were treated to a fine dining experience, complete with a 3 course meal, classical music, and candlelight.

All Seniors at Clinton County High School who have attained College & Career Readiness were honored at a Christmas Extravaganza on Friday, December

11<sup>th</sup>. Students received lunch and decorated Christmas cookies. The students in Mrs. Kayla Mora's class baked the cookies and made all the decorations for the event. The Extravaganza was part of the recognition program at CCHS being held each month for students to honor their dedication to becoming college and career ready. As more students become college ready they will join in the celebration.





# H & R Block Budget Challenge Winners

The H & R Block Budget Challenge is a 9-week online simulation that immerses students in real-world money management skills, including paying bills, managing expenses, saving money, investing in retirement, and more. Clinton County Area Technology Business

Technology Instructor Holly Claborn uses the challenge as a supplemental teaching / learning tool in her Financial Literacy class each semester. The winners from the Fall 2015 semester were Zackary Garmon (1st place), Ryan Brumley (2nd place), and Jessie Albertson (3rd place).



## CCATC Advisory Council



Clinton County Area Technology Center recently selected student representatives to serve on the 2015-2016 Principal's Student Advisory Council. The council members were selected based on their leadership ability, community involvement, and overall performance in their Career Pathway at CCATC. The Student Advisory Council's purpose is to provide the principal and teachers with "student voices" on key initiatives. The council will

meet monthly with the principal to address concerns from the student perspective. CCATC Student Advisory Council Members are pictured below, from left to right: Jayden Wallace, Welding; Kacey Wade, Carpentry; Jessica Clark, Industrial Maintenance; Mackenzie Polston, Health Sciences; Haley Huckelby, Health Sciences; Brett England, Automotive; Frank Zheng, Business.





# ATC Students Volunteer at Local Events

The "I Love to Read" program at Clinton County Public Library kicked off with the first event - Spooky Story Night on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Several FBLA students from Clinton County ATC volunteered to help with the event.

The Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) students enrolled in the Medicaid Nurse Aide and Pharmacy Technician programs at the Clinton County Area Technology Center, along with their instructors

Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN, assisted with the annual Second Sunday event at the Mountain View Park on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The 2S event allowed the students to gain experience in measuring blood pressures, pulses, and respirations. The students also operated the first aid station and distributed bottled water to the event participants. This opportunity allowed the students to gain real-world experience related to health care. The

students and instructors would like to thank the community for coming to the event and the coordinators for allowing the students to participate in the annual health fair. Pictured below are the students who participated, along with their instructors. From left to right: Cindy Albertson, RN, Haley Huckelby, Mildred Dominguez, Erika Rodriguez, Haley Stockton, Billie Frye, RN, Jessie Albertson, Aspen Pickens, Victoria Turner, and Takota Dalton.





# Gifted & Talented Activities

On Tuesday, November 10th, thirty-eight AES students in the Gifted & Talented program visited the Salato Wildlife Education Center in Frankfort, below left. Students participated in the Kentucky Mammals program, learning about mammals' special features that help them survive in their environment. Students also learned how mammals are classified into groups based on these adaptations or by their diet. The interactive and hands-on program involved lots of furs, bones, and teeth. At the conclusion of the program, students explored both the inside and outside exhibits, while completing a scavenger hunt. They saw many animals, including whitetail deer, wild turkeys, a bald eagle, and a black bear.



On Friday, November 13th, nineteen CCMS and CCHS students in the Gifted & Talented program visited Berea College and participated in the Berea Craft Educational Workshops, bottom left. The workshops provided our students with a unique experience to learn about and participate in the traditional craft mediums of Broom Making, Ceramics, Weaving, and Wood. Berea students from the studio crafts program served as the primary demonstrators and teachers of their craft for these workshops.

On Friday, November 20th, forty CCMS and CCHS students in the Gifted & Talented Program visited Newton's Attic in Lexington and participated in an engineering educational program, bottom right. The program provided hands-on engagement with concepts such as force, motion, energy, acceleration, velocity, mechanical advantage, aerodynamics, simple machines, engineering skills, and tool use. Students rotated through several exciting stations, including G-Force, the Ballista, Catapult, and Rubber Band Crossbows. Students had the opportunity to sling shot down a 125' long track on a mini-roller coaster in the front lawn at Newton's Attic at the G-Force station. The Ballista (aka The Pumpkin Chunker) is designed in the form of a medieval siege engine and can shoot

a pumpkin over 400 feet. Students built their own handheld wooden crossbows and tested their skills on targets at the Rubber Band Crossbows station. Students also had the opportunity to design and build a table top size catapult or trebuchet.

On Friday, December 4th, several students in the Gifted & Talented Program from all grades travelled to Nashville for "A Christmas Spectacular." Participants started their experience with the heart-pounding thrills of the Artic Plunge Snow Tubing, below. Following the snow tubing adventure, students attended the Grand Ole Opry House for the showing of *Dr. Seuss, How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical*.





# Students Visit Titans Learning Lab

On Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students from Clinton County ATC had a unique opportunity to learn about the behind the scenes workings of an NFL team at the Titans Learning Lab. During the event, students participated in a tour of Nissan Stadium and heard presentations from Titans executives. There was also a question and answer session with the executives following the presentations. Each participant received a game ticket for the Houston Texans vs. Tennessee Titans game on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-nine students were accompanied on the trip by

Business Technology Instructor Holly Claborn and chaperone Martha Hatfield. The students who attended were: Victoria Albertson, Kim Barnes, Makala Branham, Ashley Brummett, Sidney Dominguez, Katie Duvall, Tori Franklin, Keisha Garrett, Steven Grider, Courtney Guthrie, Melissa Johnson, Kendra Lee, Abbiegale Lowhorn, Summer Mason, Kaylin McWilliams, Callie Melton, Lauren Norris, Roberto Pascual, Judy Perez, Mackenzie Polston, Madison Ravallette, Jessica Reyes, Holden Shepard, Christy Sidwell, Nevin Slaven, Kaleigh Swift, Angelica Thomas, Frank Zheng, and Vivian Zheng.





# Students Visit WKU History Museum

Students in Mr. Lucas Dalton's AP U.S. History classes and Ms. Pam Lovell's AP European History classes at CCHS visited the Kentucky Museum at Western Kentucky

University on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. They were exposed to a series of exhibits including artifacts from the Civil War, famous Kentuckians, and student-created paintings of

the Holocaust. Students also had the opportunity to dress in authentic period clothing.





# Veteran's Day Tribute 2015

## *"Sacred Ground"*

The Clinton County High School  
Bulldog Battalion Cadets and Band Members

joined together to present the annual Veterans  
Day School Assembly—Sacred Ground on

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> to honor the past and  
current contributions of veterans.





# Student Artwork Showcased

During the AES Related Arts November Showcase, student artwork was displayed in the lobby for viewing. The artwork was created by the students who had art for related arts

Gregory during the second six weeks of school. Below left is Ms. Tammie Conner's 1st grade class. Below right is Ms. Jamie Reagan's 1st grade class. At bottom left is Ms. Chasity Starns' 2nd grade class. At right and at bottom right is Ms. Reda Thurman's 3rd grade class.

