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"The people must know before they can act, and there is no educator to compare with the press." - Ida B. Wells

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Food and Beverage Committee to Meet

The Henry County Food and Beverage Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m. in the Henry County Courthouse, Old Circuit Courtroom, second floor, 101 S. Main St., New Castle, to review a request from the town of Lewisville. Dick Myers is the chairman of this committee.

Cookies and Canvas Event August 20

Knightstown Wesleyan Church is having its bi-monthly Cookies and Canvas class, taught by Kathie Rummel, on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 6 p.m. The painting will be a covered bridge scene. Cost is \$20. Refreshments will be provided. The event takes place in the church basement, 471 N. Franklin St. Call Kathie Rummel at 765-345-9660 or Amy Bell at 765-686-7063 to reserve a spot.

Tox-Away Day This Saturday, Aug. 15

Three Rivers Solid Waste Management District will host a Tox-Away Day on Saturday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Memorial Park in New Castle. Those who plan to participate should enter the park at County Road 100-N and St. Rd. 3. A list of items that will be accepted appears on Page 8 of this week's newspaper.

Henry Co. Heart Walk September 19

The Annual Henry County Heart Walk will be on Saturday, Sept. 19, in the New Castle High School Fieldhouse concourse. Doors will open to participants at 8:15 a.m. at the southeast corner and the Heart Walk will begin at 9 a.m. The event is sponsored by Henry County Hospital, Henry County Cardiology and Henry County Heart Society.

Spiceland Town Convention Aug. 17

Spiceland will host a Republican Town Convention at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 17, at Spiceland Town Hall, 130 E. Main St. For more information, contact Town Convention Chairwoman Donna Tauber at 765-987-7565.

Knightstown Republicans Ready to Choose Nominees for Town Council Representatives

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

By this time next week, local Republicans will have determined not only their party's nominees for two of the three Knightstown Town Council seats up for election this fall, but also the winner of one of those seats.

Knightstown Republicans will hold a town convention at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Sunset Park shelter house. With two GOP candidates seeking the council's Ward 1 seat and two others vying for the Ward 3 seat, party members will be tasked with selecting a single nominee for each of those positions.

While the Ward 1 Republican nominee will face a Democrat on the fall ballot, the Ward 3 GOP nominee will have no challenger in November, Democrat or otherwise. That means the person selected at next week's town convention to be the Republican nominee for Ward 3 will claim that seat come January when the new terms in office begin.

One of the GOP candidates seeking the Ward 3 nomination is the incumbent, Council President Cort Swincher. His challenger is fellow Republican Kevin Knott.

The 51-year-old Swincher, who works as a quality supervisor at Crown Equipment in New Castle, previously served on the Knightstown Town Council from 2004 through the end of 2007. After sitting out four years, he rejoined the council again in 2012.

Speaking to The Banner on Monday,

Swincher said the town is "in the middle of a lot of things right now," including efforts to secure funding for major improvements to the wastewater plant and related infrastructure. He also noted that the town has a relatively new police chief and that council members are preparing to go through and modify policies and procedures for the police department and other town employees.

"I would certainly keep myself informed and educated on the issues. ... Would I have a learning curve? You bet ... but I would not turn away from that. I would embrace that and ask those questions, gain that knowledge, that information that I need to serve in the best effective way that I could as a member of the council."

Kevin Knott
Knightstown Town Council candidate

"I helped start those, I've been a part of those and I would like to see them through," Swincher said. "... It's not going to be done by December, so I need to be reelected."

Swincher also said he was optimistic about the direction the council has taken since the start of the year, when he took over as council president.

"I think for the first time in years the town council is moving forward and we're making progress to make Knightstown better," Swincher said. "I think we're being challenged by members of the public to continue to move forward and make things better. I think, in my opinion, we're starting to think things through

and make better decisions."

"I think this is the first year we've made good progress," Swincher continued. "It's exciting being the president, but it's just exciting being part of Knightstown. I've been in Knightstown since 1968 when I was four years old. I like Knightstown. ... I want to be part of Knightstown's future moving forward."

Swincher's challenger, Knott, is a 53-year-old licensed clinical social worker and licensed marriage and family therapist who works for Meridian Health Services in Muncie, where he has worked over 20 years. He served two consecutive terms on the Charles A. Beard School Board, with his second term concluding at the end of 2014, and also served two years on the Knightstown Department of Parks and Recreation Board as an ex officio member appointed by the school board.

"I believe I'm dependable, hardworking and honest," Knott told The Banner on Monday. "I would certainly keep myself informed and educated on the issues. ... Would I have a learning curve? You bet ... but I would not turn away from that. I would embrace that and ask those questions, gain that knowledge, that information that I need to serve in the best effective way that I could as a member of the council."

Knott said he has been involved in community service for 26 years. In addition to serving on the CAB School Board and the town's park board, he was also on the board of directors for

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Sheetz, Hammer on the Knightstown Convention Ballot

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The other Knightstown Town Council race featuring two Republicans vying for their party's nomination is the one for the Ward 1 council seat.

Participants in Tuesday's GOP town convention in Knightstown will select either Danny Sheetz Jr. or Roger Hammer as the Republican nominee who will face Democrat Kevin Richey in the Nov. 3 election. The incumbent, Clyde South, opted not to seek reelection to a third term.

Sheetz, 33, is a dispatcher for Irving Materials in McCordsville. The Greenfield-Central High School graduate has lived in

Knightstown since the fall of 2009 and said he is eager to get involved.

"I plan on jumping in with both feet," Sheetz told The Banner on Monday. "I like being at the community's disposal. Whatever they need from me, that's what I'd be willing to do. I don't necessarily have any type of agenda."

Sheetz said he would like to bring "a fresh outlook" and some "new lifeblood" to the council. He told The Banner last month that serving on the town council would be "a great way to really be involved in the community more, to really take a role in the future of Knightstown."

"It's where my wife and I have

decided to make a home for our family," Sheetz said, "and, while I'm here, I should probably try to be involved and make some positive changes in the community."

Hammer, 53, grew up in Shirley and is a Knightstown High School graduate who has lived in Knightstown since 1987. He has a bachelor of science degree from Indiana State University in electronics and computer technology.

"You want to do something for the community," Hammer told The Banner Tuesday morning, explaining why he decided to run for Knightstown Town Council. "You want to see what you can do to improve things in town."

If chosen as the GOP nominee

and elected in the fall, Hammer said he would work to increase government efficiency and make sure that tax money collected by the town and revenue from the town's utilities is being spent wisely. He also said he thinks attracting businesses to town that can provide job opportunities for area residents should also be a priority.

"I want to continue to see things improve," Hammer said. "I've got a lot of years of business experience and project management. I want to bring that to bear and see what we can do to make things better."

The GOP's Ward 1 nominee, Sheetz or Hammer, will face Richey, the Democratic candidate, in the November election.

Carthage GOP Town Convention Set for Aug. 17

Republicans in Carthage will meet Monday evening, Aug. 17, to hold a town convention that will decide the party's slate of candidates for the town council election this fall.

All five seats on the Carthage Town Council are up for election in November. With six Republicans vying to represent the GOP on the fall ballot, next week's town convention will eliminate one of the candidates from contention.

The six Republican candidates include four incumbents presently

serving on the council: President Bill Davis; Vice President Rachael Brown; Kelly Land; and John Hancock. The other two GOP candidates, Bill Armstrong and Rick Bush, are both former members of the town council.

The five Republicans chosen at next week's town convention will appear on the fall ballot, along with two Democrats, incumbent council member Ashley Davis and former town council member Tim Wehr.

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Kiwanis Fundraiser Helps New Castle Miracle League

The Kiwanis Club of New Castle - Henry County is holding a fundraiser lunch on Saturday, Sept. 12, during the open house for the New Castle-Henry County Airport.

Tickets are \$5 and will include hamburger or hot dog, chips and a drink. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from the Kiwanis meal will be donated to the New Castle Miracle League, an organization that provides a local baseball league for children with mental or physical disabilities.

The open house will feature a display of aircraft and plane rides. Fly in to the event at UWL 123.05 CTAF or come by car to 2912 East County Road 400 South, three miles southeast of New Castle.

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OBITUARIES

Bryant Joseph Neal

January 13, 1989 - August 10, 2015



Bryant Joseph Neal, 26, of Knightstown passed away Monday, Aug. 10, 2015 in Muncie. He was born Jan. 13, 1989, in New Castle, the son of Scott and Cynthia "Suzee" Neal of Knightstown.

He graduated from Knightstown High School in 2007. Bryant attended Raysville Friends Church growing up. He was a Boy Scout with Pack #468 and played Little League baseball and Optimist basketball. He loved music and was a caring person who liked to help others.

In addition to his parents, Bryant is survived by his brother, Zane Neal of Knightstown; grandparents, Billy and Sandra Wills of New Castle, Charles Neal of Dayton, Ohio, and Joelene Neal of Knightstown; aunts and uncles, Al and Donna Wilson of Springfield, Ohio, David and Tonia Wills of New Castle, Charlynn Neal of New Castle, Michael and Terrie Neal of Kennard and Rodney Neal of Ogden; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Donald Neal.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Mike Jessup officiating. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. Condolences and memories of Bryant may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

4-H Grand Drive Yields State Fair Grand Champs

The Indiana State Fair recognized the top competitors at the 4-H Grand Drive in the Indiana Farmers Coliseum on the opening Monday of the Indiana State Fair. The overall grand champions were selected from the swine, sheep, meat goat, heifers, and market steer departments.

These 4-H exhibitors worked all year to bring in their very best animals, several of which have competed year after year in the Grand Champion 4-H Drive. The second champion of the night was Becca Chamberlain of Randolph County. She won the Grand Champion Breeding Heifer with her Shorthorn Plus, named Izzy, whom she's owned for almost a year.

Chamberlain couldn't quite come up with the words to

describe her feelings, "It feels really great, exciting, and awesome," she said. "I worked so hard and it's just good to see my hard work pay off."

Some of the hard work Chamberlain mentioned involves keeping Izzy cool in the summer to protect her hair and caring for the animal daily. Chamberlain is a five-year 4-H member and has participated in the Grand Champion competition four of those five years.

Here's a complete listing of the exhibitors named Grand Champion:

- Grand Champion Gilt: Taylor Schuerman, Jackson County
- Grand Champion Supreme Heifer: Becca Chamberlain, Randolph County

- Grand Champion Market Lamb: Taylor Busenburg, Fulton County

- Grand Champion Meat Goat: Sammi Brewsaugh, Decatur County

- Grand Champion Barrow: Bradey Newhouse, Grant County

- Grand Champion Market Steer: Bryceston Hoover, LaPorte County

Reserve Grand Champion awards were given to:

- Reserve Grand Champion Gilt: Caden Brubaker, Huntington County

- Reserve Grand Champion Supreme Heifer: Warner Ott, Noble County

- Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: Taylor Busenburg, Fulton County

- Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat: Jacelynn Whitmer, Clark County

- Reserve Grand Champion Barrow: Troy Michel, Wabash County

- Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer: Austin Berenda, Newton County

LEGAL NOTICE

The Knightstown Department of Parks and Recreation Board is seeking sealed bids and resumes for a cleaning person and a service contractor.

The cleaning person will enter into a contract to do cleaning and trash pick-up at Sunset Park in Knightstown, Indiana.

List of duties for cleaning person can be picked up at the Knightstown Utility Office at 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, Indiana 46148.

The Maintenance person will enter into a contract to do regular maintenance of buildings, equipment and grounds at Sunset Park in Knightstown, Indiana.

Sealed bids must be returned to the Utility Office no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2015. (8/5, 8/12)

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The family of Ida Knott would like to express gratitude to all who called, visited, sent cards, flowers and offered prayers during her recent illness and death. A special thank you to Knightstown First Christian Church and Anthony Darling. It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring and loving community.

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Planners Consider Grant Writer

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Plan Commission met Monday evening with an Indianapolis grant writer who could end up helping the town obtain grant money to hire a consultant to rework Knightstown's comprehensive plan.

Amy Miller of Cornerstone Grants Management Inc. told plan commission members she had been doing grant writing and grant administration work for about 20 years. Last year, she helped the town of Carthage get a \$40,000

planning grant that was used to pay for development of a downtown revitalization plan.

Miller told the plan commission she thought the town would be wise to act quickly if it plans to apply for grants through the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs. She noted that income surveys that must accompany most grant applications are only good for four years; the last one the town had done was in September 2012.

"I think you want to move forward as fast as you can with any of these OCRA plans so you can avoid having to have another (income survey) done," Miller said.

Should the town agree to retain her services, Miller said the first step would be to send a letter of intent to OCRA that advises the agency of the town's desire to seek a grant. After that, she said there would be a procurement process that would lead to the town's selection of a vendor to do the work on the comprehensive plan.

If the town decides to go after a planning grant, Miller said it would be required to come up with 10

percent in matching funds. She said the town's matching portion is generally what would be used to pay her fees.

Plan Commission President Kevin Richey asked Miller about the success rate of those who apply for planning grants.

"Planning grants? I've never seen one of them turned away," Miller replied.

In addition to a desire to obtain a planning grant to help pay for work on the comprehensive plan, town officials also expect to apply for a substantial grant through OCRA that will help pay for major improvements to the town's wastewater utility's infrastructure. Miller told plan commission members that obtaining a planning grant would not hinder efforts to get a grant for the wastewater work, but said OCRA will not allow grantees to have more than two open grants at the same time.

Plan commission member Ed Wright asked Miller if she had time to take Knightstown on as a client. She said that she did.

Miller advised the plan
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Dunreith Fire Fighters Planning Fundraising Motorcycle Ride

The Dunreith Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a motorcycle ride on Sept 12. Organizers are planning for the event to be a 100-mile ride, round trip. The ride will begin at the station, make a couple of stops along the way, and then finish at the station.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided when riders return to the station. The event is open to everyone with all proceeds going to the department for new equipment.

Entry fee for the bike ride is \$20 per bike. For non-riders who want to support the department, the cost is \$5 per person.

Organizers are also hoping to have several items to raffle.

Registration for the ride is set to begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 10:30 a.m. Riders are scheduled to get on the road at 11 a.m.

For questions, contact Ronald Elliott (317-443-7931), Mike Shepherd (765-571-2295) or David Dudley (765-465-8305).

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waste our powers:
Little we see in Nature
that is ours;
We have given our hearts away,
a sordid boon!
This Sea that bares her bosom
to the moon;
The winds that will be howling
at all hours,
And are up-gathered now like
sleeping flowers;
For this, for everything,
we are out of tune."*

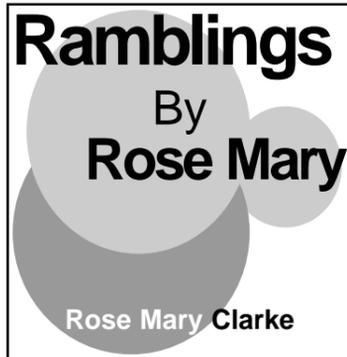
Henry David Thoreau probably knew and approved of the above sonnet that William Wordsworth wrote in 1802 about the first Industrial Revolution. Great poets see with a very clear eye. I believe that Thoreau's and Wordsworth's warnings apply to our time when we humans are despoiling nature and threatening the environment.

Last week, I contrasted Thoreau's meager list of what he owned with our abundance of possessions. Oh good grief! I just remembered that we also have an electric hedge trimmer, a weed whacker, a vacuum cleaner, a steam cleaner for our tile floors, an electronic toothbrush and an electric iron that rarely is taken from its shelf.

Bill and I live in a house of

1,800 feet on a 3/4-acre lot with a storage barn for surplus items and the mower. Whereas Thoreau's self-built abode was 10 by 15 feet with a garret, one closet and a small root cellar.

Our home is pleasant, utilitarian and comfortable, but homes of four, five, or even 6,000 square feet exist in some of the wealthy neighborhoods.



Gourmet kitchens used to be a big deal, now it's gourmet outdoor kitchens next to the swimming pools. One of our acquaintances has a business that takes her into a wealthy area. She said, "You wouldn't believe what they set out as trash. There was a wonderful butcher-block table that I stuck in my van and have in my kitchen."

To each his own. I do not envy the affluence that provides jobs. However, I sometimes wonder if

such over-the-top luxury comes from competitiveness and greed, rather than need.

I must admit that I have absolutely no desire to live without plumbing and the electricity that drives our appliances, including my beloved dishwasher. When I was a girl, we lived in a house with an outdoor spigot for water, an out-house and a coal burning cooking range and heating stove. No thank you very much!

However, as nutty as Thoreau's vision of the simple life may seem, there are people who have followed his example. Several years ago, Irvington acquaintances Royal and Adrienne Eckstein sold or gave away their possessions and set off to live in a camper. The big, wonderful motor homes of today didn't exist then. "Oh," I said to Adrienne. "I don't know if I could leave behind our family, silver, books, and treasures. How can you do it?" "Easy!" she replied. One of the letters they sent told about how they were staying for a while at Lake Erie in order to take sailing lessons. How cool was that?

Sometimes people become stuck on one plateau of living. It's easier to stay in our familiar rut. The thought of changing my predictable, peaceful, comfortable existence and striking out into

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Summers Leave Indelible Memories

I guess it goes without saying that, believe it or not, another summer is almost past us. Sure, we still have several weeks of warm weather remaining. But, the bulk of nature's milder months have already evaporated, like a thin veil of morning dew in the sunshine.

Fleeting moments are all these summers are. Though they once stretched out before us in a seemingly endless succession of golden, timeless holidays, summers now are merely a break from the cold of winter. For most adults, our work is uninterrupted by the onset of temperate weather. Summer vacations ceased long ago. But, the memories of those childhood summers stay with us forever.

I grew up in a middle class neighborhood in Marion County's southern suburbs. For my friends and I, summer meant swimming in neighbors' pools and hanging out poolside at Perry Park. Summer evening bike rides and sleep-overs were punctuated by family water skiing behind the family boat or camping out west.

The new school year didn't beckon until mid-August, instead of mid-July as it is today. No, we had a full three months off. That gave us time, not only to forget the lessons of the previous year, but also to develop adequate loathing for the eminent one.

We never cared, though, because going back to school meant seeing friends we'd missed over the summer break. Of course, this was before cell phones connected us all at the ears and eyes. Hence, our distaste for school subsided as the first day came closer, and was replaced with an excitement to simply see everyone again.

But, those summers are indelible. In retrospect, our

troubles were terribly minor, and in the grand scheme of adulthood, we had absolutely zero legitimate worries. Paying bills, obviously, was something our parents did and few of us even knew much about that.

No, we toiled not. Some said we were spoiled, but we still had our chores to do. Mowing grass is among the good memories, though at that time I'm sure I'd have never believed such work would become a fond reminiscence. Yet, I derived some small satisfaction from mowing our family's yard. Today, the smell of fresh-cut grass evokes memories of childhood.

Toward the end of summer - that time of long shadows when the insects come to life with their sad and sweet songs - is where my memories are particularly vivid. The interior of a nearby Dairy Queen is still fresh and sweet as a banana split in my mind.

The buzz of cicadas melds with the Perry Meridian High School Marching Band's melodies wafting over the neighborhood from a mile away. I can hear the ice cream man's truck, and the clack-clack-clack of a friend's bicycle that had a playing card

clothes-pinned to the frame so each spoke smacked it.

And, of course, there's our old dog, Dawg. Omnipresent in my childhood, Dawg was a faithful companion and a lover of fireworks. Well, truthfully, we don't know if our late canine friend loved or hated fireworks. But, he sure went nuts whenever we lit some off. I've never seen a dog go after and try to bite explosives like ol' Dawg. Crazy.

How many summers do I have left? No one knows for sure. Maybe it's not how many summers remain for of each of us, but how many memories we can pack into each remaining summer.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Hello, Knightstown!

My name is Kevin Richey. I'm running for a seat on the Knightstown Town Council. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 3.

I was born and raised in Knightstown, graduating from KHS in 1976. I am also a graduate of Indiana University. I lived the majority of my adult life in Bloomington, working for the university in various administrative roles. I have also lived and worked in Cincinnati, Ohio, and New Orleans, La.

In 2011, I came back home to Knightstown to roost. I am a local business owner, and am happy that I am in close proximity to my family and the community I grew up in. I currently serve as the president on the Knightstown Planning Commission and am a member of the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board. I also head up the Beautify Knightstown Committee. I am also a board member of the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce. I attend the Knightstown First Christian Church. I have a rich family heritage that is deeply rooted in this community and the surrounding areas. My parents recently celebrated 66 years of marriage. My siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews, uncles and aunts...dot Indiana and the Midwest. My two grown children, Ryan and Abigail, lead happy, productive lives in Chicago, Ill., and Greenfield, respectively. My 17-year-old grandson, Jacob, amazes me everyday. I am divorced, and I am also widowed.

So...there's the short bio.

I hope to spend the next few weeks leading up to election day getting to know more of you in this community and your concerns. I hope for you to get to know me better, too.

Of course, I would appreciate your vote ... but only on these conditions:

Please do not vote for or against me because:

*of my party affiliation I had to file with in order to run for this office.

In reality, I do not align myself with any political party or their agendas. I align myself with my faith, my community, my family and friends.

Do not vote for or against me because you grew up with me, you like me, you remember the little towhead I was when I passed your newspaper, or because you like my biscuits and gravy.

Please do vote for me if you like what I stand for: community pride, transparency, accountability, progress and change.

I believe in the prosperity and growth of Knightstown. I believe in promoting a better quality of life for those that make this great community their home. I believe in paying it forward.

I applaud all the others who've thrown their hats in the ring for a town council seat. Their concern and civic pride is vital to this community. No matter the outcome, on Nov. 3 I look forward to working with them and everyone else in this community on the continued growth and prosperity of our beloved town.

If you see me on the street, please feel free to stop and chat with me. I'll shake your hand and listen to your concerns. You can also contact me via my email, km_richey@yahoo.com or visit my campaign Facebook page: "Kevin Richey for Knightstown Town Council - I'm Running As Fast As I Can."

But, most importantly, whatever you do this coming election, please do vote for the candidates of your choice. Deadline to register in this fall's election is Monday, Oct. 5. For more information on registering to vote, contact the Henry County Clerk's office or the voter registration office at

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BITS & PIECES

◆The Knightstown **Farmers Market** is now under way. A variety of new vendors are being sought. Hand-crafted goods, including hand-knitted items, are welcome at the market. The market is open, now through October, each Saturday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., on Knightstown's Public Square. Call Kelley Millhoan at 765-571-2325 for more info.

◆Spiceland will host a **Republican Town Convention** at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 17, at Spiceland Town Hall, 130 E. Main St. For more information, contact Chairwoman Donna Tauber at 765-987-7565.

◆Knightstown Wesleyan Church is having its bi-monthly **Cookies and Canvas** class, taught by Kathie Rummell, on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 6 p.m. The painting will be a covered bridge scene. Cost is \$20. Refreshments will be provided. The event takes place in the church basement, 471 N. Franklin St. Call 765-345-9660 or 765-686-7063 to reserve a spot.

◆The Henry County GOP Club will host its 15th annual brats and hot dogs **fundraiser** on Friday, Aug. 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., on the courthouse lawn, across from the Henry County Justice Center. The menu includes brats, hot dogs, corn on the cob, chips and drinks. Advance tickets are \$5; \$6 at the event.

◆Eastern Hancock High School graduate Gary West (Gerald Boger) will perform "**For the Love of Cash**," a musical tribute to Johnny Cash, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Greenfield's H.J. Ricks Center for the Arts. Special guests will be local musicians Dr. Rock and the Rollers, featuring former EHHS teacher Darry Hood. A portion of ticket sales proceeds will go to benefit the Hancock Hope House.

◆Knightstown Wesleyan Church has **welcome packets** available. Anyone new to the area interested in receiving local business information and discounts may contact Kathie Rummell at 765-345-9660 or Amy Bell at 765-686-7063.

◆The Annual **Henry County Heart Walk** will be on Saturday, Sept. 19, in the New Castle High School Fieldhouse concourse. Doors will open to participants at 8:15 a.m. at the southeast corner and the Heart Walk will begin at 9 a.m. The event is sponsored by Henry County Hospital, Henry County Cardiology and Henry County Heart Society. Additional information and sponsor forms are available at hcmhcares.org and on the Henry County Heart Society, Inc. of Indiana Facebook page, or contact 765-529-1098.

◆The **Beautify Knightstown Committee** continues the effort to raise funds for the Knightstown beautification project through sales of the "It's a Beauty! - The Academy" T-shirt starting at \$20. Shirts can be purchased at Hoosier Home Court Cafe, 12 E. Main St. or email km_richey@yahoo.com.

◆Anyone interested in participating in the **Shirley Founder's Day parade** may contact Beverly Estell at P.O. Box 243, Shirley, IN 47384 or call 765-738-6000. Nomination for the David L. Estell Civic Award are being accepted and may be sent to the same address. Nomination deadline is Aug. 7.

◆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.

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commission that approval to hire her will actually need to come from the Knightstown Town Council. "It's not yours," she said of any planning grant OCRA might award to the town. "Its theirs."

Plan commission member Valerie Trump, who also sits on the town council, told Miller the next town council meeting is Thursday, Aug. 20. Richey said he thought "it would be to everyone's benefit" if Miller attended that meeting.

Richey asked Trump whether she thought the council might act at the Aug. 20 meeting to approve the hiring of Miller to help procure a planning grant.

"I can't speak for everyone on the council," Trump said. "All we can do is present it." However, with Miller there to answer any questions the council might have, she said it would be possible that the council could approve a motion hiring her that night.

While plan commission members appeared to favor Miller being brought on board to go after the planning grant, they did not vote to make a recommendation to the town council to that effect. Rather, they simply voted to invite Miller to, and recommend she attend, the Aug. 20 council meeting.

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KHS Basketball Standout Lee Walker One of Several Panthers to Attend Fort Lewis College

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

Leroy "Lee" Walker, a Knightstown native and former basketball star, has quite a history to look back on now that he is retired. Though there may still be more to look forward to.

Walker solidified himself as one of the Fort Lewis Skyhawks' greatest scorers, and he still ranks on the college's all-time scoring charts from the late 1960s. However, before that his journey began in Knightstown.

"I lived my entire life in Knightstown," said Walker. "I went to the Christian church in Knightstown and that's where I started playing basketball, in the sixth grade. Then I was on the junior high team, played my seventh and eighth grade year there. I was on the freshman team during freshman year, and the B-team the next year."

Walker notes that he had quite a list of achievements, the full-extent of which he was reminded of 10 years ago when he was shown the high school's basketball records.

In 1964, Walker scored 322 points; 15 points per game.

In 1965, Walker became the third player to score 510 points. This year he earned multiple awards, including the Carroll Award and the Rebound Award. He won All Area Scorer, All Conference, and All Sectional 10th on the All Time Career Points List 832.

"After my senior year I got my first scholarship to Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado," he said. "It's a school of about 5,000."

According to Fort Lewis College's official website, Walker averaged 20 points per game during his first season with the Skyhawks. He also set school records for 35 points and 17 field goals against Western New Mexico, though both records have since been broken.

"In my senior year of college, I was second in the nation in fowl shooting. I averaged 91 percent. I was a good fowl shooter because I practiced a lot," said Walker.

In his junior year of high school, he earned a conference champs award for a free throw average of 84 percent. During his senior year, he won an award for the free throw, with an average of 88 percent.

"They didn't have trophies out there or anything like that. The best player or the outstanding senior, got a game ball," he said. "I still have the game ball in my house here."

An illness kept Walker out of the lineup throughout most of his junior season. He later bounced back during the summer, training rigorously off-season so he could claim a starting position.

During his senior year, he set a new single-season record of 480 points for the school, and earned honorable mention all-conference honors that year as well.

"Fort Lewis College is just beautiful. It's on a mesa, overlooking the town. You're driving in and then you're 500 feet above Durango," Walker said.

Walker also acknowledges, with clear dismay, the recent environmental disaster that has just befallen the Durango area. Over 3 million gallons of pollutants have spilled into the Animas River, an accident inadvertently caused by members of the Environmental Protection Agency as they attempted to enter a mine near Durango.

Walker got a full-ride at Fort Lewis, majoring in history. He graduated in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in history, and later earned a master's degree from Ball State University in U.S history and government.

After completing his education and living out his athletic career at Fort Lewis, Walker later returned to Knightstown. He began teaching history at Morton Memorial High School at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home, which he did for 38 years before retiring.

Walker remained active in the field of coaching from 1970 to the late '80s. He has served for multiple years as a coach in high school wrestling, junior high track and field, and junior high cross country.

In 1995, he was officially inducted into the Hall of Fame at Fort Lewis College for his accomplishments with the Skyhawks. As an inductee, he is awarded his own lifetime pass to allow entry into all regular season, home athletic events at Fort Lewis College.

"Up until that time I didn't even think about it," he said of the event. "When it happened, it was probably the highlight of my career. My wife went out with me, and we had a big dinner with the other inductees."

Walker notes with pride that his now 45-year old son had taken after him in college basketball.

"His name is Brett Walker," said Walker. "He went to play basketball at Taber College, a small school in Southeast Kansas. He was a pretty good player too."

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unknown territory is frightening. Oh, we think about setting off on adventures, but we are timid and put it off until it's too late. Perhaps we should have more uncommon than common sense?

The closest exemplar of Thoreau's back-to-nature experiment was Anne la Bastille. She abandoned her New York city upbringing, met and married the owner

of a lodge in the Adirondacks and became a professional ecologist. Alas, her life was turned topsy-turvy when he asked for a divorce and demanded that she leave within a short time. What to do? Having no choice in the matter, she used her freedom to set another course. More to come.

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Aug. 12 - Rush Co. Council meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse room 211, Rushville

Wed., Aug. 12 - Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Aug. 12 - Henry Co. Drainage Board meeting, 10 a.m., office building suite 107, New Castle

Wed., Aug. 12 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, second floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Aug. 13 - Hancock

Co. Planning Commission tech committee meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Aug. 13 - Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Tues., Aug. 18 - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., Aug. 18 - Charles A. Beard Memorial School board meeting, 7 p.m., high school media center

Tues., Aug. 18 - Rush Co. Health Dept. board meeting, 7

p.m., Health Dept. office at courthouse, Rushville

Thurs., Aug. 20 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Aug. 20 - Henry Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., old circuit court room, second floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Aug. 20 - Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington Street.

FOLKWAYS

Henry County Open Show Results Posted

Following are the results for the 2015 Henry County Open Show:

Grand Champion Foods – Lenita Hickman, Oatmeal Pie
 Reserve Grand Champion Foods-Connie Caudill, yeast rolls
 Reserve Grand Champion Foods- Beverly Sue Paul, Canned Beans and Beets
 Liz Baker – Victorian Sewing Machine Cover – Blue
 Joyce Bergfield – Home Blocks – Blue, Holiday Christmas tree craft – Red
 Amy Blevins – Crocheted black wrap –Red; Crocheted red vest – Blue; Crocheted purple Shaw – Blue;
 Crocheted pink sweater – Blue; Crocheted sweater – Blue; Crocheted baby blanket – Red; Crocheted Bed Spread – Blue; Crocheted Indian totem pole – Blue; Crochet rag rug – White; Purple quilt – white.
 Valerie Boggs – Hawaiian Painting – Red; Seascape – Red; Flowers – Blue
 Connie Caudill – Raspberry Jelly – Blue; Yeast Rolls – Blue, Reserve Champion
 Brenda Chapman – Pecan Pie – White; Silk floral arrangement – Red; Fresh floral arrangement – Blue
 Paula Chapman – Floral Painting – blue
 Mary Coffman – Silk flower arrangement – White; Pink Wreath –Red
 Darcy Copper – Burlap wreath – Red; 4th of July Burlap Banner – Blue; July 4th Banner – Blue
 Linda Hall – Scrapbook page – Red; Candy dish – Red
 Martha Heck – Barn painting – Blue
 Lenita Hickman – Oatmeal Pie – Blue – Grand Champion; Oatmeal Cookies – Red; Pumpkin Bar – Blue

Linda Holcomb – Crochet hug Shaw – Blue; Dish cloth and jar opener – Red; Rhubarb coffee cake – Red; Hankie Holder – Blue
 Anita Irvin – Yo Yo Pillow –White; Photography – Blue
 Deaana Maxey – Dark blue floral quilt – Blue; Dark blue floral pillows – Red
 Viola Melton – Clay pot people- Blue; Lady Bug – Blue
 Mary Murray – Reversible table scarf – Blue; 3 piece kitchen accessories – Red
 New Castle Correctional Facility – Star Quilt – Blue; Sampler Quilt – Red; Medallion – Red
 Chad Niccum – Peyton Manning Drawing – Blue
 Maureen Rose Nicholson – Knitted slippers – Red; Needlepoint Eagle Flag Hanging – Red
 Beverly Ann Paul- Canned beans and beets – Blue, Champion; Painting of woods – Blue;
 Christmas bow tree – Red; Stain Glass Wall hanging – White; Hooked rug – Blue; Crazy quilt – Red; Blue Jean Quilt – Blue
 Sherri Pfaff – Kentucky Butter Cake – White, Toll House Pie – Blue
 Thomas Pfaff – Butterscotch Brownies – Blue
 Ruth Phelps – Lemon Pecan Blueberry bread – Red
 Jane Pidgeon – Linen Napkins – Blue
 Shari Ray -Cross Stitch of Little girl – Blue; Italy Scrapbook – Blue; Paper craft “B” –Blue; 5 card set – Blue
 Rosalind Richey – Needle felted eggs – Red
 Joyce Russell – Copper teapot floral arrangement – Red; Succulent plant – Blue
 Sylvia Ward – Long historic dress – Blue; Quilt for foot of bed – Red; Baby quilt – Blue
 Karilyn K. White – Colored Picture – Blue
 John Williams – Turkey Call – Red; Wooden Bow – Blue

Expert Cathy Frank Will Discuss T-shirt Quilting

Common Threads Quilt Guild will host Cathy Frank, a nationally known long arm quilter from Carmel, as its guest speaker for a regular monthly meeting on Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church in Mount Comfort.

Frank will be demonstrating a new technique called “T-Shirt Quilts - a New Way.” She is a professional quilter who likes to add dimension and interest to her quilting. Her business has grown over the past 30 years and her work has been shown in national and international quilt shows and published in numerous books and magazines. Currently Cathy’s quilting is on display at the Indiana State Museum’s exhibit “Nineteen Stars Over Indiana.”

Common Threads meets from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the church, with approximately 60-75 members present at each meeting. Guests are welcome. Guests and members who wish to attend the Conner Prairie Trip on Sept. 16 are asked to pre-register and bring the \$18.70 (\$8 entrance plus \$10.80 box lunch, optional) by check or cash to the August meeting.

Mud Bog Aug. 29 in Sulphur Springs

A mud bog event for ATVs and trucks is scheduled on Saturday, Aug. 29, as part of the Jefferson Township-Sulphur Springs Community Days.

Registration for the ATV mud bog begins at 1 p.m. on Aug. 29 and continues until 4:30 p.m. when the ATV mud bog is set to start. There is a \$20 entry fee with an 80% payback to the top three places in each of the four classes.

Registration for the trucks begins at 1 p.m. on Aug. 29 and continues until 5:30 p.m. when the truck mud bog starts. There is a \$25 entry fee for trucks with 80% payback and trophies.

More information on the event, the classes and the rules can be found on The Banner’s website, under the “news” tab of the menu, or contact Tim Chapman at 765-524-2616.

Henry County CASA Office Hosting Fall Training Class Sept. 1

The Henry County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Office - has announced that a fall training class for new volunteers will start soon. An open house and informational meeting will be held Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. for prospective volunteers and anyone in the community who simply wish-

es to learn more about CASA.

CASA volunteers act a child's voice in court. CASA volunteers are trained and supervised community members who advocate, or speak on behalf of abused and neglected children involved in the child protection system. A CASA volunteer examines a

child's case and makes recommendations to the judge. There are no special requirements to volunteer. Volunteers are trained to advocate, investigate and to monitor with respect to what is in the best interest of the child.

The training includes 32 hours of classroom education in addition to courtroom

observation. Training Schedules are formatted to be convenient for the volunteer and will be held in the CASA office, 101 S. Main St., New Castle. Volunteers must at least 21 and submit to a full background check. Applications will be available at the open house.

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Rush Co. Fund Helps Elderly Folks

The Rush County Community Foundation recently announced that Rush County Community Assistance is the first recipient of the Helen & Jim Ewing Fund: To Help the Elderly and Feed the Hungry. The \$1,000 grant will be used to purchase milk for elderly Rush County residents that seek assistance from Rush County Community Assistance.

The Helen & Jim Ewing Fund was established in memory of his wife, Helen, by Jim Ewing in May 2014. The Ewings took pride in assisting the hungry and those less fortunate, and Jim saw the potential in creating a fund to forever benefit Rush County individuals in need as a great opportunity to both make an impact and leave a legacy, according to the community foundation.

Proceeds are to be awarded annually as grants to provide funds to non-profit organizations that assist the elderly. Grant funds may be awarded to agencies that provide food for those in need, agencies that sup-

port those who serve the elderly population, and/or agencies that assist the elderly with essential needs and services. Priority is given to agencies in Rush County, but organizations from other counties who are active in serving Rush County residents are eligible to apply for this annual grant.

For more information about the Helen & Jim Ewing Fund: To Help the Elderly and Feed the Hungry, or any of the more than 185 funds at the foundation, contact the foundation office.

Meeting the philanthropic needs of Rush County since 1991, the Rush County Community Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit public charity established to serve donors, award grants and scholarships, and provide leadership to enrich and enhance the quality of life in Rush County, not only today, but for future generations.

For more information, visit or contact Alisa Winters or Terry VanNatta at the office at 117 N. Main St., Rushville, IN 46173, or call them at 765-938-1177.

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 Check out the photos!

Walker, from Page 6

His grandson, Drew Walker, is also an avid basketball player. According to Walker, he attends special trainings camps, including one helmed by Eddie Gill of the Indianapolis Pacers.

"I think he's gonna be a better ball player than either of us, and he's only a seventh grader right now," he said, regarding his grandson.

Walker is glad to see the next two generations of his family acquire themselves in athletics and academics the way he did.

"I was the first kid from my family to go to college, and my son was the second. We're hoping that the grandson, Drew, will do the same. That's his goal right now is to get a college education," said Walker.

CASA, from Page 7

Henry County CASA will soon be celebrating 19 years in the community and, in honor of that, CASA will be hosting an alumni/active volunteer gathering on Aug. 18.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer may call 765-529-5811 and speak to Volunteer Coordinator Tony Roach or Director Susan Stamper, or email HenryCountyCASA@henryco.net to learn more.

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Colby Lane Second at Saturday's Anderson Speedway CRA Street Stock Race

by Joe Tompkins
for The Banner

With a nice crowd and cooperative skies, the Stealth Trailers CRA Street Stock Series took to the track at Anderson Speedway Saturday for the final time this year.

Fourteen cars were on hand for the 75-lap race. As qualifying wrapped up, it was Mason Keller of Indianapolis who set fast time. But, he would start sixth after the inversion, leaving the pole position to Tyler

Marsh of Muncie.

As the green flag flew, it was Marsh out to an early lead, until lap five when Anderson's Josh Poore took control of the top spot. He set a blistering pace until the caution flew at lap 40. The yellow came after an incident in turns three and four between Ryan Amonett and Jason Atkinson, both of New Castle. They were battling hard for fifth position when they collided, ending the point leader Atkinson's night.

Racing resumed and it was Poore out front over Marsh, with Colby Lane in third.

At lap 45, the caution flag waved again as Andrew Teepee of Indianapolis spun his car in turn four. On the restart, Poore led with Lane able to get by Marsh for second. Poore took off and dropped the field with Lane in pursuit, followed by Marsh and Amonett in third and fourth.

But Poore was able to hold onto his huge lead and cruise home to victory lane and take

his first CRA win of the season.

Top five: 1. Poore, 2. Lane 3. Marsh 4. Amonett 5. Jake McElfresh (Elwood). Other notables: 6. Mason Keller 8. Brandon Mefford 10. Matt Clark (Greenfield) 12. Jason Atkinson.

The next stop on the CRA Street Stock series is at Winchester Speedway Sept. 6-7.

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

Sulphur Springs Releases Schedule for Community Days Aug. 28-29

Community Days in Jefferson Township-Sulphur Springs is set for Friday, Aug. 28 and Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Sulphur Springs community building in Allen Park, located at 203 N. Mulberry St.

The event kicks off at noon on Friday, Aug. 28 with acceptance of entries for the garden, field, flower, handiwork and food competitions. Judging starts at 4 p.m.

Vendor booths will be open from 5-8 p.m. During that

same period, the Sulphur Springs Lions Club will be serving a chicken barbeque dinner.

The children's pedal tractor pull is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the front of the community building. Admission is \$1. Trophies and ribbons will be handed out to participants.

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 28, the 2015 princess candidates will be introduced with the food auction to follow at 7:30 p.m. and bingo at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 29, the Shenandoah Little League will be serving breakfast from 7-9:30 a.m. The Henry County Health Department will conduct cholesterol screenings and blood pressure checks from 7-10 a.m.

At 8 a.m., the 5K Fun Run in the Sun begins at the Sulphur Springs Christian Church (registration at 7 a.m.).

Car show registration runs from 9-11 a.m. with awards

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Friday, August 14th

Food starts at 6 p.m. • Homemade Ice Cream
Flea Markets & Live Demonstrations • Town Wide Yard Sales

- 6 PM Opening Ceremonies — David Estell Civic Award, Crowning of the King & Queen, Prince & Princess
- 7 PM Cruise-in
- 8 PM The Joe Nosey Band — Rockabilly Variety Music

Saturday, August 15th

Food Vendors • Homemade Ice Cream • Flea Markets • Live Demonstrations

- 7:30 AM H2CYC 5K Walk — At The Depot
- 10 AM Parade Theme "Good Ole Days" — Car & Tractor Show following the Parade Registration 10 AM-Noon
- 11 AM Dulcimer Connection Band at Tent
- 11 AM-4 PM Chicken Noodle Dinner at the Octagon House
- 12 PM K Dogg & Friends Music at Octagon House
- 11 AM-1 PM Kids Fire Safetyn near the Octagon House
- 12 PM-4 PM Farmer Olympics (kids games) at Octagon House
- 1 PM Firefighters Waterball Contest (Noon registration)
- 1:30 PM Tim Noland One Mand Band "The HumanJukebox" at Tent
- 3 PM Simply Country Music at Octagon House
- 4:30 PM Don Hinds Band — Big Band Sound at Tent
- 5:30 PM Beard Contest
- 6:30 PM Joan Cupp Musical Prelude at Tent
- 7:00 PM Shirley's God Talent Show



FIREWORKS following the Talent Show at the Octagon House

Sunday, August 16th

Food Vendors • Homemade Ice Cream • Flea Markets

- 12 PM Wesley's Blue Grass Band
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- 1 PM Adult Pedal Pull Competition
- 3 PM Karaoke

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presented at 1 p.m. A tractor show starts at 9 a.m. at the ball diamond. Vendors will have their booths open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Community Days parade is set for 11 a.m. Those participating should line up at the community building beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Sulphur Springs Christian Church will serve a chicken and noodle lunch starting at 11:30 a.m.

Beginning at noon over at the ball diamond will be various kids' games including sack races, egg races, water balloon toss, three-legged race, tire races and Coke drinking contest. Cash prizes will be handed out.

Mud bog registration runs from 1-4:30 p.m. for ATVs and from 1-5:30 p.m. for trucks with the mud bog event starting at 4:30 p.m.

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Registration for the baby contest opens at 3:30 p.m. with the contest set for 4 p.m. Babies must be 24 months or younger. Contest categories include most hair, least hair, curliest hair, blondest hair, refresh hair, chubbiest baby, biggest smile, deepest dimples, most somber face, longest eyelashes, bluest eyes, brownest eyes and biggest eyes.

The Jefferson Township Community Days board will serve a ham and bean dinner starting at 5 p.m.

The crowning of the 2015 Community Days' princess is set for 6 p.m.

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Join me on Nov. 3 ... and beyond.

**Kevin Richey
Knightstown**

Dear Editor,

I recently became a resident of Knightstown when I married my husband back in May 2015. I quickly fell in love with this community. The history is rich!

Recently, we visited an antique store in a community east of Knightstown and during our visit, the shopkeeper asked where we were from. Of course, I proudly said, "Knightstown!" His reply was very thought provoking. He informed us that he has lived in the area for many years and finds it sad that Knightstown is not only dying, but her residents don't seem to care that she is. Wow. I almost choked.

Since then, I have scrutinized Knightstown. He is right; Main Street is lacking the aesthetic appeal to draw new patrons or new businesses. The shops look tired and unappealing. The storefronts need some paint and proper signage. Main Street needs more colorful bicycles like Stephanie Luck has put outside the Home Court Diner and the Mane Gathering.

Get rid of "junk stores." We need hanging flower baskets like Greenfield has. We need these things – and more - to draw attention to the shops here: a wonderful diner; a hardware store; a hair salon; several antique shops; a frame shop; an awesome toy store and a beautiful bridal/dress shop, to name a few.

We have wonderful community members, like Ruthie Bohnert, John Love, and a group of volunteers that keep the landscaping on the square beautiful. But we also have weeds all around (and in) the railroad tracks and rusty stop signal posts, etc. We need a visitor welcome center to showcase the history this town has and to point out her landmarks, including but not limited to The Hoosier Gym, the Academy, the Pest House and the Indiana Soldiers' & Sailors' Children's Home. Although it is not in Henry County, it is always associated with Knightstown.

Since that interaction with the neighboring store-keeper, I have spent time, on a daily basis, driving every street in this community. The majority of the homes exude pride - well kept, attractive, welcoming ... the pride of ownership ... ageless homes with intriguing history and owners that want that to continue. I'm sure they – like me – don't want to see their town die.

We, as a community, need to come together to make Knightstown a destination and not just a drive-thru with a couple stop lights on the way headed east – or west. We need to make this awesome town a place where travelers want to stop for a rest; to lunch in the Hoosiers Home Court Diner or browse in the shops or

visit the Hoosier Gym - to experience the history, to go back in time as a reprieve from the fast paced society we now live in. In light of the Indiana Pacers announcement that they are going to honor the movie *Hoosiers* this season, we are certain to draw visitors that want to see where *Hoosiers* was filmed. They could easily be drawn into the core of what Knightstown was and can be again.

As a community, we should rally together to make this a place that those curious about the roots of that movie, or those passing through, will find Knightstown a destination. It serves all of us well, as a community, boosts our property values, keeps the local businesses alive, teaches our children their heritage and gives a future to a town rich in the past.

Can't we rally together to make this a reality?

**Jennifer Sayre
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Receipts Comparisons - Calendar Year 2014

Receipt Accounts	2014 Approved Budget Receipts	2014 Actual Receipts
General Fund		
1000 Local Sources	\$32,600.00	\$25,995.89
2000 Intermediate Sources		\$3,006.27
3000 State Sources	\$8,725,000.00	\$8,023,966.77
5000 Other Financing Sources	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00
6000 Other Items	\$90,000.00	\$42,610.60
Total	\$8,848,600.00	\$8,101,579.53
Debt Service		
1000 Local Sources	\$1,984,060.00	\$1,916,331.80
Total	\$1,984,060.00	\$1,916,331.80
Capital Projects		
1000 Local Sources	\$852,892.00	\$823,826.71
6000 Other Items		\$83,367.34
Total	\$852,892.00	\$907,194.05
School Transportation Fund		
1000 Local Sources	\$839,695.00	\$812,591.52
3000 State Sources		\$954.25
6000 Other Items		\$300.00
Total	\$839,695.00	\$813,845.77
School Bus Replacement Fund		
1000 Local Sources	\$206,245.00	\$199,203.52
Total	\$206,245.00	\$199,203.52
Grand Total	\$12,731,492.00	\$11,938,154.67

Expenditures Comparisons - Calendar Year 2014

Expenditure Accounts	2014 Approved Budget Expenditures	2014 Actual Expenditures
General Fund/Fiscal Stabilization Fund		
11000 Instruction/Regular Programs	\$4,031,912.02	\$3,796,857.29
12000 Instructional/Special Programs	\$464,706.00	\$325,951.99
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16000 Remediation	\$21,830.00	\$3,493.84
17000 Payments to Gov Units in State	\$1,052,628.00	\$624,999.60
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22000 Support Services/Instruction	\$119,022.00	\$49,176.58
23000 Support Services/Gen. Admin.	\$350,809.00	\$331,072.91
24000 Support Services/Sch. Admin.	\$763,719.00	\$600,200.40
25000 Central Services	\$141,444.00	\$117,100.44
26000 Operation/Maint. of Plant Svcs.	\$883,231.39	\$778,517.55
30000 Oper. of Noninstructional Svcs.	\$284,777.00	\$287,915.53
40000 Facility Acquisition/Construction	\$800.00	678.31
60000 Non-programmed Charges		673,935.76
Total	\$8,529,130.41	\$7,894,198.21
Debt Service Fund		
25000 Central Services	\$1,962,184.00	\$1,946,408.79
50000 Debt Services	\$2,806.00	
60000 Non-programmed Charges	\$1,964,990.00	\$1,946,408.79
Total	\$1,964,990.00	\$1,946,408.79
Capital Projects Fund		
22300 Instruction-Related Technology	\$35,000.00	\$7,382.61
25000 Central Services	\$91,423.12	\$85,549.21
26000 Operation/Maint. of Plant Svcs.	\$701,243.73	\$662,108.78
40000 Facility Acquisition/Construction	\$328,667.55	\$291,345.72
Total	\$1,156,334.40	\$1,046,386.32
School Transportation Fund		
27000 Student Transportation	\$828,790.00	\$746,725.25
60000 Non-programmed Charges		\$50,000.00
Total	\$828,790.00	\$796,725.25
School Bus Replacement Fund		
25000 Central Services	\$200,564.00	\$169,466.34
Total	\$200,564.00	\$169,466.34
Grand Total	\$12,679,808.81	\$11,853,184.91

Noncertified Employee Classifications and Range of Pay Rates 2014-2015

Classifications	Range of Pay Rates
I. Instructional and Supplementary Pupil Services	
A. Library/Media Aides	\$7.50-\$9.25/hr
B. Special Education Aides	\$7.50-\$8.50/hr
C. Title I Aides	\$7.50/hr
D. Pre-Kindergarten/Head Start Aides	\$8.00/hr
E. Speech/Pathologist	\$248.43/day
F. Bus Aides	\$28.53/trip
G. Media Specialist	\$317.00/day
II. Cafeteria and Food Services	
A. Managers/Head Cooks	\$11.50-\$12.16
B. School Food Service Director	\$24,000.00
C. All Other Food Service Employees	\$7.94-\$9.85
III. Health Services	
A. Nurses	\$49,981.04
B. Medical Assistant	\$13.00/hr
IV. Office/Clerical/Secretarial	
A. Building Secretary	\$11.00-\$12.85/hr
B. Central Office Assistant	\$12.54/hr
C. HR Specialist	\$12.54/hr
D. Payroll/Benefits Coordinator	\$12.54-\$13.27/hr
V. Executive/Administrative/Accounting	
A. Treasurer	\$48,000.00
B. Athletic Director	\$60,000.00
VI. Maint./Custodial/Warehouse/Security/Transp.	
A. Building Custodians	\$10.00-\$12.00/hr
B. Bus Drivers	\$12,694.70-\$17,756.30
C. Other Drivers	\$24.02-\$48.04/trip
D. Transportation Director	\$60,000.00
VII. Computer Services	
A. Technology Director	\$65,000.00
B. Network Services	\$27,285.00

Total number of noncertified part-time employees: 53
 Total number of noncertified full-time employees: 32

Certified Salary Schedule in effect June 30, 2015

Salary Range	Bachelors # of Persons	Bachelors + 15 hrs # of Persons	Masters # of Persons	Masters +15 hrs # of Persons	Masters +30 hrs # of Persons	Masters +45 hrs # of Persons	Doctorate # of Persons
\$20,000-\$25,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$25,000-\$30,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$30,000-\$35,000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$35,000-\$40,000	15	7	4	0	0	0	0
\$40,000-\$45,000	5	3	11	0	0	0	0
\$45,000-\$50,000	3	2	3	0	0	0	0
\$50,000-\$55,000	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
\$55,000-\$60,000	0	0	8	1	1	0	0
\$60,000-\$65,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$65,000-\$70,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$70,000-\$75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$75,000-\$80,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$80,000-\$85,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$85,000-\$90,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$90,000-\$95,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total number of certified part-time employees: 0; Total number of certified full-time employees: 72

Statement of Indebtedness - Calendar Year 2013

Indebtedness	Principal Outstanding
Holding Company - Public & Private	\$4,441,000.00
Common School Loans	\$7,462,349.99
Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (ARRA)	\$1,330,900.00
Total	\$13,234,249.99
Outstanding Encumbrances - All Funds	\$111,703.49

Assessed Valuation and Property Tax Rates*

	Year 2014	Year 2015
Assessed Valuation	\$272,611,068.00	\$287,146,711.00
Tax Rate - General Fund	N/A**	N/A**
Tax Rate - Debt Service Fund	.6800/.6487	.7984/.7676
Tax Rate - Capital Projects Fund	.2925/.2784	.2835/.2726
Tax Rate - School Transp. Fund	.2871/.2739	.2799/.2691
Tax Rate - Bus Replacement Fund	.0707/.0674	.0573/.0551

*Henry/Rush County Property Tax Rates (per \$100)
 **The school corporation General Fund will only have a tax rate if an excess levy appeal has been approved, per HB 1001 passed in 2008.

Certified Administrative Staff in Effect June 30, 2015

Grade Level	Enrollment
Preschool Ages 0-2 (PW)	0
Pre-Kindergarten Ages 3-5 (PK)	31
Kindergarten	87
1	89
2	83
3	85
4	85
5	87
6	96
7	88
8	102
9	95
10	88
11	106
12	86
TOTAL	1,208

Certification
 I hereby certify that the financial report is true and accurate in every respect to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that all contracts, vouchers, and bills for all payments made by the school corporation are in its possession and open to public inspection.
 John Swartz, Secretary, Board of School Trustees
 Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp.
 8139 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, IN 46148
 Date: July 21, 2015

Payments in Excess of \$2,500 Made to Vendors - Calendar Year 2014 (Continued at Right)

Vendor Name	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	School Transportation Fund	School Bus Replacement Fund	Total
New Castle Area Except Child Social Security	\$446,266.10	\$7,788.50			\$454,054.60
Knightstown Utilities	\$346,329.95	\$6,957.11	\$34,627.44		\$387,914.50
Ind. Teachers Retirement Fund	\$263,304.65	\$102,059.93			\$365,364.58
Leaky Insurance	\$329,548.39				\$329,548.39
New Castle Area Career Prgm.	\$73,749.75	\$116,030.50	\$34,734.25		\$224,514.50
Bank of America National Meritain Health	\$175,041.68	\$3,513.32			\$178,550.00
Van Hoy Oil				\$152,251.34	\$152,251.34
Variable Annuity Life Insurance	\$144,056.08	\$1,384.32	\$1,005.60		\$146,446.00
Nighthawk Enterprises	\$84,586.00	\$19,520.00	\$128,122.39		\$128,122.39
Impact Insurance Restoration	\$104,663.94	\$2,307.24	\$1,976.78		\$108,947.96
Public Emp Retirement Fund	\$84,586.00	\$19,520.00	\$104,106.00		\$104,106.00
Educational Services Co. LLC	\$73,819.55	\$73,819.55			\$73,819.55
EDF TradingNorthAmerica LLC	\$55,713.03	\$10,396.24	\$7,516.00		\$73,625.27
Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$67,262.85				\$67,262.85
Duke Energy	\$51,442.70				\$51,442.70
Johnson-Mellor Inc.	\$47,084.69	\$1,123.59	\$1,123.59		\$49,331.87
Vectren Energy Delivery	\$17,650.54	\$22,087.08			\$39,737.62
GE Capital Inf Tech Solutions	\$38,532.35	\$38,532.35			\$38,532.35
Community State Bank	\$7,251.16	\$25,329.63			\$32,580.79
PCMI	\$23,010.13	\$29,568.00			\$29,568.00
Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim	\$22,967.12	\$22,967.12			\$22,967.12
Koorsen Protection Services	\$22,651.00	\$22,651.00			\$22,651.00
Riley Park Tire	\$81.00	\$19,983.28	\$18,861.47		\$20,064.28
Ind Dept of Workforce Dev	\$17,533.79				\$18,861.47
Chardon Laboratories		\$17,500.00			\$17,500.00
Santander Leasing LLC			\$17,215.00		\$17,215.00
Hillyard	\$16,793.22	\$132.00	\$99.48		\$17,025.00
Fountaintown Gas Co.	\$3,640.21	\$11,440.08			\$15,080.29
Ninestar Communications	\$14,754.54		\$61.10		\$14,815.64
CDW Government	\$349.02	\$12,641.46			\$12,990.48
Education Networks of America		\$12,348.00			\$12,348.00
Kansas City Life Insurance	\$11,653.03	\$248.43	\$329.15		\$12,230.61
Republic Services	\$11,946.06				\$11,946.06
Macallister Cat	\$3,050.00		\$8,190.64		\$11,240.64
Electronic Systems Group		\$11,190.00			\$11,190.00
Madison National Life Ins.	\$10,759.19	\$149.69	\$150.77		\$11,059.65
Ricoh USA		\$10,521.48			\$10,521.48
Smith's Carpet		\$10,288.80			\$10,288.80
Knightstown Elevator	\$6,230.12	\$3,348.00			\$9,578.12
Software Technology Inc.		\$9,390.00			\$9,390.00

Payments in Excess of \$2,500 Made to Vendors - Calendar Year 2014 (Continued from Left)

Vendor Name	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	School Transportation Fund	School Bus Replacement Fund	Total
E. Central Educational Services	\$6,520.95	\$2,597.01			\$9,117.96
Komputrol		\$8,795.00			\$8,795.00
American Express	\$2,089.98	\$6,197.06	\$243.96		\$8,531.00
Centerpoint Energy	\$7,528.65	\$156.57			\$7,685.22
Ind. School Board Association	\$7,006.00				\$7,006.00
NAPA Rushville			\$6,773.93		\$6,773.93
Pine Valley Eco Products			\$6,393.49		\$6,393.49
PDF Mechanical LLC		\$5,784.65			\$5,784.65
Staples Business Advantage	\$5,634.10		\$65.38		\$5,699.48
School Fusion		\$5,432.00			\$5,432.00
Quality Security Services Inc.		\$5,427.00			\$5,427.00
The Paper Corporation	\$5,202.00				\$5,202.00
Barton, Coe, Vilamaa		\$5,200.00			\$5,200.00
MCPC		\$4,457.82	\$674.42		\$5,132.24
Neofunds	\$5,032.81				\$5,032.81
Larry's Saw & Mower	\$4,866.29	\$152.84			\$5,019.13
White Flash Auto Parts	\$39.29		\$4,861.20		\$4,900.49
David Blower	\$4,788.60				\$4,788.60
Playworld Midstates		\$4,770.00			\$4,770.00
ESI		\$4,239.00			\$4,239.00
Midwest Transit Equipment			\$4,119.02		\$4,119.02
Koch's Electric Inc.		\$4,079.33			\$4,079.33
Kirby Risk Electrical Supply	\$3,422.02	\$502.40			\$3,924.42
NEOLA	\$3,921.25				\$3,921.25
Tech Electronics			\$3,739.10		\$3,739.10
TKE Corporaton	\$3,529.76				\$3,529.76
Main Street Threads	\$3,432.75				\$3,432.75
Greenheck Fan Corporation		\$3,337.30			\$3,337.30
Kennard Wastewater Utility	\$3,322.05				\$3,322.05
Selking International			\$3,290.58		\$3,290.58
Knightstown Collision Center	\$3,142.88				\$3,142.88
Angela Plank	\$3,072.50				\$3,072.50
NAPA Knightstown	\$49.01		\$2,963.26		\$3,012.27
Burgess Mechanical Corporation		\$3,011.11			\$3,011.11
Tyler Technologies Inc.		\$3			

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Scenic Summer Stuff and Mild Weather Images



A parking lot in Anderson is alive with sunset colors.



Cyclists participating in Blue River Community Harvest's Rush County Covered Bridge Tour pause at one of the bridges for some photos.



Rays of sunlight reach up over farmsilos and fields east of Kennard.

Photos
by
Eric Cox



Morning mist scene off Kennard Road