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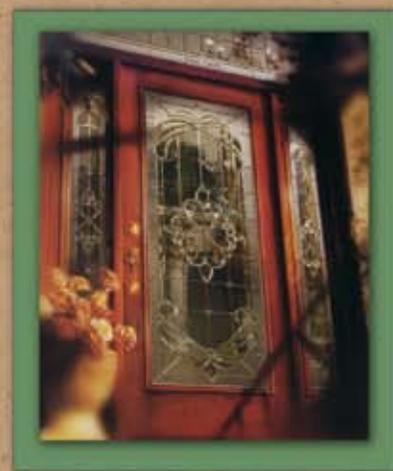
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Publisher's Message

Well here we are at our six month anniversary for *Clarksville Family Magazine*. I have to admit that I have been somewhat holding my breath since before our first issue even came out, telling myself that if we could just get to six months that all would be good. Never one to be too complacent, I will now likely extend that to a year—at least in my mind.

I am pleasantly surprised at the wonderful reception that *Clarksville Family* has received. Everyone from our readers to our excellent contributing writers and advertisers has been overwhelmingly supportive of every issue. We will keep doing our best to provide you and your family with everything we can to help you get the most out of living in this great city of ours.

Speaking of which we have a couple of major events going on in Clarksville this month, Riverfest and Frolic on Franklin.

First up is Riverfest on Friday the 7th, with its two days packed with entertainment, activities and fun for literally all ages. And in honor of this being the 20th annual celebration of Riverfest, admission is absolutely free for both days and all ages. Please see our guide starting on page 6. Also, *Clarksville Family* is proud to be a contributing sponsor for Riverfest. Please stop by our booth there; we would love to meet you.



Frolic on Franklin: A Celebration of the Arts comes later in the month on Saturday the 22nd, and is the second annual festival created by the Downtown Clarksville Association to showcase the artistry of our community and the unique shopping and dining experience that our historic downtown offers. Be sure to read Paige King's article on Frolic starting on page 10.

And check out the calendar for plenty of other happenings around town throughout the month. Now that those extra hot days of summer are starting to get shorter (and hopefully cooler) we are fortunate to have so many family-friendly activities available across Clarksville.

I hope to see you!

Sincerely,

Carla Lavergne

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As fall approaches it is time again for downtown Clarksville's Riverfest Celebration. This year marks the 20th anniversary and as always, admission will be absolutely free for all ages on both days. A variety of activities are planned that should provide fun for the whole family.

The main festival is located at McGregor Park and will be open Friday, September 7th from 5:00 p.m. through 11:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.



Included on Saturday at this year's festival will be Riverfest Spirit Award Activities such as a Cheerleader Challenge, High School Marching Band Performances, and the Riverfest Dance Off.

Water enthusiasts will also enjoy the new river activities planned for Saturday. Wake board demonstrations by members of the Riverside Ride group will dazzle with their skills. Individual citizens, businesses, churches and industry can build their own cardboard boats and race them in the Riverfest Regatta.



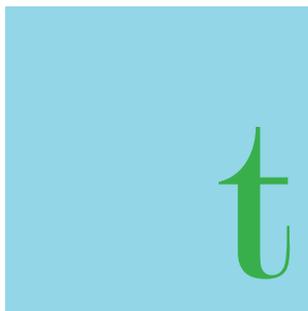
Three art exhibits will showcase the talent of artists of all ages at Smith-Trahern Mansion, the Customs House Museum and Cultural Center, and the Downtown Artists Co-Op. These juried exhibits are open to residents of Montgomery and surrounding counties. Over \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded to artists from the competitions.



The Kids Zone and Teen Areas will be loaded up with fun inflatables and challenging activities, so be prepared for lots of fun. Be prepared, you may get wet on some attractions!

Spirit Award Activities

To celebrate 20 years featuring the Clarksville community's talented citizens, Riverfest announces the 1st ever Clarksville Riverfest Spirit Award Activities. This program will feature Clarksville Montgomery County school students in a host of spirit award competitions and exhibitions in which they can show their talents and celebrate their spirit for the Clarksville community. The Riverfest Spirit Award festivities will be featured on Saturday, September 8, starting at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.



Elementary school students grades K-7 can sing with the stars in their very own Little Stars Competition on the Karaoke Stage. Age division awards will be for ages 5-7 years, 8-10 years and 11-13 years, with one winner from each category. Winners will receive trophies, gift certificates and an opportunity to audition before talent scouts from Nashville. Registration begins

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at 10:00 a.m. with the competition starting at 10:30 a.m.

High school bands are invited to rejoin the celebration after a long break from Riverfest by participating in the Riverfest Marching Band Parade Exhibition. Bands will march from the Wendy's bridge area to the Cumberland Stage to perform in an exhibition style performance where a group of judges will vote who's the best. High schools from a ten county area will be required to pre-register to win the Riverfest Best of the Best Marching Band trophy and \$150 for first place. Trophies will also be given for second and third place. Competition starts at 10:00 a.m.

Elementary school students can earn extra credit for their schools by participating in the Riverfest International Passport Tour of the many different international groups that help make our community unique. Students who register for their passports on-site will be required to visit each International Booth that will be set up and participate in activities that will be designed to teach the students about each culture that has made Clarksville home. Students will receive stamps in their passports to take to their teachers on Monday following the Riverfest Celebration. The International area will open Saturday at 12:00 p.m., immediately following the International performances, which start at 10:30 a.m.

High school dance teams can get into the mix of showing off their talents in the Little Dance-Off Competition. Dance teams will take the stage to show their best routines to judges for the bragging rights of being the best in a ten county area, the Dance-Off Trophy and \$150 for their team. Second and third place trophies will be awarded. Pre-registration is



required and will be sent to each high school. Competition begins at 12:30 p.m.

High school cheerleading squads make their debut at Riverfest by showing their spirit in a Cheer-Off competition. Cheerleading squads in a ten county area will be invited to participate by showing their best cheerleading and dance routines before judges for the Covenant Spirit Award trophy and \$150 for their squad. Second and third place trophies will also be given. Pre-registration is required and will be sent to each High School. Competition begins at 10:30 a.m.

Wake Board Demonstrations

The wake board demonstrations, presented by Thunder Road Auto and Marine, will be held on Saturday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Participants from the group Riverside Ride will be giving demonstrations of their wake boarding skills on the Cumberland along the banks of McGregor Park. Commentary will be given by Brian Heisinger, a founding

member of Riverside Ride, on the Miller Stage.

Fine Arts Exhibits

Again this year Riverfest offers the chance to see local artistry from a number of different ages and media on display.

This year's Senior Citizens Division, "All Grown Up," will be composed of artists aged 65 or higher from Montgomery and the surrounding counties. Categories of photography, painting and watercolor, 3D, fiber arts (including sculpture) and drawing will be included. Works will be on display at the Downtown Artist Co-Op Friday and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Amateur and Professional Division will show artists 18 or older from Montgomery and the surrounding counties. All artwork in this division will be original and never shown at previous Riverfest exhibits. Michael Aurbach, a professor of sculpture and drawing at Vanderbilt University, will juror this Division. Works will be on display at the Smith-Trahern Mansion on Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a reception from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The High School Division will be composed of artists attending high school and residing in Montgomery and the surrounding counties. As with the Amateur and Professional Division, all artwork in this division will be original and never shown at previous Riverfest exhibits. Works will be on display at the Customs House Museum Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the Amateur and Professional as well as High

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Big Cat Quest Fishing Tournament

The Bill Roach Memorial Tournament is now an annual event that coincides with Riverfest. Pre-registration will begin at Riverfront Park in the Bass Pro Shop's BCQ Tournament Trailer on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and last until 9:00 p.m. The tournament starts Saturday with the boundaries being the Cumberland River within the state of Tennessee.

Kids Zone and Teen Area

The Kids Zone and Teen Area will feature 18 attractions provided by Gear-To-Go Equipment Rental. Children 12 and under can ride on the inflatables like the Crazy Caterpillar, Tiger Belly Bounce and Octopus Bouncer all day with a \$5 armband. Teens will enjoy games and other attractions like the Bungee Run, Rock Wall and Iron Man Obstacle Course for \$2-\$5 per play.

The Creation Station will be provided by Progressive Directions on Saturday. Arts and Crafts for children ages 12 and under will be offered from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Riverfest Regatta

The Cardboard Boat Regatta will consist of participants who build their own boats using materials from a specified list and race them on the Cumberland River during timed heats with the fastest time being declared the winner in the respective classes. The course is 100 yards long.

Sign-in begins Saturday, September 8, at 9:00 a.m. at McGregor Park's Boat Ramp. Races are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Class I boats must be made of corrugated cardboard and propelled by paddles, oars, etc.
- Class I-Adult/Youth will be the same as Class I, but a parent/guardian must accompany participants 12-17 years of age in boat.
- Class II boats may be propelled by paddle wheels or sails.

Judges reserve the right to combine classes if necessary. Though the youth class will not be combined with adult classes.

There will be Adult Open, Adult/Youth Divisions, Business & Industry and Church Divisions. Approved materials include corrugated cardboard, duct tape,

silicone sealant, construction adhesive and paint.

Boats will be run four per time trial. Each class will be run separately with the quickest time being declared the winner. In the event of a tie, both vessels will be declared champion.

All boats/teams will be pre-judged prior to the racing competition. All awards will be announced and presented at the conclusion of the regatta.

Awards include

- "Ship Shape Award" for the most creative boat design.
- "Cardboard Queen Award" for the prettiest boat in the regatta.
- "Team Unity Award" for the most spirited and most organized team. (Looks don't matter here!)
- "Team Attire Award" for the most creative team costumes.
- "The Titanic Award" for the most spectacular sinking of your vessel, all components of your boat must be recovered to qualify.
- First, second, and third place in all Divisions if your boat makes it across the finish line.



Entry fees are \$10 per boat for Individuals and \$25 per boat for Businesses and Churches.

Vocal Star Competition

The first ten males and the first ten females who show up ready to perform in the competition will be accepted. All competitors must be ages 16-35. The competition will be held at the Karaoke Stage. Registration details and a registration form will be available

on the official Riverfest website, www.clarksvillerverfest.com.

Festival Policies

- No pets allowed.
- In case of inclement weather the evening events will be cancelled. Sorry no refunds will be issued.
- No outside food or drink allowed.
- No coolers allowed.
- No fights or foul language.
- No weapons of any kind. (No pocket knives allowed.)
- No drugs allowed.
- No roaming solicitation allowed.
- No flash photography, camcorders or recording devices during headlining concerts (after 8:00 p.m.) .
- Any violation of these policies will result in immediate confiscation of items and/or expulsion from the festival. In the interest of public safety, metal detectors will be in place at all gates to the festival all three days.

Boaters Information

Boaters will be required to stay 200 feet away from river bank at McGregor Park. Boaters may be stationary on the bank across the Cumberland River from McGregor Park (county side). Boats may not be stationary in the Cumberland River's channel. The Miller Stage will feature a projection screen for boaters to enjoy the show across the Cumberland River.

The Cumberland River will be closed from 8:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, from College Street to the mouth of the Red River for the fireworks display. River traffic will resume after the fireworks display is finished. River traffic may be subject to safety checks. These regulations are subject to change at any time.

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2007 Riverfest Entertainment Schedule

Friday, September 7th

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Display of Amateur and Professional Division Artists, Smith-Trahern Mansion
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Display of High School Division Artists, Customs House Museum
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Display of Senior Citizens Division Artists, Downtown Artist Co-Op
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Kids Zone and Teen Area Open
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Big Cat Quest Fishing Tournament Pre-Registration, Bass Pro Shop's BCQ Tournament Trailer
5:30 p.m.	Legacy, Gateway Stage
6:00 p.m.	Chris Monhollen, Miller Lite Stage
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Reception for Amateur and Professional Division Artists, Smith-Trahern Mansion
6:30 p.m.	Shadow, Gateway Stage
7:00 p.m.	Raw Country, Miller Lite Stage
7:30 p.m.	The New Rock & Roll Trio, Gateway Stage
8:00 p.m.	Confederate Rail Road, Miller Lite Stage
8:30 p.m.	Miss Candice, Gateway Stage
9:30 p.m.	Hip Kitty, Gateway Stage
9:30 p.m.	Kentucky Head Hunters, Miller Lite Stage

Saturday, September 8th

6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Big Cat Quest Fishing Tournament, Cumberland River
9:00 a.m.	Riverfest Regatta Sign-In, McGregor Park Boat Ramp
9:30 a.m.	Spirit Activities Registration, Miller Lite Stage
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Kids Zone and Teen Area Open
10:00 a.m.	Mountain Marionettes, Miller Lite Stage
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Riverfest Regatta Races, McGregor Park Boat Ramp

10:00 a.m.	Little Stars Registration, Karaoke Stage
10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Marching Band Exhibition, Gateway Stage
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Display of Amateur and Professional Division Artists, Smith-Trahern Mansion
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Display of High School Division Artists, Customs House Museum
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	International Groups, Miller Lite Stage
10:30 a.m.	Little Stars Competition, Karaoke Stage
10:30 a.m.	Cheer-Off Competition, Gateway Stage
12:00 p.m.	International Area Opens
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Display of Senior Citizens Division Artists, Downtown Artist Co-Op
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dance Academy Performances, Miller Lite Stage
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dance-Off Competition, Gateway Stage
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Creation Station Arts and Crafts for Children, Kids Zone
4:15 p.m.	Mountain Marionettes, Gateway Stage
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Wake Board Demonstration, Miller Lite Stage
5:00 p.m.	Mystery, Gateway Stage
6:00 p.m.	Eclipse, Gateway Stage
6:00 p.m.	Joel Brown, Miller Lite Stage
7:00 p.m.	Hypertension, Gateway Stage
7:00 p.m.	Dead Air Radio, Miller Lite Stage
8:00 p.m.	Marvelettes, Gateway Stage
8:00 p.m.	Abel Kane, Miller Lite Stage
9:15 p.m.	Fireworks Display
9:30 p.m.	The Cornell Gunter Coasters, Gateway Stage
9:30 p.m.	Black Stone Cherry, Miller Lite Stage

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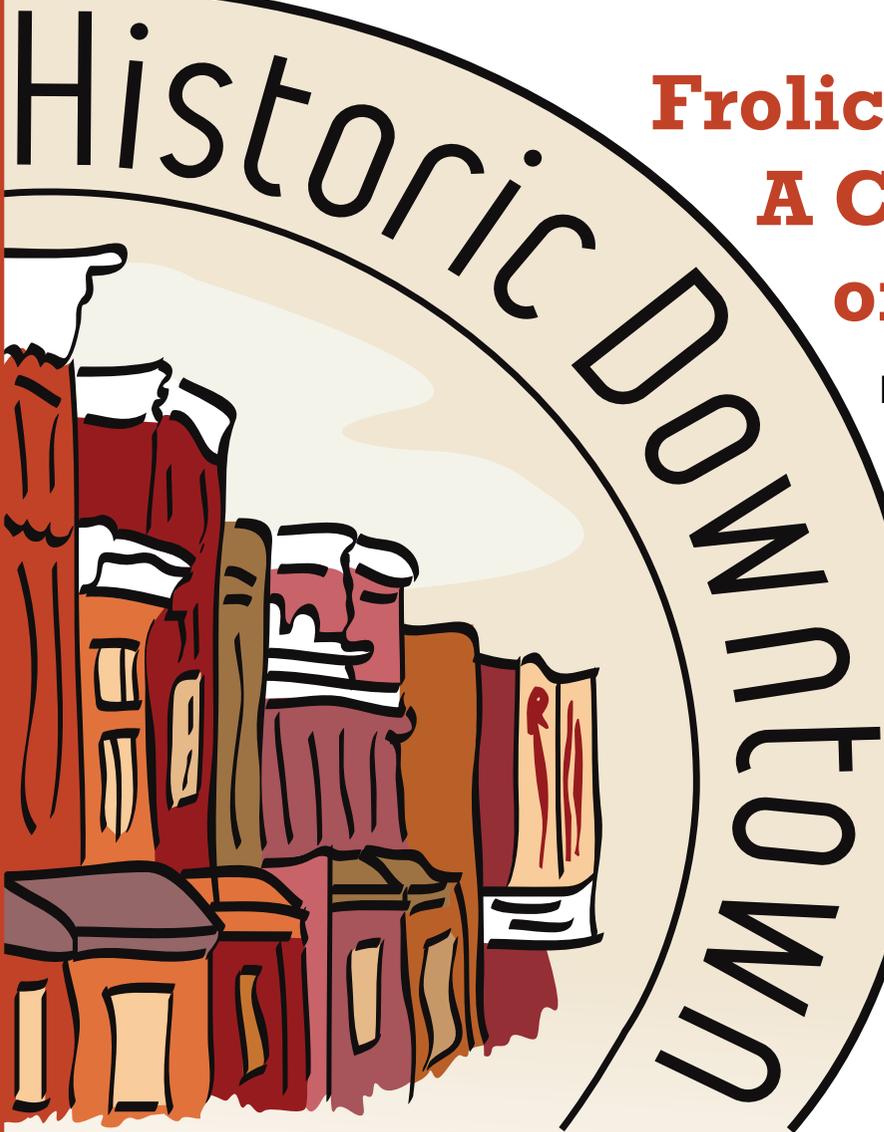


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by Paige King

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On September 22nd, the 100 block of Franklin Street will come alive with music, dance, theatre and art! This marks the Second Annual Frolic on Franklin: A Celebration of the Arts. Franklin Street will be teaming with artists displaying and selling their creations—paintings, jewelry, pottery, wood crafts and ceramics—if it is hand made it will be there! There will also be performing artists—bands, singers, dancers and players.

The concept is not new to historic downtown Clarksville. In the past there have been events such as Plenaire. This event, however, was conceived by the Downtown Clarksville Association (DCA) members to bring arts to the streets on the same day The Roxy Regional Theatre hosts its annual Gala.

The Gala brings hundreds of people from all over the region to The Roxy to enjoy an evening of fine food, art, and of course, theatre. The

Roxy has been producing theatre in Downtown Clarksville for 24 years and will open their 25th Anniversary season with *Grease*. For added excitement, reality TV star, Matt Nolan, of “You’re the One That I Want” will lead this professional cast as Danny Zuko. Ricki Holleman had a chance to preview the menu for the evening and commented, “This looks wonderful! Mark will love the Chocolate Dessert Bar.” As for me, they had me at the punch bar with offerings of Sangria and Mango

Slush Punch! Tickets are going fast, but may still be purchased at the box office, call (931) 645-7699 for more information. The tables seat ten, so why not gather a group of friends and make a night of it? (The production is rated PG—so most families will feel very comfortable bringing the kids along for this theatre experience.)

The Frolic on Franklin: A Celebration of the Arts portion of the festival is free and open to the public. There will be more than 40 artists displaying and selling their work. There will also be a minimum of five demonstrations to include pottery, wood working/turning, a letterpress and painting. This is a great opportunity for parents and children alike to watch and learn. There will also be some interactive opportunities for the children with sidewalk chalk and face painting. Susan Bryant of the APSU Art Department states, "The Student Art League participated last year and the members had a great time interacting with the kids. They'll be back again this year!"

Jennifer Ford of Dog Hill Pottery participated in last year's event and will be back again this year. She was grateful for the opportunity to gain the exposure. She added, "I find it very gratifying and encouraging to be part of a community that appreciates and values the contributions of local artists. My husband Barry (also an artist) and I consider these essential elements of any community we might consider as a home."

Frolic on Franklin: A Celebration of the Arts is supported by the generous donations of our sponsors. Through their contributions, we are able to offer this event with no charge to the displaying artists or the public. The phrase "struggling artist" is well-known and oft used—so we thought we'd make it as easy as possible for participating artists

to have every opportunity to make a profit instead of gambling on booth expense and the hopes of an interested audience.

Also supporting the event are the local businesses. Closing a city street is not taken lightly, as access to the businesses on the street is limited. However the businesses on Franklin Street support this event whole-heartedly. Dianne Mueller, part-owner of The Meandering Stitch (a full-service quilt shop) states, "Linda (Dianne's partner) and I had a great time with last year's Celebration of the Arts. We enjoy the art of quilting and really enjoy seeing other people's expression of themselves and their view of life. I believe it is very important for every individual to engage the arts at some level because we are naturally creative and social beings. We support Franklin Street Celebration of the Arts not only because it is great for business, but also because it fills our need to be creative and engaged with other people on a spiritual level." Retail businesses along the street will offer "Sidewalk Specials" during the event. Rogate Hadley, owner of Rogate's Boutique, is very happy to see this event take hold as a regular festival for Clarksville. She adds, "I was skeptical that the event would bring any new traffic into my shop, but the reality was I had the best sales since my move to downtown. I'm convinced this is the right thing to do!" Further, there will be no additional

food vendors on the street—so attendees are encouraged to visit the restaurants on and around Franklin Street. Last year many parents commented on the fact that they appreciated that they didn't have to run the gauntlet of the usual junk food of most festivals.

As historic downtown Clarksville continues to regain strength as a viable business, shopping and dining district we hope to increase the number of festivals and activities for the families of Clarksville and the surrounding area. The DCA is firmly committed to the concept of combining the arts with the revitalization of the downtown area. Further, the DCA is proud to be part of the revitalization of this important part of Clarksville history. We invite you to come and experience all we have to offer. Historic downtown Clarksville is a great place to shop, dine and frolic!

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For many of us, “back to school” often means “back to chaos!” After a summer of swimming, picnicking, vacationing and evenings at home, getting back into the school routine can often be a daunting task. In fact, sometimes parents feel as if their primary role is to simply direct all of the activities in which their children participate! Below I have listed several tips to help ensure a smoother back to school transition and to hopefully add a little peace to our hectic homes.

1) Keep a visual family calendar.

PDA's and Blackberries are wonderful tools; however, most of our children aren't able to decode electronic schedules. By keeping a wall calendar (even one with pictures of activities for younger children) everyone can see what the family schedule looks like each day. Teach children to place their own activities on the calendar. This will help them learn to schedule at an early age which will be very helpful as they near high school age. Put test dates, project due dates, evening activities and weekend events on the calendar. Use a different color for each member of the family to keep things more organized. A memo board with a dry erase calendar works great!

2) Create a “home office” for your child to do his or her homework each evening.

This can be as simple as a TV tray in the corner of the living room or as elaborate as a desk in his or her bedroom. By providing a space

that is all his own, your child is more likely to learn to work independently and to initiate the completion of homework. Offer to check the homework when it is completed or to assist with difficult items after your child has finished. Keep supplies such as extra pencils, notebook paper, crayons, scissors, and poster boards on hand to eliminate those last minute shopping trips the night before projects are due.

3) Use a weekly meal calendar to plan for evening meals.

At the beginning of each week take a little time to plan each evening's meal and make a shopping list to include those items needed. Do grocery shopping weekly so that you have all necessary items on hand. By planning ahead you will save both time and money (by eliminating impulse shopping when hungry, and frequent drive through trips). Look for some great slow cooker recipes and dinner can be ready when you walk in the door—what a treat!

4) Pack lunches, lay out clothes and check your child's backpack or agenda each evening.

We've all experienced that “I have nothing to wear” moment, whether personally or from the screams of our children. By teaching our kids to plan ahead these stressful moments are much less likely to occur. Additionally even the most responsible child often forgets to share important information with the parents. By making sure you look for notes from the teacher each evening you can avoid the

morning stress often associated with the unexpected.

5) Carpool with other parents.

We often “need a little help from our friends.” By developing a carpool schedule for school, gymnastics, soccer practice, dance or wherever your kids are heading, you will be amazed at the time you can save!

6) Just say NO!

When all else fails, sometimes it helps to simply say, “No!” Before you find yourself in that state of never-ending chaos, re-evaluate your commitments, as well as your child's. It is virtually impossible to do it all. Don't be afraid to politely decline if necessary. People do it—really!

Parenting is one of the most satisfying experiences life has to offer. Make sure you aren't so busy you're missing out on that experience. Take some time to simply enjoy your child. I've heard it won't be long until we'll be looking for things to do because they'll be grown and on their own. Boredom? I'll believe it when I see it!!

Have a great year!!

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Alicia, a mother of three, had managed retail stores for many years. She decided the need for a business dedicated to mothers and mothers-to-be was too great to go unfilled, so she opened Plum Maternity earlier this summer.

Plum offers more than 20 brands of maternity clothes including Belabumbum and La leche maternity bras, Bump Couture, Belly Basics, Bella Band, Chiarakruza, Olian, Bebe au Lait, Anticipation, Fashion Bump, Juliet Dream, Ripe!, Maternal America and Rockstar Moms. Maternity clothing from underwear, tops, pants, jeans, dresses, swimwear, capris and shorts to other items like personal care, stretch mark

remedies, diaper bags and jewelry are all available.

The clothing Plum offers spans from casual and everyday items to business attire and formalwear, in all sizes. Plum also carries Snugglebaby slings which are custom made to fit a mom's personal measurements.

There is a room for mothers to breastfeed or change a diaper, and a playroom so you can drop your children off while you shop the store.

Even though Plum was created for moms, men are still welcome. What better place to shop for her next present?

Plum's hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. For more information visit their website, www.plummaternityboutique.com or call (931) 647-4599.

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The End of Summer

by Pastor Chris Edmondson

Do you remember how exciting summers used to be when you were a kid? You just couldn't wait until May came around because you knew that after the tests, class parties, and field days finally passed you would be out of school.

The season loses its excitement when you grow into adulthood and get "a real job," because there are no "summer breaks." In fact, I guess that kind of happens with a lot of things in life...summer breaks, Christmas, losing a tooth, and even birthdays.

I have many fond memories of summers growing up here in Clarksville. I used to love chasing lightning bugs and capturing them in an old Ball jar. It was as if the stars had fallen out of the sky and decided to hover over the fields.

I can also recall jumping off the high dive for the first time into the pool at Barksdale. It's amazing how the diving board gets taller when you're on it than when you're just looking at it from the ground! You ask questions like, "Will my dad, in the water below, really catch me?" "Is he really that strong?" "Why am I so afraid?"

It reminds me of something Jesus said:

"Jesus said, 'If you want to get to heaven, you must return to square one and start over like children.'"

Matthew 18:3

We must be like children. The same questions we ask as kids, we

ask of the heavenly Father when we grow up, don't we? "Will my Father really catch me when I fall?" "Is He really that strong?" "Is He really good?" When fear rides into our lives because of sickness, financial problems, or the death of someone we love, we find ourselves asking these probing questions of the Lord. It becomes a testing ground of our faith. What have we really learned? Whom do we really put our trust in?

The bible says:

"So let us come boldly to our gracious God. He will give us mercy and we will find grace to help us in the time we need it most."

Hebrews 4:16

When you find yourself being pushed to the edge of the high dive by the circumstances of life, remember that the Lord is there with you and he will catch you, because He is strong enough and He longs to do so. Even though we may want to run and hide as we face difficult areas and fears in our lives I want to encourage you to run to the Lord and cling to Him. He will take care of you.

If your lazy days of summer haven't been that lazy. And you're no longer having any fun in the sun. And you've lost the "twinkle in your eye" that you had when you were a kid—might I give you a bit of advice? Get around a child. See the world through their eyes, do the things children do, and when you see their excitement you might get excited too! You will become

excited again because you will be around someone who hasn't lost their excitement!

The same principles apply to our spiritual lives. If the truth of scripture is mundane, even boring to you, the good news is you can reclaim the spiritual wonder you once had. You can get excited about the things of God again when you hang around people who are still pumped up! Go to church this Sunday. I don't believe it matters what church you go to, as long as the church loves Jesus and is excited about God.

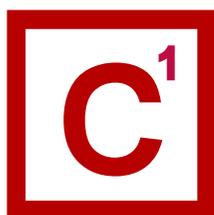
If I may reminisce just once more... I also couldn't wait until school started back. You know why? I received new school supplies. A new box of crayons, new paper with new folders, and even a new lunch box! I loved the "newness." You can have newness in Christ every day of your life; all you need to do is ask him!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

God can make your life brand new if you will let Him. All you need to do is ask, and He'll do the rest!

Chris Edmondson is a father of three boys and is happily married to his best friend. He is the pastor of oneChurch, a new church meeting in Clarksville every Sunday morning at the Great Escape Movie Theatres. Check them out at exitonechurch.org.

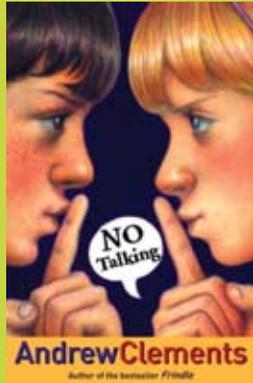


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No Talking

by Andrew Clements, Ages 9-12

The fifth-grade girls and boys at Laketon Elementary don't get along very well. But the real problem is that these kids are loud and disorderly. That's why the principal uses her red plastic bullhorn. A lot.



can say the fewest words during two whole days? And it's the boys against the girls.

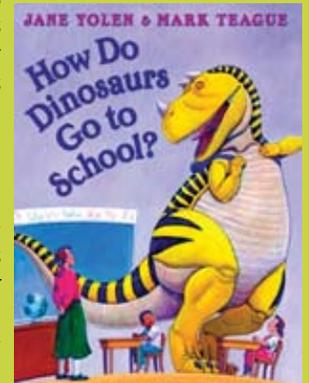
How do the teachers react to the silence? What happens when the principal feels she's losing control? And will Dave and Lynsey plunge the whole school into chaos? This funny and surprising book is about language and thought, about words unspoken, words spoken in anger, and especially about the power of words spoken in kindness...with or without a bullhorn. It's Andrew Clements at his best—thought-provoking, true-to-life, and very entertaining.

How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?

by Jane Yolen & Mark Teague, Ages 4-8 (PreSchool-Grade 2)

A new cast of brightly colored dinosaurs appears in this charming back-to-school story. The text's easy rhyme and rhythm will be familiar to those who have read other books in this series, and Teague's

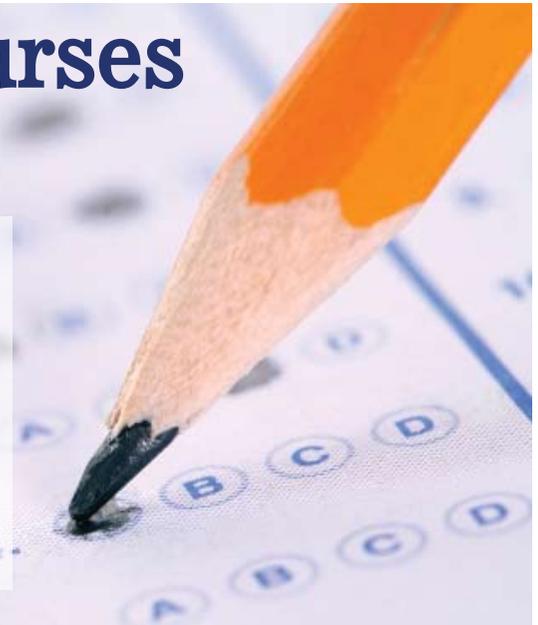
charismatic and naughty dinosaurs will continue to delight readers with their antics and exuberance. The illustration accompanying "DOES A DINOSAUR YELL?" is sure to elicit smiles as an excited Herrerasaurus leaps out of his chair proudly holding up a newly lost tooth. His teacher looks annoyed, but his classmates all turn toward him with their own gap-toothed grins. The 10 dinosaurs that appear are identified on the endpapers where each is hard at work or play. Stygimoloch, using one arm to prop up his raised hand, is also likely to draw a smile from veteran teachers.



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- Be sure to include child's name, age, address, phone number, and e-mail address so that winners may be notified.

Judging:

- Entries will be judged every other month, and prizes will be awarded accordingly.
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- Six prizes will be awarded in 3 age categories: ages 4 and under, ages 5-8, and ages 9-12.
- Prizes may be claimed at either Chick-fil-A Location in Clarksville. (Governor's Square Mall or Madison Street)

Winners:

- Winners will be announced in the October 2007 issue of Clarksville Family Magazine.
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3 MONDAY

Labor Day Holiday

Blood Drive

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 585 S Riverside Dr. For information call (931) 645-6401 or (931) 249-4995.

6 THURSDAY

Elementary School Open House

All Clarksville/Montgomery County elementary schools.

7 FRIDAY

Riverfest

Friday and Saturday at McGregor Park Riverwalk and downtown Clarksville.

Clarksville celebrates its cultural diversity with original art, music and dance. Feast on specialty foods, and enjoy a series of concerts ranging from Country and Rock to R&B and Hip Hop. Three original art competitions and exhibits are featured downtown in conjunction with the festival. Free admission. See full preview starting on Page 6.

8 SATURDAY

Child Safety Program

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Gary Mathews Motors.

The DNA LifePrint Child Safety Event, endorsed by John Walsh, aims to provide parents with tools recommended by the FBI and the Department of Justice, such as biometric fingerprinting and DNA identification kits. This program provides parents and law enforcement with vital information that will be needed if a child is missing. There will be no databasing. The event sponsors do not keep any records of you or your child attending. This event is free.

Gary Mathews Motors, 1100 Ashland City Rd. For more information call (931) 552-1700.



Last Day for Chess Club Registration

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Crown Community Center.

Teens ages 10-14 can participate in weekly meetings and games. Tournaments will be hosted in Fall 2007 and Spring 2008.

Meetings held each Monday 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Crow Community Center.

Contact Mackel Reagan for more information at (931) 647-3071.



Baby Fair

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Governor's Square Mall. Fashion show at 1:00 p.m.

Expecting parents and family will find great childcare tips and vendors including local businesses, day care providers, state departments, and more will help prepare expecting mothers. Free goody bags to the first 50 at the fashion show!

Call (931) 552-0289 for more information.

9 SUNDAY

Grandparent's Day

13 THURSDAY

High School Parent/Teacher Conferences

All Clarksville/Montgomery County high schools.

14 FRIDAY

Fall 2007 Conference Featuring Dr. Allen Mallory

Presented by the Two Rivers Association for the Education of Young Children, Clarksville/Montgomery County Public Library, 350 Pageant Lane, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Allen Mallory's comedy club sellouts, keynote speeches and television appearances have endeared him to audiences everywhere. One of the most in-demand speakers on child care in the country, he is also one of the most enjoyed. He is also a popular stand-up comic on the comedy club circuit.

Dr. Mallory's unique ability to inject humor into serious topics is unmatched. He has nearly 30 years of experience in all areas of child care as an aide, teacher, director, author and professor. His formal education includes B.S. and M.S. degrees in child development and an Ed.D. in early childhood education. Additionally, he has consulted with governors and members of Congress, is an active child advocate, and serves on a number of child care committees. Dr. Mallory is also a former president of the Alabama Association for the Education of Young Children, a SECA board member, and a Head Start director.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. the TECTA 15th Anniversary Open House

6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Registration

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Laugh and Learn with Dr. Allen Mallory

15 SATURDAY

Fall 2007 Conference

Presented by the Two Rivers Association for the Education of Young Children, Kenwood Middle School, 241 E Pine Mountain Road.

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Developmentally Appropriate Practice

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Professional Development

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Discipline



New Star Discovery Pageant

Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. at Governor's Square Mall, JC Penney Court.

Children ages baby to 6 years are eligible to participate in this one-of-a-kind baby event. Contact New Star Discovery at (815) 227-1070 x223 for details.

Olen Bryant Exhibit Opening Reception

Customs House Museum, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. See more details on page 23. Free to public.

22 SATURDAY

Frolic on Franklin: A Celebration of the Arts

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 100 block of Franklin Street.

Come enjoy local artists and their works in a festival atmosphere building up to the kickoff of the Roxy's 25th season with their annual fundraising Gala at 7:00 p.m.

Frolic on Franklin is free and open to the public and features over 40 artists and their works on display and for sale. Entertainment will include bands, singers, dancers and players. There will also be

at least five demonstrations so visitors can witness how the art is made, as well as a sidewalk chalk art area for children. See the article on page 10 for more information.

25 TUESDAY

Dyslexia Seminar for Parents

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Beyond the Books, 2535 Madison Street Suite F (past Sango Wal-Mart).

Free admission. Limited to 15 participants so register early by calling (931) 358-5405.

Fundom Kids Renaissance Festival

Through the 29th at Fundom Kids, 221 Gifford Place, Joelton, TN.

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The end of the festival will see the unveiling of the new play passes with several children able to win play passes during some of the events. In order to qualify for the play pass giveaway, your child must win one competition during the 25th through 28th. Winners will come back and compete on the 29th against the other daily "champions" for the play passes. All children can compete on the 29th, however only those who have prequalified

during the week will be eligible to win passes.

Activities where you can win play passes will be: Pedal to the Metal, Gauntlet, Stick Horse Jousting, Best Dressed for the Festival (best home made knights or princess costumes). Other activities will include: themed crafts, face painting, balloon art and more.

For more information call (615) 299-0206 or visit fundomkids.com.

27 THURSDAY

Elementary School Parent/Teacher Conferences

All Clarksville/Montgomery County elementary schools.

Friends of Dunbar Cave Meeting

Board meeting at 6:00 p.m., speaker starts at 7:00 p.m.

28 FRIDAY

Home-Based/Small Business Shop-a-Ganza Event

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Executive Dining Area of the Emmanuel Family Life Center located at 303 Fairview Lane.

29 SATURDAY

Fall Festival and Talent Search

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Governor's Square Mall.

Registration for the Talent Search begins at 2:00 p.m. Compete and win prizes! Age categories are 6-11, 12-17, and 18 to adult. One winner will be selected from each group.

Race for the Cure Sign Ups

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Governor's Square Mall Center Court.

Pre-register for the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure to be held on November 3, 2007.

Movies in the Park

7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Heritage Park located on the corner of Peachers Mill Road and 101st Airborne Parkway.

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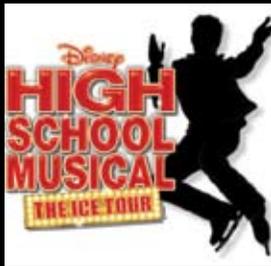
Music and Entertainment Calendar



1 SATURDAY

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13 THURSDAY

Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour

Sommet Center (Nashville Arena) through Sunday, September 16.

Tickets are \$52.00, \$39.50, \$25.75 and \$18.75. Seating chart and other information available at nashvillearena.com or by calling (615) 770-2000.

15 SATURDAY

Jazz on the Lawn - King Bees

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Beachaven

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17 MONDAY

WWE Raw

7:00 p.m. at Sommet Center (Nashville Arena).

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Tickets are \$72.50, \$52.50, \$42.50, \$32.50 and \$22.50. Seating chart and other information at nashvillearena.com or by calling (615) 770-2000.

20 THURSDAY

Nashville Predators Preseason Game

7:00 p.m. at Sommet Center (Nashville Arena). Ticket prices and information available at www.nashvillepredators.com or by calling (615) 770-2000.



21 FRIDAY

Rascal Flatts - Still Feels Good Tour

8:00 p.m. at Sommet Center (Nashville Arena).

Tickets are \$63.00 and \$39.75. Seating chart and other information available at nashvillearena.com or by calling (615) 770-2000.



23 SUNDAY

Nashville Predators Preseason Game

7:00 p.m. at Sommet Center (Nashville Arena). Ticket prices and information available at www.nashvillepredators.com or by calling (615) 770-2000.

29 SATURDAY

Nashville Predators Preseason Game

7:00 p.m. at Sommet Center (Nashville Arena). Ticket prices and information available at www.nashvillepredators.com or by calling (615) 770-2000.

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mom-time, lively-discussions, a Christian environment to dwell in and many fulfilling memories to last in the future! For more information about MOPS of Clarksville at First Baptist Church or about joining the Clarksville chapter visit www.orgsites.com/tn/mops_fbc or contact Coordinator, Dawn Wells at dawnwells@charter.net or (931) 551-3590. Hope to see you soon!

13 THURSDAY Safety Awareness For Our Children

A speaker from a public service occupation will come talk with us

and give us tips on how to keep our children safe. We will enjoy brunch, games and discussion time. Our craft will be making night lights for our children's room.

13 THURSDAY

Project Kid Care

A local doctor will come to discuss ways to keep our children healthy and give us important information about their health. We will enjoy a yummy brunch, play a few "get to know each other" games and have some discussion group conversation time.



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Olen Bryant: A Retrospective
Crouch, Bruner and Orgain Galleries, September 15 through December 31.

Rarely does an institution have the privilege to present a retrospective of an artist whose quiet influence has profoundly affected so many people. As a teacher, friend and artist, Tennessee native Olen Bryant has been gently guiding generations to find their own artistic voices, while still following his own.

Guest Curator Tom Rice has assembled a collection of Bryant sculpture in clay, stone and wood from the early 1950s to recently-completed work.

Olen Bryant was the recipient of the Distinguished Artist Award at the 2007 Governor's Awards in the Arts. He holds a Master of Fine Arts from Cranbrook Academy of Art, and has studied both in the United States and abroad. Bryant is a founding member of the Tennessee Association of Craft Artists and a Professor Emeritus of Art, Austin Peay State University.

Meet the artist at the opening reception, Saturday, September 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The reception is free and open to the public.

Eastern Cherokee Black Pottery
Treasures Vault, Heritage Hall.
Philenese Slaughter, immediate past president of the Native Cultural Circle, shows selections of 20th century Native American blackware.

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The Kids Are Back in School...How About You?

Maybe It's Your Turn Now

by Cindy Chambers

As a recruiter at a college designed for working adults, I've enrolled hundreds of mothers who have decided to return to school. And while there are dozens of arguments for going back to college, moms give me the same reason time and time again, "It's my turn now."

Sometimes the sentence is spoken softly, sometimes tearfully, but always with a sense of pride. And why not? For many mothers, college is something that comes only after everyone else's needs are taken care of.



Sherry Lyle

Finally, It's Their Turn

For some mothers, like Sherry Lyle, that turn comes fairly quickly. Sherry, now 32, had attended traditional college classes part-time for years. But with a full-time job, a busy minister-husband and a growing family, graduation seemed a lifetime away. With the birth of her third and final daughter in 2004 she knew it was time to finish what she'd started.

"Chelsea was four months old, Kayla was two, and Kyla was three when I enrolled in Bethel," Sherry recalls. "I wanted to finish college before the girls started school themselves." She attended classes one night a week for just 14 months, and admits the girls hardly knew she was gone. Now Sherry, who received her bachelor's degree in 2005, has time to devote to the girls' schoolwork, instead of her own.

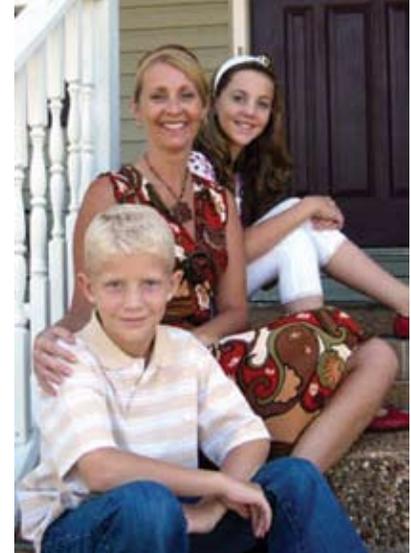
While many moms, especially those who juggle full-time jobs, think they don't have time to go to college, today's degree-programs are vastly different than they were even a decade before. Accelerated programs like Bethel abound, and dozens of accredited online degrees are just a mouse-click away.

These aren't your mama's colleges. Designed to fit today's busy lifestyles, they allow students to focus on their futures without sacrificing their current obligations.

Like many mothers, those obligations kept Clarksvillian Tammy Rumpfelt from finishing traditional college classes. "Attending class full-time just didn't work well for me because it was taking away from my two children," she says. "I wanted to complete my degree in a way that was comfortable for them—not just for me."

As a result, she stayed away from college for several years. But when she divorced, she realized a degree was vital to her children's future. And that's when Tammy enrolled in Bethel's accelerated program.

"Attending class one night a week takes very little away from my kids, but it means everything to me," she says. "I don't have to sacrifice my children's childhoods for my future success."



Tammy Rumpfelt, with daughter Paige and son Colton

Daughter Paige, now 11, and son Colton, 8, are proud of their mom. Tammy's proud, too, and more optimistic than ever. "My financial future looks much brighter now. Experience alone isn't enough anymore. Once you get your degree, it opens up so many possibilities."

As a college recruiter—and a mom who graduated from college at the "youthful" age of 49—I understand how Tammy, Sherry and other mothers feel. After all, I waited until my own children graduated from college before going back myself.

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LA LECHE LEAGUE OF CLARKSVILLE-FORT CAMPBELL

Meets third Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the Clarksville-Montgomery Public Library. All breastfeeding mothers and mothers-to-be interested in breastfeeding are welcome. Babies are always welcome at meetings. Local LLL leaders are available to provide information, support and answer questions: Gini at (931) 906-8946 or Sara at (270) 439-2723

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Contact Patsy Shell at (931) 648-1884 for more information.

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A local support group for people who have undergone ileostomy, colostomy, urostomy or who suffer from Crohn's disease or other diseases of the bowel. Support for Ostomy Patients meets in the Cumberland Room the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. For more information call (931) 551-1530.

CLARKSVILLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by Tennessee Voices for Children as a place for parents/caretakers and family members of children ages 0-23 who experience emotional, behavioral, and mental health issues to receive help. Meets monthly (3rd Thursday of the month) at the Emmanuel Life Center, 301 Fairview Lane, Clarksville 37040. Childcare is provided but it is requested that parents/caretakers call to verify they will need childcare. Contact Monica Causey, (931) 801-0895 or (800) 670-9882.

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For those who are trying to cope with the death of a loved one. The support group is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library. For

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The parish nurses of Grace Lutheran and Sango United Methodist churches offer a twelve week class for adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. To register or to find out when the next class begins, call Grace Lutheran at (931) 647-6750 or Sango United Methodist Church at (931) 358-2552.

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NAMI (National Alliance of the Mentally Ill)

Support group meets the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 150 Richview Rd. For information call Bertha at (931) 216-3590 or Debi at (866) 9091-6264.

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LA LECHE LEAGUE OF CLARKSVILLE-FORT CAMPBELL
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Remembering Victoria

by Morgan Ladd, Age 12

I had a mentally challenged friend who was always picked on at school. My friend and I always played with her when she felt sad. My parents wanted a bigger house so we moved across town about 2 years ago.

On Monday, August 6, I read about a girl in the newspaper who had drowned at Swan Lake Pool. Well, the next day I got a call from my old friend telling me that our friend that lived up the street had drowned. Suddenly my heart started to pound and I asked her, "What friend?" She said, "The girl that always got picked on. You know the challenged one?" We couldn't remember her name. I tried hard not to cry; I told her I had to go and I went outside to sit. I then started to cry.

Everyone who picked on her never got to say "sorry" and none of us got to say "good bye." I am still sad and I pray for her family every night. I miss her.



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