

Clinton area homes get in the school spirit

Group has filled 150-plus orders since last year

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CLINTON — For the second year in a row, the driveways and curbs of homes and schools around the Clinton area are looking more school-spirited, as members of the Clinton Education Foundation continue to make their rounds painting decorative River King and Queen crowns on them.

The crown logos are available for painting for \$25, while house numbers compliant with first responder requirements also are available for \$20. The pair is available for \$40.

“We’ve wanted to do one big project instead of a bunch of little projects because that takes a lot of time, so we came up with the ‘Curb Appeal,’” Chairwoman Mardell Mommsen-Flippen said. “Last year it was a big hit, and we had a lot of demand. We didn’t get all of our demands done last year because the weather got nasty. So we rolled them over to this year.”

Foundation members have fulfilled more than 150 orders since the project’s inception last year. Those members include Executive Director Jennifer Graf, Mommsen-Flippen, Vice Chairwoman Lisa Wheat, Secretary Scott Levine, Treasurer Wendy Randall, and board members Sister Marilyn Shea, Chris Mussmann, Jennifer Austin, Josh Eggers and Kate Buechler. The school board liaison is Jenny Green.

"This is a great way to show not only school spirit, which is what the crowns will simplify, but the house numbers in line with the front door of a signify, house will make sure that's done in accordance with first responder requirements," Graf said. "It hits all ages and really shows the cohesiveness of the Clinton School District." The money raised from the Curb Appeal will stay within the district, helping to fund future projects aimed at improving the overall health of the district.

Buechler highlighted the future project that the foundation is most excited about.

"We're really looking into revamping our high school chemistry labs to better the level of education that some of our students can receive at CHS," Buechler said. "We're very excited about getting started with that." Funds accumulated from "Curb Appeal" also will be put toward the CHS Learning Resource Center, in hopes of bringing in improved furniture to welcome a "Relaxed, coffee shop-style atmosphere where students can get together in a quiet setting to focus on learning," according to Graf.
