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The Clarion Area Chamber of Business and Industry is happy to announce that "Clarion Loves Talent" was once again a success. Local stars wowed the audiences as they performed live and showcased their outstanding talents.

In the "Rising Stars" category, 14 year old Jordan Ball of Clarion Limestone took first place with an amazing vocal performance of "Jar of Hearts". In second place was 12 year old Alicia Breedlove, a new resident of Clarion who both played the piano and sang a heartwarming version of Celine Dion's "Heart Will Go On". 11 year old Joni Zacherl of Clarion took third place with a beautiful vocal rendition of "Medicine Man".

In the "Super Novas" category, Lauren Skelley of Clarion came in first place with her performance of "A Change in Me" from "Beauty and the Beast". Miranda Ganoie of Sligo took second place with crowd rousing vocal performance of Adele's "Rolling in the Deep". In third place was Donald Henry of Clarion, a contemporary/inspirational Christian vocalist with an engaging and stirring version of "God Bless America".

The "Constellations" or group category went to sisters Maeghan and Rhianna Goss of Rimersburg for their entertaining duet of "For Good" from the musical "Wicked".

The People's Choice Award was awarded to 6 yr old Alayna Ford of Clarion who was accompanied by Lydia Crooks while singing "Being Me" by Dottie Rambo. The People's Choice award was determined by a vote from the crowd and proceeds benefitted the Clarion fireworks.

The crowd was treated to a special sneak peak of the Clarion University Summer Musical Theatre Production of "SNOOPY". We thank Charlie Brown, Linus and the whole gang for making the day more enjoyable with two very fun songs.

Clarion Talent

The afternoon moved along seamlessly with the help of our Master of Ceremonies, Cody Rapp, a student at Clarion University and long standing chamber volunteer. In addition, our Judges, Amber Alsop, Maria Battista and Dave Hepler were very helpful in evaluating the competition.

We would like to thank all of the participants for their enthusiastic performances. The crowd was surely entertained. In addition, we would like to thank all sponsors and volunteers who helped make this event possible. We look forward to many more displays of local talent in the years to come!

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