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Rush School Board Votes to Close Mays Elementary; Charter School Imminent

**By Eric Cox
Publisher**

The northern Rush County community of Mays suffered in the latest round of area school closures last week. The Rush County School (RCS) Board voted to close Mays Elementary School at its regular meeting last Tuesday night.

A near-capacity crowd, comprised mostly of Mays supporters, listened as the board ratified its decision. According to Superintendent Matt Vance, the board's choice was made inevitable by declining school enrollment and, ultimately, finances.

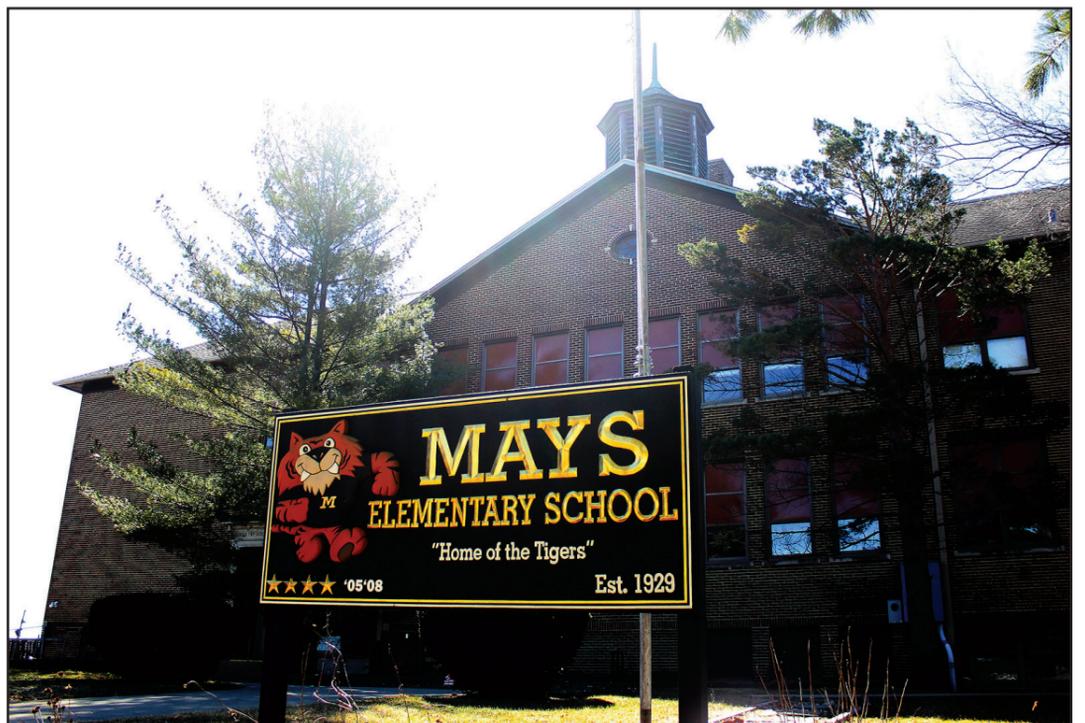
"Our enrollment has gone down over 300 students the last five years," Vance told The Banner. "... That's tied to dollars, and, the bottom line is, it's hard for us to keep operating as we are."

Having built two newer schools in recent years, in Arlington and Milroy, Vance said RCS now has more capacity than is needed for its students.

"It really comes down to that," Vance said. "It has nothing to do with the quality of school. Mays is a great school. All our schools are great schools, in my opinion. ... We just have to change the way we're doing things, and sometimes it has to be drastic to really get a savings, and it's too bad."

"It's been very difficult for us," Vance said of the closure decision. "It's not easy. This is not anything we wanted to do, but it's something we looked at and feel like we have to."

Supporters of Mays Elementary School and Mays residents themselves said they understand the school corpora-



Mays Elementary School has been a top-performing school in Rush County. (Eric Cox photo)

tion's position. But, they nevertheless want to continue having a school in their community. That's why they say they're determined to make that happen by taking the charter school route.

Nansi Custer is heading up the community's effort to establish Mays Community Academy, which she and others hope will continue a tradition of community education that stretches back to the early 20th century, when Center Township first established the school.

"We understand it's a business decision and they can't afford to keep our school open," Custer told The Banner. "It's been a looming threat for a while now and we knew that when it came right

down to it, we'd have two choices: Plan A - convince the school board to keep Mays Elementary open and stay with Rush County Schools; or Plan B - open a community charter school."

Sensing a decision to move forward with closure, Custer and others, including Deanna Disney, Shannon Dawson and Jackie Newkirk, went ahead and started laying the foundation for a charter school. In fact, they hope to have Mays Community Academy up and running in time for classes this fall.

They've chosen Ball State University as their official authorizer and they plan to submit their application and supporting data to the university's charter school

board Thursday or Friday. A decision from that board on whether to grant Mays Community Academy authorization is expected sometime this summer.

Since RCS opted to close the school, and it was originally a functioning township-owned school prior to the 1966 Rush County schools consolidation (part of the Indiana School Consolidation Act of 1959), the school system must first offer ownership back to Center Township. Those negotiations are currently ongoing.

But, Custer and the others expect the township to reacquire the school and most of its contents.

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BZA Approves Variance for 8-unit Apartment Complex

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Plans for construction of an eight-unit apartment building in town are back on track following Monday's meeting of the Knightstown Board of Zoning Appeals.

The BZA's five members voted unanimously that evening to grant two variances to CFH Enterprises, a Knightstown business owned by Joe Peacock. The variances will allow CFH to build the apartments on the southwest corner of

Madison and Warrick streets.

The first variance granted – a “use” variance – allows a multi-family dwelling to be built on the property, which had previously had a single-family home on it. This variance was conditioned on CFH's promises to provide six “overflow” parking spots at its primary place of business for apartment residents, and to construct a solid-wood privacy fence on what will become the rear side of the property.

The second variance granted – a “development standards” variance

– will allow CFH to have a front setback of 15 feet instead of the 45 normally required, and a rear setback of 17 feet instead of the standard 20. While the house that had previously been at this site faced Madison Street, the apartment building will face Warrick, and will include a parking lot on the west side.

CFH had initially tried to get approval from the town last fall. However, confusion over whether the issues needed to be addressed by the BZA or the Knightstown Plan Commission, as well as the failure of those bodies to meet and deal with CFH's request, eventually led Peacock to abandon his plans.

Speaking to The Banner last month, Peacock told The Banner he had decided instead to build apartments in another community. Due to his frustration with what he described as a “dysfunctional town,” he said decided to forgo

building here in Knightstown.

After reading his comments in The Banner, some town officials and private citizens approached Peacock and asked him to reconsider. With both the BZA and plan commission acquiring some new members at the start of the year and town officials pledging to renew their efforts to do a better job handling these types of requests properly and in a timely manner, Peacock decided to give it another try.

Clearly, the majority of the dozen or so people who attended Monday's meeting were happy that Peacock changed his mind, as evidenced by the round of applause that followed the vote approving the second variance. After the meeting, several citizens approached Peacock and thanked him for reversing course.

Peacock told The Banner after Monday's meeting that this project will be handled by a business asso-

ciate of his. While he was unable to provide a specific start date, he said he hoped that work could begin in 60 to 90 days, and expected construction would take 10-12 weeks.

In other business Monday, BZA members voted at the outset of their meeting to select officers for 2015, something town attorney Gregg Morelock told them really should have been done in January. Though both men initially declined nominations, Bruce Brown and Randy Gross were unanimously approved to serve, respectively, as president and vice president through December.

Morelock also provided BZA members with proposed rules and regulations to govern how the board's meetings are conducted. He asked that they review these, with a goal toward possibly voting to adopt them at their next meeting, which has not yet been scheduled.

County Job Classification Committee Meeting March 25

The Henry County Job Classification and Salary Advisory Committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25. The meeting, which is open to the public will be held in the old circuit courtroom on the second floor of the Henry County Courthouse, 101 S. Main St., New Castle.

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Standing Room Only at Last Week's Economic Development Meeting

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

A standing room only crowd of concerned citizens, business owners and local public officials packed the Knightstown Diner last Thursday to hear presentations from two men hoping to impart some practical advice on the topic of economic development.

Corey Murphy, the president and CEO of the New Castle-Henry County Economic Development Corp. and Darrin Jacobs, a former EDC chairman and board member and current Spiceland Town Council president, addressed the crowd of nearly 60 for about 45 minutes. Then, both participated in a question-and-answer session that lasted just over an hour.

Murphy, who went first and

spoke for about 30 minutes, began his remarks by stressing that successful economic development usually requires abandoning a go-it-alone approach. Instead, he said, a focus on regional development is favored, noting that the EDC even

people who invest don't care about county lines," Murphy said, adding that the same rationale applies for communities within Henry County. "... What's good for New Castle is good for Knightstown. What's good for Knightstown is good for New Castle."

For economic development to succeed in Henry County, Murphy said it's important for all those involved to be "generally headed in the right direction." That, he said, requires "effective community leadership" that is willing to embrace measured risks; is action-oriented; leverages the area's strengths;

is open to input; and values contributions from young and old alike.

Communities that survive, according to Murphy, are

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Attendees Enthusiastic

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Last week's economic development meeting in Knightstown, according to attendees and the meeting's organizers, was a successful start to what is hoped will be an ongoing concerted effort to attract more businesses and residents to the community.

Many said they were surprised by the size of the

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sometimes partners with other counties as it tries to lure businesses to Henry County.

"Regional cooperation is critical for success," Murphy said. "The

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Sunshine Week Illuminates Open Government

Sunshine Week is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. Participants include news media,

civic groups, libraries, nonprofits, schools and others interested in the public's right to know.

Sunshine Week seeks to enlighten and empower people to play an

active role in their government at all levels, and to give them access to information that makes their lives better and their communities stronger.

BANNER PERSPECTIVE

by Eric Newton

senior Adviser to the president

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

Each spring for 10 years now, a vast media conspiracy has rolled across the hills and plains of this nation. Journalists of every stripe – cartoonists to commentators to hard news reporters – have been in on it. And not just journalists, but politicians, educators and librarians, as well as members of nonprofits and civic groups.

What's the conspiracy? It's called Sunshine Week, and it is built around the birthday of James Madison, the father of the Bill of Rights. This year, the week is March 15-21.

The agenda: to brazenly promote your right to know. Open government, we argue, only works when public information flows freely. As Madison himself explained nearly two centuries ago: "Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

Grants from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, where I work, launched and have helped sustain Sunshine Week. At the start, in a speech to roughly 100 open government advocates, I said the foundation could support them only if they could find a way to work together. They did.

After a decade, can we say that Sunshine Week is working? Yes. And no. Search Google and you'll see hits tripling over the years. That's the work of the American Society of News Editors. Millions of people read stories about open government. New openness laws pass. Cities, states and the feds issue proclamations. This year's California bill officially recognizes Sunshine Week as "a celebration of the public's commitment to openness and an exploration of what open government means in a technology-enhanced future."

Experts like Rick Blum of the Sunshine in Government Initiative testify about how freedom of information saves lives, of how it tells us, for example, when our Marines have been issued body armor with life-threatening flaws. Today, says Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, we have more access than ever to official information about topics like intelligence spending and the size of the U.S. nuclear arsenal. Overall, access seems much better than in the day after the 9-11 attacks, when public documents vanished from Web sites like so many fireflies blinking out.

Unfortunately, examples also abound of closed government, of public information held hostage. This week, major news organizations are reporting that too many government agencies are trying to block the public's access to its own information by charging exorbitant fees. Or turning our information over to businesses that are not transparent. Or muddying up freedom with restrictions that display an ignorance of what freedom really means.

Secrecy is a bipartisan proposition. Hillary Clinton's hidden e-mails? George W. Bush did the same kind of thing. All over Washington, documents are stamped "classified" for no good reason. Governments big and small are affected. Virginia, by not paying attention to just one of its own data files (according to Waldo Jaquith of U.S. Open Data), was leaving millions of dollars in revenue uncollected. In Maryland, Fredrick County councilman Kirby Delauter went so far as to threaten to sue if his name was printed in the newspaper.

So the battle continues. Always there have been those who would hide the truth and seek personal advantage in the darkness. We can't stop fighting for sunshine because they won't stop fighting against it.

In the end, the American experiment will fail unless the people who run this country - us - know nearly as much as the people who work for us — our employees, the government.

But is sunshine by itself enough? Madison said, we must "arm ourselves with knowledge." We can't just know that our government disregards its own Freedom of Information laws. We have to do something about it.

This year, during Sunshine Week, consider joining us at sunshine events in your community or online. Yours are the laws being broken. Yours is the information being stolen. Yours are the truths being bludgeoned. In the long run, your participation is the only thing that really matters. If you see public information go into hiding, complain, complain, complain.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As members of a diverse coalition working to expand the ability and opportunity for all ratepayers to generate their own power using distributed energy, like rooftop solar and small-scale wind energy in Indiana, we applaud House Speaker Brian Bosma's decision to pull House Bill 1320 from consideration during this 2015 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

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The Intersection of Luck and Love

Some couples say, "We've never had a cross word during our marriage." Those saintly people must live in an ivory tower far above us lesser mortals. Either that, or they don't have long memories! Appearances may be to the contrary, but Bill and I haven't always been sweet tempered during over 50 years together.

One of our worst times was when Bill decided to move a big cedar wardrobe down from the attic where our predecessors had left it and make a backyard playhouse for Vicki. "We'll never get this thing down these narrow stairs." "Oh yes we can!" "It's too heavy." "Don't let it slip!" "I can't hold it much longer." "Don't you dare let go!" "You're killing my hand!" (He always scrapes my hands against things.)

After pushing and pulling for 15 minutes, we managed to wrestle it to the bottom of the stairs where it became wedged like a cork in a bottle. I said from my position up the stairway, "Now what are you going to do?" He said peevishly, "I don't know what I'm going to do." I snarled, "I don't have time to be stuck in this attic all day." Later: "You have to do something soon because I need to use the bathroom." (This has been the norm during our most difficult times.)

Eventually he had to saw it in two in order to get it through the

attic doorway. He was so angry with me that he wouldn't even let me help him carry it out to the yard. He said coldly, "Obviously, you do not wish to help me." When he learned that I was writing about our experiences, he said, "You are going to include the wardrobe story, aren't you?" He isn't angry anymore, but I'm not so sure about me!

Ramblings

By
Rose Mary

Rose Mary Clarke

After 18 years, it was time to sell the dear old place. Bill was tired of constant work and \$400 gas bills caused by the huge antique boiler. (When I became a Realtor I was amazed by the modern boilers that are no larger than a card table.) Even so, it had been a happy house.

We worked like dogs to prepare it for sale, freshening the décor, cleaning, polishing, scrubbing, vacuuming, laundering and ironing the curtains and straightening cupboards and closets. I even painted

the basement stairs red and nailed black treads on them. At last, all was ready: gleaming silver, glowing paste-waxed furniture, shining windows and woodwork, crisp curtains and immaculate cleanliness, a freshly manicured lawn. All was perfection--well, almost perfection ...

Three days before the house was to be shown for the first time, I saw Bill looking at the hardwood floor between the oriental rug in the dining room and the entrance to the kitchen. He said, "You know, this traffic area really should be sanded and refinished." I said, as I've said often during our marriage, "It's good enough."

After attending a meeting downtown the next day, I got off the bus and was walking home on Ritter Ave. Bill pulled up beside me and yelled out the window, "Don't go in the dining room." Heart pounding as I stomped home, I knew - oh, yes, I knew - exactly what had happened.

Mr. Perfectionist had sneaked out and rented a sander while I was gone. The minute he turned it on, sawdust was blown onto all the gleaming silver, shining windows and mirrors, glowing furniture and woodwork, draperies, floors, carpets, and bathroom fixtures and even seeped into the china closet. He figured that once he started, he

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◆**St. Rose Catholic Church** and all Catholic churches in the Indianapolis archdiocese are participating in "The Light Is on for You." On March 18, the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, through individual confession, will be available from 6:30-8 p.m. at all Catholic churches, including St. Rose.

◆The Shirley Historical Society is compiling a history of **Dr. Ralph Wilson**, which will be placed in the Shirley museum. Those who have specific memories of Wilson, whether serious, funny or precious, may share them with members of the historical society.

◆Knightstown American Legion Post 152 Auxiliary will host a **fried chicken dinner** on Sunday, March 22, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner rolls, dessert and drinks. The event is open to the public. A freewill offering will be accepted.

◆Knightstown Christian Church, 138 W. Main St., will host four **free concerts** featuring The Vintage Gospel Lads on Friday, April 10, Saturday, April 11, and Sunday, April 12. The gospel concerts are part of the church's revival weekend. The public is invited. For more information, call 345-2854 or e-mail hisfamily1@yahoo.com.

◆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.

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◆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.

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Librarian Shelli Wilson Combines Love of Teaching with Love of Books in Carthage

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

"I have worked at the library 10 years this spring," said Shelli Wilson, a Carthage native and Henry Henley Public Library's librarian. "At the time I was working as kindergarten teacher in Knightstown and Carthage and also the librarian in Spiceland, but making that drive every day was taking up a lot of time I just didn't feel like I could give and still give a hundred percent to my students."

The previous librarian, Denise Akers, had wanted to retire from the job. Wilson spent time under her tutelage, the two working together for about a year. When the time came for Akers to quit, Wilson became the full-time librarian.

"Carthage has always been library minded," said Wilson, citing Henry Henley Public Library's history.

According to her, the library's origin began in 1883 when a catalog of 177 books was published. Any Carthage resident could borrow a book by paying one dollar per year. There were 36 members at the time.

"Henry Henley wanted Carthage to have a free public library," she said. "According to state laws at that time, this could occur with twenty stockholders. Therefore, twenty people gave five dollars each and received a certificate to become a stockholder in the library."

Another requirement of the time stated that \$1,000 must be spent on books. Henley provided the thousand dollars for the books, as well as for bookcases and furniture for the building. Because of this, it was voted that the library be called the Henry Henley Library Association in honor of Henley.

"At this time, the library was housed in a room above the bank," said Wilson. "As time passed more books were added by purchase and gifts until in 1901 it was decided to build the present brick building on Main Street. The current building was completed in 1902."

Wilson describes the upstairs of the current building as the main library hub that houses their collection of books, DVDs, and a few audio books. The building is also wi-fi enabled, allowing patrons to bring their own laptops, tablets, etc. into the library. There are two rooms down-

stairs used for meetings. One can also be used for crafting or more hands-on projects. The building also has a kitchen.

"We have a collection of historical materials from the Rush county area as well as many old newspapers that are available for your pleasure," Wilson added.

As for her other job, teaching has been something Wilson's known since she was very young. Her mother and uncle were teachers, so becoming one herself seemed a logical conclusion to her. She quickly grew to love the many aspects of the job, but the children she teaches are what she enjoys most of all.

"When a child enters my room at the beginning of the year, he is my child. I get to share him with his parents and he becomes like my own," she said. "I celebrate his successes and I am saddened at his failures."

Whether as a teacher or a student, Wilson believes that we are all continuing to learn and develop throughout our lives. She herself even takes pride in learning more.

"Teaching encourages me to continue to grow as a teacher and as a person," said Wilson. "I also love when the kids come into the classroom every morning and they are ready to learn, they have a big smile on their faces and they genuinely want to be there. It doesn't always happen, but in kindergarten they want to be there more days than not."

She explains how her two occupations, as a librarian and a teacher, strike a nice balance with each other.

"What I like about the library and the way in which both jobs go well together is when I am done at the school, I can go to the library and I can slow down. Things move at a much quieter pace and it is a more relaxing atmosphere," Wilson said. "Plus I get to be in a great old building with that wonderful old book smell. That makes my heart happy. We have a little over ten thousand books and I would love to have more people come in and see our library, check out some books and see what a great little library we have."

Prior to working at Charles A Beard and Henry Henley Public Library, Wilson taught at

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

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

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

Thurs., Mar. 19 - Henry Co. Planning Commission, technical review meeting, 8 a.m., Old Circuit Court Room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

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

Mon., Mar. 23 - Henry County Fire Chiefs meeting, 7 p.m., Henry County Office Building meeting room

Tues., Mar. 24 - Hancock

Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

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

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

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

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

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

Thurs., Mar. 26 - Henry Co. Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m., Old Circuit Court Room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Rose Mary, from Page 4 — might as well finish.

I contemplated divorce or murder, but love and Bill's apology prevailed. Marcel Proust wrote about the power of long-past memories. Swept up in a Proustian moment, I find myself vividly reliving it all. I must stop writing this. Surely, it is not good for me.

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FOLKWAYS

Dinwiddie DAR Chapter Meets at K-town Legion

Eight members of the Major Hugh Dinwiddie Chapter of the Knightstown Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met at noon on March 7 at Knightstown American Legion Post 152.

The group had a social time and a delicious meal before the meeting. The hostesses were Betty Foster and Denise Akers. Foster gave a report on a book written by Madeleine Albright with Bob Woodward, called *Prague Winter*. The story is about Albright and her family's time before coming to America and how they came here at the beginning of World War II to become American citizens.

Ellis Island Immigration Station celebrates 125 years of service this year. It was opened by the government on April 18, 1890. This is where Albright came to be in the United States.

Dianne Taylor, with the assistance of Linda Ashwill, opened the meeting in ritualistic form. The President General's Message was shared. The group was reminded that this is women's health month.

Sherry Rigney gave a report on the National Defender. Her subjects were homeless veterans, black history and the American Civics Act. She offered phone numbers and websites to be shared with the homeless veterans. These are Department of Veterans Affairs at 877-424-3838, www.va.gov/homeless, and www.nchv.org (National Coalition of Homeless Vets).

Vikkie Witham gave a report on the essay winners. There were 11 participants.

A cemetery dedication ceremony is being planned for two past members, Mary Ellen Ward and Sally (Ward) McColley. They are both buried in Lewisville Cemetery. Taylor will call or e-mail when things are finalized.

"Get well" cards will be sent to Mary Ann Sitler, Carolyn Engleking and Dewey Wyatt, Amelia Wyatt's husband.

Members were reminded to bring soup labels, ink cartridges and Box Tops for Education coupons. These will be mailed out to schools after the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Friday, April 10, at 1:30 p.m. at the Knightstown United Methodist Church. This meeting will feature Good Citizen awards and essay winners. Wyatt will be hostess.

The meeting was adjourned with the motion by Rhonda Brown and seconded by Witham.

Thompson Hosts Homemakers Club

Four members of the Town and Country Homemakers Club met Feb. 17 at the home of Sonnie Thompson.

After members recited the pledge to the flag and the Homemaker's Creed, Thompson presented a devotional on enjoying life, taken from the book *Chicken Soup for the Soul*.

Secretary's and treasurer's reports were presented and approved.

Kathryn Waits' Health and Safety Report advised caution in the detox and cleansing promoted by some as a way to give the digestive system a break. There is no scientific evidence in support of this theory. The body is very efficient in cleansing itself, and any weight loss experienced during a cleanse is temporary water loss.

Sandra Van Hoy gave a review of the article "Unmasking the Myths behind Lady Liberty" from *USA Today*. French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholde was the driving force behind the building of the statue.

The statue was not really a gift from the French government – the money actually came from a variety of sources, including Bartholde himself. The statue was originally not designed for New York – rather for the mouth of the Suez Canal. After Egypt rejected his plan, Bartholde shifted his focus to the United States. Although several theories exist about the facial model for the statue, no one really knows the truth. The famous motto inscribed on the pedestal was actually added in 1903 and went largely unnoticed until 1916 when a Slovenian journalist brought it to public attention. The statue remains as a valued symbol welcoming newcomers to American shores.

During the business meeting, members were reminded of upcoming events, including Feb. 26 - Affairs of the Heart; Mar. 10 - Spring District Meeting; and May 5 - Spring Tea.

Thompson raised the question of whether or not to hold meetings in January and February. It was moved and seconded that, going

forward, no meetings will be held in these months. Motion carried.

Thompson then presented a lesson on X-ray radiation doses contained in commonly recommended x-rays. Dental bite wings are recommended once every 24-36 months. Full mouth will depend on dental history, but some people can go as long as 10 years.

Radiation exposure from full mouth X-rays are comparable to natural sources, such as radon. Exposure from mammograms is comparable to radiation, from seven weeks of sunshine. Spinal compares to six months of sunshine. Ultrasounds and MRI have no radiation exposure. People should always ask why the procedure is needed and ask for the lowest effective dose. Avoid repeat scans unless absolutely necessary.

At the close of the business meeting, delicious refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed. Those attending the meeting were Thompson, Van Hoy, Waits and Norma Reece.

Heim Leads Carthage Literary Circle Discussion

The Carthage Literary Circle met at the Henry Henley Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on March 9 with Kim Heim as the subject leader.

Heim presented the program on *The Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks. The story was based, in part, on actual people and a Civil War battle in 1864 near Franklin, Tenn. A slide show was given showing pic-

tures of the actual people, locations and the plantation home mentioned in the book.

Those attending were Marlin and Mardell Wilson, Kim Heim, Tom Mercer and Mark Rozzell. The next meeting will be on April 13 at the Henry Henley Public Library with Claire Mercer as subject leader. The meetings are open to the public.

Local Sorority Hosts HYCA Director

Bethany Williams, director of the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy (HYCA), was a guest at the March 5 meeting of the Gamma Eta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi. Williams discussed the goals of the academy and the dire need for tutors.

The academy is designed to offer its students a variety of educational opportunities, as well as the necessary life skills to be successful citizens. Students age 16-18 who need a second chance in life may voluntarily enroll at HYCA, whose objective is to empower youths to embrace responsibility, achievement and positive behavior.

The academy hosts over 80 cadets and only three teachers. Many of the cadets are significantly below grade level, with many still working at the elementary level. Tutoring is needed between 4:30-5:30 p.m. any weekday. For more information call Williams at 765-345-1013 or e-mail to Bethany.Williams@hoosier youth.org

Sorority committee reports were given on fund raising projects and scholarship opportunities. The Thirty-One raffle tickets are available from members, or by calling Vickie at 765-345-5413. Each \$10 ticket entitles the holder to 31 chances to win a bag or tote. One winner will be drawn every day in May and the name posted daily on Facebook and contacted by phone.

The Isabelle Sigler Memorial Scholarship applications are available at the guidance office or online for Knightstown students. They are due March 16. The Psi Iota Xi General Arts Scholarship applications available at Knightstown and Eastern Hancock and online, are due by April 15.

The arts scholarship is open to

students who have achieved outstanding excellence in one or more of the following areas: art, music, English/literature, foreign language, or speech/drama/ theater. Applicants must have an intended major in one of the above mentioned areas or in speech and hearing.

The Wanda Smith Award winner will be selected by a panel of school and sorority members. This award is given to a senior female athlete who has provided the greatest contribution to girl's athletics during high school.

The first reading of eight prospective new Psi Iota Xi member nomination forms was com-

pleted. The chapter is in the process of reviewing a draft sorority brochure to aid in recruitment and general community education.

The chapter slate of officers for 2015-16 was presented: President, Michele McGill; Vice President, Linda Lashbrook; Recording Secretary, Gabi Harper; Corresponding Secretary, Lee Vaughan; Conductress, Darlene Livingston; Advisor, Vickie Rhodes.

The Senior Girls Brunch for Knightstown will be held on April 26, in collaboration with Tri Kappa. This annual event offers

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Blue River Comm. Harvest's Annual 'Harvest Helpings' Fundraiser Features Popular Motivational Speaker

Blue River Community Harvest, Inc., the food and clothing pantry serving Rush County, southern Henry County, and the surrounding area, invites the public to its annual fundraiser, Harvest Helpings, Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the Knightstown High School gymnasium.

"Feed and Be Fed: An Evening With Clayton Jennings" will be the sole event at the fundraiser.

Jennings is a popular motivational speaker.

There will be no silent auction or banquet. "People of all ages are invited to feed the hungry with their donations and be fed by the words of Clayton Jennings," a press release said.

The price of admission is a ticket and one can of food (peanut butter, veggies, fruit, meat, fish, etc.)

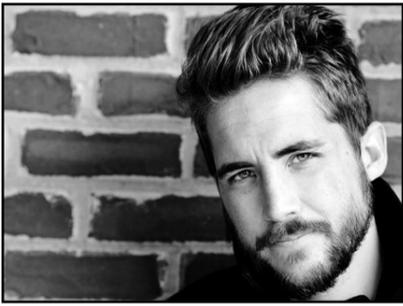
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an opportunity to acquaint girls with the sororities while enjoying a nice meal and fellowship with members from each of the sororities assigned to meet and greet at each table.

A \$200 donation was approved for HEAR Indiana to support a campership. Campers 6-18 with hearing impairments who utilize a hearing aid or cochlear implant share a unique opportunity to form social connections with and receive support from others who have sim-

ilar life circumstances. One hundred coloring books, titled "We've Got Something to Talk About" and "Let's Swing into Good Communication" are being donated to students at the kindergarten roundup at KES with extras going to the Speech and Hearing teacher. The books raise awareness about communication disorders and promote treatment that can improve the quality of life for those who experience problems with speaking, understanding or hearing.

or a non-perishable item (pasta, toilet paper, diapers, laundry soap, etc.), per person. There will be a freewill offering opportunity for those who feel led to help BRCH with finances for rent, utilities, equipment, and heat. All food donations will go to feed the clients in the BRCH service area. All monetary donations will go toward rent, utilities and equipment.



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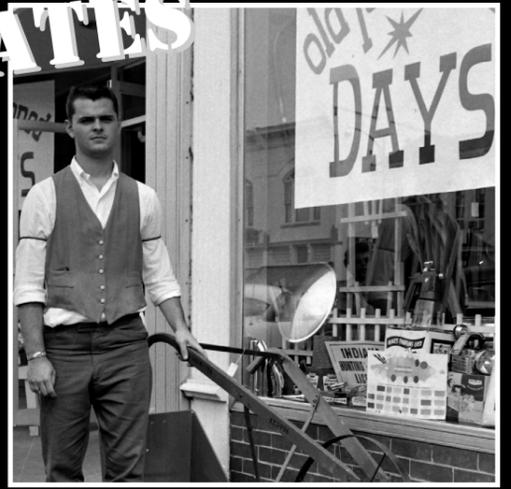
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A Look Back



Likely taken sometime in the early 1970s, this photo shows a group of what appear to be students. Each of them are holding a rose. This may be the Hoosier Gym stage.



Mary Wyatt Roland of Greenfield stopped in at The Banner after seeing last week's Old Fashioned Days photos. Roland said the photo (left) shows (l-r) her mother, Norma Fields, Roland, her sister, Bernice Cooper, and her other sister, Maxine Fields. The photo was taken in front of Totten Teen Shop. Cary Ellis Sr., was identified first on Facebook by the late Ellis's daughter, Dawnuell Herron, as well as Roland, who explained that the photo was taken in front of Western Auto on Main Street, where Ellis worked.

Hospital Says Active Patients Can Live Longer

People can live longer, healthier lives, says the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Active patients participate as partners in their health care with their doctors and other health care providers.

Henry County Hospital recently was recognized as one of only 20 Indiana hospitals to receive an "A" score for Fall 2014 from the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Score program. Out of 2,520 hospitals surveyed nationwide only 790 received an "A" score. The Hospital Safety Score represents how well a hospital keeps patients safe from infections, injuries and medical and medication errors. This rating emphasizes Henry County Hospital's culture of patient safety and commitment to helping all patients to be active patients.

To help promote the benefits of being an active patient, Henry County Hospital's Patient Safety Coordinator, Stephanie Garrett, RN, offers the following advice in recognition of National Patient Safety Awareness Week.

Be Informed

Bring a list of any medicines to which you are allergic and a list of all prescribed and over-the-counter drugs, herbs and supplements you take and note your dosages.

Many different staff members come into contact with you during your healthcare experience. For your safety you may be asked to provide your name, date of birth and/or a list of your allergies multiple times throughout your visit.

- Other things to know about your medications:
- *What the medication is supposed to do.
 - *How often you should take it.
 - *Any medicines, foods or beverages to avoid when taking it.
 - *Possible side effects.
 - *What you should do if you forget a dose.
 - *Keep a health diary.

Be Responsible

- *Schedule and keep appropriate medical appointments.
- *Answer your health care provider's questions

completely and truthfully.

- *Share your fears and concerns about your condition.

*Follow your provider's instructions. Take any medicine prescribed, as scheduled, and follow any other physical and dietary regimens he or she recommends. If you feel worse or you don't believe the treatment is working, call your provider immediately.

*Listen closely. Take notes during your visit if you think you may forget part of your treatment regimen.

*Be ready to answer specific questions.
*Make positive lifestyle changes to reinforce your medical treatment. Stop smoking, limit your alcohol intake, improve your diet, get enough rest and exercise regularly.

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founding board of directors, Custer said she and her group are well on their way to opening a new chapter in Mays history - one that revisits another era, when schools were truly owned and operated by the communities they served.

After all, losing the school outright wasn't something parents like Newkirk expected. A mother to her own two children, as well as two stepchildren, Newkirk said the board's closure decision was devastating to her family. She moved here from northern Indiana when her husband, a Mays native, bought a house there.

"My husband insisted that our kids go to Mays Elementary School," the kind-faced and smiling Newkirk said. "I didn't see what the big deal was. I had my own schools where I grew up, but I didn't have strong feelings or an attachment to them.

"But, after we'd been here awhile I started to understand," she said. "I'd pick my kids up at school, and one would run and hug this teacher or that teacher, maybe hug the principal or even a janitor. I was a little concerned at first, wondering who these people were and why my kids would run to hug them. But, after a while I realized what a close family the entire school is.

"That's why I'm helping with this - to make sure we keep a local school with the same level of education. It has a very small-town feel, I think, because it's sheltered from the big towns. The kids aren't exposed to a lot of the more adult things found in town. Kids pick up on things so much faster than they used to. It's a good thing to be sheltered a little bit."

Dawson echoed many of Newkirk's sentiments, but added her own perspective. She doesn't have kids at Mays Elementary anymore, but she said that school was a primary reason she and her late husband, Rick, bought their home west of Mays.

"It already had a reputation for excellence in education," she said. "It had strong community support. We didn't even have kids yet, but that school was one of the main reasons we bought the house that we did."

Mays Elementary School is one thing, but

Dawson has also thrown her support behind the imminent Mays Community Academy. One of her kids already attends a charter school in Indianapolis, but to Dawson, this cause represented something more.

"I have kind of a two-fold reason for supporting the academy," she said. "One half of that is parents should be the first advocate

their children. They want 100 percent third grade I-Read scores."

One of the major complaints some public school educators have about charter schools is that they force a kind of competition for students and state education dollars. Some say students shouldn't be competed for or bargained against, and that charter schools

Waiting around isn't something Custer is used to. A full-time employee of Custer Electric and Raleigh Fire Dept. volunteer fire fighter, she's been beating the bushes to find students and teachers for the new school.

Funding, so far, hasn't been a problem. Hundreds of supporters attended a fundraiser in February. That allowed the academy's ad hoc founding committee to seek out and hire charter school consultants and an attorney to help with required state filings, the charter school application and a host of other paperwork.

Custer said she and her committee plan to have a roster of Mays Community Academy teachers who are all state-licensed. Moreover, the academy will feature place-based education.

On the Mays Community Academy Facebook page, which is where the bulk of the committee's efforts are detailed, Custer described place-based education as "the process of using the local community and environment as a starting point to teach concepts in language arts, mathematics, social studies, science and other subjects across the curriculum. Emphasizing hands-on, real-world learning experiences, this approach to education increases academic achievement, helps students develop stronger ties

to their community, enhances students' appreciation for the natural world, and creates a heightened commitment to serving as active, contributing citizens. Community vitality and environmental quality are improved through the active engagement of local citizens, community organizations, and environmental resources in the life of the school."

Transportation will be up to parents, she said. And while many of the imminent academy's details are still being ironed out, Custer said interested parents shouldn't hesitate to ask if they want more information about the charter school. That can be found on Facebook, or the committee's website, www.mayscommunityacademy.com.

The Banner will update this story next week.



for their children's education. And I believe that 100 percent. That's why one of my children is in a charter school now.

"Secondly, it's because I believe a community needs a community school. ... I just don't think anybody who is advocating for the education of the children in their community should experience the kind of negative push-back when all they're trying to do is something positive for that community.

Dawson said the Mays community has been rallying around the school for decades, whether community members went to school there or not. "It's hard to find that kind of community involvement," she explained. "I also think that the standard of education that this community - not just the teachers, but the community - expects and is committed to is something that a lot of families want for

foster an unhealthy trend.

Dawson said she's a big believer in school choice, and that parents have an absolute right to decide where their children will be educated. She said Rush County High School wouldn't be a good fit for her teenage son. "I'm not laying that blame on the high school," she noted. "But, it's my job to make sure he is in the proper learning environment for him.

Dawson, who has a job in education journalism, said she's not an advocate of competing for students. But, she said, so many smaller, rural schools are too expensive to keep open. "School years fly by in a heartbeat," said Dawson. "Parents have to do what's right first. If you wait around to make decisions like this, your kids are already in middle school."



Symbols of old traditions surround Mays Elementary School. Community members hope to keep Mays's educational tradition alive, in spite of Rush County Schools' recent decision to close the learning facility.



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Development, from Page 3

profit-driven and deadline-driven. He also said they tend to be competitive, comprehensive and, to an extent, risk averse.

One key ingredient Murphy said could help attract new businesses to Henry County is a skilled workforce. To that end, he said the county is currently working toward becoming a Certified Work Ready community, which would encourage job seekers to obtain the National Career Readiness Certificate and for prospective employers to recognize that certification.

One of the slides in the PowerPoint presentation that accompanied Murphy's remarks

listed the following 10 factors that influence site selection for businesses: highway accessibility; occupancy/construction costs; available land; available buildings; availability of skilled labor; labor costs; whether a state is a "Right to Work" state; proximity to major markets; energy availability/costs; and corporate tax rate. The same slide also listed four quality of life factors that can play a role in these decisions: low crime rate; ratings of public schools; health care facilities/services; and housing.

While Murphy said attracting new businesses is the "sexy part of economic development" that "gets people excited," he noted that actu-

ally only comprises about a fourth of all economic development. The larger part, he said - what he called the "cornerstone of economic development" - is the retention and expansion of existing businesses, which he said is responsible for 80-90 percent of new jobs and new capital investment.

Murphy briefly touched on some of the services available through the EDC to help local businesses. For example, he said a revolving loan fund that has about \$120,000 available can provide seed money to businesses that may, for any number of reasons, find a traditional bank loan is not an option for them.

"We would love to (lend) revolving loan funds here in Knightstown," Murphy said. Later, during the Q-and-A portion of the meeting, he gave half a dozen specific examples of loans - most of which carry a 6-percent interest rate - that the EDC has made from this revolving fund.

Turning his attention to Knightstown specifically, Murphy said he saw the community's strengths as its "amazing, authentic small town charm;" its location along U.S. 40; its proximity to Indianapolis; and its basketball heritage, highlighted by the role the town's Hoosier Gym played in the filming of the movie *Hoosiers*.

"Leverage it," Murphy said of the Hoosier Gym and its connection to what is often cited as the top sports film of all time. "It's a wonderful community asset."

Murphy said he thinks Knightstown should develop an economic development strategy that focuses on tourism, tries to attract small to mid-sized businesses, and offers a "highly livable community." He urged officials, residents and businesses "to be friendly (and) welcoming," and, when evaluating things like signage, to "think like you've never been here before."

One thing Knightstown needs immediately, Murphy said, is a "robust" website that will provide information online about the town and its attractions. While town officials have hired a consultant to help with this task, Murphy said the current lack of a website is noticeable.

"I can't find you on the Web," Murphy said at one point. He also **See Development, Page 13**



New Castle-Henry County Economic Development Corp. President and CEO Corey Murphy encourages Knightstown residents to play to the town's natural strengths Thursday night. (Eric Cox photo)



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Attendees, from Page 3

turnout for the meeting, which was sponsored by The Banner and held at the Knightstown Diner. While meeting organizers didn't have an exact count on attendees, the standing-room-only crowd appeared to number about 60.

"I was stunned by the turnout and gratified," said Knightstown resident Alice Hartman. "... The information is what we needed, but it always came back to the fact that now the town - or the citizens - have to act. We have to decide how we're going to respond to some of the things we were told are available or possible."

Mark Haase, president of Knightstown Elevator Inc., who worked with Eric Cox, owner and publisher of The Banner, to organize the event, said he was also pleased with the turnout.

"The large crowd of attendees certainly suggests there is interest to enhance our community, and it is a positive step forward."

Cox said he felt the same. "I was very encouraged by the attendance at last week's meeting," Cox said. "There's an old saying that you have to strike while the iron's hot. With the new leadership in local government, I feel like Knightstown's iron is as hot as it's been in 20 years."

"I think not only the attendance, but the enthusiasm during and after the meeting speak to that very well," Cox continued. "People know the town has to progress, and I think they're ready to get started."

Gary Thoe, president MidCountry Media Inc., a local employer of about 80 people, said he thought last week's meeting was a good start. While he said Murphy and Jacobs provided plenty of valuable information, he said it will be up to town officials and town residents to make things happen.

"We're our own town, and we want to be our own town," Thoe said. "We want to have our own utilities. We don't want to be number 15 on the list of different places in the county that have to have things taken care of."

Thoe said he believes it is essential that the town expand its tax base through annexation and regularly evaluate its utility rates to make sure they're where they need to be to maintain the town's infrastructure.

"You either have to grow, or you die," Thoe said. "If you want to grow, you've got to have somebody that puts together a plan ... and says, 'It's going to require money and this is how we're going to fund it.' It can't just always be grants. It's going to have to be increases in (utility rates). ... There's going to have to maybe be annexation. ... If you're going to grow, you've got to make decisions."

Another local businessman, Joe Peacock, owner of CFH Enterprises, said he thought last week's meeting was "a very good forum" and "definitely not a waste of (his) time." While he said the information provided by Murphy and Jacobs was "very informative," he added that he believes "it's going to take a lot more."

Peacock said last week was not the first time he had heard Murphy give a presentation. He said he is very impressed with the EDC president and CEO and believes "he can do great things" for the Knightstown community.

"I think it's very impressive how he's gotten some folks in some communities to really rally around him, and he's not bringing them hair-brained ideas. He's bringing good, viable economic development opportunities. ... His heart's in the right place - he wants to do the right things. ... I wish more people would get behind him and take some of his advice, and, quite honestly, do what he says. It would make a big difference."

"If they could rally behind him," Peacock continued, "I think in three to five years you could see some really, really good progress."

Like the others, Knightstown resident Shirley Richardson also said she thought it was a good meeting that provided plenty of important information.

"I just hope somebody follows through on it," Richardson said. "... I'm sure there needs to be another meeting for more in-depth things. It probably stirred up some stuff, I hope. I hope somebody gets in there and starts doing something."

Librarian, from Page 6

Noah's Ark Preschool for two years.

She graduated from Knightstown High School, as well as Ball State University afterward.

"My family was from here. I was raised here, and I have raised my family here," she said of Carthage.

Wilson has been married to Israel Wilson for almost 29 years. They have a son, daughter in law and granddaughter in Minneapolis, a daughter who lives in Indianapolis and a son and daughter who are still attending KHS.

The Henry Henley Public Library plans to host a fundraiser dinner in November to raise money for expenses, as was done last year. The people at the library are also looking into spring-time activities, though nothing has been finalized yet.

Letters, from Page 4

The cost of distributed generation, most notably rooftop solar continues to decline while the efficiency of the technologies continues to improve. The changing economic and technological advances are leading to significant increases in the deployment of customer-owned distributed generation across the country as more and more consumers, big and small, now have increasing flexibility to choose how to spend their energy dollars.

Understandably, this shift in the energy paradigm is creating concerns and even fear among some regarding the reliability and security of the grid, the affordability of electric service for all consumers, and the impact these changes may have on the financial stability of Indiana's electric utilities.

The Indiana Energy Association (IEA), which represents the monopoly utilities in Indiana, says it supports policies such as solar leasing to make home renewable generation more affordable and that it wants to "ensure the viability and growth of clean energy options — including customer-owned solar and wind systems."

We could not agree with the IEA more. We believe we must begin an extended dialogue to address the concerns of all interested stakeholders regarding what the utility of the future may look like and the ways in which Indiana can begin to adapt to and moreover, embrace these economic changes and technological advances to the benefit of all Hoosiers.

As we move forward with this conversation, let's discuss policies

that would expand access to clean energy such as community-owned solar and wind power, while protecting consumers, fostering free market entrepreneurial businesses, and ensuring a safe and reliable electric grid. Let's consider the benefits to public health and the quality of our environment that accompanies the diversification our energy portfolio by adding more emission-free, renewable resources.

Let's discuss the job opportunities and economic benefits of solar and wind technology, and keeping Indiana's best and brightest young minds here working on clean energy projects. Lastly, let's recognize the complexity inherent in equitable utility ratemaking and long-term energy planning and ensure that the experts at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor are at the table during an open and transparent process.

We extend our collective "thanks" to Speaker Bosma for doing the right thing and having the courage to stand up to the influence of the IEA and recognize that HB1320 was not ready for prime time.

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Knightstown High School Drama Dept.

Presents Annual Spring Play

'You Can't Take It With You!'



Photos by Eric Cox



Norman Trot (right) plays Donald to Kaylin Kieninger's Penelope Sycamore in Saturday's production of "You Can't Take It With You."



Derek Heim, Kyleigh Mitchell, Kaylin Kieninger and Kaitlynn David play their respective roles in the weekend play.

Derek Heim (seated) portrays family patriarch Martin Vanderhof as Morgan Roberts (left) plays the role of Essie Carmichael to Caroline Horth's (right) Alice in the KHS Drama Dept.'s production of the famous Broadway comedy "You Can't Take It With You" last Friday and Saturday in the KHS auditorium.



Cast members (l-r) include Derek Heim (Martin Vanderhof), Kyleigh Mitchell (Paul Sycamore), Bayleigh Peacock (Ms. DePinna), Morgan Roberts (Essie Carmichael), Jon Lukens (Tony Kirby) and Kaylin Kieninger (Penelope Sycamore). Other cast members included Eva Hatcher, Ethan Roberts, Kelton Magee, Leah Heim, Noah Wilson, Annie Moore, Caitlin Smith, Madison Deffinger, Kaitlynn Davis and Cora Nolen.



Morgan Roberts (Essie Carmichael) shares dialogue with her on-stage husband, Kelton Magee (Ed Carmichael).



Spiceland Town Council President Darrin Jacobs explains his community's progress. (Eric Cox photo)

stressed that the town's Internet presence needs to be kept up-to-date, be properly promoted and be easily accessible by smartphones and other portable devices.

"If they can't find you on their smartphones ... then they keep on going," Murphy said.

Murphy also stressed the importance of Knightstown making needed infrastructure improvements, saying that is essential and "absolutely critical" to being able to attract new residents and businesses to the community. He said that also means being willing to raise utility rates when necessary.

"You have to be willing to invest in yourself before you go ask somebody else to invest in you," Murphy said. Utility rates, he suggested, should "reflect market reality," and be regularly evaluated to determine if increases are needed.

As an illustration of the importance infrastructure can play in economic development, Murphy mentioned that a lack of access to the town's water utility has stymied efforts to find a buyer for the former Paddock building on State Road 109. He said it's a challenge when fire protection depends, in large part, on a pond next to the building, and though he said he'd had a pretty good lead on a potential buyer, this issue caused the deal to fall through.

With respect to K-12 education - one of the quality of life factors that can influence economic development - Murphy said the community needs to offer the best education possible with "the least amount of drama at the board level." He said he and his wife had considered moving to Knightstown a couple of years ago, but, ultimately, decided there was "too much drama" going on with the local school board.

Speaking about half as long as Murphy, Jacobs talked about the town of Spiceland's expansion northward up State Road 3 to the Interstate 70 interchange. He said his town's growth has been the result of "a very long process," that has taken place over the past 20 years.

While the Knightstown officials have recently been busying themselves with reviewing and preparing proposed revisions to the town's comprehensive plan, Jacobs noted that Spiceland has never had a comprehensive plan. In the absence of such a document to help guide local economic development, he credited the town's longtime clerk-treasurer and town superintendent with keeping things moving along, even as members of the town council changed over the years.

Like Murphy, Jacobs said making needed infrastructure improvements is a key element of successful economic development. He said

Knightstown's current issues with the town's wastewater system - repairs are needed and capacity needs to be increased - are similar to those Spiceland was facing 20 years ago with its water utility.

Jacobs said that funding from the tax increment financing (TIF) allocation area created near State Road 3 and Interstate 70 had been instrumental in helping Spiceland pay for improvements to its water utility that, eventually, made it possible for the town to expand its borders north to the interstate. Murphy, who called the TIF "a very important tool to help the county grow," said funding from the TIF, could similarly be used to help Knightstown with infrastructure improvements and expansion.

In early 2013, Henry County officials voted to expand the TIF allocation area at the SR 3/I-70 interchange west along the interstate to the Knightstown exit, where it took in the area on the east side of the exit where the new Love's truck stop is being constructed. From there, the TIF district continues south down the State Road 109 right-of-way to County Road 750-South, where, on the southwest corner of that intersection, it takes in property where the building that formerly housed The Paddock is located.

Property tax revenue attributable to new assessed value within the designated TIF allocation areas goes to the Henry County Redevelopment Commission

rather than traditional taxing units like the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp., Wayne Township and the county. This TIF revenue can then be used to help pay for infrastructure or other improvements intended to foster economic development within the designated areas.

Two years ago, at the time of the TIF expansion, one of the stated goals was that this would generate revenue to help pay to extend the town of Knightstown's water and sewer utility service up SR 109. Doing this, officials said, would hopefully make those areas better suited for economic development.

The availability of TIF funds to help pay for infrastructure improvements, Murphy explained, has been critical to luring two businesses, Boar's Head and TS Tech, a Honda seat supplier, to Henry County. Other tools that he said are indispensable to successful economic development include the use of tax abatements and deals like the one struck with Boar's Head, where the company was allowed to purchase the land for its new facility for just one dollar.

"We use what we have available to us," Murphy said, responding to a question about what incentives are used to lure businesses to Henry County.

"Incentives don't make a bad location good," Murphy added. "... What incentives do is make a good location better."

CAB Receives Appraisals for Closed Elementaries

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. has received the results from two appraisals done of the former Carthage and Kennard elementary schools, which were closed at the end of last school year.

According to materials included in the packet of materials provided to school board members for last night's monthly meeting, the appraisals for the Carthage building and land, located at 511 E. 2nd St., came in at \$205,300 and \$172,000. The appraisals for the Kennard building and land at 232 Vine St. were for \$198,600 and \$195,000.

With respect to both properties, the higher appraisals were the ones completed by McQueen Appraisal Services of Rushville. The lower appraisals were done by Harmeyer Auction & Appraisal Co., the same company that handled the recent auction of surplus items that CAB held at the Carthage building last month.

Now that CAB has the two appraisals completed for each

property, the school board will be able to proceed with trying to sell them, if that's what it chooses to do. The district was previously granted a waiver from the state that allows CAB to dispose of the two properties without first making them available to interested charter schools for a period of two years, as state statute normally requires.

Should CAB opt to sell the properties, it would be required to accept bids on them pursuant to certain procedures set forth in state statutes. While the goal is obtain a sale price that equals at least 90-percent of the average of the two appraisals for each property, CAB would be permitted to accept prices that are lower than that, but would have to provide additional public notification of its intent to do so.

CAB Superintendent Jed Behny told The Banner Tuesday morning that he doesn't know what the school board will decide to do with the properties. He said that one of the district's attorneys planned to attend last night's school board

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KHS Fine Arts Academic Team Top at Conference Meet

by Stacy Cox
General Manager

Knightstown High School's Fine Arts team took first place at the Mid-Hoosier Conference Academic Meet on March 12 at Eastern Hancock. KHS's Interdisciplinary team got third place in the conference meet.

Nine other schools competed at the meet, including Eastern Hancock, Edinburgh, Hauser, Indian Creek, Morristown, North Decatur, South Decatur, Southwestern Shelby and Waldron.

Eastern Hancock and South Decatur tied for first place in the overall point total. Indian Creek took third place.

In the English team competi-

tion, Indian Creek finished first with Morristown coming in second and Eastern Hancock taking third.

Knightstown's first place Fine Arts team of Cora Nolen, Hope Johnson, Brady Hall and Rachel Imel is coached by KHS teacher James Jahrsdoerfer. Morristown took second place and South Decatur was third in the Fine Arts round.

Eastern Hancock got the first place win in the Mathematics round. North Decatur was second and Southwestern Shelby took third.

In the Science round, Indian Creek was first with South Decatur coming in at second and Eastern Hancock third.

Edinburgh was first in the Social Studies competition. North Decatur took second and South Decatur was third.

South Decatur won the Interdisciplinary round and Eastern Hancock took second. Knightstown's third place team

included Kaylin Kieninger, Hope Johnson, Balin Orcutt, Noah Wilson and Cailin Smith. The KHS
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Appraisals, from Page 13

meeting to provide further guidance on the steps that need to be followed in the event the board wishes to try to find buyers.

As for the appraisal amounts, Behny said he wasn't sure what to think. "I had no idea going into this simply because of the market effect and not knowing what would happen, and not knowing the intended purpose of the buildings," Behny said. "I didn't have a real expectation as to what I thought they would appraise at."

Behny said he also didn't know why there was such a big difference in the two appraisals on the Carthage property. He said it may have had something to do with "a little discrepancy" involving the value of additional wooded land behind the school building.

More information on this issue and other news from last night's CAB School Board meeting will be featured in next week's Banner.



The Fine Arts Team poses with awards. Members include (l-r) Cora Nolen, Hope Johnson, Brady Hall and Rachel Imel. The team is coached by James Jahrsdoerfer. (Photo submitted)

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CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOP.		0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146
MEMORIAL PARK		0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089
REASSESSMENT		0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133
DEBT SERVICE		0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881
TOTAL COUNTY RATE		0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273
TOWNSHIP FUND		0.0325	0.0093	0.0256	0.0201	0.0216	0.0138	0.0247	0.0139	0.0182	0.0182	0.0110	0.0178	0.0179	0.0105
TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF		0.0101	0.0030	0.0006		0.0073	0.0031	0.0137	0.0069	0.0028	0.0028	0.0023	0.0118	0.0112	0.0154
FIRE PROTECTION		0.0314	0.0062	0.0281	0.0285	0.0136	0.0134	0.2084	0.0294	0.0301	0.0301	0.0285	0.0248	0.0555	0.1014
CUMULATIVE FIRE		0.0115	0.0282	0.0104	0.0131				0.0147	0.0261	0.0261		0.0113	0.0135	
EMERGENCY FIRE LOAN															0.0140
RECREATION								0.0043							0.0042
TOTAL TOWNSHIP RATE		0.0855	0.0467	0.0647	0.0617	0.0425	0.0303	0.2511	0.0649	0.0772	0.0772	0.0418	0.0657	0.0981	0.1455
DEBT SERVICE		0.5784	0.2691	0.2762	0.2691	0.7984	0.2762	0.3609	0.2762	0.4308	0.3609	0.5784	0.2691	0.1787	0.7984
CAPITAL PROJECTS		0.3224	0.2387	0.2174	0.2387	0.2835	0.2174	0.3700	0.2174	0.2665	0.3700	0.3224	0.2387	0.0008	0.2835
TRANSPORTATION		0.3810	0.2394	0.1918	0.2394	0.2799	0.1918	0.3588	0.1918	0.2243	0.3588	0.3810	0.2394	0.1988	0.2799
BUS REPLACEMENT		0.0585	0.0120	0.0555	0.0120	0.0573	0.0555	0.0605	0.0555	0.0342	0.0605	0.0585	0.0120		0.0573
SCHOOL PENSION DEBT			0.0363	0.0991	0.0363		0.0991	0.0991					0.0363	0.0652	
TOTAL SCHOOL RATE		1.3403	0.7955	0.8400	0.7955	1.4191	0.8400	1.1502	0.8400	0.9558	1.1502	1.3403	0.7955	0.4435	1.4191
CIVIL LIBRARY				0.0576									0.0232		
COUNTY LIBRARY		0.0975	0.0975		0.0975	0.0975	0.0975	0.0975	0.0975	0.0975	0.0975	0.0975		0.0975	0.0975
LIBRARY DEBT SERVICE		0.0683	0.0683		0.0683	0.0683	0.0683	0.0683	0.0683	0.0683	0.0683	0.0683		0.0683	0.0683
TOTAL LIBRARY RATE		0.1658	0.1658	0.0576	0.1658	0.1658	0.1658	0.1658	0.1658	0.1658	0.1658	0.1658	0.0232	0.1658	0.1658
GENERAL CORPORATION PARK				0.0726											
PARK BOND															
CUMULATIVE FIRE SPECIAL															
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOP.															
LEASE RENTAL PAYMENT															
TRANSPORTATION AVIATION															
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY															
TOTAL CORPORATION RATE				0.0726											
BIG BLUE RIVER CONSERVANCY	0.0385														
TOTAL PROPERTY RATE		2.2189	1.6353	1.6622	1.6503	2.2547	1.6634	2.1944	1.6980	1.8261	2.0205	2.1752	1.5117	1.3347	2.3577
CREDIT HOMESTEAD CREDIT RATE		0.078975	0.313652	0.007998	0.135297	0.008082	0.313399	0.479205	0.034535	0.074602	0.164256	0.054044	0.199347	0.056298	0.158085

HENRY COUNTY TAX RATES CHARGED FOR YEAR 2013, PAYABLE IN YEAR 2014	CORPORATIONS															
	BLOUNTSVILLE	CADIZ	DUNREITH	GREENSBORO	KENNARD	KNIGHTSTOWN	LEWISVILLE	MIDDLETOWN	MOORELAND	MT. SUMMIT	SHIRLEY	SPICELAND	SPRINGPORT	STRAUGHN	SULPHUR SPRINGS	NEW CASTLE
COUNTY GENERAL	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532	0.4532
COUNTY HEALTH	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266	0.0266
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOP.	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146
MEMORIAL PARK	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089
REASSESSMENT	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133
DEBT SERVICE	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881	0.0881
TOTAL COUNTY RATE	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273	0.6273
TOWNSHIP FUND	0.0179	0.0138	0.0178	0.0216	0.0216	0.0105	0.0201	0.0256	0.0325	0.0110	0.0216	0.0178	0.0110	0.0093	0.0139	0.0247
TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF	0.0112	0.0031	0.0118	0.0073	0.0073	0.0154		0.0006	0.0101	0.0023	0.0073	0.0118	0.0023	0.0030	0.0069	0.0137
FIRE PROTECTION						0.1014										
CUMULATIVE FIRE																
EMERGENCY FIRE LOAN						0.0140										
RECREATION						0.0042										0.0043
TOTAL TOWNSHIP RATE	0.0291	0.0169	0.0296	0.0289	0.0289	0.1455	0.0201	0.0262	0.0426	0.0133	0.0289	0.0296	0.0133	0.0123	0.0208	0.0427
DEBT SERVICE	0.1787	0.2762	0.2691	0.7984	0.7984	0.7984	0.2691	0.2762	0.5784	0.5784	0.7984	0.2691	0.5784	0.2691	0.2762	0.3609
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.0008	0.2174	0.2387	0.2835	0.2835	0.2835	0.2387	0.2174	0.3224	0.3224	0.2835	0.2387	0.3224	0.2387	0.2174	0.3700
TRANSPORTATION	0.1988	0.1918	0.2394	0.2799	0.2799	0.2799	0.2394	0.1918	0.3810	0.3810	0.2799	0.2394	0.3810	0.2394	0.1918	0.3588
BUS REPLACEMENT		0.0555	0.0120	0.0573	0.0573	0.0573	0.0120	0.0555	0.0585	0.0585	0.0573	0.0120	0.0585	0.0120	0.0555	0.0605
SCHOOL PENSION DEBT	0.0652	0.0991	0.0363				0.0363	0.0991				0.0363		0.0363	0.0991	
TOTAL SCHOOL RATE	0.4435	0.8400	0.7955	1.4191	1.4191	1.4191	0.7955	0.8400	1.3403	1.3403	1.4191	0.7955	1.3403	0.7955	0.8400	1.1502
CIVIL LIBRARY			0.0232			0.1413		0.0576				0.0232				
COUNTY LIBRARY	0.0975	0.0975		0.0975	0.0975		0.0975		0.0975	0.0975	0.0975		0.0975	0.0975	0.0975	0.0975
LIBRARY DEBT SERVICE	0.0683	0.0683		0.0683	0.0683		0.0683		0.0683	0.0683	0.0683		0.0683	0.0683	0.0683	0.0683
TOTAL LIBRARY RATE	0.1658	0.1658	0.0232	0.1658	0.1658	0.1413	0.1658	0.0576	0.1658	0.1658	0.1658	0.0232	0.1658	0.1658	0.1658	0.1658
GENERAL CORPORATION PARK	0.5967	0.2044	1.5194	0.5613	0.6736	0.8746	0.6416	0.6630	0.6666	0.1156	2.0179	0.4384	0.6582	0.5635	0.3207	1.8014
PARK BOND						0.1043		0.0726								0.0563
CUMULATIVE FIRE SPECIAL								0.0067								
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOP.						0.0197		0.0361	0.0166		0.0166			0.0256	0.0213	0.0452
LEASE RENTAL PAYMENT								0.1052								
TRANSPORTATION AVIATION																0.0300
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY																0.0272
TOTAL CORPORATION RATE	0.5967	0.2044	1.5194	0.5613	0.6736	0.9986	0.6416	0.8836	0.6832	0.1156	2.0345	0.4384	0.6582	0.5891	0.3420	1.9867
BIG BLUE RIVER CONSERVANCY																
TOTAL PROPERTY RATE	1.8624	1.8544	2.9950	2.8024	2.9147	3.3318	2.2503	2.4347	2.8592	2.2623	4.2756	1.9140	2.8049	2.1900	1.9959	3.9727
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LOCAL SPORTS

Former KHS Baseball Standouts Return to Help Guide Young Panther Players

Not all that long ago, two members of Knightstown High School's baseball coaching staff were star players for the Panthers.

Joe Haase, a 2008 KHS graduate, and Nolan Hall, a 2011 KHS graduate, are serving again this year as volunteer assistant coaches.

Panther head coach Daren Hardesty is thrilled to have Haase and Hall helping him.

"They are both great role models for the players to be around," said Hardesty. "Joe will be back as our pitching coach. Nolan plans to help out with our catchers when he returns home from his senior year at Hanover."

Longtime readers no doubt remember Haase and Hall on the sports pages of The Banner.

Haase, son of Brian and Barb Haase, played for four years on the Panther varsity baseball team. He was twice named to the All-State team and awarded Area Player of the Year twice. He earned a spot on the first team All-Area and first team All-Conference three years in row.

Not only was Haase a standout star for the baseball team, he was also on Knightstown's varsity football team for three years, much of that time as starting quarterback. Despite several injuries his final season, he was still named first team All-Conference quarterback in 2007.

Haase parlayed his outstanding Panther success into a baseball scholarship to Purdue University, where he graduated in 2012 with a 3.53 grade point average.

His dedication in the classroom

was duplicated on the Boilermakers' baseball team, where he was a four-time letter winner and the 2011 Pitcher of the Year for the team.

Haase's baseball success at college continued in his senior year.

In 2012, Purdue's baseball team was the Big Ten regular season champions and also won the Big Ten tournament. Haase, with an 11-1 record, was awarded Big Ten Pitcher of the Year in 2012 and named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week three times.

Haase was on the first team All-Conference for the Big Ten in 2012 and also earned an honorable mention for the All-American team. He was Purdue's co-captain and co-MVP for the team in 2012.

While earning all these accolades, two other accomplishments of Haase's are reminders that winning on the field is not everything. Haase was the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award winner in 2012 and earned a spot on the Academic All-Big Ten team three times.

After graduating from Purdue with a major in agricultural economics and a minor in organizational leadership and supervision, Haase worked a stint as a financial services officer for Farm Credit Mid-America. He then returned to Knightstown to join his family farming operation, Haase Farms.

"I decided to help with the Knightstown team because I wanted to give back to the community that did so much for me growing up," Haase said. "I love the game of baseball and think this is one of the best ways I can serve my com-

munity and former high school. I also thoroughly enjoy watching these young men work hard and

succeed in achieving the goals that they have set for themselves."

Haase also feels a bond with Hardesty, since he too played baseball at the college level.

"I love working with Coach Hardesty and the entire staff," said Haase. "Coach Hardesty has earned the respect of the players, coaches and parents through his leadership and calm personality. He leads by example and that is something I want to be around as an assistant."

While Haase brings his pitching expertise to the Panther team, Nolan Hall's years behind the plate as a catcher will provide valuable help at that position.

Hall is still busy in the classroom and on the baseball team in his final year at Hanover College, but is looking forward to returning to his hometown again this year to assist the Panthers following graduation.

"I volunteered to help Coach Hardesty because of how much I enjoyed Knightstown baseball when I played there," said Hall. "Coach Hardesty and Coach Hubble both love the game and love to teach their players how to play the game the right way. Knightstown baseball has always been known to have a lot of fun while playing the game and that's no different to me now as a coach. The players enjoy playing with each other and they are fun to coach."

While at Knightstown High School, Hall played four years on the varsity baseball team, three years on the varsity football team and was on the varsity basketball

team for two years.

Besides being the KHS quarterback when the Panthers won the 2009 sectional football championship, Hall was also named to the All-Area baseball team three times and was All-Conference twice.

He was an outstanding student while at KHS and, along with his baseball talents, earned a scholarship to play at Hanover, where he has played on their team all four years.

Hall was Hanover's catcher the past three years, but is primarily playing leftfield this season. He is majoring in communications and will graduate this year from the college's Business Scholars Program.

Though he does not yet have concrete career plans for post-graduation, Hall, the son of Neal and Kelly Hall, intends to stay around central Indiana.

When contacted for this story, Hall was working hard on homework and test preparation in anticipation of a Hanover baseball game the following day. But, despite still being in the middle of his final season at Hanover, he is excited about the Panther season.

"There is a lot of experience coming back this year on this team and that's an invaluable asset to have," Hall said. "Most of these guys have been regular players for two or more years now so they understand how to play good baseball. They have a chance to do some great things this year and Coach Hardesty and Coach Hubble will make sure they're ready. I just can't wait to get back in May and enjoy it all with them."



Joe Haase



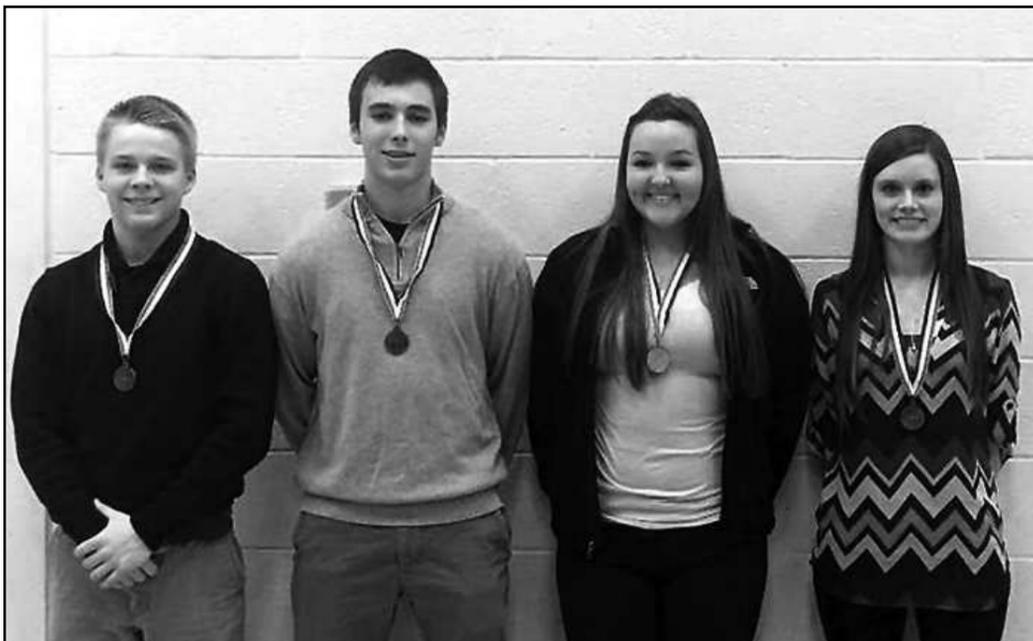
Nolan Hall

Henry County YMCA Officials Meet with State Legislators



State Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg) and State Rep. Tom Saunders (R-Lewisville) welcome leaders from the Henry County YMCA to the Indiana Statehouse. The group attended the State Alliance of Indiana YMCA's, where they met with Leising and Saunders over lunch. Pictured (l-r) are C.J. Buskirk, Aaron Benson, Leising, Chris Williams and Saunders. (Photo submitted)

All-Conference



Four Knightstown High School basketball players were recently named to the Mid-Hoosier Conference Basketball All-Conference Teams. Those athletes include (l-r) Drake Peggs, Jackson Edwards, Brooke Vise and Kori Biehl. They are shown here with their all-conference medals around their necks. The conference includes Eastern Hancock, Edinburgh, Hauser, Indian Creek, Knightstown, Morristown, North Decatur, South Decatur, Southwestern (Shelbyville) and Waldron. (Photo provided)

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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Ranked Third in Preseason Poll

Baseball Team Clinched Centerville Sectional Last Year; Poised for Exciting 2015 Season

by Stacy Cox
General Manager

Though his official roster is not yet set, Knightstown High School's head baseball coach Daren Hardesty got some good news recently when the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association put the Panthers at number three in the Class 2A preseason poll.

But the high ranking is not surprising after the Panthers' stellar season last year.

In his first season as head coach, Hardesty was named the Mid-Hoosier Conference baseball Coach of the Year following a 23-8 season record, the school's first baseball sectional title in 33 years and a runner-up regional finish.

Four returning players this year were also named to the 2014 MHC All-Conference

team, including seniors Kaleb Kinnaman, Jake Kwisz and Tyler Richardson and junior Drake Peggs.

Only two players, Levi Jessup and Drew Jessup, were lost to graduation last year. Despite several returning players and a successful year under his belt, Hardesty has already had to make many adjustments. The team's outstanding season in 2014 has apparently boosted interest in the program.

"This year has felt different for many reasons," said Hardesty. "First off, we have almost twice as many players on the roster. Planning for workouts and practices with the little space and time we have available has been a challenge, but a good thing.

"Another difference is that all the returning players know me now and what I expect, whereas last year it took a lot of time to build

those relationships while still trying to prepare for the season," Hardesty explained. "And, this year, let's face it, the expectations are very high, which has added a lot of pressure that many of the guys have not faced before."

Hardesty is confident his players will handle those pressures.

"Last year I became a big believer in these guys," boasted Hardesty. "I learned to never doubt what they were capable of. Our motto this season is 'To the End.' We plan to play every pitch, inning and game to the end. If we can do that, the talent and the grit this team has will shine and we will have a lot of success."

The increased roster size this year prompted Hardesty to form a junior varsity team and he asked Aaron Burton to head the JV team.

"I was thrilled he accepted my offer," said

Hardesty. "Coach Burton has been a great addition to the coaching staff. He knows all of the boys from his experience as an eighth grade social studies teacher at KIS, his time coaching travel baseball teams and his multiple years of being the varsity assistant football coach at KHS. I have no doubt that he will do a great job preparing the younger players for varsity."

Jay Hubble is returning as Hardesty's assistant varsity coach. Scott Morgan is serving again as the team's bookkeeper and, according to Hardesty, the team "joke teller." Joe Haase is back as the pitching coach and Nolan Hall will help out the catchers. (See related story on Haase and Hall in this issue.)

"I feel extremely blessed to have these coaches around to help," Coach Hardesty said. "They all bring a lot to the table and I



In this 2014 Banner file photo, the Panther baseball teams celebrates after winning sectional at Centerville. (Richard Sitler photo)

couldn't do it without them."

On top the sectional title last year, the 2014 Panther team was the Mid-Hoosier Conference champion and won the Henry County baseball title. All of 2014's starting line-up returns this year.

Besides Kinnaman, Kwisz and Richardson, the team's other seniors this year include Mike Jones and Tyler Hubble.

Jake Bearhope, Kelton Magee, Spencer Mattix, Hagan Moore and Max Rinehart join Peggs as the juniors on the team.

Three sophomores are also returning players, including Alex Brading, Isaac McRoberts and Bryan Newby.

"All of these guys have been working extremely hard in the off-season," reported Hardesty. "Many of them participate in fall and winter sports and it is only just recently that we have all been together in an off-season workout."

All of last year's Panther pitchers will return to the mound again this season.

Richardson was the strike out leader for

the Panthers in 2014. He pitched 51.2 innings, striking out 74 batters while walking only 26. He won six games and lost just one.

Kwisz was 7-3 last year on the mound. He pitched 52.1 innings, getting 45 strikeouts and sending only 13 to base on balls.

Mattix pitched 42.2 innings in 2014 and finishing with five wins and one loss. He struck out 26 and walked 12.

Rinehart pitched 26 innings and was 2-2 on the season with 18 strikeouts and eight walks.

Peggs struck out 14 and walked three in the 13 innings he pitched last season and claimed two wins.

Kinnaman took the pitching mound for 8.2 innings and was 1-1 with nine strikeouts and five walks.

Peggs led the team last year in singles, doubles and runs scored and tied for most RBIs with 34. He had 49 base hits, nine doubles, three triples and one home run while scoring 42 runs. When Peggs got on base, he took advantage with 14 stolen bases, the

team's second best.

Kinnaman led the team in doubles with 12 and was second in singles with 41. He knocked in 23 RBIs and scored 37 runs. He also had one triple and one home. Kinnaman led the team in stolen bases with 15 on 16 attempts.

Richardson was the team's heavy hitter with three home runs, one triple, nine doubles and 39 singles. He tied with Peggs in RBIs with 34 and he scored 34 times.

Mattix and McRoberts both had 37 base hits last year and both scored 27 runs.

As a freshman last year, McRoberts led the team defensively, putting out 166 players. He also hit two home runs, six doubles and had 29 RBIs.

Mattix added six doubles, a triple and 22 RBIs to his final stat sheet last season.

Kwisz hit 31 singles, five doubles and three triples while scoring 30 times and knocking in 20 RBIs.

Bearhope had 27 base hits, three doubles and one triple in 2014. He scored 19 runs and

got 13 RBIs.

Jones finished the 2014 season with 20 singles and three doubles. He scored 28 times and brought in 14 RBIs.

Hubble had 12 singles, two doubles and one home run. He hit in nine RBIs and scored 17 runs.

The Panthers kick off their season with a scrimmage against Heritage Christian on March 24.

"I was very pleased that Matt (Martin) was able to get this scheduled for us," said Hardesty. "Heritage Christian has a great program with two 2A state titles in the last ten years so it will be a valuable learning experience for the players and coaches before Spring Break."

Now Coach Hardesty is just hoping the warm weather finally arrives and stays around.

"The energy with the group is always high and they remind me that this game is fun," Hardesty said. "I am lucky to coach such a great group of young men."

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The applicant must either be an ILEA graduate or be able to successfully complete an ILEA basic course. If already an ILEA graduate, must be in good standing with the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board.

Preferred qualifications would be for an applicant have former police experience, be an ILEA graduate and live in the Knightstown area.

The hiring process may include; a testing phase which will be both physical and written, a background investigation and criminal history and driver's record checks.

Applications can be picked up at the Knightstown Police Department, 24 S. Washington St. and must be returned by Friday March 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Applications will be on file for one year.

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Academic, from Page 14



The KHS Interdisciplinary Academic Team includes (l-r) Kaylin Kieninger, Hope Johnson, Baylin Orcutt, Noah Wilson and Cailin Smith. Coaches are James Jahrsdoerfer, Erin Jordan, Rana Rodeffer and Philip Scholl. (Photo submitted)

Interdisciplinary team is coached by KHS teachers Erin Jordan, Rana Rodeffer, Philip Scholl and Jahrsdoerfer.

Knightstown's academic teams also competed at a Hagerstown meet the day before on March 11 along with the host school's teams and those from Eastern Hancock, Tri and Union County.

Eastern Hancock was first in the English round with Hagerstown second and Tri coming in third.

The Royals also won the Fine Arts competition, edging out the Panthers' team. Hagerstown was third.

In the Mathematics round, Eastern Hancock again won first place. Union County was second and Hagerstown was third.

Union County won the Science round with Knightstown taking second and Hagerstown finishing third.

In the Social Studies round, Union County took first place again with Hagerstown coming in at second and Knightstown third.

Union County got another first place win in the Interdisciplinary round, Eastern Hancock was second and Hagerstown was third.

Mounds Workshop Offered

Create an elegant, nature-inspired centerpiece during a workshop at Mounds State Park on March 28.

Participants will craft centerpieces using a recycled wine bottle, twigs, paint, twine and other rustic materials.

"These centerpieces are popular on blogs and do-it-yourself websites such as Pinterest," said interpretive naturalist Jessica Rosier. "Participants will go home with a customized décor item that will remind them of the natural world."

Hour-long sessions will be offered at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. All supplies will be provided, and a \$5 fee applies. Ages 12 and older are welcome. Advance registration is required by calling 765-649-8128.

Mounds State Park (stateparks.IN.gov/2977.htm) is at 4306 Mounds Road, Anderson, 46017.

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The Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for our 2015 Kid Kamp program. This coming summer, Kid Kamp will be held from June 1, 2015 thru July 31, 2015. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Children must be in the age range of six (6) through twelve (12), or three (3) through five (5) the entire duration of the Kid Kamp program. Participant parents/guardians are required to have a copy of each participant's birth certificate at the time of registration. Also, a parent/guardian must sign a Kid Kamp contract at the time of registration to finalize the process. Parents and/or guardians are the only people permitted to complete the registration process. No grandparents.

Who: Youth 6-12 years of age -OR- Youth 3-5 years of age
What: Summer "Kid Kamp" Program at the Riley Park Shelter House & Elmore Center (ages 3-5) **When:** June 1-July 31, M-F 7 am-6 pm
Where: Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department: Riley Park Shelter House 210 Apple Street & Patricia Elmore Center 280N Apple St
Why: Great value, have fun, play games, meet new friends, play sports, arts/crafts, and so much more - A reputation of excellence-being the best!
Registration: Begins Jan.2, 2015 (First come-first serve! 75 max for 6-12 - 24 max for 3-5) Cost Benefit: \$80-Residents of the City of Greenfield/\$90-Non-Residents-per week. \$25 non-refundable registration fee, \$105-R/\$110-NR due at registration. \$45 cash only fee due at the Open House for field trips (this covers all trips!)

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