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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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Knightstown, IN

KHS Fall Musical Friday and Saturday

The Knightstown High School Drama Dept. will present its fall musical, *The Little Shop of Horrors*, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-14. Tickets are \$5 each, or \$7 at the door. Student tickets are \$5. Each performance begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30.

KHS Dance Team Hosting Bingo Event

The Knightstown High School Dance Team will host Designer Bag Bingo on Wednesday, Nov. 18, beginning at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15, and \$20 at the door. Bag designers include Coach, Michael Koors, Vera Bradley and Victoria's Secret. Proceeds benefit the dance team.

K-town Historian Ed Knight Speaking

Historic Knightstown Inc., 22 N. Washington St., Public Square, will host a discussion of Knightstown's business past, featuring historian G. Edward Knight, on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. Knight, a 1957 KHS graduate, will discuss Knightstown's past businesses, people, buildings and products. The public invited and admission is free. Light refreshments will be served after the program. Call 345-7585 for more information.

Gleaner's Truck in Carthage Nov. 21

The Gleaner's Food Bank food truck will visit Blue River Community Harvest on the following dates this year and in 2016. The truck will adhere to an each-third-Saturday schedule, arriving on Saturday, Nov. 21; Jan. 16, 2016; March 19, May 21, July 16 and Sept. 17.

Lewisville Craft Show Nov. 21-22

The Historic Houston Brick in Lewisville will host its annual Bazaar & Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A preview (\$3 per person) will take place Friday, Nov. 20, 6-8 p.m. The Historic Houston Brick is located at the stoplight on U.S. 40 in Lewisville. Admission is free Saturday and Sunday.

CAB Board Approves '16 Budget

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board recently voted to approve the district's proposed 2016 budget, which totals a little over \$13 million.

With one member absent, the board voted 6-0 at its Oct. 20 monthly meeting to OK next year's budget. By fund, the \$13,168,256 budget breaks down as follows: General (\$8,745,260); Debt Service (\$1,912,996); Capital Projects (\$1,310,000); Transportation (\$1,000,000); and Bus Replacement (\$200,000).

The 2016 budget, which still must be approved by the state's Department of Local Government Finance, is a little less than 3-percent higher than the \$12,801,962 budget for 2015 that CAB advertised last fall. The DLGF ended up approving CAB's 2015 budget in the amount of \$11,723,886, almost 8.5 percent less than CAB had advertised and 11-percent less than what CAB has advertised for 2016.

When drafting a proposed budget, CAB's practice is to calculate the estimated tax levy and tax rates based on an assessed valuation (AV) of taxable property in the CAB district that is lower than what is actually anticipated. When the AV actually turns out to be higher than the figure used during budget preparation, the end result is that tax rates are lower than those advertised.

"We can always get lower than we advertise," CAB Treasurer Stephanie Madison had explained at a budget hearing in early October, "but we can never get higher."

According to information Madison had presented at the budget hearing, the AV in the CAB

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KHS Student Wins GOP Speech Contest



Pictured (l-r) are Vince Shirey, Drew Shirey, Josh Wilson, Luke Morey, Elizabeth LaMar, Alexandra LaMar, Alyvia Thompson and Annie Moore, the winner. (Photo submitted)

The Henry County Republican Club hosted its 19th annual Speech Contest for High School Students on Nov. 5. The topic was "Which Republican Presidential candidate would be best in 2016?"

Results were as follows:

Champion: Annie Moore, senior, Knightstown H.S.; daughter of Tony and Angela Moore of

Greensboro Township

Runner-up: Alyvia Thompson, sophomore, Tri H.S.; daughter of Chad and Heather Hoopingarner of Lewisville

Third Place: Luke Morey, sophomore, home-school; son of Dr. and Mrs. Merrill Morey of Spiceland Township

Patriotism at Work? 23 Percent Vote in Knightstown

In line with the low voter turnout that marked municipal elections across both Henry County and the state, less than one-fourth of Knightstown's registered voters went to the polls last week.

According to figures provided by the office of the Henry County Clerk, the town has 1,203 registered voters. Two hundred seventy-eight of them, or 23.1 percent, voted.

The local race that drew the greatest attention from Knightstown voters was the one for the Ward 1 seat on the Knightstown Council, with GOP candidate Roger

Hammer receiving 154 votes, 30 more than his opponent, Democrat Kevin Richey. When he takes office in January, Hammer will replace two-term incumbent Clyde South, who chose not to seek reelection.

In the town's only other contested race, that for Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer, Republican Beth Huffman defeated Democrat Ashley Lapham 207 to 68. Bart Whitesitt, the Republican incumbent, did not run for reelection.

Two other Knightstown Town Council candidates, Republican newcomer Kevin Knott and

Democrat incumbent Mitch Roland, did not face challengers in their respective bids for the council's Ward 3 and Ward 4 council seats. Knott, who received 228 votes, will be replacing incumbent Cort Swincher, whom he defeated in a Republican town convention in August; Roland collected 181 votes in his bid for a second term.

Despite last week's low voter turnout, Knightstown actually registered one of the higher voter participation rates in the county. The town also had about 60 more voters than it had four years ago.

17 Percent of Carthage Voters Fulfill Duty

Last week's Carthage Town Council election was decided by less than 17 percent of the town's registered voters.

According to the office of the Rush County Clerk, there are 520 registered voters in Carthage. Of that amount, only 85 took part in last week's election, which saw seven candidates - five Republicans and

two Democrats - vying for the town council's five seats.

All five incumbents retained their seats on the Carthage Town Council. With 65 of the 85 ballots cast, Republican Rachael Brown was the top vote-getter, followed by Republican Kelly Land (63), Republican

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OBITUARIES

Rosemarie (Flinchum) Christopher
April 18, 1943 - November 7, 2015



Rosemarie (Flinchum) Christopher, 73, of Greenfield, and previously of Knightstown, passed away Saturday Nov. 7, 2015.

She was born on April 18, 1943, in Chicago to the late Mary (Nelson) and John Flinchum. She met her husband, William Christopher Jr., at a dance in 1964. She was a member of Knightstown United Methodist Church for over 40 years. Rosemarie has also been a member of the Henry County Art Association and a signature member of the Water color Society of Indiana. After graduating from the Indianapolis Art Center, she taught water color classes for several years. In addition to her art, she enjoyed traveling and photography.

She will be greatly missed by her husband of 50 years, William "Bill" Christopher Jr.; three sons, Scott, Keith and Brian (Lisa) Christopher; a daughter, Diane (Greg) Christopher Butler; four brothers, John, Jeff, Jim and Joe Flinchum; a sister, Joanne (Willie) Flinchum Selson; two stepbrothers, Adam and John Flinchum; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Rosemarie was preceded in death by her stepfather, James Nelson, and a daughter-in-law, Teresa Christopher.

Services for Rosemarie will be Thursday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown with Pastor Curt Hunt presiding. Friends may visit from 4-6 p.m., prior to service. Private burial will be Friday, Nov. 13, in Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown.

Janice L. Wells
October 26, 1943 - November 7, 2015



Janice L. Wells, 72, of Knightstown, passed away Saturday, Nov. 7, at Ambassador Healthcare in Centerville. She was born Oct. 26, 1943, at Camp Atterbury, a daughter of John and Helen (Hotalski) Taylor.

Janice had been employed at New Castle High School cafeteria and Castle Liquor Store in New Castle. She had also been employed at Robert Haynes Construction as a hog farm manager and had worked as a waitress in various restaurants. Janice was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in New Castle. She loved playing bingo, shopping at Goodwill, bowling, fishing, cooking, gardening and spending time with her family, especially playing games with

her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel Wells, whom she married July 24, 1982; two daughters, Mindy Perkins of Plainfield and Debi (Don) Bledsoe of Markleville; a son, Larry McBee of Frankfort; four grandchildren, Kylie McBride (companion, Roger LaForce, Jr.) of New Castle, Amanda (Josh) Goodman of Fort Drum, N.Y., Aaron Hart of Franklin and Alec Hart of Speedway; five great-grandchildren, Miracle and Breona LaForce and Nevaeh, Navan and Nekhi Goodman; two sisters, Deana (Sean) Jarrel of Frankfort and Tina (Clarence) Stoddard of Frankfort; two aunts; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Niahm Goodman; and a sister, Bobbi Trueadu.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Rev. Gene Bennett officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11. Memorial contributions may be made to New Castle VFW Post 1282 Ladies Auxiliary, 205 N. 16th St. New Castle, IN 47362. Condolences and memories of Janice may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Michael Eugene Johnson
November 9, 1939 - November 3, 2015

Michael Eugene Johnson, 75, of Knightstown, passed away Nov. 3, 2015.

He was born Nov. 9, 1939, in New Castle, a son of Eugene Gideon and Mary Elizabeth (Scarff) Johnson. Mike was a lifetime resident of Knightstown and was a self-employed barber since 1960.

He is survived by five children, Beth Ann (Shayne) Jones of Fairbanks, Alaska, twins Linda (Ed) Hughett of Knightstown and Brenda Mitchell of Knightstown, Jon Eugene Johnson of Knightstown and Steve Nicholas of Indianapolis; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, Rusty Thomas (Debbie) Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Mary Johnson; and a great-grandson, Aidan Shayne Jones.

At Mike's request there will be no public services held. Services have been entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Condolences and memories of Mike may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Jarren David Van Hoy
October 30, 2015

Jarren David Van Hoy was born on Friday, Oct. 30, at 2:23 p.m. to parents Jeffrey and Monica Van Hoy. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 oz., and was 17.5 inches long.

Jarren's parents were blessed to spend an hour and a half with him in their arms before he went to his heavenly home.

A small family service was held on Nov. 4, to lay Jarren to rest in Glen Cove Cemetery, Knightstown, IN. Condolences may be expressed at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Clear Thinking

"We don't know what we want, but we are ready to bite somebody to get it."

Will Rogers

Knowing that the holidays are stressful for those who have lost loved ones, Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service will offer a Support Group entitled

Help for the Holidays

Wanda Jones and Allen Collier will facilitate the group to discover tips for the holidays and encouragement for participants.

The Knightstown Chapel and New Castle Chapel will combine to meet in this support group on Tuesday evenings, November 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th at 6:30 p.m. The group will meet at Senior Living at Forest Ridge, 2800 Forest Ridge Parkway in New Castle. These meetings are open to the public. You may register by calling 765-529-7100 or 765-345-7400.

In addition to the support group, a Candlelight Memorial Service will be held Saturday, December 5th, 2015, convening at 2:00 p.m. at our Knightstown Chapel.

The memorial service will be an opportunity to remember and continue the healing process. This service is open to the public.

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Low Voter Turnout Hallmark of Recent Elections

Last week's municipal elections resulted in some changes in government leadership in Henry County towns and New Castle. Below are the outcomes of some of those elections.

Lewisville

While two incumbents retained their seats on the Lewisville Town Council, it was a political newcomer who claimed the highest vote total in last week's election.

Republican Justin Thompson received 90 votes to claim one of the council's three seats, with the other two seats going to incumbents Robert Blake and Richard Craig, who are also Republicans. Blake received 65 votes and Craig got 78, while a fourth candidate, Democrat Teresa Ingalls finished with 59.

Republican Larry Smith was unopposed in last week's election and will take over as the town's new clerk-treasurer in January. He will replace longtime Lewisville Clerk-

Treasurer Sue Saunders, whom he defeated in a GOP town convention in August.

Spiceland

Republican incumbent Marita Roberson retained her Ward 2 seat on the Spiceland Town Council, defeating Democratic challenger Robert Rayburn 26 to 17 in last week's election.

Two other Republican incumbents, Pam Stigall and Jody French, had no challengers and will hold onto their at-large seats on the town council for another term. Clerk-Treasurer Dawn Mogg also had no challenger.

Dunreith

The top three vote totals for the three seats up for election on the Dunreith Town Council went to Republicans David Dudley (34) and Tim Martin (32) and Democrat Oren Jarvis (26). The other two candidates, Democrat Charles Pierce and Republican Thomas Ratcliff, finished with 24 and 20 votes, respectively.

Middletown

The town of Middletown's five-person town council will be getting two new council members in January as a result of last week's election.

Newcomers Jake Smith and Donita Chambless, both Democrats,

won election last week, along with Republican incumbent Gary Kendall. Kendall had 175 votes, while Smith and Chambless finished with 149 and 123, respectively. A fourth candidate, Richard Schwalm, received 112 votes.

Middletown's clerk-treasurer, Drew Cooper, faced no opposition in his bid for another term.

New Castle

New Castle voters elected two at-large city county members last week. Democrat incumbent Rex Peckinpaugh retained his seat with 1,513 votes, while Republican newcomer Lynn Perdue also won a seat

with 916 votes. A third candidate, Democrat incumbent Vaughn Reid III received 863 votes.

Democrat incumbent Jeff Hancock kept his Ward 2 seat on the city council. He defeated challenger Lisa Crosby, a Libertarian, 393 to 87.

Sulphur Springs

Three Republicans claimed the highest vote totals, winning election to the Sulphur Springs Town Council. William Dittlinger received 37 votes, while Darrell Lyons and incumbent Don Swoveland both finished with 36. A fourth candidate, Democrat incumbent Howard Flanagan, received 20 votes.

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Bill Davis (62), Republican John Hancock (59) and Democrat Ashley Davis (36).

Two former council, Republican Rick Bush and Democrat Tim Wehr, were unsuccessful in their bids to reclaim seats on the town council. Bush received 35 votes, while Wehr had 33.

While all five incumbents prevailed in their efforts to maintain their seats on the town council, technically, Brown was the only one who was actually "reelected" to a second term. That's because the other four candidates were never elected to a first term in office; instead, they were each appointed to the council to replace a council member who had been elected in 2011 who had resigned before the conclusion of their term.

Carthage Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan, a Republican, had no challenger in Tuesday's election. She received 54 votes.

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We bookies have instant connectivities with each other and share a special universe. By the books they read, shall ye know them! Some examples: Rita, a reader of my column, sent e-mails about her impressions of Harper Lee's books and other books. I've never met her, but she's not a total stranger.

The only times that I encountered Kay were at the monthly meetings of the Irvington Coterie, a women's luncheon group. She moved to Florida, and I haven't seen her for a few years. Other than those monthly chats around the dining table, occasional e-mails or pretty, hand-drawn cards she sends for a special occasion, I cannot say that I know her well, but books unite us.

Kay wrote, "If I don't have four books on my nightstand I get anx-

ious." I understand that perfectly. Books are a sort of security blanket. During the third century B.C., a great library was established in Alexandria, Egypt. It had thousands of books engraved on papyrus and bought at places such as the Athens Book Fair. It was home to international scholars who, for example, edited *The Iliad*. They must have wept when Julius



Caesar accidentally had it burned down. An inscription above the library's stacks said, "The place of the cure of the soul." Amen to that!

Dan wrote, "Right now, I have a stack of new books that I just *have* to read. So, what am I reading ... Maugham's *The Razor's Edge* for the 'umptiumth' time. Lately it seems that I read one old favorite for every three new books. These books are indeed old friends, and it is always good to visit with them."

"Oh dear," I replied. "Now I'll have to read *The Razor's Edge* again, and I know it by heart!" (Daughter Vicki: Take note: *The Razor's Edge* is a wonderful book. I'll bet you can get it for virtually nothing on your Kindle.) Someone asked me, "Why do you read some books more than once?" "Well, you listen to your favorite music over and over, don't you? Certain books make music in my mind."

Saying that it's wonderful, Kay recommended *The Boys in the Boat*. I've ordered it for my Kindle. Speaking of my Kindle, I've had a terrible disaster. First of all, I absolutely hate this new, "improved" Kindle that I bought when my old one's power latch broke. It's controlled by touch, and does maddening things such as losing your place or changing the type size if you inadvertently touch it in the wrong place. And it isn't that I'm old! One of my grandsons hates his, as does a friend's daughter. I'm sure that Bill is weary of my unladylike rants about it.

Night before last, I left it on my lavatory counter. Evidently, I didn't turn off the faucet tightly enough. In the morning I discovered that water had dripped onto the Kindle, which somehow had fallen into the basin. (I wonder if perhaps Puscatkin played a role in

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have countless people that I need to thank for all the support that my family and I received after the sudden passing of my husband, John Nugent.

First of all, thanks to Eric Cox at The Banner for making sure that John's obituary was in the paper on Wednesday, Oct. 28, for his service arrangements. Thanks to all of the employees of the Knightstown post office for the dinner that they planned for our family and friends, after his services. Thanks to Mandy Keller and Misty Jones for handling all the arrangements for the dinner.

Thanks to the Knightstown American Legion Post 152 for the use of the facility for the dinner, and to Sue Jones for volunteering to be our server.

Thanks to Nice and Desiree Mayhew, Ray and Alisha Smith, and also to Randy and Esther Plank for providing food for our family immediately after his passing. Thanks to John Henderson and all the staff of Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service. They were all so helpful in the planning of John's services.

Thanks to all of John's friends in Knightstown - friends he made over the years that came to pay their last respects. John absolutely loved this little town. It was amazing to our family how a small town takes care of its residents.

Donnita Nugent and Family (Marshall and Shields)
Knightstown

Dear Editor,

Chances are you are a severe driver. In fact, for most motorists today, being a severe driver is more the rule than the exception.

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Rich White, executive director
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Dear Editor,

On a recent business trip to Germany, I revisited some places I had not seen since stationed there on active-duty. At the time, there were nearly 300,000 US Army troops in Europe; today there are only around 28,000. At the time, US Army Europe headquarters was in Heidelberg; today it is on the much smaller Clay Caserne, near Wiesbaden. I made a Saturday visit to Berchtesgaden, also known as Obersalzberg, in

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Other Towns' Progress Refreshing

It's refreshing to spend time in communities that know where they're going.

I've talked about Cambridge City, east of Knightstown on U.S. 40. I've also talked about the town of Madison, down on the Ohio River. Those are both communities that know their own identities. They're proud of it, too.

I passed through Carmel over the weekend. Biking along the Monon Trail, it was fascinating to see how much care and planning went into developing the trail-side economy. City planners took great care to ensure those using the Monon would have plenty of places to spend money.

Further south, in Broad Ripple, the feeling is much the same. Planners, realizing the trail would generate traffic, envisioned trail-side businesses that would attract customers - you know, people who might stop, sit and spend money.

It's a breath of fresh air to see government and community leaders looking into the future, creating plans, and following through on those plans. Even in a place like nearby Spiceland, those things are happening, though in a different way.

Spiceland has no trail to exploit. But, they do have town-owned utilities to which they're trying to add customers. Finding it difficult to draw new residents to their town, Spiceland officials have wisely expanded the town's borders in efforts to gain new customers via new growth.

The interesting thing is they don't have a comprehensive plan to follow; they're just using their own common sense to push the community forward.

That's such a nice change of pace from what I'm

used to. Towns that never knew disfunction don't seem to get hung up on it nearly as much as others.

Propelling a community forward obviously means different things to different people. To some, progress must mean trying to affect prohibition on alcohol and signing legislation they haven't even carefully read yet.

To others, progress means expanding utility services to would-be customers outside the town's existing boundaries, and annexing the State Road 109 corridor up to I-70.

While some believe wasting time on issues of morality is a good use of taxpayer time and money, others think that integrity and legitimacy in local affairs, government and otherwise, is an important part of gaining the trust and respect of local citizens.

After all, who wants to be annexed by a government that allowed its own tax-financed website to describe the community as the "beef jerky capital of the world"? What hard working taxpayer wants to be brought into and

taxed by a town that would rather gloat over what Knightstown *used* to be, rather than what it *could* be, in the future?

I encourage you to visit some of these other communities, where responsible people are in charge. If you dare to compare and contrast, you might find that, in many ways, you've been duped locally.

Knightstown is still years away from annexation. It's still years away from any real economic development. It's still years behind the rest of the world.

Nothing illustrates that better than visiting other communities - where the word *progress* is apparently not considered a dirty word.



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◆The Historic Houston Brick in Lewisville will host its annual **Bazaar & Craft Show** Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A preview (\$3 per person) will take place Friday, Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m. The event features over 25 juried artisan crafters offering a selection of items, antique accessories and homemade baked goods. Admission is free Saturday and Sunday. The Historic Houston Brick is located at the stoplight on U.S. 40 in Lewisville.

◆Senior drivers are invited to refresh their driving skills during a **driver safety class** from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, in meeting rooms at New Castle-Henry County Public Library. AARP-trained volunteer Gene Crider will share defensive driving techniques, safety strategies, new traffic laws and rules of the road. Sign up by calling Andrea at 765-595-4563.

◆Knightstown First Wesleyan Church is again taking pre-orders for **homemade pies**. Pies, baked or unbaked, are \$10 each. Available flavors include pecan, pumpkin, mince meat, Hoosier creme, cherry, apple and rhubarb. Ordering deadline is Nov. 15. Pie pick-up is Nov. 23-24, 3-6 p.m. Call 765-345-9660 or 765-686-7063 for more information.

◆Mays Community Academy will host a **biscuits and gravy breakfast** this Saturday, Nov. 14, 7-10 a.m. at the school. The charter school is also having an open house next Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m.

◆Knightstown American Legion Post 152 Auxiliary will host its sixth annual **Christmas Cookie Walk** on Saturday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at SugarBakers on Main Street.

◆Historic Knightstown Inc., 22 N. Washington St., Public Square, will host a discussion of **Knightstown's business past**, featuring historian G. Edward Knight, on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. Knight, a 1957 KHS graduate, will discuss Knightstown's past businesses, people, buildings and products. The public invited and admis-

sion is free. Light refreshments will be served after the program. Call 345-7585 for more information.

◆Greensboro United Methodist Church will host a **blood drive** on Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m.-noon. Those who plan to donate should bring photo identification. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207.

◆The Greensboro Community Center will be the site of a **holiday sale** on Sunday, Nov. 22, noon-5 p.m. The public is invited.

◆**Beautify Knightstown** is taking pre-Christmas mail or pick-up orders for academy T-shirts to support the upcoming wall mural project. Shirts are available in sizes up to 5X, starting at \$20. Orders will be taken until Dec. 15. Orders may be e-mailed to km_richey@yahoo.com or by calling 765-445-2328.

◆Common Threads **Quilt Guild** will host Kristin Donnelly Henson as the guest speaker for the monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 9:30 a.m. at the Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church in Mt. Comfort. The quilt guild meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the church.

◆The New Castle-Henry County Chamber of Commerce will host its seventh annual **Downtown Christmas Walk** on Thursday, Dec. 3. Admission is free for this event in New Castle. It features carriage rides, vendors, a Santa Claus appearance, petting zoo, Wizard of Oz characters, holiday stories, luminaries and more. To reserve a vendor space, call the Chamber at 765-529-5210.

◆Knightstown American Legion Post 152 will host its annual **free community Thanksgiving dinner** this year. Those who require meal delivery on Wednesday, Nov. 25, should call 345-5227 to arrange meal delivery ahead of time.

◆The Knightstown High School Drama Dept. will present its **fall musical, The Little Shop of Horrors**, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-14. Tickets are \$5 each, or \$7 at the door. Student tickets are \$5. Each performance begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30.

◆The Knightstown High School

Dance Team will host **Designer Bag Bingo** on Wednesday, Nov. 18, beginning at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15, and \$20 at the door. Bag designers include Coach, Michael Koors, Vera Bradley and Victoria's Secret. Proceeds benefit the dance team.

◆The Gleaner's Food Bank **food truck** will visit Blue River Community Harvest on the following dates this year and in 2016. The truck will adhere to an each-third-Saturday schedule, arriving on Saturday, Nov. 21; Jan. 16, 2016; March 19, May 21, July 16 and Sept. 17.

◆The Shirley Octagon House annual **Christmas Tree Walk** will take place Nov. 13 and 14, 4-8 p.m. The event is free, but food will be sold. Octagon House memberships are \$5 for individuals, \$15 for families and \$50 for businesses. The Octagon House is located at 400 S. Railroad St. in Shirley.

◆MainSource Bank, 120 E. Main St., Knightstown is conducting its **annual drive** for hats, mittens, gloves and socks to support the local Head Start program. This year, snacks are also included in the effort. The bank is collecting pre-packaged healthy snacks for the Knightstown school children who are in need. No nut products will be accepted. Examples of acceptable snacks include cheese crackers, granola bars, fruit cups, graham crackers, pretzels and fruit snacks. Donations may be dropped off at the local bank branch.

◆Knoxville-Tenn.-based band **The Black Lillies**, who have played the Grand Ole Opry more than 30 times, will perform at the H.J. Ricks Centre for the Arts, 122

W. Main St., Greenfield, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. The concert, featuring special guests Modlin & Scott, is a fundraiser for the Hancock Hope House, which serves the homeless of Hancock, Rush and Shelby counties. Tickets are \$12.50 at www.HancockHopeHouse.org or 317-467-4991.

◆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 Shirley Octagon House is open for **free tours** by chance or appointment. To get a free tour, stop by Shirley Hardware and one will be arranged. To schedule an appointment for a tour, call 812-583-0031 or 765-737-6586.

◆The **Historic Knightstown museum**, located on the Public

Square at 22 N. Washington St., has new fall hours. The museum's autumn 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.

◆**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.

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\$167,000 Transportation Fund
\$45,000 Bus Replacement Fund
\$376,000 General Fund

Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation, Henry/Rush Counties, Indiana (the "School District"), will receive sealed bids at the Administration Building of said School District, 8139 West U.S. 40, Knightstown, Indiana 46148, attn: Treasurer, until 4:00 p.m. EST, December 2, 2015, facsimile number (765) 345-5103, for the following described time warrants:

Time warrants in anticipation of state tuition support payments (with respect to the General Fund of the School District) and taxes levied and in the course of collection for the respective Funds of the School District (other than the General Fund of the School District) and in the amounts not to exceed the amounts listed below, to be dated the date of delivery which is expected to be on or after January 4, 2016.

Fund	Amount	Maturity Date
Capital Projects	\$272,000	December 31, 2016
Transportation	\$167,000	December 31, 2016
Bus Replacement	\$45,000	December 31, 2016
General	\$376,000	December 31, 2016

The warrants are not subject to optional prepayment prior to maturity.

Interest rates on the warrants shall not exceed five percent (5.00%) per annum (the exact rates to be determined by bidding) payable at maturity of the warrants. Interest shall be calculated on an actual/365-day basis and principal and interest will be payable at such bank in Indiana as such purchaser or purchasers designate. The warrants will be delivered in full on or about January 4, 2016, and will be issued in denominations not less than \$100,000 or, in the case of individual warrants issued in an aggregate principal amount less than \$100,000, the aggregate principal amount of such warrants, and \$1,000 increments above such amount.

A bid shall be submitted for all warrants for each maturity in each Fund and shall state a rate or rates of interest in multiples of 1/100th of one percent (1%). No bid for less than par will be considered. The warrants for the respective Funds and maturities shall be awarded to the bidder complying with the terms of sale and offering the lowest net interest cost to the School District, to be determined by computing the total interest on the specific warrant from closing on January 4, 2016, to maturity on December 31, 2016, and deducting therefrom the premium bid if any. The successful bidder or bidders will also be required to certify that they are purchasing the warrants for their own account and not with the current intent to resell all or any portion of the warrants. Although not a term of sale, it is requested that each bid show the net dollar interest cost and the net effective interest rate for each warrant included in the bid. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and, if acceptable bids are not received on the sale date, the sale may be continued from day to day thereafter, for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, without re-advertisement of the sale.

The warrants are being issued under the provisions of Indiana Code Title 20, Article 48, Chapter 1, Section 9, to make temporary loans for the purpose of obtaining funds for the purposes of meeting expenses of the Funds included in the regular budget and appropriations adopted by the School District for the year 2016, which expenses must be met prior to the receipt of state tuition support payments (with respect to the General Fund of the School District) and the June 2016 settlement and distribution of taxes for each Fund (other than the General Fund of the School District). There has been appropriated and pledged a sufficient amount of current revenues of the School District from the revenues or levy of each named Fund made and in the course of collection for 2016, to pay the principal of the warrants for each Fund at maturity, and there has been appropriated and pledged a sufficient amount of current revenues of the School District from the levy of the School District's Debt Service Fund made and in the course of collection for 2016, to pay the interest on the warrants for each Fund at maturity.

In connection with any acquisition of the warrants by financial institutions, the School District has designated the warrants as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The approving opinion of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, bond counsel, Indianapolis, Indiana, together with typewritten and executed warrants for each Fund and a transcript of the legal proceedings will be furnished to the successful bidder or bidders, the expenses for which shall be paid by the successful bidder or bidders. No conditional bids shall be considered. The successful bidder or bidders shall accept delivery of the warrants and make payment therefor at such bank, in Indiana, as the successful bidder or bidders designate. Delivery of the warrants will be made on the expected date of delivery set forth above or other such date mutually agreed to by the successful bidder and seller.

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Knightstown's Mark Tompkins Enjoys His Job as Auctioneer and Appraiser

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

Whether he is working his own auction and appraisal service or being contracted in and out of state by others in the field, Knightstown resident Mark Tompkins is glad to be doing a job he finds stimulating.

"I enjoy it," Tompkins said. "I had to do something different because, about 20-something years ago, I worked in the cold. I was working in the meat department at Marsh, and my doctor told me to get out of there. So that's what I did. I kind of reclaimed myself. And now I'll be auctioning now for the 20th year this year."

He had become fascinated by the idea of auction and appraisal services after living around and listening to the older local auctioneers in his hometown of Shirley, as well as attending a Knightstown auction house in 1985. Tompkins also once ran an antique shop, where he took a liking to antiquities that eventually fed into his later work as an auctioneer.

"It's pretty interesting, a pretty good job," he said. "Indiana has more auctioneers than any other state. Something like 5,000 auctioneers licensed in Indiana, I think."

Tompkins works as an auctioneer full-time now. After 20 years in the business, he has sold just about everything and worked many different auction events here in Indiana and, on occasion, elsewhere in the United States.

"I've been doing this for 20 years, and I worked with many companies over the years," said Tompkins. "I've worked for different auctioneers too. I work for uptown auctions in Maine and Florida and Texas. In and out of state, but not a whole lot."

One of his associates in the auction field was the late Red Adair, a well known oil well firefighter from Houston, Texas. Adair, among other ventures and innovations, inspired the 1968 John Wayne film *Hellfighters* and later extinguished oil well fires in Kuwait during Desert Storm. One of the many things Adair was involved with in Texas was the auction business, which only further inspired Tompkins when the two ended up working together.

"He was a pretty interesting fella," said Tompkins, speaking of the man with respect. "I've got an item I bought at his auction."

Part of why Tompkins likes his work is because it provides him many unique opportunities to feed his passion for history.

"Everything's got a story, you know? Who makes a piece, where it was made at, how it was made. When a company started, when a company ended. Rarity. It's just a very interesting job. Every sale is different," he said. "I've got to go to an appointment this evening to look at a lot of Indian pottery. And I've got to look at that differently, because there aren't too many Indian pottery collectors in Knightstown."

Tompkins attributes his education in the Missouri Auction School as an essential factor in his career success, and that the credence of a good auction school counts.

"It takes a lot of work," Tompkins said. "They say if you're a realtor. If you stick with it 10 years, you'll make it. It's the same with an auctioneer. If you stick with it, you're gonna make it."

Born and raised in Shirley, Tompkins graduated from Eastern Hancock Junior-Senior High School in 1977. He married his wife, Connie Manning Tompkins, in 1982. They have lived in Knightstown since 1985.

Tompkins now operates locally out of his National Road Auction Center on 16 W. Morgan St. in Knightstown. He has had about 10 auctions there this summer.

"I've sold antiques, paintings, cars, guns," said Tompkins. "You name it, I sold it. I sold a hot dog before for five cents. I sold a watermelon for \$110 at a fundraiser down in Texas. You never know what something's gonna bring. It's only worth what it brings that day. That's what it's worth."



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Rose Mary, from Page 4

this.) I dried it off, but it wouldn't turn on. Eek! What to do, what to do? I intended to use quotes from a novel stored in it as the basis for this essay.

To compensate for this debacle, I've used some material from an essay that I wrote many years ago about the bookie talks that Granny and had when I was a girl. Perhaps it's a good thing that the Kindle went belly-up, as it's too easy to buy books from Amazon with one click and have them delivered within seconds. wclarke@comcast.net

MEETINGS CALENDAR

<p>Wed., Nov. 11 - Rush Co. Council meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse room 211, Rushville</p> <p>Wed., Nov. 11 - Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield</p> <p>Wed., Nov. 11 - Henry Co. Drainage Board meeting, 9 a.m., Henry County Office Building Suite 107, New Castle</p> <p>Wed., Nov. 11 - Henry Co.</p>	<p>Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle</p> <p>Thurs., Nov. 12 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield</p> <p>Thurs., Nov. 12 - Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.</p> <p>Mon., Nov. 16 - Rush Co.</p>	<p>Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville</p> <p>Tues., Nov. 17 - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield</p> <p>Tues., Nov. 17 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield</p>
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FOLKWAYS

CAB Seeking Additional Grant

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. plans to apply for another grant from the state to help pay for added security features at the district's three schools.

Superintendent Jed Behny announced plans to apply for a \$50,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security at the CAB School Board's Oct. 20 monthly meeting. The grant, which would require CAB to contribute \$50,000 in matching funds, will be used to help pay for more surveillance cameras, panic buttons and emergency dialing systems, expansion of the district's key card entry system, and, possibly, installation of bullet-resistant material at school entry points.

With one member absent, the board voted 6-0 to give Behny permission to apply for the grant. CAB has previously been awarded two other grants through this program.

As for the \$50,000 in matching funds that CAB would be required to contribute if the grant is awarded, this would come from money the district received for the sale of the former elementary schools in Carthage and Kennard. The board voted to deposit these sale proceeds into CAB's General Fund, where they would be available to use for CAB's matching portion.

In other facilities related matters, Behny reported at the Oct. 20 meeting that the heating and cooling system at Knightstown High School has now been flushed. He also told the board that an issue with outside lighting at the school was fixed by CAB employees.

Behny advised board members that the next phase of improvements to CAB's food services program is about ready to start. He said he hoped to have price quotes for approximately \$100,000 in new equipment by the board's

November meeting.

In other business, Behny updated board members on possible changes to the structure of the special education cooperative to which CAB belongs. He said the changes

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Ed Knight, a 1957 KHS graduate and HKI website guru, will present a narrative and pictures of Knightstown's business history on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m.

Sponsored by Historic Knightstown, Inc., 22 N. Washington St., Public Square. The public is invited. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served following the program. Call 345-7585 for more information.

Carthage Library Fundraiser This Saturday, Nov. 14

The Henry Henley Public Library in Carthage is holding its third annual fundraiser at the Carthage Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The meal, which is from 4-7 p.m., will consist of pork barbecue sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw or applesauce and homemade pies, carrot cake or brownies.

Local musician Dave Miller will provide music from 5-6 p.m. This has been a major event in Carthage the last two years and organizers said they are looking forward to another fun-filled evening. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$4 for children 8 and under.

Once again, a coloring contest for children is being held and any student in Ripley Twp., kindergarten through eighth grade, is invited to participate. There are three divisions and monetary prizes will be given for the top three winners in each category. All entries will be on display at the community center the night of the fundraiser.

A new twist is being added this year. Local seamstress Brenda Wilson has made a nice wall hanging that was machine-quilted by Judy Bowling of The Quilt Barn. It is currently on display at the library. The winner will be announced at the barbecue supper. Tickets can be purchased from any library board member, at the library, or at the supper. Cost is \$1 per ticket or six for \$5.

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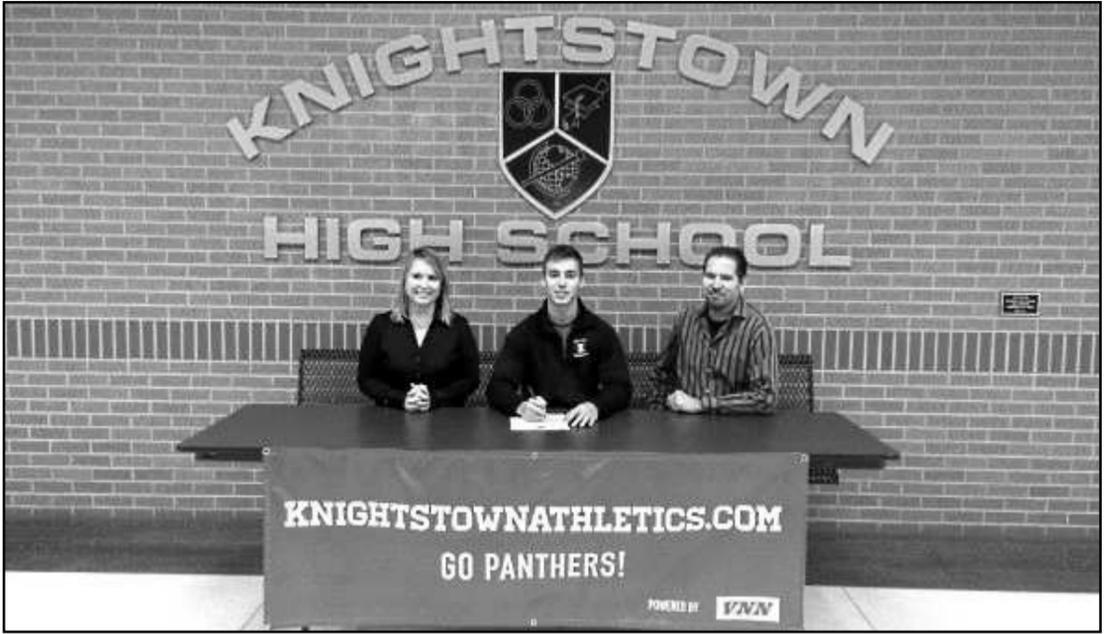
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KHS Senior Jackson Edwards Commits to IUSB



Last week, Knightstown standout basketball player Jackson Edwards signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Indiana University South Bend following his graduation in 2016. Edwards has played 43 varsity games during his sophomore and junior years, averaging 15.5 points, 3.3 assists, 5.3 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game. He is pictured above with his parents, Lisa Mercer and Chris Edwards. (Photo provided)

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 - ◆ Nov. 14 - Knightstown at home vs. Hagerstown, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 - ◆ Nov. 14 - Tri away at Muncie Burris, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 - ◆ Nov. 17 - Tri away at New Castle, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Tri Varsity Girls Start Season Winning Morristown's Kopper Kettle Classic

Nov. 7 - Tri vs. Morristown (10 a.m. game)

Tri	16	20	14	12	- 62
Morristown	8	17	9	7	- 41

Tri Individual Results

Kylie Dishman - 9 points (one 3-pointer), 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 3 turnovers, 2 deflections

Payton Moore - 9 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 deflection, 1 block

Addy Edwards - 8 points (one 3-pointer), 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 deflection

Mackenzie Peggs - 8 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 2 deflections

Mara Biehl - 8 points, 1

rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 deflection

Kennington Appleby - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 6 steals, 1 deflection

Karlee Winkhart - 7 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 deflection

Cayla Johnson - 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 deflection

Ella Chew - 2 steals

Nov. 7 - Tri vs. Eastern Greene (championship game)

E. Greene	7	13	10	6	- 36
Tri	7	8	14	8	- 37

Tri Individual Results

Addy Edwards - 11 points (two 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 3 steals

Mackenzie Peggs - 10 points

(one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 1 deflection

Payton Moore - 8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 deflection

Mara Biehl - 3 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals

Karlee Winkhart - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 2 steals, 1 deflection

Kylie Dishman - 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 1 deflection

Kennington Appleby - 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 2 deflections

Cayla Johnson - 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 deflection

**The varsity Lady Titans' record is 2-0 overall as of Nov. 11.*

Brooke Vise Gets 21 Points, 21 Rebounds in Lady Panther Season Opener

Nov. 6 - Knightstown varsity away at Northeastern

Knightstown	10	11	15	10	- 46
Northeastern	9	8	2	10	- 29

Knightstown Individual Results

Brooke Vise - 21 points (7 for 9 FG, 7 for 11 FT), 21 rebounds (5 off, 16 def), 2 assists, 1 steal

Hannah Thomas - 6 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

Lacy Thomas - 6 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

Jordan Ventresco - 5 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Lori Thomas - 4 points, 1 shot deflected, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, four steals

Allyson Hauk - 3 points (one 3-pointer)

Dharma Holder - 1 point, 1 rebound

Carmen Cleek - 1 block, 1 shot deflected, 2 assists, 2 steals

Rachel Dickerson - 2 rebounds

**The varsity Lady Panthers' record is 1-0 overall as of Nov. 11.*

Lady Royals Top Hagerstown 41-32; Coach Shari Doud Gets 200th Win

Eastern Hancock's varsity girls basketball team opened their season with a 41-32 win on the road at Hagerstown.

It is the first win for coach Shari Doud in her first year at Eastern Hancock but marks her 200th career win. Doud coached Pendleton Heights from 2001-2012, finishing with 10 straight winning seasons.

No individual player results for the game were available at press time.

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Lady Panthers Jr. Varsity Gets Overtime Win at Northeastern

Nov. 6 - Knightstown JV away at Northeastern

Knightstown JV	3	5	4	3	11 (OT)	- 26
Northeastern JV	1	4	4	6	6 (OT)	- 21

Knightstown JV Individual Results

Dharma Holder - 12 points, 6 rebounds
 Kaitlyn Jackson - 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 deflection
 Jessica Butler - 3 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist
 Mackinsy Fowler - 3 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal
 Maggie Smith - 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal
 Sidney Vise - 2 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals, 1 deflection
 Makeena Leisure - 2 points, 3 rebounds
 Elizabeth Moore - 1 rebound, 1 steal, 1 deflection
 Rachel Dickerson - 3 rebounds
 Andi Skinner - 1 rebound

*The junior varsity Lady Panthers' record is 1-0 overall as of Nov. 11.

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Eastern Hancock JV Girls Defeat Hagerstown 29-21

Nov. 7 - Eastern Hancock JV away at Hagerstown

Eastern Hancock JV	0	6	19	4	- 29
Hagerstown JV	4	7	2	8	- 21

Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results

Jenna Smith - 6 points, 11 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block
 Morgan Collins - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 2 steals
 Haley Best - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 3 steals
 Micah Black - 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals,
 Megan Bever - 3 points, 2 rebounds
 Libery Durham - 2 points, 1 rebound, 3 steals, 1 block
 Madison Clutinger - 2 points
 Kayla Fancher - 1 rebound, 2 steals
 Faithe Webster - 1 rebound, 1 steal
 Bailey Allen - 1 rebound

*The junior varsity Lady Royals' record is 1-0 overall as of Nov. 11.

Knightstown's 7th, 8th Girls Basketball Tryouts Dec. 7-8

Tryouts for Knightstown Intermediate School's seventh and eighth grade girls basketball teams have been set.

Tryouts will be held Monday, Dec. 7, and Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Knightstown Elementary School gym.

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Letters, from Page 4

the Bavarian Alps. The Obersalzberg is above Salzburg, Austria (Mozart's hometown), from which many Syrian refugees now attempt to enter Germany. At the Salzburg / Bad Reichenhall Autobahn border crossing, traffic entering Germany was backed up for miles, as each vehicle was inspected for Syrian stowaways. While the vast majority of these Syrians, whether Christian or Muslim, are desperate for help, one wonders how many terrorists are planted among them. But by the same token, we should wonder how many of these refugees will become US citizens, and which ones will eventually serve in our armed forces. Indeed we are a nation of immigrants. After all, who would have ever thought that two of our leading Presidential candidates would be Cuban-Americans?

Esther Mendez, from Spiceland, is a friend and colleague. Originally from Tijuana, she came to the USA at the age of three, then served in the Marine Corps for five years, where she became an administration / orders clerk, and eventually a Corporal. She was stationed at the former Tustin Marine Corps Air Station and at Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Her older sister, Judith, born in Acapulco, also served in the Marine Corps as a cook at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Cal.. She served four years, becoming a Lance Corporal. As the mother of four children, Esther was proud to become a U.S. citizen in 2012. I was fortunate to attend her citizenship party.

My father-in-law, Heinz Dittmar, was born in Detroit in 1927, after his parents immigrated to the

USA, passing through Ellis Island, having escaped hyper-inflation and chaos of Germany's Weimar Republic. Heinz's father served in the Kaiser's Imperial German Army during World War I, was captured as a POW by the Czar's Imperial Russian Army, and was taken to a Siberian gulag. Thanks to making boots for his captors, he survived. Having become a patriotic American citizen, he encouraged his son, Heinz, to serve in the U.S. Army in World War II, where he processed German POWs in Italy, as he was fluent in German.

According to *Stars & Stripes*, Captain Florent Goberg will receive the Medal of Honor from President Obama on Nov. 12. Goberg, originally a French citizen, moved to the USA at the age of 11, and became a U.S. citizen at age 18. He enrolled in the University of Maryland, joined its Army ROTC program, and lettered in cross country and track. While serving in Afghanistan in 2012, a terrorist wearing a suicide vest came running towards Goberg's unit. In order to try to save his fellow warriors, Goberg jumped on the suicide bomber. The explosion put Goberg in Walter Reid Hospital for over two years. As a result of trying to protect his friends, former distance runner Goberg is no longer able to run, was medically retired, and became a Department of Defense civilian employee.

Let's remember that immigrants serve our country, too. In fact, many have truly taken to heart the words of John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this: that one lay down his life for his friends."

Nate LaMar, New Castle

Budget, from Page 1

taxing district has increased each year since 2010. In 2013, the AV was \$259,845,231, and it was \$272,611,068 in 2014 and \$287,146,711 in 2015.

Madison used a figure of \$230,000,000 for the AV when drafting the proposed 2016 budget, which would require a tax rate of \$1.897 per \$100 of taxable property to raise the \$4,362,956 in property tax revenue needed, along with state support for the General Fund, to fund next year's budget. Should the AV end up being higher than that, as expected, the corresponding tax rate will be less than what was advertised.

If the AV were to remain at the same level it was for 2015, the tax rate needed to raise the revenue needed for CAB's Debt Service, Capital Projects, Transportation and Bus Replacement funds would be closer to \$1.52 per \$100 of tax-

Grant, from Page 7

could result in cost savings to CAB and other member districts, as well as greater local control.

Behny also provided the board with information about a recent change in state law that affects educators who teach dual-credit courses that allow students to receive college credits before graduating from high school. As a result of changes in qualifications teachers must have – they'll need a master's degree, plus 18 hours in the area they are teaching – Behny said as much as 90 percent of dual credit teachers in the state may not be eligible to teach these classes once the new requirements take effect in September 2017.

able property. Should the AV continue its trend of increasing, the required tax rate would be even lower.

The tax rate that was needed to fund CAB's 2015 budget ended up being \$1.4191 based on an AV of \$287,146,711. In order for the tax rate required for the 2016 budget to stay at that same level, the AV, which had grown about 5.3 percent from 2014 to 2015, would have to increase 7 percent to \$307,445,280.

Now that the school board has approved the proposed 2016 budget, it will be forwarded to the DLGF for that agency's review and approval. The DLGF is expected to issue a final budget order for CAB in early 2016.

Board members took no vote at the Oct. 20 meeting to approve the district's new proposed three-year

See Budget, Page 12

Athletic Director Matt Martin told board members that KHS may be joining a new athletic conference. He said preliminary discussions are under way, adding that the goal is to have a conference that doesn't require KHS athletes to travel as far as they presently do for some athletic contests.

Board members also voted at the Oct. 20 meeting to approve on second reading a new wellness policy for the district. Changes to a policy dealing with purchasing procedures were approved on first reading, with a second vote expected to come at the board's Nov. 17 meeting.

Budget, from Page 11

capital projects plan or its new 12-year bus replacement plan. Normally, these plans are approved at the same meeting at which the board votes on its proposed budget for the coming year, but no action was taken on them at the Oct. 20 meeting.

In other financial business that night, the school board voted to begin the process of borrowing up to \$860,000 to help carry the district through until its next property tax disbursement and state tuition support for its General Fund are received. The borrowed funds, which will be backed by tax anticipation warrants, will go toward the following four funds: General (\$76,000); Capital Projects (\$272,000); Transportation (\$167,000); and Bus Replacement (\$45,000).

The school board is expected to receive bids for the tax anticipation warrants by the first week

of December and vote at its December 15 monthly meeting to approve the bidder offering the lowest interest rate. The warrants are expected to be issued and the borrowed funds transferred to CAB by the first week of January.

Board members also voted at the Oct. 20 meeting to approve an

emergency allocation of \$8,658 from CAB's Capital Projects Fund. This money will be used to pay for half of the cost of replacing a hot water heater at Knightstown Elementary, with the other half being paid from funds that were already allocated for such repairs.



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