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State Shares Little in HYCA Dismissal

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Nearly three weeks after she was fired as director of the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy, Bethany Williams says she is no closer to knowing what specifically led to her dismissal.

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. In a brief one-page memo to Williams dated that day, a copy of which was provided to The Banner on Monday by the State Department of Personnel in response to a record request, Umbarger officially notified Williams she was being fired.

"Your are formally dismissed," Umbarger wrote in the memo. "As discussed on April 29, 2015, your recent unprofessional and inappropriate behavior does not meet agency standards."

The memo itself was not how Williams was notified of her firing. That came during a phone conversation with Umbarger on the morning of May 1.

Williams had previously discussed her brief meeting with Umbarger on April 29 with The Banner. While she said Umbarger had "alluded to some things" during that meeting, she said she had not been given any specific reason for the termination when Umbarger called two days later and told her she should resign, and then fired her when she refused.

As for the "unprofessional and inappropriate behavior" noted in Umbarger's memo, Williams said, "Unfortunately, I still do not know what that means. ... All I can say ... is I don't know what the allegations are. No one has said, 'This is the problem, and this happened.'"

The Banner has tried to secure more information from the state about the reasons for Williams' firing. Under Indiana's Access to Public Records Act, public agencies are required to release the factual basis for the termination of public employees.

The Indiana National Guard declined to provide a factual basis for Williams' firing and ultimately told The Banner it would need to file a record request with the SDP. The Banner filed record requests with SDP on May 8 and May 13, which have been partially fulfilled.

Recent e-mails from the SDP's legal counsel, however, seem to indicate that the agency may be withholding some records that

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Fire Distinguisher



On Tuesday May 5, Dave Steinwachs was honored at the monthly business meeting of the Knightstown-Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Dept. A 25-year veteran fireman, Steinwachs is retiring from the fire department. He was honored with a plaque and a reception hosted by members of the fire department and his family. His badge, No. 43, was retired from service. (Photo submitted)

Guillaume Named Sagamore of the Wabash

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

A retirement reception last week that marked what will soon be the end of more than four decades in the field of education held a surprise for the Knightstown man being honored.

Bob Guillaume, a former Knightstown High School teacher and current CEO and commandant of Anderson Preparatory Academy, was presented with the Sagamore of the Wabash award during his retirement reception in Anderson on May 13. The Sagamore, created and first awarded during the late 1940s by then Gov. Ralph Gates, is generally considered the highest honor bestowed by Indiana governors.

State Rep. Terri Austin of Anderson (D-Dist. 36) presented the award to Guillaume at last week's retirement reception on behalf of Gov. Mike Pence, who was not in attendance. This was an appropriate and welcome role for

Austin, as she was also the person who nominated Guillaume for the honor.

"I think Bob is most deserving of a Sagamore," Austin, who has known Guillaume for about six years, told The Banner on Monday afternoon. "He has a great history

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- State Rep. Terri Austin

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In a career spanning more than 40 years, the 65-year-old Guillaume, a native of Kentucky who has called Indiana home since 1974, has taught at both the secondary and college levels. He taught agriculture education at

KHS from 1991 to 2001, and, after that, was instrumental in starting the state's first veterinary science program, which is part of the New Castle Career Center and was once housed at the former Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home.

Guillaume, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from North Carolina State University and Morehead State University, respectively, also taught economics at Vincennes University and Oakland City University and served as an environmental education specialist for Purdue University for three years. He is also a published author, releasing *Redesigning Education in the U.S. For Academic Success*, available in paperback from Xlibris, in 2005.

In 2008, Guillaume's work in the field of education entered a new phase when he and Lt. Col. John Riley cofounded APA in

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OBITUARIES

Howard M. Logan
September 10, 1946 - May 14, 2015

Howard M. Logan, 68, of Morristown, died May 14 at his home. He was born Sept. 10, 1946, in Carthage, a son of the late William and Marthat (Butler) Logan. Mr. Logan worked as an insurance agent for National Life Insurance.

Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl (Jeff) Pennington of Morristown; a son, Jeff (Lisa) Logan of Connersville; a brother, Kenneth Logan of Napa, Calif.; three sisters, Shelby Carpenter of Connersville, Ilene Dyer of Carthage and Olive Forsythe of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren, Ashley Pennington, Kyle Pennington, Sean Logan and Meagan Logan; and three great-grandchildren, Kenzie Cox, Kaydon Cox and Norah Hartley.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Ona Deboard and Melba Parson.

Funeral services are at Murphy-Parks Funeral Service and Crematory, 703 S. Harrison St., Shelbyville, on Saturday, May 23, at 11 a.m. Billy Parson and Rev. Eric Bowling will officiate. Visitation is May 23 from 9 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Carthage. Online condolences may be noted at www.murphyparks.com.

Georgia N. Chriswell
March 3, 1930 - May 13, 2015



Georgia N. Chriswell, 85, of Wilkinson, passed away Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at Hancock Regional Hospice following an extended illness.

She was born March 3, 1930, in Straughn, a daughter of the late George and Gertrude (Greiner) Neff.

A 1948 graduate of Wilkinson High School, Georgia was co-owner of Wilkinson Auction and Sales and Chriswell Trucking for many years. She was a member of the Wilkinson Brotherhood and Sisterhood, the Shirley (now New Castle) Order of the Eastern Star, and she also attended Shirley Christian Church.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 52 years, whom she married April 13, 1963, Clarence Chriswell of Wilkinson; two children, Michael (Alice) Hager of Carmel and Janice (Rusty) Jackson of Wilkinson; two grandsons, Bryce Jackson of Wilkinson and Alan Wong of Carmel; three sisters, Elizabeth (Raymond) Haskell of Markleville, Marilyn Robbins of Wilkinson and Dorothy Tutrow of Shirley; one brother, Gene (Judy) Neff of Kennard; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Mada Newton, of Rushville, and Verona Sullivan of Wilkinson; and a brother, John Neff, of Westfield.

Services were Saturday, May 16, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Rev. Gary Sickle officiating. Burial followed at McCray Cemetery in Wilkinson. Visitation May 16 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to Hancock Regional Hospice, 801 N. State St. Greenfield, IN 46140. Condolences and memories of Georgia may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

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Mt. Lawn Event Sunday Evening

The field is set for the first ever Celebrity Race this Sunday evening, May 24, at Mt. Lawn Speedway, located at 1494 S. CR 400-W, New Castle.

The line up for this charity event features several local "celebrities" and is as follows:

Mayor York, City of New Castle will be racing for Early Childhood Development Initiative; Lee Marcum, owner of Jack's Donuts, will be racing for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Henry County; Rick Duncan, G101.3 radio personality, will be racing for St. Jude; and Brett Cook of Cook and Belle will be racing for Little Red Door. Finally, Ted Kramer, radio personality from WLPK and WIFE, will be racing for St. Jude.

The winner of this feature race will receive \$500 for their favorite charity, a trophy and, most importantly, bragging rights until the 2016 celebrity race.

The excitement is building and the "smack talk" has already begun

Homemakers Club Meets

The Bluebird Restaurant in Morristown was the location for the April 21 meeting of the Town and County Homemakers Club, with Melody Zapf serving as hostess.

Eight members enjoyed a varied and delicious buffet. During a brief business meeting, highlights of the Presidents' Breakfast and Achievement Day were presented. Members were reminded of the Spring Tea to be held May 5 at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library. It was also announced that Brenda Reece is now county historian.

Pam Bever and Zapf are finalizing plans for the summer outing, which will be June 2. They are looking into a riverboat cruise, and some surprise activities. Final plans will be announced at the May meeting. Kathryn Waits will be hostess.

with statements flying around as fast as the race cars will be going. One competitor was heard saying, "If the mayor thinks he is going to win big like he did in the election, he has another thing coming."

This race will take place during the "Night of Thrills," which starts at 6 p.m. Grandstands open at 5. Adult tickets \$15 at the track; kids \$5, and under 6 are free. Discount

coupons (\$5 off) are available at Noble Romans, Big O Tires and Walnut Ridge.

Additional activities that evening will include monster trucks, spectator drags, road rage race, moving flagpole race, burn out contest, and the powder puff race. Vore's Welding and Steel will present Cook and Belle in concert immediately following.

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Park Board Meets Tonight

The Knightstown Department of Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled to hold its regular monthly meeting tonight at 7 p.m.

The board's president, Randy Riggs, resigned in March, and in the nearly two months that have passed, park board members have not appointed a new president. Bruce Brown, the board's vice president, presided over the last two meetings, held March 18 and April 15.

When it meets tonight, the park board is expected to have a new member. The Knightstown Town Council voted during a special meeting last month to appoint Ashley Lapham to replace Riggs.

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Cemeteries Historic, 'Ever-restful'

The trunk in my mental attic has many memories of Memorial Day. It was commonly called Decoration Day because people put flowers on the graves of the deceased.

It was a big deal to my elders' generation. Mother and our dear neighbor, Gertrude Scovell, worried that their pineys (peonies) and flags (irises) wouldn't bloom in time. Bill's mother fussed about who would take flowers to his father's grave in Kalamazoo. Bill's dad started the cemetery which he cleverly named ... wait for it! ... Mount Ever Rest. (Yes indeed!) Bill earned money for college by selling cemetery lots.

Cemeteries never gave my family the heebie-jeebies. Mother loved to stroll through Glen Clove Cemetery in Knightstown, commenting on the inscriptions and those buried there. When I was a young woman my sister, Christine, and I rode bicycles there. We'd coast down the hill with our feet in the air, shouting "Wheeeee!" Mother and my stepfather did their courtin' in old cemeteries throughout central Indiana.

When I was in fifth grade I wanted to join the band. Since I had bailed out of piano lessons, my parents refused to buy me an instrument. The band director loaned me a baritone, sort of a miniature tuba. On Memorial Day we marched to Glen Cove. To my

eternal mortification, my cape came unfastened so that I had to hold it on while managing that big instrument and marching out of step. That ended my band career!

When I was a high school senior, Joyce Skaggs, the government teacher, dragged me into reciting "In Flanders Fields" at an American Legion ceremony that



included a rifle volley and the playing of "Taps." I was embarrassed since I have absolutely no talent either for writing or reciting poetry.

Vick came down from Angola to attend Christine's funeral. She has become a fervent amateur genealogist and was determined to visit the cemetery on the Old Home Place that my ancestors pioneered near Michigantown in Clinton County. We rushed home after lunch at St. Rose and changed clothes.

We stopped at the cemetery

south of Michigantown where Granny's ancestors are buried. The fresh air was redolent with the scent of fresh clover, and the quietude of that country place was enhanced by the inscription on my devout great-grandmother's tombstone, "Asleep in Jesus."

Then we drove to The Old Home Place, the true north of my grandfather Kelly's people. The house and its round barn are gone, but up on a wooded knoll above Wildcat Creek lie the ancient ones about whom Mother told the stories that had been passed down.

I sat on a tombstone while the soothing hush and gentle light of the gloaming descended upon me and brought me a sense of being in an oasis of tranquility in a hurtful world. I felt a renewed sense of connectedness with both those from whom I sprang and with my daughter as I watched her forge her own connection with our people and find her place in a story that never ends. We have returned with some of our cousins.

The old cemetery needs attention, lest it disappear. Many of its tombstones are tilting or sinking into the ground. Vicki sawed down a little tree that blocked an inscription. "I guess I have a right to tend my ancestors' graves!" All of the tombstones of a pioneer cemetery in Irvington are gone. Rust is

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On this Memorial Day, we should remember that this year marks the sesquicentennial of the Civil War's end. This was a war in which brothers fought against brothers, and fathers fought against sons. Robert E. Lee was valedictorian of West Point's Class of 1829, while Ulysses S. Grant graduated second-from-last in the Class of 1843. Both were promoted up through the ranks and soon came to lead the Confederate and Union armies, respectively, by the end of the Civil War, with Grant eventually becoming president.

At Appomattox Court House, Va., on April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant. As Appomattox Court House is the name of the town, the surrender actually took place in the home of Wilmer McLean. Grant and Lee had met previously only once, during the Mexican War. After a cordial 25 minutes, they came to their "Gentlemen's Agreement" for terms of surrender. Confederate officers and enlisted were paroled and allowed to return home, with no internment, nor trials for treason, while surrendering their military equipment, to include a ceremonial "stacking of arms," after which the Union Army saluted them. Only certain Confederate elected officials were tried for treason.

General Lee negotiated for his men to keep their horses to return home to farm, as Confederate soldiers owned their own horses. While General Grant refused to change his terms in writing, he instructed Union officers to allow any Confederate soldiers claiming a horse or mule to keep it. General Lee said, "We failed, but in the good providence of God apparent failure often proves a blessing." As General Lee's men had gone without food for many days, General Grant arranged for 25,000 rations to be given to the Confederate troops.

But perhaps it was General Lee who sacrificed the most. Having married Mary Custis, General Lee lost her inherited 1,100 acre estate on the Virginia side of the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The Union Army had begun burying its dead there earlier in the Civil War. Before creation of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier after World War I, their former home, the Custis-Lee Mansion, became the focal point of what was later named Arlington National Cemetery.

As news of the surrender at Appomattox reached Washington, on April 10, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln immediately set about the task of healing a divided nation. In the presence of cheering crowds and home-sick Confederate prisoners-of-war (POWs), the band director asked the president what they should play. He told them to play "Dixie" first.

Following the Confederate surrender, President Lincoln said, "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the fight, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds." On this Memorial Day, let us remember that a nation can be healed, just as President Lincoln attempted.

Nate LaMar
New Castle

Dear Editor,

Thank you to the Knightstown community for the 1,520 lbs. of food donated through the United States Postal Service's "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. Also, thanks to the postal employees for collecting the food. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Judy Haase
food pantry director
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K-town Doesn't Need Assault Weapons

Knightstown may soon get its military hardware back from Henry County.

The Pentagon's controversial Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) a few years ago provided the town with some military-grade assault rifles and some other assorted equipment and guns.

Indiana's LESO ordered the Henry County Sheriff's Dept. to hold the weapons after former Knightstown Police Chief Danny Baker unexpectedly seized them near the end of his checkered tenure here.

But, according to current Knightstown Police Chief Duane Booth, the state is ready to again put the town in charge of those items.

I don't have any worries with Booth in charge. He's an honest, experienced, heads-up guy. Never in a million years would I expect Booth to do anything but the right thing with respect to his job and the equipment needed to do it.

But, I've been thinking a lot about that LESO program lately. Does the Knightstown Police Department - or any other small, rural police department - really need military-grade weaponry?

I don't think so. There's plenty of incredibly military-like weapons already on the open market, available for purchase by every-day citizens. Granted, these LESO items were all acquired on Baker's watch. And it was Baker, ultimately, who got the guns taken away from Knightstown.

But, the whole episode involving Baker and his seizure of the weapons - after the Knightstown Town Council had already parted ways with him - threw the LESO program into a new light for me.

Here was a beleaguered law enforcement official who was able to seize a cache of weapons with no questions asked. Baker apparently never told LESO officials of his standing with the town. If he had told them he was currently undergoing dismissal proceedings, they probably wouldn't have given him permission to take the weapons to another location.

Sure, the thought of Baker confiscating the guns, given his demonstrable lapses in judgment, was distressing enough. But, the fact that the LESO officials didn't question or follow-up on the matter is much more troubling.

After all, these aren't air rifles we're talking about. These are combat weapons made for war zones, capable of fully automatic fire.

And, in this instance, LESO just let them fly out the window, more or less. Scary.

The Pentagon and LESO should carefully consider and maybe interview small town law enforcement officials before allotting them such deadly firepower. I'm not sure towns like Knightstown even need assault weapons and military vehicles like the town's useless Humvee - also acquired via LESO.

At least with Booth, we have a responsible official who can safely store these guns we own, but don't need.

All of this makes me think of some of my friends, who own lots of guns "in case the government tries to take over."

Interestingly, none of them said a word to me about the militarization of their local police force. Some of their worst fears came true, right before their very eyes. What did they do? What did they say? Nothing.



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◆Psi Iota Xi Sorority will host a **bake sale** on Knightstown's Public Square May 29-30, starting at 10 a.m. Goods will be sold until supplies are exhausted. A variety of pies, cookies, cakes and breads will be offered.

◆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.

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

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

◆The **Parish Clothes Closet**, located in the basement of Bethel Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Franklin St., Knightstown, is open the first Thursday of the month 3-5 p.m. and the second Saturday of the month 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bits & Pieces news submissions are gladly accepted at The Banner. News items will be published as much as possible prior to events, space permitting. Items may be submitted to thebanner@embarqmail.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON PROPOSED RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Henry County that the Henry County Board of Commissioners will consider at the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, Indiana at 6:30 pm on June 10, 2015, the re-establishment of a Cumulative Bridge Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code 8-16-3 for the purposes stated therein.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$ 0.0228 (rate) per \$ 100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2016. Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposal for re-establishment of the Cumulative Bridge Fund is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance, who will require Notice of Submission to be given to the taxpayers through publication. After the publication of the Notice of Adoption, Indiana Code 6-1.1-41, ten (10) or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than thirty (30) days after publication, setting forth their objection to the proposed levy.

Dated: May 13, 2015

Ed Yanos, President
Henry County Board of Commissioners

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Henry County Library's Bookmobile Still Making the Rounds in Rural Towns, Townships

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

During their most recent town stop in Kennard last Thursday, New Castle residents Emily Pratt and Marcia Eichle took the time to tell a bit about the New Castle-Henry County Public Library's long-running bookmobile.

The bookmobile serves the residents of Henry County and makes over 20 stops throughout the area.

Pratt has been with the bookmobile around four years. Prior to that, she worked at the library until a position in outreach services came open. She is now the head of outreach services.

Eichle has worked for the library for around 35 years, and has served on the bookmobile for at least 25.

"It's been going on for a long time," Pratt said of the bookmobile.

The first bookmobile for the New Castle-Henry County Public Library was bought with WPA funding in 1942, a small truck with revolving shelves in the back for people to stand outside and select their books. A new bookmobile was purchased later in 1969.

"Despite its engine and collection of books being damaged by a fire in the library's garage in the early 1970s, the vehicle survived and continued to serve the community until the late 1980s," Pratt explained.

According to her, there are always two people operating the bookmobile on the road. Both operators take turns driving. There are usually three people altogether who operate the bookmobile, but their

third has recently retired. However, a new employee will be starting soon to work with Pratt and Eichle.

The bookmobile features everything from board-books for toddlers to the latest bestsellers for adults, along with DVDs, magazines, and audiobooks.

"We have materials for all ages," said Pratt. "I'm not sure how many people know that. They see the bookmobile and think we're all about kids. We stop at a lot of elementary schools, and I think that's how a

lot of people have experienced bookmobiles in the past. But as you can see we have everything for everyone."

There are some popular or frequently read books in their selection. Children have many favorites, like Pete the Cat, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, or Dork Diaries. Older kids prefer sports books and non-fiction

in general. Pokemon graphic novels are also popular. Adults tend to go for bestsellers, mysteries, and for authors such as James Patterson or Clive Cussler. The bookmobile also feature a popular Christian fiction section.

Among other things, Pratt's field of outreach services also pertains to home deliveries around New Castle and Shirley, as well as making programs for senior centers around New Castle.

The bookmobile is now in the process of moving to stops like the one they made in Kennard, called town stops.

"It's where the bookmobile just goes to one place that's accessible to more people at once in a small town. And we just stay there for the entire bookmobile day. That way people have more time, it's a bit

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OBITUARIES

Donald F. York

August 11, 2000 - May 19, 2015

Donald F. York, 14, of Greenfield, died Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at his home. He was born Aug. 11, 2000, a son of Donna York and Mark York.

Visitation is Friday, May 22, 12-2 p.m. at Park Chapel Christian Church, 1172 E. McKenzie Rd., Greenfield. Funeral services is at 2 p.m. with Pastor Dave Woods officiating. Burial will follow in Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis. Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, is handling arrangements.

Softball Sectional Pairings Announced

The Indiana High School Athletic Association recently announced the sectional pairings and brackets for the upcoming softball tournament.

Knightstown's Lady Panthers will compete again in sectional 41 at Cambridge City. They have the first game on May 25 against Centerville at 11 a.m.

Cambridge City Lincoln takes on Union County at 12:30 p.m. in game two May 25 with Northeastern and Hagerstown playing for the right to move on at 2 p.m. for game three.

Eastern Hancock has a first-round bye. The Lady Royals will take on the winner of the Knightstown-Centerville game on

May 26 at 5:30 p.m.

The winners of game two and game three compete following the EH game at 7 p.m. May 26.

The championship game is set for May 27 at 6 p.m.

Follow The Banner on Twitter and Facebook for tournament updates.

Rose Mary, from Page 4

attacking the beautiful long iron fence at Glen Cove and will eventually destroy it.

Cemeteries are more than depositories of the dead: They represent respect for our ancestors, our family histories and trigger memories. Historic Knightstown

is sponsoring a drive to paint the fence. Since at least 20 my relatives are buried there, I'm sending a donation to the Historic Knightstown Cemetery Fund in care of Knightstown Citizen's Bank. That's the least I can do! wclarke@comcast.net

MEETINGS CALENDAR

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

FOLKWAYS

Henry County Faith Fest May 25 in New Castle

Faith Fest begins right after the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, and continues through 3 p.m. on Main and Race streets in New Castle.

The festival features 16 free carnival games for kids, including a prize table. World champion professional archer Gary Studt will present a hands-on archery demonstration. There will be an inflatable jousting ring, and Best Things Barbecue will sell barbeque sandwiches and hot dogs. The shaved ice truck will be available, along with a prayer tent and informational booths from non-profit organizations.

A cupcake eating contest, sponsored by Sweet Life Cakes by Kim, begins at 1:30 p.m. Contestants must register in advance at www.HenryCountyFaithFest.com. There is a \$20 registration fee, with proceeds benefiting Henry County

Young Life.

"The focus of this festival is faith, but that does not exclude fun," said Tisha Sledd, event organizer. "We want to celebrate liberty and freedom. Ultimately, that comes by faith in Christ."

An additional part of Faith Fest is the Concert at the Courthouse, which begins at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, near the lawn of the Henry County Courthouse.

The show will open with Jessica Julson, a singer/songwriter known for her soulful approach to music. JT Sifuentes, an alternative rock musician, will also share his unique guitar and harmonica-infused music at the concert. The band Relesser, of the Indianapolis area, brings its electronica/hard rock/industrial rock.

For more information, visit www.HenryCountyFaithFest.com.

Julie Vaughan Wins NHS Scholarship

Julie Vaughan, a senior and member of the National Honor Society (NHS) at Knightstown High School, has been named one of 53 state winners in the National Honor Society Scholarship from the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP). A total of 200 NHS finalists were first chosen from among nearly 6,800 applicants. From the 200 finalists, 53 state winners were selected. Each state winner receives a \$1,500 college scholarship.

"Julie Vaughan's service and leadership, as well as scholastic
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE HENRY CIRCUIT COURT 3
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

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE DEFENDANTS NAMED HEREIN ABOVE AND:
ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST
IN A PARCEL OF LAND:

Beginning at the intersection of the West line of the Northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 16 North, Range 9 East, with the center line of the Old National Road and running thence East 157 feet; thence South 230 feet, more or less, to an iron pin; then West 157 feet, more or less, to the center of a gravel road, thence North 220 feet to the place of beginning.

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Key/Parcel No.: 012-00806-00

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the above-named court. The nature of the suit against you is an action to quiet title.

The summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendants whose whereabouts are unknown:

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If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiffs arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

The Plaintiffs request that the Court declare it the owner of the following described real estate located in Knightstown, Indiana, to wit:

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If you contest the Plaintiffs' claim as owners or wish to assert an interest in this real estate, you must respond to the Plaintiffs' complaint.

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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Biberstines' Golden Anniversary June 12

Richard Biberstine and the Former Judy Morris Married in Greenfield

Richard and Judy (Morris) Biberstine are preparing to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. The couple was married June 12, 1965, at Nameless Creek Christian Church in Greenfield with Rev. Robert Walther officiating.

The couple has three children, Lisa (husband, Brian) McClish, Steve (wife, Christy) Biberstine and Amy (husband, Joe) Isch. They have eight grandchildren, Landon, Lauren, Kaitlyn, Avery, Jayla, Taylor Anne, Taylor Joe and Morgan.

Mr. Biberstine retired from the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District after 35 years as an elementary school teacher. Mrs. Biberstine retired from Northern Wells Schools after 27 years as an elementary school teacher.

The couple will celebrate with a family vacation. The couple would enjoy receiving cards from friends and loved ones.



Quilt Guild Meeting to Feature Quilts Author Suzi Parron

Common Threads Quilt Guild is meeting May 20 at 9:30 a.m. at Mt. Comfort Methodist Church

Guest Speaker is Suzi Parron. She discovered barn quilts on a trip through Kentucky in 2008. Parron documented over 1,000 barn quilts in the process of writing her 2012 book, *Barn Quilts and the American Trail Movement*.

A former high school English teacher, Parron now travels full time with her husband, Glen, and their dog, visiting with quilt guilds and civic groups along the way.

In her talk, Parron will take listeners on a journey along the quilt trail, beginning with the very first barn quilt, which stemmed from Donna Sue Groves and her wish to honor her mother's quilting art.

The hour-long presentation features over 100 stunning photographs of barn quilts, some of which rival cloth quilts in their intricacy. Parron will have books for sale and signing.

There will be show-and-tell by members, with "Block of Month" awards and door prizes. A luncheon will follow the program. There will be a \$5 charge for guests.

Common Threads meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Mount Comfort United Methodist Church, 3179 N. 600-W, Greenfield.

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State Launches Third Annual Hoosier Family of Readers Initiative

The Indiana Department of Education launched its third annual Hoosier Family of Readers summer literacy initiative today. In

order to continue to promote reading throughout the summer months and build a culture of readers in Indiana, Hoosier students will have

free online access to thousands of books through a partnership with MyON Reader. "I am excited to announce our

renewed partnership with MyON Reader to provide free access to books to all Hoosier students this summer," said Glenda Ritz, Indiana's superintendent of public instruction. "A reader is not just someone who can read; a reader is someone who does read. With more than 4,500 books accessible online, all of our students will have access to free reading materials anywhere there is an Internet connection."

This is the third year that the Indiana Department of Education has partnered with MyON Reader to provide books to Hoosier students. Students read more than 61,000 books with MyON Reader in 2013 and more than 78,000 books in 2014.

In addition to offering free access to books through MyON Reader, the Indiana Department of Education has created an online portal called WONDERful Destinations. This new and innovative website, created in partnership with the National Center for Families Learning, will allow students to virtually visit 12 destinations throughout Indiana, such as the Indiana State Museum. The WONDERful Destinations website will be accessible beginning in early June.

For more information about the Hoosier Family of Readers, including a video message from Superintendent Ritz, visit www.hoosierfamilyofreaders.com.

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excellence, stand out among her peers. Julie leaves a legacy as National Honor Society president that will be virtually impossible to exceed. As (an) NHS advisor, I overflow with pride that Julie was selected as a recipient of the NHS scholarship. We wish her well on the new journey of which she is about to embark and know she will meet much success along the way." said KHS NHS sponsor Erin Jordan.

Participating National Honor Society chapters from across the country nominated at least two senior members to compete in this year's program. Finalists were selected on the basis of their leadership skills, participation in service organizations, clubs, and other student groups at school and in the community; and their academic record. As a state winner, Vaughan is recognized as one of the top 53 NHS members in the nation this school year.

"We are proud to recognize Vaughan for her outstanding achievements and contributions to her school," said Ann Postlewaite, NASSP Student Programs director. "Students nominated for the NHS scholarship not only demonstrate academic excellence, but also extraordinary performance in service, leadership, and character-traits that are more important today than ever before. In recognizing leadership and involvement in student activities as well as strong academic performance, the NHS scholarship acknowledges the importance of a well-rounded education."

While at Knightstown High School, Vaughan has been student body vice president and NHS president. She participates in varsity soccer and track, as well as various clubs like FCA, history club, and French club. This fall she plans to attend Butler University to study health sciences.



78th Annual Meeting of Henry County REMC

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Anderson. Guillaume, who is preparing to retire at the end of this month, told The Banner that the results of this venture have exceeded his expectations.

APA, a military-academy style college preparatory school, opened in Anderson in the fall of 2008, serving approximately 240 students in grades 6-8. In the six years since then, this public charter school's enrollment has grown to about 850, with APA now consisting of three facilities offering classes at all levels, from kindergarten through grade 12.

Unlike some charter schools, Guillaume said APA has a proven track record of success, boasting a graduation rate of about 96 percent and earning an A grade as a school corporation from the state. He said APA aims to challenge its students to do their best and to help prepare them for further education after they leave APA.

"We're a tough academic school," Guillaume said. "Last year, for example, our valedictorian graduated and then spent this past year in pre-med at Cornell University." He also said a current senior was selected as a Lilly Endowment scholarship winner, an honor that will pay for four years of college at Depauw.

"Our kids just continue to succeed academically, and that's the focal point," he said. "The military-academy style infuses leadership, character development, discipline and structure, and that is a huge component to helping our kids be successful."

In addition to the academics, Guillaume, who served as an assistant football coach during his time at KHS, said students also have the opportunity to participate in sports at APA. Starting next year, he said all of

the school's varsity teams will be eligible to participate in the state tournaments for their respective sports.

While students and their families are the most obvious beneficiaries of the educational choice offered by APA, Guillaume also notes that the school corporation also provides jobs for over 100 people, some of whom are from Knightstown. He also said that in the nearly seven years since it first opened its doors, APA has "become part of the community" in Anderson.

"I had envisioned from the beginning raising up one of the finest schools in the state of Indiana," Guillaume said. "... I think that vision has been accomplished. I'm happy for our families, our students and the community here."

Guillaume said being a Sagamore of the Wabash recipient is both "humbling ... (and) very fulfilling." To retire on such a high note, he said, is great, but he's also quick to credit the hard work of many others who play such important roles at APA.

"Honestly, you have to have quality staff - good people - or success just doesn't happen," he said. "And we have a tremendous staff at APA ... a dedicated staff."

While his contract with APA runs through the end of June, Guillaume said that, for all practical purposes, his retirement will begin after he gives the May 30 commencement speech for this year's graduating seniors at APA. He said his wife, Lorinda, will also be retiring from her job at the Knightstown Post Office, and that they plan to "sit back, relax ... and enjoy time together" with each other, their four children and five grandchildren.



Bob Guillaume

A Look Back



Forry Wyatt shared this old photo of longtime Knightstown resident Bill Brown. Enlarged from a much smaller photo, Wyatt is unsure where this was taken. The photo's inscription indicates Brown worked at "Ward's" in 1939, which is likely when the photo was snapped.

Special thanks to Mary Jo Purtee and Forry Wyatt for helping us identify these four ladies. Wyatt said this photo was likely taken in the 1957-58 school year. Pictured (l-r) are Laura Irwin, Rosalie Womack, Dee Ellen Haase and Jane Brosius.



Reece Fined \$5 for Leaving Accident Scene

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

Almost exactly one year to the day after she backed into a parked truck at a Knightstown gas station and then fled the scene, the daughter of Knightstown's former police chief opted to plead guilty to a misdemeanor criminal charge rather than stand trial.

Holly Reece, 35, was charged late last June with one count of failure to stop after an accident nearly seven weeks earlier that resulted in damage to an unattended vehicle at the Quick Pix gas station at 304 E. Main St. Reece is the daughter of Danny Baker, who was, at that time, Knightstown chief of police.

Reece could have been fined up to \$1,000 for the Class B misdemeanor offense. However, the plea agreement worked out between her public defender and the Henry County deputy prosecutor assigned to her case on May 6, the date she was scheduled to go to trial, only called for a fine of \$5.

In addition to the \$5 fine, the agreement requires Reece to pay \$168.50 in court costs, a \$50 public defender fee and a \$10 contribution to the local Crime Stoppers group. She was also sentenced to 180 days in jail, but that part of the sentence was suspended, and her sentence included no formal period of probation or loss of driving privileges.

Asked on Monday about the agreement that resolved her case, Reece told The Banner that she is "pretty happy with it." Reece.

According to court documents, Reece backed the Chevrolet Tahoe she was driving into Randall Gorman's Ford F-150 pickup truck while Gorman was inside the gas station. Surveillance video from the gas station reportedly showed the accident and Reece leaving the scene afterward, before Gorman returned to his truck.

When Gorman came out of the gas station and found his truck damaged on the rear passenger-side

door, he went to the Knightstown Police Department to report the accident and get the agency's help in finding out what had happened. Gorman told The Banner that Baker called the gas station while he was at the KPD and asked the manager to review the surveillance video, but was told there was nothing showing his truck being hit.

Unhappy with Baker's efforts to determine what happened, Gorman contacted the Shirley Police Department, where his brother-in-law, Mike Harrison, is town marshal, and asked them to investigate. Court records indicate Harrison did a preliminary investigation, securing the gas station's surveillance

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LOCAL SPORTS

KHS Boys Golf Team Beats Wes-Del

Knightstown's boys golf team defeated Wes-Del 200-212 on May 13.

Curtis Robbins was the low medalist of the meet with a 38, his best score of the season.

Spencer Roberts finished with a 53. Drew Underwood had a 54 and Ryan Braunschweig shot a 55. Noah Stone scored a 60.

On May 16, the KHS team competed in the Mid-Hoosier Conference tournament. The Panthers came in ninth.

North Decatur was the conference tourney winner with a score of 320.

Indian Creek was runner-up with 340 and South Decatur was third with 349.

Edinburgh came in fourth with a 352 with Hauser right behind at 359 for fifth place.

Southwestern shot a 370 for sixth place. Eastern Hancock finished eighth with a 396. Knightstown scored 408 and Morristown had a 416.

The Panther's Robbins tallied an 83 on the day and was named to the All-Conference team.

Underwood scored a 105. Roberts posted a 108 and Braunschweig scored 112.

JV Baseball Team Downs Rushville

Knightstown's junior varsity baseball came from behind to beat Rushville on the road May 12.

The Panthers were down 3-5 at the end of six innings. They rallied with four runs at the top of the seventh and held the Lions scoreless to get the 7-5 win.

Jared Porter was named the team's Player of the Game. He pitched five innings, striking out eight batters and walking four. He gave up three runs on five hits and one error. He had an RBI-single and scored two runs.

Kaunner Cleek and Kaleb Buchanan each pitched an inning. Cleek had one strike out with no walks and gave up no runs and one hit. Buchanan got the win. He walked one batter and allowed two runs on one hit.

Cleek hit an RBI-double and scored twice. Buchanan had one RBI and scored one run.

Bryan Newby and Dakota Locker each hit RBI-singles and scored one run.

Bruce Nichols hit two singles and Hagan

Moore had one base hit.

Levi Black and Connor Brockman scored the team's other runs.

JV vs. Pendleton Heights

The following day, May 13, the JV Panthers traveled to Pendleton Heights. The Arabians defeated the Panthers 3-2.

Cleek was named the Panthers' Player of the Game. He pitched all six innings, finishing with eight strikeouts and just one walk. He gave up three runs on six hits and one error. At the plate, he pounded out an RBI-double.

Porter hit two singles and scored once. Back got a base hit and Brockman got on base with a single and a fielder's choice.

Alex Brading scored the team's other run and Moore had one RBI and reached base once on a fielder's choice.

JV vs. Hagerstown

On May 15, the JV team hosted Hagerstown, edging out the Tigers 7-6.

Levi Back was named the team's Player of

the Game. Back pitched six innings, striking out three batters and walking one. He gave up three runs on three hits and had no errors.

Porter relieved Back on the mound for the seventh inning and got the pitching win. He struck out two batters while allowing three runs on three hits and two errors.

Moore led the team at the plate with two base hits, one RBI and three runs scored.

Newby also had two base hits and one RBI. He scored one run.

Back hit a single and a fielder's choice with one RBI. Porter had two base hits and scored once.

Colin Ferree reached base once on an error and had one RBI. Nichols also got on base by fielder's choice and had an RBI.

Brading and Locker each added a base hit and Brockman scored two runs.

With the two wins and one loss, the junior varsity team's overall record moved to 6-8.

Slow Start Costly as G-C Rolls Over JV Softball

The Knightstown junior varsity softball team suffered a 23-1 blowout May 8 at home against Greenfield-Central.

According to coach Adrian Darling's report, his players "were unable to get going" against a "very good Greenfield-Central team."

Tori McDonald and Courtney Carlton shared pitching duties for

the Lady Panthers.

Allison Hawk, Dharma Holder, Mackenzie Fowler and Candice Wyatt each got on base for KHS. Wyatt scored the team's only run.

On May 11, the JV team edged out Edinburgh 7-6 for the victory on the road.

The JV Lady Panthers rallied from a 3-1 deficit at the end of

three innings, scoring four runs in the top of the fourth and two more in the fifth to go up 7-3.

Edinburgh was able to knock in three runs in the bottom of fifth but KHS held on for the win.

Carlton got the win on the mound for Knightstown with Wyatt having "a tremendous defensive game," according to coach Darling.

Makenna Leisure led the Lady Panthers at the plate, going 2-for-3.

"Kiley Breece came up big for the Panthers with two well-executed sacrifice bunts," reported Darling.

Hawk and Raeleigh Stallworth each added a base hit and scored a run.

The JV Lady Panthers are now 5-3 on the season.

Newkirk's Lugnuts Still Undefeated in Minor League

The Newkirk Construction Lugnuts defeated the Dishman Farms Hot Rods 9-5 in minor league action April 27.

Michael Roberson was the winning pitcher with five strikeouts in two innings. Bryce Gorman closed out the game, striking out four batters in two innings.

Jarrold Cole hit a triple for the Lugnuts and had one RBI with one run scored. Gorman had two singles and scored once.

Owen Newkirk, Dalton Scott, Palmer Newkirk, Ellett Shackelford and Aaron Sutton all had one base hit apiece. Both Newkirks boys and Roberson each scored twice. Shackelford and Sutton each had an RBI and Shackelford scored the team's other run.

Peyton Inman, Tyler Howery,

Corbin Parsley and Chase Willis also played for the Lugnuts.

Game stats for the Hot Rods were not made available.

On May 2, the Lugnuts beat the American Legion Post 152 Mudcats 10-6.

Inman was the winning pitcher. He had two strikeouts in two innings. Palmer Newkirk and Gorman also pitched one inning. Both had one strikeout.

Inman had two singles with one RBI and two runs scored.

Owen Newkirk hit two doubles and scored twice. Roberson hit a double and two singles with two RBIs and three runs scored.

Willis hit a double and had two RBIs with one scored. Cole hit a single and scored two runs.

Gorman hit an RBI-single and scored once. Palmer Newkirk

added a base hit and scored a run.

Scott, Howery, Sutton, Parsley and AJ Darling also played.

Game stats for the Mudcats were not yet provided.

The Lugnuts played the Dishman Farms Hot Rods again on May 7, beating them 8-3.

Owen Newkirk was the winning pitcher with five strikeouts in two innings. Inman also pitched and had one strikeout.

Inman hit two doubles with one RBI and one run scored. Owen Newkirk pounded out a double and scored three runs.

Gorman hit an RBI-double and scored once. Shackelford hit an RBI-single and scored a run.

Scott and Palmer Newkirk each had a base hit and scored once.

Cole added a single.

Roberson, Howery, Sutton, Parsley and Willis also played for the Lugnuts.

Game stats for the Hot Rods were not yet turned in.

The Lugnuts beat the Renegades 5-0 on May 9.

Gorman was the winning pitcher with four strikeouts and Roberson pitched one inning, striking out two batters.

Inman had a double and a single with one RBI and one run scored.

Gorman hit an RBI-triple and scored once. Scott hit an RBI-double and scored one run.

Roberson got a base hit and scored two runs. Palmer Newkirk and Howery each hit an RBI-single.

Shackelford, Cole, Sutton, Parsley, Willis, Darling and Owen Newkirk also played.

Results for the Renegades were not provided.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Struggle, But Beat Bulldogs

Panther fans following the varsity baseball team's game against Centerville at home May 14 had their nerves tested but their team pulled out a 4-3 win.

"It wasn't a great game for us at the plate," coach Daren Hardesty said. "We are used to getting more than four hits and scoring more than four runs, but it was enough for us to scratch past a good Centerville team."

Both teams were scoreless in the first inning then Centerville brought two runs across the plate in the top of the second. The Panthers scored one run in the bottom of that inning. But, the Bulldogs followed with another run and held KHS to no runs in the third to go up 3-1.

That would be the last run the Panthers would give up. Knightstown scored one run in the fourth and two more in the fifth to take the lead and eventually, the 4-3 win.

Spencer Mattix was named the team's Player of the Game. He pitched all seven innings, striking out six batters with no walks. He gave up three runs on nine hits and three errors.

"Mattix kept the ball in the zone and gave our defense a chance to make plays," said Hardesty. "He also performed very well at the plate getting two of our team's four hits and scoring two of our team's four runs."

Mattix also had one RBI. Jake Kwisz had a base hit and one RBI.

Tyler Richardson hit a single and scored one run with Isaac McRoberts scoring the other Panther run.

Bearhope also had a sacrifice bunt.

With the victory over Centerville, the Panthers' overall record improves to 18-1.

KHS Drops to Third After Lapel Losses

Knightstown's varsity baseball team broke a 10-game winning streak at Lapel on Saturday, losing both games of a doubleheader to the Bulldogs.

The wins gave Lapel the momentum to replace the Panthers at the number one-ranked spot for Class 2A in Monday's new coaches' poll. The Panthers had held the number one ranking for the past three weeks and Lapel had been in the top 10 all year too. KHS had dropped back to third in Monday's poll.

In the first game of the doubleheader, Lapel defeated Knightstown 11-5.

"Tough loss to a very good Lapel team," coach Daren Hardesty stated. "We tip our caps to them for capitalizing on the opportunities they had in the last few innings. We had a hot start and Lapel had a hot finish, which is what it takes to win against quality opponents."

KHS scored three runs to start the game. Neither team scored a run again until the bottom of the fifth inning when Lapel scored six runs.

The Panthers scored two more in the sixth to bring them within

one, 5-6. Then the Bulldogs shattered their hopes by scoring five more runs in the bottom of the sixth to go up 11-5. The Panthers were unable to get any runs in the seventh, bringing about the team's second loss of the season.

Jake Kwisz pitched five innings. He struck out six batters and walked four. He allowed ten runs on nine hits and nine errors.

Max Rinehart pitched one inning, giving up one run on one hit and one error.

Kaleb Kinnaman led the team at the plate with a home run, a single and three RBIs.

Isaac McRoberts had two doubles and one RBI.

Drake Peggs hit a double and a single with one RBI. He scored once.

Jake Bearhope added a base hit. Mike Jones and Tyler Richardson scored the team's other two runs.

The second game was much tighter but the Bulldogs prevailed 7-6 over the Panthers.

"Another tough loss ... We had the go-ahead run on base in the seventh and couldn't get him in," said coach Hardesty. "I'm proud of how we battled against a very good pitcher and never once played like



Panther pitcher Spencer Mattix works on striking out a Centerville batter. (Eric Cox photo)



Panther varsity catcher Isaac McRoberts gets a piece of one against Centerville. (Eric Cox photo)

the game was over. These two losses have made us better. We are not happy with the result but we are glad to have had the opportunity to compete at a high level against a great team."

Richardson pitched all six innings, striking out seven batters and walking three. He gave up seven runs on seven hits and seven errors.

McRoberts hit a double and a single with one run scored.

Tyler Burton had two singles

with two RBIs and one run scored.

Richardson hit a two-RBI single and Spencer Mattix hit an RBI-single.

Kinnaman had two base hits and scored once.

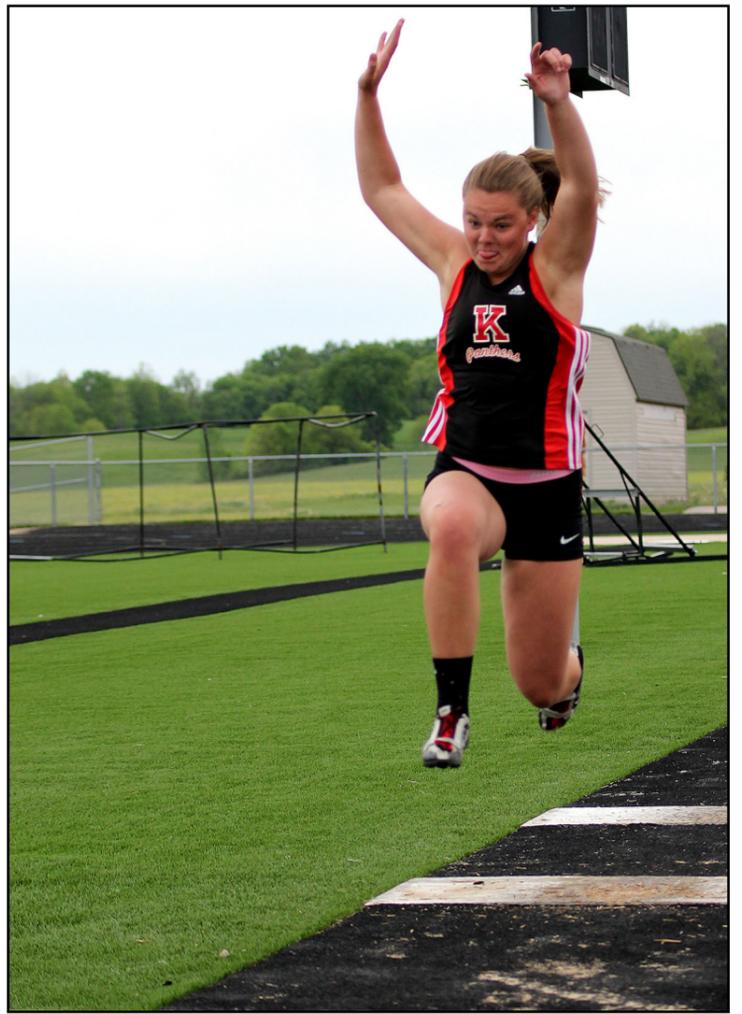
Tyler Hubble, Bearhope and Kwisz each hit a single apiece. Peggs, Hubble, Kinnaman and Bearhope scored the Panthers' other runs.

The two losses moved Knightstown's record to 18-3 on the season overall.

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LOCAL SPORTS



Kennedy Osborn (above) nearly clears the high-jump bar during a recent three-way meet between Knightstown, North Decatur and Union (Modoc). Lady Panther 100-yard sprinters (top) max out their legs. Freshman Grace Muncy (right) leaps for a competitive distance in the long jump. The Lady Panthers won their meet with a score of 67.5. The KHS boys also won, with a score of 81. (Eric Cox photos)

Boys Track Sectional Thursday at Mt. Vernon

The Knightstown boys track team competes in sectional 21 at Mt. Vernon High School on Thursday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m. All first, second and third place winners in individual and relay team events advance to regionals.

Other schools competing at the Mt. Vernon sectional include Anderson, Blue River Valley, Daleville, Eastern Hancock, Lapel, Lawrence North, Liberty Christian, Mt. Vernon, New Castle, Pendleton Heights and Shenandoah.

The Knightstown girls track team competed in sectional 24 at Pendleton Heights on Tuesday, May 19, but results were not yet available.

The same schools competing at the boys sectional 21 competed at that the girls sectional 24.

All-Star Game June 5 in Knightstown

Knightstown's Historic Hoosier Gym, movie home of the *Hoosiers* Hickory Huskers, is again the site of the Hoosiers' Reunion All-Star Classic. The 10th annual girls/boys doubleheader classic will take place on Friday, June 5.

The girls game starts at 6 p.m. The boys game follows at 8 p.m. The boys coaches will be Knightstown's Bob Allen and New Castle's Daniel Cox. The girls teams will be coached by John Boyer of Knightstown and Corie West of New Castle.

The evening is highlighted by nine boys who are 2015 Indiana All-Stars. They are Devin Cannady (22.4 ppg), Mishawaka Marian (Princeton) o Ryan Cline (20.7), Carmel (Purdue) o Matt Holba (18.8), Guerin Catholic (Lehigh) o Sean McDermott (16), Pendleton Heights (Butler) o Joel Okafor (15.2), Richmond (Bradley) o Jaelan Sanford (20.7), Evansville Reitz (Toledo) o Derrick Smits (14.9), Zionsville (Valparaiso) o Tahjai Teague (13.7), Pike (Ball State) o Ryan Welage (28), Greensburg (San Jose State).

The boys game features three 2015 IHSAA state champions. Indiana's Mr. Basketball, Caleb Swanigan (22.6 ppg) of 4A state champion Homestead, has been invited to participate, but has not confirmed his participation at this time. The other two are Holba from 3A Guerin Catholic, and Bryce Moore from AA Park Tudor, a Western Michigan recruit. There are also two state runner-ups, Sanford, from 4A Evansville Reitz and Austin Compton, from 2A Frankton, who has signed with St. Francis (Fort Wayne).

There are four other players who are committed to NCAA Division I Universities. Two are headed to Belmont: Michael Benkert, Center Grove and Dylan Windler, Perry Meridian. The other two are Brennan Gillis, Ben Davis (Northern Kentucky) and Drew Hackett, Munster (Illinois-Chicago).

Six girls who will participate in the 2015 Indiana/Kentucky All-Star series are featured in the first game of this *Hoosiers'* Reunion All-Star Classic doubleheader.



LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Panthers Suffer Tough Conference Loss

Playing their third game in three straight days, the Lady Panther varsity softball team suffered a tough conference loss 6-5 at Edinburgh May 14.

Knightstown went scoreless in the first two innings before getting on the board with a run in the third and another in the fourth to tie the game up at two.

The Lady Panthers had scored two in the second inning and went ahead 3-2 again in the bottom of the fourth.

The Lady Panthers again scored a run in the fifth but Edinburgh fired back with two runs to go up 5-3.

KHS tied it up with two runs in the sixth inning and then held the Lady Panthers to no runs before going scoreless themselves in the top of the seventh. Edinburgh was able to score in the seventh

to end Knightstown's hopes of extra innings.

Robyn Clark was named the team's Player of the Game. "Robyn had three hits on the day and a sacrifice bunt," coach Brett Mann reported. "She also caught a ball in centerfield and gunned out a girl at first base for a double play."

Haley Fowler struggled from the mound, and in unusual fashion for her, walked 12 batters with just one strikeout. She gave up six runs on eight hits and two errors. At the plate, she had one double.

Robyn Goodpaster hit a double and a single and scored once. Georgee Lawhorne had two hits, one RBI and scored one run.

Tori McDonald and Brooque Vise each hit an RBI-single. Carmen Cleek and Sammi Eaks added a base hit apiece. Ryan Johnson and Carmen Cleek scored the other KHS runs.

Conference Foe Hauser Falls to Knightstown 8-3

The Lady Panthers hosted Hauser, another conference opponent, on May 15, their fourth game in four days. KHS prevailed 8-3.

Knightstown took charge from the start, scoring six runs in the first inning. But, then the KHS bats went cold for the next three innings.

Hauser finally got on the board in the fifth inning with two runs. The Lady Panthers answered with two runs of their own. The Lady Jets

scored another run in the sixth but KHS held on for the win.

Coach Brett Mann named Carmen Cleek as the team's Player of the Game.

"This was a huge team win and they all deserve credit, but Carmen has been a rock at shortstop this season with Georgee Lawhorne having a shoulder injury and having to step in early in the season after taking all preseason reps at second base," said Mann. "Tonight she had two putouts

and three assists, throwing out a lot of speedy runners along the way. At the plate, she was also clutch hitting two doubles and three RBIs."

Haley Fowler pitched another complete game and was backed up by solid defense. She struck out one batter with no walks, allowing three runs on six hits and one error. She also pounded out a two-run homer.

Sidney Hastings hit a two-RBI single and Brooke Vise

had two singles with one RBI.

Lawhorne hit a double and scored one run. Sammi Eaks also hit a double and scored two runs.

Ryan Johnson and Robyn Clark each got a base hit and scored one run. Vivian Goodpaster also hit a single and Candice Wyatt scored the team's other run.

The victory over Hauser improved the Lady Panthers' overall record to 12-8 and their conference record to 6-3.



Lady Panther Robyn Clark was Knightstown's Player of the Game on the road against Edinburgh last Thursday. She had three hits on the day and made a big double-play from centerfield. (This photo was submitted by the parent of an Edinburgh player.)

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Lady Panthers Blast Connersville, Beat Union to Win Own Invite

Knightstown's varsity softball team hosted Connersville and Union (Modoc) for the Panther Invitational on May 16, defeating both teams to claim the trophy.

KHS whipped the Lady Spartans in the first game, 12-1.

Knightstown knows they often come up with wins when they come out strong in the first inning and that was the case against Connersville. KHS knocked in three runs in the first inning while holding the Lady Spartans score-

less for the first two innings.

Connersville got on the board with a run in the third but that would be their first and only run.

Knightstown followed that with three more runs in the bottom of the third, two runs in the fourth and four more in the sixth.

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

"Another great team win, but we couldn't do it without Haley or the defense behind her," coach Bret Mann said. "Haley kept the

Spartans off balance all day ... She also had three hits and three RBIs, coming a triple short of the cycle, as she hit her fifth home run of the season in the first inning."

Fowler added two stolen bases and scored three of the team's runs.

Brooke Vise led the team in RBIs with four on her double and two singles. She scored two runs.

Robyn Clark hit two doubles and a single, bringing in two runs.

Ryan Johnson also hit two doubles. She knocked in two RBIs and

scored two runs.

Vivian Goodpaster hit a double, a single and a sacrifice bunt with two runs scored.

Raeleigh Stallsworth had a single and a sacrifice bunt, scoring once. Georgee Lawhorne and Candice Wyatt also scored one run apiece.

In the second game, Knightstown defeated Union 3-0 to win the Lady Panther Invitational.

KHS scored two runs in the second and another run in the fourth while holding Union scoreless.

Fowler was again a major factor in the Lady Panther win. She pitched a two-hitter over seven innings, striking out seven batters and walking just one.

Carmen Cleek had two hits and Tori McDonald hit a single, a sacrifice fly and a sacrifice bunt to knock in two of the team's three runs.

Johnson, Lawhorne, Vise and Goodpaster each had a base hit with Johnson, Sammi Eaks and Clark scoring the team's runs.

The two victories in the invitational bumped up Knightstown's record to 14-8.



Panther varsity distance runner Ben Willey leads all participants in the 1600 meter run during a recent home track meet against North Decatur and Union (Modoc). The Panther boys won with a score of 81. (Eric Cox photo)

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would shed more light on the factual basis for Williams' firing. Attorney Keith Beesley suggested that his agency is not yet obligated to release the factual basis information because final action had not yet been taken with respect to the termination.

Beesley noted that Williams is entitled to a review hearing, if she chooses to challenge her dismissal. The hearing, however, is not mandatory, and would not occur if Williams does not formally request it.

In follow-up correspondence with Beesley, The Banner pointed out the discretionary nature of the review hearing and the fact that Williams had been terminated. The final action that resulted in her discharge had already occurred, and, therefore, the newspaper's position was that records revealing the factual basis for Umbarger's decision need to be released now.

The Banner has asked Beesley to confirm whether there are any records in Williams' personnel file which more clearly identify the factual basis for her firing. As of the news deadline for this week's

issue, Beesley had not replied.

When told that Beesley and the SDP were contending that final action had not yet been taken against her, Williams chuckled.

"That's weird," she said, "because I feel pretty ... fired."

Williams told The Banner she plans to appeal her termination and expects to file the paperwork that initiates the process by the end of this week. With the National Guard and SDP both being tight-lipped about what led to her firing, she said she feels she is at a real disadvantage.

"It's a seriously frustrating process," Williams said, noting that it's hard to mount a defense when one doesn't know what they've been alleged of doing or not doing.

The Indiana National Guard 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 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 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 resulted 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.

was due to Reece's failure to validate her Social Security Number for the agency.

Reece, for reasons that have never been fully explained, was not cited with driving without a valid driver's license, driving without insurance, or with driving a vehicle that was not properly plated. While Henry County Prosecutor Joe Bergacs told The Banner last June it was "a fair question" to wonder why she was not cited for these transgressions, citations for these three infractions were never issued.

Asked about the \$5 fine that Reece was assessed as part of the plea agreement with his office, Bergacs said the minimal amount was not uncommon.

Gorman, whose truck sustained over \$2,800 in damage as the result of Reece's careless driving, laughed when he learned that Reece had only been fined \$5.

"I think it's kind of crazy," Gorman said, "but there's nothing else really I can do about it."

Gorman told The Banner that before she pleaded guilty, Reece had contacted his mother and sister and tried to reach him through social media. He said she wanted him to write a letter to the court on her behalf stating that he didn't think she had purposely left the scene after hitting his truck, something he declined to do.

"If I did that, I'd be lying," Gorman said.

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Reece, from Page 9

video and eventually locating Reece's Tahoe at Knightstown Intermediate School, where she worked as a teacher's aide, and finding damage consistent with the accident.

Due to his relationship with Gorman, Harrison had one of his officers, Brian Pryor, prepare an incident report. The SPD made no effort to arrest Reece, however, but, instead, turned the case over to the Henry County Sheriff's Department.

According to a detective's report, the license plate on the Tahoe Reece had been driving was registered to Fred Reece, her estranged husband. However, the expiration sticker on the plate was from a vehicle owned by Baker, her father.

As for Reece's driver's license, an official driver record from the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles included in court documents showed her license had been suspended since April 2008. The suspension, the driver record stated,

Almighty Blessings Preschool Opens on S. Jefferson Street



Almighty Blessings Preschool, adjacent to Knightstown United Methodist Church on South Jefferson Street in Knightstown, held its official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony last week. Employees with Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, were on hand to help out. The funeral service donated funds needed to purchase the preschool's playground equipment. Hinsey-Brown donated the money in the name of the late John Lewis, a former funeral service employee. (Photo submitted)

Letters, from Page 4

Dear Editor,

My wife and I were notified by several people from Knightstown about Ronelle Willey and Stacy Willey Theobald putting my wife's information into paper. For one, neither one live there and my wife never lived there but for three years. Everyone was shocked and appalled by the way they both acted and said it's very childish. Grow up. It's a shame what grown "parents" act like these days. Stacy Willey Theobald needs to learn how to coparent. She now lives in Morristown with her boyfriend and is held in contempt for not allowing me visitation rights and phone time allowance.

**Bryon Theobald
Greenfield**

Dear Editor,

From my earliest recollection, the voice of the Indianapolis 500 has lured me to its audience! The roar of the engines, and the excitement that mounts for this great event had earned a memorable place in my childhood. My heroes were men who dared to risk their lives to see the checkered flag wave before them. Every year our family gathered around the radio, anxiously awaiting that electrifying voice, trumpeting, "Gentlemen, start your engines!" Each member selected his favorite driver, sometimes more for the driver's name than for his fame.

A "kaleidoscope of names" colored the racing charts; names like Parnelli, Vuckivich, AJ, or Rutherford and Sachs. I would choose my driver, and loyally cheer him on, until I'd lost my voice, or he lost his engine. In my mind, I experienced the thrill of victory, or the agony of defeat, or even the terror of slamming against the wall. I've dreamed of reaching Victory Lane.

The "dreams of racing," or "fancies of winning," had been my only accomplishment. Even though racing has always been a part of my life, I will never win a race because I've always been a spectator! I have never driven an Indy race, nor have I entered any auto race. My aspirations have been

only baseless daydreams.

The world is filled with people just like that. A man dreams of "living right." He senses a moral responsibility; to acknowledge the words of the Bible, and salute those who uphold its truth. The church is highly regarded in his opinion, yet he remains in the pews as a spectator. As James 1:22 says, "Be you doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own mind." Paul the Apostle admonishes every man to cast aside his 'spectator seat' and enter the race of faith. Each must strive to resist the competition of sin and endure the hardship of being a disciple. We must avoid the "crash walls" of discouragement and persecution; fixing our eyes on Jesus Christ, the owner and designer of our faith, and must run with patience the race set before us.

"What a great cloud of witnesses we have to encourage us on the paths of righteousness," Paul exclaims. Throughout the ages men and women have trusted Almighty God for strength and courage to run life's race with an extraordinary stride. Men, like Abraham, who ran well, believing God would supply his needs in a land filled with idols. Trusting God, and running faithfully for Him, Moses became one of the most noted national leaders the world has known. And there were women, such as Rahab the harlot, who left the business of sin for a new life with the people of God.

"And what more shall I say? There are many who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, ... stopped the mouths of lions, ... who out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, and turned to flight, the armies of the aliens." (Hebrews 11: 32-34 paraphrased.)

"Gentlemen, start your engines!" Experience the excitement of God's presence when you sit down in the cockpit of faith in Jesus Christ, and pull into the running lanes of life as an active participant. Run with patience the race for the crown!

**Gale Ashby
Knightstown High School Class of 1963
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In and Out of Town



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Patrick Kramer stopped in The Banner office just as Sagamore of the Wabash recipient Bob Guillaume was getting his picture taken.



Sail boats and other watercraft were out in full force Friday and Saturday in the Ohio River at Madison.



A look inside Rush County's Smith Bridge, located on Offutt Road in the northwestern part of the county.

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Panther varsity short stop Drake Peggs leaps for a line drive during the Centerville game last week.

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