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Kindergartner raises over \$1,000

Concord kindergartner **Jordan Lamoruex** recently raised nearly \$1,200 to help repair a playground at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic School in Michigan City, Ind. She is the daughter of **Tammy Lamoruex**, who graduated from the school with Jordan's aunt, **Camille Higdon**. Jordan's grandmother **Arleen Fowler** also graduated from the school.

In 2007, vandals set a fire under the playground equipment, which caused the slide to melt and made other key pieces unsafe for children.

While vacationing in Texas, Jordan overheard her aunt talking about the vandalized playground and decided to raise money to help fix it.

Jordan raised money by writing letters to family and friends and selling bookmarks and brownies. She also wrote a letter to Play Mart, a playground equipment manufacturer, about the damaged gear, and Play Mart matched her donation.

Jordan visited the school in March and was presented with a banner, a thank-you card and a sweatshirt with the school's logo. A sign also was erected in her honor.

Mail carriers collect food

Local mail carriers collected 21,800 pounds of food as part of the U.S. Postal Service's nationwide food drive on May 10.

Participants left donations near or in their mailboxes, and carriers collected them during their routes.

The food will benefit the pantries of the Cooperative Christian Ministry, Salvation Army and Operation Bread Basket.

Jarvi wins art competition

Charlotte artist **Carmella Jarvi** won first place in the Cabarrus Arts Council Galleries' regional juried art competition, "Summertime," for her pastel of a figure in water titled "Peace." She received \$200, accommodations for two in Charleston, and the opportunity for her work to be featured for three months in Charleston's Edward Dare Gallery.

Sandra Siepert of Charlotte took second-place prize and \$200, and **Diane Caudle** of Monroe placed third for \$100. Merit awards of \$50 went to **Bre Barnett Crowell** of Charlotte, **Jane Chapman Hall** of Charlotte, **Jody Hunter** of Concord, **Ronda Morris** of Mount Pleasant, **Joy Moser** of Concord, and Siepert.

Julie Sweat, owner of Edward Dare Gallery in Charleston and Sandpiper Gallery on Sullivan's Island, chose the winners out of 53 entries from 29 artists.

Other artists selected for the "Summertime" exhibit are **Carey Carroll**, Concord; **Carie Irving**, Concord; **Donna Knorr**, Concord; **Marty Lineberger**, Spencer; **Steve Mitchem**, Harrisburg; **Richard Schmidt**, Concord; **Walter Stanford**, Kannapolis; **Chelsey Tyler**, Harrisburg; **Jutta Vest**, Concord; and **Leigh Williams**, Charlotte.

"Summertime" will be on display through July 3.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Galleries also will be open on June 7. Details: 704-920-2787 or www.CabarrusArtsCouncil.org.

Snickerdoodles win dance prize

The **Snickerdoodles** won a gold medal and Best of Show in the line dance category at the recent Cabarrus Senior Games Silverarts Follies.

Team members are **Bill Caudle**, **Ron Chandler**, **Tom Edwards**, **Len Hill**, **Kent Jones**, **Mike Stubbs**, **Frank Whitley** and **Ray Whitson**. They bested nearly 40 other acts and will go to the state finals in September in Raleigh.

Men for Change taking donations

Donations for **CVAN's** Men for Change fundraising campaign will be accepted until June 1.

The nonprofit domestic violence program in Cabarrus County is seeking men and men's groups to take a public stand against domestic violence by making gifts of \$100 or more.

Individuals and groups can make donations. Donations can be made in honor of or in memory of a man who exemplifies the spirit of the project. All participants will be listed in three community-wide newspaper ads on Father's Day, June 15.

Last year, nearly 650 supporters raised \$54,000. Proceeds help CVAN provide safety, shelter and support for battered women and their children.

Donations can be mailed to CVAN, P.O. Box 1749, Concord, NC 28026-1749.

For more information, call 704-788-1108. CVAN's 24-hour crisis line is 704-788-2826. Cabarrus People | Lukas Johnson