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# Discover New Carlisle!

By Marcy Kauffman  
For The Gazette

Since you are reading this, you have probably already discovered New Carlisle. But, now we want you to *really Discover New Carlisle* – our local Indiana Main Street organization, that is!

Indiana Main Street is Indiana's coordinating program affiliated with the National Main Street Center. It is sponsored and funded through OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) and focuses on a 4-point approach for building healthy communities through economic development: Promotion, Economic Restructuring, Organization and Design.

After the economic downturn in 2008, there was increased concern by local business owners and

citizens regarding decreased commerce and businesses closing. This was coupled with a desire to find out what programs existed for strengthening commerce and tourism.

In 2011, Town Council member Dana Groves proposed that the Town consider facilitating the creation of an Indiana Main Street chapter. The Town agreed and partnered with the New Carlisle Business and Community Association to form an exploratory committee consisting of Councilman Dana Groves, Councilman Ron Colpitts, Henry Timm (business owner, Phantom Technology), and Cindy Miller (Miller's Home Café).

The group attended the Main Street Conference in Noblesville, IN to learn the benefits of becoming an official Indiana Main Street organization. As a result, the group decided that creating a local chap-

ter of Indiana Main Street would be a worthwhile way to promote New Carlisle and encourage commerce and tourism.

The original exploratory committee, along with other gracious volunteers, set about with the task of forming a New Carlisle Main Street organization. The name, Discover New Carlisle, was adopted and the New Carlisle Town Council agreed to fund the \$12,500.00 seed money needed to form the organization.

In 2012, Discover New Carlisle established itself as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation and on February 25th, 2013 OCRA officially recognized Discover New Carlisle as an official Indiana Main Street Community.

Since its inception, Discover New Carlisle has strived to be

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# BUY-WAY YARD SALE

The Lincoln Highway was founded in 1913 by Carl Fisher of Indianapolis, who also founded the Dixie Highway and developed the Indianapolis Motor Speedway! Henry Joy, President of Packard Motor Car Company, suggested the highway be named after Abraham Lincoln! The historic highway runs from Times Square in New York to Lincoln Park in San Francisco. Indiana has two alignments from east of Fort Wayne to the Illinois line- the northern route is the historic 1913 route that follows our Lincolnway through Osceola, Mishawaka, South Bend, and New Carlisle, and the southern route that became US 30 through Warsaw, Plymouth, and Valparaiso.

To help promote the highway and increase tourism, the Lincoln Highway BUY-WAY Yard Sale is held annually during the 2nd weekend in Au-

gust from WV to Iowa. This year the Sale will be August 9-11.

Businesses, churches, residents/ individuals, organizations, and schools along the historic Lincoln Highway can participate. All sale receipts remain with the individual/group that holds the Sale and you can choose the days/hours you wish.

For more information and tips on participating in the Lincoln Highway BUY-WAY Yard Sale go to <http://www.historicbyway.com/v3-events/buy-way-yard-sale/yard-sale-tips-articles>. To learn more about the Lincoln Highway go to [www.IndianaLincolnHighway.org](http://www.IndianaLincolnHighway.org) or [www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org](http://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org).

The Indiana Lincoln Highway Association office is at 801 W. Washington Street, South Bend or call 574-210-6278 for more details about the Sale.

# Auto Enthusiasts Flock to New Carlisle for Car Show



Photo by Mary Ann Swope

The Hometown Days Auto Show continued to grow with another record turnout of 176 participants this year. The Auto Show was held at the American Legion Post 297 and organized by David Freet.

### Results

Top 30: Dan Weeks-1955 Chevy Belair, Dale Bader-1951 Ford F1, Bob Richez-1937 Pontiac Coupe, Rob Richez-1947 Chevy Pickup, Helen & Willie Weeks- 1965 Chevy C10. Dan Myers-1951 Pontiac, Steve Gagliano-1956 Chevy Belair, Bret Bachman- 1967 Chevy Camaro, Rod Burgoyne-1972 Chevy Chevelle, Roger & Becky Plaster-1934 Dodge Sedan Delivery, Paul Schmitt- 1964 Plymouth Fury, James Maxey-1963 Studebaker Lark, Bob King-1966 Chevy Nova Stretch -1956 Chevy Belair, Lylia Cooper-1968 Chevy Camaro, Tim Waaso- 1964 Chevy Nova, Phillip Dixon-1951 Chevy Sedan, Lyle Wilson- 1963 Mercury Comet. Jim Boal-1950 Mercury, Dave Goding-1982 Pontiac Firebird, Ray & Kathie

Saunders-1958 Ford Fairlane Town Sedan, Terry Conway-1937 Chevy Sedan. Randy Hoover-1961 Cadillac Coupe Deville, Frank Adamlec-1951 Ford F1, Greg Drufke-1937 Hupmobile, Jeff Jerve-1961 Chevy Apache, How Boardman-1951 Chevy Pickup, Nerva Kraus-1966 Dodge Coronet 500, Dan Kraus-1955 Chevy, Bob & Sue Litteral-1934 Ford Pickup  
 Best Engine: Ron Zierko-1955 Chevy; Best Interior: Rob Richez-1947 Chevy Pickup; Best Motorcycle: Mike Emerick-2007 Harley Davidson Roadglide; Top Gun: Dave Goding-1982 Pontiac Firebird; Commander's Cup: Scott McGhee- 1968 Chevy Camaro Z28

A few people to thank for their help: Bob Masters, Jack Cook, Dave Freet, Anita Freet, Carolyn Topolski, Rich Stradtner, Kaleigh Stradtner, Helen & Willie Weeks.

Also a big thank you to Carlisle Coffee & Sweets, who donated gift certificates for door prizes and a donated a large banner for the show.

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# WHAT EVERY BUSINESS CAN LEARN FROM STREET HUSTLER

By Tracie Davis, Indiana Small Business Development Center

To support current and future New Carlisle businesses, local organizations are hosting a free *Creating Small Business Success* on September 13. The Gazette is presenting a series of articles leading up to the workshop to spark your entrepreneurial ambition.

Lower Wacker Drive in Chicago is not for the faint-hearted. Whether you're a Chicago native or a hopelessly lost tourist, the concrete wonder that is Lower Wacker Drive can be intimidating and, as proven by a July 2015 drag race, even deadly. Although drivers aren't technically underground on LWD, not much daylight can be seen until you emerge onto Lakeshore Drive (always a sight for sore eyes) or any number of the Windy City's side streets.

I've been driving in and around Chicago since I got my driver's license at age 16. I can comfortably navigate the city and the surrounding suburbs. But my route will almost always avoid Lower Wacker, even if extra travel time is required. The vague lanes, dead ends that seemingly appear out of nowhere and the otherworldly atmosphere tip my anxiety scale toward flip out.

But on a December Saturday, Lower Wacker was exactly where I

found myself. A too early or too late turn had me surrounded by concrete and sodium-vapor streetlights before I even was fully aware of what I had done.

As I was hurtling toward one of those pop-up dead ends that included parked cars and piles of construction debris I heard someone yell, "Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!" His booming voice startled me out of my confusion and made me more aware of my surroundings.

I maneuvered my car in the opposite direction of thousands of dollars of repairs as my savior ambled over. He wasn't wearing any sort of official uniform, but he appeared confident, like he knew what I needed and that he could provide it.

"Where ya goin', sweetheart?"  
"South Bend," I said.  
"Here's what you want to do," he started. "Turn right at this street right here. That will get you on Lake Shore Drive. You'll take Lakeshore for about 10 minutes to the 55 exit that will be on your right. Take 55 to 94 west and 94 to the Skyway. The Skyway will take you to the 80/90 Toll Road."

During his machine gun delivery, I was reaching for a \$5 bill in my wallet. Pretty salty for less than two minutes of service, but a cheap price to pay to make it to the toll road before sunset, believe me.

As I merged onto Interstate 55, I thought to myself, "Dang, he was good at his business! I wish he was my client." My Chicago street hustler had everything on the list that I tell my clients they need to do:

Know your customer – non-Chicagoans who are desperate not to be on Lower Wacker Drive

Fill a need – I needed to get out of that pit!

Provide a quality product or service – detailed, simplified directions that I understood and that sent me toward daylight in less than 30 seconds

Choose a location that is good for the customer – the corner before certain doom

Don't be shy about promoting your product or service – "Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!"

Starting a business isn't easy, especially if your business involves standing on a semi-subterranean street corner during Chicago winters. But business basics are business basics, no matter what your product or service and sometimes learning the basics are as easy as getting a little help from a street hustler.

The free *Creating Small Business Success* workshop will be held Thursday, September 13, 5:30 – 7pm, at the New Carlisle Olive Township Public Library. For more information, contact John Borkowski at [jborkil@aol.com](mailto:jborkil@aol.com).

## DISCOVER, CONTINUED FROM 2

self-funded by hosting various fund-raisers such as the ever-popular Beer and Wine Walk. Discover NC is also now sponsoring Christmas in New Carlisle and the Taste of New Carlisle (the Taste was cancelled this year, but will return next year).

Discover NC also created and widely distributed informative town brochures which highlight our lovely town and businesses. A very successful advertisement campaign featuring television commercials about New Carlisle was created through joint funding from Discover NC, the Town of New Carlisle and Lawson Fisher Engineering. In addition, way-finding signs, recycling containers and benches have also been installed thanks to the efforts of Discover New Carlisle. We have been busy!

Discover NC is currently working on a Façade Grant Program which would enable business owners to receive monetary grants to be used toward the improvement of their business storefront.

You will be hearing more on that in the future! Also in the works is a business mentoring program for new and existing business owners. This would be facilitated through the SBA SCORE program and local business leaders.

We are always looking for support and input through new members! We meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 upstairs at Moser's Restaurant and all are welcome.

If you have any questions or would like to offer input, please contact our current president, John Borkowski; [jborkil@aol.com](mailto:jborkil@aol.com) or Kathy Aurenz at Yarn and More, 574-654-3300; [yarnandmore@embarqmail.com](mailto:yarnandmore@embarqmail.com).

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# BUSY BAND BUZZ

Photo Story by Scott Kelley

They say it takes a village to raise a child. Well, we are seeing that it takes an entire community to dress a band. With every event we have had to raise money for our new marching band uniforms the community has come out to support our kids.

Thanks to a very successful weekend at Hometown Days, we are almost halfway to reaching our goal. As our first large class of middle school band members will become rookies next year, we must have the new uniforms for the 2019-20 school year in order to have enough uniforms for our growing band.

We owe a huge thank you to everyone in the community that stopped by our booth to buy a t-shirt, mug, or dunk our enthusiastic volunteers in the dunk tank. As a booster group, we expect our directors, drum majors, parents, and former Marching Cougars to be supportive and volunteer to put in some time in the dunk tank. This year, we had some willing volunteers from the community also volunteer to help us out.

First of all, we would like to thank our NPMS Assistant Principal Justin Heinold, NPHS teacher Christy Pietrzak, and assistant football coach Bill Gumm for serving their time in the dunk tank. It is always awesome when all of the New Prairie staff helps to support the programs at the school.

Also a huge thank you to town councilman Jordon Budreau and Police Chief Cal Dittmar for volunteering themselves for time in the dunk

tank as well.

The community support for the band was not limited to our dunk tank volunteers. Kate O'Connor's Irish Pub did a three day give back for the band, covering all three days of the festival.

Also, the New Carlisle United Methodist Church partners with the band for the Hometown Days weekend as well. Our band parents help the church staff their food booth, and they generously donate a portion of their proceeds to the band.

Support from the entire community is the only way we will reach our goal and be able to order these new uniforms, which need to be ordered this February to have them in time for the 2019-20 fall season.

Upcoming events for our Marching Cougars include our competition season and football season. Competitions for this year include Goshen, Concord, Penn, Plymouth, Chesteron....maybe more (more to come on that in upcoming issues).

We have several home football games this season featuring a new pre-game show, our competitive show at half-time, and stand tunes to entertain you during the game. So, come out and support our New Prairie football team, support our band boosters by visiting the concession stand, and see the results of the hard work put in by both our band kids and football players. Hope to see you at the game! GO COUGARS!



Chief of Police, Cal Dittmar, perched in the dunk tank, waiting to get wet!

## Recipes, Etc.

By Barbara Peterich  
For The Gazette

While visiting a relative a few weeks ago, I had the greatest dessert which I am sharing with you today. Takes a little while to make, but oh so good!

### Almond Kringler

*Pastry layer:*

1 cup water  
1/2 cup butter  
1 cup flour  
3 eggs  
1 tsp almond flavoring

*Icing:*

2 1/2 cups powdered sugar  
3 T. softened butter  
2 T. cream or half and half  
1 + tsp almond flavoring  
Chopped almonds, for topping

Preheat crust oven to 450 degrees F.

*For crust layer:* In a mixing bowl, combine flour and softened butter with a fork or a pastry cutter-just like you're making a pie crust. Add cold water and continue mixing until

dough comes together. Spread dough onto an ungreased cookie sheet in a 12 inch by 16 inch rectangle.

*For pastry layer:* In a medium saucepan, add water and butter and cook over medium heat until butter melts. Add flour and stir. Reduce heat to low and continue stirring until the dough forms a ball. Add one egg at a time, beating well each time. Add almond flavoring.

Spread the pastry layer over the crust layer, using your hands or a spatula. Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350 degree F and bake for an additional 15 - 20 minutes, or until pastry is golden brown. Remove from oven to cool.

*For Frosting:* Combine all ingredients and beat until smooth. Add additional almond flavoring if you prefer a stronger flavor. Apply frosting to the cooled pastry crust and cut into small triangles. Top each piece with few chopped almonds.

*Etc.*—This delicious Scandinavian dessert is somewhere between a bar, cookie, and a pastry with a sweet almond icing, which will be a hit for any of your parties, special events, or for that matter your family!

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# Elvis and the Sweet Sensations Parade Grand Marshal

Photo Story by Mary Ann Swope



The highlight of musical entertainment during New Carlisle's *Hometown Days* weekend was the return of *Elvis & The Sweet Sensations!*

To the delight of a huge audience, they appeared on stage in Memorial

Park on Sunday afternoon, July 29, 2018.

Alvie Ellenwine, as *Elvis Presley*, performed another joyous and outstanding concert along with the *Sweet Sensations*—Andrea Stack, Kim “Tootie” Burnette, and Tyra Streslesky.



Grand Marshal Tom Roesner and wife Jan wave to the crowd at the *Hometown Days* parade. (Photo by Mary Ann Swope)

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## American Legion Law Officer of the Year



Post 297 Commander Sam Colalillo (left) with Officer Ronnie Whitt (right)

Ronnie Whitt of the New Carlisle Police Department received the Law Officer of the Year award for 3rd District at The American Legion Department of Indiana 100th Convention held in Indianapolis, IN July 12-15.

Officer Whitt was nominated by Post 297 in New Carlisle for his outstanding service to our community. He attended an awards luncheon with his wife Christine before the presentation.

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Visit [www.discovernewcarlisle.com](http://www.discovernewcarlisle.com) for additional information.

Tickets available at the event or register online!

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# Community Calendar: August 9–September 13

## Mondays

### Boy Scouts Troop 664 Meetings

Terre Coupee Lodge #204  
6:00pm to 7:30pm (ET)  
All boys ages 10 -17 welcome to come if you're interested in joining.

## Tuesdays

### Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Methodist Church  
6:00pm (ET)  
Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

### Kids Fun Night

Church of Christ, Hudson Lake  
7:00pm to 8:30pm (ET)  
Bible story, games, crafts, snacks, and special events. Through October 30.

## Wednesdays

### Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Methodist Church  
9:00am (ET)  
Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

### Bible Study

New Carlisle Community Church  
6:00pm (ET)

## Thursdays

### TOPS Meeting

New Carlisle Public Library  
9:00am (ET)  
Take off Pounds Sensibly.

### Community Food Pantry

Rolling Prairie UMC  
8:00am to 12:00pm (CT)  
Free Food for those in need.

## Saturdays

### Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Methodist Church  
9:00am (ET)  
Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

## Sundays

### Worship Service

Olive Chapel Church  
10:00am (ET)

## August 9-10

### UMW Rummage Sale

Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church  
Corner of US 20 and 350 E  
8:00am to 3:00pm (CT)  
Housewares, household items, books, toys, furniture, tools, small working appliances, or clothing (men, women, children, baby. Proceeds support our ministries and mission commitments.

## August 10

### Fish Fry

American Legion Post 297  
5:00pm to 8:00pm (ET)  
3 pc. \$8.50, AYCE and Carryouts \$10.00.  
Shrimp, Chicken and Burgers too! Family Friendly, Open to the Public.

## August 15

### Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library  
10:00am to 11:00am (ET)  
Join us for stories, music, crafts and other activities. For children ages 2-5 with a caregiver.

### Concert in the Park:

#### Oscar and the Majestics

Memorial Park  
6:30pm to 7:30pm (ET)  
Performing many of their original rock hits from the 60's.

## August 16

### Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library  
10:00am to 11:00am (ET)  
Join us for stories, music, crafts and other activities. For children ages 2-5 with a caregiver.

## August 17

### Chicken Dinner

American Legion Post 297  
5:00pm to 8:00pm (ET)  
\$8.50 for Chicken, Mashed potatoes & gravy, corn or green beans, roll & dessert! Carry outs available, Family Friendly, Open to the Public.

### Fish Fry

Terre Coupee Lodge #204  
5:00pm to 8:00pm (ET)

Adult: \$8.00/Children (Under 12): \$4.00.  
All you can eat broasted fish dinner with potatoes, slaw, dessert and drink.

## August 22

### Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library  
10:00am to 11:00am (ET)  
Join us for stories, music, crafts and other activities. For children ages 2-5 with a caregiver.

### Concert in the Park:

#### Lighthouse Chorus

Memorial Park  
6:30pm to 7:30pm (ET)  
A Capella entertainment for all ages.

## August 23

### Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library  
10:00am to 11:00am (ET)  
Join us for stories, music, crafts and other activities. For children ages 2-5 with a caregiver.

## August 25

### Beer and Wine Walk

Downtown New Carlisle  
5:00pm to 9:00pm (ET)  
Enjoy samples of beer, wine, and appetizers while visiting all the local shops and businesses that the downtown has to offer. A shuttle will be available for transport to the various locations. Tickets available at the event or register online. For details, visit [discovernewcarlisle.com](http://discovernewcarlisle.com).

## August 26

### Historic New Carlisle Ice Cream Social

The Old Republic  
1:00pm to 4:00pm (ET)  
Homemade pies and cakes, make your own sundaes, root beer floats.  
Enjoy the New Carlisle Town Band at 2pm. Anyone is welcome to bring their vintage or classic car to display.

## August 27

### Bubble Art

New Carlisle Public Library  
3:00pm to 4:00pm (ET)  
Grades 3 through 5. Join us as we use bubbles to create art.

## August 29

### Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library  
10:00am to 11:00am (ET)  
Join us for stories, music, crafts and other activities. For children ages 2-5 with a caregiver.

### Concert in the Park:

#### Randall James Clark

Memorial Park  
6:30pm to 7:30pm (ET)  
Home grown town favorites.

## August 30

### Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library  
10:00am to 11:00am (ET)  
Join us for stories, music, crafts and other activities. For children ages 2-5 with a caregiver.

## September 12

### Pre-Diabetes, Diabetes, and Beyond

New Carlisle Public Library  
6:30pm to 7:00pm (ET)  
Learn to understand your risk factors, when to get screened, and how to delay or prevent Type 2 diabetes.

## September 13

### Creating Small Business Success

New Carlisle Public Library  
5:30pm to 7:00pm (ET)  
Whether you are a current business owner looking to expand your business or you are contemplating opening your own business, plan on attending this event! Sponsored by Discover New Carlisle.

## HAVE AN EVENT?

To submit an event for the Community Calendar, fill out the form at [newcarlislegazette.com](http://newcarlislegazette.com) or email [editor@newcarlislegazette.com](mailto:editor@newcarlislegazette.com) with the details.

Community Calendar entries are listed for free.

# Cornerstone Preschool Graduation

*Photos Submitted by Jessica Feathers*



**Good Luck Class of 2031.** Cornerstone Preschool still has openings in all of our PM classes. Please call or email for more information: 574-654-0084, [cornerstone.ncwc@gmail.com](mailto:cornerstone.ncwc@gmail.com)

## ***Hudson Township information is now available on their website: [www.hudsontownship.com](http://www.hudsontownship.com).***

The website can now provide residents with information regarding resources as well as the application for emergency assistance. Meeting information is posted with a link to the Indiana Gateway system for financial information for all units of government in the State of Indiana.

Township hours are by appointment.

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## New Carlisle Park Board presents **Concerts in the Park**

Come and enjoy an entertaining hour of music/Concerts are free and open to the public

**Memorial Park Gazebo 6:30-7:30pm (maybe longer)**

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

### **Down by the Dock**

Home Town Band, Home Town Favorites

Wednesday August 8, 2018

### **Red Deluxe Band**

(Formally-Brence Jackson Band)

Variety of Country, Soft Rock, and the Old Standards

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

### **Oscar and the Majestics**

Performing many of their original rock hits from the 60's

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

### **Lighthouse Chorus**

A Cappella Entertainment for all Ages

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

### **Randall James Clark**

Home Grown Town Favorites

**Rain Date:** Wednesday, September 5

**What to bring:** Chairs, blanket, food and your favorite beverage (Sorry no alcoholic beverages allowed) and most important, yourself and your neighbors to enjoy a music filled hour on a warm, lazy summer evening.

Find a cozy spot- then sit back and Enjoy!



*The second year of the Pedal Tractor Pull was a big hit for the kids after the Parade on Saturday afternoon.*

# Hometown Days Festival 2018

*Photos by Jim Russell*

It was another picture perfect weekend in New Carlisle, as the town celebrated the 14th annual Hometown Days festival.

Memorial Park once again came to life on Friday, July 27 as vendors lined the sidewalks throughout the park. An expansive food menu was also available, as festival goers were able to grab a bite to eat while listening to performances from local favorites such as Down By The Dock and

Kent Arnsbarger on the steel drums. Fireworks lit up the night sky on Friday night as a perfect prelude to an action-packed Saturday featuring a parade, another massive auto show, and one of the largest wiffleball tournaments in the nation.

The festival wrapped up on Sunday with the highly anticipated appearance by Elvis and the Sweet Sensations and with the New Carlisle Newts hoisting the Hometown Cup.



*Inflatables, speed pitch, and carnival games provided a variety of activities (and unique backdrop for wiffleball) throughout the weekend.*



*New Prairie Little League's Senior and Junior Baseball Division District 11 Champions and state finalists marched in the parade.*



*Helping with the Methodist Church food booth, running a dunk tank, and performing in the parade made for a busy weekend for the Marching Cougars and their parents.*

# NEWTs END HOMETOWN DROUGHT

By Koby Keck  
Editor

NEW CARLISLE - For the third time in the past four years, the New Carlisle Newts found themselves in a familiar position on the last Sunday of July.

The Newts had rattled off eight straight victories during Hometown Days weekend and were once again playing in The Wiffle®Ball Championship Game in front of a packed house at Migley Field.

This time, unlike 2015 and 2016, there was no coming up short.

New Carlisle set the tone early with an eight-run first inning and held off a late rally to defeat the Granger Panthers, 13-10, to win the Hometown Cup.

The title for the Newts, third in franchise history, ends a decade-long drought for themselves and for New Carlisle area teams. Local teams won the first four championships, but had been shut out since the Newts' last victory in 2008.

New Carlisle's path to the title game was no cake walk. After a 4-0 day on Saturday and a bye in the first round of the Hometown Cup Playoffs, the Newts fended off M.O.W.S. and The Naturals



Photo by Jim Russell

The 2018 Champions of Wiffle®Ball, New Carlisle Newts, with the Hometown Cup. L-R: Ryan Galiher, Joey Schuster, Koby Keck, Garrett Curless, and Aidan Cotter.

to advance to the Elite Eight.

With a trip to Migley on the line, the bats finally woke up for the Newts in a back and forth 16-14 win over the White Lightning.

Aidan Cotter was the workhorse on the mound for the Newts throughout the weekend, handling the bulk of the pitching responsibilities. Cotter's effec-

tiveness through the first seven games allowed southpaw Garrett Curless to stay fresh when he took the ball for the Hometown Cup Finals.

In the semifinal against the Maple City Purple, Curless worked a perfect first inning, allowing the Newts to jump out to another early eight-run advantage and coast to a 17-11 victory.

Throughout the final four Curless, assisted by the sure-handed defense of Joey Schuster and Ryan Galiher, was able to continually limit damage. All the while, all five Newt hitters were playing long ball.

For his efforts on the mound and at the plate, Curless was an easy pick for the Kaylor Trophy, awarded to the Marquee Player of the Hometown Cup Finals.

The Newts are now 31-3 in the last four Championships, tops for all teams during the time frame.

Despite the title game loss, the trip to Migley was a major breakthrough for Granger. With captain Griffin Smith sidelined with a shoulder injury, the Panthers acquired Andy Sieradzki of the

Clutch Players to make their first Hometown Cup Finals appearance. If healthy, Granger will be a major player on *Wiffle®Ball's Grandest Stage* for years to come.

Granger's crosstown rival, and semifinal opponent, the Twin Branch Billy Goats also made some noise this year. In their second tournament appearance, the Goats knocked off four-time champion Cult West in the Elite Eight.

A total of 75 teams entered the event, as 150 pool play games were played on 20 fields throughout the New Prairie Little League complex on Saturday. Twelve teams went 4-0 in pool play, and 48 teams returned for Sunday's Hometown Cup Playoffs.

## NATIONAL EVENT

Minnesota's Team Combat was one of several out of state teams who made the trip to New Carlisle for the weekend. In addition to teams from six states, players with local roots flew in from as far as Florida, Texas, and Washington.

## RATINGS HIT

Those in the crowd of 300 at Migley Field weren't the only fans who watched the Hometown Cup Finals. Nearly 400 viewers from across the country logged into broadcastsport.net, with watch parties representing each finalist in Granger and at the Curless porch in New Carlisle.

## JONKMAN REPEATS

Jared Jonkman claimed his second consecutive Golden Bat in Friday's Home Run Derby with a 12-11 blast-off win over Nate Arndt. It was Arndt's fourth runner-up finish.

A record 37 competitors entered the Derby, the official kick-off event to the weekend of wiffleball.

## The Wiffle®Ball Championship Game at Migley Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	F
New Carlisle	8	2	0	2	0	1	13
Granger	1	0	3	4	0	2	10

Umpire-Jared Colanese Weather- 76 degrees, partly cloudy Wind- SW 5mph Time- 1:01 Attendance- 300



Photo by Jim Russell

The Granger Panthers finished runners-up in this year's Championship.

# SPORTS



**NEWTS 13, PANTHERS 10**

# THE CUP STAYS HOME

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