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HTD Accepting Vendor Applications

By Koby Keck
Editor

As summer approaches, the New Carlisle Hometown Days committee is gearing up for the biggest party of the year. The 2016 festival will be held over the weekend of July 29 through 31.

This year's festival will join in the statewide celebration of Indiana's bicentennial with the theme, "Happy 200th Birthday, Indiana."

Hometown Days is still accepting applications for vendors to set up shop in Memorial Park. Cost per 12-foot by 12-foot space is \$60 from now through June 30. The price increases in July to \$85 per space.

Vendors with unique products are encouraged to apply. Arts, crafts, antiques, and home-based

party plans (exclusivity restrictions apply) are among the categories of goods sold in the park. Hometown Days aims to be a family-friendly event, and vendor applications are subject to the committee's approval.

Vendors are at the heart of the festival action with the activity centering on Memorial Park. Vendors will have a front row seat to all the live entertainment in the Gazebo. There will be no shortage of options when trying to find something to eat either. The festival will be packed once again with its familiar food vendors as well.

Festival hours for vendors in 2016:

Friday, July 29 – Noon to 8pm EDT
Saturday, July 30 – 10am to 8pm EDT
Sunday, July 31 – 10am to 4pm EDT

Vendor applications can be obtained online at www.hometowndays.net. Interested vendors may also contact Vendor Chairperson, Kimber Vaundry at 574-276-8962 with any additional questions.

This will be the 12th annual Hometown Days festival, which was started in 2005 after Historical Days was discontinued. Hometown Days is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The committee meets on the fourth Monday of every month and welcomes new volunteers to assist with the planning of the festival.

The next festival planning meeting will be held on Monday, May 23 at 6:30pm EDT at the Edward Jones office on the corner of Chestnut and Bray in New Carlisle.

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By Mr. Keck



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Recipes, Etc.

By Barbara Peterich
For The Gazette

Now here is a recipe that has a very few ingredients, takes minutes to prepare, is healthy for you and can be prepared either grilled or sauteed!

What more can we ask for? What is it? Our spring-time favorite: **ASPARAGUS!**

Awesome Asparagus

1 lb. bunch thin asparagus
2 T. olive oil
2 T. melted butter (not margarine)
salt & pepper to taste
Parmesan cheese

Sauteed: trim off thick end piece of asparagus. Place aspara-

gus in boiling water and cook until tender, but crisp. Drain; Add olive oil to the skillet and saute. Add salt and pepper, dip in melted butter and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Grill: spray grill and preheat for high heat. Lightly coat asparagus spears with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste - grill over high heat for 2 - 3 minutes to desired tenderness. Place in serving bowl, dip spears with melted butter. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over spears.

Etc. — 1 lb. asparagus equals 4 servings; asparagus is low in calories and is very low in sodium. It is a good source of Vitamin B.

CHESS MAN

By Joshua Lichkay



Introducing **Chess Man**, an adventure comic created by Joshua Lichkay. Joshua has offered to share his work with our readers. It will be featured periodically in the print edition of The Gazette and in its entirety online. You can read the first installment of **Chess Man** now on www.newcarlislegazette.com.

Property Transfer Ordinance Goes into Effect

By Koby Keck
Editor

A recently passed ordinance in La Porte County could impact the local real estate market, particularly in the Hudson and Saugany Lake communities.

On April 6, the La Porte County Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance which requires property sellers to have on-site septic systems inspected and potable water wells tested prior to closing on the transfer of a property.

The County Commissioners say the ordinance recognizes the need to protect the health and safety of residents by providing adequate information regarding the quality of drinking water and the status of the septic system before properties are acquired.

Results must be reported to both the buyer and the county health department.

County Commissioner Mike Bohacek notes that distressed properties or properties sold at auction were often subject to failing septic systems and wells, which caused long term health department issues. It also left the buyers of the property on the hook for necessary repairs after the fact.

Following the passage of the ordinance, the cost of the inspections and testing are borne by either the buyer, seller, or both in the closing costs. Water testing, for example, is available through the county for around \$30.

The new ordinance does not apply to properties which have municipal water or sewer, but will affect properties at the lake communities.

"It is really a matter of making

sure the drinking water is not being polluted," Bohacek said. The ordinance adds a layer of security for those from out of town who buy lake properties as summer cottages and may not even know the property has a well.

According to Bohacek, the ordinance process was rather lengthy and deliberative.

"We utilized a big study group to make sure we had a workable ordinance," he said. "It is not meant to impede the real estate process."

Among that study group was a committee of real estate professionals, who were not necessarily opposed to the ordinance, but wanted to ensure it did not adversely affect the sale of property.

"The new La Porte County Property Transfer Ordinance could propose challenges on some property

owners who go to sell their homes that have older, non-compliant water, well and/or septic systems," Kim Huston of 1st Choice Realty Group in New Carlisle said.

Huston explained that St. Joseph County enacted a similar ordinance in 2005.

Hudson Lake Township Trustee Joyce Forbes has concerns that the ordinance does not address resolving the issue of non-compliance and anticipates the La Porte County Regional Sewer Board will take steps to help maintain property values and ensure requirements are met.

"Current codes would not permit these homes to be built today as they would not meet the code requirements for well and septic

ORDINANCE, CONTINUES ON 5

Help Your Mother Prepare for Retirement

Provided By
Edward Jones

Mother's Day is almost here, so start shopping for the flowers or candy for Mom. But this year, why not also go beyond the traditional? Specifically, if your mother is still working but getting close to retirement, consider providing her with a gift that can help make her days as a retiree more pleasant.

Here are a few suggestions:

Contribute to her IRA. As long as your mother is employed, she can contribute to an IRA, and she may already have one. If so, help her fund it for 2016. You can't contribute directly to her IRA, but you can certainly write her a check for that purpose, and by doing so, you can make it easier for Mom to "max out" on her account this year. Assuming your mother is over 50, she can contribute up to \$6,500 per

year to her IRA. As you may know, an IRA can be a great way to save for retirement because it offers significant tax benefits. Contributions to a traditional IRA are typically tax-deductible, while any earnings can grow tax deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but any earnings can grow tax free, provided the account owner meets certain conditions.

Give Mom some stocks. You know your mother well, so you are probably familiar with the products she likes. By giving her shares of stock of the companies that produce these goods, you will provide Mom with a feeling of ownership that she may enjoy – along with the benefit of possessing investments that could potentially increase in value.

Discuss retirement income strategy. Even if your mother has made some smart financial moves, such as investing in an IRA and her 401(k)

or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, she may still need some advice on how best to initiate and manage her retirement income. To cite just one action she needs to take, she must start making withdrawals from her 401(k) and traditional IRA once she turns 70½. But if she withdraws too much each year from these accounts, she could deplete them sooner in her retirement years than is desirable. To develop a solid retirement income strategy – one that can help her avoid outliving her income – she will need to coordinate withdrawals from her retirement accounts with her Social Security payments and any other sources of income she may have available. Because it's so important to put together an appropriate income strategy, it's a very good idea to consult with a financial professional. If your mother does not currently work with one, encourage her to meet

with someone you know and trust.

Of course, your mother may be married and have her finances commingled with those of her spouse. Nonetheless, every one of the suggestions mentioned above is applicable and relevant to your mother, whether she is singled, married, divorced or widowed. Women must be prepared to take full charge of their financial situations, no matter their marital status.

Anything you give Mom on Mother's Day will be appreciated. But if you can add a gift – whether in the form of investments or knowledge – that can help her make progress toward an enjoyable retirement lifestyle, you will be providing her with an enormous "thank you" for all she's done for you over the years.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity Welcomes New Project Manager for 2016 Home Build

By LaPorte County
Habitat For Humanity

LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA --Keith Hite has joined LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity as its construction manager for 2016. Hite will be managing all aspects of the project at 911 Park Street in LaPorte.

Hite has been a teacher at New Prairie High School for 25 years. There he has taught a variety of courses including architectural drafting, construction, electricity, woodworking, auto and metals.

His Building Trades classes have built nine homes and remodeled the Kankakee Township Fire Department during the last 10 years. He presently sits on the board of directors of the Builders Association of LaPorte County.

"I'm excited to get involved with Habitat to help a great organization," Hite said.

"We are pleased to have Keith on board. His hands-on experience plus his skills as an educator make Keith the perfect individual to deal with all facets of the project, and to coach our volunteers," said Bob Long, executive director of LaPorte County Habitat.

"For the last month and a half, he



Photo Provided

New Prairie High School Teacher and New Carlisle resident Keith Hite will be joining LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity in 2016.

has immersed himself in planning and budgeting to enable this project to go forward smoothly. We expect groundbreaking to occur in early May."

About LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity

LaPorte County Habitat for Hu-

manity is celebrating its 30th year of service locally. An affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, its mission is "seeking to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope."

ORDINANCE, CONTINUED FROM 4

system placement," Forbes said.

As previously mentioned, many of these homes were built as summer cottages and are on smaller lots in close proximity to each to each other.

"The Ordinance as currently adopted does not give guidance for non-compliance or any remedy to property owners who may have a septic system or well that would need replacement should the property have insufficient space for a new well and/or septic system," she said.

Forbes also serves on the Hudson and Saugany Lake Sewer Committee, which has taken some preliminary steps in estimating the cost of installing and maintaining a sewer system for the lake communities.

"While we did not have anything to do with the direct implementation of this ordinance, we are happy that it will support the need for the County to see about a Community wastewater system," she said.

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Memorial Park Nearly Complete Again

By Koby Keck
Editor

The installation process of the new Memorial Park playground equipment has reached the finishing touches stage.

Two truck loads of mulch were scheduled to be delivered to the play area on Thursday, May 5. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held once installation is complete, and the playground will be open to the children after that.

The bulk of the installation work took place on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. Led by the town crew, community volunteers and the New Prairie Building Trades class were all assets to the process. The Building Trades class is taught by Mr. Keith Hite.

Donuts and lunch for the workers were provided by two local churches. On Friday, the New Carlisle United Methodist Church donated the refreshments. While on Saturday, the New Carlisle Wesleyan Church pitched in.

The new equipment, purchased from Little Tykes Commercial, fits within the existing footprint of the playground area.

"The Park Board thanks everyone who volunteered, served lunch and helped in any way to make our Memorial Park complete again," stated Park Board President Nancy Taplin.

The Park Board is appreciative of the dedication of the volunteers, who worked through the inclement weather on both days.

"This is an awesome town when help is needed," Taplin said.

Taplin is also thankful for the patience of the public as the process unfolded. Safety of the equipment was at the forefront of the board's decision making.

"It took time to decide on just the right equipment that would be durable, attractive, and be able to pro-

vide hours of enjoyment to the children in this community," Taplin said

About the Park Board

Current Park Board Members include: Nancy Taplin, President, Mary Ann Holston, Vice President; Donna Vermillion, Secretary, and Phil Rafalski and Mallory Pearce, Board Members. Roger Grove is Park Superintendent. Town Liaison for 2015 was Aaron Rypma, and in 2016 is Dan Vermillion.

As of press time, the ribbon cutting ceremony had not been scheduled. Be sure to follow updates on www.newcarlislegazette.com or on The Gazette's Facebook page regarding a date and time for the opening of the playground.



Photo By Nancy Taplin

It was a community effort as the new playground equipment was constructed at Memorial Park in downtown New Carlisle.



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That's The Spirit

Photo Story
By Roanna Hooton

New Prairie Theatre Company presented, "That's the Spirit." A play with a phone call from the beyond, coyotes howling and a character masquerading as lamp created an evening full of laughter for the audience.

Each character had a BIG personality and a different accent. At one point in the show, it was complete chaos and you were left hanging wondering who actually committed the murder.

The cast was made up of New Prairie students and was directed by New Prairie Senior, Abigail Hooton.

Theatre teacher, Kortney Brennan said, "In all my years of teaching, I have never had a student director. Abi was the perfect student for my first. She is amazing!"

Here is a recap of the play and cast members.

It's hilarious, escapist fun, a spooky puzzle and an entertaining whodunit! Psychic Jenny Davenport (Jaclyn Kosinski/Mattison Ellman) is murdered at a lodge that once belonged to The Great Marvel, a famed "Illusionist."

Who should turn up as the investigator but another dingy psychic, Claire Voyant (Kylie Dillon), who solicits the help of a bunch of weirdos:



The cast of New Prairie Theatre Company's production of "That's The Spirit." The show ran from April 28 through April 30 at the New Prairie High School auditorium.

Bella Donna (Kayla Brown) and her nasty ventriloquist dummy, Chester; Anne Boleyn (Ally Pinter), who has a terrible fear of axes; and Ernst Slater (Jaclyn Kosinski/Mattison Ellman), the lady with the x-ray eyes.

Toss in some bumbling police (Alayna Holifield and Colin Nichols), a fish-out-of-water niece (Haley Benner), a crazed hermit (Braxton Bolka), a walking lampshade (Sam Wilcox), and a ham actor (Tim Gall), and the

results are a hysterically funny, genuinely scary one-of-a-kind lampoon. (Description from *samuelfrench.com*)

CAST

JENNY DAVENPORT - Mattison Ellman/Jaclyn Kosinski
RUBY - Madison Michael
IRENE LOCKWOOD - Haley Benner
WAYNE HOPKINS - Tim Gall

CHARLOTTE PRINDLE - Alayna Holifield
BUD FRAZER - Colin Nichols
SCOTTY NELSON - Sam Wilcox
BELLA DONNA - Kayla Brown
ANNE BOLEYN - Ally Pinter
JUAN - Braxton Bolka
ERNST SLATER - Mattison Ellman/Jaclyn Kosinski
VICTORIA GREENSTREET - Clara Hooton

Director: Abi Hooton

A big thanks to the New Prairie Fine Arts department, Mr. Dettinger and NPHS staff.

Upcoming Band/Choir concerts at NPMS/NPHS:

NPMS/NPHS Band Concerts
Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm CDT

NPMS Choir Concert
Tuesday, May 17th at 6:00 pm CDT

NPHS Choir Concerts
Thursday and Friday, May 12 & 13 at 6:30 pm CDT

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May 7

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For Saugany Lake Conservation Club

Enterprise Rent-A-Car Lot in LaPorte

10:00am - 2:00pm (CT)

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May 7

Maifest Celebration

Moser's Austrian Cafe

5:00pm (ET)

Traditional German celebration of nature's bright reawakening after winter's cold darkness. Austrian Buffet (Wienerschnitzel, Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, Potatoes, Paprika Chicken, Gulasch, Spaetzle and Red Cabbage) all for \$20. Est. Akkordian & Friends will be here celebrating with us with the Alphorns and beautiful traditional German music. Guten Appetit and Prost!

May 7

Rolling Prairie Alumni Banquet

VFW Hall on Byron Road

Doors 5:00pm (CT)

Dinner served at 6:00pm (CT)

Everyone who attended Rolling Prairie High School and has an interest in meeting with former classmates is encouraged to attend. Classes to be honored will be the Classes of 1946, 1956 and 1966.

May 7

Brew and Gold: Beer and Wine Tasting
Supporting New Prairie Education Foundation

Monroe's Crossing

7038 N Chicago Rd

5:00pm - 7:00pm (CT)

Advance Tickets: \$50/At the Door: \$60/
Designated Driver: \$20. Ticket includes free food, drink samples, live DJ, and silent auction. Must be 21+ and present ID.

May 8

Mother's Day

May 9

Discover New Carlisle Meeting

Moser's Austrian Cafe

5:30pm (ET)

Regular monthly meeting, public welcome.

May 10

Cub Scout Pack 250 Meeting

New Carlisle Public Library

6:30pm (ET)

May 11

NPMS/NPHS Band Concert

New Prairie High School Auditorium

5:30pm and 7:00pm (CT)

May 11

Natural Remedies Series: Rest

New Carlisle Public Library

7:00pm (ET)

Local speaker will continue the Natural Remedies series

May 14

Ladies Day at the Library

New Carlisle Public Library

Noon - 2:00 pm (ET)

(stop in anytime between these hours)

Special events for ladies of all ages! Light lunch, craft station, bath salts, scarf-wearing demonstration, organizing tips, massages and door prizes. All free! No registration required.

May 12 & 13

NPMS Choir Concert

New Prairie High School Auditorium

6:30pm (CT)

May 14

New Prairie High School Prom

May 14 & 15

NPLL Give Back Weekend

Cougars Palace Ice Cream Shop

Saturday: 2:00pm-11:00pm (ET)

Sunday: 2:00pm-9:00pm (ET)

20% of sales during these hours will be donated to the New Prairie Little League if give back coupon is presented.

May 15

Hit, Pitch & Run Qualifier

New Prairie Little League

Ages 7-12 earn points through hitting, throwing, and running bases. Winners advance to sectional qualifying at Plymouth.

May 17

Cub Scout Pack 250 Meeting

New Carlisle Public Library

6:30pm (ET)

May 17

NP Middle School Choir Concert

New Prairie High School Auditorium

6:00pm (CT)

May 20

Fish Fry

Terre Coupee Lodge #204

54214 Timothy Road

6:00pm - 8:00pm (ET)

Adult: \$8.00/Children: \$4.00/Active ambulance, fire, and police: \$7.00.

May 22

Newts vs. South Bend

Migley Field

1:20pm (ET)

New Carlisle Newts 2016 ORWBL home opener against South Bend.

May 23

Hometown Days Meeting

Edward Jones Office

6:30pm (ET)

Monthly planning meeting for the 2016 festival. New volunteers welcome.

May 24

Cub Scout Pack 250 Meeting

New Carlisle Public Library

6:30pm (ET)

May 25

Natural Remedies Series: Trust

New Carlisle Public Library

7:00pm (ET)

Local speaker will continue the Natural Remedies series

May 30

Memorial Day

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July 29-31
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July 30-31
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New Carlisle-Rolling Prairie Rivalry Ends

By Koby Keck
Editor

Another chapter in the New Carlisle-Rolling Prairie sports rivalry has reached its conclusion.

When it was all said and done in 1966, the little town on the hill had dominated the series on both the hardwood and the gridiron. In fact, New Carlisle never lost a football game to Rolling Prairie, winning all six matchups between the schools.

Nearly fifty years later, the dust has settled on the latest installment of the rivalry: wiffleball. And in this case, the two sides have been dead even.

On April 12, Old Republic Wiffle®Ball League (ORWBL) Commissioner Alex Friedman announced that the Rolling Prairie franchise, Emery's Army, was folding after seven years in the league.

Emery's Army finishes their ORWBL run with an overall record of 153-118. The mark of 153 wins ranks second all-time in the history of the league.

The renegade squad from Rolling Prairie first made a splash on the wiffle scene in 2008 during The Wiffle®Ball Championship at Hometown Days.

Playing their way into the Elite Eight and just one win away from the Hometown Cup Finals at Migley Field, Rolling Prairie ran into its old nemesis: New Carlisle.

At the time, the New Carlisle Newts were already establishing themselves as one of the premier teams in the game. The Newts were the defending champions of the Hometown Days tournament and were also on their way to clinching a second consecutive National League pennant in ORWBL play.

The legendary 2008 quarterfinal game would just be a sign of things to come. One out away from their first loss ever in Hometown Days play,



Photo By Kourtney Keck
New Carlisle's Garrett Curless gets set to face Rolling Prairie's Eric Johnson in a 2013 matchup between the Newts and Emery's Army at Migley Field.

the Newts caught a break when an Emery's Army outfielder dropped the potential final out over the fence for a home run. The Newts would go on to win the game, 9-8, en route to their second straight Hometown Days title.

Looking for revenge, Emery's Army joined ORWBL for the 2009 season and immediately became division rivals with the Newts. In the first league season competing against each other, New Carlisle and Rolling Prairie would finish with identical 30-12 records, forcing a one-game playoff to determine the division crown. The Newts won the tiebreaker and would eventually play in yet another ORWBL World Series.

The following year featured another tight divisional race, with the Newts capturing the division title again. However, as a Wild Card, Emery's Army pulled off the upset in the NLDS and eliminated New Carlisle from the postseason.

Emery's Army would continue their surge in 2011, finally besting New Carlisle for a division championship.

The rivalry quickly gained national attention, as the National Wiffle League Association (NWLA) recognized it as one of the top nine rivalries in the entire country. The NWLA currently consists of 61 leagues throughout the United States and Canada.

Both franchises struggled in 2012, but all the while, the games between the two teams were among the most highly anticipated of the season. After Rolling Prairie swept the series at Robin Court, the Newts took two of three under the lights in the annual Migley Field night series.

By the next year, both New Carlisle and Rolling Prairie were forces once again. The Newts won their first of two consecutive ORWBL World Series. While Rolling Prairie, fighting back against sanctions levied by Hometown Days, reached the Hometown Cup Finals for the first time (under the name Habeas Corpus).

Despite meeting every year in league play, New Carlisle and Rolling Prairie went five years without crossing paths during The Wiffle®Ball

Championship at Hometown Days. That changed in 2014, when they met in a classic pool play matchup.

Emery's Army won a tense ballgame, 10-8, seemingly exorcising some of the demons from the 2008 loss. However New Carlisle would find a more favorable play-off draw that year, and found their way to the Hometown Cup Finals.

Last summer, in what would be the final year of the rivalry in league play, New Carlisle and Rolling Prairie met in the postseason with a trip to the ORWBL World Series on the line.

Although New Carlisle entered as the two-time defending World Series champions, Rolling Prairie was actually favored to win the series. Emery's Army had won two of the three head-to-head matchups in the regular season and finished higher in the standings.

The best of five series was typical Newts-Emery's Army. The first two games at Migley Field ended via walk-off home runs by the Newts.

In Game 1, New Carlisle trailed by nine runs heading into the sixth inning but rallied to send the game into extra innings. With the wind howling out, the Newts would hit a home run to end it in the seventh, 30-29.

The script flipped in Game 2, as Rolling Prairie mounted the large comeback. Down seven going into the final frame, Emery's Army forced the Newts to bat in the bottom half. Once again, New Carlisle prevailed on a home run, winning 19-17.

When the series shifted to the Grassy Knoll on Robin Court, so did the wind. Rolling Prairie avoided the sweep by manufacturing three runs in the sixth inning to claim a 4-3 victory.

New Carlisle answered in Game 4, clinching a World Series berth with a 2-1 win in what has now become the

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SCOREBOARD

Cougars 3, Jimmies 1 Panthers 13, Cougars 2 Colonials 5, Cougars 4 Cougars 18, Satellites 7

NEW CARLISLE- The Cougars scored a huge Northern Indiana Conference victory over longtime rival Jimtown, 3-1, on Wednesday, April 27 at Harry “Bear” Tolmen Field.

Bryce Bloode spun a gem on the mound for New Prairie.

Bloode tossed a complete game, allowing just one unearned run and striking out nine Jimmies.

A Cougar error in the second inning turned into a run as Jimtown’s Ben Hurtt crossed the plate on a single by Zach Hill.

That was the last time the Jimtown offense was heard from, as Bloode shut them down for the remainder of the game.

Addison Kuntz tied the game in the second with a sacrifice fly, scoring courtesy runner Drew Lambert.

Lambert was running for Bloode, who doubled to start the inning.

Kuntz later drove in the go ahead run with a single in the fourth.

NEW CARLISLE- Despite scoring first, and hanging around for most of the ballgame, the Cougars fell 13-2 to Griffith on Thursday, April 28 in a game that was moved to Harry “Bear” Tolmen Field.

New Prairie led 2-0 after three innings. Dylan Kegley started the scoring with an RBI single in the first, and Bryce Bloode added one of his own in the third.

However, Griffith answered with six runs in the top of the fourth, chasing Cougars starter Justin Cromey after 3 and 1/3 innings work.

Mason Workman and Garrett Ruiz both worked in relief. Griffith scored another run in the fifth to make it 7-2.

The game remained within reach until the seventh inning, when the Panthers added on six more runs for the 13-2 final score.

Cody Wilkins picked up the win on the mound for Griffith.

NEW CARLISLE- New Prairie fell to 3-4 in Northern Indiana Conference play, dropping a 5-4 decision to South Bend Clay on Friday, April 29 at Harry “Bear” Tolmen Field.

The Colonials were first on the board, scoring four runs in the third inning off of New Prairie starter Dylan Kegley. Kegley took the loss in a complete game effort. He allowed five runs, none of which were earned, and struck out three.

The Cougars chipped away at the 4-0 deficit immediately, as Ben McDonald doubled home Kadin Abegg in the bottom of the third for New Prairie’s first tally.

After another Cougar run in the fourth cut it to 4-2, Clay tacked on an insurance run in the top of the seventh, to make it 5-2.

The Cougars had a loud seventh of their own, as Kegley’s two run homer brought the game within one.

UNION MILLS- New Prairie improved to 7-11 overall on the season with a rout of South Central on Saturday, April 30.

The Cougars capitalized on nine Satellitte errors to cruise to a non-conference victory.

New Prairie scored the first nine runs of the ballgame to back starting pitcher Garrett Ruiz.

Ruiz went the distance, giving up only two earned runs and striking out seven South Central hitters.

Offensively, New Prairie was led by Connor VanOverberghe, who went three for five at the plate and drove in three runs.

Ben McDonald went two for two and walked three times. He doubled in the third inning.

Evan Knowlton and Dylan Kegley also doubled, each driving in a pair of runs on the day.

The Cougars scored in every inning but the fifth.

JIMTOWN					NEW PRAIRIE				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Holloman	4	0	0	0	Abegg	3	0	0	0
Whitman	3	0	0	0	McDonald	3	1	2	0
Guldager	2	0	1	0	Kegley	3	0	1	0
Hobbs	4	0	0	0	Kasinger	3	0	2	1
Hurtt	3	1	0	0	Ketterer	3	0	0	0
Heintzberger	2	0	0	0	Bloode	3	0	2	0
Gordon	3	0	0	0	Lambert	0	2	0	0
Hill	3	0	2	1	Knowlton	2	0	1	0
Pratt	0	0	0	0	Kuntz	2	0	1	2
Watson	3	0	1	0	Ruiz	0	0	0	0
Gamer	-	-	-	-	Workman	3	0	0	0
Swann	-	-	-	-	Curl	-	-	-	-
Totals	27	1	4	1	Totals	25	3	9	3
@ Harry “Bear” Tolmen Field									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H
JIM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
NP	0	1	0	1	1	0	X	3	9

E— Abegg. LOB — Jimtown 9, New Prairie 6 2B — Bloode, McDonald. SB — Guldager, Hurtt, Watson, Pratt, Kasinger, Ruiz 2, McDonald

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
JIMTOWN						
Gordon (L)	5.0	9	3	3	0	4
Swann	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
NEW PRAIRIE						
Bloode (W)	7.0	4	1	0	4	9

GRIFFITH					NEW PRAIRIE				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Rutherford	4	1	1	2	Abegg	4	1	1	0
Cole	0	0	0	0	McDonald	2	1	1	0
Miller	3	0	0	0	King	1	0	0	0
Adams	1	0	0	2	Kegley	4	0	1	1
Wright	5	1	1	0	Ketterer	2	0	0	0
Hoese	4	1	0	0	VanOvrbgrhe	1	0	0	0
Colomes	3	3	2	2	Bloode	3	0	1	1
Quintero	2	2	0	1	Cromey	2	0	0	0
Martoccio	3	2	2	0	Ruiz	1	0	0	0
Caraballo	2	2	1	2	Kuntz	3	0	2	0
Lipski	0	0	0	0	Knowlton	3	0	1	0
Seberger	3	1	1	3	Lambert	2	0	0	0
Totals	30	13	8	12	Totals	28	2	7	2
@ Harry “Bear” Tolmen Field									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H
GRIFF	0	0	0	6	1	0	6	13	8
NP	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	7

E— Rutherford, Knowlton, Bloode, Curl. LOB — Griffith 5, New Prairie 8. 2B — Colomes 2, Rutherford, Abegg. 3B — Seberger. SB — Colomes, Wright, Hoese, Miller 2, Cole, Bloode, Kuntz, Kegley

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
GRIFFITH						
Wilkins (W)	3.0	5	2	1	1	1
Flores	4.0	2	0	0	1	3
NEW PRAIRIE						
Cromey (L)	3.1	2	6	6	4	2
Workman	1.2	3	1	1	2	1
Ruiz	2.0	3	6	4	3	1

CLAY					NEW PRAIRIE				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Payne	3	1	0	0	Abegg	3	2	1	0
Kehoe	4	0	1	1	McDonald	3	0	1	1
Parkhurst	4	1	2	1	Kegley	4	1	1	2
Greve	4	1	1	1	Ketterer	3	1	1	0
Stoner	4	0	2	1	Kuntz	3	0	1	0
Conner	2	0	0	0	Ruiz	0	0	0	0
Evans	3	0	1	0	Bloode	2	0	1	0
Ortiz	3	0	1	0	Knowlton	3	0	0	0
Steveken	2	2	0	0	VanOvrbgrhe	2	0	0	1
Cruz	-	-	-	-	Lanbert	3	0	0	0
Arndt	-	-	-	-	Curl	-	-	-	-
Totals	29	5	8	4	Totals	26	4	6	4
@ Harry “Bear” Tolmen Field									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H
CLAY	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	5	8
NP	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	4	6

E— Kehoe, Lambert, Knowlton, McDonald. DP — New Prairie 1. LOB — Clay 6, New Prairie 6. 2B — Stoner, Parkhurst, Kuntz, McDonald. 3B — Bloode. HR — Kegley. SB — Ortiz, Parkhurst, Abegg.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
CLAY						
Payne (W)	6.0	4	3	3	7	10
Greve	1.0	2	1	1	0	1
NEW PRAIRIE						
Kegley (L)	7.0	8	5	0	3	3

NEW PRAIRIE					SOUTH CENTRAL				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Abegg	3	2	0	1	Crawford	2	0	0	0
Lambert	2	2	1	0	#16	2	0	0	0
McDonald	2	4	2	0	Husman	4	1	1	1
Kegley	1	2	1	2	Eaton	3	2	1	0
Cromey	1	2	0	0	Sims	1	0	1	1
Kuntz	2	0	0	1	Husmann	2	0	0	1
King	2	2	0	2	Snyder	3	0	2	1
Ketterer	3	2	2	1	Schmack	2	1	1	0
Bloode	3	0	1	1	#15	2	1	0	0
Curl	0	0	0	1	Michaels	3	1	0	0
Knowlton	5	1	1	2	Thomas	3	1	0	0
VanOvrbgrhe	5	1	3	3					
Workman	5	0	1	0					
Totals	34	18	12	14	Totals	27	7	6	4
@ South Central									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H
NP	3	6	3	4	0	2	-	18	12
SC	1	0	1	2	2	0	-	7	6

E— Ketterer, Knowlton 2, VanOverberghe 2, McDonald, Crawford 2, Eaton 5, Snyder, Schmack. LOB — New Prairie 6, South Central 4. 2B — Knowlton, McDonald, Kegley, Sims. SB — Ketterer 2, Knowlton, VanOverberghe, McDonald 3, Abegg

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
NEW PRAIRIE						
Ruiz (W)	6.0	6	7	2	3	7
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Sims (L)	1.1	4	5	1	1	3
Young	0.1	1	4	2	2	0
Husmann	0.2	2	3	0	1	0
Husman	3.2	5	6	5	4	3

RIVALRY, CONTINUED FROM 9



Photo By Matt Gard
Frustration sets in for Hall of Famer Marc Lindsey in this 2010 photo, as Rolling Prairie eliminated New Carlisle from the postseason.

final game between the storied rivals.

All told, the head-to-head series in ORWBL play ends tied at 25 wins a piece. As previously noted, the teams also split their two meetings at The Wiffle®Ball Championship.

Like the overall series, the individual games between the two teams were just as closely contested. Extra innings were often needed and walk-off wins were a common occurrence. Nearly every game came down to the last inning, and 13 of them were decided by one run.

The total runs scored against each other were almost identical, with New Carlisle holding a slight 373-370 advantage.

The rivalry represented neighborhood wiffleball and a sense of community pride. Just like the crowds of interested spectators at famed Migley Field, the games on Robin Court were a well-attended neighborhood event. Arguably, Emery’s Army had the most dedicated contingent of fans, making Rolling Prairie a favorite destination for the other teams in the league.

While the New Carlisle Newts will play on and remain a fixture in the league, part of their deco-

rated history has come to an end.

For Rolling Prairie, wiffle-ball Sundays on the Grassy Knoll at Robin Court will remain a great memory and source of pride for the residents of the neighborhood.

RIVALRY
FACTS & FIGURES

All-Time Record: Tied, 25-25
First ORWBL meeting: June 24, 2009 in Rolling Prairie (RP wins 2 of 3)
Last ORWBL meeting: August 5, 2015 in Rolling Prairie (Postseason, NC wins series, 3-1)

Record at Grassy Knoll: Rolling Prairie leads, 14-10
Record at Migley Field: New Carlisle leads, 15-11

Longest win streak: 5 (New Carlisle from 7/7/13 to 6/29/14)
Biggest Margin of victory: 16 (NC 21, RP 5 on 6/12/10)

Longest game: 8 innings, (RP 19, NC 18 on 6/29/14)

COUGAR SPORTS SCHEDULE
May 6 - May 19

BASEBALL

Mon. 5/9	Varsity @ Mishawaka	JV vs. Mishawaka	4:00pm
Wed. 5/11	Varsity vs. SB Adams	JV @ SB Adams	4:00pm
Fri. 5/13	Varsity @ John Glenn	JV vs. John Glenn	4:00pm
Mon. 5/16	Varsity vs. Knox		4:30pm
Tue. 5/17	Junior Varsity @ Knox		4:30pm
Thu. 5/19	Varsity @ New Buffalo	JV vs. New Buffalo	4:00pm

BOYS GOLF

Fri. 5/6	vs. New Buffalo	2:30pm
Sat. 5/7	New Prairie JV Invitational	1:00pm
Mon. 5/9	@ SB Clay	3:30pm
Wed. 5/11	Westville/Bremen @ Legacy Hills	3:35pm
Fri. 5/13	@ La Porte	1:00pm
Sat. 5/14	Westville Invite @ Legacy Hills	12:00pm
Tue. 5/17	Mishawaka/SB Washington @ Elbel	3:00pm
Wed. 5/18	vs. SB St. Joseph	4:00pm

GIRLS TENNIS

Sat. 5/7	New Prairie Varsity/JV Invite	8:00am/2:00pm
Mon. 5/9	vs. La Lumiere	4:00pm
Tue. 5/10	NIC Tournament @ Leeper Park	3:00pm
Wed. 5/11	NIC Tournament @ Leeper Park	3:00pm
Thu. 5/12	NIC Tournament @ Leeper Park	3:00pm
Mon. 5/16	@ SB Adams	4:30pm
Wed. 5/18	Sectional Round 1 @ La Porte	4:00pm

SOFTBALL

Mon. 5/9	Varsity @ Knox	4:30pm
Tue. 5/10	Varsity @ SB Adams	JV vs. SB Adams 4:00pm
Fri. 5/13	Varsity vs. John Glenn	JV @ John Glenn 4:00pm
Mon. 5/16	Varsity vs. Triton	JV @ Triton 4:00pm
Tue. 5/17	Varsity @ La Ville	JV @ La Ville 4:00pm
Thu. 5/19	Varsity vs. New Buffalo	4:00pm

TRACK & FIELD

Fri. 5/6	@ Concord Relays	4:30pm
Sat. 5/7	@ Goshen Relays	10:00am
Tue. 5/10	NIC Meet @ Elkhart Central	4:00pm
Thu. 5/12	@ Elkhart Central	4:00pm
Tue. 5/17	Girls Sectional @ Chesterton	4:45pm
Thu. 5/19	Boys Sectional @ Portage	3:45pm

ALL TIMES LISTED ARE CENTRAL TIME (SCHOOL TIME)
Cougar Sports Schedule is accurate as of press time on Monday, May 2. All event times and locations are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit New Prairie Athletics page on Schedule Star at <http://schedules.schedulestar.com/New-Prairie-High-School-New-Carlisle-IN/>

SPORTS

RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY

By Koby Keck
Editor

New Prairie Little League opened up its 22nd season of play on Saturday, April 30 in New Carlisle.

The weather was not very cooperative for baseball and softball. However, a few ballgames were able to be played before the cold and rain washed out much of the afternoon events.

In conjunction with the New Carlisle Wesleyan Church, the Little League held a food drive benefiting the local food pantry as part of the Opening Day festivities.

With 359 children in the program, ages 4-14, Opening Day



Photo By Brooklyn Mrozinski
One of New Prairie's instructional (pitching machine) teams, sponsored by Zahl's Elevator & Feed Mill, tries to stay warm in their dugout.

marked the first of many Saturdays where the complex will be packed with ballplayers and spectators.

Games will also be played during the week throughout the spring and summer. Schedules can be found at www.newprairielittleleague.com.

Cougars Palace Ice Cream Shop will be hosting a give back weekend in support of the Little League on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15.

Give back hours are 2pm to 11pm EDT on Saturday and 2pm to 9pm EDT on Sunday.

Twenty-percent of all sales during those two days will be donated to the Little League, if customers present the give back coupon when purchasing their ice cream.

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