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Greg Hetherington would like pictures from Lakeview's history. If you have any you would like to share, you can contact Greg or bring or send them to our office.

Lakeview Family Chiropractors are celebrating 40 years in Lakeview.

Winter Forecast

Thu Mostly sunny, high 22. NNW wind 7 to 9 becoming W in the pm.
Thu Night 50 percent chance of snow showers after 1am. Mostly cloudy, low 16.
Fri Snow showers. High 30. Precipitation 90%.
Fri Night Snow showers likely, mainly before 1am. Mostly cloudy, low 19.
Sat Snow showers likely. Mostly cloudy, high 25.
Sat Night Chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, low 12.
Sun Chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, high 20.
Sun Night Chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, low 8.
M.L.King Day Chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, high 17.



Lakeview Wrestlers Shine on Home Mats at Lakeview Invitational



All tournament placers

By Sara Vail

The Lakeview wrestling program delivered an impressive week-end performance in front of a home crowd as both the girls and boys teams turned in strong showings at the Lakeview Invitational, held January 9-10 in the school gymnasium.

The girls competition on January 9 was highlighted by a dominant performance from Hailee Hendry, who was crowned tournament champion at 190 pounds. Hendry con-

tinued her remarkable season, remaining undefeated in the girls division. With this victory, she has now won all three tournaments she has entered, establishing herself as one of the area's top competitors and a consistent force on the mat.

The momentum carried into January 10, when the Lakeview boys competed and placed multiple wrestlers across a wide range of weight classes. Bryce Jeffery earned a fourth-place finish at 113

pounds, while Jon Soloway also placed fourth at 120 pounds. Kaydyn Betham battled his way to a runner-up finish at 132 pounds, and Kamren Lupien secured fifth place at 138 pounds. TJ Painter added a sixth-place finish at 144 pounds, and Omari Lane delivered another strong performance with a second-place finish at 150 pounds.

At the higher weights, David Vail placed fourth at 157 pounds, Bryson Banks finished fourth at 165

pounds, and Mason Miller took sixth at the same weight class. Easton Fryover rounded out the placers with a fourth-place finish at 190 pounds.

The highlight of the boys tournament came at 175 pounds, where Lucas Vail captured first place after an intense and hard-fought finals match against the No. 2 ranked wrestler in Division 2. The bout went into the ultimate tiebreaker period, where Vail secured a decisive reversal to claim the champi-

onship. His standout performance throughout the tournament earned him the honor of being named the Lakeview Invitational's Most Valuable Wrestler.

With champions, multiple placers, and an MVP performance, the Lakeview Invitational proved to be a memorable and successful home event for the Lakeview wrestling program, showcasing both depth and determination across the roster.

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Tyler Gitchel Proves That Traditional Country Is Back In A Big Way



By Mindy Raglin

Tyler Gitchel grew up in Montcalm County and was your average country kid who loved hunting and fishing with his dad and loved to sing. Tyler knew from a very early age he had a gift and a talent for music and loved to sing country songs.

Tyler's favorite memory growing up was his dad Luke, taking him to bluegrass festivals and his father would play music with the bands. Luke was an award winning musician and played the Dixie Stampede in Pigeon Forge. Pigeon Forge is a popular mountain resort town in East Tennessee.

Tyler was inspired not only by his musician father but George Jones, Merle Haggard, the clas-

sics of Country and Elvis, especially his Gospel album. Tyler's dad and most of his family were musicians, playing the old classic country songs and bluegrass music.

The year Tyler turned 13 he started getting paid to sing. He would play with his dad's band up until the age of 16 and formed his own band the Tyler Gitchel band. Tyler has been playing in that band still to this day. A year ago Tyler began to write his own song lyrics and realized how much he loves it.

Tyler dreams of being a major Country singer inspired by his local hometown here in Montcalm County, his extended family and his band that always backs him up. Tyler also is inspired by the people who come to watch his band play. He

has a website tylergitchel.com

Johnny Cash once said, "Country music is three cords and the truth." Tyler stated that his love for the country music genre was based on truth. The pure and simple truth about being country. It entails nostalgia, faith, family and hard work. Country music tells of everyday life and love and the heartache of it all.

Tyler's advice to anyone starting out as a musician, "just do what you love, and always be yourself." He currently spends a lot of time writing his own songs and would love to let everyone know he is going to get them recorded soon and released in the near future.

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