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Ark Encounter Videos at Olive Chapel

By Rick Romeo
For The Gazette

Noah's Ark is a mind-blowing sight nestled in the rolling, green hills of Kentucky. The Ark Encounter is situated in beautiful Williamstown, Kentucky (northern Kentucky) which is halfway between Cincinnati and Lexington.

This massive architectural masterpiece is biblical in size — it is a football field and a half long (510 feet); 85 feet wide; and 7 stories high (51 feet)!

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Ark, and thus experience the pages of the Bible like never before!

The Ark is illuminated with rainbow colors in the evening as a testament to the true meaning of the rainbow.

After the Flood, God designated the rainbow as the sign of His covenant to never again destroy the whole earth with water.

But what architectural firm on earth could possibly have the expertise to actually construct something so massive? The answer turns out to be the Indiana-based Troyer Group.

This 45-person firm has already built some of the country's largest freestanding wooden structures.

Leroy Troyer, the President of the Troyer Group, is from our own Mishawaka, Indiana.

He serves on the Board of Trustees at Bethel College and holds a degree from the University of Notre Dame.

It took thousands of workers, including hundreds of Amish crafts-

men 24 months to construct The Ark.

The GOOD NEWS is that, Olive Chapel Church will be unveiling a series of videos on Sunday, February 26.

We will start at 10:00am Eastern Time, with snacks and beverages, and view the videos "The Building of the Ark Encounter" and "Building the Exhibits of Ark Encounter."

At 11:45am, the adventure will continue with "The Noah Interview" as we enjoy light refreshments. About 12:15pm, we will take a "Journey through the Creation Museum."

Please join us for any or all of the above videos; just come in, have a seat and make yourself at home.

Children are welcome. We have Veggie Tales and other movies for them and a chaperone, so you will be able to enjoy yourselves.

Olive Chapel Church is located at the corner of State Road 2 and Timothy Road in New Carlisle.

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ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble Contest

The New Prairie High School band program would like to recognize some outstanding student performances from a few weeks ago at the ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble Contest at Kankakee Valley Middle School on Saturday, January 28th.

The following students received Gold ratings on their Group 1 solo or ensemble events, and have qualified to perform at the State Solo & Ensemble Contest at North Central High School on Saturday, February 25th. Levi Britton - Trumpet Solo, Lily Carmel - Clarinet Solo, Abby Chlebowski - Bass Clarinet Solo, Haley DeMartinis - Alto Saxophone Solo, Malinda Jack - Alto Saxophone & Clarinet Solos, Ella Jasnieski - Clarinet Solo, Jacob Kessler - French

Horn Solo, Hannah Lauridsen - Clarinet Solo, George Long - Trombone Solo, Jacob Malik - Trumpet Solo, Hannah Nelson - Clarinet Solo, Seth Schwager - Snare Drum Solo, Alyssa Woodcox - Clarinet Solo, Danielle Woodcox - Flute & Tenor Saxophone Solos; Malinda Jack, Kaylin Johnson, Danielle Woodcox - Piccolo Trio; Haley DeMartinis, Rachel Humbarger, Malinda Jack, Tanisha Jimenez, Kaylin Johnson, Jacob Kessler (Conductor), Elaina Kobitz, Kylee Lestinsky, Danielle Woodcox - Flute Choir; Levi Britton, George Long, Hannah Nelson - Brass Trio; Corbin Gall, Jacob Kessler, George Long, Jacob Malik, Justin Rozinski - Brass Quintet.

Congratulations and good luck at state this weekend!

Sugar Camp Days welcomes visitors for maple syrup weekend



Bendix Woods County Park in New Carlisle, Indiana, is hosting its annual Sugar Camp Days festival on March 18 and 19, 2017 to celebrate the maple syrup season.

Visitors can tour the sugar bush to see sap being harvested, as well as visit the sugar house to discover how clear sap is transformed into golden syrup.

The New Carlisle Lions Club will sponsor an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast both days from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The proceeds from the breakfast support Leader Dogs for the Blind, cancer research, and community organizations.

Sugar Camp Days visitors can watch historical crafters demonstrate their trades, enjoy a horse-drawn wag-

on ride and purchase delicious foods made with maple syrup, such as maple sloppy joes, maple kettle corn, maple cotton candy and maple hot dogs.

Maple syrup baked goods, maple candy, maple cream and Bendix Woods' pure maple syrup will also be available for purchase.

Sugar Camp Days hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is an \$8/vehicle entrance fee.

For more information, please call 574/654-3155 or visit www.sjcparks.org.

The main entrance to Bendix Woods County Park is located on Timothy Road in New Carlisle, 8 miles west of the U.S. 31 bypass from the State Road 2 Exit.

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Bear Cub Spotted in Downtown New Carlisle



South Bend Cubs mascot Stu made an appearance in New Carlisle on Monday, February 13, stopping by the Town Hall to take a picture with the World War II memorial (above) and the town clock (right). Photos Courtesy of @SBCubsStu on Twitter.

There was another bear sighting in New Carlisle last week. Unlike the wild black bear which was spotted in the area a few years ago, this time around it was just a friendly "cubbie" bear roaming downtown.

Stu, the mascot of the South Bend Cubs, was in town to deliver special Valentine's Day packages to a few excited Cubs fans. For the last two years,

the team has offered Cubs fans a special way to celebrate Valentine's Day and get excited about the quickly approaching start of baseball season in South Bend.

This year's VIP packages, which were delivered by one of the two mascots Stu or Swoop, included a \$25 gift card to Papa Vino's, exquisite chocolates from the Wakarusa Dime Store, two tickets to any 2017 South Bend



Cubs home game, \$20 of Cubbie Cash to spend at the ballpark, two South Bend Cubs t-shirts, and six beautiful red roses from Wygant Floral in South Bend.

While he was here, Stu decided to take in some of the sights of New Carlisle's historic downtown district.

The South Bend Cubs are the Class A Midwest League affiliate of the World Champion Chicago Cubs.

Friends of the Library Welcomes New Members

By Renee Millar
For The Gazette

Our community is fortunate to have one of the nicest libraries in the area. In addition to a beautiful building, we have many educational and entertaining programs that benefit all ages.

What many people may not know about is what has been called a "small but mighty" group that has added special benefits over the years.

The New Carlisle-Olive Township Friends of the Library has been around for many years, helping with activities and more importantly providing funds to enhance programs.

The Friends group provides prizes for both the summer and winter reading programs, designed to encourage children and adults to read more.

The Friends also pay the movie license fee and purchased a popcorn machine for movie nights.

This is great family entertainment offered at no charge.

In 2016, the Friends provided staff appreciation gifts and also purchased New Prairie High School yearbooks for the History Room.

This year they will be sponsoring the Library's 15th Anniversary Birthday Bash on March 25.

All of this is funded by their semi-annual book sales.

The Friends of the Library would like to encourage more people to join, even if you only have an hour or two to assist with the sale.

The spring book sale will be Friday April 21 and Saturday, April 22, with set up at 1 pm on April 20 and clean up at 1 pm on April 23.

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Town Organizations: Discover New Carlisle

Photo Story
By Mary Ann Swope

The Discover New Carlisle Board of Directors Meeting convened at Moser's Austrian Café on February 13, 2017.

DNC officers are Director Ron Colpitts, Assistant Director Kathy Aurenz, and Treasurer Jennifer Moser.

All others serve as Board Members At-Large.

Discover New Carlisle was organized between 2010 and 2011 when *Historic New Carlisle, Inc.* Director Dana Groves saw the possibilities of re-energizing and promoting the Town of New Carlisle. Definitely a positive move, Dana provided the following information.

"New Carlisle officially became a

Main Street community in 2013. *Discover New Carlisle, Inc.* was formed with the goal of encouraging and developing economic growth through promotion, events, education, and preservation. Projects have included a grant that produced brochures highlighting New Carlisle's unique shops and restaurants, and one that provided for new benches, trash and recycling containers and way-finder signs through the downtown.

"Events include an annual *Wine and Beer Walk*, *Christmas in New Carlisle*, and *Taste of New Carlisle*. The group meets the second Monday of each month on the second floor of *Moser's Austrian Restaurant* at 5:30 pm EST. The group is always looking for new projects and ways to enhance the community. Visitors are always welcome!"



L-R: **Dan Vermillion** (Town Council Representative), **Chris Owsianowski** (Third Coast Woodshop—Hwy 2), **Pam Weaver** (1st Source Bank), **Kathy Aurenz** (Yarn & More), **Dana Groves** (Historic New Carlisle, Inc.), **Ron Colpitts** (BPI Equipment Inc—Granger), **Jennifer Moser** (Moser's Austrian Cafe), and **Marcy Kauffman** (Feeney's Home-town Goods). DNC Members not present this night—**John Borkowski** (Borkowski Auction Service), **Margaret Czarnecki** (Carlisle Coffee & Sweets), **Louise & Steve Skinner** (The Potter's Wife), **Randy Clark** (R. J. Clark Studio), and **Bill Sutton** (The Village Shoppes).

Recipes, Etc.

By Barbara Peterich
For The Gazette

Try this simple, but great chicken casserole for your family. You will hear "oohs" and "aahs" from them. Enjoy the quiet and slower pace of February with this recipe. So easy!

Crispy Rich Pecan-Chicken Casserole

2-3 cups cooked chicken (try rotisserie to save time)

2/3 cup chopped pecans

2 T. onion, finely chopped

3/4 c. celery, sliced

1 c. mayonnaise

1/2 c. sour cream

10 3/4 oz. can cream of chicken soup

2 tsp lemon juice

1 c. potato chips, crushed

2 c. shredded Cheddar cheese

Mix together all ingredients, except chips and cheese. Place in lightly greased 3-quart casserole dish. Combine chips and cheese; sprinkle on top. Bake, uncovered at 375 degree oven for 30-35 minutes until golden and bubbly. Serve 6.

Etc. — Serve with your favorite vegetable and tossed salad. Mark your favorite recipe with these "Vintage Bookmarks" Use: vintage buttons in graduated sizes; adhesive; jumbo paper clips; felt scraps. Stack buttons together and glue to secure. Once dry, glue paper clip to the back of your button stack and allow to dry. Cut a circle of felt just slightly larger than the bottom button in the stack, or at least large enough to cover the paper clip. Glue in place. Have fun.



Sugar Camp Days

March 18-19, 2017

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NPUSC Building Renovation Update and Plan

Provided by New Prairie United School Corporation

The goal of this article is to update the New Prairie United School Corporation (NPUSC) community on the final aspects of the NPUSC Facility Renovation Project.

The summary includes final project cost, actual taxpayer impact after the November 2016 bond sale, and an update on the final list of projects to be completed with referendum and NPUSC funds with a project completion timeline for spring 2017 through 2019.

NPUSC will be conducting the following public meetings as a follow up to this communication in order to answer questions about the renovation project and to seek community input about school system future goals and direction. These meetings will take place:

- Wednesday, March 8, at Rolling Prairie Elementary School Cafeteria, 7 p.m. CST
- Thursday, March 9, at New Carlisle Public Library, 6 p.m. CST/7 p.m. EST
- Tuesday, March 14, at New Prairie High School Library, 7 p.m. CST

Final Project Summary and Cost

After community approval of the NPUSC Renovation Project in May 2016, NPUSC has been working through final proposals from construction/architectural teams. We have conducted final evaluations of our facility needs and finalized project details and timelines.

After a formal process under the Indiana Design-Build Construction law, Performance Services, Inc. (PSI) from Indianapolis won construction management of the project as lead design-builders after completing a competitive process with two other finalists.

Referendum Approved Tax Impact above Current Property Taxes

Property Value	Estimated Monthly Tax Impact (Spring '16)	Actual Final Monthly Tax Impact
\$50,000 Home Value*	\$1.53	\$1.50
\$100,000 Home Value*	\$5.02	\$4.91
\$150,000 Home Value*	\$10.01	\$9.79
\$200,000 Home Value*	\$15.00	\$14.66
Property Value	Estimated YEARLY Tax Impact (Spring '16)	Actual Final YEARLY Tax Impact
1 Acre Agriculture Land**	\$3.77	\$3.53
\$100,000 Rental/Commercial	\$15.34	\$15.00

*Includes standard deduction, supplemental homestead deduction, and mortgage deductions
**Assumes Agricultural land is assessed at \$1,960 per acre per most recent state legislature guidelines

Above is a comparison between taxpayer approved referendum tax impacts from the May 2016 referendum vote (Bond Sale 4% Interest) and the actual tax impact after the November 2016 bond sale. (Note: final bond sale interest rate was 3.36%).

PSI was selected through an evaluation/voting process by a six-member committee comprised of NPUSC leaders and independent construction professionals appointed by the NPUSC School Board of Trustees.

In the fall and spring of the 2015-16 school year, NPUSC communicated to the school community that the estimated project cost would be \$37 million for construction costs, \$42

million total cost including soft costs such as financing and equipment.

The Spring 2016 Referendum Ballot stated: “Estimated not to cost more than \$42 million.” PSI’s final project winning proposal was for a \$38.4 million construction cost.

Through additional NPUSC dollars that will be used to finance projects, plus additional bond revenue due to the lower than expected in-

terest rate, NPUSC has been able to add some additional scope to the Renovation Project, while still executing the project in a way that will cost taxpayers less than advertised, due to savings in total interest cost.

The NPUSC Renovation Project taxpayer principal cost will be \$43,775,068.40. Construction cost will be \$40.6 Million.

Due to reduced interest costs, the total cost of the NPUSC Renovation Project will be 3 Million dollars less than the voter approved project.

Through reducing soft costs, value engineering, and adding additional revenue to the project (within taxpayer approved limits, plus NPUSC funds) the following projects will be able to be addressed in addition to projects discussed last spring:

- More complete renovation of the Rolling Prairie main office to improve the secure entry, supervision and expand the Student Health Clinic.
- Expanded middle school band classroom with storage area to address space/program needs.
- Full renovation and expansion of the NPHS athletic weight room (present facility sits in the old middle school cafeteria and choir rooms). Expansion will consolidate and expand the facility and eliminate structures from the old facility that are obstacles to maximum support for all NPUSC students and student-athletes.

• Middle school athletic football/soccer field facility that will support middle school football and the New Prairie soccer program. Facility will include one athletic field, bleachers, press box and restroom facilities adjacent to New Prairie Middle School.

- Two additional classrooms in both New Prairie Middle and High School.
- Installation of updated and ex-



Renovation of the high school pool/natatorium was completed in Fall 2016 to accommodate school swim season this winter.

panded perimeter security monitoring systems and cameras to improve supervision, safety and oversight of facilities during all hours at all NPUSC facilities.

Project Completion Timeline

Note: Middle School Athletic Field construction and completion dates are currently to be determined.

May 2017-August 2017 (Summer 2017)

Rolling Prairie Elementary Renovations

- Cafeteria addition
- Restroom expansion/remodeling
- Main office, student health clinic and classroom renovations (casework/carpeting)
- Improvement of secure main entry, to be connected to main office renovation
- Relocation of teacher work room, after-school programming space addition
- Boiler and chiller replacement
- Energy savings management system HVAC and lighting

Olive Township Elementary Renovations

- Secure main entry addition
- Roof replacement
- Boiler and chiller replacement
- Restroom remodeling
- Classroom renovations (casework/carpeting)
- Energy savings management system HVAC and lighting
- Education intercom system replacement

Prairie View Elementary Renovations

- Secure main entry addition
- Roof replacement
- Boiler replacement
- Restroom remodeling
- Classroom renovations (casework/carpeting)
- Energy savings management system HVAC and lighting

New Prairie High School Renovations

- Roof reinforcement along corridors adjacent to future NPHS auditorium for future snow drift loads from new auditorium



Artist's rendering of the "Hall of Excellence," which will connect the east and west wings of New Prairie High School.

- New north parking lot between NPHS softball field and cafeteria
- Modifications to south parking lot to accommodate bus drop-off during new construction
- Creation of high school construction staging areas
- Boiler, chiller and electrical infrastructure replacements/upgrades
- Energy savings management system HVAC and lighting

May 2017- April 2018

New Prairie High School Additions/ New Construction

- New main entry exterior/interior high school administration offices
- "Hall of Excellence" corridor connecting east and west wings
- New High School Auditorium
- Targeted roof replacement near auxiliary gym
- Building exterior envelope repairs, fire suppression system installed throughout project
- Begin renovation of east wing for career/technical/elective programming
- Renovation of east wing weight

room facility (January – August 2018)

- Completion of agricultural program addition

New Prairie Middle School Additions

- Gymnasium Addition (performing arts and athletic space)
- Band room and storage room addition
- Employee health clinic
- Energy savings management system HVAC and lighting

April 2018 – July 2018

Upon completion of new NPHS Auditorium, the existing NPHS auditorium will be vacated and renovated to house temporary classroom space during NPHS classroom renovations

Summer 2018

New Prairie High School Renovations

- Renovation media center/library
- Construction of Student Learning Commons adjacent to media center and cafeteria expansion
- Connect "Hall of Excellence," Student Learning Commons, east-west and north-south circulation

spines for improved and more efficient student movement

- Cafeteria expansion
- Conversion of administration offices to classroom space
- Complete renovation of east wing for career/technical/elective programming
- Complete new bus drive around east side of facility near baseball field to separate bus traffic from student-parent traffic
- Complete new south parking lot and drive configuration for high school facility
- Complete new west parking lot and student drop-off configuration for high school facility
- Complete band practice lot adjacent to west parking lot
- Complete NPHS Football Half-time Building
- Storm water management circulation improvements

August 2018 – December 2018

New Prairie High School

- Classroom renovations to west wing plus selected classrooms in east wing, utilization of re-purposed old auditorium for temporary classroom space

January 2019 – July 2019

New Prairie High School

- Renovation of old auditorium for new classroom spaces for band and choir programs
- Installation of perimeter security monitoring system
- Space renovation for district technology and maintenance areas, includes relocation of district technology department to NPHS
- Renovation of NPUSC central office basement for a new meeting space in previous district technology area
- Completion of new storage spaces for band and choir programs in previous classroom and office areas

OBITUARY

Florence E. Dilallo-Enoch

January 5, 1928 – February 12, 2017

Dr. Florence Edna (Ingersoll) Dilallo-Enoch (89) of Conroe, Texas, went to be with the Lord February 12th, 2017. She was surrounded by many family and friends at her granddaughter's home in New Carlisle, Indiana.

Born, January 5, 1928 in Big Rapids, Michigan to the parents of Donald S. and Clara Barton Hull Ingersoll who preceded her in death.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

Florence was married to Eugene Harris until 1949 and Michael Dilallo in 1957, who preceded her in death in 1982. She is survived by, and happily married to Rev. Victor Enoch in 2007.

Leaving behind a long heritage of faith, Florence is survived by her three sons, Rev. Jerry W. Harris (Sue), Robert L. Dilallo (Debby), Frank C. Dilallo (Terrie).

She has 23 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She is remembered with deep adoration for being full of love and joy.

Her life-long prayer is for every one of her family to personally know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and meet her in heaven eventually.

As an avid learner, Florence attended nursing school with a major in math but was unable to complete her education at that time.

Because of her love of math, her first "real" job was at McDonnell Aircraft as a "human-computer" mathematician computing drag for the F4HE – fighter plane.

She was incorporated into the Mercury and Gemini Space Program unbeknownst to her until lift-off when she realized the full nature of her project.

Longing to complete her col-



lege education, she went back to college at the age of 50 and didn't stop until she received her Doctorate of Psychology from Lael University, St. Louis, Missouri.

This enabled her to teach Psychology at local universities.

Her love for the Lord led her heart to give to many different ministries inside and outside the church.

She was blessed with an opportunity to serve on a Work and Witness trip to Romania.

She used her nursing and counseling skills at "Lend-A-Hand" ministry to the Appalachian Mountain remotely populated areas.

Wherever she went she found areas to volunteer her services.

Moving to Homer, Alaska in 1988, she began volunteering for Alaska's Public Health Department until 2007 when she moved to Georgetown, Texas, to marry Vic.

In April, 2002, Florence received Alaska's "Volunteer of the Year" award for her hard work, compassion and dedication through this local agency.

She also held many other roles inside the church. She was a proud Board Member and Treasurer in most

of the local churches she attended.

At the time of her transition she was a Board Member of the New Horizon's Church of the Nazarene and supported the Nazarene Missions International Society.

Memorial Donations can be made to either the Nazarene Missions International at: <http://nmi.nazarene.org> or through the New Horizon's Church of the Nazarene in Conroe, Texas, or to Grace on Wings Air Ambulance Missionary Medical Flight Team in Indianapolis, Indiana at: <https://www.graceonwings.org> who graciously transported her to Indiana for her final days to be surrounded by family.

The funeral services were held at Ferguson Church of the Nazarene, Ferguson, Missouri on Thursday, February 16, 2017 with Rev. Jerry W. Harris and Rev. Bob Seal presiding.

Visitation was held from 10am – Noon. Service was held at Noon and interment at Calvary Cemetery in Florissant, Missouri followed.

Kaniewski Funeral Home, New Carlisle, Indiana, and Shepard Funeral Chapel, St. Louis, Missouri are handling arrangements.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Rolling Prairie High School Alumni Association is offering scholarships to graduating seniors. Any high school senior who plans to attend college or a professional school next school year and has either a grandparent or great grandparent who graduated from the former Rolling Prairie High School is eligible to apply.

The applications along with supporting documentation are due March 24, 2017. The applications can be downloaded from the New Prairie High School Guidance Department documents/scholarships page. For more information or to obtain an application by email or regular mail call Carmadeane Rose at 219-778-4114 or email Carmadeane@gmail.com.

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Mondays

Yoga with Pat

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

Wednesdays

Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Public Library
9:30am & 6:00pm (ET)
Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library
10:00am (ET)
Stories and more for preschool aged children.

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.

Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library
10:00am (ET)
Stories and more for preschool aged children.

TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

New Carlisle Public Library
4:00pm to 5:30pm (ET)
Teens grades 6 through 12.

Corn Hole

American Legion Post 297
7:00pm (ET)
Open to the Public

Saturdays

Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Public Library
9:30am (ET)
Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

February 25

Cabin Fever Party

American Legion Post 297
6:00pm (ET)
\$25 presale/\$30 at the door. Raffles, tip boards, table games, and Texas style barbeque. Open to the Public.

February 26

Ark Encounter and Creation

Museum Videos
Olive Chapel Church
10:00am (ET)
A series of videos featuring the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky, come for any or all.

February 27

Hometown Days Meeting

Edward Jones Office
6:30pm (ET)
Regular Monthly Meeting

March 4

Chicken Noodle Dinner

VFW 9423, Rolling Prairie
4:00pm to 7:00pm (CT)
\$8.00 advance/\$9.00 at the door. Kids:
\$5.00 advance/\$6.00 at the door.

March 6

Friends of the Library Meeting

New Carlisle Public Library
6:00pm (ET)
New members welcome. Meet new people and help the community.

March 10

Family Movie Night

New Carlisle Public Library
7:00pm (ET)
Free movie and popcorn. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

March 11

Women Experience the Outdoors: Green Cleaning

St. Patrick's County Park
9:00am to 11:00am (ET)
Learn ways to reduce the harsh chemicals in your cleaning cabinet and use more natural products. Participants will make and take home a sample of laundry

detergent. Fee is \$8/person. Registration and payment are required by March 6th at 574/654-3155. Space is limited. Women Experience the Outdoors is a series of programs designed by women, for women.

March 11

Webelos Scouts:

"Sweet" Trip into the Woods

Bendix Woods County Park
2:00pm to 4:00pm (ET)
In addition to badge activities, Scouts will tap a maple tree, visit the Sugar House, and see for themselves how to turn maple sap into sweet maple syrup. Registration and payment of \$3.00/Scout are required by March 3. Adult chaperones may attend at no charge. To register or for more information, call 574/654-3155.

March 13

Discover New Carlisle Meeting

Moser's Austrian Cafe
5:30pm (ET)
Regular Monthly Meeting

March 14

Protect Yourself from Fraud

New Carlisle Public Library
6:30pm to 7:30pm (ET)
Sponsored by: 1st Source Bank

March 15

Olive Township 4-H Meeting

New Carlisle Public Library
7:00pm (ET)
New members welcome! For further information please contact Sandy Kleine at 574-654-8408.

March 17

Fish Fry

Terre Coupee Lodge #204
54214 Timothy Road, New Carlisle
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.

March 18

Fish Fry

New Carlisle Methodist Church
4:00pm to 7:00pm (ET)

Portion of the proceeds will benefit the New Prairie High School band.

March 18-19

Sugar Camp Days

Bendix Woods County Park
8:00am to 3:00pm (ET)
Celebrate maple syrup season. \$8/vehicle entrance fee. For more information, please call 574/654-3155 or visit www.sjcparks.org.

March 19

Paper Crafting: Spring Baskets

New Carlisle Public Library
2:00pm to 3:00pm (ET)
Registration Required

March 25

National Nutrition Month/Diabetes Alert Day

LaPorte Community Health Center
400 Teegarden Street
10:30am to 12:30pm (CT)
Guides to healthy eating with demonstrations, hand outs and giveaways. Registered dietician present to answer questions. Certified diabetes educators present to answer questions. Free blood sugar screenings available.

March 25

NCPL Birthday Bash

New Carlisle Public Library
10:00am to 3:00pm (ET)
The library celebrates 15 years on Bray Street. Cake and ice cream, photo booth, Down by the Dock, and more. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

HAVE AN EVENT?

To submit an event for the community calendar, fill out the form online at
newcarlislegazette.com or email
editor@newcarlislegazette.com with the details.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Time to Support Clean Water Movement

A clean water movement is underway and it's time to fully support it.

We, as taxpayers, contribute to funding public services such as the Police, Fire Departments, and EMS. When we are in need, we use them. In the past, maybe there was opposition to the public funding of these organizations, I don't know. Maybe the opposing argument was if your home were burning, you'd put it out yourself or let it burn because you had insurance for a reason. Or possibly, if Grandma had fallen and you were not sure if she'd injured herself you would have just gotten the help of a couple of neighbors and lifted her up. A week later you'd have had to take her to the doctor because she couldn't walk because she sustained a hip fracture which was complicated with continued repeated falls. Poor Grandma.

Septic companies will tell you, all septic systems fail, eventually. If you haven't installed a new septic system within the last decade or two, then you likely have a failing system.

In the Hudson Lake area with many outdated systems, everything you flush down your toilet is em-

barking on a successful relationship with your drinking and lake water. And if your septic system isn't co-mingling with your water than your neighbor's probably is.

Yes, there will be monetary expenses related to installing a local sewer system in the Hudson Lake area and I'm not happy with that either. In the past, taxes or expenses have fluctuated over time for purposes of adding public services and building new schools.

A few might say, "My system works fine," or "I have a new system." Valid points, for a few people. If the time comes where our septic systems must be inspected, will everyone's pass a governmental code?

Efforts to continue to oppose progress for the good of the community will, like our outdated septic systems, eventually fail. Support any movement that aims to improve & protect the safety of our living conditions. Or silently oppose it; you can still benefit from the advancements of clean safe drinking water. However, safety isn't free.

Bill Wood
New Carlisle, IN

Use Your Tax Refund Wisely

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It is tax time again – which for many Americans means that a tax refund is on its way.

If you are going to get a refund this year, how can you use the money to your best advantage?

Of course, it is always tempting to spend the check from Uncle Sam on something fun.

But a tax refund could be sizable — the average amount in 2016 was \$2,857, according to the Internal Revenue Service — so putting this money to work could help boost your progress toward your financial goals.

Here are some possibilities for using your refund:

- **Help fund your IRA.** If you were to receive a tax refund of \$2,857, you would have slightly more than half of the \$5,500 annual IRA contribution limit for 2017.

Although, if you are 50 or older, you can contribute an extra \$1,000.

Consequently, you may find it much easier to fully fund your IRA for the year — and you should do exactly that, because an IRA is a great retirement savings vehicle.

If you have a traditional IRA, your contributions may be fully or partially deductible, depending on your income, while your earnings can grow tax deferred. (Taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.)

With a Roth IRA, your contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

- **Help diversify your portfolio.** If a market downturn hits one asset class, and that's where you keep most of

your money, you could take a big hit.

Owning an array of investments — such as stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, and so on — can help prepare your portfolio to weather the effects of market volatility.

By adding new investments, or increasing your holdings of existing investments, you may be able to further diversify your portfolio — and you can use your refund for this purpose. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

- **Contribute to a 529 plan.** If you have children or grandchildren whom you'd like to help send to college, consider using your tax refund to help fund a 529 plan.

Your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes, and your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (However, withdrawals not used for higher education expenses may be subject to both income tax and a 10% penalty.)

- **Pay off some debts.** You can help improve your financial picture by reducing your debt load — but it may make sense to prioritize these debts. For example, rather than make an extra mortgage payment, you might want to first tackle those debts or loans that carry a high interest rate and that do not allow you to deduct interest payments.

After all, your monthly mortgage payment will remain the same even if you make an extra payment, but if you can get rid of some smaller debts, you will free up some cash that you could use to invest for your future.

Think carefully about how to use your tax refund. It represents an opportunity that you won't want to waste.

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SECTIONAL 19 PREVIEW

COUGARS PEAKING AT RIGHT TIME

By Koby Keck
Editor

The New Prairie boys basketball team will hit the court tonight for one final tune-up before the State Tournament begins next week.

The Cougars (12-10, 5-6 NIC) will travel to South Bend Adams (17-4, 10-1 NIC) for the regular season finale. Varsity tip-off is slated for 7:30pm town time/6:30pm school time.

Adams will be playing for the Northern Indiana Conference title, while New Prairie will look to continue to stay hot heading into post-season play. The Cougars have won eight of their last 11 games.

PAIRINGS ANNOUNCED

Three hundred ninety-eight (399) teams were drawn last Sunday and placed into brackets for the 107th Annual IHSAA Boys Basketball State Tournament presented by the Indiana Pacers and Indiana Fever.

Sectional games are scheduled to begin Tuesday, February 28, and run through Saturday, March 4, with the regional round slated for March 11 and semi-states on March 18.

The four state championship games that make up the state finals will be played at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 25.

In Class 3A, 101 teams are entered in the tournament, with New Prairie drawn in Sectional 19 at Jintown.

SECTIONAL 19 PREVIEW

New Prairie will have plenty of opportunities to avenge losses to Northern Indiana Conference foes in the top half of the bracket.

The Cougars will open up sectional play against Mishawaka Marian (12-9). The Knights de-

feated New Prairie, 59-49, very early in the season on December 6.

South Bend St. Joseph (5-14) drew a bye and will await the winner in Friday's semi-finals. New Prairie dropped a close one to the Indians, 42-37, on February 2.

Class 3A's second-ranked team, Culver Academy (17-2) received the bye on the bottom half of the bracket. The Eagles will play the winner of Tuesday's other game between John Glenn (8-13) and the host Jintown (3-17).

Schedule (Times Listed Eastern)
at Jintown

Tuesday, February 28

G1: New Prairie vs. Mishawaka Marian, 6:00pm

G2: Glenn vs. Jintown, 7:30pm

Friday, March 3

G3: South Bend St. Joseph vs. Winner of G1, 6:00pm

G4: Culver Academies vs. Winner of G2, 7:30pm

Saturday, March 4

Championship: Winner of G3 vs. Winner of G4, 7:00pm

Ticket Information

Admission is \$6 per session or \$10 for a full sectional pass.

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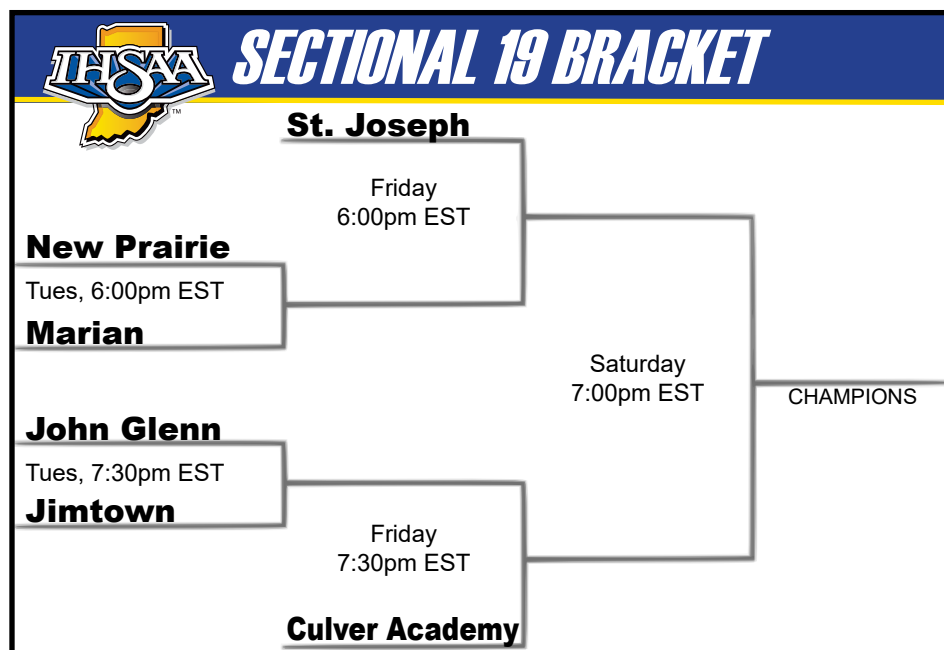


Photo By Tommy Miles

KING AND QUEEN CROWNED

Seniors Zack Ketterer and Barbara Stanish were named Winter Homecoming King and Queen last Friday night at the final home basketball game of the season.

Much like the Fall Homecom-

ing during football season, the winter festivities included a spirit week featuring dress-up days and Class Olympics in the gym.

The Cougars defeated Bremen in the basketball game, 61-43.

SPORTS



THE KING'S COURT

Cougars visit Adams tonight in regular season finale. Sectional Preview, Page 11.

Homecoming King Zack Ketterer drives to the basket in last Friday's win over Bremen at Cougar Gym. (Photo By Tommy Miles)