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**Knightstown, IN**

## KHS Robotics Open House Tonight

The Knightstown High School robotics program will host an open house in the robotics room on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 6-8 p.m. during the boys varsity basketball game. The public is invited.

## Girl Scouts Selling Cookies Right Now

Central Indiana Girl Scouts are selling cookies now through March 15. Pre-orders have been taken and Scouts will be making deliveries beginning Feb. 4. For more information, call Barb Mofield at 317-442-2620.

## Council's Special Meeting Thursday

The Knightstown Town Council has scheduled a special meeting for Thursday evening. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 6 p.m. in the council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St. Notice provided by the town on Monday afternoon did not indicate the purpose for the meeting.

## Art Exhibition May 1 at New Castle Church

New Covenant Worship Center, 815 Western Rd., New Castle, will host the inaugural Reflected Light Art Exhibition this spring. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 6-9 p.m. Featuring painting, ceramics, photography, mixed media, sculpture and more, the event also includes free refreshments.

## Psi Iota Xi Working With Schwan's

Psi Iota Xi, Gamma Eta Chapter, of Knightstown is sponsoring a fundraiser with Schwan's Home Delivery Service. Call Schwan's at 888-724-9267 to place an order. The local sorority gets a portion of sales proceeds.

## Expiration Dates Appear on Labels

The Banner no longer mails renewal notices to subscribers of the print edition. The expiration date of every subscription is printed on the top of the mailing label each week, right above the subscriber's name.



## Carthage Council Selects Ashley Davis for Vacant Seat

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

Two months after the latest resignation of one of its members, the Carthage Town Council is almost back to full strength with five members. With one member absent, the council's other three members voted 3-0 during their regular monthly meeting Monday evening to appoint town resident Ashley Davis to fill the vacancy left by Crystal Trueblood's resignation in December. Davis was one of four applicants vying for the seat, with the other three including two former council members and the spouse of a former council member.

Since Trueblood is a Republican, the task of finding her replacement initially belonged to the Rush County Republican Party. However, because the RCRP's chairman, Michael Dora, failed to fill the vacancy within 30 days of Trueblood's resignation, state statute shifted that responsibility to the town council's remaining members.

Monday's meeting began with Davis and the other three applicants each addressing the council for a couple of minutes. The 30-year-old Davis, an assistant manager at The Pit Stop Bar & Grill, told Council President Bill Davis (no relation), Vice President Rachel Brown and council member John Hancock she thought more needs to be done for the town's youth.

"There's a park here, but that's it," Davis said. "There are older kids here, too, and what do they do? They don't have anything to do except go around and tear stuff up, and then us taxpayers have to pay to fix that."

In a letter of interest she had submitted to the council, Davis said she wanted "to be part of a board that cares for people and the town" and "doesn't walk around with hidden agendas." She said she wants to try to figure out ways to provide an environment where the town's children and young adults can "thrive."

After the last of the four applicants spoke, Bill Davis asked whether any of them are currently members of the town's volunteer fire department, and all four answered in the negative. The resignation of Trueblood, a longtime member of the Carthage VFD, had been prompted by a state statute that prohibits volunteer firefighters from holding elective office in any unit of government for which their fire department provides fire protection services.

Hancock made the motion to appoint Davis as Trueblood's replacement, saying he thought "she would bring a lot to the table," and that it's good to have younger people on the council. Brown seconded the motion and Bill Davis joined them to provide the three votes needed to pass the motion. The council's other member, Kelly Land, did not attend Monday's meeting.

Despite the council's vote appointing her, Davis did not take her council seat and participate in Monday's meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan explained that she did not have the necessary paperwork ready for Davis' signature and said she was not prepared to administer the oath of office to her that night.

Adam Forrest, the town's attorney, said it would be OK for McMahan to administer the oath of office later so that Davis would be ready to start by the council's next meeting. Davis said that would be all right with her.

While not a native of Carthage, Davis' family has strong ties to the town, noting that her grandmother had been born and raised here, and her

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## Wayne Twp. Revenue Outpaces '14 Spending

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

According to an annual financial statement recently released by Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman, the township's revenue outpaced spending by 25 percent in 2014.

At the start of 2014, the township's cash and investments balance was \$159,949.64, but, by year's end, that amount had grown by nearly a third to \$213,478.78. The township spent \$211,982.01 last year; its revenue, however, amounted to \$265,511.15.

Four of the township's funds had expenditures that exceeded revenue in 2013. In 2014, that was only true for three of the township's funds (Township, Park and Recreation, and Township Assistance).

The largest discrepancy was in the Township

Assistance Fund. After starting the year with a balance of \$37,851.45, this fund took in only \$16,597.03 in receipts while spending \$32,342.72, which left it with a year-end balance of \$22,105.78.

The township's Park and Recreation Fund began 2014 with a balance of \$38,443.15 and finished with \$26,126.20. Throughout the year, spending (\$19,650) outpaced revenue (\$7,333.05) by almost 170 percent.

The balance for the Township Fund dropped 37 percent last year, starting 2014 at \$21,090.23 and finishing at \$13,278.81. Throughout the year, this fund took in \$23,295.46 while \$31,106.88 was spent from it.

Once again, the township's Firefighting Fund saw an increase, with its balance more than doubling last year. After starting 2014 with

\$61,652.10, the annual revenue for this fund (\$172,021.18) exceeded spending (\$99,000) by nearly 74 percent, leaving a year-end balance of \$134,673.28.

Overman reviewed his annual financial report with two Wayne Township Board members, Ronald Trimmell and Jeff Van Hoy, during a meeting held Jan. 27. The two board members voted to approve the report, a summary of which will be published as a legal notice in The Banner in coming weeks.

In other township business, Trimmell agreed to continue serving as the board's chairman, a post he has held for several years, and Van Hoy agreed to serve as the board's secretary. An official vote was not taken for either position.

Acting on a recommendation from Overman, See Revenue, Page 8

## Mayhill's Farm Newspaper Celebrating 60th Anniversary

On Feb. 15, 1955, Tom and Peg Mayhill planned to expand their small publishing business in Knightstown by starting a farm-focused newspaper called *The Eastern Indiana Farmer*.

*The Farmer* started by distributing 6,000 papers to producers in the Eastern Indiana counties of Hancock, Henry, Wayne, Shelby, Rush, Fayette and Union. By April, Mayhill Publications, also the owner of *The Knightstown Banner*, was selling yearly subscriptions for \$2.

The first two subscribers were Will A. Willcutt of Carthage and Philip Wilkie of Rushville.

Built on the principles of good customer service, informative news and creating a forum to bring buyers and sellers together, the paper has grown in the past 60 years. By 1977, *The Farmer* had outgrown its name with subscribers stretching into all corners of Indiana, plus areas of Ohio and Kentucky. Mayhill Publications changed the name to *Farmweek*. Mayhill also launched *AntiqueWeek*, a national weekly antiques and collectibles publication, in 1968.

When Mayhill Publications sold the publishing company in May of 2000 to dmg world media, a multi-national media and trade show company from the United Kingdom, the new owners made many changes to

improve the publication further.

In May 2001, the paper's expansion into Illinois, Michigan, Tennessee and Iowa required another name change - *Farm World*. The paper's circulation boasts more than 35,000. Despite the name changes and growth, *Farm World* remains committed to Mayhill's original principals.

Today the company is back again in the Mayhill family, having been purchased in September 2009 by Gary and Merry Thoe. Merry is the youngest daughter of Tom and Peg Mayhill.

*Farm World* is still published in Knightstown, and is still committed to informative

agricultural news, bringing buyers and sellers of farm products together, and working hard on providing the best customer service and timely newspaper delivery possible.

"We are honored to be publishing *Farm World*," said Merry (Mayhill) Thoe. "The paper has earned such a great reputation over the years. I know my mother and father were proud of what they developed, and if they were involved in the publication of *Farm World* today, they would be proud of what it continues to become."

"It was a busy year for my parents, too, as I was also born in 1955. As I have grown, so has the farm paper."



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# OBITUARIES

**Ruby L. Gorman**

**November 7, 1927 - February 6, 2015**



Ruby L. Gorman, 87, of Lewisville passed away Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, in Indianapolis. She was born to the late Lewis and Dovie (Bowen) Hinton on Nov. 7, 1927, in Haldeman, Ky. She married her beloved husband, Arthur R. Gorman, on March 8, 1947. They were married 55 wonderful years before his passing in 2002.

Ruby was an amazing cook and baker of delicious pies. She took pride in passing this down to her grandchildren. She enjoyed the Florida sunshine, where she and her husband would winter in Brooksville, Fla. Come spring and summer, she would tend a garden. Then, at the end of the season, she would can all the goods from her garden. Ruby loved her family and certainly loved her grandkids, as well as the late "Dutch," her beloved 8-year-old Dachshund.

She will be greatly missed by her son, Ronnie (Jama) Gorman; a daughter, Debbie (Denny) Maxfield; two sisters, Lillie Rankins and Mabel Shelley; four grandchildren, Mike Maxfield, Dustin Gorman, Angie (Danny) Martin and Michelle (Rich) King; and four great-grandchildren, Andrew and Madison Martin and Kennedy and Paxton King.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her three brothers, Joe, Bill and Bob Hinton.

Services for Ruby were Monday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Friends may visit from 10 a.m. until time of service. Burial was in Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown with Pastor Gene Bennett presiding. Memorial contributions in Ruby's honor may be made to a charity or organization of choice.

**Agnes Hensler**

**August 28, 1912 - January 31, 2015**

Agnes Hensler 102, formally of Carthage, passed away Jan. 31, 2015, at Hamilton Trace in Fishers.

She was born Aug. 28, 1912, in Greene Co., Texas, a daughter of Frank and Julia Barbara Smith Kolbasinski. She married Homer Hensler June 22, 1944, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 2004. She and her husband owned and operated their veterinary business in Carthage for many years. She was a member of the Carthage Gardening Club and Fletcher United Methodist Church.

Left to Cherish her memory are her five nieces, Karen (husband, David) Minor, Barbara (husband, Karl) Schneider, Sandra (husband, Robert) Tyler, Susan Barnette and Priscilla Rush; and four nephews, Stanley Kolbasinski, Frankie David (wife, Vickie) Kolbasinski and Louis Steve (wife Mary) Kolbasinski and Howard Michael Rush.

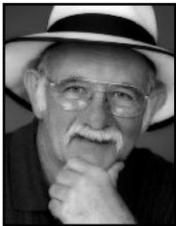
In addition to her husband, Agnes was preceded in death by four brothers and six sisters.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Fletcher United Methodist Church, 205 N. East St., Carthage, IN 46115 with visitation there after 11 a.m. Rev. Roger Campbell will officiate. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Carthage.

Online memories and condolences at [www.ToddFuneralHome.com](http://www.ToddFuneralHome.com)

**Ralph D. Brown**

**September 6, 1947 - January 15, 2015**



Ralph Brown, 67, passed away suddenly at his home in Lake Forest, Cal. He was a loving partner, father, papa, pops, brother, uncle and cousin. He was a kind and caring presence to all who had the good fortune to call him a friend. He was a man of genuine kindness and integrity who was always giving to others. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and remembered for his wonderful sense of humor.

He was born Sept. 6, 1947, in the small town of Shirley, to Robert Brown and Ruby Chance. He lived a childhood of seemingly endless days of curiosity and imagination. He attended elementary school there, followed by his graduation in 1965 from Eastern Hancock High School. He made many lifelong friends there which he had the good fortune of visiting this past summer.

Ralph had such a big spirit, a big personality and loved being the center of attention. He loved a good joke and telling them and making people laugh. He was always there to lend a helping hand and would give you the shirt off his back.

He was a collector of watches, antiques and cherished family heirlooms. His love of trains lead to his hobby of collecting model trains and village pieces transforming his sun porch into a marvelous railroad village.

His love for cooking such dishes as his signature potato soup, homemade macaroni and cheese and smoked sausage soup has been passed down to his children and grandchildren. Besides rocking, pig latin and talking backwards, his past time hobbies included crossword puzzles, fishing, bingo, pool and reading. He enjoyed starting his day with a cup of coffee at the clubhouse where he was joined by his "old geezers."

He had a life-long love affair with sports. He loved the Indy 500, NASCAR, the Colts, the Pacers, the Celtics and college football.

Ralph took fashion cues from no one. His signature every day look could be a favorite hot dog shirt paired with a chain necklace adorned with a sink stopper and to top it all off a hat with a fake ponytail.

He is survived by many and loved by all. If you have a special memory to share about Ralph, please do so online at: <http://www.oconnormortuary.com/obituaries/Ralph-Brown-10/>

If this link does not work, please click:

<http://www.oconnormortuary.com/> and search by name for the memorial page for Ralph D. Brown.

## Extension Office, SWCD Joint Meeting Feb. 26

The Purdue University Henry County Extension Office and the Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold a combined annual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the W.G. Smith Building at Memorial Park in New Castle.

There will be a special guest speaker from the

Indiana Attorney General's Office to give a presentation on how to protect yourself from identity theft. A pork dinner, prepared by Rihm Foods, will be served. Tickets to attend are \$5 required and can be obtained by contacting the SWCD office at 529-2303, ext. 3, or the Extension Office at 529-5002 by Feb. 20.

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# Carthage Marshal Convinces Council Police Need New \$900 Gun Safe

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

The Carthage Council voted at Monday evening's monthly meeting to approve the purchase of a new gun safe for the town's police department, provided the old one can be sold for at least \$500.

Danny Baker, the town's part-time town marshal, told council members he wanted to replace the Carthage Police Department's gun safe. He said the safe is an older model with a dial that takes anywhere from 15-30 minutes to open.

For about \$900, Baker said he the town could get a new gun safe with a digital lock that is easier to operate. He said he wanted to sell the old safe and apply the proceeds toward purchase of the new one.

Council member John Hancock made a motion to approve purchase of a new safe, provided that the old one is sold for at least \$500, and Vice President Rachel Brown seconded the motion. With one council member absent and a newly appointed fifth member not having yet taken the oath of office, President Bill Davis provided the third vote needed to pass the motion.

During his monthly report to the council, Baker advised that he had recently apprehended two burglars who were breaking in to a barn near Goose Road and County Road 1000-North, and that both suspects

are "now sitting in jail." He credited "nosy neighbors" with calling in the report that led to the arrests and urged citizens to be on the look out for suspicious activity.

According to Baker's written report, which covered the months of December and January, only one of the CPD's five reserve officers logged any hours during that time. Reserve officer Tony Campbell had 24 hours, while Doyle Richmond, Keith Baker, Chuck Stephens and Travis Biehl each had none.

In other business, the council approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$37,431.55. Of that amount, \$11,769.59 was for payroll, and \$4,494.47 was for claims that came in after Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan had prepared the monthly claim docket.

Works Manager Josh Douglas reported that a new furnace and central air unit had been installed by Overman Plumbing, Heating & Electric in the town's water lab building. The council had approved this \$3,675 purchase at its January 22 meeting.

Douglas told the council that he

plans to purchase two signs to post at the town's cemetery on Carthage Pike to let the public know when town employees are getting ready to clean there. The council also asked Douglas to get some cost estimates for different fencing options for the cemetery.

Council members voted to give McMahan permission to attend a conference at Ball State University in early March. McMahan said she thought the cost would be no more than a \$100 and said she would likely only attend one or two days of the five-day event.

Adam Forrest, the town's attorney, told council members he is still working on the town's new personnel handbook. He said he hoped to have a revised draft ready for the council to review at its next meeting.

Before the meeting adjourned, Davis said he wanted to remind the public that the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. will be holding an auction of surplus equipment at the former Carthage Elementary School on Saturday.

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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## Spending So Many of Our Days Together

*"Sunrise, sunset  
Sunrise, sunset  
Swiftly flow the days  
Seedlings turn overnight to sun-  
flowers  
Blossoming even as they gaze  
Sunrise, sunset  
Sunrise, sunset  
Swiftly fly the years  
One season following another  
Laden with happiness and tears"*  
- "Fiddler on the Roof"

As I begin this on the last day of January, that master painter, the sun, has tinted the clouds a vivid tangerine as it rises behind the little woods at the back of our property. The orange tint of the clouds is faintly reflected onto the snowy ground. As all sunrises must, it is fading, but the glow stored in the sunrise/sunset trunk in my mental attic remains.

It's hard to believe that Christmas has passed, and here we are at Valentine's Day when people's thoughts turn to love, and they give each other cards, chocolates, boxer shorts with hearts on them or cheesecake nighties.

Swiftly fly the years, indeed! This will be the 51st Valentine's Day that Bill and I shall celebrate. So long ago and yet it seems like only yesterday! Unlike physical objects whose depth, breadth and length we can see and quantify, time is an invisible, untouchable dimension. Oh, homo sapiens - thinking man and supposedly the

most intelligent being in nature - has devised clocks and calendars to subdivide time into units, but no device or mathematical unit can truly define it. Furthermore, we cannot save it. We must spend all that we are granted.

I asked my nephew, John Jones, to calculate the time that has passed since that first Valentine's

moving on, so the numbers are continually increasing." It's rather daunting to think that willy-nilly my time is moving on. Perhaps trying to calculate how many Valentine's Day Fannie Mae chocolates I've consumed during those years would be less intimidating.

The most unforgettable valentine that Bill ever gave me was a large card that unfolded to form an Eiffel Tower. He said, "I thought that we might go on a Road Scholar Tour of impressionistic art." We spent a week in France, listening to an expert lecture about the Impressionists in the morning and then being taken in the afternoon to the locales where they painted. Whenever we had free time, we took a train into Paris 30 miles away. That was one of the best weeks of our life together.

The events of our travel through time are often random and unpredictable. Retracing my journey along the highways and byways of my life, if there is such a thing as luck I was lucky to have met Bill and to have shared a life with far more happiness than tears.

Considering the number of divorces, one might wonder how in the world two such independent and strong-minded people as we managed to last this long. There's a lot more than luck involved. Keeping a marriage together

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Day with Bill: 18,982 days, 624 months, 2,712 weeks, 455,576 hours, 27,334,555 minutes and 1,650,073,294 seconds.

Think of it! Nearly 20,000 days, hours in the hundreds of thousands, minutes in the millions, seconds in the billions! That seems like a lot, doesn't it? Well, that depends on your perspective, does it not? When I was a child a day seemed like eternity, and now a day passes at the speed of a jet plane.

We cannot slow or halt time's passage. Eek! John wrote, "This isn't totally accurate as time is still

## BANNER PERSPECTIVE

Commercial growth that's almost certain to come at the State Road 109 and I-70 intersection could catapult the Knightstown area into the 21st century - if community leaders quickly initiate annexation and infrastructure development along the 109 corridor.

Of course, it's too late for the town to realize much benefit from the Love's development on the intersection's northeast corner. But, that new business could be just the beginning of commercial development there. Tax and utility revenues from future growth might, if planned for, land right in the town's back pocket.

As The Banner has said many times in the past, it's far better to plan for growth and become its master, rather than merely react to development which will surely come, whether it's desired or not. We want to plan for and control growth - not be at its mercy.

The term annexation might indeed be a dirty word to some. But, the town is now almost in a "grow or die" situation. This community must expand its tax base and its utility business. Both revenue streams will help finance expansion and maintenance of rudimentary systems that allow for commercial and residential growth.

Some have indicated that, if any annexation is to occur, it should start with the Dorsey Court addition west of town and Raysville, east of town. Neither of those scenarios, however, pack as much potential punch for this town as a well-planned and well-executed reach up State Road 109.

Knightstown has to be in a position to capitalize on commercial growth in that area, if we want to be able to address bad septic and water situations east and west of town.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Ida is a frail, 85-year-old widow. She lives alone and is not as steady on her feet. She worries about slipping and falling in her bathroom, and grab bars and an accessible bath tub would enhance her safety.

Mike is 49 years old and has Parkinson's. It is not safe for him to use the stovetop or oven. As a result, he is not eating properly, exacerbating the effects of his disease. Nutritionally balanced home-delivered meals would dramatically improve his health and overall quality of life.

Lindsay is 8-months-old. She was born with a number of physical disabilities and requires extensive skilled nursing and personal services. Her mom and dad want to keep her at home with the entire family.

These individuals are Hoosiers in urgent need of home and community-based services, or they risk being placed in a nursing facility at the expense of Indiana's Medicaid program.

As the 2015 Indiana General Assembly tackles issues, our state legislators can create a win-win for Ida, Mike and Lindsey, and our state's taxpayers by supporting legislative efforts that increase the availability of and access to home and community based services.

That's the message I've been sharing with area legislators this winter during one-on-one visits. And, I hope you will reinforce this message by calling your legislators to let them know you, too, support this win-win solution for Hoosiers like Idea, Mike and Lindsay.

Here are three ways our legislators can assure ongoing access to home and community-based services:

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The Banner values reader opinions and welcomes letters to the editor. To be considered for publication, letters must be signed by the author and contain a phone number and address for verification purposes. The Banner does not guarantee the veracity of factual assertions contained in letters to the editor, and their publication should in no way be construed as the newspaper's endorsement of the letters' contents. The opinions represented in letters to the editor, as well as any misstatement of fact therein, are solely those of the letters' authors. Letters to the editor may be edited, and, ideally, should be no more than 300 words in length.

## Simpson Saving Country Music?

Mustaches, beards and old-fasion names for children have made a huge comeback in the 21st century, as young people search for authenticity amid a universe of pre-packaged, plastic junk that comes in many, many forms.

They're starving for something genuine, and when they find it, they latch on tight.

Enter one Sturgill Simpson, a middle-aged Kentucky native with a knack for classic country songwriting and a voice that hollars all the way back to the early years of outlaw country music.

Now I've never been a big country music fan, and I'm still not. But, Simpson's music is so solid and sincere, it makes a fan out of me.

Brad Paisley, Tim McGraw and other contemporary country superstars probably aren't big fans of Simpson - because his music is genuine. It doesn't have any of that polished sparkle of modern country, which is more akin to bad rock music.

Simpson's efforts go back beyond Garth Brooks and the movement that's led to the popular, but oh-so-lame country scene today. His voice sounds like early Waylon Jennings, and the songs he writes are sweet and sad as anything ever penned by George Jones or Merle Haggard.

But, Sturgill Simpson also brings an odd dynamic to his classic outlaw country sound. He mixes some philosophy in there and he questions societal values and customs.

Most of his songs, however, adhere to traditional country themes like heartache, loneliness and battles with the bottle, to which Simpson is no stranger.

A recovering alcoholic, he's apparently the hottest

thing coming out of Nashville, Tenn., at present. He's slated for an April 1 appearance on PBS's Austin City Limits, and his new album, *Metamodern Sounds in Country Music*, earned him an "Emerging Artist of the Year Award" at the 2014 Americana Music Awards and Honors program, as well as a Grammy nomination.

That's pretty good, considering Simpson's first album, *High Top Mountain*, was only released in 2013. It's safe to say, he's on his way. For those who enjoy the sound of classic country mixed with that outlaw country swagger, check out Sturgill Simpson. He's the real deal, and he's not just for young people!

These Old Photos

MidCountry Media owner Gary Thoe gave The Banner several boxes of old photo negatives, most of which were generated by his late father-in-law, Tom Mayhill, when he owned The Banner.

Turning old negatives into new positives is a little bit of a trick. But, the results have been worth the effort. These old photos offer an intimate view of Knightstown down through the decades in which Mayhill was the publisher.

We've posted some of the pictures on The Banner's Facebook page. But we'll soon start publishing the best ones in the paper, sometimes individually and sometimes in groups.

Many of the photos depict a more vibrant Knightstown. Main Street photos reveal a business district with few empty storefronts and lots of events aimed at getting people to shop locally.

Hopefully, new local leadership will help get the community back on track.



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# BITS & PIECES

◆The Knightstown High School **robotics program** will host an open house in the robotics room on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 6-8 p.m. during the boys varsity basketball game. The public is invited.

◆Knightstown Public Library is hosting an **essay contest**, "Tell Us Why You Love Your Library." Three age-groups will compete for prizes. Age groups include kids 12 and under, teens 13-18, and adults 19 and up. In 500 words or less, contestants should tell how the Knightstown Public Library has been a help, what's been learned there and how the library has made a difference in one's life. Entries, which must contain the contestant's name, age, address and phone number, may be returned to the library's front desk. Library staff will judge the entries, and one winner in each age group will win a \$20 Frosty Boy gift certificate. Winners will be announced Friday, March 6.

◆The Knightstown Town Council has scheduled a **special meeting** for Thursday evening. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 6 p.m. in the council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St. Notice provided by the town on Monday afternoon did not indicate the purpose for the meeting.

◆Central Indiana **Girl Scouts** are selling cookies now through March 15. Pre-orders have been taken and Scouts will making deliveries beginning Feb. 4. Cookies booths will also be in major areas starting Feb. 6. Each package of cookies is \$4. Proceeds benefit local troop activities and camping events. Two new cookies are being featured this year, including a gluten-free option. For more information, call Barb Mofield at 317-442-2620.

◆Psi Iota Xi, Gamma Eta Chapter, Knightstown is sponsoring a **fundraiser** with Schwan's Home Delivery Service. The sorority will receive a percentage on orders placed through March 1. To support this fundraiser, place an order online with Schwans.com. On the checkout page, indicate that a contribute to Fundraiser Campaign #18058, or PIX Knightstown. Call Schwan's at 1-888-schwans (1-888-724-9267) to place an order.

◆The Disabled American Veterans' **mobile service officer van** will be at Knightstown American Legion Post 152 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on July 17. For more information, call Morris Cole at 906-241-3565.

◆New Covenant Worship

Center, 815 Western Rd., New Castle, will host the inaugural **Reflected Light Art Exhibition** this spring. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 6-9 p.m. The event is free, open to the public and family-friendly. Featuring painting, ceramics, photography, mixed media, sculpture and more, the event also includes free refreshments. For more information, call Brian Russelburg at 317-652-3120 or e-mail silvervisage@gmail.com.

◆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 info, call 765-313-1637.

◆The **Parish Clothes Closet**, located in the basement of Bethel Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Franklin St., Knightstown, is open each Thursday from 3-5 p.m. Food is now available at the Closet. Call 345-5951 or 345-5930 for more info.

If you have an item that fits into Bits and Pieces, send it to theban-ner@embarqmail.com.

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## KHS Teacher, Wrestling Coach Evans Takes Pride in His Work, Students, Athletes

by Logan Cox  
for The Banner

The arrival of Coach Jared Evans to the Knightstown High School faculty has seen a significant upswing in the school wrestling team's success rate. Though he credits his skilled and disciplined wrestlers first and foremost, the contribution of his guidance and leadership does not go unsung.

Evans is in his fifth year of teaching, one year at Blue River Valley and four at Knightstown. At Blue River, he was the assistant wrestling coach and head junior high wrestling coach. He has also coached football, wrestling, and track at the high school as well as serving as a summer school teacher.

"I pride myself in my work as teacher," said Evans. "I feel that it is important to educate the youth and give them an opportunity to graduate and achieve great things. Education is the key to success."

As of this year alone, KHS's wrestling team has won the Batesville Invite, Raider Rumble, Panther Invite, and Henry County Invite. This is the third consecutive year that the Panther wrestlers have won the Henry County title, and the second year in a row for the Panther Invite due to the fact that it was cancelled in the previous year.

Seven members of the wrestling team have also won individual championships. Evans states that the most recent success belongs to Balin Orcutt, who just won regional.

"We are still trying to look into the last time this was done," he said. "Wrestling is also different from every sport in the fact that you do not wrestle sectionals, regionals, and semi-state as a team. In order to make state as a team, your individuals who wrestled through the state run earn you points and the top 12 teams are invited to team state."

Now, with so many wins to speak of, Knightstown currently stands a very good chance of being invited to the team state Championship. This would mark the first time in the town's history that the team would qualify for such an event.

Evans reserves his pride and praises for the team he works with, citing them as the main rea-

son for their string of victories.

"What it took to achieve them?" Evans asks. "It took a great group of kids from the time I got here until now. Since I have been here, I couldn't have asked for a more dedicated and hard working group of kids. We have achieved these great things due to their work. None of these championships would be possible if it weren't for the kids buying into the program and great support from the middle school coaches and assistant high school coaches."

According to Evans, the method that he and the team employ most in their training focuses on "developing the kids into men." This means taking the time to get to know them as they are and give them room to grow as people.

"When you care more about the people on your team than you do about yourself, that is when great teams are made," he said. "When it comes to practice we are of the mentality that you need simply get better every day. We approach matches the same way. There is only one thing you can control and that is your effort. Learn from mistakes and get better every day."

In high school, Evans was no stranger to athletics, having been involved in football, wrestling, and track. When asked if there was anyone in his past who had influenced his style of coaching, Evans cited his own Snider High School football coach.

"He is the reason I coach the way I do," said Evans. "He taught me that there is more to sports than just winning. He taught us how to become men and how to care more about others than yourself. He taught us that some day you will not play sports anymore, but the life lessons you gained from this and how you treat people is more important."

Having graduated from Snider High School in Fort Wayne, Evans then went to Ball State University for his undergraduate degree. Recently, he has been accepted in BSU's graduate school.

Evans currently lives in New Castle with his wife, Rebekah, a first grade teacher at Knightstown Elementary School, and their daughter, Brenna.



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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

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| <p><b>Wed., Feb. 11</b> - Rush Co. Council meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse room 211, Rushville</p> <p><b>Wed., Feb. 11</b> - Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield</p> <p><b>Wed., Feb. 11</b> - Henry Co. Drainage Board meeting, 9 a.m., Henry County Office Building Suite 107, New Castle</p> <p><b>Wed., Feb. 11</b> - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., Old Circuit Court Room at courthouse, New Castle</p> <p><b>Thurs., Feb. 12</b> - Hancock Co. Planning Commission tech committee meeting, 9 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield</p> <p><b>Thurs., Feb. 12</b> - Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.</p> <p><b>Tues., Feb. 17</b> - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield</p> | <p><b>Tues., Feb. 17</b> - Rush Co. Health Dept. board meeting, 7 p.m., Health Dept. office at courthouse, Rushville</p> <p><b>Thurs., Feb. 19</b> - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield</p> <p><b>Thurs., Feb. 19</b> - Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St.</p> <p><b>Mon., Feb. 23</b> - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville</p> <p><b>Mon., Feb. 23</b> - Henry Co. Fire Chiefs meeting, 7 p.m., Henry County Office Building meeting room, New Castle</p> <p><b>Tues., Feb. 24</b> - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield</p> <p><b>Tues., Feb. 24</b> - Hancock</p> | <p>Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield</p> <p><b>Tues., Feb. 24</b> - Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville</p> <p><b>Wed., Feb. 25</b> - Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., Old Circuit Court Room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle</p> <p><b>Rose Mary, from Page 4</b> — through all those hours and years involves effort, tenacity and patience. No matter how well you know each other, committing to a marriage is a leap of faith and hope. It is said in the Bible's book of Corinthians, "... Love never fails ... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."<br/>Love is the glue that has kept us together.<br/>wclarke@comcast.net</p> |
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# FOLKWAYS

## KHS Student Council Members Share Anti-bullying Presentation

On Thursday, Feb. 5, Knightstown High School Student Council members traveled to Knightstown Elementary School to present anti-bullying activities for grades K-3.

Each grade level had different books read to them by the student council members, addressing different types of bullying and how to solve bullying in their school.

KHS Guidance Counselor Melissa Hedden selected books that were appropriate for each grade level and provided activities and conversation starters for the high school students to present.

Each classroom had two high school students assigned to present the message that they have the power to prevent bullying at their school.



The KES students were so excited to have high school students in their classrooms and the KHS student had just as much fun, according to Hedden.

In collaboration with KES Principal Danielle Carmichael, Mrs. Nordyke, co-sponsor of the KHS student council, and all of

the KES staff, Hedden said the classroom guidance went smoothly and the students loved it.

"It went so well that the student council will come back to do a 'Pillar Presentation' in the next nine weeks about citizenship," Hedden said. The Banner will update this story.

## Vectren: January Gas Bills May Be High

Closing out a January that produced temperatures that were slightly colder than normal, Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana -North (Vectren) is reminding customers that January is typically the coldest month of the heating season and to keep this in mind when opening February natural gas bills, which reflect January consumption. January 2015 temperatures were slightly cooler than normal, yet 12 percent warmer than those experienced in January 2014.

"Given January brought temperatures that were about normal for this time of year and quite warmer than last year, customers will likely experience decreases when opening February bills, as compared to those received this time last year," said Mike Roeder, president of Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana - North. "However, this bill amount will still likely be the highest of the winter, and we're urging customers who are challenged to pay to reach out to us immediately for payment plans and/or assistance options."

In January of last year, the average customer paid a total of about \$160 for natural gas service, which reflected weather that was nearly 18 percent colder than normal. In January 2015, that same customer will pay about \$140. Bills vary by customer depending on

the size and age of the home, number of gas appliances, number in the household, thermostat settings and levels of insulation. While February may bring the highest bill of the heating season, Vectren North natural gas customers pay among the lowest gas rates in the state according to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's residential bill survey from January 2015.

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## Community Foundation Elects New Officers

The Board of Directors of the Henry County Community Foundation has elected the following officers for 2015: Dr. Richard Armstrong of Knightstown, board chairman; Duke Hamm of New Castle, first vice-chairman; Soni Jones of Lewisville, second vice-chairperson and secretary; and Debi Ware of Kennard, treasurer.

The following new directors have been elected to the board: Josh Estelle of New Castle, owner of Pfenninger, Claxton & Estelle Insurance; Marsha Gratner, of Sulphur Springs, owner of Davis Gratner LLC; and Kevin Neal, from the Blue River area, agent for Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance.

Other board members serving the foundation in 2015 include, Mike Broyles, Jeff Galyen, Cathy Hamilton, Susan Falck-Neal, James Ray, Frank Schwegman, Jeff Smiley and Mark Taylor. Emeritus Directors are Herb Bunch, Danny Danielson, Morris Edwards, Dick Myers and Rex Slick.

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## Janney Makes Dean's List

Trine University is pleased to announce its president's list for the fall 2014 semester.

Mikayla Janney, a psychology-BS major from Knightstown, was named to the list. To be included, a student must be registered for a minimum of 15 credit hours and earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average.

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## Combined Meeting Set for Feb. 26

The Purdue University Henry County Extension Office and the Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold a combined annual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the W.G. Smith Building. A pork dinner, prepared by Rihm Foods, will be served. Tickets to attend are \$5 required and can be obtained by contacting the SWCD office at 529-2303, ext. 3, or the Extension Office at 529-5002 by Feb. 20.

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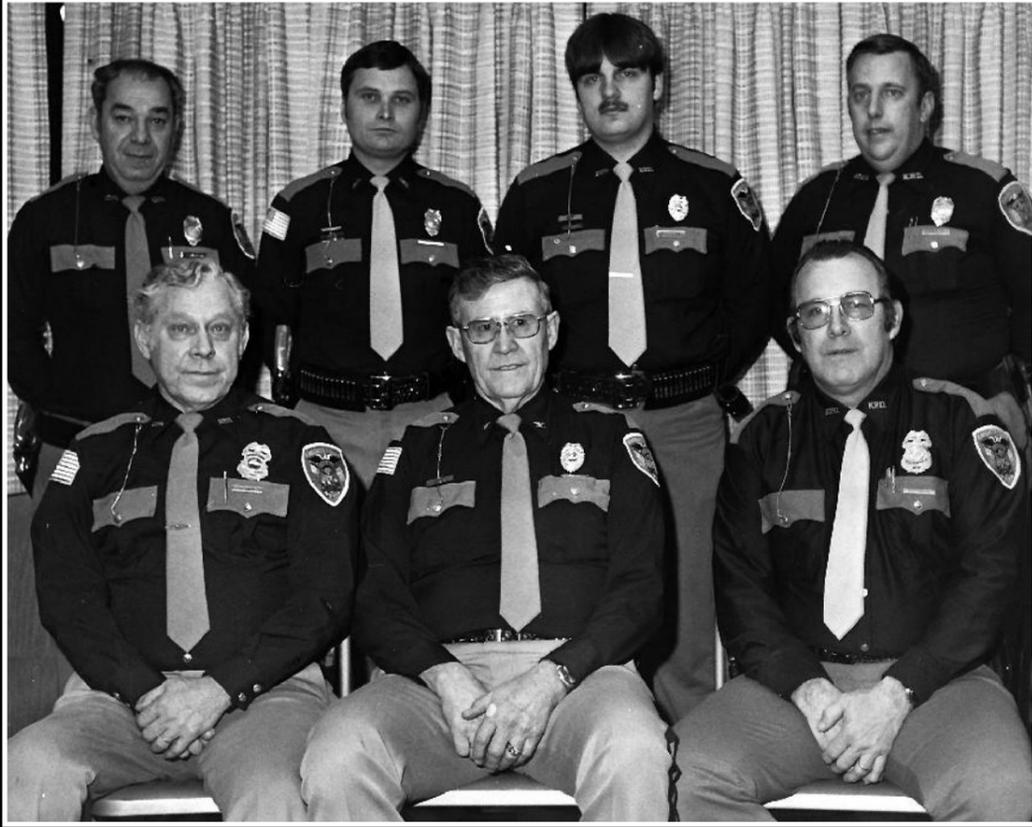
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# A Look Back



Taken around 1981, this photo of the Knightstown Police Department shows six officers. Pictured (front row-l-r) are Talmadge Trent, Bob Bitler, Jim Sorrell, (back row) Warren Gregory, Joe Tompkins, Sr., Brent Grider and Charlie Dill.

## Revenue, from Page 1

Trimnell and Van Hoy voted to approve an annual contract between the township and Knightstown Youth Sports Inc. The contract calls for the township to provide the organization with \$5,000 each year to help cover participation fees for youth baseball and softball for the children of families who cannot afford to pay.

There was also discussion at the meeting about installing a plaque at the Elm Grove Friends Cemetery at the northeast corner of County Road 750-South and Mill Road that will list persons buried there. Overman told Trimnell and Van Hoy he did not think a motion was needed to approve this since the township already has money appropriated for work in township cemeteries.

The status of the township board's third seat and the identity of the person holding that seat is presently not settled. While the Henry County Commissioners voted last month to appoint Wayne Township resident David Millhoan to what was believed to be a vacant seat, a state election official told The Banner that appointment appears to have been premature.

Last fall, Trimnell and Van Hoy were the only two people to run in the general election for the township board's three seats. When not enough people run to fill all the seats, state statute requires the county commis-

sioners to designate which of the incumbents who didn't seek reelection is to continue holding office until a successor has been chosen.

With respect to the Wayne Township Board's third seat, the county commissioners needed to decide whether Larry White or Nova Sorrell, the two incumbents who didn't seek reelection, would have their term hold over, as set forth in the state constitution. The commissioners, however, did not make this designation.

Dale Simmons, legal counsel for the Secretary of State's Election Division, told The Banner that before Millhoan or anyone else can be appointed to the township board, the Henry County Commissioners must first vote to name White or Sorrell as the person holding over for the board's third seat. Then, if that person doesn't wish to remain on the board, they would need to resign from office.

Once a hold-over township board member resigns, if they belong to a major political party - as White and Sorrell, both Republicans, do - then the party has 30 days to convene a caucus and select a replacement. If the party fails to do that, Simmons said the responsibility for filling the vacancy would then go to the county commissioners.

# State: Measles Outbreak Continues; Threat Grows

As the national measles outbreak that began in a California amusement park in December 2014 continues to spread, state health officials have been taking steps to prepare for a case here in Indiana. Investigating and containing measles is nothing new for health officials in the Hoosier state. Since 2005, Indiana has experienced 67 cases of measles, including an outbreak in 2012 that made national headlines when two individuals with measles visited Super Bowl Village in downtown Indianapolis while infectious.

"We've been lucky that in

recent years we haven't lost any lives due to measles, but I'm afraid that might not always be the case," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "With measles once again posing a serious threat, we are working to inform health care providers about signs and symptoms and continue to encourage all Hoosiers to check your vaccination status and get the appropriate doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine if you haven't already done so."

Measles was declared eliminated (absence of continuous disease) **See Measles, Page 9**

## Letters, from Page 4

Maintain the state's appropriation for CHOICE - Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled. CHOICE provides case management services, assessment and in-home and community services to individuals at risk of losing their independence. The state needs to use CHOICE funds for CHOICE services, rather than divert them to other programs or revert left-over funds at the end of the fiscal year.

Protect older adults from abuse, neglect and exploitation. One in 10 adults will experience abuse or neglect and state Adult Protective Services agencies show an increasing trend in the reporting of elder abuse. There are many agencies that are geared to protect older adults operate in different ways. However, despite a shared mission, their efforts are not coordinated. Indiana needs to enhance coordination of all partners to maximize state and federal resources and to support state and federal reform efforts.

Maintain the single-point entry for consumers for long-term services and supports through Indiana's Area Agency on Aging network. As one of 16 Area Agencies on Aging, older adults and people with disabilities have relied on support from LifeStream Services to access network for services and support for decades. Preservation of Indiana's 16 AAAs as a single point-of-entry model will serve to assist consumers with a streamlined approach to services and support.

Advocating for those who need our help brings critical issues to the attention of legislators. When our voices are heard, change occurs. I encourage you to be aware of public policy concerns and to contact your legislators to let them know you support helping our aging Hoosiers and people with disabilities. For more information on our public policy priorities, visit our website at [www.lifestreaminc.org](http://www.lifestreaminc.org) or call 765-759-1121.

**Maureen Walby**  
LifeStream Services, Inc.  
public relations manager

## Vacancy, from Page 1

husband, Josh, and both sides of his family are from here. She and Josh have called the town home for their family, which includes two children, ages 4 and 7, for the past nine years.

"This is where we want to be and want to raise our children," Davis said in her remarks to the council Monday prior to the vote appointing her.

The other three applicants for the council vacancy were Joanna Bush, Brian McMahan and Tim Wehr. Bush is the wife of Rick Bush, a former town council member and former Carthage Town Marshal and officer with the Carthage Police Department. McMahan, who is married to the town's clerk-treasurer, and Wehr are both former members of the town council.

## Convinced, from Page 3

Feb. 21. He also reported that the former bank building on South Main Street is going to be leased by a new church, the Carthage Community Church, which will have its first service on Feb. 22.

More information about Monday's Carthage Town Council meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes from that meeting. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St., during normal business hours.

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# Local FFA Helps 'Pack Away Hunger' in Hagerstown

"Specifically, I'm here today to end hunger." Quite powerful words from 18-year-old Devin Hamilton, who, at his active age could have been doing anything else teenage boys might on Saturday mornings, including sleeping in.

Hamilton, vice president of the Knightstown High School FFA chapter, said the Pack Away Hunger event at Hagerstown High School is a day the chapter prepares for annually.

"We've been working for weeks to raise an additional \$2,000 donation for the event. And today we brought 30 volunteers to pack meals to make sure local people have food on their plates," Hamilton said. The local FFA group was joined by volunteers from the KHS National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Twenty-seven churches, 13 FFA chapters, various community organizations and Harvest Land Co-op employees and farmer-members partnered for the fourth annual Pack Away Hunger event, which packaged 160,488 nutritious meals to be distributed. The meals will go specifically to Gleaner's, Midwest Food Bank and 11 more local community food pantries will receive between 1,000 to 10,000 meals, depending on their size and the area they cover.

"Our food pantry here in western Wayne County will provide food for approximately 65 families a month, and a large part of that is the Pack Away Hunger meals we're working on today," said Joe Smith, the Jefferson Township Trustee in Wayne County. He was participating in the service day to formulate meals that will serve neighbors in east-central Indiana.

"We have so many people in our community who have a need for good-nutrition, not snacks. This day helps us meet part of that need," he said.

Smith made the service day a family affair, having three generations of "packers" present.

A portion of the meals will also be shipped globally through Mission Guatemala's feeding programs ([www.missionguatemala.com](http://www.missionguatemala.com)). The meals, **See Hunger, Page 10**



Knightstown High School FFA Vice President Devin Hamilton (right) works with other volunteers to pack meals for less fortunate families in east-central Indiana. (Photo submitted)

## Measles, from Page 8

transmission for greater than 12 months) from the U.S. in 2000 thanks to a highly effective vaccination program. Measles is still commonly transmitted (endemic or large outbreaks) in many parts of the world. This includes Europe, Asia, the Pacific, and Africa. Worldwide, an estimated 20 million people get measles and 122,000 die from the disease each year.

Before the United States measles vaccination program started in 1963, about 3 to 4 million people in the U.S. got measles each year; 400 to 500 of them died, 48,000 were hospitalized, and 4,000 developed encephalitis because of measles.

"The cases of measles in the infants in Illinois clearly demonstrate just how important it is that every one of us gets vaccinated," said Dr. Adams. "Vaccinations not only protect us and our loved ones, but they also protect vulnerable members of society who may not be able to get vaccinated, such as babies and individuals whose immune systems are suppressed due to chronic disease."

### About Measles

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It is rare in the United States due to high vaccination rates with the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine; however, visitors from other countries or unvaccinated U.S. citizens traveling abroad can become infected outside the United States and bring measles back with them.

More than 95 percent of people who receive a single dose of MMR will develop immunity to measles, and more than 99 percent will be protected after receiving a second dose. Two doses of the vaccine are needed to be fully protected. Individuals are encouraged to check with their health care providers to ensure vaccinations are up-to-date.

Children are routinely vaccinated for measles at 1 year of age, and again between the ages of 4-6 before going to kindergarten, but children as young as 6 months old can receive the measles vaccine if they will be traveling to a country where measles is endemic, or are otherwise at risk. Individuals born before 1957 are presumed to be immune to measles, unless they are health care providers. Individuals who are unsure about vaccination history should contact their health care providers. Hoosiers can also

access immunization records directly through the secure online tool, called MyVaxIndiana, by requesting a PIN from their health care provider. Visit [www.MyVaxIndiana.in.gov](http://www.MyVaxIndiana.in.gov) to learn more.

### Symptoms

Measles begins with a fever, cough, runny nose, and red eyes about 7-10 days after exposure. The fever increases and can get as high as 105 degrees. Two to four days later, a rash starts on the face and upper neck. It spreads down the back and trunk, and then extends to the arms and hands, as well as the legs and feet. After about five days, the rash fades in the same order in which it appeared.

Measles is highly contagious. When infected persons sneeze or cough, droplets spray into the air. Those droplets remain active and contagious in the air for up to two hours.

"Hands down, the best way to prevent measles is to get two doses of the MMR vaccine for people born after 1957," said Dr. Adams. "With flu and other contagious illnesses also going around, it's always a good idea to also wash your hands frequently, cover your cough and stay home if you become sick."

If you don't have health care coverage or access to a doctor, see if you're eligible for the new Healthy Indiana Plan—HIP 2.0—by visiting [www.HIP.IN.gov](http://www.HIP.IN.gov) or calling 1-877-GET-HIP-9.

For more information about measles, please visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/>.

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## Car Burglary Suspect Narrowly Escapes Capture as Early-rising Victim Investigates

A rash of vehicle break-ins hit the south side of Knightstown last week.

According to police reports, the break-ins are believed to have happened during the early morning hours of Tuesday, Feb. 3. The Knightstown Police Department took reports that morning from five local residents whose vehicles were broken into.

The police reports provided by the KPD on Tuesday morning were not complete and did not include details about all of the items stolen from the vehicles. However, summaries of the incidents e-mailed to The Banner last week as part of the county's daily law enforcement updates did provide some of that information.

One victim in the 400 block of South Washington had a Kenwood CD player stolen from her car, while another in that same area had several CDs taken. The father of one victim said his son's wallet was stolen from his car, and a victim in 400 block of South Jefferson had a backpack containing deer antlers and his hunting license stolen from his vehicle.

The victim on South Jefferson interrupted the break-in of his vehicle and nearly caught one of two suspects, a female. According to the county's inci-

dent report, the victim came outside around 5:45 a.m. and observed a male and female near his truck.

The male suspect, described as white, over six-foot tall, slim and wearing a hat and carrying a large trash bag, reportedly took off running northbound on Jefferson Street. The victim was able to grab the female by the arm, but she eventually pulled loose and ran away from the scene toward the west, dropping several items that did not belong to the victim in the process.

The female suspect was described as white, about 5'6", medium build, with brown hair pulled back in a ponytail. While the victim got a good look at her face, he told police he did not recognize her as someone he knew.

Tony Darling, the KPD's interim police chief, told The Banner that all of the vehicles that were broken into were unlocked. While a locked car door won't necessarily deter a thief determined to get inside, Darling said it might.

The Knightstown Police Department is still investigating these crimes. Anyone with information about these break-ins is urged to contact the KPD at 345-2785, or the Henry County Sheriff's Department at 765-529-5669.

### Hunger, from Page 9

which more than 700 volunteers prepared over five shifts, are formulated to provide a rich source of easily digestible protein, carbohydrates and vitamins needed by a malnourished body.

They consist of high-quality white rice, fortified soy, a blend of six dehydrated vegetables and 21 vitamins and minerals. They're packaged in 14-ounce bags.

"When you're hungry, any food on your plate matters. Nearly half the population of this little town has turned out today to make a difference, not only locally, but also in the lives of families and children 1,300 miles away. That's significant," remarked Tom Heaton, executive director and founder of Mission Guatemala.

"When you can change the life of a child or a family by feeding them, you ultimately change the life of the community and it becomes a snowball effect of how you improve the lives of everyone involved," he continued.

In its fourth year, the event wouldn't be possible without the partnerships with local organizations. Harvest Land Co-op was the lead sponsor of Pack Away Hunger. Reid Hospital Foundation, DOT Foods, ECI Seeds, Indiana Pacers Foundation, Cornils Family Dentistry and Willie & Red's all gave corporate support.

"Harvest Land is passionate about giving back to our communities because we're owned by farmer-members. Those involved in agriculture know that when there is need, your neighbors step up. That's what the Pack Away Hunger event is about, and we're proud to be a part of it," remarked Scott Logue, Harvest Land CEO.

The Pack Away Hunger event has grown greatly over four years, proving its success and the generosity of the surrounding area. During the first year 175 volunteers packed 48,000 meals; year two resulted in 53,000 meals from 200 volunteers; year three produced 154,000 meals by 600 volunteers. In 2015, volunteers arrived from Greenfield to Richmond and Marion to Connersville.

Pastor Rodney Frieden of First United Methodist Church, which organizes the event, was again amazed at the work a community can do in six short hours. "Today these people fed strangers they may never have the opportunity to meet. That's powerful."

Like any school after a long week of lessons, Saturday mornings inside Hagerstown High School are usually quiet, with the exception of a mop or two at work preparing for a high school basketball game. But, on Saturday, the rural school was full of neighbors helping neighbors, working to feed the hungry, 14 ounces at a time.

Visitors should report to the main office at the high school to enter. The media is invited to attend, filming will begin around 2:30 p.m. and will take approximately three hours.

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## ISP: Sheridan H.S. Hosting Mock Crisis for Film

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, Sheridan High School will host the Indiana State Police in a partnership to film a school safety video. The video will be added to the nationally recognized program "Unarmed Response to an Active Shooter" developed by the Indiana State Police. The filming will take place from 2-5 p.m. Residents should not be alarmed by the increased amounts of police presence at the high school Wednesday afternoon.

The purpose of this program is to provide viable options for teachers, administrators and school staff in

the event of a violent encounter in a school. During the past two years ISP has presented this program to over 75 local schools and more than 200 schools statewide. The program is currently undergoing an update which will include video scenarios from Sheridan High School. The video will demonstrate possible options for a violent encounter, and the importance of developing and utilizing an effective response plan for schools. Although originally developed for schools, this program has been expanded to provide valuable insight for churches, large office

buildings and business corporations.

Dr. Dave Mundy, superintendent of Sheridan Schools said, "This is a fantastic opportunity for our schools." He also stated, "Besides just the insight we are getting from the State Police on how to enhance our safety procedures, we are also growing our relationship with the State Police Department. We are fortunate to be chosen for this project and we have tried to assist in any manner we can"

The school will be closed to the public during this process.

# The Carthage Community Church Grand Opening & Revival Weekend

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the personal love of God.

**Our Vision:**  
To be a church that transforms our world  
for Jesus so others will experience salvation  
and maturity in following Christ!

## Knightstown Planners Discuss Town's Comprehensive Plan

A depleted Knightstown Plan Commission met Monday evening to continue its review of the town's comprehensive plan.

With only four of its members in attendance, the plan commission had just enough to provide the quorum needed to legally meet. Members Valerie Trump and Bill Bergmann both missed Monday's meeting, while a seventh seat on the plan commission is still waiting to be filled by Knightstown Town Council President Cort Swincher.

Monday's meeting was the third meeting the plan commission has held since its first meeting of the year on Jan. 26. The plan commission is scheduled to meet again next Monday, Feb. 16, to hold public hearings on a couple of rezoning requests.

According to memoranda kept by Cassandra Steele, the plan commission's secretary, members spent much of Monday's meeting discussing needed infrastructure improvements for the town's water and wastewater utilities. The town is presently in the process of seeking grant funding to help pay for upgrades to the sewer system, which would likely include expansion of the sewer plant's capacity.

The plan commission has not announced a firm time line for when it hopes to have its work

reviewing and revising the comprehensive plan completed. Once the plan commission is finished, any proposed changes will then have to go the town council for final approval.

The public hearings the plan commission will hold Feb. 16 deal with two rezoning requests, one of which was actually made last year. However, town officials did not deal with the request properly – it was first heard by the Knightstown Board of Zoning Appeals, which was the incorrect body to hear the request; then the plan commission held a hearing and vote but had not properly advertised the hearing, which made Monday's hearing necessary.

One of the rezoning requests, the one not handled properly last year, involves a request to rezone the property at 11 N. Washington St. to allow a business on the lower level and three efficiency apartments upstairs. The second rezoning request, for property at 38 W. Grant St., is seeking a change that will allow manufacturing to take place at the location.

Next Monday's hearings, which are open to the public, are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. They will be held in the back meeting room at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., which is accessible from the building's west side.

## Area Authors Featured in New County Library Series

Friends of the New Castle-Henry County Public Library are featuring area authors in the Friends Gift Shop. The authors have books available for sale in the gift shop and will stop by for a book signing during the time when their books are featured.

The first featured author is Rev. Philip Rigdon, who wrote the book *Under the Bridge to Seeds of Light*. His book will be for sale in the gift shop throughout February, and he will host a book sale and signing from 12-2 p.m. on Saturday on the library's upper level.

Rigdon is a pastor serving at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Avon and has also served as a teacher and missionary in Taiwan ROC and Mexico. Rigdon's mystery/fantasy book follows a group of Douglas Jenski's friends who begin looking for him after he disappeared under a bridge. In the search, each friend will learn more about themselves and their capabilities.

"I greatly enjoy the writing process and fun of creating characters and the personal interactions between them," Rigdon noted. "I am currently working on a follow-up novel."

March's author is Mark Herbkersman, who recently wrote the western *Battle for Yesterday*. Herbkersman will be at the library from 12-2 p.m. on Thursday, March 5. He spent his high school and college years in Idaho, and has been a counselor, a seminar presenter, adjunct faculty at Butler University and IvyTech. He currently is a pastor. *Battle for Yesterday* centers around Boston lawyer Bill Henry, who escapes to the West in an attempt to avoid an enemy who has threatened his life.

An avid reader all his life, Mark grew to love the adventure and clear morals of the classic westerns authors, with his favorite being Louis L'Amour.

Toni Cantrell will be featured in April and Brenda Maxfield in May. The Friends Gift Shop will be open during the book signings from 12-2 p.m. on Saturday and March 5.

## County Library Featuring 'Madcap Puppets' Feb. 14

Colorful, larger-than-life Madcap Puppets share "Long Lost Stories" at New Castle-Henry County Public Library at 2 p.m. Feb. 14 in the library's auditorium. The program is free, thanks to the generous support of Friends of the Library.

Based in Cincinnati, Ohio, Madcap Puppets are nationally recognized for engaging and original children's theatre productions. In this presentation, two young explorers discover a forgotten trunk in the corner of a forbidden attic. Mysteries and magical stories fill the trunk, and the explorers are captured by its secrets. This treasure of tales includes stories from Italy (The Rainbow Goblins), Germany

(King Grisly Beard) and Denmark (Osgood and the Dragon).

The Madcap Puppets event at New Castle-Henry County Public Library marks the conclusion of the library's winter reading program. Preceding the puppet program, the library will host Rev. Philip Rigdon from 12 until 2 p.m. Rev. Rigdon is the author of the mystery book *Under the Bridge to the Seeds of Light* and will sell and sign his books outside of the Friends of the Library Gift Shop. This is part of an author series in partnership with the Friends Gift Shop.

For more information about library events, please visit [www.nchcpl.org](http://www.nchcpl.org).

# OBITUARIES

## Dale Jackson

April 3, 1932 - February 8, 2015



Dale Jackson, 82, formerly of Knightstown, passed away Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015, at North Woods Village in Kokomo. He was born April 3, 1932 in Hancock County.

Dale retired from Chrysler Corporation after 39 years of service. He enjoyed drinking coffee at Denney's restaurant with his friends. He also liked watching newscasts on television and working on automobiles.

He is survived by his daughter, Beverly Jackson of Jamestown, Ky.; two sons, Charles Jackson and Steven Jackson, both of Kokomo; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Roy of Knightstown and Larry of Yorktown; one sister, Naomi of Knightstown; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Arrangements are pending at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service Knightstown Chapel. Condolences and memories of Dale may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

## A Look Back



Among the thousands of Banner photo negatives available to us is this snapshot taken on a local school playground. We are unsure which school, however. Anyone with information about this photo can send it to us and we'll update it at a later time. [thebanner@embarqmail.com](mailto:thebanner@embarqmail.com)

## KHS Students Seeing Red

On average, 1-in-3 children ages 2-19 are overweight or obese.

The Knightstown High School Student Council wants to be part of the solution and help educate the community of ways to get active and live a healthy lifestyle.

The week of Feb. 9-13 is "Red Out" Week at Knightstown High School, benefiting the American Heart Association.

Several events throughout the week will help raise money and awareness about heart disease and stroke. Going on this week, Red Out Week is the week before Valentine's Day so students are doing several fundraisers including Candy Grams for \$1, Flower Grams for \$3, and they are taking donations of \$10 or more for a special American Heart Association shirt to wear to the Red Out game. Thursday. The community can pay \$13 for a shirt and a discounted ticket to the game. They can contact the school or any student council member.

It is also Coaches vs. Cancer Night to show KHS coaches are unified in the fight for cancer awareness and support the fight for healthy lifestyles. In support, the coaches will be wearing tennis shoes with their suits, along with college and professional coaches across the nation. Other events are planned as well. Students invite the community to come help out.



## LEGAL NOTICE

### REZONING - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING KNIGHTSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

Hearing Information: Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of February, 2015, at 7 p.m. a public hearing will be held by the Knightstown Planning Commission in the back room of the Knightstown Town Hall at 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, Indiana, for the purpose of considering a petition to rezone the following described real estate:

Property Location: The subject site is located on the north side of Grant Street between roads Madison Street and Franklin Street in Wayne Township with a street address of 38 W. Grant St., Suite A, Knightstown, IN 46148.

Petitioner's Contact Information: David Lukens, [davidplukens@msn.com](mailto:davidplukens@msn.com), 317-710-4628, existing building at above address, Knightstown, IN 46148.

Supporting Information: The supporting information is available for examination in the office of the Knightstown Planning Commission.

Written Comments: Written comments on the application will be accepted prior to the public hearing and may be submitted to the Knightstown Town Hall.

All interested persons desiring to present their views on the petition will have an opportunity to be heard. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, any individual interested in attending the hearing should contact the Knightstown Planning Commission and advise what, if any, accommodation is needed to attend the hearing. Said hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice.

For more information, contact the Knightstown Town Hall at 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148 at 765-345-5977, or you may call the Knightstown town attorney, Gregg Morelock, at 317-462-7787. (2/11)

# LOCAL SPORTS

## Scott Van Hoy's Racing Ambitions Now Realized

by Joe Tompkins  
for The Banner

One doesn't always need to be behind the wheel to get hooked on the thrills of racing.

Competing as an owner or crew member is sometimes all it takes to become hopelessly addicted to the smells of racing fuel, burnt rubber and a desire to see the checkered flag fall on your car and driver.

This seems to be the case for Knightstown's Scott Van Hoy, a local business owner and Knightstown High School graduate.

Van Hoy told The Banner he always liked racing, but in 2008, when he started going to the races with a friend who's son was competing in the micro sprint class, he became addicted. By 2011, he had his own micro sprint car.

Micro sprints are similar to, but smaller than midjet cars. They run 600cc motorcycle engines.

Van Hoy competes strictly as an owner and he has a couple young drivers to pilot his micro sprint machine.

His primary driver is 23-year-old A.J. Hopkins of Brownsburg, who recently took the checkered flag and brought home the hardware three times, including a \$5,000 dollar payday at Southern Illinois Raceway. There, Hopkins came out on top over 74 other cars and drivers at the Terry Sprague Memorial Event.

Van Hoy's second driver is 16-year-old Cole Bodine of Rossville, who recently competed at the Tulsa (Okla.) Shootout for VanHoy with decent results.

Bodine finished 14th in the stock wing class out of 198 cars and drivers. Also, he finished 15th in the stock non-wing class out of 217 cars and drivers.

With the 2015 season on the horizon, Van Hoy plans on doing the same type of racing schedule he has done in previous years. He said he wants to run around 12 race events, primarily at Peru and Logansport. He also plans to return to the Southern Illinois Raceway in Marion this August to defend his team's title in the Terry Sprague Memorial Event.



## Scott Neal Racing Competes

Sulphur Springs-based race team Scott Neal Racing (SNR) competed recently at CRA Speedfest in Cordele, Ga., at the Watermelon Capital Speedway.

SNR fielded two cars for Hoosier drivers. New Castle's Dalton Armstrong competed in the ARCA/CRA Super Series and Noblesville's Chris Hacker competed in the JEG'S/CRA All-Stars Tour.

Both drivers showed speed early in the 2015 CRA Season with Hacker qualifying 11th out of 27 cars. He ran in the top five before an on-track accident ended his day on lap 110 of the 125-lap event. That put Hacker in 20th place at the finish.

Armstrong showed early season progress as well, qualifying 16th out of 28 cars in his division. He finished 13th in the 200-lap event.

## Balin Orcutt Wins Regional Title; Bundy, Dishman Also Heading to Semi-State

Knightstown junior Balin Orcutt clinched a championship title in the 170-lb weight class last Saturday at Richmond's regional wrestling tournament, following his sectional title the weekend before.

Panther wrestlers Adam Bundy and Jason Dishman, both juniors, placed third in their weight classes. With the top four place winners getting the opportunity to advance, Bundy and Dishman will join Orcutt next Saturday in New Castle for the semistate tournament.

Orcutt, now 31-8, pinned Lawrenceburg's Jonah Rolfes in the first round. In the semifinal round, Orcutt pinned Hagerstown's Dakota Roach.

In the first place match, Orcutt prevailed over Rushville's Preston Bowling in a 3-2 decision.

Bundy pinned Rushville's William Noe in the first round of the 126-lb class but lost in the semifinal round when he was pinned by Franklin County's Johnny Loos. Bundy pinned Northeastern's Colton Handley in the third place match, improving his season record to 22-10.

Dishman, wrestling at 220, pinned Franklin County's Ben Robben in the opening round before get-

ting pinned in the semifinal round by Rushville's Tristenn Miller. Dishman won in a 10-3 decision over New Castle's Dalton Clouse to take the third place spot. His season record moved to 28-11.

Also competing for Knightstown at the regional tourney were Kaleb Buchanan (106), Steven Heady (132), Cameron Fender (138), Jon Simmons (152) and Tyler Jackson (285). They were all defeated in the opening round of the tourney but all the regional qualifiers for KHS will return next year. Fender is a junior, Heady and Jackson are sophomores and Buchanan and Simmons are both freshmen.

Eastern Hancock junior Jared Waterman was runner-up in the 160-lb match. He was the only Royal to place in the top four.

Shenandoah will be sending two wrestlers to the semistate. Freshman Levi Black (113) and sophomore Ryan Surguy (120) each took second place wins to advance.

Richmond regional winners will compete at New Castle's Semi-State 3 next Saturday, Feb. 14. Matches begin at 9 a.m.

## KHS Girls Cap Season with 23-point Win

Knightstown senior Macy Burton decided to go out blazing in her last regular season game as a Lady Panther.

Burton scored a career-high 21 points and Brooke Vise finished with her ninth double-double of the year to lead Knightstown's varsity girls team on the road at Waldron on Feb. 3.

The Lady Mohawks, who entered the game at 3-15, had reason to be optimistic at the end of the first quarter carrying a two-point lead, 12-10.

But, that glimmer of hope soon faded as Knightstown picked up its defensive effort in the second quarter, holding Waldron to six points and going up 21-18 by halftime.

The Lady Panthers continued the pressure on defense in the second half, allowing the Lady Mohawks nine points in the third and just five in the fourth.

KHS also pumped up their second half scoring, dropping in 17 points in each of the last two quarters to take the 55-32 victory and sixth conference win of the year.

Burton hit three field goals, three shots from the

behind the arc and added six free throws for 21 points. Her hustle on the defensive side resulted in seven steals and six rebounds. She also provided one assist.

Vise kept up her stellar junior season with 16 points, 12 rebounds, two steals and one block.

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Lacy Thomas also scored six points. She led the team in assists with four, stole the ball twice and grabbed one rebound.

Jordan Ventresco knocked down a basket from long-range and made one free throw to finish with four points. She added two rebounds and two assists.

Carmen Cleek hit a bucket, pulled down two rebounds and made two steals.

Hannah Thomas had four rebounds and two steals.

With the win over Waldron, the Lady Panthers finished the regular season with a 14-8 record overall and a 6-3 record in the Mid-Hoosier Conference, tying Eastern Hancock for fourth place.

## KHS Students Excel at JAG Conference

More than 50 students from across the region participated in the recent 2015 Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Career Development Conference at Ball State University's Alumni Center. JAG is a school-to-career program implemented in 700 high schools, alternative schools and community colleges across the country.

JAG's mission is to keep young people in school through graduation and provide work-based learning experiences that will lead to career advancement opportunities or enrollment in postsecondary institutions. Part of the JAG program is a career conference where students participate in key areas of competition, implementing what they have learned in the classroom.

"The Career Development Conference is, in the case of many students, the first time they have been 'chosen' for any honor during their high school careers. JAG Specialists make sure they have professional clothing to wear, and coach them on appropriate grooming and business etiquette," said Janet White, Region 6 JAG Manager. "It is truly amazing how these juniors and seniors in high school seem to grow up before your eyes, when put into a professional setting with professional people."

### Competition Categories and First Place Winners:

Career Presentation - Blake Horkman, Knightstown High School

Creative Solutions - Austin Haney, Knightstown High School

Critical Thinking - Charolette Meredith, Connersville High School

Employability Skills - Stephen McGahey, Blackford High School

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Employability Skills - Elly Boaz, Connersville High School

Financial Literacy - Samantha Hoing, Connersville High School

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### Third Place Winners

Career Presentation - Nathaniel Arvin III, Connersville High School

Creative Solutions - David Castle, Connersville High School

Critical Thinking - Megan Rose, Knightstown High School

Employability Skills - Levi Addison, New Castle High School

Financial Literacy - Kirstin Kreisler, Blackford High School

Public Speaking - Elijah Williams, Connersville High School

Writing Skills - Karagan Smith, Connersville High School

Cover Design - Victoria Walker, New Castle High School

The judges for the competitions came from a variety of professions in East Central Indiana from business owners and CEOs to college professors and admissions officers, to officials from the Eastern Indiana WorkOne team. In

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Shenandoah M.S. Defeats Both KIS Girls Teams

Both of Knightstown's girls teams were defeated on Jan. 29 by Shenandoah.

In the eighth grade game, the Lady Panthers lost to the Lady Raiders 23-32.

KIS coach Shanna Smucker reported that the game was close throughout until the fourth quarter when her team "got into some serious foul trouble."

Elizabeth Moore led the eighth grade KIS team with seven points, two rebounds and one steal.

Jessica Butler scored seven points and pulled down six rebounds.

Sidney Vise had three points, six rebounds and two

steals.

Maggie Smith added three points while Kaitlyn Jackson added one point, one rebound and three steals.

The loss to Shenandoah dropped the Lady Panthers' record to 3-4.

Knightstown's seventh graders were defeated by the Lady Raiders, 25-32.

Despite the loss, three Lady Panthers posted solid stats. Rena Witham led the team with 10 points, six rebounds and five steals. Katie Clark had seven points, seven rebounds and four steals. Alexis Howard got six points and five rebounds.

## Middle School Girls Teams Split With Tri

Knightstown's eighth grade girls basketball team defeated Tri 23-18 on Jan. 27.

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Kaitlyn Jackson had eight points, one rebound and two steals.

Sidney Vise finished with three points and eight rebounds.

Elizabeth Moore posted two

points, three rebounds and two steals.

The win evened up the eighth grade Lady Panthers' record this year to 3-3.

Katie Clark had a big game, scoring all but six of the KIS seventh graders' points. Clark finished with 13 points, four rebounds and two steals.

Rena Witham added three points and three rebounds.

Alexis Howard scored the other three points and had five rebounds.

## KIS Girls Suffer Losses to Doe Creek

Knightstown Intermediate School's girls basketball teams fell to Doe Creek at home Monday, Feb. 2.

Jessica Butler led the KIS eighth grade team with five points, one rebound and a steal. Elizabeth Moore had two points, one rebound and one steal. Kaitlyn Jackson added one point, two rebounds and a steal.

The KIS seventh grade team

was led by Katie Clark, Cara Mullen and Alexis Howard with four points apiece.

Clark also pulled down five rebounds and stole the ball four steals. Mullen had four rebounds and four steals. Rena Witham grabbed two rebounds and made five steals.

The two Lady Panthers teams play Blue River at home on Wednesday night.

## Royal 8th Graders Top Panthers

Knightstown eighth grade boys basketball team suffered a 45-33 loss in their final game of the season at home to Eastern Hancock on Feb. 3.

Dylan Hiner led the Panther scoring effort with 19 points.

Austin Campton scored eight points.

Treavor Cook and Cooper Strawsma each finished with six points.

Jordan Baker had four points and Lucas Lewis added two points for the Panthers.

## Panthers Swat Down Yellow Jackets

Knightstown's varsity boys basketball team secured their tenth win of the season with a Mid-Hoosier Conference 63-48 victory at Morristown.

The Panthers started off slow but picked up their scoring as the game went on. KHS took a 12-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and had built their lead to 27-21.

The Yellow Jackets had their best quarter in the third, scoring 15 points, but that wasn't enough to tighten the game with the Panthers who knocked down 16 points to take a 43-36 lead.

Knightstown maintained control of the game in the fourth quarter, knocking down 20 points while holding Morristown to just 12 and earning the 63-48 victory.

The overall team stats for KHS were impressive. They were 16-for-19 or 84% at the free throw line and shot 59% from the field, hitting 16-of-27 shots. The team was also 50% from behind the arc, hitting five three-pointers.

The Panthers' top scorer Jackson Edwards was 7-for-11

from the field and perfect at the line, sinking all six of his free throw shots, to finish with 20 points. He grabbed five rebounds, made three assists and had one block and a steal.

Senior Jake Kwisz had a solid game with 11 points, four rebounds, five assists, three steals and two blocks.

Riley Ruble also scored 11 points and got two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Drake Peggs tallied up eight points and made five assists.

Coleman Wyatt finished with five points, two blocks and one rebound.

Max Wever led the team in rebounding with seven boards. He added four points and one assist.

Tyler Hubble also had four points, pulled down two rebounds and made one assist.

The Panthers' record now stands at 10-5 overall and 2-2 in the MHC conference. The team plays Blue River at home on Feb. 6 and then travels to North Decatur for a conference game on Feb. 7.

## KIS Boys Team Hosts Edinburgh in MHC Tourney

Knightstown hosted Edinburgh in the first round of the boys middle school Mid-Hoosier Conference tourney on Jan. 28.

The KIS seventh grade boys team got the conference tourney win, 49-42.

Charlie Moore led the seventh graders' scoring with 16 points with Jack Fort posting 13 points. Chase Burton added six points and James Lukens had five points. Matthew Craft got four points, Caleb Pyle had three points with Dylan Chandler adding two points.

The seventh graders then played Indian Creek the following day for second round action. In a tough game, the Panthers were unable to rally past the Braves who got the 28-27 win.

The KIS eighth graders lost a hard-fought battle 39-42 to Edinburgh in the first round MHC game.

"I was very happy with my team's effort," said Coach Joe Canary. "We got behind by 12 points in the second half, but never gave up and kept fighting."

Jose Olivo led the eighth graders with 21 points and Dylan Hiner had 15 points. Treavor Cook scored the other three points.

## Dog & Disc Club Performing Feb. 20

The Indy Dog and Disc Club will be visiting Knightstown High School again this year.

The entertainment group will perform at both the halftime of the junior varsity and varsity boys basketball games against Waldron on Feb. 20.

The dog club were invited back after their popular performance at a Knightstown varsity football game in 2014.

## Service Personnel Game Night Feb. 17

Knightstown Athletic Director Matt Martin recently announced that the boys basketball games against Southwestern on Tuesday, Feb. 17 has been designated "Service Personnel Appreciation Night."

Any current or former military or emergency service personnel who presents their military or emergency service ID will be admitted into the basketball game at no charge. The free admittance applies to the service personnel member only.

## Chargers Blow Past Panthers

Mid-Hoosier Conference leader North Decatur showed why they are undefeated in boys varsity league play when they powered by the Panthers 55-41 on Feb. 7.

The Panthers had a bit of a tough time in the first half getting their offense going.

North Decatur was up three points, 14-11, on their home court at the end of the first quarter.

The Panthers really struggled in the second quarter, putting just nine points on the board while the Chargers scored 12, to take a 26-20 lead into half.

KHS came out of halftime with more energy, scoring 14 while holding North Decatur to just eight points, to even up the score at 34.

The Chargers rallied in a big way in the last quarter, hitting 21 points and keeping the Panthers at seven points to defeat them 55-41.

Knightstown's scoring was balanced but mainly due to the team's unusually low stats. They dropped in just four of their 21 shots from behind the arc and were 36% from the field, hitting 12-of-33.

## Sectional Game Against Union Co.

Knightstown's girls basketball team played Union County in the first game of the sectional at Cambridge City on Tuesday night. If the Lady Panthers prevail, they will play Eastern Hancock on Friday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. Follow The Banner on Twitter (@ktownbanner) and check The Banner's Facebook page for sectional updates and game wrap-ups.

## KIS Girls Split with Blue River

Knightstown's seventh grade girls basketball team plummeted Blue River Valley 31-8 on Feb. 4.

Katie Clark led the young Lady Panthers with 12 points, two rebounds, six steals and one assist.

Rena Witham also scored in double figures. She had 11 points and added five steals, one rebound and an assist.

Alexis Howard contributed eight points, four rebounds and one steal. Emily Moss, Lexi Goodpaster and Cara Mullen each pulled down five rebounds.

The eighth grade girls team had a tougher time against the Lady Vikings, falling 36-43.

Jessica Butler had a standout game with 19 points and five rebounds to lead the Lady Panthers.

Sidney Vise got nine points, eight rebounds and stole the ball once.

Kaitlyn Jackson had five points and one rebound.

Elizabeth Moore got three points and three rebounds.

## Panthers Dominate Vikings 74-48

Blue River Valley Vikings had a bit of hope after the first quarter of the boys varsity game when they were down just one point, 17-18, against Knightstown. But, the rest of the game was dominated by the Panthers, who rolled to a 74-48 win at home on Feb. 6.

The Panthers stayed consistent throughout, putting up another 18 points in the second quarter while holding the Vikings to just nine.

Knightstown kept up the defensive effort in the third quarter, again holding the Vikings at nine points. The Panthers put up 19 points in the third quarter and another 19 points in the fourth, while keeping BRV to just 13 points and earning the big 26-point victory.

Jackson Edwards shot 64% from the field, knocked down 2-of-3 of his three-point attempts and 6-of-9 free throws to post his highest scoring game of the season with 26 points. It's the sixth game this year that Edwards has topped 20 points.

Adding to his season-high point total, Edwards grabbed four rebounds and three steals and handed out five assists.

Tyler Hubble led the team in scoring with nine points and he grabbed three rebounds.

Jake Kwisz and Jackson Edwards each scored eight points.

Edwards also pulled down five rebounds and made three blocks, two assists and one steal.

Kwisz contributed four assists and got four rebounds.

Coleman Wyatt had seven points, five rebounds and one assist.

Drake Peggs hit two more three-pointers and got two rebounds, two steals and made two assists.

Riley Ruble knocked down a shot from long-range to finish with three points and pulled down two rebounds.

Max Wever also grabbed two rebounds.

The loss drops Knightstown's record to 11-6 overall and to 2-3 in the conference. The Panthers will host 4A's Greenfield-Central on Friday, Feb. 12, and play another conference game against Shelbyville's Southwestern at home on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

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addition, guest speakers included Terry Whitt Bailey and Mayor Dennis Tyler with the city of Muncie, Mike Row with the Eastern Indiana Workforce Investment Board, as well as Delaina Boyd with Ball State University.

First place winners may qualify for the State JAG Career Development Conference to be held on March 13 at Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis. Regionally, JAG serves 272 students in Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, and Jay Counties at Blackford High School, Connersville High School, Jay County High School, Knightstown High School, Muncie Central High School, and New Castle High School. For more information on JAG, visit www.jag.org.

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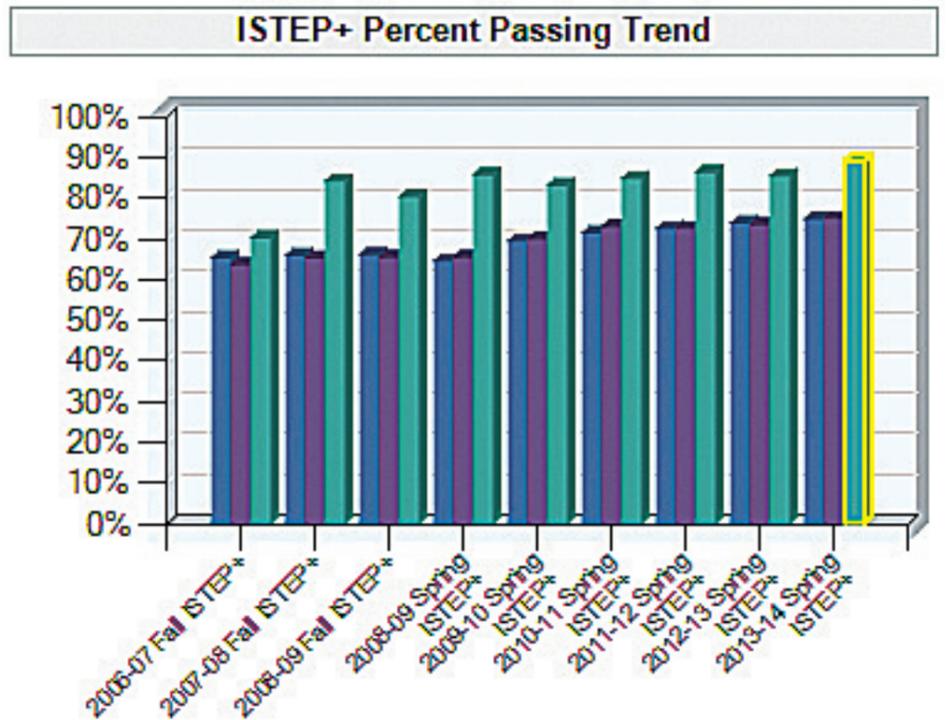
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