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The empty food lab C102 waiting to be used for a class. photo by Emma Hedrick

Life skills that students should learn in school



by Destiny Robinson

Life skills are the basic fundamentals that people need to be able to cope with what's going on, or what they should do. Although knowledge in these areas is important, many schools lack courses covering the most basic elements of these skills. Broadening students horizons on real world issues could lead to better values and understanding.

"Though high school and college are excellent in teaching many valuable skills, our current academic curriculum doesn't teach many aspects necessary to succeeding and thriving in life in general, such as financial responsibilities and investments, how to think logically—retaining information and not merely temporarily memorizing information, and how to apply such abilities to real-world scenarios which are bound to occur," Jake Akins, the publisher of Successful Students said. In his article, he writes that knowing how to handle money and personal credit are valuable resources. Not every school has personal finance classes, but some do. What if the classes aren't taught to their full potential?

Online classes don't always allow students to fully understand the course's material, but they do have benefits. Students taking online classes can go at their own pace and have privacy for questions that they wouldn't have in class. Special education students can also manage to take online classes. While there are accommodations for SPED students like audiobooks and in-text-speech there are still drawbacks. Online makes it harder to ask questions and it takes a while to get a response back

from an online teacher, limiting the amount of time to complete work if there is a problem or holdup.

Schools tend to overlook the basic skills that are needed. Cooking is one of these basic skills. Healthy eating is even more rare to learn in school. "The basics of food preparation, cooking, safety, and hygiene should all be a part of the current school curriculum," said TeachHub.com.

At Clarksville High School, there is a full food lab that isn't used for home economics classes. It isn't even offered. The spaces could offer students a chance to cook with real full kitchen appliances.

What skills do you think should be taught at school?

"Basic financial skills including credit, how to operate home appliances, basics of chemical safety, how to handle an emergency, CPR, kitchen safety, electrical safety, natural gas safety, how to make appointments, things covered in CCR."

"The importance of credit scores and how to maintain them; how credit cards and loans affect credit; how bad credit can affect insurance rates, purchases, etc."

"So many people don't even know the basics. They are used to operating microwaves or can openers. They should be able to cook a healthy meal on their own. Even if we only had one or two classes it would be enough. Not just cooking, but sewing and even changing a tire should be taught too. Classes could start out as electives classes but down the road they should be made required in every school," said math teacher, Connie Holstine.

Other skills needed are now being cut out of the educational system. Cursive writing is necessary as a way of signing a legal document. If schools aren't required by Common Core Standards, then several states are not going to teach it at all. Forty-six states are now following the Core Standards, which allow states to slack off teaching cursive. Let's picture the younger generation trying to read older documents like the Constitution when they haven't ever been taught how to read cursive.

Throughout life there are those little moments that people dread, like blowing out a flat

tire or trying to fix a leaky faucet. These moments are even harder if the person doesn't know how. While some things should be taught by the parent, the basics could be taught at school. At the high school level, there are students that still have trouble with telling time on a non-digital clock. This is a little extreme, but it's true. Another skill that's lacked is students not knowing how to file taxes or get insurance whether it's car, home, or life insurance. These could be included more within the classroom standards.

What about the other life skills that aren't taught? Students aren't educated about the several different laws. Even if the laws are minor they need to be included in the material learned. Ignorant people can sometimes blame never being taught the laws as a reason why they didn't do anything wrong. "Students should be taught, at bare minimum, the laws that might have an effect on their lives as they are in school and as they graduate and enter society as fully culpable adults.

For example, is trespassing a misdemeanor or a felony? Could decorating a friend's car be considered destruction of property? Can someone be arrested for not paying a debt, such as a credit card? What rights does someone have who has just been arrested? Given the real-life and potentially grave consequences of breaking the law, the law should be taught to students, who can then act accordingly," said Akins. So by this statement lawbreakers might not fully understand what is considered legal or not. Teaching the difference in what is or isn't legal will allow people to be made aware of what not to do.

Schools teach a lot of quality materials that students need. They just tend to avoid the important real world skills needed to be able to survive everyday life. The basics could at least be absorbed through lessons at school before students enter adulthood and find out on their own. Some skills people have, but others have to come through the process of learning. If schools teach these skills a little bit at a time throughout all schools, then students might be able to handle life situations a little better.

Easy gifts to give on Valentine's Day



by Juliana Johnson

Valentine's Day is approaching. Not everyone can afford expensive gifts or has time to do something elaborate. Some high schoolers do not have jobs and are not able to buy pricey things for Valentine's Day. The ones that have jobs, often have their time taken up by work and do not have time to plan or make something that takes a lot of time. Here are 10 ideas of gifts have are very cheap and super simple that anyone can do.



1.)Candy Bouquet. All that's needed for a candy bouquet are candy bars, some type of sticks, tape and a vase or string. Tape the sticks to the back of each candy bar. Next, either tie all of the sticks with candy on them together or put them in the vase.

2.)Sharpie Mug. This is a super simple and creative gift. A blank white mug and colored mark-

ers are needed for this. Either draw or write things all around the mug. An idea of what to draw would be hearts or other Valentine's Day symbols or write sweet and thoughtful things around the mug.

3.)CD/mixtape. This might be kind of "old school," but is still a good gift idea. Get a list together of songs. The songs could be someone's favorites or a song that remind someone of another person. Put all the songs on a CD and give it to someone.

4.)Flowers. This idea is classic. Everyone enjoys getting flowers from someone they care about. This isn't very expensive either. Instead of buying lots of flowers, just one is an option too. A single rose means the same as a dozen roses if it's coming from a loved one.

5.)Book of memories. Get together "memories" shared with a certain someone. This could be movie tickets, concert tickets, date receipts, or pictures. Buy a book with blank pages and paste all of these things throughout the book along with captions of what each thing is and when it happened.

6.)"Open when" letters. For this, envelopes, paper and pens will be needed. Either buy pre-decorated envelopes, decorate them, or leave them blank. Come up with scenarios a person might face and write it on the front of the envelope. For

example, write "open when you are sad" or "open when you have achieved your goal." Inside the envelope, write something to make them feel better.

7.)"Heart attack" box. A cardboard box, colored paper, glue, and scissors is all that needed for this. Cover the box with paper. Now cut out a bunch of hearts and fill the box with them so that when the box is opened, they spill out.

8.)"I love you because." jar. Think of all the reasons to love someone. Write each reason on a notecard and fold it up. Put all the reasons inside a jar. Instead of reasons to love someone, reasons to appreciate someone is an option too.

9.)Breakfast in bed. For breakfast in bed, most materials needed are already located in the house. Something simple like pancakes are toast are an easy option to make. Put it all together with a drink and maybe a flower and wake a loved one up with a nice breakfast.

10.)Love letter. This is very easy and doesn't take much time. Think of something dealing with love to say to someone and write it all down. It could be about feelings, memories, or hopes for the future. It's kind of cheesy, but means a lot to most people.

Local date ideas that won't break the bank



by Morgan Radlein

Every year couples stress out about planning the perfect Valentine's Day Date while people who are single dread Valentine's day the most. Whether a person is dating someone or not, most people want to go out or do something on Valentine's Day. But how does someone figure out what to or where to go?

Most people go out to a nice, fancy dinner but when thinking of somewhere to go there is also the price to think of. So here's a list of restaurants and their price range for one meal:

Olive Garden: \$12.99-\$18.99
Kansai: \$13-\$33
Cheddar's: \$7.99-\$19.99
Old Spaghetti Factory: \$8.75-\$11.79
Texas Roadhouse: \$8.99-\$21.09
Bubba's: \$11.99-\$30
Logan's Roadhouse: 2 for \$15.99
Cheesecake Factory: \$11.50-\$29.95

Other than going to a nice dinner for a V-day date there are also movies to go see in theaters or just staying at home and watching movies all day and night. There are plenty of mov-

ies playing on Valentine's Day such as; Rings(PG-13), Lego Batman Movie(PG), The Space Between Us(PG-13), A Dog's Purpose(PG), Split(PG-13), xXx: The Return of the Xander Cage(PG-13), Hidden Figures(PG), Sing (PG), La La Land(PG-13), Lion(PG-13), Moana(PG), and many more. Tickets are \$10.50 for evening movies on Valentine's Day at Regal Cinemas in both the New Albany and Clarksville locations. Since Valentine's Day is on a Tuesday this year couples can also plan a date for the weekend. Saving a date for the weekend gives a couple more time to plan and more time for a better date that could last a whole day instead of having a date on a Tuesday school night. Many students in the school have already planned out their Valentine's date and what they will be doing to celebrate. Freshman Devyn Weathers and her boyfriend freshman Zachary Leonhardt say they have already planned their date. "This year on Valentine's Day Zach and I will just be going out to dinner. We also might go see a movie after we have dinner," Weathers said. Most couples like to do this date for Valentine's day but some couples like to go outside of the box and think of something new. Sophomore Caitlyn Wright and her boyfriend junior Thomas Martin aren't doing the typical dinner and a movie date. Wright and Martin will be going to the Science Center in Louisville and also went to the Old Spaghetti Factory. "I really wanted to go to the Science Center and on a carriage ride with Thomas

and he made it happen," Wright says. There are plenty of things to do other than dinner and a movie that could be fun for Valentine's Day. Senior Jacob Jones will be going out on Valentine's Day with his boyfriend who will be having a birthday on Valentine's Day, so they will be celebrating both. "Nathan and I are planning to go out to dinner for Valentine's Day to actually celebrate his birthday too. We will probably go to Cheddar's for dinner and we may go see a movie after dinner," Jones said. You can never go wrong with a dinner and a movie. Even if you do not have a boyfriend or girlfriend when Valentine's Day comes around it's always a good idea to just hang out with friends. Also on the 14th, there will also be a boys varsity basketball game at home, so students can also attend the game and support the Generals on their senior night for Valentine's Day too.



Gavin Hagan asked out junior Hailey Evans at the end of a football game.



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How to ask someone out for any occasion



by Lauryn Young

Valentine’s day is in four days and some people have no one to share it with. Prom is a few months away and feeling singled out as the only one without a date is common. To most people, not having a boyfriend/girlfriend in high school sucks. So how do these issues get resolved? Here are some of the simple “dos and don’ts” while planning to ask someone out. These are the things to do like getting to know the person first is very important. Just because they’re cute and sweet at school doesn’t mean they don’t have a side to them that isn’t as appealing. -In the case of a promposal, make it big and make it memorable. Prom is a big deal especially to girls so don’t just walk up and act like it’s no big deal because it is. -With the goal of starting a relationship with someone, it isn’t a bad thing to “slide in their DM’s.” This is especially okay if it is clear what the intentions are. A good example of someone asking a person out is the event of Gavin Hagan asking junior Hailey Evans to be his girlfriend. “Gavin asked me out last year in front of the locker rooms after his last football game of the season. I was waiting

for him after the game so I could tell him good-bye and he walked out from behind the locker rooms on the opposite side of me, held up the cutest sign ever, and asked me to read it out loud. It said, “little bird, little bird, in the cinnamon tree - little bird, little bird, will you go out with me?” That was a play on lyrics from one of the songs he sang in the musical we were both in at the time, Man of La Mancha. After I finished reading the sign, I immediately said yes and gave him a huge hug. It was nerve racking for the both of us, people surrounding us in a circle, videotaping from every angle. I was so anxious yet full of excitement at the same time. It is most definitely a night that I will never, ever forget,” junior Evans said. These are things not to do. Like I said before, getting to know the person is important so DON’T jump to the chase without getting to know each other first. While looking for a prom date, don’t do something extravagant without knowing whether they are interested or not because it would be a shame to get turned down after so much effort. Don’t think that what once worked on someone else will work on the person of current interest. Everyone is different. For example, some girls think flowers are silly because they just die and some boys actually want gifts just like girls do.

Bowling season ends at regional



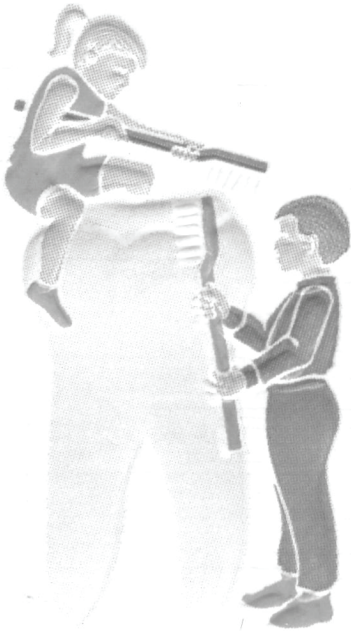
by Hannah Morris

As the bowling team’s season comes to an end they walk away giving Clarksville a better image. They went through the season with many victories against the few schools they played during the season, which were Jeff, Floyd Central, and Providence. The games and sectionals were hosted by Eastern Lanes. As the bowling team’s first season comes to an end, they walk away with a sectional title. The Varsity bowling team, which consisted of seven members for sectionals, walked away with two wins for sectionals. Emanuel Baul placed 3rd in singles and went on to play in regionals for the singles division. “It was definitely a great experience for me. It was an opportunity to show my

skills and represent my school. I wish more people would get involved and join the bowling team because there is a lot of potential here and it is something fun that other students can do with their friends,” senior Baul said. Following Emanuel’s single victory in sectionals, the team as a whole also took a spot in regionals. The Varsity team also won first place for the team sectionals. The team for sectionals was made up of 7 members. Although they advanced as a team there was a slight switch in the roster for regionals. Although they didn’t win at regionals they were only eighteen pins away from placing. Going into the next season the bowling team will hope to grow and bring in a wider range of bowlers. Students are encouraged to come out and join next year for the following season. Clarksville hopes to come back next year with bigger numbers and take home the sectional title again.

Scoreboard

Boys basketball:	Girls Basketball
Varisty:	Varsity
Rock Creek: W	Hneryville Invite:
Switz County:W	Southwestern: L
Christian Academy:L	Rock Creek:W
Silver Creek:L	Henryville:L
Charlestown:W	Shawe:L
Eastern:W	Crothersville:L
Crawford County:W	Borden:L
Silver Creek Tourney:	Rock Creek:L
Providence: L	CAI:L
Charlestown: L	Corydon:L
	Silver Creek:L
	Crawford:L
	Shoals:W
Providence:L	Eastern:L
New Wash:W	Brownstown:L
Corydon Central:W	Austin:L
Austin:W	Holiday tourney:
Scottsburg:L	Providence:L
Lanesville:L	Silver Creek:L
Southwestern:W	
Brownstown:L	
JV:	Providence:L
Rock Creek: W	Scottsburg:L
Switz County: L	Salem:L
Christian Academy: W	North Harrison:L
Silver Creek: L	Lanesville:W
Charlestown: L	Henryville:L
Eastern: W	Charlestown:L
Crawford County: W	
Tourney:	Sectionals:
Providence:W	Providence: L
Charlestown: W	
Providence: W	JV::
New Wash: W	Henryville Tourney:
Corydon Central: W	Southwestern: L
Austin: L	Rock Creek: L
Scottsburg: W	Henryville:L
Lanesville: L	Shawe:L
Southwestern: L	
Brownstown: L	Crothersville:L
	Borden:L
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	CAI:L
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	Silver Creek:L
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staff editorial

Adding life skills classes to our curriculum under debate

Today’s educational system is controversial, as is most things in today’s society. Students aren’t taught as much as they should during the 8 hours at school except how to raise their hand and to copy sentences out of a book. They don’t know that most Americans are estimated \$16,000 in debt as of March 2016 due to credit card use, but they do know that if they don’t sit still and be quiet, they will be in trouble. Why aren’t the schools teaching the young generation beneficial life skills, or basic fundamentals of living?

Being able to learn is the best tool someone will have for their entire life. Going to school, getting a degree, being able to get a higher paying job than the job you had in high school is fantastic. Schools are stressing the little things that really won’t matter in the future like reading Shakespeare’s Hamlet or working out that Calculus problem. Most students will probably not go into a job field that requires them to learn these things, but they are taught how to read Shakespeare anyway.

The typical high school classes are important, just like getting an education, but more classes should be offered in schools that teach students how to survive on their own. Once they go to college or move out, their parents or guardians won’t be there to make them dinner or sew their pocket. They blow a tire in the middle of nowhere without the knowledge of fixing it. What about keeping up with their bills and finances or their insurance? What is the process of buying a house or should an apartment be bought first? What is a resume and what is put on it?

All of these questions should be answered during school. Yes, looking these questions up is

always an option, but it might be easier for someone to see it happening rather than following instructions. Students are taught how to work out that Calculus problem with an actual teacher to ask questions to, so students should have the option to see how to write a resume or change a tire.

Instead of an online health class, schools should have an educator to explain the topics fully. What are the best diet options to go with working out? What if a student needs to stay in shape for sports or for their own well being, but are concerned with how little food they are eating and how much they are working out? What about the students who are under an unhealthy amount of stress to where they can’t think straight? An educator should be there teaching these students the correct way to deal with situations without hurting themselves or each other. Sex education should also be a class that is not online, but may be combined with a health class. Teach them about different diseases that can be obtained if coming in contact with and how to practice safe sex.

Public schools are funded by the state, capital per student, and property taxes in their district. Clarksville High School gets around \$5-6 million from the overall budget, which is split into different categories such as salary, transportation, general, etc. With this, one can conclude that hiring more teachers or gaining a class might not be in the budget, but it is definitely something to work on.

Education is important and the classes that are taught should continue being taught, but new classes should be added as either as an elective or mandatory.

Birthdays February

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| 01 Webster Walls | 13 Breanna Marks |
| 03 Lillyann Sparks | 17 Claudia Rudd |
| 04 Bishop Hughes | 18 Riley Carroll |
| 06 Maxwell Puryear | Hailey Evans |
| 07 Anthony Ballard | Emma Hedrick |
| Aliyah Gaubatz Volger | 19 Aine Brown |
| Nikolette Hatfield | Angelo Cureton |
| 08 Micheal Clark | Kyle Robbins |
| Mark Leezer | 21 Isiah Carpenter |
| Charles Weber | Hayden Parks |
| 10 Mahayla Mattingly | Noah Rowley |
| 11 Blade Avery | 24 Dylan Cain |
| Hannah Berger | 26 Cierra Greenwell |
| Jocelyn Waggoner | 28 Ashton Moyes |
| 12 Arianna Hart | |

March

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| 01 Michael Leonhardt | 12 Charlie Masingo |
| 02 Matthew Hauber | Khalia Sims |
| Juliana Johnson | 13 Dagan Miele |
| William Sprouls | Benjamin Simpson |
| 03 Destiny Givings | 15 Brianna Elmore |
| Ashton Gough | Blaze Golas |
| John McEwen | 16 Coley Gillman |
| Leslie Peet | Reece Hughes |
| 04 Antoinya Brown | 18 Breanna Able |
| Adrien Smith | Savannah Jewell |
| 05 Janna Aguon | Alec Milby |
| 06 Da’Shawn Baker | 20 Malik Jackson |
| Damian Davis | 22 Dillian Goddard |
| 07 Irene Anglea | 25 Abigail Bays |
| 08 Brianna Brown | 27 Zachary Cook |
| Chasten O’Neal | Nathan Hyers |
| 09 Roscoe Henning | 28 Julian Harris |
| Kristian Plummer | 29 Kirsten Boule |
| Christopher Weddle | 31 Dylan Buchheit |
| 11 Ashley Haycraft | Atlanta Sutton |
| Thomas Norris | Hayley Ware |

What would you want a life skills class to teach?



Dylan Cain (11)

“The life skills class should teach us stuff to get us ready for life and for our future. We should be taught now to get a loan or buy a house or pay bills.”



Nikki Hatfield (9)

“I would want a life skills class to teach the students how to cook.”

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