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Spiceland's Christmas on Main Street is Dec. 7

Town council tables fire contract

By KATIE CLONTZ

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Main Christmas on Street, presented by Spiceland Freedom Days, will Council met Nov. 12. take place from 4:30 to Spiceland.

firetruck at 4:30 p.m. Photos with Santa, by Simmons Photography, will be available for \$10. A chicken nooshown at 5 p.m. The Christ-tract at the council's Octo-

Fire contract tabled

place at 5:45 p.m.

Council president Darrin 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at Hoover Jacobs, along with council Hall, 103 E. Main St., members Jack Garner and ment. The council voted in Robert Blake, were pres-Santa will arrive on a ent. One main topic of discussion was the two-year fire contract for 2025 and 2026.

Township Spiceland dle dinner can be purchased Trustee Donna Tauber pre- Dunreith and Spiceland. for \$5 per person. The mov-sented the proposed 2025 ie "The Grinch" will be and 2026 fire service con- prompted some changes to

ber meeting. The 2024 contract expires Dec. 31.

The proposed \$10,000 mas tree lighting will take contract covers fuel, fire for Spiceland Corporation, Spiceland Township and Spiceland Town the Spiceland Fire Department. Under the proposed contract, the township would maintain fire equip-October to table the contract and took the same action at the Nov. 12 meeting.

> there is currently a \$3,500 funding difference between

Jacobs asked Tauber what the contract.

"I intend to do things said she didn't know. equally with the Town of Dunreith," Tauber said. "That way, the township barn rental and insurance can say we treat Spiceland the same way we do Dunreith ... It would balance

things out."

not.

Garner asked Tauber what to change. Spiceland is being compensated for that Dunreith ber said. "We're the only isn't, and Tauber cited the purchased from the cumulative fire fund. Tauber According to Tauber, said the Town of Dunreith owns 100 percent of its fire equipment. Spiceland does

> Garner asked why there has been an ongoing funding discrepancy and Tauber \$3,500 per year.

'even Steven," Tauber said tract, it makes more sense of the proposed changes.

distribute the money as she stand why the contract had those numbers."

turnout gear that was just Henry County that does it the way that we do it. The only one. All the other townships contract with the town and the department."

Tauber said Spiceland ing. officials could go back to the town would lose about

"To me, if we're going to "I want to see it kind of work on changing a conto have this conversation in Jacobs said Tauber could January about the next year ...," Jacobs said. "I think we saw fit, but he didn't under- need more time to look at

Other business

Spiceland Superintendent department, town, in all of Jeff Lane informed the council some roads have been crack sealed, the sidewalk project near the park has started and the tornado siren project remains ongo-

Roads that were crack the previous contract, but sealed included: from west

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HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS

The 35th annual All American Knights of **Pythias Christmas Parade** marched down the streets of New Castle Saturday afternoon. The parade started at Baker Park and heads north on Main Street, ending at Santa's headquarters: 'Tis the Season Flowers and Gifts, 1206 Broad St.

RIGHT: Wearing a Rudolph nose and reindeer antlers, Emma McWhorter, 4, New Castle, watched the Christmas parade Saturday afternoon.

BELOW LEFT: Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with their elves, arrived in New Castle Saturday afternoon during the 35th annual Knights of Pythias All American Christmas parade. Katie Clontz / C-T photos

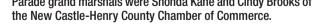






The Grinch waved to community members as the Christmas parade headed north on Main Street in New Castle.







Parade grand marshals were Shonda Kane and Cindy Brooks of A marching band performed festive Christmas songs along the parade route.

'Helping Hands' reach out to provide Christmas gifts for children

Provided by **SARAH THOMPSON**

For the past 16 years, Huffman Family Chiropractic has been reaching into the Henry County community to assist those who need a "Helping Hand" this Christmas season.

The office partners with the Christian Love Center in receiving names. These are families that will not receive help from any other source this season.

Drs. Joseph Huffman, Doug Ripley and John Ripley and their staff have an Angel Tree in the office decorated with the names of local children showing their Christmas wishes.

Anyone wishing to help make Christmas special for these children may come and pick up the details at the office from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 9–11 a.m. Thursday. Huffman Family Chiropractic is located at 2021 S. Memorial Drive between Myer's Furniture and

All gifts need to be re-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4.



Family names hang on the Helping Hands Christmas tree at Huffman Family Chiropractic, 2021 S. Memorial Dr., New

The staff say they can be flexible too, if you are willing to help! If you want to give, but don't want to do the shopping, they will take care of that!

Stop by if you are able to lend a "Helping Hand." Helping others this Christmas season is a wonderful turned to Huffman's before way to share the love of Christ.

Shaping future educators in the Education Careers program at NCCC

By CHRISTY RAGLE

program at the New Cas- college credits. tle Career Center (NCCC) equips students for em- enrolled in Education Caployment in education reers under the leadership and related services. This of Education Careers Inprogram serves as a foun- structor Melynda Huckedational stepping stone for by. First-year students further education at post- are currently finishing secondary institutions, po- EDUC 101 (Introduction tentially leading to various child-related career paths.

While gaining hands-on experience in the class-The Education Careers room, students earn 14

Presently, 33 students are

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Historic preservation November meeting canceled

The New Castle Historic Preservation Ave. Commission meeting scheduled for today, Nov. 19, has been canceled. The next Library of Trees at Bundy meeting is 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in city hall, Auditorium this year 227 N. Main St.

Park board meeting rescheduled

Due to not having enough members available to have a quorum, the Knightstown Park and Recreation Board has re-

scheduled its November regular monthly meeting to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25 in the Sunset Park Shelter House, 206 S. Hill

The New Castle-Henry County Public Library is partnering with Bundy Auditorium to host the 2024 "Library of Trees"

The Library of Trees event invites

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