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Centerville sets citywide garage sale dates

Registration for the 2017 Centerville Citywide Garage Sale is now open. Centerville residents may register their sale online at www.centervilleohio.gov or complete the form included in the spring issue of the Town Crier. Registration will remain open until noon, April 14.

Centerville's annual Citywide Garage Sale is April 27-29, 2017, with sales taking place 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day in City neighborhoods. Last year almost 300 Centerville households participated.

Following the garage sale, the annual free bulk-item pickup will be on Centerville waste collection customers' regular collection day, May 1-4. For more information, call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov.

Landscape design program offered March 11

Landscape design is the topic for the City Beautiful Commission's spring education program. Jill Early, landscape designer for Kettering Medical Center, is the keynote presenter. The event is 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Centerville High School Theater, 500 E. Franklin Street. Admission is free and open to the public. Door prizes will be awarded during the event. For more information, visit www.centervilleohio.gov.

Library offers Downsizing for Seniors program

Washington-Centerville Public Library will host Downsizing for Seniors on Tuesday, March 14, from 7-8 p.m. at Centerville Library. Allen Nelson of Next Steps Senior Transitions will present ideas for downsizing your home, whether you are preparing it for sale or staying.

Attendees can learn how to use consignment, auctions, estate sales, donations, and online resources to help get homes emptied and ready to put on the market.

The program is free, but registration is necessary to provide adequate take-home materials. To register, visit wclibrary.info/events or call the Centerville Library at 433-8091.

Centerville Schools names Kim Teacher of the Year



Sherry Kim teaches her English Language Arts class on Monday, March 6 at Tower Heights Middle School in Centerville. Kim was recently chosen as the 2017 Teacher of the Year for the school district.

Staff Report

Centerville City Schools recognized three middle school teachers during its most recent

Board of Education meeting, including Sherry Kim, an English Language Arts teacher at Tower Heights Middle School,

who was named the district's 2017 Teacher of the Year.

"I am very honored to receive the Teacher of the Year award," Kim said. "I have been teaching in Centerville for 16 years, and I still feel very fortunate to be associated with such prestigious educators, both former and present. The Centerville community and parents are very supportive of the teachers and of the school district. All these factors, working in tandem, make for an outstanding school district for our Centerville student population.

"I love teaching because I get an opportunity to not only inspire my students academically, but personally," she continued. "Teaching affords me the opportunity to instill in them a love of reading and writing, and those are

skills that hopefully they carry through for the rest of their lives."

Kim found that passion for teaching after becoming a substitute teacher in the mid-1990s for a nearby school district that was experiencing a sub shortage. Kim eventually went back to college to obtain her teaching certificate.

"After a few years of subbing and several long-term assignments, I knew that teaching was my passion," Kim said. "Upon completing my student teaching and finishing a long-term assignment, I was hired by Centerville City Schools and in turn, I have had the privilege of teaching at Tower Heights for my entire career."

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Optimist Club announces Community Champion Award

The Centerville Noon Optimist Club has announced the Second Annual Optimist Community Champion Award recipients. This award recognizes local citizens in the South Dayton communities who are unsung heroes and champions. The goal is to recognize citizens who have played a major role in helping children and families. The Optimist Club recognizes people, who in the course of everyday life have made an extraordinary impact through efforts that have enhanced the well being in our community.

Recipients for 2016-2017 included Doctor Marc Colclasure, owner of Synergy Family Therapy Specialists in Centerville and Karen Chatman recently retired from the

Centerville School System. Marc was honored for working with his patients daily and improving their quality of life with pride and passion. He makes a difference in their lives especially with the children he treats. He has a major impact on their lives. He is more than just their PT, he is a friend, someone who cares and someone who wants the best for each person he meets. And that is what a community champion is all about. Bringing out the best.

Karen has made major impact with many students as a Special Education Teacher. She ran a school club called Circle of Friends made up of special needs students. She has been recognized for putting together the "Special Prom" for special

needs students. Karen is a true hero of all students and their parents.

Larry Lynde, President of the Centerville Noon Optimist Club stated, "We encourage all residents to think about acknowledging and recognizing the everyday community champions we have in our communities. You may know us Optimists for our Christmas tree sales and Avenue of Flags program but this is not about us. It is to recognize people not of great renown but those who perform acts that win our admiration. To nominate a hero, please download the form from www.centervillenooptimist.com. Mail to Centerville Noon Optimist Club PO Box 750492 Centerville, OH 45475 or email

to OptimistHero1@gmail.com.

The Centerville Noon Optimist Club is the largest Optimist Club in Ohio. This Optimist Club has been supporting the youth of Centerville and Washington Township since its founding in 1968. Programs and service projects that the club supports include Avenue of Flags, Tee Off for Youth Golf Classic, 4th of July Americana 5K Run, Tri-Star Basketball and Soccer and Haunted Trail at Bill Yeck Park.

To learn more about Centerville Noon Optimists please call 937-221-6720, visit the website at www.centervillenooptimist.com, or be a guest for lunch on Tuesdays at Yankee Trace.



From left to right Kim Colclasure, Megan Lee, Mike Bevis (Optimist) Dr. Marc Colclasure (recipient) Karen Chatman (recipient), Kimberly Lovings, Judy DeMarco (Optimist)

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