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Katie Clayton self portraiture to be focus of solo show

After two years of creating and several months of planning, Katie Clayton is ready to put her work on display in her first photography solo show entitled, "Mother Dreams." Clayton has pulled together 30 of her images to be on display from November 15-27 at Indi-Go Gallery in Champaign.

"It is exciting and stressful to finally be at this place artistically where I am going to be showing many of my personal works publicly," Clayton said.

Katie's self-portrait work has often been described as haunting, dreamlike and surreal. "My work is a combination of fact and fiction. Many of the images have sto-

ries attached to them. Some personal and some created. By and large, though, each photograph represents a piece of me. Me as a wife. Me as a mother. Me as a

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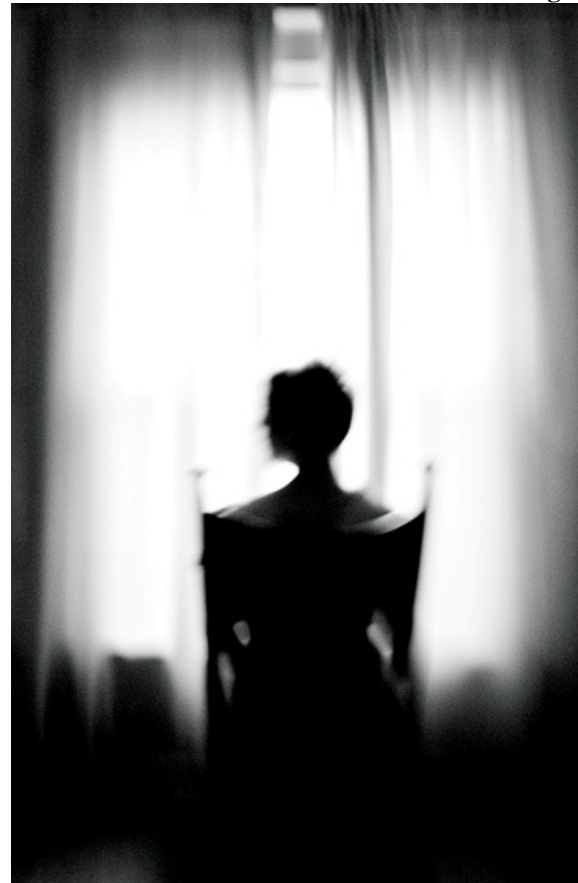


Photo by Katie Clayton
Katie Clayton's portrait, "Woman at the Window, is one of 30 that will be on display at an upcoming solo show.

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Briefly

Fall bazaar

Rankin United Methodist Church will hold its fall bazaar from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday in the Berquist Fellowship Hall. The event will feature crafts, country store, Trash & Treasures, quilt raffle and food.

Antioch church homecoming

Homecoming at Antioch Church of Christ, east of Rossville. Everyone is invited to the Homecoming Celebration at Antioch Church, east of Rossville, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Bring your favorite potluck dish - table service is provided.

For additional information call 217-283-6877. The church is located east of Rossville.

Senior Sunday

Senior Sunday, a gathering for senior citizens, will be held from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The event will feature cards, board games and social time.

Veterans Day ceremony

Hoopeston American Legion and VFW will be con-

ducting their annual Veteran's Day Program on Monday, Nov. 11 at the Hoopeston Area Middle School Gymnasium.

The public is encouraged to attend the service beginning at 9:30 a.m. Hoopeston Area High School band and chorus will provide entertainment.

After the service everyone is invited to the Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn, for complementary chili and potato soup.

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Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 2013 ISAT/PSAE Results-What Is Really Happening Here?

By Suzi Root
Hoopeston Area District
Response to Intervention Coordinator

Hoopeston Area Schools make every effort to provide students the best possible skills, knowledge and preparedness needed to be successful in life after high school. The district has begun implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Common Core provides clearer, deeper and higher standards to ensure students are prepared for college and for the workforce.

The change in standards that drive the current curriculum warrants the need to update the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). To accommodate the more rigorous standards, Illinois raised ISAT reading and math performance expectations to better align with the new curriculum. New cut scores will provide a more accurate reflection of whether a student is college and career ready. They are raising the bar for all Illinois students.

Because expectations for the ISAT assessment have changed and cut scores have been elevated, newly released ISAT scores have dropped significantly. However, this data does not mean students know less than they did before or are less capable; it simply means that more is expected of them to show progress regarding college and career readiness. Many students who previously met and

2013 ISAT Scores						
Grade	Hoopeston Reading	State Reading	Hoopeston Mathematics	State Mathematics	Hoopeston Science	State Science
3	59.4%	58.8%	54.5%	54.9%		
4	68.8%	59.2%	60.0%	60.2%	91.1%	81.0%
5	47.1%	58.9%	43.7%	59.4%		
6	60.5%	58.9%	53.5%	59.6%		
7	41.9%	58.4%	52.8%	59.0%	73.3%	79.0%
8	37.8%	59.8%	35.6%	58.9%		
2013 Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE)						
11	48.2%	54.8%	37.6%	51.8%	35.3%	49.3%

exceeded expectations have dropped throughout Illinois. Hoopeston Area is no exception. Our scores dropped across the grade levels compared to previous scores.

Even with the enactment of the new, more demanding ISAT cut scores, Hoopeston Area did have two buildings that met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Maple Grade School and Honeywell Grade school both made AYP goals set by the state. Additionally, several grade levels scored above the state average.

The new ISAT cut scores are also paving the way for

the new Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments that will be fully implemented for the 2014-2015 school year. The PARCC assessment will replace the ISAT assessment system. The new assessment system will align to Common Core State Standards and the new Next Generation Science Standards (released in 2013) and will provide real-time data to show how students are progressing.

Unlike the ISAT, which is administered only once a year, the PARCC assessment will be administered more

than once during the school year and will provide a better view into student growth. The new assessments will give a detailed look into the strengths and weaknesses of students and will allow teachers and parents to tailor their instruction to meet the needs of the individual student.

Although these higher standards are more difficult, Hoopeston Area is being proactive and implementing initiatives across the district to better prepare our students for the new assessments and for life after high school. The district has implemented a new computer adaptive benchmarking system for kindergarten through grade 11 that will provide teachers with real-time information about their students' strengths and weaknesses. The new system allows for monitoring the progress of students and allows teachers to differentiate their instruction to meet the needs of the individual learner. New math and reading curriculum have been implemented, and a new district wide writing program is in full swing.

Hoopeston Area is dedicated to making positive changes in order to help our students be successful in college and in the workforce. Through the monitoring of data, administrators and teachers are making necessary adjustments to further the skills of each student. Hoopeston Area is expecting more of administration, staff, students, parents, and community alike.

Cornjerker Pride Extra-Curricular Activities

Although we respect the desire for parents and spectators to fully participate in Hoopeston Area High School Students' education through extra-curricular activities, we expect all fans and spectators to follow certain rules and act in a manner that is respectful to our students and staff.

Our goal is to support, encourage and model the type of character traits of behavior that we need as an example for our students. We fully support the Illinois High School Association's mission that the main purpose of high school athletics is to develop character and leadership traits that will go beyond the arena of athletics.

Hoopeston Area High School is partnered with our Athletic Boosters in placing a renewed emphasis

on the sportsmanship and enthusiasm of its coaches, student athletes, student body, parents, and spectators. Our Cornjerker Pride expresses itself through the highest level of sportsmanship to be demonstrated at all of its school activities.

In accordance with our renewed emphasis on sportsmanship, we, in partnership with the Illinois High School Association, Vermilion Valley conference, and the Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters, have adopted the following guidelines to be exhibited by those in attendance at school activities:

- Respect yourself, respect others and respect your school.
- Respect the officials at all times.

- Respect the participants by not singling out an athlete with criticism.
- Set a good example for us and those around you.
- Cheer for good play.
- Show good sportsmanship in victory or defeat.
- Be positive in your actions and comments.

- Practice self-control.
- Remember this is a game. We are here to have fun and support the process of high school athletics and extra-curricular activities.
- Thank you for your support of our students!
- Hoopeston Area CUSD #11

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woman."

When asked why she chose to turn the camera back on herself, Katie explains, "I think it is natural for a photographer to eventually stumble onto self-portraits. For me, it started as a way to express myself. I had just come through some dark years after my daughter's cancer diagnosis and treatment. I was struggling to be a good wife and mother. I was burned out trying to shoot perfectly pretty photos of my children. The self-portraits were liberating and allowed me to just be me." The photos eventually evolved into the "Mother Dreams" series that will be on display.

Although she prefers to shoot digital these days, film

is near and dear to Clayton's heart. "I love film. I love the organic feel to film. Film is hard work, though. I rely on digital for most of my work currently because it is easy. I do try to replicate the look of film, especially early film, in my work. I love grit and grain and texture and imperfection so I choose specific lenses based on the quality I want my art to possess."

Clayton relies on pinhole and zone plate lenses to create her unique look. "Using a pinhole and a zone plate are challenging. They are not really lenses at all in the traditional sense. They are more like holes in paper. Very lo-fi. I like to keep my work and set-up simple."

This is not the first time Clayton's work has been



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, peas, applesauce, Dragon juice, milk

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Cheese quesadilla, salad, baby carrots, chips & salsa, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, tater tots, cucumber slices,

mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips or ham & cheese, salad bar, corn, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti or BBQ rib/bun, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Court Dispositions



September 5

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McCANN - Emma Stormy (Kimberly Dawn) McCann, 49, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died Friday, Oct. 25, 2013.

She was born Sept. 14, 1964 and raised in Hoopeston, the daughter of John Clayton and Melinda Stokes. She married David McCann on March 26, 1986. He survives, along with two daughters, Meagan and Gracelyn; and her mother. She loved animals of all kinds, especially cants. She enjoyed crocheting.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Church of God, Hoopeston.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 57. Tonight, cloudy. Low 40. Tomorrow, Cloudy. High 51, low 33. Sunday, sunny. High 52, low 39.

viewed publicly. "About a year ago, I decided to take my work more seriously and began to submit individual photos to juried photography shows at well-known galleries across the U.S. Amazingly, people liked what I was producing and consequently, I had my work shown in several galleries. It was the boost of confidence I needed to start taking chances and risks in my work."

Clayton has difficulty deciding which is her favorite piece. "Each photograph is personal and has a unique meaning to me. Choosing just one is hard; however I do love "Woman at the Window". It was one of the first self-portraits I shot that I loved. It is so simple and intriguing."

Katie's work can be seen in person November 15-27 at Indi-Go Gallery, 9 University Ave, Champaign. Call ahead for specific gallery hours, (217) 369-6964. The show opening will be November 16th from 6-8 p.m. Clayton will be available to showcase and discuss her work during the opening.

Much of her work can also be seen online at www.katherineclaytonphotography.com.



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