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## Town Topics

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Dorothy Clark. She turned 90 last September and has lived on the farm south of Lakeview for the last 50 years. See obituary on page 4.

We also learned of the passing of lifelong area resident Daryl Quisenberry.

## Spring Forecast

**Thu** Sunny, high 57. SE wind 6 to 8 mph.  
**Thu Night** Mostly clear, low 34.  
**Fri** A 30 percent chance of showers after 2pm. Mostly sunny, high 65.  
**Fri Night** Showers, mainly after 8pm. Cloudy, low 53. Breezy.  
**Sat** Showers, mainly before 2pm. Mostly cloudy, high 73. Breezy.  
**Sat Night** Chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8pm, showers likely 8pm to 2am. Mostly cloudy, low 58. Breezy.  
**Sun** Showers likely. Mostly cloudy, high 70. Breezy.  
**Sun Night** Showers likely. Mostly cloudy, low 52. Breezy.  
**Mon** Chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, high 64. Breezy.



## Remus Antiques & More Opening May 3



Remus Resale located in downtown Remus.

By Cindy Havens

Success can be contagious and thanks to Kathy Smith and her expanding resale and antique businesses, downtown Remus will soon be getting a facelift. Smith currently manages Remus Resale, a successful shop she has owned since 2021. Now she is using her talent and enthusiasm to expand her businesses. Smith recently purchased a 7,000 square foot building across the street and has been remodeling it into her new store Remus Antiques & More. She plans to have it open on May 3. Smith has a background in accounting, but it is obvious when talking with her, that her first love is her resale shop, and the others she has owned over the past twenty years. "My first resale shop was a children's store in Mt. Pleasant that opened in 2006," Smith said. She also owned and operated a resale shop in Edmore that she closed in 2018. The success of her Remus Resale shop has exceeded her expectations. "In the summer we can get between 75

and 90 people a day."

In 2020 she moved to Remus and shortly after that bought the building that is now Remus Resale. "It's actually two buildings that we combined by putting a doorway between them to make it into one store." As Smith gave me a tour, the shop seemed to go on and on, with lovely new surprises at every turn. I was impressed with how everything was so clean and nicely displayed. "That's one of the frequent compliments we get," Smith told me. "People appreciate the neatness and how we have everything organized." As I walked through, I could see what she meant. Her inventory includes clothing for men, women and children, household items, jewelry, pictures, purses, books, furniture, home décor and a variety of accessories. All the clothing gets washed when it comes in, and before it is put out. The furniture was not just on display. It was arranged to showcase the dining room tables, chairs, sofas, end tables and lamps as

you might see them in a household setting. A customer could easily envision a certain piece in their own home. In the back of one side of the shop is a year-around Christmas area. It includes dishes, ornaments, trees and a variety of holiday items. There is also a huge colorful train engine that complements the Christmas section as well. We walked from the front clothing area, through purses and jewelry, to a room with just men's clothing, to another room with all household items. "Most of this will change because as we sell things, we rotate in new inventory," Smith told me. She even has a play area for kids in one part of the store. The area has all the kids' toys and games "and if the kids want to play here, that's fine," she said. One section she calls the garage because it is stocked mostly with sports equipment, home repair tools and lawn accessories. In the far back of the store, there was the storage, drop-off and sorting area.

Smith enjoys travel-

ing around the country in search of all kinds of unique things for her shops. "We've gone to Las Vegas, Florida, South Carolina and Texas - I'm always looking for new finds while shopping or visiting antique and resale shops," she said with a smile. She also uses all styles of doors throughout her shop, as countertops, dividers or display shelves.

As a boss, Smith says she likes to play on people's strengths. "Everyone has different things that they are good at and like to do here in the shop. One helps with the window displays, another sorts and prices items as they arrive. Most of what we get is donated. It was my daughter's idea to do the shutters on the front of the store." Remus Resale is hard to miss as you drive through Remus on M-20. The front of the store is covered in all assorted colors of shutters and easily catches the eye of drivers passing through town.

She currently has three employees, and her mom helps out as well.

Right now, she is interviewing for the new shop across the street. At Remus Resale, there are daily specials offered which include 2 for 2 Tuesdays, buy one free, Wednesdays, 50% off kitchenware and on Thank-You Thursdays customers get 50% off clothing. There is also a \$1.99 clothing rack.

The new shop, Remus Antiques & More, will feature not only vintage items and antiques, but vendor booths highlighting local artisans and crafters. She's been working in the shop for the past several months building booths. "We've moved hundreds of full banana boxes," she told me with a laugh, "but we're getting there."

In addition to the resale shops Smith has owned, she has a strong financial background and has worked as an accountant for construction companies, ran a daycare for nine years and currently also works as an accountant for a local business.

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## Miss Lakeview Pageant

June 11th is the 2nd annual Miss Lakeview Summerfest Pageant!  
 Application & Fee Deadline: April 25th, 2024  
 For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewfestivals/>

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## Where the LAN Has Been



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