



A message of hope will be chalked on downtown sidewalks during the months of April and October by Families in Crisis. The organization hopes to raise awareness about sexual assault and domestic violence. Pictured, front to back, are sexual assault advocate Kelsey West, housing coordinator Traci Brooks, and court advocate Demi Smith.

Committee grants permission for 'Chalk Your Downtown'

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Families in Crisis is taking its message to the streets, or more precisely, the sidewalks.

During the months of April and October, the organization will be leaving messages of awareness, hope and prevention on downtown sidewalks with chalk.

Those months are Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, respectively.

"One of the major awareness activities for both of those months is called 'Chalk Your Downtown' and it's where you put statistics about sexual assault or domestic violence in chalk

throughout your downtown," said Families in Crisis director Kristy Stubblefield.

Permission was requested of the county Building and Grounds Committee to allow them to chalk the sidewalk around the courthouse during those months because those sidewalks are owned by Warren County government.

"We are asking for permission to chalk some statistics around the courthouse so people who are going into court can see," said Stubblefield.

Among the hundreds of attorneys, clients, witnesses, jurors, etc., who enter the doors of the courthouse every month could be victims of sexual assault or domestic violence. By national statistics, 1-in-3

women and 1-in-6 men experience some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime, and 1-in-3 women and 1-in-4 men have been victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

"This isn't something that will turn into anything political or anything that will offend anybody," said Stubblefield. "It's just statistics."

Families in Crisis offers a domestic violence and sexual assault program in Warren County. It offers a 24-hour crisis line, and 24-hour emergency domestic and sexual violence shelter. FIC office can be reached at 473-6543.

Committee permission was unanimously given.

BOBBY RAY HONOR ROLLS

Bobby Ray Memorial principal Monti Hillis is announcing the school's honor rolls for the third quarter:

FIRST HONOR ROLL

- Third Grade** – Olivia Eckel, Audrina Garcia, Charlie Hendrix, Kassidi Macias, Carly Stotts
- Fourth Grade** – Levi Corn, Mason Croasmun, Ashley Esparza, Caylif Howard, Joshua Markwood, Ella Matheny, Tage Moore, Takota Moore
- Fifth Grade** – Calliegh Cantrell, Valery Esparza, Sarah Grissom, Damien Haga, Sydney Pardo

SECOND HONOR ROLL

- Third Grade** – Savannah Anderson, Nila Dupuis, Ivy Elrod, Louis Flores Guzman, Ayden Fults, Gracelyn Garing, Johnathan Haga, Justin Herron, Daylen Holguin, Aliyah Jacob, Braylor Jones, Brooke Kesey, Preston McAbee, Ali Richardson, Jose Rodriguez Garcia, Alexia Ross, Caleb Sanders, Paytyn Schofner, Arin Walker, Jazmyne Watson, Nakira Wescott, Matthew West, Marlie Huff, Amari Williams
- Fourth Grade** – Estefhanie Alamilla, Jose (Anthony) Anaya, Melinda Austin, Lakelyn Basham, Fernando Becerra, Yasmin Becerra Hernandez, Yaquelin Blas Moran, Henslea Carter, Valeria Castaneda, Orlando Castro-Hernandez, Aiden Cook, Dawson Crouch, Nerick Diaz, Kyra Doing, Cloe Fox, Braden Herman, Jessica Hernandez, Maggoy, Markel Locke, Maggie Lorange, Gerardo Mares, Keyonte Marsh, Mackenzie McGee,

- Alisson Moreno, Gage Myers, Olivia Pilcher, Dayne Powell, Marco Pruneda, Elijah Richardson, Ana Sifuentes, Korbin Smedley, Kyle Smith, Diana Solorzano Gonzales, Aaron Tallent, Brayden Turner, Charlene Vazquez Otero, Aa'Niyah Verge, Caydence Walls, Haiden West, Kayleb Whaley, Maddie Young, Edwin Zarate
- Fifth Grade** – Angel Aslanian, Elizabeth Bryant, Matthew Crim, Garryn Duggin, Sadie Duggin, Amy Garcia, Marlin Gray, Jamon Guevara, Dixie Hillis, Kieriae Humphries, Briley Jones, Isaac Jones, Jordan Kloosterman, Jasmine Mason, Raelyn Moore, Luke Muncey, Trista Nunley, Jared Palomo-Salcido, Kendrick Reagan, Emily Richardson, Mekyna

- Schofner, Trinity Sheppard, Alex Stoner, Ashlyn Terry, Brayden Thompson, Alexis Verdel, Nevaeh Zahn

Autism 5K

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With this year's proceeds, Bryant said Queens for a Cause will allow the families of those on the spectrum to choose how to utilize the funds.

Bryant said, "We look forward to finding new ways to best help those impacted by the autism spectrum right here in our own community."

Taking top honors in the 5K as the fastest overall male was Matthew Bratcher, 23, who posted a time of 19:46. Keely Campbell was clocked as the fastest overall female who ran the 3.1 miles in 23:16.

There were more teams formed this year honoring children living with autism. The largest team was Austin's Army with around 140 participants earning the award for most team spirit. This team also received the best overall chip time as their three fastest team members averaged a time of 23:52.

Participants that donned their Toy Story-themed race shirt or bib into Juicy's Wellness Café received discounted juices with 5 percent of Saturday's sales going toward the autism fund.

For those who participated, chip results will be shared online at www.tnracetiming.com or on the Warren County Autism 5K Facebook page.

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