

CLINTON TOWNSHIP

Robotics—the future is bright

By Jaida Robinson and Christopher Rucker, "Voice of the Dragon" reporters

Have you ever put your building skills to the test? Well, that's what the Robotics class at Clintondale High School does EVERY DAY! Four years ago, Steve Moskal started the Robotics program with a grant from F.I.R.S.T Robotics and from there, they started training and coming up with great new ideas so they could be ready to compete.

Two years later, they started competing against other schools. The first year, they won the Rookie Award and in 2016 (their second year) they made the finals and took 5th out of 40 schools and won the GM Innovation Award. Eventually, the grant money ran out, but the Robotics pro- Solar-powered car gram started receiving private donations.

Since then, the Robotpretty amazing things. for one giant project: a So-



got it done.

This year, the Robotics ics program has done some program won the annual Lowe's Hero Project where and one group is building Last year, the entire class they received a \$2,500 grant mini-robots. Steve Moskal Also, four different groups

obstacle course, one group Mr. Moskal will step in and is building a 3D Printer, decided to use their funds and multiple other things. is a very devoted and en- is constantly evolving evcouraging teacher. The stular/Electric Go Kart. It took are working on separate dents do all the work by them do bigger and better some time to finish, but they projects. Two groups are de- themselves, but if they come things in the future!

signing Battlebots with an across something difficult, guide them in the right direction.

The Robotics Program ery year and we hope to see

CLINTON TOWNSHIP 'The Dragon Cafe at their best'

By Kierra Stuart and Raya Starks, "Voice of the Dragon' reporters

The Dragon Cafe is Clintondale Community Schools' student-run cafe, operated by the Culinary Arts Students under the direction of Chef Merlo. This class is hands-on where you get to learn the necessary tools of the industry. If you attend Clintondale High School, you get to enjoy the delicious meals prepared and served by the culinary students. While working in the kitchen, stuas food preparation, sanitation and safety, customer service, management skills, professionalism, organization, and essential math.

scenes is Chef Amy Merlo. Chef Merlo dedicates her time to make sure the staff and students feel welcome and that they leave satis-Merlo teach basic cooking and baking but she has gional dessert competi- trips.



Making cookies

tions, catered for the community and worked on various other events with her students.

In the first year of traindents learn new skills such ing in culinary arts, you complete the ServSafe certification test, which is a nationally recognized certification that certifies students in food safety, clean-The person behind the liness, and the basics of preparing food. The second year you get to learn the basics about restaurant management and hospitality skills as well as regional fied. Not only does Chef cuisines. The Culinary Arts students also participate in local community food also earned awards in re- drives and food tasting field

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Clintondale's Hot Spot is truly hot!!

By Princess Mia Johnson and LaNiya King, "Voice of the Dragon" reporters

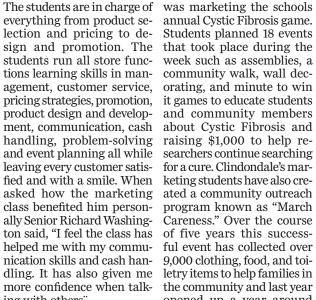
As seen in many schools, Clintondale has its own version of a school store called, "The Hot Spot." Kim Spriggs is a teacher at Clintondale work running the school High School who runs the store, students also take marketing and business pro- time out to plan events for grams. Ms. Spriggs supports the school and the commuher marketing students to nity. In the beginning of the turn their visions into reality. school year their first event

study, eat lunch, play games, listen to music, talk, and relax.. "I like how I can come here to relax with my friends and play games," said Tierra Collums, a student at Clintondale.

In addition to their hard

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ing with others". Hot Spot staff. The "Chill Zone" is a room opened to all

and community members searchers continue searching for a cure. Clindondale's marketing students have also creprogram known as "March Careness." Over the course of five years this successful event has collected over 9,000 clothing, food, and toiletry items to help families in the community and last year opened up a year around What makes "The Hot store for the community." We Spot" so unique is that it take this time to show kindcomes with its very own ness and bring awareness "Chill Zone." which is a stu- to others in our community dent lounge created by the that are less fortunate than we are while learning marketing strategies at the same students during their lunch. time," stated senior Jaden They're able to come chill, Fredericks.

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In the studio

Clintondale Dragons are coming in loud and clear

Willis, "Voice of the Dragon" reporters

the five state of the art recording studios.

new equipment and two growing program as stuadditional audio courses dents continue to exthere is also a new excitement added to the program with the addition of reers throughout the Mr. Paul Moro, the newest addition to the Clintondale staff. When asked iting music, commercials, what attracted him to au-podcasts, voice overs, dio and recording he responded, "I started re- service announcements

By Taijah Lewis and Gabriel cording music when I was 18 years old. I was in a band for years and after a visit to a recording Audio recording is studio I started building a great hands-on class a small one at my house where students are given and I have done it ever an opportunity to explore since. Now I'm teaching their passions while mas- students how to do it or tering the trade in any of at least trying to," he said with a giggle.

There are exciting With the addition of things to come with this plore the many possibilities available for caaudio industry. With students recording and edsportscasts, and public



Paul Moro and student

for the school districts. The young Dragon visionaries have stirred growing program.

a lot of excitement for the bright future of this

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