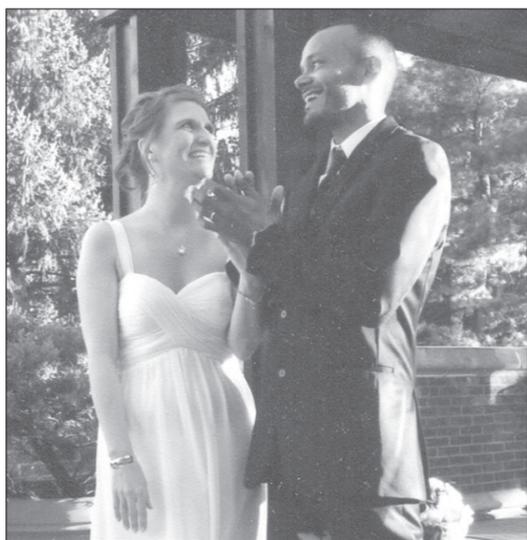


Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Sean C. King

Bush-King

Nicole Ann Bush and Sean C. King, both of Louisville, were married April 8 at 1400 Willow in Louisville. Deacon Dru Kemp officiated.

A reception followed at 1400 Willow.

The bride is the daughter of Nicholas and Ann Bush of Champaign, Ill. She is a 2017 graduate of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law and is employed by Old Father Law Firm in Louisville.

The groom is the son of Alexander King of Louisville and Elizabeth King of New Albany. He is a 1995 graduate of New Albany High School and is employed by Salon Alexander in New Albany.

The newlyweds are making their home in Louisville.

Another helping

This is a list of places where people can receive temporary assistance such as a free meal. To list a site or make a change, call 812-738-2211.

Breaking Bread food pantry open Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 2501 St. Mary's Drive in Lanesville. For more information, call 812-952-2853.

Harrison County Community Services, 101 Highway 62 W, Corydon, food pantry open to public, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Other services and volunteer opportunities available. For more information, call 812-738-8143.

The Salvation Army, 101 W. Highway 62, Corydon, monthly food vouchers, clothing assistance, crisis assistance, other services and volunteer opportunities available. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Salvation Army's emergency food distribution is Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

at Corydon United Methodist Church, 214 N. Elm St. for those with pre-approved vouchers from The Salvation Army (use the church's rear entrance from Mulberry Street). For more information, call 812-738-8118.

Swallow's Nest, resale store of clothing and household items, first and third Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. next to Heidelberg United Methodist Church, located along Valley View Road off of Heidelberg Road, about two miles west of S.R. 135. Donations will be accepted by appointment only; call 812-738-2632.

Unity Chapel United Methodist Church, 1760 Lost Creek Road south of Ramsey, hot meal, Wednesdays, from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, call the church, 812-347-2887.

Victory Baptist Church, 8470 S.R. 135, New Salisbury, food bank (Dare to Care partner), third Thursday, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 812-347-2101.

State education board approves ILEARN plan

The Indiana State Board of Education approved a course of action with Ball State University as the authorizer for Hoosier Virtual Academy and also approved the ILEARN plan that would allow the Indiana Dept. of Education to pursue the Request for Proposal process during its monthly business meeting May 10 at the University of Evansville campus.

The board voted 6-1 to reduce the administrative fee that Ball State receives as the authorizer from 3 percent to 1 percent, ensuring that more funds (approximately \$300,000 per year based on current enrollment) are directed to educating the students attending Hoosier Academy. The board also voted 6-1 to freeze enrollment effective immediately with no re-enrollment of students who

drop out. However, siblings of those who are currently enrolled would be allowed to enroll.

Also, the board voted 8-0 to approve the ILEARN plan memo and to allow the Indiana Dept. of Education to process with the RFP process.

The board also unanimously approved to allow Dr. Byron Ernest to run for chair of the National Association of State Boards of Education Board of Directors. According to NASBE procedure, candidates must submit a letter of support from the state board of education on which they serve in order to be an officer.

"If elected, serving NASBE, the State of Indiana, the interests of our students and the state board would be a tremendous honor," Ernest said.

Social news guidelines

Announcements of engagements, weddings and births are published for a processing fee. (Births and weddings must be received within 90 days of the event for inclusion in the social news section of the newspaper.) Anniversary announcements (25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and longer) are published for free.

All announcements must be received by 10 a.m. Friday for publication in the following Wednesday's edition. (Holidays often change the deadline; call 812-738-2211 to confirm deadline when there is a holiday.) If the announcement includes a photograph, a sharp close-up is preferred. For return of photos, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope or pick up the photo at the office as soon as possible.

All announcements must be prepaid by cash, check, money order or major credit card.

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Six generations



Jane Rizer of Milltown holds her great-great-great-granddaughter, Scarlett Mae Cecil. Seated next to them is the baby's great-grandfather, Leon (Bronk) Crecelius, and great-great-grandmother, Vivian Crecelius, both of Milltown. Behind them are the baby's grandmother, Sonya Cecil, and father, Tyler Cecil, both of Milltown.

Five generations



Tyler Cecil of Milltown holds his daughter, Scarlett Mae Cecil, while seated next to them is the baby's great-great-grandmother, Ruby Coomer of Milltown. Behind them are the baby's grandmother, Sonya Cecil, and great-grandmother, Sheila Sieg, both of Milltown.

Lone witch burning in U.S. focus of book

Pre-Civil War-era 'witch' spent time in Harrison County

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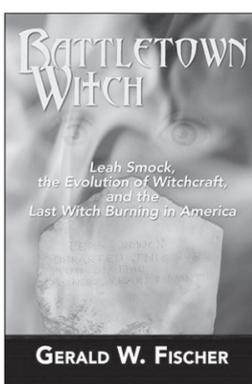
Historian and Meade County resident Gerald (Gerry) Fischer recently published "Battletown Witch," a story about Leah Smock, the evolution of witchcraft and the burning of the last witch in America.

Fischer's book enlightens readers about Smock's tragic story, but it does much more than that, detailing the history of witchcraft around the world.

While Smock's death occurred in the lapland wilderness area of Meade County, near Battletown, Harrison County played a role in her story as well. Her family lived in the New Amsterdam area for some time, possibly as much as three years, before moving across the Ohio River.

Smock's death, at the age of 22, occurred in August 1840.

Smock is said to be the only supposed witch burned alive in the United



States. The witches in Salem, Mass., were hanged or stoned to death.

While the book does not — and, frankly, cannot — answer the question of whether or not Smock was actually a witch with superpowers, it does give the reader the opportunity to make their own call.

It is said Smock had special powers to see the future and correctly predicted the deaths of those who lived in the community. Legend says horses she was not allowed to pet mysteriously died a short time later.

The case for "yes" is strong, possibly more so after Smock's death, and even in recent years, because of

the happenings and stories from around her grave, in the abandoned Elizabeth Daily Cemetery near Battletown.

Locals poured stones over top of her grave to help ensure she wouldn't get out. People who visit the cemetery (it's on private property and is difficult to get to even if one knows the location) report problems with batteries as well as a sense of disorientation.

Visitors to the site say the stones are still in place and they've experienced a dizzying sense of the unknown while there, sometimes having trouble making their way out of the secluded cemetery.

One winter, a visitor to the cemetery reported there was a good snow cover on the ground except for the area around Smock's grave, which had green grass growing and a perfect circle where no snow took hold.

Smock's gravestone is the only pointed one in the old, abandoned cemetery.

The area is across the river from New Amsterdam, to the south and west.

Folks have described seeing Smock's spirit enveloped in a purple glow, standing beside her grave

wearing a long white robe and her black hair flowing as if blown by the wind.

Fischer also builds a case for why the town folk would do this to a beautiful, young woman, by explaining the history of witchcraft, superstition and old medicinal healers.

To quote a passage from the book, "I was once told perception can be your best friend or your worst enemy. It may have been this perception that killed Leah Smock."

The book does more than tell a sad tale of a young woman's death; it also sheds light on a different era of life in the region, before modern medicine and technology.

The book is informative and a must read for anyone with an interest in that which can't always be explained.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, Fischer will present a program about "Battletown Witch" and sign books at the Louisville Genealogical Society in the LDS (Mormon) Church sanctuary at 1 p.m.

To reach Fischer, who is open to scheduling group presentations, send an email to fischer@bbtel.com or call 1-270-547-4823.

Senior citizens list menus

Meals are served weekdays at 11 a.m. at the Palmyra Senior Center, located at 1235 Greene St., and at 11:30 a.m. at the Joe Rhoads Senior Center, 123 S. Mulberry St., Corydon, for those 60 and older or disabled.

Reservations should be made 24 hours in advance (by 11:50 a.m.) by calling 812-738-7603 (Corydon) and 812-364-6661 (Palmyra). A \$2.50 donation is requested per meal. (A chef salad can be ordered in advance to take the place of the regular meal.)

The Rhoads center generally opens at 9 a.m. each weekday with coffee and conversation. Other activities, including diabetes self-management education (July 5, 12 and 19 from 9 to

11 a.m.), nutrition education (July 6 from 10 to 11 a.m.), bingo (July 6, 11, 13, 20 and 27; time varies), monthly birthday celebration (July 12 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.), blood pressure checks (July 20 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.) and tai chi for arthritis on Mondays (from 10 to 11 a.m.) and Fridays (from 10:15 to 10:35 a.m.), are offered.

Here are the senior citizen hot lunch menus for the week of July 10. A half pint of milk or juice is served with each meal.

Monday: Hamburger on wheat bun, red potato wedges, tossed salad, apple.

Tuesday: Vegetable soup, chicken salad, crackers, potato salad, melon.

Wednesday: Roast pork

and gravy, red mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, roll, ambrosia.

Thursday: Cheese ravioli, Italian vegetables, garden

salad, roll, banana.

Friday: Oven-fried chicken, corn on the cob, spinach, roll, ice cream.

Thursday: Cheese ravioli, Italian vegetables, garden

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