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Banner Issues Date Correction

Last week's issue incorrectly reported that the Carthage Town Council's next monthly meeting would be Jan. 13. In fact, the meeting is Monday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m. The town council regularly meets the second Monday of each month at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St.

Greensboro Blood Drive Jan. 10

Greensboro United Methodist Church will host the Indiana Blood Center's Blood Mobile on Saturday, Jan. 10, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Those who plan to donate should bring photo identification. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207.

South Henry Board Meeting Tuesday

The South Henry School Board will meet privately Tuesday evening before a monthly meeting. At 6 p.m., board members will meet in a closed executive session. The meeting notice indicates the board will discuss confidential records; receive information about allegations of misconduct by a student, employee or bus driver and discuss that person's status; and discuss job performance evaluations of individual employees. The open board meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Rush Commissioners Considering Zoning

The Rush County Commissioners will hold a public hearing Thursday on proposed changes to the part of the county's zoning ordinance that deals with flood hazard areas, including those in the Carthage and Ripley Township areas. The hearing is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. It will be held in the assembly room of the Rush County Courthouse, Rushville. The Carthage Town Council held a public hearing on the proposed changes during a special meeting on Dec. 22. Following that hearing, the council voted 4-0 to approve the amendments. A copy of the proposed changes, as well as the complete zoning ordinance, are on file and available for public inspection and copying at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St., and in the Rush County Area Planning Commission, Room 211 in the courthouse, during regular business hours.

Town Council Members Reward Themselves with Largest Pay Increase in Salary Ordinance

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council has approved a new salary ordinance for 2015 that will bring pay increases of varying amounts to some town employees and officials.

Acting on a recommendation from Clerk-Treasurer Bart Whitesitt, council members voted at their Dec. 18 monthly meeting to approve Ordinance 9-2014, which sets pay levels for 2015. While the hourly pay for many positions was increased 50 cents, amounting to raises ranging from 2.9 percent to 4 percent, some received larger pay hikes, while others received none. Percentage-wise, the largest pay increase for 2015 goes to the five members of the town council. Their yearly pay of \$3,500 apiece was raised to \$4,000, an increase of 14.3 percent.

The next highest pay hike went to Lisa Hall, an assistant to the town's works manager, whose \$14 an hour rate of pay was raised to \$15.50, which is a 10.7-percent increase. Last year, Hall was one of two employees to get a 7.7-percent raise, the highest given.

The technician in the town's water department, Bruce Brown, received a 10.4-percent raise, which bumps his hourly rate from \$13.13 to \$14.50. Randy Anderson, the water utility's plant operator, received

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no raise, and pay levels for employees of the sewer, street and police departments were also left unchanged, as were Whitesitt's \$33,000 and building inspector Ben Bowling's \$4,200 salaries.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Wilkerson, who serves as bookkeeper and office manger for the town's utilities, received a 6.7-percent raise, taking her salary from \$37,500 to \$40,000. The hourly rates for the town's billing clerk and utilities clerk were both raised 50 cents to \$13.50 and \$14.50, respectively, 3.8 and 3.6-percent pay hikes.

Wayne Terry, head of the town's electric department, received a 5.1-percent raise, taking his hourly wage to \$19.69. Other employees in the electric department received 50-cent increases in their hourly wages, which worked out to be raises ranging from 2.9 to 3.5 percent.

Greg Neice, the town's works manager, had his salary increased 3.6 percent, from \$55,550 to \$57,550. At Glen Cove Cemetery, foreman Joe Peggs received a 3.4-percent pay hike, raising his hourly rate to \$15.15, while groundsman Mike Garrett's hourly pay was raised 3.6 percent to \$14.34.

For the first time, employees of the town's water and sewer department's will receive \$50 a week in

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CAB Organizational Meeting Jan. 13

The Charles A. Beard School Board will hold its annual organizational meeting Tuesday evening, Jan. 13.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the board's regular meeting location, the media center at Knightstown

High School, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40. It will start at 7 p.m.

In addition to selecting a president, vice president and secretary for 2015, the board is also expected to appoint a corporation treasurer and legal counsel. Other organizational items likely to be

addressed including setting the school board's meeting calendar for the year, declaration of conflicts of interest and appointment of board members to various committees.

For more information, contact CAB's central office at 345-2292.

Wayne Twp. Scoffs at State Law Again

Keeping with its annual tradition of ignoring the mandate of state lawmakers, the Wayne Township Board is once again skipping a required meeting it was supposed to have held yesterday.

According to state statute, township boards are to meet on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each year. This year, that meeting date would have been yesterday, Jan. 6.

The primary purpose of this meeting is so the township board can select one of its members to be chairman for the year, while a second member is chosen to be the board's secretary. In the event that a newly elected township board holds a special meeting before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, the election of officers can be taken care of at that time.

State statute also requires the township board to meet on or before the third Tuesday after the first Monday in February of each year to consider and approve the township trustee's annual report. This year, this meeting will need to be held by Feb. 17.

The past practice of Wayne Township officials has been to skip the meeting they are required to hold in early January and, instead, handle the selection of officers at the later meeting held to deal with the trustee's annual report. According to Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman, the township board will be following that same plan of action again this year.

Overman said he hoped the township board would meet by the end of January to go over his yearly report. However, he said a firm date for that meeting has not yet been set.

Eastern Hancock School Board Will Hold Organizational Meeting Thursday Evening

The Eastern Hancock School Board will hold its annual organizational meeting Thursday evening.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the district's administration building, 10370 E. CR 250-N, Charlottesville. It will start at 7 p.m. and is expected to last about 30 minutes.

In addition to selecting a president, vice president and secretary for 2015, the board is also expected to appoint a corporation treasurer and legal counsel. Other organiza-

tional items to be addressed including setting the school board's meeting calendar for the year, submission of conflict of interest forms and appointment of board members to various committees.

Board members will also conduct their annual board of finance meeting. This will include reviewing investments, approving a bank depository and electing officers.

For more information, contact Jennifer Goble in the EH administration office at 317-936-5444.

Rush GOP Still Looking for Candidates

The Rush County Republican Party is still looking for a person to fill a vacancy on the Carthage Town Council.

As previously reported in The Banner, council member Crystal Trueblood, who had been appointed to the council by RCRP Chairman Michael Dora just four months earlier, submitted her notice of resignation during the council's Dec. 8 monthly meeting. In a letter addressed to the council, Trueblood said she had recently learned that, as a member of the Carthage Volunteer Fire Department, she is not eligible to serve on the council.

State statute prohibits volunteer firefighters from holding elective office in any unit of government for which their department provides fire protection services. Trueblood has been a member of the CVFD since 1999 and has served as the department's president for several years.

Dora appointed Trueblood to the council in early August to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of another Republican, council member Shannon Spence, who had resigned in July. Spence stepped down because he had moved outside the town limits, the same reason that had prompted another council member, Marsha Dyer, to resign in May.

Of the council's four remaining members - President Bill Davis, Vice President Rachel Brown, Kelly Land and John Hancock - only Brown was actually elected. The other three were either appointed by the GOP's Dora or the council following resignations of council members elected in 2011 who did not finish their terms.

Dora has, pursuant to state statute, 30 days from the date Trueblood's council seat became vacant to choose her replacement. According to an attorney in the Election Division of the Indiana Secretary of State's Office, the vacancy took effect and Dora's 30-day deadline to make an appointment started when Trueblood filed her notice of resignation with the Rush County Clerk.

Rush County Clerk Debbie Richardson told The Banner that Trueblood's notice of resignation was filed with her office on Dec. 11, which gives Dora until this Friday, Jan. 10, to

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OBITUARIES

Kathy Wittkamper
March 7, 1946 - December 30, 2014

Kathy Wittkamper, 68, of Knightstown passed away Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield.

She was born March 7, 1946, in Kendallville, the daughter of Manford Jerome and Valera S. (Lung) Ober.

Kathy grew up in Albion, and met her husband, John R. Wittkamper, while attending Ball State University. She was an elementary school teacher, having taught at Tri Elementary, the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home and Charles A. Beard at Carthage in first and third grades. She had been a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority and the Knightstown chapter of the Red Hat Society.

Kathy was active in the First Baptist Church in New Castle and formerly Center Christian Church in Mays. She loved gardening, especially her flower garden. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, kids from her church and she volunteered at Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp.

Her memory is cherished by husband of 46 years, John R. Wittkamper of Knightstown; a son, Joe (Shannon) Wittkamper of Avon; a daughter, Mary Wittkamper of Columbia, S.C.; two grandchildren, Riley and Sadie Wittkamper; two brothers, Lee (Roberta) Ober and Larry (Judy) Ober, both of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Jerry Ober.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the First Baptist Church in New Castle. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hancock Cancer Center, Oncology Suite 50, 801 N State Street, Greenfield, IN 46140. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service Knightstown Chapel. Condolences or memories of Kathy may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Raymond Edward Dusang
August 9, 1940 - January 1, 2015

Town Council OK's Fuel Contract

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

In moves that are hoped to save the town money in 2015, the Knightstown Town Council recently approved a year-long fuel contract with a local vendor and switched to a new health insurance program for town employees.

Council members voted unanimously at their Dec. 18 monthly meeting to accept a fuel bid from Knightstown business Van Hoy Oil that will lock in a price of \$2.15 a gallon for unleaded fuel for 2015. The per gallon price for diesel fuel will be \$2.46.

Van Hoy had also offered the town options for a 90-day and 180-day contracts. While the diesel price was the same for all three options, the shorter contracts did offer lower prices on the unleaded, \$1.985 a gallon for the 90-day contract and \$2.09 for the 180-day agreement.

In the past, the town's fuel contracts with Van Hoy had been three-month agreements. For October through December, the town paid \$2.65 a gallon for unleaded fuel after Van Hoy voluntarily agreed to reduce the contracted price of \$3.30 nearly 20 percent due to falling prices.

The town council had also received a fuel bid from Harvest Land Co-Op. The Richmond based company's proposed prices for unleaded fuel for 90, 180 and 365-day contracts were, respectively, \$2.1248, \$2.3251 and \$2.325. Harvest Land's diesel prices ranged from \$2.6409 to \$2.6651.

In other business, the council also voted at its Dec. 18 meeting to switch the health insurance provided to town employees from Anthem to the Indiana Association of Cities and Town's Medical Trust. By making this change, the town is expected to save almost 10 percent in 2015 on the premiums it pays for town employees, which are expected to drop from \$171,671.04 to \$154,878.72, according to a hand-out an IACT representative provided to the council.

The new options will also provide town employees with dental and vision coverage for themselves and their families. IACT also offers life insurance plans that their representative said is less expensive than what had been available to town employees.

Council members also voted at the Dec. 18 meeting to:

- *Accept a bid from Rod Brown, Carthage, of \$210 per acre for lease of town-owned farmland, for a total of \$1,554;
- *Approve hiring Rickey McColley as a new sewer department employee;
- *Require then-Police Chief Danny Baker, who was on paid leave at the time, to return his town-owned cell phone; and
- *Approve a service contract with the Henry County Humane Society for animal control services for 2015 for \$4,813, the same amount the town paid for 2014.

More information about the Knightstown Town Council's Dec. 18 monthly meeting can be found in the council's memoranda and minutes for that proceeding.



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Knightstown Council May Seek New Attorney

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

For the first time six years, the Knightstown Town Council may be looking for new legal counsel for the town.

Attorney Gregg Morelock of Brand & Morelock, Greenfield, has represented the town since 2008, when newly elected council members hired him to replace attorney David Copenhaver and his New Castle firm, Hayes Copenhaver Crider Harvey. At the town council's Dec. 18 monthly meeting, Morelock presented council members with a yearly legal services contract for 2015, noting there would be no change in his hourly rate, which, according to Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Wilkerson, is \$175.

Council member Cort Swincher asked whether the council should advertise and take bids for legal services. Morelock replied that bids are not required for professional services, but said the council had that option.

"That's your choice," Morelock said.

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on-call pay. Electric department employees will continue to receive \$100 a week in on-call pay, something they have gotten the past few years.

Tony True, the only council member to vote against approval of the new salary ordinance, said at

With no further discussion, Council President Clyde South said he would accept a motion to renew Morelock's contract for 2015. Vice President Cassandra Steele made the motion, but it died when none of her fellow council members seconded it.

While council members voiced no displeasure with Morelock at that night's meeting, some have recently been openly critical of the way he has handled particular issues, including efforts to fire Chief of Police Danny Baker. Several council members told The Banner they felt Morelock had not kept them fully informed about that and other matters and had not provided them with information in a timely manner.

If they are planning to look for a new attorney, council members may want to get their search started sooner rather than later. The town received written notice from an Indianapolis law firm in early December, putting the town on notice that it may be sued over the way the razing of a dilapidated building on East Main Street in

spring of 2013 was handled.

According to the letter from attorney Frederick Emhardt, his client, Dudley Wainscott, owns the building at 34-38 E. Main St. This structure, Emhardt said, was damaged when the town brought down the neighboring building just to the west.

"The Old Lodge Building was and continues to be damaged by the demolition and the unlawful remediation activities undertaken at the location," Emhardt wrote.

Wainscott himself also sent a letter to town officials in April 2013, shortly after the building at 32 E. Main St. was razed, and Emhardt included another copy of that letter with one he sent to the town. Wainscott claimed the building had been destroyed "in an unsafe manner" that left the community "exposed to construction debris and hazardous waste such as lead, mercury, mold and lead-based paint."

Emhardt gave the town until Jan. 1 "to repair damage already done, and to compensate Mr. Wainscott for his loss." If that is not done,

Emhardt said he and his client "will be forced to bring litigation against the Town."

On Dec. 29, Pam Baechle, a claims adjuster for EMC Insurance Companies, the town's insurer, sent a letter to Emhardt, denying Wainscott's claim. In her letter, Baechle said the town had not received a tort claim notice for Wainscott's alleged losses within the time required by state statute, and she said no supporting evidence "to confirm (Wainscott's) allegations" had been submitted "except a letter from (Wainscott) giving his opinions."

According to Baechle, the town had the site of the razed building inspected by a structural engineer in May 2013. She said the town "completed the recommendations suggested by the engineer" in order to keep Wainscott's building to the east "structurally sound."

The Banner tried, unsuccessfully, to reach Emhardt on Monday afternoon. However, the newspaper was able to contact Wainscott, who said he was aware of Baechle's letter.

Wainscott, who has owned his building since the fall of 2009, said

he and his attorney were not concerned about the town's insurer's claim that a tort claim notice had not been filed in a timely manner. While state statute requires the notice of a claim against a political subdivision like a town to be filed within 180 days of when a loss occurs, Wainscott said his losses have been ongoing and that his deadline to file a tort claim notice has not passed.

According to Wainscott, the town failed to remove all of the hazardous waste and debris inside the building at 32 E. Main St. before it was razed. He said water and wastewater lines at the site had not been capped as of the time of the demolition, potentially allowing contaminants to enter the water and sewer systems.

Wainscott also claims that the town failed to follow the recommendations for construction of a retaining wall that was intended to help ensure the structural integrity of his building. This failure, he said, resulted in his building being flooded and developing an "extreme mold problem" that has left him unable to rent his building.

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the Dec. 18 meeting that he thought the on-call pay should be the same for employees of the town's three utilities. He also said he thought the on-call pay should not be automatic, but should only be paid when employees are called out, and that on-call employees should be required to remain within a certain distance of town.

There was no other discussion of the new salary ordinance's terms before the council took its vote. At least one council member has expressed some remorse over not asking more questions about the pay increases.

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appoint a replacement. Should he fail to make a selection within that time period, the task of filling the vacancy will fall to the council's other four members, who will be free to select someone regardless of their political affiliation.

Any Republican residing within the Carthage town limits who is interested in applying to fill the vacancy left by Trueblood's resignation should contact the RCRP's Dora. He can be reached by phone at 765-932-3632, and letters of interest and other application materials should be mailed to him at 3128 N. CR 150-E, Rushville, IN 46173.

told The Banner that Whitesitt had not provided council members with a copy of last year's salary ordinance so that a side-by-side comparison could be made with the new one under consideration. While he voted with Council President Clyde South, Vice President Cassandra Steele and Mitch Roland to approve the ordinance, Swincher said he had not realized the raises varied so much and that some employees received no increase.

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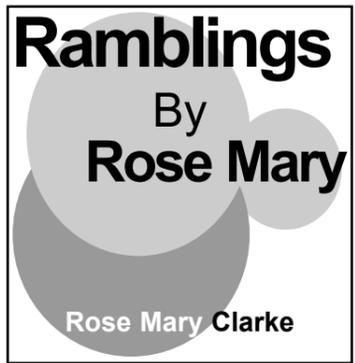
The dictionary defines an ode as a lyric poem of a serious, exalted or meditative nature with an elevated style. A famous one is John Keats' "Ode on a Grecian Urn" that begins, "Thou still unravish'd bride of quietness! Thou foster-child of silence and slow time ..."

Surely chocolate must have been the ambrosia of the Greek gods just as champagne was their nectar. I try to write to a good standard of English. However, any poem that I attempt to write is pure doggerel. The best I can do is to ape my betters: "O thou still unopened box of chocolates ..."

The Aztecs believed that chocolate represented the god of wisdom and was an aphrodisiac. Columbus and Cortez encountered it. Once they learned to add sugar to it, hot chocolate became the rage in Europe.

One of the most delectable desserts I've ever eaten was at a tiny restaurant in a village in the Champagne region of France. It was a chocolate pie with a layer of chocolate filling on the bottom, then a layer of orange marmalade then another layer of filling. When we were in Paris, grandboys Tony and Chris became addicted to pain au chocolat, a bread roll with a slab of chocolate in its center that's served at breakfast. They pouted when there wasn't any left at the bakery.

Oh, yum of yums! Chocolate truffles, cake, cookies, pie, cocoa, brownies, éclairs, ice cream, pudding, Hershey bars, Fannie Mae chocolates, fudge, Oreos, M&M's, liqueurs and even Mexican chicken mole cooked with chocolate ... And surely one of the most delectable is Reece's Peanut Butter Cups! While he was here for Christmas, Grandson Tony made peanut butter cookies with a little



Reece's Peanut Butter cup in the center.

I could paraphrase Elizabeth Barrett Browning's sonnet: "How do I love thee, chocolate chip cookie? Let me count the ways ... " Chocolate chip cookies, aka Toll House cookies, are undoubtedly the favorite cookies of Americans. Vicki and I made a variety of cookies for Christmas. Did they eat them? They did not. Instead, they complained when the chocolate

chips ran out.

I use only Nestlé's semisweet morsels for my cookies. Also, I add a little water to the dough so that the cookies are thinner and crispier. There's a synopsis of their history on the package, but I went to the Internet to find out more.

Ruth Wakefield and her husband bought an old house in Massachusetts. As a marketing gimmick, they said that the house was 200 years old, even though it was only 100 years old. They named it The Toll House Inn, although there never was a toll house there.

Ruth cooked all the food and became famous for her desserts. One day, she cut up chunks of a semi-sweet Nestle chocolate bar and put them in her butter cookie recipe. In 1939, Nestle added her recipe to the chocolate bar's package in exchange for a lifetime supply of chocolate. At first they even included a little tool with which to chop the chocolate. In 1941, they invented the chip or morsel form.

Thank goodness some good things remain unchanged. The package of morsels that we bought for this past Christmas cookies still says "Nestles Toll House Semisweet Morsels" with the announcement, "Celebrating 75 Years." There's even a drawing of the Toll House. **See Rose Mary, Page 6**

Slow Down; See What's All Around You

I get in trouble sometimes for writing about cycling too much. But, it's weather like this that stimulates such thoughts. So maybe we can blame Mother Nature this time.

As I've said before, traveling at slower speeds reveals to me things I normally wouldn't pay attention to, if I were driving a car. This leads to my taking lots of photos on my bicycle journeys.

I usually snap these shots on morning work commutes, or on other solo rides. Riding with my Raintree Cycling Club friends makes photography more difficult. And, yes, they regularly make fun of me for stopping for pictures. They like the results, I think. But, they do rib me for slowing the pace!

Anyway, I've noticed some very, very beautiful scenery around Henry and Rush counties. So I thought I'd list some of my favorite locations. These aren't in any particular order, and they're not ranked by what I think is the best or worst.

Rather simple and plain in the afternoon, the intersection of Greensboro Pike and County Road 750-S is a prime spot, particularly at dawn. Looking east along 750, the sun rises, illuminating fields and a humped Big Blue River bridge. Gentle mists drape the landscape like gauze as cattle graze in the emerald fields, their black backs poking out of the fog like turtles.

Down in Rush County there's an old iron bridge over the Big Blue. Painted a deep, rusty red, it spans the river, which is deeper and wider here than in Knightstown. This spot is always peaceful and the gurgle of the river is relaxing. This is a great place to take a break anytime. But, remember, the bridge's wooden planks are very slippery when covered with morning dew.

Another great bit of Henry County scenery is located between Westwood Park and Westwood Elementary School on Greensboro Pike. Its rolling hills and colorful vistas make a suitable backdrop for the beautiful modern homes and restored older ones.

This stretch is gorgeous through the warm months, but is exceptionally satisfying in autumn. The cascade of fall foliage is breathtaking. Who needs the clamor and congestion of Brown County, when we have similar sights right here?

The rolling landscape and manicured lawns of the Middletown area are definitely noteworthy. I love to ride in Henry County's northwest quadrant. Fall Creek slices through Middletown and makes a quaint backdrop at the town park. The generally well-kept nature of that community makes almost any street a pleasing route.

New Castle's Main Street subtly morphs from town to country in a couple beautiful miles. Heading north out of town, it becomes State Road 103, a twisting, turning, undulating symphony of decidedly Midwestern views. Higher vantage points adjoin low-lying farm fields with rustic old barns and century-old homes. Heavy woods gird the roadsides before breeching, the big-sky views overlooking a series of roller-coaster-like hills leading up to State Road 36.

Finally, Goose Road's trace of Big Blue River is a wide smile on Rush County's northwestern region. Its mixture of riverside scenery and agricultural splendor create a nice contrast for anyone who bothers to look.

Sometimes, if you take a minute to slow down and take a second glance, beauty can be found rather easily.



BANNER PERSPECTIVE

Modern art is often misunderstood by the masses. But, the town of Knightstown is going out of its way to bridge that artistic comprehension gap.

A new modern art piece on Main Street is turning heads and causing conversation among town residents and business owners.

Admittedly, The Banner was initially fooled, thinking the barren, trash-strewn lot on the site of the former Bullet Hole building was merely another town boondoggle - a prominent blemish on the community's face that was caused by the neglect of town leaders.

But, the newspaper has realized (rather sheepishly, we do admit) that this so-called eye sore is anything but that. It's a real positive for the town - especially in the eyes of the Art World.

Sources tell The Banner that in places like San Francisco, New York and Paris, critics are raving about this unexpected bit of creative genius. They say, of all things, that it is "groundbreaking" and "edgy" in its portrayal of the Suburban Decay motif. Yes, the critics are gushing.

"The blowing white trash mixes with the overgrown weeds and crumbling brick in a way most modern art enthusiasts don't appreciate," one critic opined. "But, here at the Post-Modernist Rural Reclusion School, we think it's brilliant!"

Even as they officially approved their own large pay raises, Knightstown officials appeared unaware of their masterpiece's new-found celebrity, or the artistic absurdity of the situation.

"The town was going to repair that wall and spruce-up that vacant lot," said one smiling Knightstown resident. "But, apparently there wasn't enough money to get that done. Maybe next time."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the nice picture of my wife and I in The Banner. To anyone who found the celebration of 55 years cancelled, we apologize. Thanks to those who came to offer their congratulations for 55 years of marriage on Dec. 12, and to offer their heartfelt sympathy for the unexpected death of our 27-year-old granddaughter, Rachel Elane Morey, on Dec. 13.

May the overdose death of our beautiful Rachel be a wake-up call for others to watch for the kinds of friends your children have - even if they are rich.

William O'Neal
Shirley

Dear Editor,

Once again, we here at MainSource Bank come to you to express our thanks to the community of Knightstown for their generosity during our annual hat, mitten and sock campaign for the local Head Start program. Because of their willingness to give, several children have warm things to wear this winter.

It is much appreciated by those of us here at the bank and I am sure by the parents and the children themselves. Thank you!

Cynthia Lines, Colleen Jarvis, Rachel Gustin and Elizabeth Thomas
MainSource Bank, Knightstown

Dear Editor,

Increased economic opportunity resulting in less poverty is within reach thanks to a statewide mentoring program helping low-income students stay in college.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) is providing mentors to 21st Century Scholars, low-income students who receive state **See Letters, Page 11**

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BITS & PIECES

◆Greensboro United Methodist Church will host the Indiana Blood Center's **Blood Mobile** on Saturday, Jan. 10, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Those who plan to donate should bring photo identification. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207.

◆The town of Kennard has announced it will be meeting the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in 2015. Meetings will take place at Kennard Town Hall, 100 N. Main St. Due to the holiday, the Kennard Town Board has rescheduled its Jan. 1 meeting. The first meeting of the year will take place on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.

◆The South Henry School Corp. Board of Trustees will meet in executive session on Monday, Jan. 5, at 6 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hear allegations of misconduct by a school employee, independent contractor or student. The board will also discuss records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. A special session,

open to the public, will follow at 7:15 p.m. The meeting will take place at the school corporation's office, located at 6972 S. St. Rd. 103, Straughn.

◆The Shirley Historical Society is raising money to restore a railroad caboose and purchase a motorized rail inspection car. The items will be placed near the Shirley railroad depot. Donations may be sent to Joan Cupp, P.O. Box 407, Shirley, IN 47384.

◆Anyone locating unwanted, unused or outdated **prescription medications** may dispose of them at the New Castle Police Dept., 227 N. Main St., or the Henry County Sheriff's Dept., 127 N. 12th St., New Castle.

◆The **Historic Knightstown museum**, located on the Public Square at 22 N. Washington St., will have new winter hours. Winter hours will be 10 a.m.-12 p.m. each Friday and Saturday. For more information, or to visit the museum by appointment, call David Steele

at 765-345-7585. Family and individual HKI memberships are \$20 and \$15, respectively. Membership payments may be mailed to HKI at P.O. Box 74, Knightstown, IN 46148.

◆The Henry County **Disabled American Veterans** (DAV) organization meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Knightstown American Legion Post 152. DAV Service Officer Morris Cole encourages Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to attend so they can learn more about DAV benefits. Cole is available at Post 152 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each Friday. For more information, call 906-241-3565.

◆**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets weekly, on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym (enter on East side). Meetings will continue each Tuesday at the same time and location. For more information, call 765-313-1637.

◆The **Parish Clothes Closet**, located in the basement of Bethel

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Harvey, a Hancock County native, graduated from New

Palestine High School and attended classes at the University of Indianapolis. He is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served tours in Afghanistan and Japan.

Over the next three months, Harvey will work with a series of experienced field training officers.

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Banner Reporter Shares His Favorite MidCountry Media Profile Stories of 2014

by Logan Cox for The Banner

Even in Knightstown it can be easy to forget that a community is made up of individuals, each with their own lives and histories. In a sense, a town is essentially a collection of stories. To know of their journeys, the paths in life they've taken, or the things they have been able to achieve, it all provides an insightful perspective when considering the community as a whole.

Shedding light on these individuals and their stories is the primary focus of this weekly article.

Now that a new year has arrived and the holiday season has wound down, it is only right to look back on some of the people who were featured on page six in 2014 and made our humble town a little humbler for it.

There are some who may not know that **Kelley Millhoan**, the owner and operator of Just Around the Corner Massage Studio, is also an officer in the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce. Or that **Rod Cushingman**, the man who has been regularly cleaning the windows around town for years, is an avid renaissance fair participant. Or that Knightstown resident **Laura Gordon** and her son **Ike** are battling the effects of lyme disease every day.

We began the year by highlighting Henry County **One Voice**, a new community organization that strives to prevent bullying in the schools of Henry County, headed by county residents **Cameron Grimm**, **Tonya Lee** and **Lisa Pittman**. One Voice has been making progress in reaching out to youths to fulfill their goals while never making light of the delicate nature of the issue or the difficulty of their job.

Another unique local organization was featured later on. **Historic Knightstown Inc.**, which is dedicated to the collection and preservation of the Knightstown community. From its founding in 1890 to the modern technological revolution, this group has been active in keeping the spirit of Knightstown intact.

Shortly thereafter, **Nate Lamar**, the new president of the Henry County Council, was featured and expressed his goal of bringing transparency to the council in all its dealings.

The early months of 2014 also saw a few Knightstown High School graduates making progress in life.

Austin Downey, a graduate of KHS's class of 2013, has been cultivating his skills in drama and theater to pursue a career in voice acting.

Nick Hammer, who graduated in 2011, is currently finishing up his last year at Ball State University while developing as a musician with great passion.

And **Brittany Driesbach**, the 2009 recipient of the Lily Endowment Community Scholarship, reflected on enormous efforts she made in school, as well as the reward she earned by studying abroad in Costa Rica and gaining fresh experiences. She and her boyfriend are now engaged to be married.

Current students of Knightstown High School have made appearances this year as well.

Caroline Horth, a senior at KHS known for her theatrical panache, recently starred in a low-budget family film called *Titans of PS 271*.

Valerie Chew, a junior diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, has made efforts as a Girl Scout to help relieve others

who are afflicted with similar developmental disorders of stress or anxiety.

Earlier in the year, senior **Ciara Kline** was featured after she received the Student of the Year Award from the Indiana Students Against Destructive Decisions organization.

Members of the high school faculty have also been seen throughout the year, some who are newcomers and others who have been with the system for a long time.

2014 was **Matt Martin's** first year as Knightstown High School's athletic director, as well as **Daren Hardesty's** first year as head coach of the KHS varsity baseball team. The enthusiasm they each have for their position makes them fit right at home.

The new superintendent of Charles A. Beard School Corporation, **Jed Behny**, seeks to lend his experience as an educator to his role while working to serve the community and its vision for the schools.

In the last few months of 2014, we took note of several Knightstown High School alums who have gone on to have great success in their futures.

1982 graduate **Donna Carpenter** is the top representative of Cabarrus Co., N. C., as well as president of Cabarrus County Convention & Visitor's Bureau. She is instrumental in facilitating

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Banner reporter Logan J. Cox

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Thurs., Jan. 8 - Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Thurs., Jan. 8 - Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall

Mon., Jan. 12 - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

Mon., Jan. 12 - Carthage Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Carthage Town Hall

Mon., Jan. 12 - Eastern Hancock School Board meeting, 7 p.m., corporation office

Rose Mary, from Page 4

House Inn on the package.

I have ordered copy of the cookbook that Ruth wrote - *Toll House Tried and True Recipes* - that went through 30 printings. She died in 1977, and the inn burned down on New Year's Eve of 1988.

However, even though few probably know who she was and the story of her scrumptious cookies, she concocted something that has delighted millions.

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Tues., Jan. 13 - Glen Cove Cemetery Board meeting, 4 p.m., at Glen Cove chapel

Tues., Jan. 13 - Knightstown Public Library Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., at library

Tues., Jan. 13 - Rush Co. Historic Board meeting, 7 p.m., Historical Museum, 619 N. Perkins St., Rushville

Wed., Jan. 14 - Rush Co. Council meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse room 211, Rushville

Wed., Jan. 14 - Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Jan. 14 - Henry Co. Drainage Board meeting, 9 a.m., Henry County Office Building Suite 107, New Castle

Wed., Jan. 14 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m.

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FOLKWAYS

Jan McGuire Hosts BPW Meeting

Indiana Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., (BPW) of Knightstown had its December meeting at Sugarbakers in Knightstown on Dec. 15 with Jan McGuire as hostess.

BPW President Penny Sitler presided at the meeting.

Everyone had a good time socializing and Santa came to visit the members.

Members helped with putting Christmas baskets

together on Christmas Eve for families in the community. Members brought items to put in the baskets to the meeting. Items were brought to the meeting for Cradles and BPW-Knightstown made a donation to Cradles.

Debbie Banks will be hostess for the Jan. 19 Meeting at Sugarbakers at 6:30 p.m. Women in the community are invited to attend any BPW meeting on the third Monday of each month.

Attorney General Warns of Scam

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller is warning Hoosiers about an old telephone scam that is making a resurgence in Indiana communities: the jury duty scam.

Here's how it works: a call is received from someone claiming to be with court staff or law enforcement and they inform the person that they failed to report for jury service and will be arrested unless a fine is paid immediately.

Zoeller said in a press release issued last week that the thieves may try to convince victims to purchase a prepaid card to make the payment, in order to obtain their cash without being traced. One

Indiana consumer recently paid \$800 to a jury duty scammer.

If a call like this is received, Zoeller says Hoosiers should hang up immediately. A caller demanding an immediate payment over the phone should raise a big red flag, he said, especially if they are using fear tactics like threatening jail time.

Being asked to use a prepaid card to make a payment is also a common sign of a scam, Zoeller said, stressing that government offices do not use those tactics. In 2014, the Attorney General's Office received 20 complaints involving the jury duty scam.

If targeted by the jury duty scam, report it to the Indiana Attorney General's Office by filing a consumer complaint. Zoeller also reminds Hoosiers to sign up for Indiana's Do Not Call list to help deter unwanted calls. Both can be done online at www.IndianaConsumer.com or by calling 888-834-9969.

Mounds State Park Offering Homeschool, Pre-k Programs

Mounds State Park, 4306 Mounds Rd., Anderson, will continue its popular homeschool and pre-k programming in 2015.

Two sessions of Homeschool Mondays will be offered on select dates at 1 p.m. and again at 3 p.m. Sessions will offer hands-on learning for homeschooled students of all grades and will be themed around natural, historical or cultural resources.

Homeschool Monday sessions will be offered Jan. 12 and 26; Feb. 9 and 23; March 9 and 30; and April 13 and 27.

Pre-K Wednesday is geared toward children ages 6 and younger. Hour-long sessions may include story time, a short hike or a craft. Session topics will vary depending on weather. Participants can expect age-appropriate nature-themed programming. Sessions will be offered on select dates at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.

Pre-K Wednesday sessions will be offered Jan. 14 and 28; Feb. 11 and 25; March 11; April 1, 15 and 29.

Adults wishing to register children should call 765-649-8128. Each session costs \$1. It is not necessary to register for every session, only those you wish to attend. Adults are encouraged to stay with their children during the sessions.

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Indiana College Cost Estimators is an online platform that provides college and financial aid information to prospective families. For the first time, Rush County students applying for local scholarships must utilize this web-

based tool to enter household and financial information prior to submitting the scholarship application. This program is a free service available to all Rush County families, thanks to a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., Independent Colleges of Indiana, and the Rush County Community Foundation. For more information, please visit www.indianacollegecosts.org and www.rushcountyfoundation.org.

The deadline for submission of the College Cost Estimators portion of the application is due Jan.

15 for students applying for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship and Feb. 5 for students applying for all RCCF scholarships. The complete application packages are due by 4 p.m. Feb. 5 and March 6, respectively.

For more information, visit or contact Alisa Winters, executive director, or Terry VanNatta, assistant executive director and chief financial officer, at their office at 117 N. Main St., Rushville, or call them at 765-938-1177.

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Duke Energy has signed 20-year agreements with three solar developers to purchase up to 20 megawatts of solar power for its Indiana customers. The company has filed a request with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to approve the agreements.

Pending regulatory approval, the developers will build and operate four solar panel projects, each producing up to 5 megawatts of electric power. The projects include:

- Pastime Farm LLC in Clay County and McDonald Solar LLC in Vigo County, developed by Solexus Development and Strata Solar
- Geres Energy LLC in Howard County, developed by Inovateus Solar

· Sullivan Solar LLC in Sullivan County, developed by juwi solar
The projects in Clay, Howard and Vigo counties are expected to provide renewable energy by the end of 2015. The Sullivan County project is expected to provide renewable energy by March 2016.

"These projects will help us develop emission-free solar power resources, while expanding and diversifying our generation portfolio," said Doug Esamann, president of Duke Energy Indiana.

The projects are a result of a request for proposals issued by Duke Energy Indiana in February 2014 for developers interested in supplying the company with solar energy. (See news release: www.duke-energy.com/news/releases/2014020301.asp)

Duke Energy Indiana's operations provide about 7,500 megawatts of owned electric capacity to approximately 800,000 customers in a 23,000-square-mile service area, making it the state's largest electric supplier. More information about the company is available at: www.duke-energy.com.

4-H Enrollment Deadline Near

The Jan. 15 deadline to enroll in 4-H is quickly approaching. Youth may enroll in Henry County 4-H by Jan. 15 online at <https://in.4honline.com> or by visiting the Henry County Extension Office at 1201 Race Street, Suite 303 in New Castle.

By enrolling online, members can create their own profile, update information, and receive important material related to their 4-H participation throughout the year. There is a \$15 fee per child, which

includes all Indiana 4-H program fees. Youth can be involved in Mini 4-H for free, if they are currently in grades K-2, or they can be in regular 4-H if they are in grades 3-12.

For more information or questions please call the Henry County Extension Office at 765-529-5002.

Lawyer, from Page 3

The condition in which the town left the demolition site at 32 E. Main St. has also drawn concerns from local citizens. Knightstown resident Kevin Richey complained at the Dec. 18 council meeting about the appearance of the one interior wall of the razed building that was left standing and is now exposed as the exterior on the west side of Wainscott's building.

"As you know, the wall is quite unsightly," Richey told council members.

Council President Clyde South said the town has discussed developing a small park area on the south end of the site, with the rest of the lot used for parking. However, he said the town doesn't currently have the money to pave the parking area, which, according to Greg Neice, the town's works manager, was estimated in 2013 to cost around \$68,000.

As for the wall about which Richey complained, South said the council had discussed possibly having local students paint a mural on the wall that was left standing. He noted, though, that the council had taken no action on that.

The town council was scheduled to hold a special meeting last night to deal select officers for 2015 and address other organizational matters. The council's next regularly monthly meeting is Thursday, Jan. 15.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Finish 3rd in South Ripley Tourney

Knightstown varsity boys basketball team finished third in the South Ripley Holiday Tourney that was held Dec. 29-30.

KHS got off to a good start, defeating Crothersville 66-52 in their first game of the tourney.

Leading the way for the Panthers was Drake Peggs with 14 points, three assists and three steals.

Jackson Edwards had 13 points, six assists, four rebounds and two steals.

Coleman Wyatt and Max Wever each had eight points and five rebounds.

Tyler Hubble led the team on the boards with six rebounds and he had six points, one assist and three steals.

Jake Kwisz got five points, two boards, three assists and two steals.

Zach Manley finished with four points and one rebound.

Riley Ruble hit one three-pointer and pulled down four boards.

Jake Bearhope hit two free throws and had one assist and one steal.

Perry Milton added three points.

In the second game of the tourney, the Panthers

were edged out 53-48 by Christian Academy.

Edwards had his highest scoring game of the season with 25 points, He hit 3-of-6 three-pointers, was 5-for-12 in field goals and 6-for-6 from the line.

Edwards also tied for top rebounder for KHS with seven and had two assists and three steals.

Hubble also had seven boards as well as three points and two assists.

Wyatt got seven points, three rebounds and one assist.

Peggs finished with five points, one board and six assists.

Kwisz added four points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Manley got one bucket and two rebounds. Wever also had a bucket and one rebound.

In the Panthers' third game, for third place in the tourney, Knightstown defeated Franklin County 53-41.

Individual stats for the final tourney game were not yet available at press time.

Following the tourney, the Panthers' overall season record moved to 5-3. They next play in the county tourney on Jan. 8-10.

Lady Panthers Now 9-4 After Tourney

Knightstown's varsity girls basketball team went 1-1 at the Union City Tourney on Jan. 3.

The KHS girls fell 56-55 in a tough overtime game in the first round against Union (Modoc). The win keeps the Lady Rockets streak alive. They lost their first game of the season to ranked Shenandoah but haven't lost a game since.

Brooke Vise had a huge double-double game with 17 points and 18 rebounds.

Macy Burton also had a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Kori Biehl finished with 11 points and seven boards.

Hannah Thomas nearly had a double-double too. She racked up nine points and 14 rebounds.

In the second game, the Lady Panthers defeated Daleville 47-33.

Vise had another double-double in the Daleville game, hitting 21 points and pulling down 12 rebounds.

Biehl had 14 points and five steals. Burton added eight points. Thomas did not score but lead the team in rebounds with 15.

The Lady Panthers' season record moved to 9-4. They will next play in the Henry County Tournament on Jan. 9-10.

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Dated at New Castle, Indiana, this 16th day of December 2014.
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funding to go to college. Despite this assistance, only 33 percent of Scholars earn an associate's degree within three years or a bachelor's degree within six years. The state average for all full-time students is 42 percent.

"Money is really important, but students need more than the financial means to be successful," said Brody Broshear, assistant vice president for academic success at the University of Southern Indiana (USI). "The relationship piece is tremendously critical."

Broshear said this especially is true for low-income students who are the first in their families to go to college. They often do not have relatives or friends who can answer questions. This leads to a growing gap between higher-income and lower-income students.

ICHE responded by launching Indiana College Success Mentoring (ICSM), facilitated by the Indiana Youth Institute. It matches mentors

with 21st Century Scholars. For the high school class of 2012, 57 percent of mentored Scholars currently are enrolled in postsecondary education. If these students graduate, their success rate will be greater than Scholars who do not have a mentor and greater than low-income students overall.

David Jones, now a junior at Ball State, is one of those students. Jones is mentored by Courtney Crawley, a college graduate who works at an Indianapolis YMCA. Jones said Crawley's biggest influence is encouragement when college life is difficult.

Jones said Ball State "was a culture shock to me" after graduating from a charter high school with just 27 other students. He explained "Having reassurance from a mentor like Courtney, who is a great resource to go to, helps me with my stress."

According to Broshear, the USI administrator, the challenge "is

really understanding collegiate culture from the language, to how to interact in the classroom, to how to speak with a faculty member, to what to do when we run into trouble academically. If you struggle on a test, it isn't time to throw in the towel. It's time to find the services and resources that are available to help you be successful the next time around."

Crawley said mentors can help. "The main thing is (students) want someone to talk to, someone to spend time with, someone who can teach them things about college they may not learn at home."

January is National Mentoring Month. One adult mentoring one child for one hour at least once a week for one school year can profoundly impact that student. Find a mentoring program near you at www.abetterhour.org.

Bill Stanczykiewicz, president Indiana Youth Institute

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and improving upon the image of the destination for the good of her state and community.

Another KHS grad, **Mike Brenan**, has also taken up residence in this vicinity. As the current president of Branch Banking and Trust's South Carolina branch, Brenan has become a prominent figure in this field and was honored as the state's 2014 Business Leader of the Year.

One of the year's last stories was centered on **Bill Windsor**, a Knightstown resident who in the past has served as chief of the Knightstown Fire Department and as an EMT for Southwest Ambulance Service, of which he just recently retired.

Every single one of these people and many more were eager to let their stories be known. In a time in which there is much to be uncertain of, the fact that there are so many willing to be open about themselves and the lives they have lived is a comfort.

With any luck, the year 2015 will offer us at The Banner even more opportunities to shine the spotlight on other individuals who share a connection to this area and provide all readers with the chance to recognize the most important aspect of this community: its people.

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