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## BUSINESS

# RAGBRAI, State Baseball a big hit in Carroll

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Between RAGBRAI and both the 2A and 1A State Baseball Championships, Carroll has been busy.

Tens of thousands of people passed through town to enjoy all the town has to offer. From local restaurants to local theaters, business has been good.

Last week, Ski's Sandwich Shop saw a lot of business. Since they were open all day when RAGBRAI riders were

in town, they had to prepare more than normal. They saw at least four to five dozen people in their building at a time, and many ordered the brisket and melts.

Bobbie Phipps, owner of Ski's Sandwich Shop, said it was great to see so many new faces come into the building. Although it was a busy day with little to no breaks for the local business, she said they saw plenty of business.

Speaking of when they were busiest during RAGBRAI, Phipps said, "Six and four were our biggest hours. We only had a 10-minute break

all day."

Not only did the shop offer menu items for riders to eat from, but they also allowed for a much needed break from the harsh weather that rolled into the state. Phipps had nothing but good things to say about the riders that stopped in to grab a bite.

"They were very nice, all of them appreciated the air-conditioning and a place to come in outside the heat," Phipps said.

At Carroll 5 Movie Theater, there was an influx of movie-

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Merchants Park on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

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## FEATURE

# CARROLL TEEN FLOURISHES THROUGH ART



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13-year-old Meredith Parrott is a rising 8th grader at Carroll Middle School. Despite her young age, Parrott has developed skills in painting, embroidery, sewing, sculpting, soapmaking and crafting.

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**At just 13 years old, Meredith Parrott's artwork is already on the market.** The up-and-coming Carroll Middle School 8th grader has a diverse skill set — specializing in painting, embroidery, sewing, sculpting, soapmaking and crafting.

"I think it's always been just a thing I do," Meredith said. "When I was really little, I would just be drawing and painting all the time."

Meredith often focuses on one medium at a time, going through a time period where she'll focus on one specialty before moving on to the next.

Within a short amount of time, Meredith can produce a piece of art. On average, Mer-

edith said she can complete a canvas in 15 minutes and a pair of earrings in five minutes.

Recently, Meredith has stepped inside the business world to sell her artwork. Her artwork is available at Books and Bakery, a locally owned bookstore.

According to Summer Parrott, Meredith's mother, the bookstore was looking for local artists, which encouraged the

young artist to show her work. When her daughter brought in a drawing of the fictional cat Garfield, Summer said the drawing sold within 10 minutes.

At Rolling Hills Market, Meredith maintained her own booth selling handmade earrings, soaps and pocket snails — which are snails made of clay customers can trail with their fingers as a way to ease anxieties.

Her customer base isn't strictly limited to Carroll, as Meredith has fulfilled online commissions for digital illustrations.

Meredith's drive for creating art often leads to many WalMart trips and Amazon orders, Summer said, with the required resources not always

being locally available.

At their home, one of Meredith's paintings hangs on a door, despite saying she "hates it with a burning passion."

Regardless, for the age she was when creating it, Summer said the piece turned out amazing.

Meredith was previously a camper at the Carroll Summer Fun Camp, a summer day camp designed for children who have autism. This year, Meredith returned as an art instructor for the kids.

Her lesson consisted of showing the kids how to make a paper chain snake. On the last day, each camper made their own crafted feather. Meredith

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## CITY GOVERNMENT

# City approves agreement to fund workforce housing

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New workforce housing is coming to Carroll over the next several years through an agreement between city government and Region 12 Council of Governments.

The Carroll City Council during their meeting last Tuesday approved an agreement to provide Region 12 Council Governments with up to \$300,000 to help fund the construction of 10 houses within city limits. That equals \$30,000 per home, and the total funding agreement could end up lower than \$300,000 if fewer than 10 homes are constructed.

Mayor Mark Beardmore said the council has discussed this agreement in the last several meetings. City Manager Aaron Kooiker said after the meeting with the city's housing committee some changes were made to the agreement before approval. One of the biggest changes is instead of giving Region 12 the entire amount, the city will keep the money until they get invoices from Region 12 when they're ready to make purchases. Another change is that the city would not construct sidewalks if required for the lots.

The home construction agreement states the city is interested in promoting the construction of workforce housing within its city limits and is specifically interested in the use of in-fill lots available to maximize the use of existing infrastructure.

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## COMMUNITY

# Community Tailgate will be held at the Hausbarn Heritage Park on August 3rd

Special to the Times Herald

Locals are invited to the Evolution of the Heartland Community Tailgate from 5:30-9pm at the Manning Hausbarn Heritage Park on August 3rd, 2023. The tailgate will feature live music, a meal, Iowa Vendor Showcase, and a mini farm show.

Lieutenant Governor, Adam Gregg, will kick off the Community Tailgate, speaking about how, together, we can "Grow in Rural Iowa". Attendees will get a taste of rural Iowa with a supper including prime rib, brat bites, pork loin, a charcuterie display, and locally made desserts. Attendance is free, but the meal is \$15/person and tickets can be purchased at the door. Food will be provided by Two Palms Ca-

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CARROLL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Wednesday, August 9, 2023 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Chamber Ribbon Cutting  
Relevé Barre & Yoga  
Keeley Young, Owner  
203 W 4th Street, Carroll