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Students benefit by building things hands on



By Ashley Kiroff

Two families will receive new homes on Thanksgiving this year. Clintondale High School's Building and Trades Department has been working with Habitat for Humanity to build the homes.

Twenty-one students go to the site every day of the school week. Students benefit by building things hands on rather than just doing classroom work. Working on the homes as a team is also valuable in building character. The students soon realize they are doing more than just building a structure; they are giving families a chance to better their lives. So not only are the students earning a grade, they also are giving back to their community.

Another advantage of the program is that these young people are being prepared for entry-level jobs in the building industry. They gain skills in rough carpentry, vinyl siding, trim, finished carpentry, hanging doors and



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excavating. Many go on to a career in construction after graduation.

Bill Hallendy, the teacher and supervisor, hopes to also participate in Operation: Home Delivery. If the class receives the necessary funding, the students will work together to build houses in sections and send them to victims of the devastating hurricanes that have hit the Gulf Coast this year. Hallendy and his students want to help out in this time of crisis. The project is in the first steps of planning, but they hope for the funding to come through.

Building and Trades also takes on small jobs between the big projects. The class builds sheds for teachers and others in the community who order them. The sheds come in kit form and are unfinished. Community members are invited to support the Building and Trades Department by ordering one of these sheds. Call Hallendy at Clintondale High School at (586) 791-6300, ext. 2220.

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Exploring all areas of the theater



Photo by Samantha McEachin

'YOU'RE ON IN THREE ... TWO ... ONE!'

By Julia Darr

Among the many career and technical classes offered at Clintondale High School, some of the students' favorites are the Television Production classes taught by Marcie Glasius.

The purpose of the TV production class is to prepare students for an entry-level job in that field without a degree program. It's also an introduction to all aspects of television production, with the possibility of mastering specific skills.

There are many opportunities to go beyond the one-hour per day in the classroom. Students are able to sign out the equipment and may choose to make commentary tapes, tape extracurricular activities, and make game shows or even music videos.

Some students go beyond the curriculum, producing shows not only for assignments, but also for air on Clintondale's own cable TV station. Students have produced segments on drinking and driving, drugs, smoking, the ZOZ Coalition and a variety of game shows such as "This is Not a Test." Students also provide commentary for sporting events that air on the station.

There are a variety of careers that can come from the field of television production, such as camera operator, editor, graphics designer, on-air talent and even broadcaster.

Glasius has worked with Clintondale Community School for 10 years. To prepare for her own career, she went studied at Wayne State University and performed a co-op at Rockwell International for 18 months. She then worked at Comcast Television for six years.

Originally, she wanted to be an engineer rather than a teacher, but figured out she was able to get certified from her years at Rockwell International and Comcast Television.



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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

By Kiesha Munn

Training in lights, sound, set construction, painting, as well as acting, is what Clintondale's drama instructor, Todd Swanboro, teaches in his first through fourth year drama classes.

Several of his former students have taken their high school drama career to the next level in college and beyond as they head to a profession in drama-related fields.

Among this talented bunch are several recent CHS graduates who are attending Central Michigan University, majoring in theater: CMU freshman Kevin Broomfield

has already landed a major acting role. Mary Jenkins and Chris Hardenberg are studying stage management and Brandon Badachevski is studying set and costume design.

Some students have already entered the professional field, including brothers Shawn and Cody Maynard, and Anthony Fisher, who are doing lighting and set crew sound at the Macomb Theater for the Performing Arts.



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This talented group of young men and women didn't always know they wanted to pursue jobs in drama. They decided that this was the right career for them after being involved in the drama program at Clintondale High School. That is one reason career classes are so important. They offer students choices they may never have explored otherwise.

Last year, CHS drama students took third in the state of all Class B high schools at the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association competition, performing the play "Lily's Purple Plastic Purse." Several students earned cos-

tume and set awards, as well as acting awards, coming home with over 180 acting and technical awards.

Swanboro, who has taught at CHS for 11 years, said that "providing the opportunity for students to explore all areas of the theater, not just acting, provides students with the chance to demonstrate their creative talents."

The students are now in the midst of preparing for and performing two one-act comedies, "Just a High School Play" and "Competition Piece." In January 2006, the Clintondale group will present "Marat Sade," which they will also take to the High School Theater competition.

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