

Students and teachers from Lanesville and North Harrison were honored Thursday (June 18) at the Showroom of the Horseshoe Casino near Elizabeth, Indiana.

David Henke of Lanesville Community Schools and Danny Schmidt of North Harrison Middle School were two of five Harrison County Chamber of Commerce Educators of the Year. The other three were: Kate Fleace (Corydon High), Wendy Carter (South Central Elementary), and Debbie Miles (South Central/Heth-Washington Elementary).

Lanesville Supt. Sam Gardner introduced the five Educators of the Year, and said a few words of introduction regarding each.

Henke teaches art history to grades 1-12 at Lanesville, including a class period in which he simultaneously teaches three different classes in the same period at the high school period.

As the student who nominated him put it in their nomination of him, "He treats us like equals."

Henke then spoke for a moment.

"I'm very humbled to receive this award. I work with great people at Lanesville," he said. "My teachers have inspired me throughout my career. God has given me many graces."

Supt. Gardner then spoke for a moment about Danny Schmidt. He explained that Schmidt has been taking all of the sixth grade students at North Harrison Middle School on an overnight camping trip for several years, and it just isn't for fun only. They do several educational; things during the trip.

Besides the camping trip, Schmidt uses technology in his education, is a sports enthusiast, is a baseball umpire, a basketball referee, and collects sports memorabilia.

Schmidt said, "It's really an honor to receive this award. So many people have been fantastic to me. You meet so many people through teaching."

Chase Best, a 2002 recipient of a Harrison County Community Foundation Scholarship, was the guest speaker.

Best said he was grateful for the money received in that scholarship seven years ago.

"Every little bit helps," he said. Best said that "college is about taking care of yourself; growing up."

He said students in college need to stick to goals, and be prepared for life after college.

Best said he started to get involved in college life, in order to get some balance,

"Be involved, get involved in college activities; the (college) work loads can be stressful and can burn you out real quick," he explained.

Best said it was important to make the most of your college years.

"You make your best friends in college; you will learn about yourself," he said. Join St. Mary of the Knobs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style! Their 4th Annual Reverse Raffle is set for Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Only 100 tickets sold in increments of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total cash prizes of \$5,500 – even losers have a second chance to win!