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Farmers Market Gets Underway June 13

The Knightstown Farmers Market is gearing up for another season. A variety of new vendors are now being sought. Hand-crafted goods, including hand-knitted items, are welcome at the market, which will get underway Saturday, June 13, 8 a.m.-noon, on Knightstown's Public Square. Call Kelley Milhoan at 765-571-2325.

Town Flushing Fire Hydrants This Month

The town of Knightstown's water department will be flushing the town's fire hydrants throughout the month of May. Hydrants north of Main Street are scheduled to be flushed between May 1 and May 11. Those on the south side of town will be done May 12-20. Hydrant flushing may result in discolored household water. No boil order will be affected, and water is still regarded as safe for consumption.

Breakfast Saturday in Lewisville

Lewisville Eastern Star #463 will host a biscuits-and-sausage-gravy breakfast on Saturday, May 9, 7-9 a.m., at the Lewisville Masonic Lodge on South First Street. A freewill offering will be accepted. The event is open to the public.

Greensboro Blood Drive Sat., May 23

Greensboro United Methodist Church will be the site of a blood drive on Saturday, May 23, 9 a.m.-noon. The Indiana Blood Center's Bloodmobile will be on hand. Those who plan to donate should bring a valid photo ID. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207. Blood donation appointments are recommended. Schedule an appointment at www.donorpoint.org.

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State Silent on HYCA Leader's Dismissal

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

A week-and-a-half after the director of the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy was abruptly terminated, the reasons for her firing have still not been provided by the state.

Bethany Williams, a Knightstown resident who had served as the HYCA's director since March 2014, was fired Friday, May 1, by Adjutant General R. Martin Umbarger of the Indiana National Guard. While Williams said Umbarger had "alluded to some things" during a brief meeting two days before that, she said she was not given a specific reason for the termination, other than that she had declined Umbarger's request that she resign.

The ING oversees the HCYA, a program for troubled teens located at the former Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home just south of Knightstown. Umbarger is the top official for the ING, at least until the end of this month, when his resignation takes effect.

The Banner contacted the Indiana National Guard on May 4 and requested information about why Williams had been let go. Under Indiana's Access to Public Records Act, public agencies are required to release the factual basis for the termination of public employees.

Lt. Col. Cathy Van Bree, public affairs officer for the Indiana National Guard, initially declined to explain why Williams had been fired, saying she could not discuss that. However, after The Banner told her it believed a factual basis had to be released pursuant to the APRA, she said would check to see if any additional information could be released.

As of last Friday, Bree had not gotten back with The Banner, leaving follow-up calls from the newspaper unreturned. Finally, she responded to an e-mail that afternoon, only to tell The Banner it would need to file a record request with the State Department of Personnel if it wanted the factual basis for Williams' firing.

The Banner told Bree that it would like some comment from Umbarger or the ING about why that agency was not releasing details about why Williams had been terminated. Bree told The Banner that Umbarger was out of the country, but that she would see

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Raintree Riders



Members of the Raintree Cycling Club gather for a photo at the Smith Bridge in Rush County. The club's Saturday morning sport ride departs from Knightstown's Public Square and features fast-paced road bike riding in Henry, Wayne and Rush counties. Slower-paced club rides take place in New Castle on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Find the club's Facebook page for more detailed information. Club riders in this photo include (l-r) Jay McDaniel of Knightstown, Steve Heady of Carthage, Ross Delay of New Castle and Steven Heady of Carthage. (Eric Cox photo)

All Henry County School Districts Earn Initial Pass Rates in IREAD-3

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Indiana Department of Education released preliminary results last Friday from the Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination (IREAD-3) assessment, the test given to third graders to ensure students can read before entering fourth grade.

According to a press release issued by the IDOE, 84.2 percent of the state's third graders passed the test. That is a slight decrease from the preliminary passing rates of 85.6 percent in 2014 and 85.3 percent in 2013.

All five of Henry County school districts had initial pass rates that exceeded the state average, while four of the five saw their students' pass rates on the IREAD-3 go up this year. Shenandoah saw its third graders' pass rate climb from 75.6 percent in 2014 to 91.5 percent this year; South Henry's results rose from 71.2 percent last year to 86.8 percent; New Castle saw its pass rate rise from 81.6 percent to 87.9 percent; and Blue River Valley's

students earned an 86-percent pass rate this year, up from 2014's 83 percent.

While its students' 90.5 percent pass rate was the second highest in the county for 2015, the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. was the only Henry County school dis-

trict to see a drop in its students' passing rate from last year. In 2014, 95.6 percent of CAB's third graders passed the IREAD-3.

With only 84 third graders taking the ISTEP-3 test this year, the 5-percent drop in CAB's is the

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Spring 2015 IREAD-3 Results for Area School Corporations

School District	Students Tested	Students Passing	2015 Pass %	2014 Pass %
Blue River Valley	57	49	86.0	83.1
C.A. Beard	84	76	90.5	95.6
Eastern Hancock	88	81	92.0	94.7
Greenfield	314	292	93.0	91.0
New Castle	247	217	87.9	81.6
Rush County	157	135	86.0	85.5
Shenandoah	94	86	91.5	75.6
South Henry	53	46	86.8	71.2

*The source for the above data is the Indiana Dept. of Education. Pass rate percentages are rounded to the nearest tenth.

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OBITUARIES

Shirley C. Dalton
April 16, 1934 - May 9, 2015



Shirley C. Dalton, 81, of Bonita Springs, Fla., formerly of Martinsville, passed away on Saturday, May 9, in New Castle.

Mrs. Dalton lived most all of her life in Martinsville. She was born on April 16, 1934, in Martinsville, to the late Morris and Ruth (Ennis) Walters. She graduated from Martinsville High School with the class of 1952 and attended one year each at Butler University and Indiana University. On April 15, 1955, she married Kenneth M. Dalton. He preceded her in death on Sept. 27, 2009.

She was the bookkeeper and co-owner of Dalton Hardware and Gifts in Martinsville during the 1960s and 1970s. Shirley was active in the Tri Kappa social sorority and a member of the Spanish Wells Country Club in Florida. She was an avid golfer and reader, as well as a superb flower gardener with an exquisite orchid collection. She also had a keen eye for crossword puzzles and, above all, cherished time spent with grandsons.

She leaves behind one son, Steve (wife, Kim) Dalton of Knightstown; five grandsons, Brian and Matt Stephey, Nick, A.J. and Garrett Dalton; and six great-grandchildren, Brogan, Beckhem, Kora, Kane, Kyah and Kolt Stephey.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Cindy Clark; a sister, Roseanne Merideth; and a brother, Robert Walters.

Friends are encouraged to visit on Tuesday, May 12, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Neal & Summers Funeral and Cremation Center in Martinsville. Pastor Ryan McCarty will conduct a Celebration of Life Service beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home that same evening. There will be a private committal service on Wednesday in South Park Cemetery in Martinsville.

Memorial gifts may be made in lieu of flowers to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 1261 W 86th St #E-2, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.nealandsummers.com.

Phillip M. Harrold
June 25, 1949 - May 8, 2015



Phillip M. Harrold, 65, of Noblesville, beloved husband, father, grandfather and principal, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2015, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis.

He was born on June 25, 1949, to William and Joy (Goble) Harrold in Henry County. His father precedes him in death.

Phillip had been a principal for almost 30 years, and the principal at Hinkle Creek Elementary School in Noblesville for the past 28 years, until his retirement. Prior to his work in Noblesville, he began his teaching career at Greenstreet Elementary School in New Castle. He was a 1967 graduate of Knightstown High School and a graduate of Ball State University.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Nancy Harrold; a daughter, Amanda (Michael) Burris; a son, Brad (Angie) Harrold; a sister, Janet (Owen) Neighbours; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, at Hinkle Creek Elementary School in Noblesville, with a fellowship time after the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a memorial contribution to the Phlat Phil Foundation to support both cancer research and education. Checks may be made out to Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund, and sent to Brad Harrold, 13130 Brookshire Parkway, Carmel, IN 46033. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

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Carthage Town Marshal Says Reserves Still Not Meeting Required Service Hours

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Police Department continues to have a problem with its volunteer reserve officers failing to work the minimum of 16 hours per month required by the department.

According to a monthly report Danny Baker, the town's part-time town marshal, submitted to the Carthage Town Council at its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, none of the CPD's four reserve officers worked 16 hours during April. In fact, the only one of them, Baker's son, Keith Baker, worked at all, logging 12 hours that month.

Baker told the council that one reserve officer had been placed on probation and told he would be dismissed if he did not "improve his activities." While Baker declined The Banner's request that he identify this reserve officer, a copy of his monthly report, provided to the newspaper by Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan at the conclusion of Monday's meeting, showed it to be Travis Biehl, who had also failed to work any hours during March.

Two other reserve officers, Tony Campbell and Doyle Richmond, also failed, according to Baker's monthly report, to log any hours in April. Baker told the council that Richmond was on a leave of absence, working in Chicago for the month, and said Campbell had returned from a leave of absence earlier this month

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what she could do; she has not called The Banner back or e-mailed with any additional information or comment from Umbarger.

The Banner submitted a record request to the SDP last Friday, and the agency's director of communications, Ashley Hungate, e-mailed the newspaper Monday morning to say she would look into matter. As of the news deadline for this week's issue, no follow-up had been received from her.

The ING's Umbarger announced last October, amid another controversy that has resulted in a lawsuit against the ING and the adjutant general, that he will be retiring at the end of this month. Gov. Mike Pence has appointed Brig. Gen. Courtney Carr to replace Umbarger, who served as adjutant general for 11 years.

According to a lawsuit filed last

and was once again getting in hours as a reserve.

Baker assured the council that he had met with the reserve officers and that they had all been placed on notice and told they have until the end of this month to improve their work habits. Council President Bill Davis said he thought any reserve officer failing to work their 16 hours for two months should be dismissed.

In other police business, Baker told the council that April had been a busy month, with the department's activity more than doubling from what it had been in March. The monthly report submitted to the council showed 32 service calls in April, with eight of those being to provide assistance to other law enforcement agencies, with no arrests made and nearly 48 gallons of gas used in April.

Council members also heard a brief presentation at Monday's meeting from Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, the Lawrence firm hired to help the town with an economic development study project. KCG is being paid with the proceeds of a \$40,000 planning grant the town received from the state last year.

Kieser reported that his firm is still waiting on a substantive review to be completed with respect to efforts to obtain state and federal historic designations for the town library. He said a second public hearing

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month in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, the ING and Umbarger failed to respond to complaints of domestic violence by Umbarger's then senior legal advisor in the ING, Lt. Col. Brian Dickerson. The plaintiff in that case, Shannon Dickerson, claims she told Umbarger about her husband's abuse, which result-

ed in her foot being broken, in 2009, but that Umbarger failed to order an investigation of her claims for another 18 months.

Before filing her lawsuit, Shannon Dickerson first lodged a complaint against Umbarger with the Pentagon in January 2014. That investigation is ongoing.

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Dwelling on Past Can Be Perilous

Steven Hilbert said, "This is not a dress rehearsal." Bill says that the problem is that people want things to be the way they used to be. If it were possible, I'd hit the reset button. However, we can relive our lives only through memories and photos. Thinking too often about the past is a slippery slope that causes discontentment. Here's what Henry David Thoreau wrote in *Walden*:

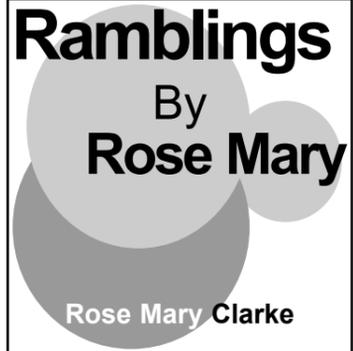
"However mean your life is, meet it and live it; do not shun it ... Love your life, poor as it is ... You may perhaps have some pleasant, thrilling glorious hours, even in a poor house. The setting sun is reflected from the windows of the alms house as brightly as from the rich man's abode; the snow melts before its door as early in the spring."

Along with Mark Twain, I consider Thoreau to be the best writer whom America has produced. However, I'd prefer not to live in the poor house! Granted, we should value our life, but it is surely more enjoyable to be independent and have a little money.

Until recent times, there were actually poor houses, such as one on Road 40 in Hancock County and Julietta in eastern Marion County, where there were periodic scandals and even a grand jury investigation of graft and mismanagement. Here's a different view of

a poor house from Thoreau's. In 1889 the *New Castle Courier* published this chilling account about the poor house located near New Castle:

"Every room in the house is a model of neatness, the beds are well furnished and clean, there is plenty to eat and kind treatment, yet a visit leaves no pleasant



impression upon one. The inmates are the isolated unfortunates of the world, victims of a cruel fate, friendless outcasts, sufferers from disease and infirmities, with their days of realization that their enjoyment in life is all past, and now in the purgatory of mere existence they look forward to nothing but death to relieve them of their unhappy being."

Our acquaintance, who is nearly 90 and about whom I wrote recently, is a long, long way from the poor house. The facility where she

lives costs \$7,000 a month, plus other expenses. Nor is she isolated, as she has a loving family who visit several times a week and keep a sharp eye on her care.

Her every physical need is satisfied by her family and the staff, yet she is miserable and depressed much of the time. She unrealistically imagines that she could live alone in an apartment or with family. However, she would require 24/7 care, which is prohibitively expensive, and her children, too, are growing older. She has few interests, and many residents are "out of it" so that she receives little stimulation. Her daughters have tried unsuccessfully to direct her into positive channels.

Part of it is a difference in mindset. For example, our friend Jean's mother spent her last years in a two-person-room. She was wheelchair bound, but gaddled around the facility and played euchre with buddies she made. Cheerful to the end, she even had her wheelchair oiled so that she could win a wheelchair race at Indy 500 race time. Many of the residents never had visitors. Jean visited frequently, played euchre every week, and I sent her naughty jokes with which she regaled the staff.

As I said before, I do not want to live as if I already have one foot in the grave. However, we have
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Matt Martin, Main Street and Fencing

No one has more school spirit than Knightstown High School Athletic Director Matt Martin. Sure, he's new to the position, but the spirit part dates back to when he was a kid.

Even as a KHS student, Martin either enthusiastically played or cheered on the sports he now directs. When he was a student at Purdue University, his school spirit earned him the chance to drive the Boilermaker Special, a small replica steam train that serves as the university's official mascot.

That's no small feat for a Knightstown kid. And for Martin himself, it was pretty special.

It's clear by dealing with Matt that he feels the same way about his athletic director position. He takes the job seriously, but has fun with it. Quick with a smile, a greeting and a handshake, Matt's in his element at the various sporting events he oversees.

Evidence of his indomitable school spirit are everywhere - from the great-looking sports programs to the immaculate athletic fields and courts themselves.

Other athletic directors have been easy to work with, too - some more than others, though. Matt's attitude and personality are sincere. He's not just blowing smoke when he says he'll do what he can; he actually follows through. That's a welcome change of pace for The Banner.

While past athletic directors have provided some help, Matt puts out the extra effort to make sure he fulfills the promises he makes. That makes our jobs easier, and we appreciate his help. Plus, people can rest easy knowing that Matt is an honest person, whose

interests lie in improving CAB athletic programs for local kids growing up just like he did.

Main Street Group

Knightstown's burgeoning Main Street group pulled together for a great project last week. Assembling a group of volunteers, not all of whom are affiliated with the new group, they made a big difference, cleaning up the Public Square and Main Street.

I know The Banner's storefront was long overdue for a good sweeping. They took care of that for me, and I appreciate it. Now, if I can get them to clean our office, I'll be in great shape!

All joking aside, the broom work, painting and general attention to details made a big difference. The square and Main Street look great.

Glen Cove Fence Project

Speaking of improving Knightstown's appearance, Town Council Vice President Sarah Ward's fundraiser for repairs to Glen Cove Cemetery's wrought iron fence is a winner. Ward's integrity is unquestionable. That means monies raised will undoubtedly go toward the actual project for which it was raised - not something people can always count on in Knightstown.

But, Ward will see this through because it's important. That fence and cemetery are focal points for people entering town. Each should be fastidiously maintained. Straightening and repainting that old fence would add a very classy touch to an already beautiful and historic cemetery.

Those who value my opinion should listen. The fundraiser to repair the Glen Cove Cemetery fence is important, necessary and credible. Let's do this.



BANNER PERSPECTIVE

With the unexplained dismissal of popular Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy (HYCA) Director Bethany Williams, the state of Indiana has again shown that its claims of care and compassion for Indiana's troubled youth are hollow.

Williams, by all accounts a welcome mentor for kids at HYCA, as well as a deft and responsible leader, was unceremoniously canned last week. Neither she or the parents of HYCA cadets were offered any explanation.

That reminds us of how then Gov. Mitch Daniels closed the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home (ISSCH), the forerunner of HYCA. Daniels and his underlings at the Indiana Department of Health, which oversaw ISSCH, cited vague reasons and presented as evidence a half-baked "study" they said supported the facility's closure.

The Banner reviewed that study. What we found was little more than a cobbled-together compendium of documents produced by consulting firms that, together, made a case for "deinstitutionalization," the primary buzzword used to justify the Home's closure.

In Williams' dismissal, the state has likewise provided little concrete data to support their move. The National Guard had little to say, instead asking us to submit an official records request for even basic information.

We think both instances symbolize the state's genuine feelings about misguided youth: they have none. To state government, Indiana's troubled teens are merely line items on a budget - not flesh-and-blood people with potential.

Hence, leadership positions in their youth institutions often don't go to qualified people who care. They're reserved for cronies and political operators who enjoy these sometimes lucrative posts as compensation for their political loyalty and who knows what else.

Bethany Williams' unexplained dismissal and the Home's practically inexplicable closing both point out our state's callous, opportunistic approach to overseeing Indiana's troubled youth.

They don't really care; nor do they care to explain why.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Access to top talent and the ability to assure a future pipeline of talent is critical to the success of a region. Companies want access to highly trained motivated people. Residents want quality education and training opportunities.

The economic development corporation team is leading the effort to certify Henry County as a "Work Ready Community" through ACT. ACT is a non-profit organization that has been involved in college and career development since the 1950s.

According to ACT, the program "empowers states, regions and counties with data, process and tools that drive economic growth. Participants are leveraging the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRCTM) to measure and close the skills gap — and building common frameworks that link, align and match their workforce development efforts."

The NCRCTM is obtained by taking three Work Keys assessments: Applied Math, Reading for Information and Locating Information. The assessments are given at no charge through the local Work One office. Henry County's office is located at 3011 S. 14th St., New Castle. The phone number is 765-529-3010. Work One is an important partner in this effort and they also offer skills remediation services.

ACT has given Henry County specific numeric goals of NCRCTM holders within the emerging, current and transitioning workforce. Goals also include number of businesses that are supportive and aware of the local efforts to become certified Work Ready.

Businesses interested in showing support can go to www.nchcedc.org/workready to register their support. The EDC team is

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◆Greensboro United Methodist Church will be the site of a **blood drive** on Saturday, May 23, 9 a.m.-noon. The Indiana Blood Center's Bloodmobile will be on hand. Those who plan to donate should bring a valid photo ID. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207.

◆The League of American Bicyclists has declared today, Wednesday, May 6, **National Bike to School Day**, and Friday, May 15, National Bike to Work Day. Established in 1956, National Bike Month (May) is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling - and encourage more folks to giving biking a try.

◆Donations are now being accepted for the Beautify Knightstown **Community Yard Sale**. Clean items in good repair and preferably priced may be dropped off at the Hoosiers Home Court Café (formerly the Knightstown Diner), 12 E. Main St., during business hours or by appointment, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. The sale will be held on the Public Square, May 28-30, during National Road Yard Sale Days. Contact Kevin Richey at 765-445-2328 for more information.

◆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.

◆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.

◆The **Historic Knightstown museum**, located on the Public Square at 22 N. Washington St., has new summer hours. The museum's summer hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. For more information, or to schedule a museum visit 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 ben-

efits. Cole is available at Post 152 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each Friday. For more information, call 906-241-3565.

◆**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets weekly, on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym (enter on East side). Meetings will continue each Tuesday at the same time and location. For more info, call 765-571-1132 or 765-571-1662.

◆The **Parish Clothes Closet**, **IREAD**, from Page 1

result of six fewer students taking the test this year, and four more not passing. Eight CAB students failed to pass the test on its first administration this year, compared to last year, when four of 90 students tested did not pass.

In other nearby school districts, third graders at both Greenfield Central Community Schools and Rush County Schools saw their pass rates increase this year. At Greenfield, 93 percent of students passed this year, up from last year's 91 percent, while 86 percent of the RCS students passed, a slight improvement over 2014's 85.5 percent.

Eastern Hancock was the only other area school district besides CAB to see its pass rate decline. This year, 92 percent EH's third graders passed the IREAD-3, down from the 94.7-percent pass rate from last year.

Students who did not pass the IREAD-3 will have an opportunity to retake the test this summer.

located in the basement of Bethel Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Franklin St., Knightstown, is open each Thursday from 3-5 p.m.

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Please describe the Nominee's accomplishments on a separate sheet.

The Knightstown Chamber of Commerce Annual Citizen of the Year Banquet will be held on Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Sugarbakers. Nominations must be returned to the Chamber Office at P.O. Box 44, Knightstown, IN 46148. **Deadline for Nominations is May 22, 2015**

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Shirley Resident Ron Huffman Plans for the Worst in His Role as Emergency Manager

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

Shirley resident and director of the Henry County Office of Emergency Management, explains the nature and mission of his work thusly: "We plan for different types of disasters and events that could happen throughout the county or even a surrounding county. To assist them. Everything from store-related incidents to riots, floods, hazardous material spills, droughts, earthquakes. It's just a 24-hour a day planning session."

Huffman has served as director of Emergency Management for the full 15 years he's been there as well.

On top of this, he is on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), which is charged with helping train and prepare for chemical events within the community. He's a member of the Incident Management Team, a public information officer and a safety officer for Indiana's District Six. He also sits on the board for the Henry County United Fund.

"There's another way to take local donations and share them with people within the community that also do good things with the funding that they get from us," Huffman said. "So that's another good opportunity to help people too."

When asked what led him into the field of emergency services, Huffman quickly cited members of his own family as his inspiration as a youth.

"To be honest, my parents and my grandparents showed me at an early age what it meant to help people," he said. "I remember during the Kennard tornado, my father loaded my brother and I into the old station wagon. And we went down and cleared routes. We took a chainsaw, didn't ask for anything, we just drove around until we found a road that needed to be

cleared and he'd clear it. And dad's statement was, 'The fire trucks need to get through.' So that's what we did."

Huffman's grandfather and grandmother were heavily involved with a local Radio Emergency Associated Communication Team (REACT). This was a CB radio communications group that began in 1962, monitoring Channel 9 across the United States and Canada to aid truck drivers and other motorists so

that when they encountered trouble, they could get on their CB and ask for help.

The first step Huffman took into this direction was as a firefighter. He first joined the Shirley Fire Department as a reserve firefighter. He then got on Kennard Fire Department, which he has been a part of for about 30 years now. He's still on the KFD as well as New Castle's Fire Department.

"Then I got involved with Emergency Management on Y2K, day one. When everything was supposed to shut off and fail was the morning I took over," Huffman said, amused. "I was so happy nothing

happened!"

He states that the Office of Emergency Management is still a community training facility, and has recently met with Ball State officials. They are now in the process of trying to get several hundred-thousand dollars to add to the training facility, which Huffman claims is one of the premier training facilities in this part of the state.

Something else Huffman and others at Emergency Management are preparing for is this year's iteration of the Zombie Preparedness program.

"Isn't that fun?" Huffman said of the program.

"Well, when we talk about preparedness we try to do

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tried to make sound financial and insurance preparations and shall stay here in our conveniently located ranch-style home as long as possible and hire help with cleaning, lawn care, driving and repairs as needed.

Beyond that, the past is over; and who knows what the future holds? I must adjust my attitude as necessary and try to live my best life every day, rather than merely existing. wclarke@comcast.net

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., May 13 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., Old Circuit Court room, second floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., May 14 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission technical committee meeting, 9 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., May 14 - Lewisville Town Council, 5 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Mon., May 18 - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

Tues., May 19 - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., Courthouse Annex room

101, Greenfield

Tues., May 19 - Rush Co. Health Dept. board meeting, 7 p.m., Health Dept. office at courthouse, Rushville

Thurs., May 21 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., May 21 - Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St.

Tues., May 26 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., May 26 - Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., May 27 - Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., Old Circuit Court Room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Wed., May 27 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., Old Circuit Court room, second floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., May 28 - Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

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New Members Welcomed in Psi Iota Xi Sorority

Seventeen members were in attendance at the May 7 meeting of the Gamma Eta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi held at the Knightstown United Methodist Church.

Prospective members Katie Vaughan, Julie Vaughan, and Cheryl White were pledged.

Standing committee reports were given. The Thirty-one raffle sales concluded April 30. Chairperson Vickie Rhodes posted the daily winners on the Internet and is calling to notify recipients. A purse, tote/cosmetic/or utility

bag winner is being announced each day in May. All proceeds go for speech and hearing; the arts; literature; music; and of course, many scholarships.

Sorority Jubilee Queen Candidate will be Julie Vaughan. The princess candidate is yet to be selected.

The Psi Iota Xi and Tri Kappa Senior Girls Brunch was held in the KHS cafeteria at noon on Sunday, April 26. It was an enjoyable luncheon celebrating the senior girls and their accomplish-

ments. The girls reported on their future plans and introduced their mothers. The Left-Right Game was a fun conclusion to the afternoon.

Gamma Eta sponsorship for the Knightstown Community National Road Yard Sale was approved by the Knightstown Town Council. The chapter will be providing insurance and overseeing of profits from the sale. All proceeds will be applied to a beautification project on Main Street.

Six \$1,000 Isabelle Sigler PIX academic scholarship were award-

ed at the Senior Awards Program on April 29 at Knightstown High School. Recipients included past graduates Michelle Hochstedler and Lindsay Edwards; and Class of 2015 graduates Macy Burton, Derek Heim, Alexis Madison and Rachel Weiland.

The Wanda Smith Scholarship was awarded to an outstanding senior female athlete. This year's recipient was Kori Biehl. Biehl received a \$200 monetary award along with a plaque from the KHS Athletic Department. Her name will be added to the Wanda Smith Scholarship plaque located in the main hallway at the high school.

The Honorary Active/Retired Members \$200 Scholarship went to Emma Ferree. Ferree is the granddaughter of Psi Iota Xi member Darlene Livingston.

No applications were received from Eastern Hancock or Knightstown High School for the

\$500 arts scholarships.

In other business, a request for funds was received from Libbie Fender for a trip to Croatia. After discussion. One hundred dollars was donated.

End of the season checks were sent to the KES Speech and Hearing Program, Knightstown Friends of the Library and the Henry Henley Public Library in Carthage.

A thank you note was received from the Blue River Community Harvest for the \$100 donation for their April 3 Feed and Be Fed fundraiser. There were also thank you notes from Julie Vaughan for the senior girls' luncheon and for her Sigler Scholarship. Two letters were received from Julie and Katie Vaughan, respectively, accepting their invitation to join Psi Iota Xi.

The hostesses for this meeting were Kay Denney and Lee Vaughan.

BPW Group's State Awards Acknowledged

The Indiana Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. of Knightstown (BPW) had a meeting at Sugarbakers in Knightstown on April 20 with Shannon Dawson as hostess.

BPW President Penny Sitler presided at the meeting.

Leslie Hiner of Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice presented the program, with several guests present.

BPW President-elect and District 2 Director Tina Williams spoke on the awards the local BPW received at the state convention. Awards received included New Member Award, Helen Blaker II Award (for highest number of new members under 30), Onda Harris Membership Retention Award, Silver Certificate, Outstanding Media Award, and the Miriam Sturgeon Award for Club Excellence (third consecutive year).

BPW District 2 received the Choices Award for the Reality Store programs provided to schools in the dis-

trict. The Youth of Achievement winner was Samantha Eaks of Knightstown.

Knightstown BPW hosted its annual senior dessert bar on April 15 with several local high school seniors and guests attending.

Dawson, freelance television producer for WFYI and teacher at Butler University, was the speaker for the evening. She talked about how she wanted to go into broadcasting at 12 years old and how important it is to love one's work.

New local BPW officers were elected for 2015-2016. New officers include President Barbara Mofield, Vice President Penny Sitler, Secretary Jan McGuire, and Treasurer Kelley Millhoan.

Millhoan will be hostess for the May 18 Meeting at Sugarbakers at 6:30 p.m. The program will feature installation of officers. Guests interested in BPW will be welcome, and dinner will be provided to any local woman interested in joining. Meetings are on the third Monday of each month.

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also interested in meeting business one on one to share information about the WorkKeys programs. The tools are worthy of business consideration to help with workforce and human resources.

This initiative promotes a community conversation among job seekers and local businesses utilizing a common tool: National Career Readiness Certificate. We want people to obtain the certificate and businesses to be aware of the designation.

This will be a long-term effort. It is not cure-all and does not remove the responsibility of the individual to be a life-long learner and the employer to invest in on the job training and professional development.

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COUNTY OF HENRY, SS: CASE NO. 33C03-1504-PL-000048
JOHN RICHARD RAWLINS AND SHEILA KAY RAWLINS,
Plaintiffs,

VS.
ROWLAND HSU, CINDY HAMILTON, DISCOVERY BANK, AND ALL UNKNOWN
PARTIES CLAIMING A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN 5707 W. OLD NATIONAL
ROAD, KNIGHTSTOWN, HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA,
Defendants.

FILED: April 29, 2015 - Debra G. Walker, Clerk Henry Circuit Court 3

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Key/Parcel No.: 012-00806-00

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You must answer the complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 20th day of June, 2015, (the same being thirty (30) days after the final publication), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

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on the final report prepared by his firm will be held at the Ercell Bever Jr. Community Center this coming Tuesday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m.

At Kieser's urging, the council voted unanimously Monday to adopt a resolution required by the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Kieser explained that adoption of the resolution was necessary before the town would be able to apply for grants through OCRA.

Mike Laliuff, a senior account representative with Comcast, also made a presentation to the council on Monday. He told the council that Comcast could provide meet the town's telecommunication needs for about \$550 a month, which is almost \$200 less that it now pays each month to Frontier.

Davis and Council Vice President Rachael Brown both told Laliuff they had heard complaints about Comcast's Internet service. Council member John Hancock said Comcast has "a tendency to drop around here," and, while he said he agreed with Hancock, Works Manager Josh Douglas said the problems with Comcast are "not near as bad as Frontier."

Adam Forrest, the town's attorney, suggested the council double check what it currently pays Frontier and see what the terms of the town's contract with that company are and whether the town would have to pay any termination fees if its switches to Comcast. While no formal vote was taken, council members agreed to table the Comcast proposal until this other information is obtained.

Council members approved paying monthly claims totaling \$19,732.11 at Monday's meeting. Of that amount, \$2,176.11 was for four bills that came in that day, after the monthly claim docket had already been prepared.

The council also finally voted to approve Douglas'

request, which he had made several times in past months, that the town have the seven lift stations that are part of the town's sewer infrastructure cleaned at a cost of \$3,050. Davis said the council had not approved the request sooner due to confusion over pricing, with some members of the council thinking the cost was \$3,050 per lift station, as opposed to being a total cost for all of them.

Douglas told the council he would like to get a generator to use at the town's water plant. He said that when electricity went out in town recently, another generator had been used to keep the well field running, but he said there was nothing to keep the booster pumps that inject chlorine and fluoride into the water going. He said he would get price quotes and bring them to a future meeting.

Council members were also advised by Douglas that materials have been purchased to redo flower boxes around the "Carthage" signs marking the entrances into town. Douglas also reported that the town has secured a back entrance into the town cemetery that will allow town workers to continue mowing there while work is being done to Carthage Pike.

Douglas also told the council that a meter has been purchased that can be attached to fire hydrants. He said this will allow the town to keep track of how much water is taken from the hydrants by companies that use water when boring underground, or when the local fire department is getting water to use filling swimming pools.

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

'Main Street' Group Aims for Designation

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

A local group whose members are hoping to earn an "Indiana Main Street" designation from the state met last week with a representative from the agency that oversees that program.

Shae Kmicikewycz, manager of the Office of Community and Rural Affairs' Indiana Main Street Program, came to Knightstown last Wednesday morning and met with members of Knightstown Main Street Inc. Kmicikewycz went through the pre-application process with them and offered suggestions for things the group can do to better Knightstown's chances of becoming a "Main Street" community, which could better the town's efforts to get grants to help local business owners.

Several representatives of KMSI attended a Knightstown Plan Commission meeting on April 27. When asked at that meeting how many members the group had, Bill Gorman said 10-12 people had been active in the planning stages since last October, but that it had no "actual members" yet, even though officers had already been named for its board of directors.

Incorporation papers that Gorman filed with the state in January on the group's behalf specifically state that KMSI has members. Also, paperwork handed out at last week's meeting that detailed the group's accomplishments so far confirmed that the group had elected officers and already named some of its founding members to various committees.

Serving as officers for KMSI are: Helen Gorman, president; Kelly Millhoan, vice president; Penny Shaneyfelt, treasurer; and Hannah Riggs, secretary. Here's what KMSI had to say about its membership on a handout from last week's meeting:

"The membership includes a cross section of business, civic (and) community leaders. Many of our members are also Knightstown Chamber (of Commerce) members, so there is a great relationship between the Main Street program and the Chamber of Commerce."

Kmicikewycz suggested that it might be a good idea to consider having a town official or two on

KMSI's board of directors.

"The easiest way to get buy-in from your cities or towns is to have a member from the government – you know, whether it's a town council member, whoever – have a representative role on the board itself," Kmicikewycz said.

"We do," Gorman answered. "... The city clerk is on our board. I want you to mention that. Her name is Betsy Wilkerson. She works with the town manager and the town council, and at one of the plan commission meetings, we asked it it was OK if she continue to do that and they said yes."

As a point of clarification, Wilkerson is not the "city clerk." She is not an elected town official, but serves as a deputy clerk under Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Bart Whitesitt and works as the town's utility office manager. Also, Town Council President Cort Swincher confirmed Monday that Wilkerson has not been asked by him, the council or plan commission to serve on the KMSI board as a representative of the town.

Kmicikewycz offered some suggestions to the group about the wording of its mission statement, which was broadly defined as helping to "revitalize and preserve our historic downtown ... located on Historical National Road, through business development, partnerships and promotion." Kmicikewycz suggested that the mission statement be amended so that it also identifies who the group is and what they are doing or plan to do toward accomplishing their objectives.

Kmicikewycz also said the group needs to define its "focus area," or have a map showing the boundaries of the area covered by the group's efforts. She also urged members to start small and keep in mind what resources are available to help them work toward their objectives.

"I'm a huge believer in quality projects over quantity projects," Kmicikewycz said.

Kmicikewycz suggested that the KMSI schedule a work planning session to go over remaining things that need to be done before the group is finally ready to apply to be accepted into OCRA's Main Street Program. That meeting is going to

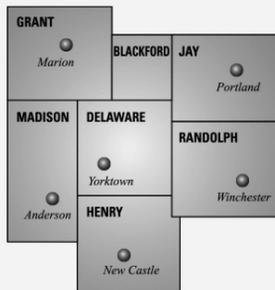
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Goodpastor Seeks Pageant Help



Knights town Elementary School second grader Gracie Goodpastor of Carthage hopes to participate in the upcoming National American Miss pageant. She and her parents, Shea and Robin Goodpastor, are currently raising the \$480 needed for the entry fee.

The Goodpastors are well-known in the Knightstown area. Shea is a WRTV Channel 6 photo-journalist, while Robin serves as executive director of Blue River Community Harvest, a food bank and resource center in Carthage.

The National American Miss pageant isn't like the glamorous youth beauty pageants made famous by cable television, according to Robin Goodpastor. In fact, for contestants ages 4-12, make-up is not allowed.

She said the event focuses on empowering and encouraging kids to become future leaders. "Each contestant will take home real-world skills through participating in the pageant," a National American Miss brochure says. "This experience will help her to develop new goals and use the skill set that she acquires to help her excel toward being a leader of tomorrow."

Contestants compete in four categories: interview, personal introduction, formal wear and a community service project.

Contest organizers encourage participants to seek out local sponsors. Contributions are tax deductible and the names of sponsoring businesses and individuals will

featured in the state program book. Should Gracie Goodpastor advance past the state semi-final rounds June 18-21 in Indianapolis, she'll advance to the national pageant in Los Angeles, Cal., where she'll enjoy a trip to Disneyland and tour of Hollywood. Cash awards and college scholarship are other potential prizes.

"The mission and values of National American Miss make it a pageant that families, friends, civic and business groups have been proud to support year after year," the brochure says. "Our production team has been producing quality events for more than 30 years."

"Our pageant is unique, in that every state finalist makes a difference in the lives of others by contributing to our community service project."

Any local businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring Gracie's entrance fee, either in whole or part, may contact her mother, Robin, at 317-402-4089. More information about the American National Miss pageant can be found at www.namiss.com.

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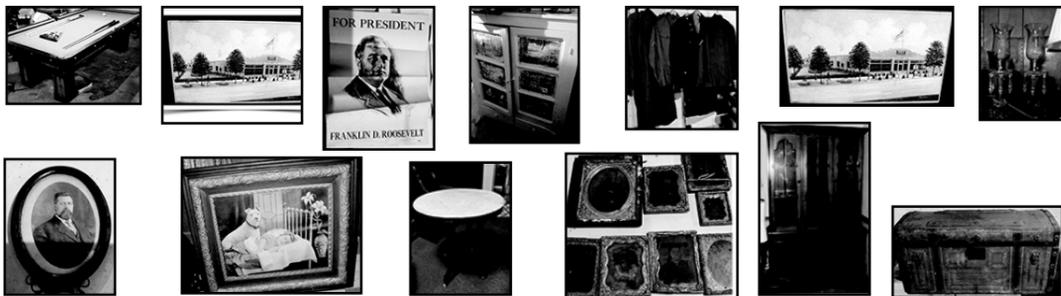
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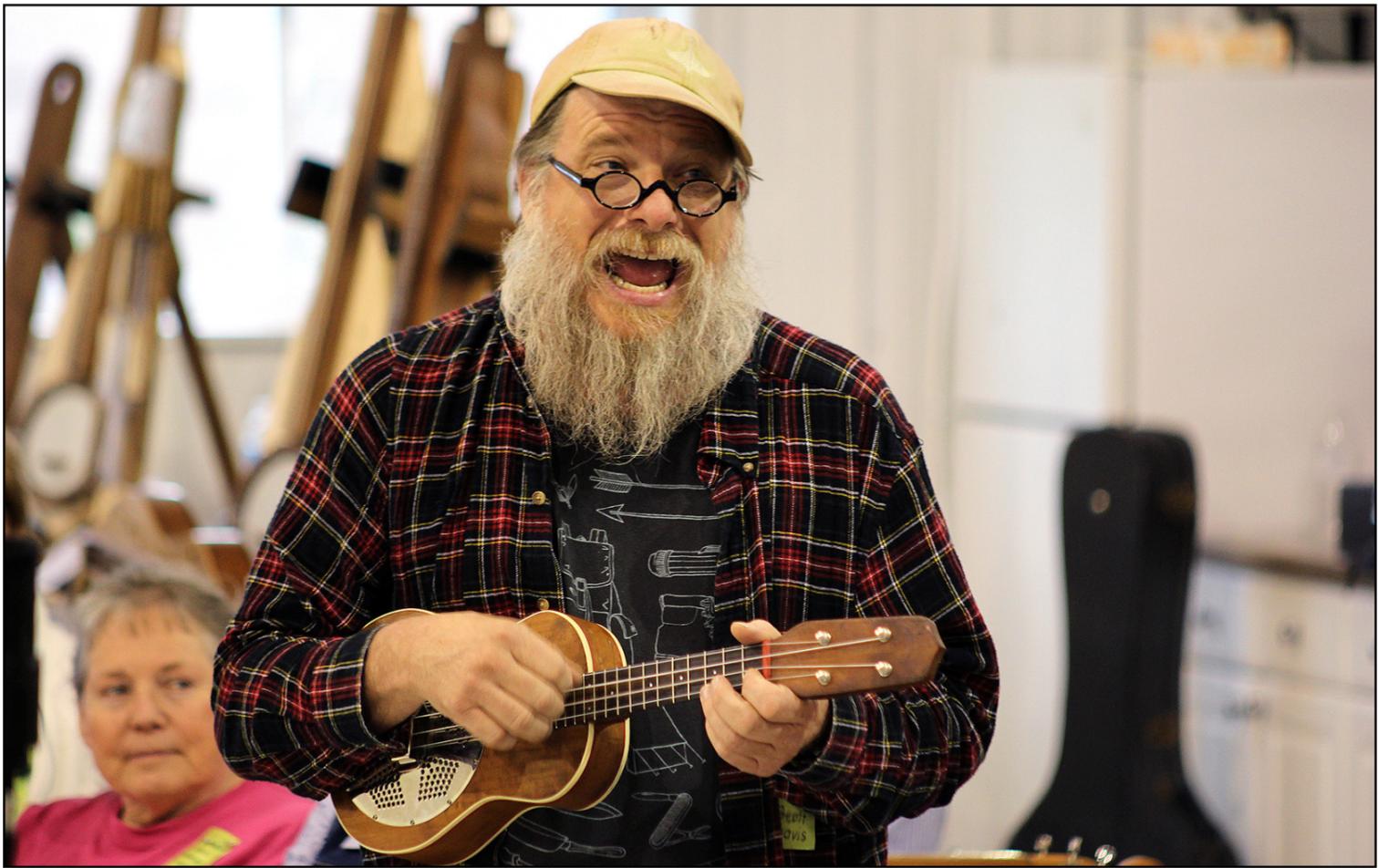
Dozens Learn, Perform, Enjoy Fourth Annual Raintree Music Heritage Festival



Three varieties of dulcimer were taught at the weekend-long Raintree Heritage Music Festival near Spiceland. Playing the hammer dulcimer are Kentuckians Janice Mozeleski and Martha Richard.



Rick Garrett of Indianapolis emcees the concert portion of the festival, which took place on Saturday night. Garrett also plays hammer and mountain dulcimer, as well as guitar.



Ukelele instructor Geoff Davis of Noblesville leads his students in a public performance Saturday night. He taught about 12 ukelele enthusiasts during weekend workshops.



Ukelele students (above, and lower left) have a good time performing in public. According to Sharon Day, who founded the festival, the fourth annual event enjoyed the best attendance and was the longest event yet. Day said this was the first year the festival was held at Cornerstone Campground, having outgrown its original home at Spiceland Friends Church. A retired South Henry Schools kindergarten teacher, Day said she initiated the event because she and others wanted to learn how to play traditional instruments like fiddles, harmonicas, dulcimers, ukeleles, etc. "I have attended these music festivals since the early 90s," Day told The Banner. "I wanted to learn how to play those instruments, but there was no place around me to do it. So, I started an event here."

LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Panthers Softball Team Sinks Three Foes

Knightstown's varsity softball team tallied up three more wins last week against Franklin County, Triton Central and North Decatur.

On May 1, the Lady Panthers defeated Franklin County at home 8-6.

Robyn Clark was named the team's Player of the Game.

"Robyn set the tone for the game on the first batter by tracking a gap shot to right-center field and making the catch," said coach Bret Mann. "She fielded everything hit her way, went 2-for-2 at the plate with two RBIs and a walk."

Haley Fowler again pitched the entire seven innings. She had one strikeout and four walks while allowing six runs on two hits and one error.

Ryan Johnson hit a two-RBI

triple, walked once and scored one run.

Brooke Vise had a double and a single, two RBIs and scored once.

Georgee Lawhorne got two base hits and one stolen base with one run scored.

Vivian Goodpaster hit a single and a sacrifice fly. She had one stolen base and scored twice. Fowler and Carmen Cleek scored the team's other two runs.

The win boosted the Lady Panthers' record to 7-5.

... vs Triton Central

On May 4, Knightstown's varsity softball team stomped Triton Central 18-5 on the road.

Fowler was named the team's Player of the Game.

"As been the case a lot lately, this was a great team win but Haley

set the tone for us by hitting a grand slam the first inning and shutting the opponent down for three scoreless innings before giving way to Tori McDonald," said coach Mann about his star pitcher.

Fowler struck out four batters and walked one while giving up just three hits in the three innings she pitched. McDonald pitched the final two innings, giving up five runs on three hits and two errors.

Fowler added a single to go along with her grand slam and four RBIs.

Johnson was again hot at bat with a triple, three singles, three RBIs. She had one stolen base and scored three runs.

Cleek hit a double and a single, had three RBIs and one run.

Hayleigh Ooten got three hits with two RBIs and two runs scored. Vise also had three hits with one RBI and three runs scored.

Goodpaster hit a double and single with one RBI and two runs scored.

Lawhorne had two base hits, one RBI and two runs scored.

Raeleigh Stallsworth hit an RBI-single and scored once. Clark added two base hits and scored one run.

Sidney Hastings and Sammi Eaks were both walked and scored one run apiece.

The victory over Triton Central improved the KHS record to 8-5.

... vs North Decatur

The following day, May 5, the Lady Panthers varsity softball team whipped Mid-Hoosier Conference opponent North Decatur 13-3 on the road.

KHS started off strong, putting four runs on the board in the first inning and six more in the second inning to take a commanding 10-3 lead.

Goodpaster was named the team's Player of the Game.

"Vivian caught a great game with her battery mate, Haley Fowler, and hit great," coach Mann said about his main catcher. "She was officially only 2-for-4, but had one line out to third base and a perfect bunt single that was called out for being out of the box. On her other two at-bats, she had an inside-the-park home run and a

ground rule double. She continues to get quality at-bats every game for us."

Goodpaster had one RBI and scored two runs.

Eaks hit a two RBI-triple and scored once.

Fowler hit a double, single and a sacrifice fly with two RBIs. She had one stolen base and scored twice. She also pitched all five innings, striking out three batters and walking one. She gave up three runs on six hits and three errors.

Cleek got a double and a single with one RBI. Ooten also hit a double and scored once.

Johnson had two base hits and a sacrifice fly with one RBI and two runs scored.

Clark reached base twice on errors, got one RBI and scored twice.

Lawhorne hit a single, had one stolen base and scored twice. McDonald added a base hit and Kiley Breece scored a run.

The Lady Panthers' overall record bumped up to 9-5 and their conference record now stands at 4-2.

JV Baseball Team Bounces Back from Loss; Tallies Win

Knightstown's junior varsity baseball team bounced back from a 16-2 loss on the road at Lapel April 29 by defeating the Bulldogs 5-1 at home May 5.

Kaunner Cleek was named the Panthers' Player of the Game. He pitched a complete game with 10 strikeouts and no walks in seven innings. He gave up just one run on three hits and one error.

Hagan Moore hit an RBI-double. Dakota Locker had two base hits, one RBI and one run scored.

Connor Brockman hit a single and a sacrifice fly, scoring once.

Bruce Nichols got two base hits and scored one run.

Bryan Newby added a base hit and Jared Porter was walked once, had an RBI and scored one run.

The win over Lapel on May 5 improved the JV's record to 3-5 on the season.

The next day, May 6, the JV Panthers fell 8-3 to New Palestine at home.

Porter suffered the loss on the mound. He pitched six innings with three strikeouts and one walk. He gave up seven runs on eight hits and three errors. Levi Back relieved Porter and pitched one inning. Back had one strikeout, no walks and allowed one run on one hit.

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take place on Monday, June 8, in one of the back meeting rooms at the Hoosier Gym, accessible from the Adams Street side.

"I am very impressed with what you've pulled together already," Kmicikewycz told KMSI members at last week's meeting. "... You've done a great job."

KMSI recently held a community clean-up day on Saturday, May 2. Group members and other volunteers swept downtown streets and sidewalks, picked up trash and painted some curbs.

Future fundraising events the group is considering include an "adult prom," movie nights and concerts on the town's public square, and a "parking lot pickers" rummage sale where booth space would be sold to vendors. The group also plans to sell T-shirts once a logo is finished.

For more information about KMSI, contact Helen Gorman at 765-717-1593, or Kelly Millhoan at 317-508-1222.

Raintree Ride Scheduled for Sept. 26

The annual Raintree Ride, sponsored by Healthy Communities of Henry County will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, at Westwood Park, 1900 S. CR 275-W, New Castle.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the ride begins at 9 a.m.

Last year, the annual Raintree Ride featured 6-, 33-, 62- and 100-mile scenic bicycle rides through Henry County. The routes offer opportunities to see the Westwood Park and Knightstown's Hoosier Gym, among other sites.

Homemade snacks and water were offered at stops along the routes and also at the end of the ride.

A complimentary T-shirt was given to all participants who pre-registered. Registration fees are \$20 by September 13 and \$25 after. Registration continued up until the morning of the event. Shirts, and in par-

ticular shirt sizes, are not guaranteed to participants who register after the pre-registration deadline. Registration and check-in began the day of the ride at 8 a.m.



"Open to young and old alike, the Raintree Ride is fun and challenging for all riders, no matter your level of experience and is a great event for families to bike together," said Chris Williams, board president of Healthy Communities of Henry County.

All proceeds from this event go toward developing the recreational trails system in Henry County being designed and constructed under the supervision of and through efforts put forth by Healthy Communities of Henry County, a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit committed to enhancing the quality of life in Henry County.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Heim, Weiland Claim County Doubles Title



Knightstown High School's No. 1 doubles team of Leah Heim (left) and Rachel Weiland pose with the winner's bracket. (Photo submitted)

The Henry County girls tennis tourney took place Saturday, May 9.

Shenandoah claimed the county title. Tri placed second, Knightstown was third and Blue River Valley finished fourth.

Knightstown's No. 1 doubles team of Leah Heim and Rachel Weiland won the county title defeating Blue River Valley's doubles team 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 and Tri's doubles team 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

After starting slow, Heim and Weiland sped up the tempo late in the first set of the BRV match.

"With increased communication and quicker shots and control, they finished the first round with a commanding 6-0 score," said coach Cindy Hammer, who added they showed they were the best doubles team in the tournament with their strong finishes.

Hannah Peters was runner-up at No. 1 singles. She beat her opponent from Blue River Valley 6-4, 2-6 (10-5) but lost to her opponent from Shenandoah 2-6, 1-6.

Kale Obye finished fourth at No. 2 singles, losing to her Tri opponent 2-6, 1-6 and to her Blue River Valley opponent 2-6, 2-6.

Taylor Halcomb was fourth in No. 3 singles, losing both sets 0-6 against her Shenandoah opponent. Then she fell to Blue River Valley's No. 3 singles player 6-3, 4-6 (11-13).

Knightstown's No. 2 doubles team of Abbie True and Emma Grubbs placed third. They lost their first match 1-6 and 4-6 against Tri's No. 2 doubles team but won their second set 6-1 and 6-2 against their opponents from Blue River Valley.

Coach Hammer was pleased with the play of True and Grubbs.

"This duo is in their first season as varsity players. As sophomores, they have had to play upper classmen all season long. They played against two seniors in their first round," said Hammer. "They worked hard and never quit. ... I am really looking forward to seeing what these two can do in the next two years."

The Lady Panthers are now 3-12 on the season.

Hammer added, "I am so proud of the way all of our girls competed and kept their composure in some difficult situations today. Their sportsmanship and competitiveness was proof of what kind of kids they are and I am so fortunate to be able to coach them."

Lady Panther Tennis Team Loses to EH; Beats Waldron

On May 4, the Lady Panther tennis teams were defeated by Eastern Hancock.

The KHS varsity lost to EH 2-3. Heim and Weiland won their No. 1 doubles team 6-0 and 6-1 against EH's Channing Bearhope and Lexi McMahan.

Halcomb, at No. 3 singles, got the other victory for KHS, defeating Kayla Huff 7-5 and 6-3.

Peters, at No. 1 singles for KHS, lost to Hailey Carlton 2-6 and 3-6.

KHS' No. 2 singles Kale Obye lost to Grace Perkins 2-6 and 0-6.

True and Grubbs lost the No. 2 doubles match to EH's Emiley Carlton and Kelly Mellene 2-6 and 1-6.

The junior varsity Lady Panthers lost 2-4 to the JV Lady Royals.

Tara Nolen, at No. 3 singles, got one of the KHS' wins by beating EH's Tatum Profit 8-4. Brooklyn Harding, at No. 4 singles, defeated EH's Trena Fish 8-4.

Knightstown JV's No. 1 singles player Hope Johnson lost 7-8 (3-7) to Cailton Contreraz.

Kiley Erwin lost 2-8 to EH's Chloe Vincz

in the No. 2 singles match.

The KHS No. 1 doubles team of Kamryn Reed and Kaitlynn McIntyre lost 5-8 to Olivia Scott and Erin McKeeman.

Kori Wright and Zoey Hunsinger, at No. 2 doubles for KHS, lost 4-8 to Briana Kramer and Sabrina Swift.

With the losses, the varsity record moved to 2-9 and the JV is 4-7 this season.

--- vs Waldron

Knightstown's girls tennis teams both got wins over Waldron on May 7.

Waldron only had three singles players to

compete against the Lady Panthers so coach Cindy Hammer switched up the usual assignments.

Heim played at No. 1 singles for the first time this year. She lost 5-7 and 4-6.

Peters played at No. 2 singles and defeated her opponent 6-0, 3-6, 7-5.

Weiland, at No. 3 singles, won 6-2 and 6-1. Waldron did not have any doubles teams or any players for their junior varsity.

Knightstown's varsity won 4-1, improving their record to 3-10, and the JV won 5-0, bumping up their record to 5-8.

Panther Track Teams Win Henry County Titles

Both of Knightstown's varsity boys and girls track teams took first place in the Henry County Track Meet Tuesday, May 5.

In the boys' meet, Knightstown edged out Shenandoah to claim the county title. The Panthers scored 82, Shenandoah had 76, Blue River Valley finished with 42 and Tri had 28.

Kennedy Osborn finished first in three events and Coleman Wyatt was first in two events to lead the boys team.

Osborn recorded a time of 12.12 seconds to take first in the 100-meter dash. Alex Fields was third in the event at 12.32.

Osborn was also first in the 200 with a time of 24.70 and Ben Haase posted a time of 26.04 to finish fourth.

Michael Haney came in fourth in the 400 at 56.02.

In the 800, JT Butler posted a time of 2:21.91 for third place. Tylor Strawmyer finished seventh at 2:32.28.

Jake Hull was sixth at 5:41.81 and Caleb Munden was seventh at 6:50.36 in the 1600-meter run.

Ben Willey was the county champ in the 3200 with a time of 11:06.05.

In the 110 hurdles, Josh Sayre was third at 19.60 and Lane Parker was fourth at 19.79.

Riley Ruble was the first place finisher in the 300 hurdles with a time of 44.20 and Josh Sayre came in fifth at 49.54.

The 100 relay group of Haase, Fields, Cameron Fender and Osborn took second place, posting a time of 46.97.

Knightstown's 400 relay team of Fields, Fender, Butler and Haney were also runner-up at 3:51.78.

Steven Heady, Haase, Butler and Willey ran the 800 relay at 9:42.59 for third place.

Wyatt was county champ in the shot put and second in the discus. He heaved the shot put to 42 feet, 7 3/4 inches and the discus to 114 feet, two inches.

Derek Heim came in fourth in the shot put at 39 feet, 9 3/4 inches and Logan Johnson was third in the discus with a throw of 108 feet, three inches.

Osborn was first and Ruble was second in the high jump. Both had jumps of five feet, four inches.

Fields recorded a long jump of 17 feet, 10 inches for second place. Fender was third with a long jump of 17 feet, seven inches.

Lady Panthers Win County Title

In the girls' meet, Knightstown had nine first place finishes and topped the field with a score of 93. Blue River Valley was second with 75 points. Shenandoah posted a score of 45 for third place and Tri came in fourth with 15.

Hannah Thomas earned first place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.02 seconds. Lauren Wineman was seventh at 15.42.

Julie Vaughan won the county title in the 200 with a time of 29.57. Elaine Suesz recorded a time of 29.99 for fourth place.

Vaughan was also first in the 400, posting a time of 1:06.91. Cora Nolen was runner-up at 1:09.61.

Lori Thomas was the county champ in the 800 and the 1600. She posted a time of 2:43.16 in the 800 and

6:00.63 in the 1600.

Kelsey Crim was runner-up in the 800 at 2:47.26. Meski Tabb was fourth in the 1600 at 6:48.97.

Tabb finished second in the 3200 run at 14:49.17. Meghan Cupp came in fifth at 16:26.60.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Allison Sander was second at 17.94 and Emily Sander was sixth at 23.03.

Gracy Muncy was third in the 300 hurdles, recording a time of 56.40. Wineman was fourth at 56.51.

The KHS girls won all three relay races.

Allison Sander, Suesz, Hannah Thomas and Emily Sander were first in the 100 relay at 55.56.

In the 400 relay, Allison Sander, Nolen, Lori Thomas and Vaughan took first with a time of 4:40.29.

Lori Thomas, Crim, Annie Moore and Vaughan recorded at time of 11:18.24 to take first in the 800 relay.

Hannah Thomas was third in the shot put and in the discus. She heaved the shot put to 28 feet, 10 1/2 inches and discus to 80 feet, six inches.

Brean Rutledge came in seventh in the shot put at 21 feet, 8 1/2 inches. Emily Sander was fourth in the discus at 71 feet, five inches.

Allison Sander was the county champ with her high jump of 4 feet, eight inches. Moore was fourth with high jump of four feet, six inches.

Muncy had a long jump of 13 feet, 11 1/2 inches for third place.

Lane, Parham Compete at Anderson Speedway

The CRA Stealth Trailers Street Stocks were in action last Saturday at the Anderson Speedway and once again Henry County drivers were atop the speed charts.

Knightstown's Calvin Parham set fast time with a lap at 13.747 (65.469 mph). New Castle's Jason Atkinson timed in third fastest at 13.877, and Knightstown's Colby Lane posted the sixth fastest time

at 14.006.

After qualifying, rain visited the speedway in what resulted in a two-hour rain delay. The track crew gave its best effort and was able to dry the quarter-mile, high banked speedway so racing could resume.

The CRA Street Stocks took to the track for their 75-lap feature event.

Lane found himself starting on

the pole after a six-car inversion and he wasted no time taking the early lead before being passed by Jimmy Kirby on lap six.

Lane would stay in pursuit and retake the lead on lap 32. He held the top spot with Parham moving into second.

Atkinson and Kirby collided bringing out the yellow flag on lap 63.

On the restart, Parham and Lane

made contact while battling for the lead. The contact ended Parham's evening, leaving him with a 12th place finish.

On the next restart Lane found Anderson's Josh Poore on his bumper in second place and the two fought for the lead until they made contact on lap 72, bringing out the caution flag and placing both drivers on the tail with three laps to go.

That ended Lane's chance at winning three features in a row.

Lane's exit left the race wide open for Indianapolis's Robert Amos Jr. to take the checkered flag and score his first series win.

Lane finished 10th and Atkinson came home in fifth position.

For more information on CRA events please visit their website at <http://www.cra-racing.com>.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Three Wins Help Panthers Retain Top Ranking

For the third straight week, Knightstown's varsity baseball team was ranked first in class 2A, based on the latest poll posted May 11.

Panther fans had a bit of a scare on May 4, when the 2-12 Tri Titans showed up in Knightstown determined to win and forced the Panthers to play hard for seventh innings, squeaking by with a 9-8 win.

"Tough game for the Panthers tonight as Tri came out ready to play. We battled for 7 innings and were fortunate to come out on top in the end," coach Daren Hardesty said. "I'm proud of the guys for not giving in. Their experience in close games helped get them the win tonight. McRoberts, Mattix, and Kwisz were clutch in the middle of our line-up -- all three stepped up getting 11 of our 15 hits and 7 of our 9 runs."

Isaac McRoberts earned the Player of the Game honors for the Panthers. He was 4-for-4 at the plate, including a triple, and had one RBI with one stolen base and four runs scored.

Knightstown used three pitchers against the Titans with Tyler Richardson getting the win. Richardson pitched three innings, facing 16 batters. He had five strikeouts and gave up four runs on five hits and three errors.

Tyler Burton also pitched three innings,

facing 15 batters. He struck out two and walked five, giving up two runs on three hits and one error.

Max Rinehart pitched one inning, facing seven batters. He had two strikeouts while allowing two runs on three hits and one error.

Spencer Mattix hit a double and three singles and had one RBI with two runs scored.

Jake Kwisz also hit a double and two singles. He had two RBIs and scored one run.

Richardson got a base hit and scored one.

Drake Peggs, Tyler Hubble and Jake Bearhope each had a base hit. Bearhope also had a sacrifice hit.

Kaleb Kinnaman got on base on a fielder's choice and scored one run. Mike Jones hit a sacrifice fly, knocking in one run.

The victory over Tri boosted the Panthers' record to 14-1.

... vs South Decatur

The Panthers' varsity baseball team nabbed its seventh Mid-Hoosier Conference win against South Decatur May 6 with an 11-1 road win.

Mattix was the Player of the Game for KHS. He pitched seven innings, striking out 10 batters with no walks, giving up just one run on four hits and one error.

Peggs was on fire again at the plate, hit-

ting another home run along with a double, a single and a fielder's choice. He had four RBIs and scored two runs.

Jones hit a double and was walked once and hit by a pitch to get on base another time. He scored three runs.

Kinnaman had a double, a sacrifice fly and reached base once on an error. He scored twice and had one stolen base.

Hubble hit a single and reached base twice on fielder's choice and once by error. He had two stolen bases and scored two runs.

Richardson had two hits and one RBI. Bearhope also had two hits and scored once.

McRoberts hit a single and a sacrifice fly for one RBI.

Mattix and Kwisz each hit RBI-singles. Burton also had a base hit and scored one run.

The win against South Decatur improves the Panthers' overall record to 15-1 and their conference record to 7-0.

... vs Hauser

Knightstown varsity baseball team's conference record moved to 8-0 with a shutout of Hauser on the road May 9.

The Panthers had two big innings, in the first and in the seventh, that posted the lopsided 13-0 win.

"We came out ready to play," coach

Hardesty said. "With two outs, we scored four runs in the first inning. We continued to add additional runs in the third, fourth and fifth before we added six more in the seventh. Isaac McRoberts was unstoppable at the plate going 5-for-5 at the plate while calling a great game behind the dish for Jake Kwisz. Kwisz was once again dominant allowing zero runs on seven strikeouts."

Kwisz gave up only three hits with no runs and no errors.

McRoberts had two doubles and three singles with one RBI and three runs scored to lead the Panthers at the plate.

Bearhope hit a double, a single and a sacrifice fly. He had three RBIs and scored two runs.

Mattix also hit a double and a sacrifice fly for three RBIs. He scored one run.

Peggs had a double and two singles, knocking in two RBIs with two runs scored.

Hubble hit two singles, had one RBI and scored one run.

Richardson got two base hits with one RBI. He scored twice.

Burton had two base hits and scored one run.

Jones hit an RBI-single and scored once and Kinnaman also hit an RBI-single.

The blowout of Hauser upgrades the Panthers' record to 16-1 overall.

Victory Lane Camp Awarded Grant

Reid Hospital presented Victory Lane Camp with a Community Benefit Grant at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 11, at the Victory Lane Camp offices, 1912 Bundy Ave., New Castle.

As a not-for-profit hospital, Reid commits to giving back to the communities they serve. Through the community benefit grant process, Reid provides support to other non-profit service organizations who are working toward common goals for improving the health care delivery system, overall health, and assisting community partners in the region.

"Community benefit grants allow us to direct funds toward the most pressing needs in the community. Victory Lane Camp is providing support to a popula-

tion that is often underserved," expressed Billie Kester, Director of Continuum of Care at Reid Hospital. "They are a wonderful example of an organization working to meet the needs of children and families in our community. It is very rewarding to be able to support organizations such as this. Together, we can all achieve greater results as we work to improve the health of our communities."

Reid Hospital selected Victory Lane Camp (VLC) for a \$10,000 Community Benefit Grant because VLC demonstrates a commitment to meeting the need of access to care by providing support, education and care for families of children with a disability. VLC offers not only a camp experience, but also a com-

munity of families, churches, therapists, and organizations who genuinely care about children with disabilities and their families.

"Local hospitals understand the importance of wholeness in the family unit. When family health is heading in the right direction, the whole community is assured of better days ahead. It is humbling to receive the Reid Community Benefits Grant which will enable us to professionally record our teaching curriculum for years to come," said Brett Fischer, Victory Lane Camp Founder and CEO.

Victory Lane Camp is currently accepting applications for this year's Pace Lap Camp. Find out more at www.VictoryLaneCamp.org or call 765-591-4191.

South Henry Board Changes Meeting

The South Henry School Board has changed the date of its regular monthly meeting for May to this Thursday at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the school board's normal meeting location, in Room 22 of the school district's central office, 6972 S. SR 103, Straughn. Persons needing special accommodations to attend should contact Lisa Butler at 765-987-7882 at least 24 hours in advance.

Prior to its regular meeting, the school board will also hold a private executive session at 6 p.m.

Thursday. The purpose of this closed-door meeting is so board members can discuss employee job evaluations.

The school board will also hold a special public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, after the executive session. This meeting has been called so board members can consider an amendment to the school district's lease with the South Henry Multi-School Building Corporation, an entity established to deal with debt associated with school construction costs.

Henry County Faith Fest Features Concert

The band Relesser brings its modern rock/electronic hybrid sound to the Concert at the Courthouse, presented by Henry County Faith Fest. The concert starts at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, in front of the Henry County Courthouse at the corner of Main and Race in New Castle.

Relesser is the brainchild of Asche, a musician whose work (under the name Autumn's Descent) has been heard on movies and television shows created by MTV, VH1, ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, WB, A&E, NFL Network, & Disney.

In addition to Asche, the group includes Andy Whitten and Chris Glover. The group started performing live in 2012 and played at many festivals and concerts. The band's debut album "Release" is scheduled to be available this fall. Leading up to that, the band is sharing two-song chapters from the album on their website: www.relesser.com.

Jessica Julson and JT Sifuentes will open for Relesser. Julson is a singer and songwriter who uses music to illustrate how God's fingerprints are undeniably intertwined throughout our lives. JT

Sifuentes is an alternative rock musician who plays guitar, harmonica, looper, and ukulele and once played 124 shows in 84 days.

There is no cost to attend Concert at the Courthouse. Those who attend are encouraged to bring a lawn chair. Tropical Shaved Ice will be on site selling refreshments.

Faith Fest continues on Monday, May 25, right after the Memorial Day Parade and lasts until 3 p.m. Families are invited to enjoy free carnival games, an archery demonstration, some food and community booths, along with a prayer tent.

Dylan Kennedy, Ross Wyatt Excel in Welding Competitions



Dylan Kennedy (left) and Ross Wyatt pose with their trophies.

Ross Wyatt is a junior in the Whitewater Technical Career Center (WTCC) welding program. Dylan Kennedy is a senior in the same program. Both boys are from Rushville High School.

Wyatt and Kennedy competed in the regional Skills USA welding competition in February. Kennedy received first place and Wyatt received third place. Both boys earned a spot in the state competition.

On April 11, they traveled to Indianapolis and competed in the state competition. This time Wyatt took first place, earning him a weeklong trip to Louisville, Ky., in June to compete in the 50th annual Skills USA conference and competition.

"This is a great achievement for any student," said their instructor, Phil Bedel. "The fact that Ross is only a junior makes this even more amazing."

Kennedy and Wyatt also competed in the Midwest team welding tournament in March. This was a four-state competition hosted by the Indiana section of the American Welding Society. This competition is for five-person teams and individual event, with students competing in individual welding areas.

This year, WTCC took the third place team award. Team members include Kennedy, Wyatt, Sarah Lykins, Willie Chase and Ryan Taylor.

Wyatt took first place in the shielded metal arc welding (stick) section of the competition and Kennedy took third place in the flux core arc welding section.

Kennedy has also earned the Overall outstanding Welding student at WTCC. He will receive a full welding PPE gear set, donated by Lincoln Electric. Kennedy will be given this award at the WTCC awards ceremonies.

Wyatt will be returning to WTCC next year to complete his training and Kennedy has been accepted to Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Troy, Ohio.

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things to get people involved, get their attention up, get them thinking."

He notes that one way to do this, which emergency organizations like FEMA and the CDC have long since embraced, is by appealing to the majority of people's fascination with zombies. After finding that both FEMA and the CDC have zombie webpages and zombie programs that have been active for years, Huffman decided that he and his compatriots would start a zombie program of their own. He felt that, with the amount of people who are interested in zombies for one reason or another, it wouldn't take long to get people talking.

"And it worked," he said. "We went out and did public speaking engagements for local tourist organizations. People just want to know what we're doing and why, and if it does nothing else than get them talking about preparedness and building a go bag and why they need it, then that's exactly what the program is intended to do."

A go bag is a portable kit containing the items necessary for one to survive for 72-hours

or more upon evacuating a disaster zone.

2014 was Emergency Management's first year hosting the Zombie Preparedness program, which saw quite a turnout.

"This will be the second time we're doing it," said Huffman. "We're working on getting our prizes and things together for our next day. We're thinking about doing it in Knightstown again but we're not sure where it's gonna be in the county. We gave away about 600 prizes last year. Everything from drinking cups, to patches to full-fledged go-bags. So there were quite a few prizes we were able to give out last year. Matter of fact, we have a Facebook page, Zombie Apocalypse."

One of the more popular prizes they gave away was a small foam zombie, with an inscription on the back saying, "Is your go bag ready to go?" It was eventually dubbed "Henry" and has since become a sort of mascot for the Zombie Preparedness program known as Henry the Zombie. While at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland, Huffman gave a

Henry to some friends of his, who proceeded to showcase the foam zombie in different locations, from Hawaii to Las Vegas all the way to Europe.

"So now Henry the Zombie has his own Facebook page and he travels around the county and gets his picture taken in different places," he said. "Sounds like Henry's gonna have a good time."

According to Huffman, there will be more "Henry the Zombie" figures on sale for this year's Zombie Preparedness program.

Huffman graduated from Eastern Hancock High School in 1978.

"When I got out of high school, I went to work for Charlie's Garage as a mechanic for eight years. And then I went to work in Greenfield for a place called Paul Akers Inc. There, I worked on propane and anhydrous ammonia equipment. Then my next job was at the New Castle Fire Department," Huffman said. "Since I got out of high school in 1978, I've had four jobs, and two of them still working."

Though he was born in New Castle,

Huffman has lived in a few local towns throughout his life.

"We lived over by the Wilbur Wright Memorial for a little while when I was a child," he said. "Then, in about the third grade, we moved out north of Wilkinson and I grew up out there. And when I got married, I ended up in Shirley and been living there ever since."

His wife has worked for Star Financial for about 35 years. She's a lending instructor, teaching the people that loan money. Their daughter just graduated from Ball State, and is now working at Ball Memorial Hospital as a registered nurse. Their son is a Vincennes graduate, having finished his degree a couple years ago. He is now married with children, thus giving Huffman and his wife grandchildren.

"Everything's going pretty well. The good lord's blessed us," said Huffman. "The ability to help people every day somehow is what most people strive to do or would like to be able to do. And fortunately, I've been blessed with jobs that allow me to do that."

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Cleek had a stellar day at the plate with a home run, a double, a single and two RBIs. He added one stolen base and scored twice.

Moore hit a double knocking in two runs. He also reached base on a fielder's choice. He scored twice.

Locker had an RBI-single. Kaleb Buchanan and Porter each had one RBI. Buchanan scored twice and Back, Brockman, Nichols and Tucker Personett each scored once.

With the win over Centerville, the KHS JV record improved to 4-6.

The junior varsity baseball team got a one day break after playing three in a row then suffered a tough 8-9 loss at home against Hauser May 9.

Back pitched five innings with three strikeouts and one walk. He gave up three runs on eight hits and two errors, putting the Panthers up

5-2 at the end of the fifth.

Hauser then scored two runs at the top of the sixth. KHS rallied with three runs of their own in the bottom of that inning.

The Jets knocked in four runs in the top of the seventh to go up one, then held the Panthers scoreless to get the win.

Buchanan led the Panthers at the plate with two hits, two RBIs and two runs scored.

Newby hit an RBI-double and scored once. Locker and Brockman each added a double.

Porter had single that knocked in two runs. Cleek and Moore each hit an RBI-single.

Back, Nichols and Mason Carmichael each got base hits and scored once.

The loss pushed the Panthers' overall record down to 4-7.



Charlottesville/Knightstown Boy Scout Troop 293 leader Bill Huffman instructs Scouts on the proper way to paddle a canoe Saturday afternoon at Westwood Park. As part of requirements for a Boy Scouts camping merit badge, Scouts have to canoe or kayak four hours or paddle five miles in a single day. Local boys accomplished that Saturday.

Paddling with a Purpose

Boy Scout Troop 293 Canoes Its Way Toward Camping Merit Badge at Westwood



Patrol Leader Ben Adkins listens carefully to canoeing instructions from Scout leader Bill Huffman Saturday at Westwood Park.



Scouts put their canoes in Westwood Lake. Shortly after that, they headed for the lake's furthest reaches, where they stopped for a break and an impromptu shore lunch.



Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 293 set out for an afternoon of canoeing Saturday at Westwood Park. After the canoeing was completed, Scouts stayed the night in tents at the park.



Ryan Dagley (right) and Anthony Kress prepare to get underway.

Photos by Eric Cox

