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Baseball, Softball Sign-up Now Online

Knightstown Youth Sports Inc. has introduced a new web page, www.knightstownyouthsportsinc.com, so parents can register now and earn a discounted rate, if done by March 4. For more information or to ask questions, e-mail officials at knightstownyouthsportsinc@gmail.com.

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.

EH 3-on-3 Tourney Has New Category

The Eastern Hancock Athletic Boosters will hold their annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Eastern Hancock Schools on Saturday, March 14. There will be five divisions of play each for boys and girls. New to this year's tourney is the addition of an open division for those older than high school age. Early registrations are due by March 7. Space permitting, registrations will be accepted from 9-10 a.m. on tourney day. For more information, including an entry form, visit the school websites at www.ehathletics.org or www.ehhoops.org, or contact Greg Hall at gghall58@gmail.com.

Local Artist's Demo Slated for March 12

Local Knightstown artisan Jan McGuire will be doing a free, live demonstration of her glasswork at the Artistry Annex, located at the corner of South 15th and Broad streets in New Castle, on Sunday, March 12, from 6-8 p.m. McGuire will also have some of her work on display and available for purchase.

Expiration Dates Appear on Labels

Attention Subscribers

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.



Knightstown Town Council's 5-0 Vote Authorizes Police Chief Advertisement

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

More than three months after the Knightstown Town Council first voted to get rid of its then full-time police chief, its members have finally agreed to advertise the job opening.

Council members voted 5-0 during a special meeting last Thursday to advertise the job opening, but did not specify what means would be used to do that. Applications for the position will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 27.

Although council members each had a draft of the proposed job listing that would be advertised and which listed several "preferred qualifications," this information was not disclosed to the public in attendance during the meeting. After the meeting, Clerk-Treasurer Bart Whitesitt provided The Banner with a copy.

According to this document, which is consistent with an employment ad published in The Banner this week (see Page 10) and the county's daily newspaper, the council would like the next police chief to: be a graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy;

have a minimum of 10 years law enforcement experience; be in good standing with the ILEA, with at least 16 hours in service training yearly; live within 10 miles of town; and have some budgetary and scheduling experience.

The Knightstown Police Department's current part-time interim-chief, Tony Darling, appointed to that position by the council in December, would meet these qualifications. In fact, it was Darling who had proposed these qualifications just a day earlier during a meeting with the council's two-person police committee.

As of Monday afternoon, the town had not taken advantage of the free job-posting service offered by the ILEA on that agency's website. When The Banner checked the ILEA's website Monday, it found postings for jobs with 19 other law enforcement agencies listed.

The police committee – which consists of Council Vice President Sarah Ward and member Mitch Roland – did not take a formal vote during their meeting Feb. 11 as to what, if any recommendation they would be making to the full council the next night. However,

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CAB School Board Ponders Tapping Rainy Day Fund for Sidewalk Repairs at High School

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board was expected to consider a request at last night's monthly meeting to seek permission to spend up to \$22,000 from the district's Rainy Day Fund to repair sidewalks at Knightstown High School.

According to Superintendent Jed Behny, the sidewalks at KHS are in dire need of attention. He told The Banner on Monday afternoon that he didn't believe any major repairs have been made to them since the school was constructed over 10 years ago.

"I hate to be spending this money, but these sidewalks have got to be fixed," Behny said. "... My concern is that if they get much worse ... that it becomes a dangerous situation. It just simply needs to be fixed before somebody ends up hurt."

As for what has caused the sidewalks to be in such a state of disrepair, Behny said CAB has been told possible causes include improper preparation of the

ground, a bad batch of cement, over-salting, improper sealing, or a combination of those. He said the district will be mindful of all those potential issues when repairs are made.

Behny told The Banner that the

district has already started collecting estimates on repair costs. He said they have "multiple quotes" and are still waiting for a couple more. He said the \$22,000 he would like CAB to seek state permission to spend from the Rainy Day Fund is based on the most expensive quote received so far, and said the work could end up costing less.

that's \$15,000," Behny said. "If they accept that one, then it would just be a \$15,000 expenditure."

At last night's board meeting, Behny and CAB Treasurer Stephanie Madison were expected to ask the board for permission to

With the 2015 budget for that fund being reduced 22.5 percent by the DLGF, from \$1,200,000 to \$929,234, Behny said it seemed more prudent to try to use money from the Rainy Day Fund, which has a current balance of \$261,606.67, to fund this work.

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reduced 22.5 percent by the DLGF, from \$1,200,000 to \$929,234, Behny said it seemed more prudent to try to use money from the Rainy Day Fund, which has a current balance of \$261,606.67, to fund this work.

Before applying to the DLGF for the additional appropriation, CAB will first be required to hold a public hearing to give local citizens an opportunity to ask questions and state their views about the additional appropriation. This hearing would most likely be held during the school board's March 17 monthly meeting.

K-town Office Committee Meets Tonight

The Knightstown Town Council's two-person office committee is holding a special meeting at 7 p.m. this evening.

The meeting notice provided by the town does not state the meeting's purpose. However, the committee, which consists of council members Valerie Trump and Sarah Ward, was directed at the council's Jan. 15 meeting to meet with Clerk-Treasurer Bart Whitesitt to go over town employee pay.

Tonight's meeting is open to the public. It will be held in the back meeting room of Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., which is accessible from the building's west side.

If, after the hearing, the school board still wants to seek the additional appropriation, Madison would submit a formal request to the DLGF. A projected timeline included in the board's packet of materials for last night's meeting indicated that a decision from the DLGF could come as early as the first week of April.

More detailed news coverage from last night's school board meeting will be featured in next week's Banner.

Pancake Breakfast & Fundraiser for Charlottesville/Knightstown Boy Scout Troop 293

Please join Boy Scout Troop 293 for a Pancake Breakfast to help raise funds for a new Troop Trailer.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
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In the Superior Court of Hancock County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that ROGER D. REASON was, on the 27th day of January, 2015 appointed personal representative of the estate of MONICA J. CLOUD, deceased, who died on the 28th day of December, 2014.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Greenfield, Indiana, this 10th day of February, 2015.

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Clerk of Circuit and Superior Courts
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Greenfield, IN 46140

Attorney: ROBERT G. BOGIGIAN - DICKMANN, REASON & BOGIGIAN
17 N. Pennsylvania Street, Greenfield, IN 46140

OBITUARIES

Eugene Charles Rummel

March 5, 1926 - February 10, 2015



Eugene Charles Rummel, 88, of Carthage, Indiana passed away Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015, at his residence. One of 10 children of Clarence Monroe and Ethel Gertrude (Paul) Rummel, Charles was born on March 5, 1926 in Wayne County, north of Cambridge City.

He attended New Lisbon schools and served his country in the United States Army during World War II, from 1944 to 1946. Charles retired from Ford Motor Company in Indianapolis in 1991 after 25 years of service. He also worked at the Ford garage in New Castle and Knightstown. In his leisure time, he enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially fox hunting. Charles was a member of the American Legion Post 152 in Knightstown.

Survivors include his five children, Vicki Toon, Tim, Randy, and Cathy Louise Rummel, and Cammy Theobold; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Rummel; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Herman Dwight Rummel; and three sisters, Jeanette Winchester, Wilma Query and Jean Culberson.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Charlotta Mae "Lottie" (Hawk) Rummel on May 11, 2010; a son, Jeff Rummel on Oct. 8, 2010; a great-grandson, Justin Robert Theobold; and five siblings, Carl Rummel, Thelma Thornburg, Mable Nelson, Ralph Robert Rummel and Helen Tutterow.

Family and friends gather on Friday, Feb. 13, at Marshall & Erlewein Funeral Home in Lewisville. Funeral services were Saturday, Feb. 14, at the funeral home. Burial followed at Lewisville Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at www.marshallanderleweinfuneralhome.com.

Duke Energy Warns of Scam

Duke Energy is urging its Indiana customers to be alert for a bill payment scam.

Under the scam, a customer receives an unsolicited phone call from an individual who falsely claims to be a Duke Energy representative.

The caller falsely warns that

Duke Energy will disconnect the customer's electric service if the customer fails to make an immediate payment - usually within one hour.

The caller instructs the customer to purchase a prepaid debit card - widely available at retail stores - then tells the customer to

call back to supposedly make a payment to Duke Energy.

The caller asks the customer for the prepaid debit card's receipt number and PIN number, giving the caller instant access to the card's funds and the ability to immediately drain its balance.

In reality, Duke Energy never asks or requires customers who have delinquent accounts to purchase a prepaid debit card to avoid electric service disconnection.

Customers can make payments online, by phone, by automatic bank draft, by mail or in person.

Duke Energy customers who have delinquent accounts receive multiple notifications from the company over the course of several weeks prior to electric service disconnection - never just a single notification one hour before disconnection.

The company urges customers who suspect or experience fraud to hang up and call local police, then call Duke Energy in Indiana at 1-800-521-2232.

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



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K-town Plan Commission Tackles Very Old Business

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Plan Commission acted on two matters Monday evening that will clear the way for the completion of three new apartments on the town's public square and for gun manufacturing on the south side of town.

The plan commission's six members voted unanimously Monday to give Rusty and Debbie Johnson permission to partition the upstairs of an unoccupied building they own at 11 N. Washington St. into three efficiency apartments. The downstairs, Rusty Johnson said, would hopefully be used by a business.

Johnson had first sought permits from the town allowing him to do this work last April. However, because of questions over whether the building was properly zoned to allow the residential units upstairs, Johnson was initially told the Knightstown Board of Zoning Appeals would have to approve his request.

A hearing was scheduled before the BZA, but only one of its members showed up. Subsequently, the town's attorney advised town officials that, in fact, it was the plan commission that needed to decide rezoning issues.

The plan commission voted last fall in favor of a zoning change, but, that vote, it turned out, was improper because the plan commis-

sion had failed to hold a public hearing on the matter before voting. Following that misstep, the plan commission took no action to schedule a hearing for the rest of 2014, and, it was only after new members came on in 2015 that the plan commission acted to get Johnson's hearing scheduled.

At Monday's meeting, after explaining his plans for the property, Johnson told the plan commission that he was not actually asking for the town to rezone the property. He said what he wants is no different than what several other buildings along Main Street have – a business downstairs with living quarters above – and that he didn't think there was an issue with having apartments above a business.

Morelock, who apologized to Johnson for the town's delay in getting his matter resolved, said he thought Johnson might be right. Because it's not an issue of rezoning, he said Johnson's request should probably actually go to the BZA for approval, but, to avoid dragging the matter out any longer, he suggested a way for the plan commission to handle it that night.

At Morelock's suggestion, the plan commission voted 6-0 to approve a motion that made two findings: first, that Johnson's proposed use of the building at 11 N. Washington St., though technically a non-conforming use for a property zoned Business, is consistent with non-conforming uses at that site that predated adoption of the town's zoning code in 1989; and, second, Johnson does not need to

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FFA Meats Team



On Jan. 31, the Knightstown High School FFA Meats Evaluation Team went to Purdue University for the state meats contest. Members were asked to identify 30 retail cuts of meat, place six classes, yield and quality grade beef carcasses, complete a meat formulation problem and take an industry quiz. The team of Jessica Stoten, Devin Hamilton, Curtis Robbins and Austin Hilton were awarded Reserve State Champion and qualified for a national trip to Denver, Colo. Knightstown's team of Jackson Lukens, Marissa Bennett and Nick Hadley placed fourth overall. Other members of the meats team included Jeremy Stoten, Olivia Bennett and Jacob Ferrell. Pictured (l-r) are Jessica Stoten, Curtis Robbins, Devin Hamilton and Austin Hilton. (Photo submitted)

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Warning: Computer Scams Abound

Even if you don't use a computer, this also applies to the telephone. My Amazon Kindle froze. I typed "Kindle Support" in my browser to find the telephone number instead of entering "Amazon.com" after the "www," etc.

I told the friendly young man that I was an old lady who wasn't good at technology. "Oh no, Mrs. Clarke! You sound so young." (Stroke, stroke, stroke.) Plug your Kindle into your computer, and we'll fix this ..." (Chat, chat, chat.)

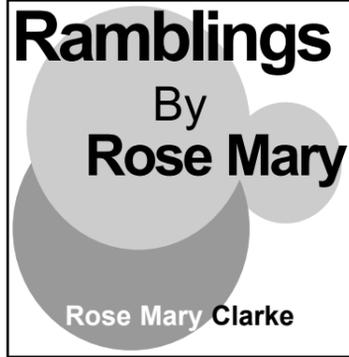
"Ohmygod! You have a Zeus Trojan virus." He moved an arrow around my laptop screen. "Look, this scan says 'Listening, listening, listening ...' They have access to your telephone. I cannot stress enough how serious this is. They could even steal your identity! This must be fixed immediately."

"I know a computer expert." "They cannot deal with this. You can have Cisco network engineers help you remotely on line for \$399, or I can help you now." I said, "How do I know you're legitimate?" He sent his employee ID, name and 800 number.

Knowing how bad a Trojan virus is. I was literally having palpitations. I did have enough sense to get off and tell Bill who said, "Call Key Computers." Russ listened to my tale. "Let me check their number ... That's not an Amazon number. I was actually

working at a client's home when a scammer did the same things as this guy."

I think that I'm a rational person. However, when you are actually within a situation emotion takes over. Here's the catalogue of my stupidity: Instead of going to Amazon.com, I took a shortcut. I revealed personal information to a



courteous, sympathetic, warm-voiced stranger. Amazon support has never asked me to plug my Kindle into my computer. "Bruce's" voice dripping with concern and urgency, He showed me "evidence" that threw me into a state of panic.

My laptop needed servicing anyway, so I took it to Key Computers where I bought it. The owner, Bob Collins, lives down the street from me and is the son of one of my former real estate clients who is his secretary. Bill and I have done enough business with him

over the years to know that he is competent and honest. Technician Russ serviced my computer, and the next evening Bob brought it back on his way home.

"As a community service, if people will call us, we'll help them decide whether or not the problem is legitimate." The number is 317-898-4000. Below is some of Bob's advice:

Don't respond to e-mails that ask you to update your password on line. They can trick you to an alternate site that will steal your name and password. Call your credit card company directly with concerns. Don't trust calls about malware. Microsoft, Comcast, AT&T, and banks don't call. They mail a written notice. You should change your passwords twice a year. Don't use real words. Use a combination of random numbers, symbols and letters. Don't use birthdays etc. (I know people who use "1,2,3,4,5." Duh!) Discourage your kids from sites that offer free stuff. Some are come-ons used by scammers.

No one is immune. Anthem recently had millions of its customers' information, including social security numbers, stolen. Crooks are even hijacking people's tax returns. We had a message that said the IRS was suing us and to call a number. The IRS does not call. Last night the news told about
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BANNER PERSPECTIVE

Better late than never.

We've all heard that one before. Punctuality is important, but sometimes a tardy slip is better than one labeled Absent.

That said, it's time for Knightstown to aim for progress. Tardy slip in hand, this community can still make the best of its late arrival in what was once called The Future.

Somehow, much of the rest of the world stayed on track, while Knightstown simply pined away for "how it used to be."

Unfortunately, wishing things were like they were in 1956 does little to secure a prosperous future in 2015. That needs to change.

We certainly shouldn't forget about the good ol' days. We should always remember how vibrant Knightstown once was. Likewise, we should remember that the town's descent into decay didn't happen overnight. It took decades of careless, lackadaisical leadership to get here.

Those realizations alone should be enough to stimulate a new direction forward - a responsible direction forward.

It's time to turn the page, Knightstown. That means advancing the calendar into the 21st century. It means elected officials and other civic organizations reading their bylaws and policies, learning about their responsibilities, turning pages to find out what they're supposed to do and why.

This business of shooting from the hip and simply aiming in the area of responsibility just doesn't cut it. We need informed leadership with integrity ... leadership that isn't too afraid or too proud to act properly.

Turn the page, Knightstown. Maybe the town's next chapter is a really good one. Turn the page. It's better late than never.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Wind Project Concerned Citizens is comprised of citizens predominately from Fayette, Rush and Henry counties. However, there is an understanding the project conceivably may impact a much larger geographical area. The proposed Whitewater Valley Wind Project has far reaching implications for our community and area citizens, the community as a whole, and our environment. These implications could be felt for decades if not centuries into the future. A project of this type may negatively impact the environment, human health, the local economy, specifically decreased residential property values, and drain local resources and infrastructures. Wind projects of this type are largely unregulated by federal and state government. This results in the burden of planning and regulation being placed on local government.

A project of this type obviously has never been contemplated in our area before. Local officials have largely relied on and been supplied information and data by the project developer as they make decisions. Local governmental entities have not had a chance to develop expertise in planning and regulation of wind project, nor does local government possess pieces of equipment and training to regulate and respond to issues associated with projects of this type.

Often small rural counties are the host for these projects. It is common for these types of locations to lack a thorough understanding of wind power projects and the infrastructure to properly plan, develop, and regulate these types of projects. Capabilities of this nature would be very expensive for

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We Don't Need No Stinking Oversight

The Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBA) oversees government finances, trying to ensure elected and non-elected officials appropriately spend tax money in their various governments, large and small.

As far as I can tell, having looked at dozens of audits and financial examination reports for Knightstown and other Indiana communities and counties, they always did a pretty crappy job.

Did you hear that?

The State Board of Accounts does a *CRAPPY* job overseeing the expenditure of your hard-earned tax dollars!

Normally, state auditors come into the government unit and review its accounts, trying to make sure all dollars are present and accounted for. If dollars are spent, they try to make sure they were at least properly spent.

At the end of each audit, auditors issue a report, which gives an overview of that unit's fiscal accounts. County, city, town and township officials know that, no matter what, the state will eventually come and comb through the books.

But, that changed back in 2010 when the state legislator slashed 10 percent of the SBA's budget, dropping the group's already lame status to an even more shameful depth.

That might not be so bad, if the SBA's reputation hadn't already been so dismal.

For starters, the State Board of Accounts does very, very cursory audits and financial reviews - by that I mean they just hit the high spots. Time and time again we've seen town treasurers walk away from disastrous financial tenures handling taxpayer money.

Yet, state auditors rarely go after these bad actors,

who routinely cost taxpayers thousands of dollars in late tax filing fees, poor bookkeeping practices and very poor fundamental mathematics.

Of course, like most government officials, SBA workers are quick to defend themselves, often reiterating that it's not their job to grade or otherwise rate the performance or conduct of fiscal watchdogs. They simply come in, run the numbers and issue a final report, which may or may not list deficiencies in the bookkeeping.

Meanwhile, over at the Indiana Department of Revenue, workers are feverishly combing over your personal and business accounts, making double-sure no tax money is left unpaid.

And what happens if one doesn't pay?

Unlike elected officials who misreport, misspend, misuse or outright lose your hard-earned tax money, citizens will at least repay the owed money (probably with huge interest fees), suffer wage garnishment and maybe even go to jail.

That's probably not going to be the case for officials, whose own watchdogs were downsized by a state legislator that's more concerned with showing a good government budget surplus, rather than good government.

By the way, the Republican super majority we now have in our state legislature, urged on by Gov. Mike Pence, is the same one still hacking away at public schools. They're trying to dumb us down by eliminating public schools in favor of private ones. They must think if they get that done we'll all be too stupid to figure out what happened to our own tax money.



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BITS & PIECES

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◆Charlottesville Boy Scout Troop 293, which includes Knightstown scouts, will host a **pancake breakfast** fundraiser on Saturday, March 7, 8 a.m.-noon. A freewill offering will be accepted. Scouts are raising to purchase a new, larger troop trailer that will enable Scouts to pack all their gear for outings. The breakfast will take place at the Lions Club building, 10165 E. 25 N., Charlottesville.

◆Greensboro United Methodist Church will host the **Indiana Blood Center's Bloodmobile** on Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m.-noon.

Appointments may be scheduled by visiting www.donorpoint.org. Those who plan to donate should bring valid photo ID. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207.

◆Knightstown Youth Sports, Inc., has introduced a new web page for information and online **baseball and softball registration** this year. Parents can now register their children online at www.knightstownyouthsportsinc.com. Those who register before March get a discounted rate. Schedules, team standings, announcements will be available there. For more information, contact knightstownyouthsportsinc@gmail.com. Those who do not have access to online registration, only two days remain for manual registration at the elementary school. The final dates are Saturday Feb. 21, 3-5 p.m. and Wednesday, March 4, 7-8 p.m.

◆Local Knightstown artisan Jan McGuire will be doing a free, live demonstration of her **glasswork** at the Artistry Annex, located at the corner of South 15th and Broad streets in New Castle, on Sunday, March 12, from 6-8 p.m. McGuire will also have some of her work on display and available for purchase.

◆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 silversvage@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 765-571-1132 or 765-571-1662.

◆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.

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Citizens State Bank's Don Dick Announces Retirement After Long Financial Career

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

Come August, Knightstown native Don Dick will have worked for the local Citizens State Bank for 17 years.

"I've always been in banking," said Dick, the branch manager at Citizens State Bank.

Upon graduation from high school, Dick was drafted in the U.S. Army during the time of the Vietnam War. After returning from the Republic of South Korea, where he served, he briefly worked for a finance company in New Castle. When he went to First National Bank for an auto loan, he was offered a job on the day he submitted his loan application.

"I got my start in banking in 1971," he said. "I worked for First National Bank in New Castle."

After leaving First National, he went on to work for the Bank of Henry County, which has since been incorporated into Star Financial Bank. Dick worked there from 1977 until 1981. It was then that he worked at the National Bank of Detroit in Muncie for 18 years. In August of 1998 he returned to Knightstown.

"The moment presented itself for me to return home," said Dick. "I wanted to go back to work for a community and family-owned bank. The 17 years with Citizens has afforded me the opportunity to do that, but also to do it in an environment where I was born and raised. And to come back to Knightstown, which is where my roots are, that was also great."

He expresses his long-held love for his hometown, and regrets being away from Knightstown during his time working in Muncie - even if it wasn't very far away. As a man who has attended school and grown up with many of his customers and families in town, Dick felt there was

no transition period necessary when he came back.

"I think what's been great about this relationship with Citizens State Bank is having the chance to work within a family-owned environment in a community I love. You know, right now there aren't many community or family-owned banks that are still out there."

Knightstown is where his own extended family resides, as well as his heart. Dick recalls his joy at returning home and being regularly mistaken for his twin brother, Ron, by local townsfolk.

"I've enjoyed helping customers with their financial problems over the years," said Dick. "To try to find solutions to the financial concerns they might have. So it's been natural for me whether we are dealing with mortgages, auto loans, or referring customers to our investment services."

March of this year will mark 44 years that Dick has worked in the banking business. Looking back fondly on his years of work, he admitted that he has recently given



Citizens State Bank notice that he will be retiring in September.

Dick graduated from Knightstown High School in 1969. While he has never attended college, his knowledge of banking and finances comes from a few banking courses and years of experience working in a variety of banks. He currently lives in New Castle.

"Even though I was removed from Knightstown when I worked in New Castle in the early '70s, it was still a large part of my life," said Dick. "So to be able to return home and work in the community I have a lot of respect for is great. Getting to come back to Knightstown and work at Citizens for the past 17 years has been very rewarding."

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Thurs., Feb. 19 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Feb. 19 - Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St.

Mon., Feb. 23 - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

Mon., Feb. 23 - Henry Co. Fire Chiefs meeting, 7 p.m., Henry County Office Building meeting room, New Castle

Tues., Feb. 24 - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., Feb. 24 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., Feb. 24 - Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., Feb. 25 - Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., Old Circuit Court Room, 2nd floor of

courthouse, New Castle

Wed., Feb. 25 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., Old Circuit Court Room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Wed., Feb. 25 - Wayne Twp./ Knightstown Vol. Fire Dept. board meeting, 7 p.m., at fire station

Thurs., Feb. 26 - Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

Mon., Mar. 2 - Shirley Town Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shirley Town Hall

Mon., Mar. 2 - Greensboro Town Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Greensboro Community Center

Tues., Mar. 3 - Spiceland Town Council, 6 p.m., Spiceland Town Hall, 130 E. Main St.

Tues., Mar. 3 - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., Mar. 3 - Henry Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., Old Circuit Court Room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Tues., Mar. 3 - Rush Co. Agriculture Assoc., Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m., fair office at Rush Co. Fairgrounds

Tues., Mar. 3 - Knightstown Vol. Fire Dept. meeting, 7 p.m., at fire station

Wed., Mar. 4 - Henry Co. Alcoholic Beverage Board meeting, 10 a.m., Old Circuit Court Room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Mar. 5 - Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

Rose Mary, from Page 4 — the owner of a day care center who was behind on her electric bill. A scammer threatened to disconnect her power, scaring her into sending nearly \$1000.

We teach children never to get in cars with strangers. Perhaps all of us should be to beware of strangers on the telephone, Internet and e-mail. My advice is to terminate the conversation until common sense returns. My next call per Bob's advice is to contact the Indiana Attorney General.

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FOLKWAYS

Sororities Converge at Methodist Church

The Feb. 5 meeting of the Gamma Eta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi was held at the Knightstown Methodist Church.

This special meeting was coordinated as a joint social among Tri Kappa, Phi Chi Epsilon, and Psi Iota Xi. After holding independent meetings, each sorority then joined together for a fun and filling social with 59 participants in attendance.

Gamma Eta was called to order by President Vickie Rhodes, who welcomed members and guests Julie and Katie Vaughan and Elizabeth Magee. Honorary Active members present included Anita Byrnes, Sandra Van Hoy and Frieda Dunlavy. Honorary retired members attending were Sally Windsor and Mardella Spears.

Raffle tickets for the Thirty-One fundraiser were distributed with

sales ending April 30. Beginning May 1, one winner a day will be announced through the May 31. Each \$10 ticket will provide up to 31 chances to win a bag. Tickets are available by calling Rhodes at 765-345-5413. All proceeds from raffle sales will benefit speech and hearing, reading and literacy, arts and music, community outreach and local scholarships.

The Schwan's committee chairperson, Darlene Livingston, reminded members that there are two more weeks remaining in the current Schwan's fundraiser campaign. Anyone wishing to order may call Livingston at 345-5502.

The Knightstown Senior Girls Brunch will be held on April 26. RaJean Pitts will be serving as chairperson for this year's event. The brunch is sponsored jointly

with Tri Kappa. This annual event offers an opportunity to acquaint girls with the sororities while enjoying a nice meal and fellowship, with members from each of the sororities assigned to meet and greet at each table.

Linda Lashbrook will chair the St. Patrick's Day dinner for the public at Knightstown Café, with assistance from guest Julie Vaughan. The fundraiser will take place on Tuesday, March 17, 5-8 p.m. This event is in partnership with Knightstown Café owner Kevin Richey, who will donate 20 percent of the sales along with all tips. Members will act as celebrity wait staff and hostesses. Reservations are not required, but may be made by calling Lashbrook at 765-565-8007.

Applications for the Sigler

Memorial Scholarships are now available at the Knightstown High School Guidance Office and online. Other scholarships awarded by Psi Iota Xi include the Honorary/Active and Retired Member Scholarship, the Wanda Smith Award, and the Fine Arts Scholarship.

The Fine Arts Scholarship applications are available to students from KHS and Eastern Hancock and are located at these schools. For additional information regarding this award, call Livingston at 765-345-5502. For additional information on any of the other scholarships, contact Barbara Mofield at 765-345-2438.

The first reading of prospective new member applications will be

held at the March meeting. Any woman 18 years or older who is interested in joining Psi Iota Xi in our dedicated commitment to speech and hearing, music, art or literature is urged to contact Rhodes at 765-345-5413 for more information.

Psi Iota Xi offers women the opportunity to give back to their communities and to positively impact the lives of many. By joining together in service, the women of Psi Iota Xi raise funds for scholarships, hearing aids, cochlear implants, library books, music camps and art exhibits, just to name a few of the many philanthropic projects sponsored by the chapters, state associations and the national organization.

Homemakers Meet at Reece Home

Brenda Reece hosted the Jan. 20, meeting of the Town and Country Homemakers Club, with five members attending. Members recited the pledge to the flag and the Homemakers Creed, followed by roll call, secretary's report, and treasurer's report.

In the health and safety presentation, Kathryn Waits highlighted some protective measures that can be taken during the cold, flu and pneumonia season, including avoiding shaking hands. The American Medical Association reported has that some hospitals had banned hand shaking.

Waits said if a cold develops into severe coughing, 102 degree or higher temperature, chest congestion, chest pain or breathing problems, seek medical advice right away as these are common indicators of pneumonia.

The cultural lesson by Sandra Van Hoy highlighted the accom-

plishments of New Castle native, artist Robert Indiana. After spending the first 17 years of his life in New Castle, Indiana graduated from Arsenal Tech High School in Indianapolis in 1946. His most recognizable work, the "LOVE" print, was created in 1965 for the Museum of Modern Art's Christmas card. It was then reproduced in 1973 by the U.S. Postal Service as a commemorative stamp.

Aaron Dicken, executive director of the Art Association of Henry County, is leading an effort to pay tribute to Mr. Indiana. Plans include adding a sign at the major entrances to New Castle reading "Birthplace of iconic artist Robert Indiana," along with a reproduction of his well-known "LOVE" design.

During the business portion of the meeting, county committee sign-up sheets were passed around, and yearly dues were collected.

The following officers were elected for the 2015-2016 year: president,

Sonnie Thompson; vice president Pam Bever; secretary and reporter, Norma Reece; treasurer, Brenda Reece; social chairman, Kathryn Waits. Brenda Reece and Norma volunteered for the county membership and promotional committees.

At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, Reece gave an informative lesson regarding the increasing necessity of long-term-care insurance. She presented several options available, such as straight long-term-care policies, life insurance policies with long-term-care riders, Medicaid for those with limited financial ability and church supported facilities. The best option will depend on each individual's circumstances.

After the lesson, refreshments were enjoyed by members Sonnie Thompson, Van Hoy, Waits, Norma Reece and Brenda Reece.

The Feb. 17 meeting will be at the Thompsen's home.

Retired Teachers Assoc. Offering Scholarships

The scholarship committee of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association recently announced an opportunity for upcoming juniors or seniors enrolled in an education program at any of Indiana's universities and colleges.

Students are invited to apply for a \$2000 scholarship for the 2015 school year. Ten scholarships will be awarded around the state to students who have a relative that is a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA).

To find out what IRTA district one lives in, check out a website located at www.retiredteachers.org and go to the IRT Foundation tab. There, interested students will find the association's district map and online application materials.

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Tort Claim Filed Against CAB Seeking \$700,000

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

An Indianapolis attorney representing a Knightstown Intermediate School student is seeking \$700,000 in damages from the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. for injuries his client suffered last fall at the hands of another student.

According to a tort claim notice CAB received last November, the injured student is an eighth grader at KIS who was on the school's football team. On Oct. 13, prior to the start of football practice, another student on the football team allegedly "grabbed (him) from behind, picked him up and threw him onto the running track that surrounds the practice field, breaking (his) neck ... and damaging (his) brain with a concussion."

The student's lawyer, Arthur Baxter Jr. of the law firm Baxter James & Rose LLP, said in the tort claim notice that the student who injured his client "had a history and record of performing similar acts, including shoving a student into a locker, and that (he) had transferred in to (KIS) under a cloud of dangerous behavior" similar to what happened to his client.

Baxter claims that when his client was injured, there were no adults present to provide supervi-

sion. He said a similar incident had previously occurred with students on the KIS cross country team, "thereby alerting KIS to the need to provide adult supervision for the (KIS) football team."

The football team's coach, Scott Pickrell, and assistant coach Joe Patton arrived "unreasonably late" to practice that day, Baxter maintains, after his client had been injured. He also claims that Pickrell "was known by KIS to present an unreasonable risk of injury to the members ... of the football team and had been previously relieved of his duties by KIS."

As a result of the fracture of his C6 vertebra and concussion, the notice of tort claim says Baxter's client has endured "an extended medical stay, lack of mobility, prolonged brain injury, physical pain and suffering, mental distress, possible permanent impairment, possible impairment of earnings capacity, medical bills, follow up medical care and other damages."

Baxter said in the tort claim notice that his client is seeking \$700,000 for his damages. That is presently the maximum amount that state law permits a plaintiff to recover in a lawsuit against a government entity like CAB.

Under state law, before a law-



James Gorman of Carthage shared information about the photo above, at left, which was also published last week. Gorman said this is a photo of the Carthage Elementary School playground, and the crossroads in the background are First and Harrison streets. He also said the girl at the top of the jungle gym is likely Danielle Ertel. The Banner appreciates the help provided by our readers. We strive to publish accurate information.

A Look Back UPDATES



Taken around 1981, this photo of the Knightstown Police Department, published Feb. 11, contained an inaccurate name. The officer (back row, far right) is actually Tom Dill, not Charlie Dill. Charlie Dill was Tom's father. The Banner regrets and apologizes for the error and any confusion or embarrassment it may have caused.

suit may be filed against a government entity, a notice of tort claim must first be submitted to that government entity within 180 days of when the injury occurred. The notice "must describe in a short and plain statement the facts on which

the claim is based," and "include the circumstances which brought about the loss, the time and place the loss occurred, the names of all persons involved if known, the amount of damages sought, and the residence of the person making the

claim at the time of the loss and at the time of the filing of the notice."

Once a notice of tort claim is filed, a government entity has 90 days from the date it was filed to respond in writing, either approving or denying the claim. If the claim is denied, the injured party has up to two years from the date of injury to file a lawsuit.

CAB provided The Banner with a copy of the tort claim notice last week, with names of the injured student and his attacker blacked out pursuant to federal educational privacy laws. The notice of tort claim is dated Nov. 20, which means CAB's 90-day deadline to respond is expected to run out sometime within the next week.

Jed Behny, CAB's superintendent, declined to comment on the specific allegations in the tort claim notice, but he did confirm that this matter has been turned over to CAB's insurance provider. He told The Banner Monday afternoon that the insurer had advised him earlier that day that this matter is still being investigated.

"Certainly, anytime someone is injured, especially a student, it is a concern," Behny said. "... For me and our administrators, teachers and staff, the biggest issue is making sure that we do everything we can to make sure that a situation doesn't occur again and that kids and community members are as safe as they possibly can be."

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"I don't think it's good that we're perceived as different I think it's important we're perceived as MUCH BETTER. If being different is essential to doing that, then we have to do that, but if we could be much better without being different, that'd be fine with me. I want to be much better! I don't care about being different, but we'll have to be different in some ways to be much better."

Steve Jobs

LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Fall to Cougars

The Knightstown varsity boys basketball team suffered their first back-to-back losses of the season recently.

After losing to Mid-Hoosier Conference leader North Decatur on the road on Feb. 7, the Panthers were clobbered 78-39 on Feb. 12 at home by 4A's Greenfield-Central.

The Panthers found themselves down early and never had an answer to the Cougars' outstanding shooting. Greenfield shot 79% from the field, knocking down 19 of their 24 shots, and hit 11-of-27 three-pointers.

The Cougars were up 17-10 at the first quarter and shattered the Panthers in the second quarter, outscoring them 24-11, to take a 41-21 into halftime.

Greenfield posted another 21 points in the third quarter while holding the Panthers to 11 to take a 62-32 lead.

The Panthers got just seven points in the final quarter and the Cougars hit another 16 points to get the 78-39 victory.

Jackson Edwards led the Panthers scoring with eight points and added two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Drake Peggs led KHS in rebounding with six boards and had seven points.

Jake Kwisz and Max Wever each had six points and two rebounds. Kwisz also had an assist and a steal.

Riley Ruble hit a three-pointer and two free throws for five points. He also grabbed two rebounds and a steal.

Jake Bearhope led the team in assists with five and got three points and three rebounds.

Kyle Rayburn hit a three-pointer and Tyler Hubble added a point, three rebounds, one assist and one steal for the Panthers.

The loss to the Cougars dropped the Panthers' overall season record to 11-7. Knightstown will try to get back on the winning track in conference match ups at home against Shelbyville's Southwestern on Feb. 17 and against Waldron on Feb. 20.

KHS Girls' Season Ends With Loss to Union Co.

Knightstown's girls basketball team were unable to find a way to stop a fourth quarter rally by Union County in the opening round of Sectional 41 last Tuesday night, ending their season earlier than they had hoped.

The two teams both experienced sluggish scoring through the first three quarters. The Lady Patriots were up 9-7 at the end of the first quarter and still held a one-point lead, 18-17, at halftime.

The Lady Panthers outscored UC 10-7 in third quarter to take a 27-25 lead into the final quarter.

But the Lady Patriots caught fire in the fourth quarter, knocking down 23 points while holding Knightstown to just eight points, to win the first round game 48-35.

Brooke Vise led Knightstown with 12 points and Macy Burton had eight points.

Individual player stats for Knightstown were not yet available.

The Lady Panthers finished their season with a record of 14-9.

Union County defeated Eastern Hancock in the semi-final game, 52-41, before going on to lose 24-32 to Hagerstown in the championship game.

Parent Spring Sports Meeting March 4

The Knightstown Athletic Department will hold a meeting for parents of student-athletes in grades 7-12 who plan to play any spring sport.

The mandatory parent meeting is set for Wednesday, Mar. 4, at 7 p.m., in the high school auditorium.

Following the athletic department's meeting, each sport will break off and hold their own meetings with parents.

If you attended the winter sports meeting for parents, you do not need to attend the main parent meeting at 7 p.m.. However, parents are expected to attend the meetings for the individual sport meetings with coaches. Those meetings will start around 7:30 p.m.

Panther Wrestlers Fall at Semi-State

Balin Orcutt was the only Knightstown wrestler to advance out of the first round matches at the semi-state tournament last Saturday in New Castle.

Orcutt won in sudden victory in the first round match in the 170-lb weight class against Indianapolis North Central's Todd Hertenstein. In the quarterfinal match, Orcutt was pinned by Spencer Irick from Hamilton Southeastern.

Orcutt finished the season at 32-9.

Adam Bundy, at 126-lb, fought hard until the end of his first round match, but ultimately lost by decision 13-7 to Indianapolis North Central's Kylan Seats.

Bundy ended the season at 22-11.

Jason Dishman, at 220-lb, was pinned in his first round match by Caleb Martin of Southmont. Dishman posted a season record of 28-12.

Cameron Fender, who finished fifth at regionals, also competed at semi-state following a late dropout in his 138-weight class. Fender was pinned in his first round match by Lawrence North's Tommy Cash.

Fender finished the season at 29-11.

All the Panthers who advanced to the semi-state tournament are juniors and will return next year for another shot at state titles.

Eastern Hancock junior Jared Waterman was the only Royal who advanced to semi-state. He lost by a 9-5 decision in the first round 160-lb match to North Montgomery's Jesse Archer.

Waterman ended his season at 39-5.

Shenandoah's Levi Black, a freshman, and Ryan Surguy, a sophomore, lost their first round matches. Black was defeated by major decision, 9-1, to Zionsville's Azariah Ellis. Surguy also lost by major decision, 11-3, to Lawrence Central's Joey Manns.

Black finished the season at 34-6 and Surguy's season ended at 30-9.

KIS Girls Suffer Losses to Lapel

Knightstown Intermediate School's girls basketball teams both fell to Lapel on the road Monday, Feb. 9.

In the eighth grade game, the Lady Panthers rallied back from a 3-15 halftime deficit but ultimately ran out of time, losing 18-23.

Sidney Vise led the eighth graders with eight points, five rebounds and one assist.

Kaitlyn Jackson had five points, two steals, one rebound and one assist.

Jessica Butler finished with four

points and one rebound.

Maggie Smith added one point, one rebound and one assist.

Knightstown's seventh grade girls also struggled offensively and were unable to stop the young Lady Bulldogs who topped KIS 42-10.

Alexis Howard led the Lady Panthers with five points and four rebounds.

Rena Witham had three points and one steal.

Cara Mullen added three rebounds and one point.

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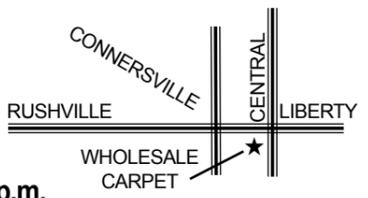
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Employment Opportunity

The Town of Knightstown is seeking applications for the Chief of Police position. Preferred qualifications include: Ind. Law Enforcement Academy graduate, a minimum of 10 years law enforcement experience. Also, the applicant should be in good standing with the IN Law Enforcement Academy, with 16 hours in service yearly. The applicant lives within 10 miles of Knightstown. Applicants should have some budgetary and scheduling experience. Applicants should include 3 personal references and 3 professional references. Current Town employees should also include a letter of intent in the application process. If chosen, the applicant must pass a Drug Screening Test and Criminal Background check. Applications can be picked up at the Knightstown Police Station Office at 24 S. Washington Street, Knightstown, Indiana 46148. Applications will be on file for one year. Applications must be returned to the Police Station no later than 5:00PM Friday, February 27, 2015. (2-25)

Dog and Disc Club Coming Back to KHS This Friday

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.

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8th Grade Girls Rally to Defeat Richmond Test M.S.

Knightstown's seventh and eighth grade girls basketball teams hosted Richmond's Test Middle School on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The eighth grade team struggled in the first quarter, putting just two points on the board. With the score at 2-7, the Lady Panthers picked up their offense in the second quarter and went to the locker rooms at half down just three points, 11-14.

The KIS coaching staff adjusted the defense and fired up the offense at halftime and the Lady Panthers scored 19 points in the second half to defeat Test 30-24. Kaitlyn Jackson led the eighth grade Lady Panthers with ten points, three rebounds and one steal.

Sidney Vise had a big game too with eight points, seven rebounds and three steals.

Jessica Butler finished with six points, five rebounds and two steals.

Kirsten Cavaletto, Elizabeth Moore and Maggie Smith each added two points for KIS.

The seventh grade Lady Panthers also struggled early in their game and were down 4-11 at the end of the first quarter. KIS then went on a run in the second quarter to tighten the game up.

Down just one point to start the second half, the Lady Panthers could never overcome their deficit. After a tough second half battle, Test prevailed over Knightstown's seventh grade, 41-36.

Katie Clark had a huge game for KIS' seventh graders, finishing with 23 points and eight steals.

Rena Witham also posted some big numbers for KIS. She had 11 points, five rebounds and seven steals.

Cara Mullen added two points, two rebounds and two steals.

The KIS girls' next game is at Morristown.

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have the property rezoned to accommodate his plans.

After the plan commission's vote, Johnson asked if he could address the members. He described the 10-month wait he's had to get the approval needed to move forward as "aggravating," and he urged plan commission members to take their responsibilities seriously.

"I just want you folks to realize how important this is for you to have these meetings, and to be on time and for everybody to show up," Johnson said. "Because sometimes when us contractors decide we want to do something, we want to do it right now. You give us a month, we might change our mind."

In fact, Johnson told plan commission members that someone he knew who had wanted to put in an eight-unit apartment complex on

North Madison Street had told him he was scrapping those plans. The reason? Delays in getting the proper approval needed to move forward.

Though Johnson didn't name him, the person to whom he was referring is Joe Peacock, owner of two Knightstown businesses, CFH Enterprises and Jag Metal Solutions. Peacock had also petitioned for zoning changes thought to have been necessary for him to get the needed permit to build the eight-unit apartment complex on the southwest corner of Madison and Warrick streets.

Peacock's request for a zoning change, actually made under the name CFH Enterprises, had gone before the plan commission at the same time that Johnson's had, and he experienced the same problem. The plan commission failed to hold a public hearing before it voted to approve

his request, and then never rescheduled a public hearing after that.

Unlike Johnson, Peacock did not resubmit his request to the plan commission. Speaking to The Banner Monday afternoon, Peacock said he has dropped his plans for the apartment building.

"I'll be honest with you, I gave up on Knightstown," Peacock said. "I'm done messing with this dysfunctional town. ... I went and invested that money in another apartment complex that I built in another county, and I don't know if I ever really have a desire to sink one more thin dime into this town as dysfunctional and unable as they are to do anything."

For now, Peacock said the site where he had planned to put the apartment building, will remain a grass lot. In that undeveloped state, he said the

property taxes paid for it will be much less than they would have been had the apartments gone in.

"I own two other houses (in town) that I'm contemplating tearing down to a grass lot as well," Peacock added. "... By the way, one of my two business has grown to a size that I'm going to have to relocate it into another building - it won't be in Knightstown."

In other action Monday, the plan commission voted 6-0 to recommend that the town council rezone property at 38 W. Grant St., on the south side of town, to permit the petitioner, David Lukens, to manufacture firearms at the site. This matter will now go to the town council for its consideration, with a vote possibly coming at this Thursday's regular monthly town council meeting.

Saturday, March 7 Breakfast Will Help Boy Scouts Buy New, Bigger Gear Trailer

Charlottesville Boy Scout Troop 293, which includes Knightstown scouts, will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, March 7, 8 a.m.-noon. A freewill offering will be accepted. Scouts are raising to purchase a new, larger troop trailer that will enable Scouts to pack all their gear for outings. The breakfast will take place at the Lions Club building, 10165 E. 25 N., Charlottesville.

Rush Co. Site Gets Landmark Status

The East Hill Cemetery in Rush County and the John and Caroline Stonebraker House in Hagerstown are among the eight historic sites and districts in Indiana that recently won landmark status with support from Indiana Landmarks Partners in Preservation National Register Program (PIP). The program provides matching funds that help pay the cost of hiring professionals to complete National Register nominations.

The sites that earned National Register listing include private homes, commercial and residential historic districts, a cemetery, and a vintage gas station and diner.

East Hill Cemetery won listing in the National Register of Historic Places in December 2014. The Rushville cemetery dates from 1859, with funerary art that

includes ornate family mausoleums, a 1935 Art Deco Style public mausoleum, and a limestone Gothic entry arch. The cemetery won landmark status for its diverse architecture and its planned landscape, derived from the "Rural" cemetery movement of the mid-19th century.

The late Victorian John and Caroline Stonebraker House, an outstanding example of Italianate and Eastlake architecture, was constructed around 1875 by a Civil War veteran and his wife. The Stonebraker family altered the house in 1890s when they added the wrap-around porch and rooms at the rear, and again in 1928 with the conversion of a porch to breakfast room and bathrooms. The house retains its elaborate Eastlake porch and richly detailed interior woodwork.

Other PIP-supported properties that won listing in the last six months include:

- Hobart Commercial Historic District (Lake Co.)
- Indiana and Michigan Avenues Historic District (La Porte Co.)
- LaFontaine Historic District (Wabash Co.)
- Oren F. and Adelia Parker House (Jasper Co.)
- Seller's Standard Station and Pullman Diner (Newton Co.)
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