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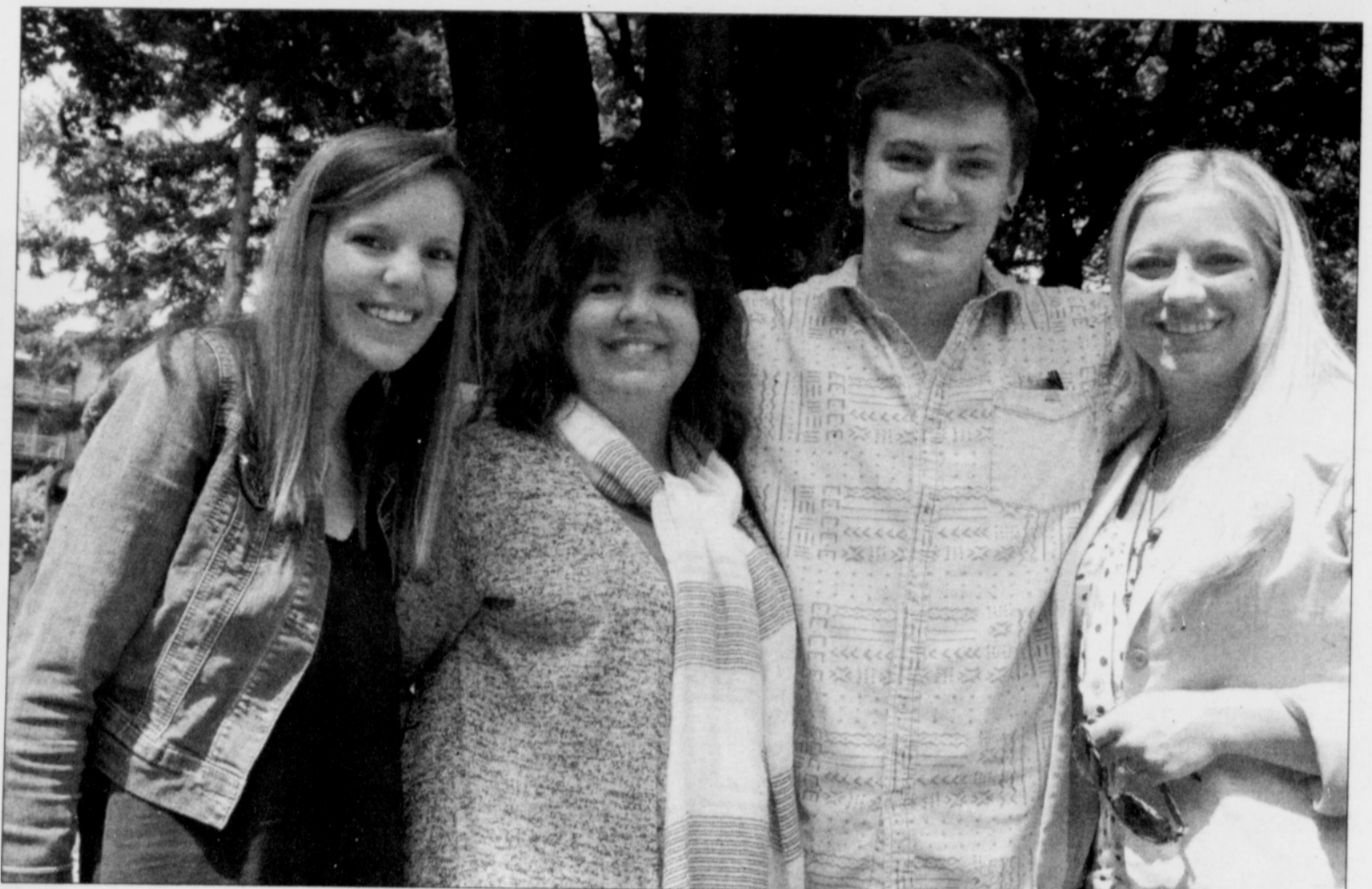


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Kyle, a Clark County Juvenile Recovery Court graduate (second from right), receives congratulations on his successful completion of drug rehabilitation programs, from his girlfriend Makenzie Tatum (from left), court guardian Danielle Hupp, and court resource coordinator Anna Lookingbill.

Drug Courts Turn 15

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years, which equates to about \$7.2 million.

Clark County maintains six drug courts, one for adult felons, family treatment, juvenile recovery, substance abuse, mental health, and one for veterans.

Anna Lookingbill, resource coordinator for the Juvenile Recovery Court, says the success of her program is based on a national model that uses a combination of structure, intensive judicial support, and substance abuse treatment to help those struggling with addiction.

One of her graduates was Kyle, who also addressed the crowd at the May 22 celebration. With his court guardian, Danielle Hupp by his side, the now 18-year-old told how the recovery court set him on a path towards sobriety and happiness.

He opted into the program as a 16-year-old back in 2012.

"The program's given me a lot of life skills, and just skills in general that you need to grow as a person," he said before thanking the staff of the drug courts. "I'm glad I had people to talk to and release these feelings to. I'm glad and I'm happy — I was never happy before until I

got into this program. I can look people into the eye and smile, and it wasn't fake, and it felt good."

The Portland Observer spoke with Kyle right before he took the stage.

"Once I realized I had a problem, that's when I began to get in with the flow and it started to work out," he said.

Kyle says he's been clean since Nov. 25, the day he got out of recovery court.

Kyle's advice to others before he took the stage, "Keep it clean and you'll be able to live life the way you wanna live."

Beloved Entertainer Remembered

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for Grammy with her album "Janice Scroggins Plays Scott Joplin".

She was also awarded the Portland Crystal Award and World Arts Foundation Achievement Award, and inducted into the Cascade Blues

Hall of Fame.

Popular Portland blues musician Norman Sylvester and his band dedicated his latest show on Friday at Clyde's Prime Rib on Northeast Sandy Boulevard to Scroggins who was scheduled to play with the group before her passing.

PDX Jazz Managing Director Don Lucoff said he was honored to have Scroggins play solo at the closing weekend of Classic Pianos during the recent Portland Jazz Festival.

"She was truly a local jazz hero, widely respected by her music colleagues, students, and many fans," he said.

She is survived by her children Arietta Ward, Nafisaria Scroggins-Thomas and Francis Scroggins, as well as three grandchildren, Jamani, Godys and Phoenix.

An open to the community home-going service for Scroggins was scheduled for Wednesday, June 4 at 11 a.m. at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave.

An account has been set up to help the family with funeral expenses. Donations may be made at any Wells Fargo branch in the name of Janice Marie Scroggins.

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