

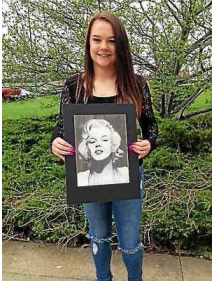
CV hosts Arts Festival at Clinton-Macomb Library



Dakota High School students display artwork that will be shown at the district's 2016 Festival of the Arts, held at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library Main Library. Pictured in the back row top left to right are Christina Mendez and Madeline Topor. In the middle row left to right are Mary Ciemerych and Nicole Jendrusina. In the front row left to right are Allison Hein, Jordan Hliebav and Rebecca Yang. Photo courtesy of DEBRA GROTH

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Dakota High School student Alexis Jefferies displays her drawing of Marilyn Monroe, which will be shown at the district's 2016 Festival of the Arts, held at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library Main Library. Photo courtesy of DEBRA GROTH

Chippewa Valley Schools district middle and high school music students have the opportunity to perform before a special audience during the Chippewa Valley Schools Festival of the Arts.

The festival kicked off Tuesday and runs through May 5 at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library in Clinton Township, said organizer Suzan Casteel, a band teacher at Algonquin Middle School in Clinton Township.

The festival "showcases student work, their artwork, and we have two performance nights," Casteel said.

The April 28 performance night will feature students from Chippewa Valley elementary schools Huron, Clinton Valley, Cheyenne, Erie and Fox. The May 3 performance night will feature a band and choir from Algonquin Middle School, a band from Iroquois Middle School and a choir from Dakota High School.

The May 3 performances will have a special audience of senior citizens from senior living facilities within the boundaries of the Chippewa Valley Schools district. The plan of offering free busing to senior citizens from local senior living facilities to view middle and high school performances first began last year, Casteel said.

“They were a great audience for us last year,” she said.

The largest group of the most enthusiastic participants used their own bussing and arrived from Rose Senior Living in Clinton Township.

Every school in the Chippewa Valley Schools district will have artwork representation at the festival.

The festival setting is designed only to display student talent -- it does not include judging for prizes. Library showcases will display 3D artwork such as jewelry or sculpture.

“We’ve never had to turn anything down when it comes to 3D artwork. They have done a fabulous job of fitting it in the cases,” Casteel said.

Two dimensional art pieces are selected at the discretion of teachers.

High school and elementary school artwork will be displayed on the library’s first floor, and middle school artwork will be displayed on the second floor. Parents will be able to locate the artwork of their child’s school as the displays are listed alphabetically according to school.

The Chippewa Valley Schools Festival of the Arts will be held April 26 to May 5 at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library Main Library in Clinton Township. Art display hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m. Musical performances will be held in a library auditorium on April 28 from 6-8 p.m. and on May 3 6-8 p.m.