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Candlelight Service Dec. 6 in Raysville

Raysville Friends Church, located at North and Church streets, will host its annual Christmas candlelight service on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. The service will feature scripture reading and carols. Pastor Michael Jay will deliver the message. Robin Richey and Marilyn Wicker will perform. The public is invited.

Carthage Groups Joining Forces

Walnut Ridge Friends Meeting and the Future of Carthage committee are teaming up for a Christmas kick-off event on Saturday, Dec. 5. Walnut Ridge Friends will host their annual Christmas Bazaar at the Carthage Community Center on Main Street, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Then, starting at 4 p.m., Future of Carthage volunteers will roll out their event, "An Old-Fashioned Carthage Christmas." More information can be found on Page 3.

Lady Panthers Hosting Santa

Knightstown High School's varsity and junior varsity girls basketball teams will host their annual Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 5, 8-11 a.m., in the KHS cafeteria. Kids can have breakfast and get their pictures taken with Santa Claus for \$5. The event is open to the public.

Henry Co. Chamber Christmas Walk

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 765-529-5210.

Town Seeks Summary Judgment in Lawsuit

Should settlement efforts fail later this week, the town of Knightstown is hoping the lawsuit filed against it over the razing of a neighboring building two years ago will be dismissed before the case ever goes to trial.

Wayne Uhl, an attorney provided by the town's insurer, filed a motion for summary judgment and supporting documents last week in Henry Circuit Court 1. The town is seeking a ruling in its favor and a dismissal that would end the litigation.

Attorneys for Dudley Wainscott, Woodland Park, Colo., owner of the property known as the "Old Lodge" building at 34-38 E. Main St., filed a complaint for damages in Henry Circuit Court 1 in February against the town. Also named as a defendant is Shroyer Bros. Inc., the Muncie-based company the town hired to demolish the building that stood just to the

west of Wainscott's that had formerly housed Hopkins Furniture and, more recently, The Bullet Hole gun shop.

Wainscott's lawsuit alleges missteps in how the town and Shroyer handled the spring 2013 demolition of the building at 32 E. Main St. He also claims the town failed to make repairs to a common wall the razed building shared with his property that has been left standing, and says that failure led to mold damage in his building.

Attorneys for Shroyer and the town filed responses to the lawsuit in April. Their respective clients deny most of the allegations Wainscott raised in his complaint.

In the town's motion for summary judgment filed last week, Uhl argues that three of five counts in Wainscott's complaint should be barred because Wainscott had not filed a notice of tort claim before

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K-town Police Part-timers Working More than Reserves

Paid part-time officers at the Knightstown Police Department continue to work more shifts than volunteer reserve officers.

According to monthly reports Chief of Police Duane Booth has given to the Knightstown Town Council, paid part-timers logged 13, 17, 19 and 16 shifts, respectively, for July, August, September and October. By contrast, the unpaid reserves worked 9, 11, 12 and 10 shifts over the same time periods.

Besides Booth, the KPD, which is open 24/7 with three shifts daily, has two other paid full-time officers. One of those officers, Jeffrey Van Hoy, just began attending the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and will not return to work full-time until after he completes the 16-week training course.

The KPD's most recent monthly report, presented at the town council's Nov. 19 meeting, shows the department had 100 calls for service in October, down 17 from September, 36 from August and 34 from July. Calls for suspicious activity (15), alarm response (11) and medical assistance were the most prevalent of 21 call categories.

The report also lists four arrests by the KPD in October, the same amount made in September. As usual, no details about the nature of the offenses or persons arrested were included with the monthly report.

KPD officers, according to Booth's reports, drove 5,229 miles in

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Elliott Now Official Kennard Clerk-Treasurer

Sharon Elliott's temporary appointment as an interim clerk-treasurer for the town of Kennard has been made permanent.

Elliott was appointed by Darin Jacobs, chairman of the Henry County Democratic party, to replace Karen Stanley, who resigned in late October amid a state investigation into her possible theft of as much as \$40,000 in town funds. Elliott, who had been appointed by the town council president to serve in an interim capacity until a permanent replacement was chosen, told The Banner she was appointed by Jacobs on Nov. 18.

Under state law, when the town clerk-treasurer belongs to a major political party – as Stanley, a Democrat, had – that party has 30 days from the date the office became vacant to call a caucus and select a replacement. However, if there are not enough party members to call a caucus – as was the case in Kennard – then the party chairman is allowed to make the appointment.

With the appointment, Elliott will not only finish out Stanley's current term, which was due to end at the end of the year. Because Stanley had no challenger for last fall's municipal election, she was going to hold over automatically for a new term; now, it is Elliott who will be serving as clerk-treasurer the next four years.

The Indiana State Board of Accounts and Indiana State Police are continuing their joint investigation into allegations that Stanley intentionally overpaid herself for more than two years while serving as clerk-treasurer. Town finances are being audited, and results of a criminal investigation, once finished, are expected to be handed over to the Henry County Prosecutor.

Stanley told The Banner in early October that she had been paying herself well more than the clerk-treasurer's annual salary of \$16,500. According to a report listing yearly earnings for town employees and officials that Kennard files with the state each January, Stanley was paid \$30,125 in 2014, and the report from the year prior to that shows she was paid \$34,375 in 2013.

When The Banner asked Stanley about the discrepancy between the amounts on the annual compensation reports and her \$16,500 salary, she admitted she had been overpaying herself. She said she had been paying herself every two weeks what she should have been paid for the entire month and that the amounts on the reports, which show overpayment of \$31,500 during 2013 and 2014, were correct.

According to Stanley, her practice of overpaying herself continued into 2015 and she estimated she had overpaid herself about \$6,000 this year. However, if she was overpaying herself in the same manner as she had in 2013 and 2014, this year's overpayments could have been more than \$10,000.

Stanley, who was due to start a new four-year term as clerk-treasurer in January, had initially told The Banner she hoped to she would be allowed to continue holding office. She said she should would turn over any pay she earns to the town until what she had taken was paid back.

Those plans, apparently, have changed. The Banner has attempted to contact Stanley to discuss her decision to resign and the money she owes the town, but has been unable to reach her by phone or e-mail.

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OBITUARIES

Helen F. Riley
April 5, 1928 - November 26, 2015



Helen F. Riley, 87, of Knightstown, passed away Nov. 26, 2015, at her daughter's home in Wilkinson.
She was born April 5, 1928, in Connersville, the daughter of the late Claude and Julia (Rhodes) Huber.
Helen retired from being a nursing home aid for many years. She was a 4-H leader for 10 years, a Girl Scout leader, and was in the Business and Professional Women organization. She was an avid animal lover and spent many hours crocheting.
Survivors include three daughters, Sara Ronan of Indianapolis, Rebekah Vandembark of Albany and Robin Scott of Wilkinson; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and a sister, Barbara Sorrell of Knightstown.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, William C. Riley.
Funeral services were Nov. 30 at Condo and Son Funeral Home in Wilkinson with Randy Gross officiating. Burial followed at Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown. Friends called at the funeral home Nov. 29. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Ste. 100, Indianapolis, IN. 46278. Online condolences can be made at www.condoandson.com.

Smiley's Body Shop Changes Hands

A well-known New Castle couple has passed the torch, selling their 84-year-old body shop business to an Anderson company they say is a mirror image of the company three generations of family members have built here.
Smiley's Body Shop, which has been repairing vehicles and putting important pieces of local lives back together since 1931, has been sold to Riley and Son's Collision and Mechanical Specialists, based in Anderson.
Jeff Smiley, who earlier this year celebrated his 50th anniversary with the family business, made the announcement alongside his wife, Kathy, and daughter, Stacey.
All agreed the sale was "from one proud collision family to another."
"They are a good fit," Jeff Smiley said of the Anderson company, which has been in business there since 1957. "Their philosophy toward customer service, customer care, repair thoroughness is very similar to ours. I think we're a mirror image of each other."
"There could be no better person to come in here and do what Dave's going to do with the business," Kathy Smiley added. "He's only going to make it better. Riley and Sons will be an asset to this community in every way."
"We consider it an honor," said Dave Driggers, a partner with Riley and Sons.
Driggers emphasized that only the name is changing. Plans are to keep the current staff in place. And a Smiley will still play a key role, as Stacey Smiley Chesterman will be managing the facility. The Enterprise Rent-A-Car Center here will also remain.
The Smiley-to-Riley transition will be an easy one, both owners say.
Together, they have more than 130 years of experience in the body shop business and have stayed on the cutting edge of changes through membership in an elite group known as Acoat Selected.
Jeff Smiley and Driggers have
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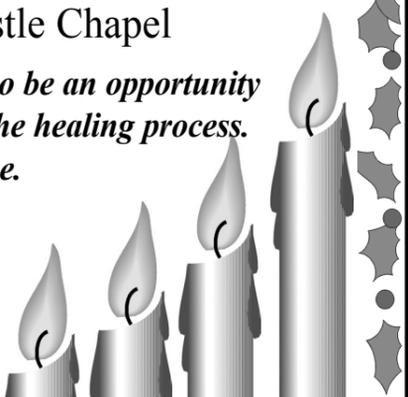
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Former HYCA Director Settles Dismissal Dispute

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The former director of the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy's appeal of her termination last May has been dismissed as the result of a settlement reached between her and the Indiana Adjutant General's Office.

Knightstown resident Bethany Williams was abruptly fired as the HYCA's director on May 1 after a little over a year on the job. According to a memo issued by former Adjutant General R. Martin Umbarger, whose own resignation took effect at the end of May, Williams was let go for "unprofessional and inappropriate behavior" that didn't "meet agency standards."

After earlier challenges to her firing - filed with IAGO and the State Personnel Department - were unsuccessful, Williams filed a petition with the State Employees'

Appeals Commission. On Oct. 28, Chief Administrative Law Judge Gabriel Paul issued an order dismissing Williams' case, citing a settlement reached by the parties.

The Banner obtained a copy of the settlement, which had been reached in September, on Monday from Keith Beesley, general counsel for the SPD. According to its terms, Williams' termination has been converted into a "resignation in good standing, coding her as eligible for rehire" with the state.

The settlement also required the IAGO to pay Williams, whose salary at the time of her termination was \$71,656, for accrued leave time she had not used at the time of her firing last spring. According to the settlement, she had accumulated 97.5 hours of vacation leave that amounted to \$3,582.15 before the deduction of payroll withholdings and taxes.

For her part, the settlement required Williams to agree to the dismissal of her case pending with the SEAC. She also stipulated that she would not file any cause of action in state or federal court, or

through the civil service complaint process, although the settlement does not preclude her "from communicating with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission."

While the settlement agreement itself is not confidential, it does contain a "Non-Disparagement" clause that says "Williams agrees that she will not express or endorse any statements intended to bring into disrepute any Releasee regarding the matters under or relating to this Agreement." The settlement agreement identifies the "Releasees" as "any former, present, or future employee, officer, agent, contractor, or agency of the State of Indiana."

Williams had previously told The Banner that Umbarger had fired her over the phone on May 1 after she declined his invitation to voluntarily step down. In a brief one-page memo to Williams dated that day, Umbarger officially notified Williams she was being terminated.

In a complaint filed with IAGO in the weeks after her termination, Williams said she believed she was

fired, in part, because she had complained about the behavior of other HYCA employees. She also said she thought HYCA staff she had disciplined had retaliated by filing an anonymous complaint against her that she believed may have been used to justify her termination.

Williams also alleged in her complaint that she may have been discriminated against on the basis of both her religion and gender. She said she was questioned about her Jewish faith "on multiple occasions" by Umbarger, a state representative and the head of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and during an interview with the SPD shortly before being fired.

As for the gender discrimination, Williams claimed she was having difficulty with some male HYCA employees who seemed to have a problem working for a woman. She said thought agency

standards regarding the use of profanity in the workplace were applied differently to her than to male employees of the agency.

The Banner attempted to contact Williams for comment on the settlement, but she had not responded by the news deadline for this week's issue.

The Indiana National Guard oversees the HCYA, a program for troubled teens located at the former Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home just south of Knightstown. Umbarger was the top official for the ING at the time of Williams' hiring in March 2014 and termination last May.

Umbarger retired at the end of May, after serving as adjutant general for 11 years, amid another, unrelated controversy that had resulted in a lawsuit against the ING and the IAGO. Gov. Mike Pence has appointed Brig. Gen. Courtney Carr to replace Umbarger.

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Letters of interest will be accepted at the Administration Office until 4:00pm on December 4, 2015. Interviews for the vacant school board seat will be held in a public meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, in the Knightstown High School Media Center. The meeting time for interviews will be 7 p.m.

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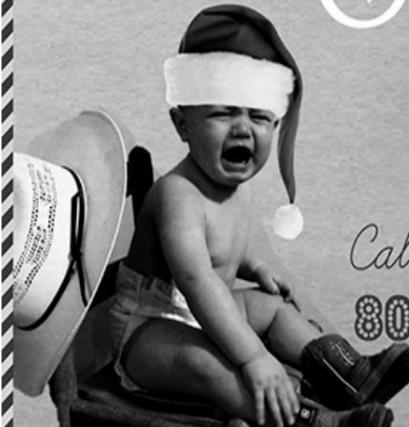
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Fond Thoughts of Terrorized Paris

"At last I have come into a dreamland," said Harriet Beecher Stowe after fleeing to Paris following the notoriety of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Thomas Jefferson, who lived in France while representing America during the Revolution, said, "Every man has two countries - his own and France."

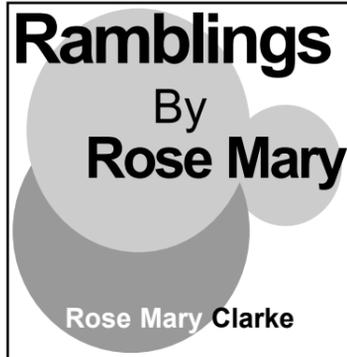
David McCullough wrote a fascinating book, *The Greater Journey*, about Americans who lived in Paris between 1830 and 1900. They went there to study, to write, to paint and sculpt, to absorb the culture, or to educate their children. James Fenimore Cooper, for example, wrote several of his books there. Samuel Morse lived there while trying to become a successful artist, but ended up inventing the telegraph. Elizabeth Blackwell studied medicine at the university and became the first American woman doctor.

Earnest Hemingway spent several years in Paris and wrote Paris is *A Moveable Feast*. Indeed, Paris is a feast! It has over a hundred museums and 10,000 eateries. It's a place of green spaces, splendid memorials and churches.

It feels as if Paris exists for the enjoyment of humans. Sky scrapers are forbidden in the central city. Instead they developed an area with modern, architecturally significant buildings and an arch

under which Notre-Dame could stand. Ever pragmatic, the French couldn't call it an arch of triumph as they lost that particular war. Hence, it's called "La Defense" in honor of the defenders of France.

We spend at least one day whenever we're in Paris at the Musee d'Orsee, refreshing our spirits by drinking in the wonderful art of the great Monet and other



Impressionists. We like to sit at a café across the Seine and look at the lovely Notre-Dame de Paris, saunter through the Left Bank's narrow streets where one of the oldest universities in the world, the Sorbonne, is located. We enjoy making little discoveries, sipping wine and people watching at sidewalk cafés, visiting the open-air markets, perusing the menus displayed outside of restaurants or buying yummy, ham-filled crepes

from a street vendor and eating the delectable bread that can be had only in France. Oh, oh, oh! So many memories when I rifle through my mental trunk of reminiscence.

And the people ... Oh, the people! ... Some say that the French are rude, cold-natured, unfriendly, and ungrateful for what we did during World War II. We have invariably encountered courteous and warm-hearted people. My French helps, but they are charming to Bill even though he doesn't speak the language. I admire their joie de vivre - love of living - that others want to destroy.

I wonder how the people whom we encountered fared during the terrorist attack. Other attacks were planned for Montmartre, where the desk clerk at a hotel where we stayed lived and for La Defense. I think about the gentleman who was in charge of the breakfast room of a hotel where we stayed several times. The last day we were there, he gave me the "embrassade" kiss on both cheeks when I said that we were leaving. Two stout women who were in charge of the restroom at Notre-Dame exchanged quips with me. The baker on the Left Bank whose lemon tarts were so delectable that we and our friends shrieked with delight when we bit

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Poinsettias, Fundraising and Pies

Each Christmas season, Terry Guerin delivers beautiful poinsetta plants to friends around Knightstown. Here at The Banner, his kind gesture is always very welcome, and Guerin's jolly nature is anticipated, just as his annual gift.

Terry and I have a running joke concerning these living gifts of the season he so generously bestows. Well, it's not really a joke - he just laughs because I can't ever seem to keep the poinsettias alive for more than a few weeks after Christmas.

I either neglect to water them enough, or forget to properly heat the office over our short Christmas break. One way or the other, it seems, the poinsettias quickly droop and die.

However, this year has been different. I think Terry is happy to see The Banner's poinsetta from last year is, somehow, still alive - thriving even.

Now, with another Christmas dead ahead, I'm wondering if Terry will keep up his tradition of giving away poinsettias. Maybe we'll have two living poinsettias in The Banner office this holiday season.

Mural Makers

Congratulations to the Beautify Knightstown Committee. The group received a grant from the Hancock County Community Foundation recently, adding to a fund that will eventually see a professionally-painted mural on a Main Street building.

Thanks to the Hancock County Community Foundation, that goal may be a reality in 2016. Like me, that community foundation must value the Beautify Knightstown's Committee's dedication to transparency in fundraising. They're happy to disclose

their finances, which is a far cry from so many other Knightstown non-profits.

I'm always happy to support, personally and via The Banner, responsible fundraising organizations that gain the public trust by divulging their various holdings. I'm glad the Hancock County Community Foundation likes the mural project and wants to see it succeed.

I congratulate both organizations for upholding their respective ends of the deal. I encourage each of you to find and support organizations like Beautify Knightstown and Blue River Community Harvest. Direct your donations to them. They retain no secrets about their fundraising. In this age of scams, greed and theft, disclosure is a very important part of charitable fundraising. Organizations that disclose their finances are probably acting responsibly and directing your money to the intended recipients. Groups that resist disclosure and accountability ... well - draw your own conclusions.

Great Pies

Knightstown's First Wesleyan Church occasionally offers pre-ordered, homemade pies to the community. I bought a couple this year, wanting to try out their Hoosier Cream pie. I got that one, along with a pecan pie.

The Hoosier Cream was excellent - better than a sugar cream pie (for me) because it was more creamy and less rich. It had a nice, smooth consistency and featured a great crust.

As for the pecan pie, well ... it was the best I ever put in my mouth. I'll be buying those pies again, First Wesleyan Church ladies. They were excellent!



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Santa Claus is coming to town! Maybe. My wife and I have seven grandchildren, and some of the older ones have been influenced by the naysayers at school, to the point that a mention of Santa by the younger ones brings on winks and rolled eyes. I knew it would happen sooner or later, although I must admit I was pulling for later, and grandchildren certainly make Christmas a lot more fun, regardless of what they believe.

I know we don't all believe the same things, and I know sometimes we change what we believe. Back at Millville Grade School, my old Buddy Stinky Wilmont believed he could predict the severity of the upcoming winter by the amount of black hair on a wooly worm. Of course, we all knew how silly that was. Max Hiatt up north of Mooreland was about the only guy around who could do that. But nobody said too much to Stinky about it, because it didn't really matter what he thought, and we knew how to get ahold of Max if we needed to.

Stinky also believed you could ward off arthritis if you carried a buckeye around in your left pants pocket. We had some buckeye trees in our woods, so I always gathered some up in the fall, both to pass out as gifts, and to make sure I always had one to carry myself. I believe it worked for 60 years or so, but here lately my knees have started aching pretty bad. I don't believe buckeyes nowadays are as good as they used to be.

Sometimes people worry about what some people believe more than they worry about what other people believe at other times. Most of the time I don't worry about what other people believe, as long as they don't try to force their beliefs on me, and as long as they let me believe what I want to believe, even if they don't believe it.

Right now, there's a bunch of people who are trying to get nominated so one of them can get elected to be our president. Most of them are practicing Christians, (although some may be practicing more than others), which historically is a good thing if you want to get elected. A report from Pew Research last year showed that a majority of Americans would be less likely to vote for a presidential candidate who doesn't believe in God. But one of the candidates found himself on the hot seat when he stated he believed in Creationism. Apparently there is a limit on what you're allowed to believe, even if you're a Christian.

Now, like I said, I don't really worry about what people believe, as long as they leave other people alone. I do tend to worry about what they believe if they won't leave other people alone. So far, every candidate out there believes they have some pre-existing claim to your income and property. They believe they know better than you how you should handle your retirement and your healthcare, and they believe they know better than you which people and what nations are worthy of your charity. They also believe it's alright to use the force of government to make sure you do what they believe.

That worries me.

Rex Bell
Hagerstown

Dear Editor,

As Indiana nears its 200th birthday, citizens statewide are embracing environmental stewardship by supporting the Bicentennial Nature Trust. This program joins public and private funds to purchase properties to be maintained as parks and natural areas.

Hoosiers believe in conserving open spaces where their children and grandchildren may hike, fish and catch glimpses of Indiana wildlife. In this regard, they follow proudly in the footsteps of their forebears. A century ago, in conjunction with another milestone, an earlier generation of

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BITS & PIECES

◆The Henry Henley Public Library, 102 N. Main St., Carthage, is hosting a **used book sale**. Everything that can fit in a grocery bag is just \$1. It's the library's "Bag for a Buck" sale and it runs through Dec. 31. The library's hours are Tuesday 2-7 p.m., Thursday 4-7 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

◆Knightstown High School's varsity and junior varsity girls basketball teams will host their annual **Breakfast with Santa** event on Saturday, Dec. 5, 8-11 a.m., in the KHS cafeteria. Kids can have breakfast and get their pictures taken with Santa Claus for \$5.

◆New Castle-Henry County Public Library will close at 5 p.m. on Friday for a **staff function**. The library will also be closed on the following days: Dec. 24, 25, 31, and Jan. 1. Many library services are available via the library's website: www.nchcpl.org. Most notably, the library is offering "Double Download December" through Hoopla, which allows library cardholders to download movies, music and more onto a mobile device or stream these items on a computer with Internet access.

◆Raysville Friends Church, located at North and Church streets, will host its annual **Christmas candlelight service** on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. The service will feature scripture reading and carols. Pastor Michael Jay will deliver the message. Robin Richey and Marilyn Wicker will play several piano and organ duets. The public is invited.

◆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.

◆**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 and questions may be e-mailed to km_richey@yahoo.com or by calling 765-445-2328.

◆Knightstown resident and local author **Patricia Goodspeed** will be signing copies of *Murder on Persimmon Lane*, the murder mystery she co-authored with the late Diana Orem, at Knightstown Custom Frame and Glass, 203 E.

Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 5, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

◆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, Jan. 16, March 19, May 21, July 16 and Sept. 17.

◆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.

◆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 informa-

tion, 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.

News items may be submitted to thebanner@embarqmail.com.

Mays Elementary School Scholarship Established

The former Mays Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization recently announced the establishment of the Mays Elementary 1929-2015 School Scholarship Fund. This designated scholarship endowment at the Rush County Community Foundation (RCCF) has been created upon the recent decision to close the Mays Elementary School in an effort to continue the Mays schools legacy for generations to come.

The Mays Elementary 1929-2015 School Scholarship Fund was established to help a Rush County student who formerly attended Mays Elementary School. Upon the last Mays Elementary graduating class, the recipient must be a Union, Washington, Jackson or Center Township resident. The selection will be based on the applicant attending

a two-year or four-year trade school, college or university and community and high school involvement. Additionally, the student should provide an essay answering the question, "How has the Mays community had an impact on your future goals?" and a letter of recommendation from a non-family member of the Mays community.

Donations to this fund may be sent to the Rush County Community Foundation, 117 N. Main St, Rushville, IN 46173, with a note earmarking the donation for the Mays Elementary 1929-2015 School Scholarship Fund.

For more information, or to make arrangements for a donation, contact RCCF at 765-938-1177 during regular business hours.

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Alcohol Consumption at Park Discussed

Members of the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board received a new 55-gallon steel trash can for Sunset Park at their Nov. 23 monthly meeting.

The trash can was donated by Carthage resident Todd Lawhorne, who said he was replacing a park trash can in which a fire had been burned during a recent coed softball game held at the park. He said it had been cold the evening of the game and that they had a contained fire in the park trash can.

While few details were provided, Lawhorne's remarks indicated there had been some complaint about the fire.

"If I knew it was going to cause that big of a stink, I would have brought my own 55-gallon drum," Lawhorne told park board members. He said a Knightstown Police Department officer had told him there was no problem with burning a fire in the trash can.

As for complaints about the fire, Lawhorne said he thought the issue should have been addressed "personally, not publicly" on online social media sites. He said that, to him, the latter was "more of a teenager thing."

"You know the social media thing is bad," park board member Suzy Neal said to Lawhorne.

With his donation of the new

trash can, Lawhorne asked the park board whether the older can used at the recent game could be set aside to use for contained fires in the future. Board President Bruce Brown said he didn't see any problem with that.

Former park board member Belinda Grigsby, who lives near the park, said the fire was still burning the day after the softball game. Ed Johnson, who was attending his first park board meeting after being named as Grigsby's replacement, said the fire was smoldering, not burning, the next day.

In another softball-related matter, the issue of alcohol consumption by adults at these games was also briefly discussed. Knightstown resident Casey Harrison, who told the board she is one of two people overseeing the coed softball league, acknowledged that there had been alcohol drinking at games, which violates an ordinance recently passed by the town council that bans open containers of alcohol in Sunset Park and on other town-owned property.

"People break the law," Harrison told the park board. She said she tells players that there's not supposed to be alcohol in the park, but said she didn't think it

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Eric Leffler Cut His Teeth at WKPW; Now Enjoying Radio and DJ Career

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

From learning the ropes at WKPW in Knightstown to working as a professional DJ in Jacksonville, Fla., Eric Leffler has stayed true to his lifelong passion and love for music.

Leffler, also known as DJ E.L., is currently working as a disc jockey for Jacksonville Armada FC and for Caddyshack Charity Golf Tournament. He was also recently announced as the official DJ of the Florida-Georgia Weekend Tailgate Party, where he will be entertaining 8,000 to 10,000 concertgoers in between the featured bands.

"It's a very high pressure, high energy, rewarding and fun career," Leffler said of his DJ work. "Becoming a DJ has allowed the unique opportunity to perform in major arenas and celebrities. All because of my deep love for music and moving audiences."

Previously, Leffler was the owner and creative director of EIG Productions, a full-service marketing and advertising company. This company offered a wide range of high-end entertainment services, with in-house production studios.

EIG Productions began as a partner company to an advertising agency, SwisherBurgos. Leffler and others at EIG were their in-house audio production arm. At that same time, between 2005 and 2006, SwisherBurgos was also opening offices in Santa Fe, N.M.

Leffler explained, "This is where we began a strong relationship with Hutton Broadcasting and I became the 'Big Voice Guy' for 107.5 Outlaw Country and their imaging director. Eventually EIG and SwisherBurgos evolved into separate entities, and, at the same time, the DJ E.L. brand began to grow leaps and bounds. This is where I made the decision to place EIG Productions LLC on inactive status."

Though he graduated from Vincennes University with a general studies degree, with emphasis on broadcasting, this was not the beginning of Leffler's education in music.

He remembers being at the age of six and listening to WZPL on the radio in his room one Friday night. Continually trying to win call-in contests,

Leffler and his family had once won the John Cougar Mellencamp record, *Rain on the Scarecrow*.

"I remember looking at the album cover thinking, 'this ones better than anyone else's ... It came from the radio station.' In my mind that equated to: 'John Cougar Mellencamp gave this one to the station himself.' Funny, I know!" Leffler said.

Watching classic hip-hop films was another strong influence for Leffler's future career as a disc jockey.

"Every time I saw or heard a DJ scratch a record, I would fall into a trance," he said. "This eventually led to more than one run-in with a furious mother. She lost many record needles due to a 10-12-year-old DJ E.L., because he thought he was in a Run DMC video while she was at work."

Having attended the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home between 1994 and 1995, Leffler was taken to a vocational classroom called "T-Comm" on his second day. "T-Comm", better known as telecommunications, is where he met WKPW 90.7 Director Mike York and "learned everything he would allow me to."

Leffler said he "took to (radio), like a duck in water." With guidance from York, he excelled at production as well as properly fading a song out in order to start the next. However, he is willing to admit that his first time doing this on air did not go well.

"With the help of Mr York, I eventually figured it out," said Leffler. "I even saved up my money and asked him to order a Radio Shack DJ mixer out of the catalog for me. This began my journey into becoming a party, club and event DJ."

He still considers York to be one of his biggest inspirations and supporters. The two remain in touch and frequently correspond.

"After heading to Vincennes University and beyond, I've been presented many opportunities. There was only one person that can provide the correct advice ... Mr York," Leffler said. "As my career has grown, I continue to call him for advice. He has a lot of valuable knowledge. He's provided guidance on equipment, job offers, production processes, studio building, and more. Mr. York's definitely played a major role in the paths I've chosen."



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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Dec. 2 - Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall

Thurs., Dec. 3 - Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Dec. 3 - Henry Co. Technical Review Board meeting, 9 a.m., office building conference room, first floor, New Castle

Thurs., Dec. 3 - Rush Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Sat., Dec. 5 - Wilkinson Town Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Wilkinson Town Hall

Mon., Dec. 7 - Shirley Town Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shirley Town Hall

Mon., Dec. 7 - Greensboro Town Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Greensboro Community Center

Tues., Dec. 8 - Knightstown Public Library Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., at library

Tues., Dec. 8 - South Henry School Corp. board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 8 - Rush Co. Historic Board meeting, 7 p.m., Historical Museum, 619 N. Perkins St., Rushville

Wed., Dec. 9 - Rush Co. Council meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse room 211, Rushville

Wed., Dec. 9 - Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Dec. 9 - Henry Co. Drainage Board meeting, 9 a.m., Henry County Office Building Suite 107, New Castle

Wed., Dec. 9 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Dec. 10 - Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Mon., Dec. 14 - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

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into them came out of the kitchen to shake hands and give me the recipe for his pie crust. During rush hour when we got lost in the Metro, a woman probably missed her own train to guide us to ours. A young woman insisted that I take her seat on the Metro. When we and our twin grandsons ate at the restaurant next to our hotel they drank so much water that the owner

brought two pitchers. "Ces garçons sont des buveurs, n'est-ce pas?" ("These boys are drinkers, aren't they?")

During the news about the attacks, Bill and I wished that we could be there to stand in solidarity with the Parisians.

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In its ongoing effort to make government and its appointments process more transparent, and to set an example for other government entities, Henry County Council invites any registered voter in Henry County to apply for the following openings on boards and commissions to which Henry County Council makes citizen appointments:

Alcohol & Tobacco Commission (one-year term: Jan. 1, 2016 - Dec. 31, 2016)

Capital Improvements Committee (advisory committee for Food & Beverage Tax projects) for a three-year term (Jan. 1, 2016 - Dec. 31, 2018). Requirements: resident within Knightstown city limits, who voted in the 2014 Democrat primary.

Capital Improvements Committee (advisory committee for Food & Beverage Tax projects) for a two-year term (Jan. 1, 2016 - Dec. 31, 2017). Requirements: resident within Middletown city limits, who voted in the 2014 Republican primary.

Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors (two three-year term appointments: each Jan. 1, 2016-Dec. 31, 2018). Requirements: Must be able to attend meetings, which take place the first Thursday of each month at 8 a.m.

Henry County Redevelopment Commission (two one-year term

appointments: each Jan. 1, 2016-Dec. 31, 2016).

Tourism Commission (two two-year term appointments: each Jan. 1, 2016-Dec. 31, 2017). Requirements: for one position, candidate must have voted in the 2014 Democrat primary; for the other position, candidate must have voted in the 2014 Republican primary. Therefore, candidates should indicate party in their letters of interest.

If interested in being appointed to any position above, candidates should submit a letter of interest with their qualifications, to include experience and education, to Nate LaMar, president, Henry County Council, 5400 N. Muncie Pike, New Castle IN 47362-9211.

Letters of interest may also be e-mailed to LaMar at NateLaMar@cs.com. Letters and e-mails must be received no later than Tuesday, Dec. 15 for consideration.

Candidates will be voted upon and appointments will be made at the Dec. 16 county council meeting. Current incumbent appointees to these positions may apply for reappointment. Copies of letters of interest from candidates not selected will be given to the Henry County Commissioners, the New Castle Mayor, and the New Castle City Council president for consideration for their citizen appointments.

Pendleton District Gets Three New State Troopers

Three new troopers reported for duty at the Indiana State Police Post in Pendleton recently. They are three of the 46 new troopers reporting to their districts of assignment following graduation from the 75th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy on Thursday, Nov. 19.

In late June of this year the class began 21 weeks of intense training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield. During the training period the recruits received over 500 hours of classroom instruction as well as nearly 300 hours of hands-on practical and scenario based training exercises.

Blake Stephenson, age 25, graduated from Pendleton Heights High School in 2009, then Butler University in 2013 with a degree in Marketing. He will be assigned to work Henry and Rush Counties.

Justin Beamon, age 22, graduated from Fisher's High School in 2012 and attended classes at Indiana State University. He will be assigned to work in Henry and Rush counties.

Jacob Ridgway, age 22, was home schooled and graduated in 2013. He was employed by the Delaware County Sheriff's Department earlier this year before starting his career with the Indiana State Police. He also will be assigned to work in Henry and Rush counties.

The three new troopers will continue their training for the next three months as part of the ISP Field Training Program. The Field Training Program pairs new troopers with veteran troopers, or Field Training Officers, (FTO's), to allow the new troopers to take what they learned in the recruit academy and apply it in the field under the close supervision of the FTO. Upon successful completion of their field training, they will be issued their own commissions and be assigned solo patrol responsibilities.

Henry Co. Hospital Hosting Better Breathing Support Group

The Better Breathing free support group meets Dec. 9 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Henry County Hospital in meeting rooms across from the cafeteria.

This is the first meeting to help those diagnosed with COPD and their loved ones:

- *Manage health day to day to have a better lifestyle
- *Understand the basics about COPD
- *Recognize signs of trouble to prevent serious problems
- *Tips on working with your doctor, respiratory therapist and others involved in your care
- *Learn about community resources and activities
- *Enjoy the fellowship and sharing others in the same situation

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Are You Living by God's Word?

by Rev. Gail Whitmire
Knightstown First Wesleyan Church



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." (Colossians 3:23, 24).

The lab technicians all seemed so caring and kind. As they drew blood, they were so gentle and they spoke to her in a compassionate way, which helped to ease her trembling.

My mother-in-law had been diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease. She was so fragile now that we had relocated her from another city and had brought her into our home to live with us. I had scheduled her to see a specialist and had brought her to the doctor's office for a physical. Of course, this involved the

usual lab work, so here we were in new and frightening surroundings where she was exceptionally vulnerable.

As I marveled at the expertise of the lab workers and their attitude towards Mom, my eyes wandered to a sign that hung prominently on one of the nearby walls. The words there were this scripture passage from Colossians. No wonder these people were handling my frightened little mother-in-law so well and with such a lovely manner. Obviously, their work ethic came from the fact that at least some of them believed in living their lives according to God's word. They were showing their faith in a very real and practical way. How my heart rejoiced to know that God loved Mom and me enough to give her this kind of care and my heart this kind of comfort.

As you deal with people today, will they know your "sign"?

Betsy Wilkerson Selected as BPW's 2015 Working Woman of the Year

The Indiana Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs of Knightstown (BPW) had the November meeting at SugarBakers in Knightstown on Nov. 16 with Jackie Woolard as hostess.

Barbara Mofield, BPW 2015-2016 president, presided at the meeting.

November is Working Woman Month and BPW honored five working women from the Knightstown area that were nominated by local members.

Nominees were Dana Jones, Quick Pix; Ashley Lapham, Heritage Funeral Care; Renee McVey, Earths Creations; Michele Weidner, Draper, Inc.; and Betsy Wilkerson, town of Knightstown. Their names were announced on the Knightstown radio station the week of Nov. 7 and the students picked the winner. Wilkerson received BPW's Working Woman Award for 2015. She will receive a free, one-year membership to BPW. All nominees were encouraged to become members.

The speaker for the meeting was Rachel Martin, Woolard's granddaughter. She gave the background on

The "It Works" program and the benefits of the products.

Tina Williams, District 2 director, and Penny Sittler, BPW vice president, gave a report on the District 2 Fall Meeting. Kelley Millhoan gave a report on the success of the Trunk or Treat, where BPW passed out bags of candy. Millhoan discussed the tree lighting on

Nov. 28 with BPW providing cookies for those attending.

Woolard gave a report on the communities in schools annual dinner and the remarkable speaker for the evening. BPW made a donation in October for the help they provide to students in Wayne County. BPW gave an endorsement to Woolard as a candidate for BPW state treasurer in 2016-2017.

Business women in Knightstown will meet on Jan. 15 at Indiana Winecraft.

Janet McGuire will be hostess for the Dec. 21 meeting at SugarBakers at 6:30 p.m. Women in the community are invited to attend any BPW meeting on the third Monday of each month.



Pictured (l-r) are BPW Working Woman of the Year Award nominees Betsy Wilkerson, Dana Jones, Michele Weidner, Ashley Lapham and Renee McVey. Wilkerson was the eventual winner. (Photo submitted)

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October and used 443 gallons of gas. In September, they drove 4,893 miles and used 399 gallons; in August, it was 5,634 miles and 494 gallons; and it was 5,693 miles in July and 521 gallons.

KPD monthly reports are public records available for inspection and copying at the KPD, 24 S. Washington St., or Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.

Rush APC Meeting Twice Thursday

The Rush County Area Plan Commission will meet twice on Thursday, first in a private executive session, then in a special meeting that is open to the public.

According to meeting notices issued earlier this week, the 5:30 p.m. executive session, which is

closed to the public, is being held so APC members can discuss an unidentified employee's job performance evaluation. That same subject matter is listed as the only item on the agenda for the special meeting scheduled to follow at 6:10 p.m. The executive session will be

held in the Rush County Recorder's office, located on the second floor of the Rush County Courthouse, 101 E. Second St., Rushville. The special meeting will be held in the Rush County Commissioners meeting room on the first floor of the courthouse.

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filing his lawsuit, as state statute requires. He also says Wainscott's breach of contract must fail because Wainscott "cannot show the existence of any element of a binding contract," and that the town provided Wainscott with requested public records, making moot his claim the town had violated the state's Access to Public Records Act.

Pursuant to a case management order (CMO) issued in August by Willis, the parties and their attorneys are scheduled to meet for a mediation conference this Friday in Indianapolis. Richard Kraege of The Mediation Group, Indianapolis, will be serving as the mediator.

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At this first meeting visitors will be asked what topics they would like to have covered in future meetings such as:
 *How the lungs work
 *Understanding chronic lung disease

*Talking to healthcare providers
 *Tracking symptoms
 *Understanding medicines and treatment
 *Breathing techniques
 *Exercise programs

*Diet and Nutrition
 *Emotional and social well-being
 For more information, contact Shelley Wilson, RN, MSN, at 765-599-3109 or Angie Haas, RN, at 765-599-3545.

In the event a settlement is not reached, Wainscott's attorneys have until Dec. 23 to file a response to the town's motion for summary judgment. Henry Circuit Court 1 Judge Mary Willis has set a hearing on the town's motion for Jan. 20 at 3 p.m.

Should the town's motion for summary judgment be denied, the CMO indicates the case would not go to trial in sooner than early 2017, with the proceedings expected to take no more than five days.

The parties were previously ordered to exchange preliminary witness and exhibit lists by Sept. 30. If this week's mediation fails, final lists will need to be given to each other at least 60 days before the start of the trial.

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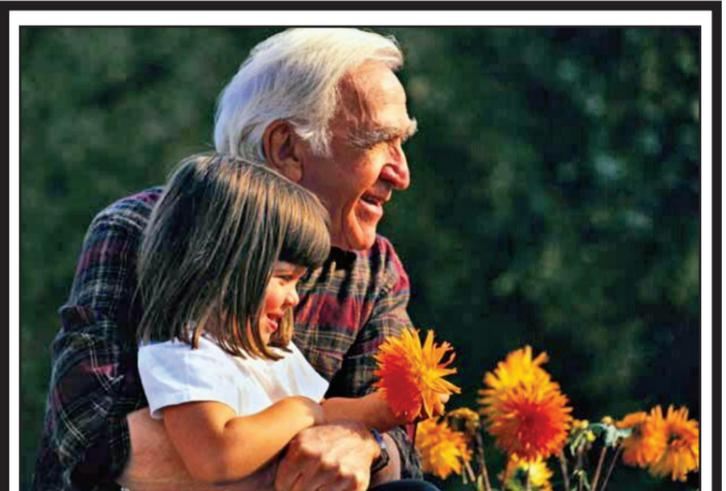
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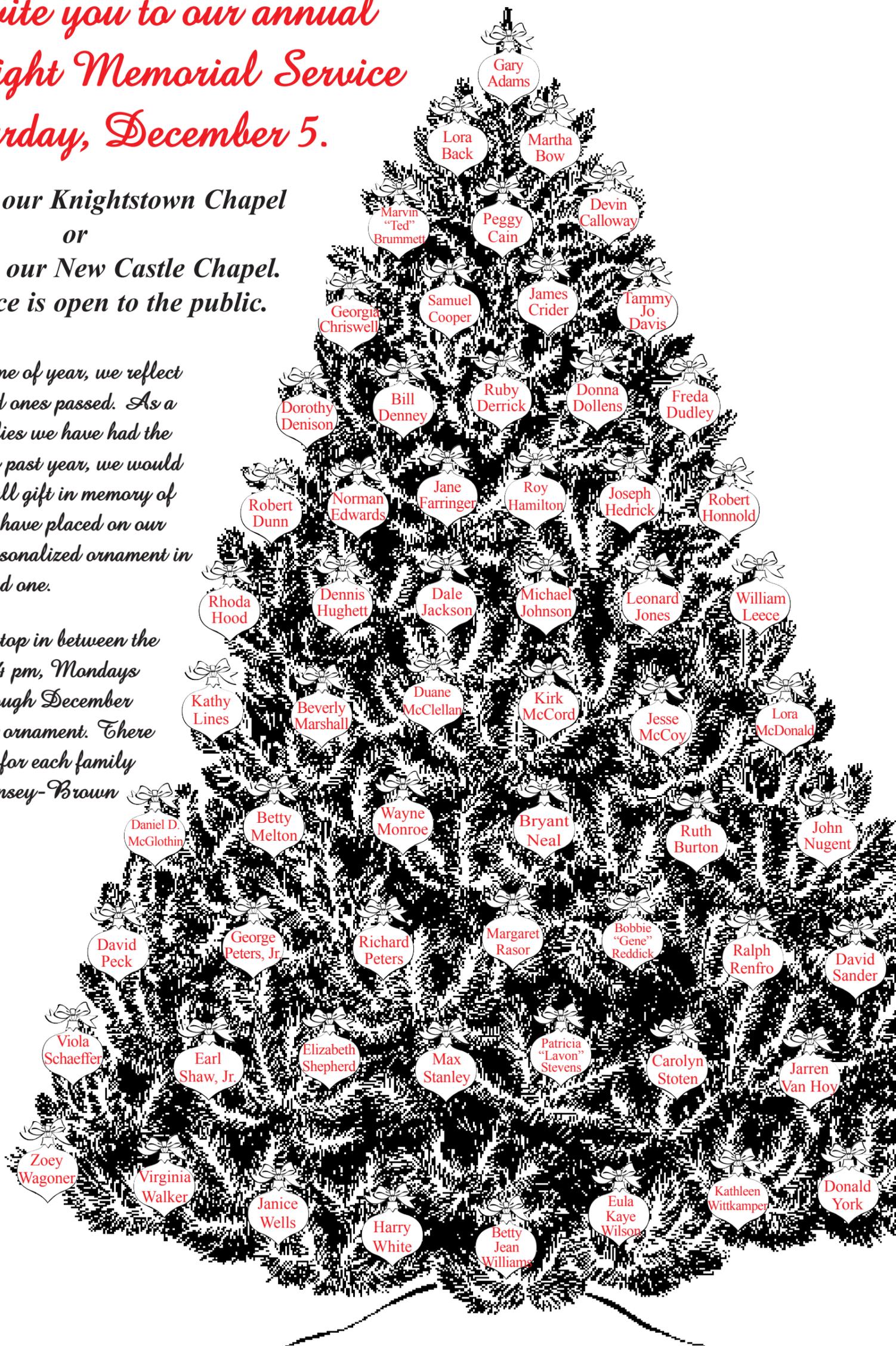
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Ohio County Had Largest Voter Turnout

Secretary of State Connie Lawson has announced that 20.5 percent or 559,517 of the 2,724,289 Hoosiers who were eligible to vote in the Nov. 3 municipal general election cast a ballot. Not all Hoosier voters were eligible to vote in the Nov. 3 municipal elections. Only voters who live in a city or town with an election this year or in a school corporation conducting a construction or tax levy referendum were eligible to vote.

The complete 2015 Municipal General Election Turnout and Absentee Chart with voter statistics for each county can be viewed online at http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2015_Muni_Turnout.pdf. The report was compiled by the secretary of state's office from voter data gathered in 88 of Indiana's 92 counties. There were four counties in Indiana this year that did not have a general election.

"Congratulations to Ohio County for having the highest turnout rate in the state at 63 percent," said Lawson. "As I review the turnout numbers, it appears that the areas with the highest turnout were areas with contested races or issues. We continue to see that issues and candidates drive turnout in elections and this is especially true with local races."

"The secretary of state's office conducted an unprecedented municipal election voter outreach

campaign to remind Hoosiers to vote this fall. To our knowledge, this is the first time the office has conducted a paid voter outreach advertising campaign during a municipal election year. The office harnessed the power of TV, radio, print, digital and social media to encourage Hoosiers to make their voices heard. We will continue our campaign in 2016 to encourage voter participation."

In 2016, the Secretary of State's office will also continue to do voter list maintenance to increase the accuracy of Indiana's voter rolls. By removing inaccurate voter registrations, the office will be able to provide Hoosiers with a more accurate view of voter turnout.

The 2015 general election saw a record use of ePollBooks in Indiana. Thirty-six Indiana counties have now made the switch to ePollBooks. County election officials are continuing to adopt technology to modernize elections. The new technology of ePollBooks and vote centers make it easier for Hoosiers to cast their ballot. Lawson has been a proponent of vote centers and ePollbooks.

As a state senator, Lawson authored legislation giving counties the option to establish vote centers, which have the potential to significantly improve efficiency and reduce county election costs. Twenty-three counties were eligi-

ble to use vote centers in the municipal election, with Owen County scheduled to use vote centers beginning in 2016. Vote centers permit a voter to cast a ballot at any location within a county, rather than only at the voter's traditional precinct polling place. Vote centers enable counties to save on costs associated with hiring poll workers and purchasing voting machines and supplies.

As Secretary of State, Lawson worked with the Indiana General Assembly to pass legislation enabling all counties to use ePollbooks. The ePollbook system is an electronic, modernized version of the traditional paper poll list, which has been used for decades. With traditional paper poll lists, poll workers compare a voter's ID with the names on the list before issuing a ballot. The voter then signs the list next to their name and indicates whether or not the voter's address has changed.

The ePollBook scans the bar code on the back of a voter's driver's license to permit poll workers to efficiently locate the voter's record and to ensure the voter gets the correct ballot. The voter then signs an electronic signature pad. ePollbooks can speed up lines at polling places because poll workers no longer have to hunt for a person's name in the paper list.

Citizens State Bank Boosts Awareness

During the month of October, Citizens State Bank employees put their blue jeans on for their Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Event while raising over \$2,250 for Henry County alone.

The money raised was donated to the local ICAP for the Women's Clinic affiliated with Susan G. Komen for the Cure. This will help provide clinical breast exams and mammograms through the

Mammogram Assistance Program along with cervical cancer screenings throughout our community. Nancy Lewis, the program director, was presented with a check that included donations collected from customers and employees.

It was "Blue Jean Friday" for each employee who wanted to donate \$5 to participate. They also wanted to include their hometown customers by selling pockets for a

small donation in honor of their loved one and served refreshments. To add a fun twist to the event, each branch decorated their lobby for a company wide contest against one another as the top participant. Many customers made the comment on how much they love it and hope they do it again next year!

In 2015, an estimated 231,840 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed.

Alcohol, from Page 6

was her job to enforce that, adding, "I'm not the cops." Harrison said that a local police officer had driven through the park when they were playing softball. While some people were openly drinking alcohol in

his presence, she said the officer said nothing about this not being allowed.

"I'm willing to do anything I can to make it better," Harrison said

Letters, from Page 4

Hoosiers resolved to save Indiana's forests, prairies and wetlands.

The greatest legacy of Indiana's 1916 Centennial Celebration remains the creation of our first state parks -- McCormick's Creek and Turkey Run. From these beginnings grew a parks system that today is arguably the best in the United States, operating 24 state parks and eight reservoirs that occupy 170,000 acres of Hoosier landscape. During the most recent fiscal year, these properties drew more than 16 million visitors.

Richard Lieber, the visionary who started Indiana's state parks, once said, "It is the land on which we all depend in the last essence. It is the land and the very soil, the trees and waters, the dales and glens which we love."

On Nov. 5, Governor Mike Pence voiced similar themes while dedicating Indiana's latest Bicentennial Nature Trust (BNT) project -- the Fox Ridge Nature Park in Vincennes. "The commitment to conservation has been part of Indiana's legacy," he said. "The Fox Ridge Nature Park is going to be a great place for families to come and enjoy and share and experience the great richness of this part of the state."

Natural parks, recreational space and trails are now considered top-list priorities by people looking for homes. Conservation yields economic benefits in addition to aesthetic ones -- attracting businesses along with residents.

In less than four years, the BNT so far has exceeded expectations.

Consider:

The Indiana Bicentennial Commission has approved 156 land acquisition projects that benefit all regions of the state, touching 64 counties. So far, 90 acquisitions are already completed, covering more than 8,600 acres.

Wherever you live in Indiana, there is a BNT project a short drive away. Information on every BNT project can be found online at in.gov/dnr/7577.htm. (And for more about the State Parks Centennial, see INStateParks100.com.)

Just as Lieber raised private donations to purchase the first state parks, so BNT operates as a public-private partnership. The trust has committed \$26 million to approved projects, but this investment is only part of the financial picture.

This program works by providing dollar-for-dollar matching grants -- so local communities raise the same amounts they receive from the state. In addition, generous community organizations such as the Lilly Endowment and the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust have made contributions.

The trust started with \$20 million in public funding and another \$10 million from the Lilly Endowment. Today, whole communities are rallying around these projects with a sense of pride and a sense of place. The total combined public and private investment -- including matching funds from local communities -- now totals more than \$61 million.

On Dec. 11, 1816, President James Madison signed a congressional resolution admitting Indiana to the Union as the 19th state.

In Vincennes last month, Governor Pence recalled words spoken by another president, Teddy Roosevelt: "Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children."

In this spirit, we invite all Hoosiers to help make the Bicentennial Nature Trust a legacy that our descendants will still be celebrating in 100 years and beyond.

Mary McConnell, Indiana Nature Conservancy director
Jim McCormick, Best Way Express chairman emeritus

Dear Editor,

As I sit here pondering what I've been following on the TV news for several weeks now, I can't help but feel that surely I'm missing or not understanding something here. It's the Jared Fogle child molestation case (and child pornography). If I'm understanding the prostitution part of this right, these minors, even though underage, who were not forcibly raped and were paid big money at the times of these premeditated and pre-arranged meetings, have now been paid an additional \$100,000 each for prostituting? I've no doubt that a lot of minors, with their parents help even, would prostitute for that kind of pay off. If prostitution is illegal at any age, why have these people just been outrageously paid for prostitution? I fail to see the logic of this. Isn't this telling us that prostitution, if you're a minor, pays big time?

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Dylon Lakes' Trial Delayed Again; Reset for Jan. 19 in Rush Superior Court

The jury trial for a former Cathage resident charged in the death of his infant son has been postponed a second time.

Dylon Lakes, 25, was formally charged in May with neglect of a dependent resulting in the death of his son, Jax Lakes, on March 1 at the Carthage apartment he shared

with the infant's mother, Jessica Seay. An autopsy report declared Jax's death an accident caused by positional asphyxia, the result of being placed in an unsafe sleeping position.

Lakes case was initially set for a jury trial on Sept. 29, but that date was continued in early September

until Nov. 24. In late October, the jury trial was continued again, and is now reset for Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 9 a.m. in the Rush Superior Court. A final pretrial conference is set for Dec. 21 at 9 a.m.

Lakes' bond was initially set at \$100,000, but Rush Superior Court Judge Brian Hill approved an agreement reached between Lakes' attorney and the Rush County Prosecutor that lowered Lakes' bond to \$50,000 and allowed him to be released by posting just 10 percent of that amount in cash.

The neglect of a dependent charge that Lakes is facing is a Level 1 felony that could result in 20-40 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. He was also charged with criminal recklessness with respect to his son's death and possession of marijuana, both of which are Class B misdemeanors that could bring up to 180 days in jail and fines of up to \$1,000.

According to police reports filed in the Rush Superior Court, Jax had been left in Lakes' care on March 1, along with Seay's other son, who was just 20-months old, while Seay went to work at her job at a pizza place in Greensburg. Lakes reportedly told police he placed Jax face down in his bassinet at around 9:30 a.m., then went back to sleep and didn't get up to check on him again until about 3:30 that afternoon, at which time he found him dead.

Lakes reportedly told officers he had smoked pot the night before and had stayed up until about five in the morning playing video games with a then 14-year-old male friend who had been staying at his apartment for a couple of days. Once Lakes discovered his dead son, police reports indicate he and his juvenile friend delayed calling 911 for more than an hour and, instead, first called the juvenile's mother, who, along with her boyfriend, drove to Lakes apartment and helped get rid of illegal drugs and paraphernalia.

Red Cross Encourages Blood Donors

The American Red Cross encourages the community to end the year with real meaning by donating blood for hospital patients in need.

Holiday activities, severe weather and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, can pull people away from their regular blood donation schedules. This creates a greater need for blood donations this time of year, especially around the winter holidays. To encourage donations, all those who come to donate Dec. 23 through Jan. 3 will get a long-sleeve Red Cross T-shirt, while

Smiley's, from Page 2



Tim Riley (second from left) shakes hands with Jeff Smiley. Dave Driggers, a partner in the Anderson-based firm, joins the celebration at far left while Smiley's daughter, Stacey, and his wife, Kathy, accompany him at the right. (Photo submitted)

known each other for years and are "like brothers."

"Jeff and I have known each other for a while, nearly 25 years," Driggers said.

"We became travel partners," Jeff Smiley said. "We have traveled across the United States and to some other countries networking with other shop owners to work on industry issues."

"You'd have a problem here and not be able to figure it out, but someone you'd see at these meetings had figured it out," Driggers said. "Being involved with Acoat Selective has been extremely valuable."

Roots of each company have deep similarities.

Gerald Emerson Smiley began working out of a barn on his father-in-law's farm. R.A. Riley started his business in just a two-car garage. Both men were clever and resourceful. Both businesses were family-oriented from day one.

Both also valued the people who work for them. Like Smiley's, Riley's has employees with 20 and 30 years of experience.

"That is truly the only way to deliver a consistent product for the customer," Driggers said.

Kathy Smiley says it's not only the experience, but the attitude behind it that makes each staff successful

– and will make the New Castle facility even stronger in the future.

"Vehicles get towed in here that are not nice to look at," she said. "The true test, the question our employees always ask themselves when they are finished with a repair, is 'would you have your family ride in this car now?'"

"Our employees are artists and engineers," Driggers said. "They have to know how to put a car back together so it can perform the way it was meant to perform."

The New Castle facility will be Riley's fourth location. In addition to its Anderson body shop, the company also has a stand-alone mechanical facility in Anderson and a body shop in Pendleton.

The sale could mean improvements in the future for the New Castle location.

"I know they have several thousands of dollars planned for investment in some of the most recent equipment," Jeff Smiley said. "They have a large training agenda for our staff."

Driggers added that at some point, Riley's would like to look at adding a mechanical facility here.

"We have the same kinds of values," Driggers said of the two companies. "We're hands on, we're not absentee owners by any means. We put the customer first."

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Jamie Czesak made her first blood donation on Dec. 27, 2013. "As I spent Christmas with my family, I realized how lucky I was to have my health and how we never really know when our last Christmas will be. I decided that I would face my fears and do one of the few things I can do to help save someone's life - donate blood."

Healthy donors with all blood

types are needed, especially those with types AB, O, B negative and A negative. To make an appointment to donate blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App from app stores, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors can now use the Blood Donor App to access their donor card and view vital signs from previous donations.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Score 90 in Season Opener

Jackson Edwards Has 35 Points, 11 Assists, 9 Rebounds to Lead KHS Over Tri Titans

The varsity boys basketball teams from Knightstown and Tri combined for 157 points in their season opener against each other on Nov. 25.

Jackson Edwards lit up the scoreboard for the Panthers, scoring 35 points. Not only did he hit 13 of 18 fields goals, but was just one rebound shy of finishing with a triple-double, dishing out 11 assists and grabbing nine boards.

Three other Panthers scored in double digits. Drake Peggs and freshman Dylan Hiner each scored 15 apiece and Riley Ruble had 10 points.

David O'Neill and Alex Melton led the scoring effort for Tri. O'Neill finished with 18 points and Melton had 14 points.

Tri	15	18	15	19	- 67
Knightstown	29	19	18	24	- 90

Knightstown Individual Results

Jackson Edwards - 35 points (two 3-pointers), 9 rebounds, 11 assists, 3 steals

Dylan Hiner - 15 points (two 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals

Drake Peggs - 15 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 3 assists, 3 steals

Riley Ruble - 10 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 2 steals

Coleman Wyatt - 7 points, 5 rebounds

Jake Bearhope - 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals

Jarrett Weidner - 2 points, 3

rebounds, 1 steal

Matthew Kemerly - 2 points, 2 rebounds

Daniel Rayburn - 1 point, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 charge taken

Jose Olivo - 1 point, 1 steal

Tri Individual Results

David O'Neill - 18 points (three 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 1 block, 1 charge taken

Alex Melton - 14 points (one 3-pointer), 7 rebounds, 1 assist

Carson Cox - 9 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists

Masen Phelps - 8 points, 4 rebounds, 4 blocks

Nick Wilson - 6 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 6 assists, 1 steal

Kyler Burchett - 4 points

Austin Stroud - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 2 assists

Zach Smith - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds

Eric Bilby - 2 points, 1 steal

Elijah Davis - 3 rebounds

Gage Rowe - 1 rebound, 1 assist

Seth Butler - 1 steal

Deven Jones - 1 steal

Panther Wrestlers 10-0

After Winning Union County Invitational

Knightstown High School put down the mats and played host for the Union County wrestling invitational last Saturday.

The event at home yielded the Panther wrestling squad another five victories, pushing their season record to 10-0 after two weeks of action. Knightstown started the morning defeating Union County 54-24.

In the second round, the Panthers topped Randolph Southern 84-0. The Spartans quickly fell too with Knightstown knocking down Connersville 52-26.

In the fourth round, KHS defeated Monroe Central 66-18.

Knightstown beat Eastern Hancock in the final round 51-27 to win the invitational trophy.

Five Knightstown wrestlers were undefeated on the day. Going 5-0 for the Panthers were Jacob Hanna (113-lbs), Thomas Sollars (120-lbs), Adam Bundy (132-lbs), Cameron Fender (138-lbs) and Jason Dishman (195-lbs).

Logan Johnson (220-lbs) lost just one match, finishing the day 4-1.

Eight Panthers went 3-2 at the event including Eric Adams (106-lbs), Bruce Nichols (126-lbs), Alex Fields (145-lbs), Alex Brading (152-lbs), Jon Simmons (160-lbs), Tristan Miers (170-lbs), Zach Clark (182) and Tyler Jackson (HWT). Austin Postlethweight (152-lbs) was 0-1.

Knightstown traveled to Cambridge City Lincoln Tuesday night. Results will be posted in next week's issue.

Eastern Hancock 4-1 at Union County Invite

Eastern Hancock's wrestling team had a good day at the Union County Invitational that was held at Knightstown High School on Saturday.

The Royals beat the first four teams they faced at the event but fell to fifth-ranked Knightstown in the final round.

In the opening round, Eastern Hancock whipped Monroe Central 66-18.

The Royals topped Connersville in the second round, dropping the Spartans 52-24.

Union County gave Eastern its toughest fight. The Royals edged out the Patriots 39-37 in the third round.

Randolph Southern was no competition for Eastern Hancock in fourth round. The Royals

defeated the Rebels 78-6.

Despite the good performance the rest of the day, the Royals were dominated by the Panthers in most of the matchups. Knightstown defeated EH 51-27.

Two Royals were undefeated at the event. Jared Waterman (160-lbs) and Wesley Myers (220-lbs) each went 5-0 on the day.

Five Eastern Hancock wrestlers were 4-1 including Jack Smith (113-lbs), Caleb Giddings (120-lbs), Jordyn Wills (138-lbs), Jayson Bowers (145-lbs) and Josh Robinson (HWT).

Austin Henderson (126-lbs), Devyn Brinson (170-lbs) and Colby Hunt (195-lbs) each finished 3-2.

Gabe Blake (132-lbs) and Spencer Maxwell (152-lbs) were both 2-3. Brandon Francis (152-lbs) was 1-0 and Clayton Cochard (195-lbs) was 1-3 on the day.

KHS Girls Fall to N. Decatur

Knightstown's varsity girls basketball team lost their fifth straight game Nov. 29 at North Decatur, moving their record to 1-5.

Knightstown	9	8	16	7	- 40
N. Decatur	23	24	10	6	- 63

Knightstown Individual Results

Lacy Thomas - 12 points (four 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Lori Thomas - 8 points (two 3-pointers), 1 assist

Brooke Vise - 6 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal

Carmen Cleek - 5 points

Jordan Ventresco - 4 points, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Hannah Thomas - 2 points, 2 rebounds

Rachel Dickerson - 2 points, 2 rebounds

Dharma Holder - 1 point

Payton Moore Gets 18 Points, 14 Rebounds in Lady Titans Win Over Lady Panthers

Tri's varsity girls basketball team started hot and finished strong to defeat county rival Knightstown on Nov. 25. The Lady Titans move to 6-1 on the season after the win while the Lady Panthers' record dropped to 1-4.

Tri	15	7	14	18	- 54
Knightstown	9	7	16	9	- 41

Tri Individual Results

Payton Moore - 18 points, 14 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 block

Addy Edwards - 10 points (three 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block

Cayla Johnson - 9 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

Mackenzie Peggs - 9 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 3 steals

Kylie Dishman - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 3 steals

Kennington Appleby - 3 points, 1 assist, 1 block

Mara Biehl - 1 rebound, 1 steal

Knightstown Individual Results

Hannah Thomas - 17 points (one 3-pointer), 8 rebounds, 1 steal

Lacy Thomas - 9 points (three 3-pointers), 2 assists, 1 shot deflected

Brooke Vise - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal

Lori Thomas - 4 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected

Jordan Ventresco - 4 points, 2 rebounds, 6 assists, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Carmen Cleek - 1 point, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Jessica Butler - 1 rebound, 1 assist

Lady Panthers Hosting Breakfast with Santa Dec. 5

Knightstown's girls basketball team is hosting a Breakfast with Santa event Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8-11 a.m. in the high school cafeteria.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Centerville Tops EH Swim Teams

The Eastern Hancock girls swimming team was defeated 59-124 Nov. 23 at Centerville.

Shelby Kell placed first for the Lady Royals in the 50-freestyle with a time of 27.28 seconds. Lydia Hicks was seventh in the event at 35.5 seconds while Naomi Surburg came in eighth at 38.43 and Morgan Brooks was tenth at 1:07.51.

Kell was third in the 100-freestyle with a time of 1:01.34. Lady Royals Zurine Zuazo was ninth at 1:24.26 and Sinah Griessler was tenth at 1:29.05.

Hicks was the top finisher for Eastern Hancock in the 100-backstroke, coming in fifth place with a time of 1:40.22. Zuazo was seventh at 1:59.86 and Brooks was eighth at 2:11.04.

In the 100-fly, Alyson Ray placed third for the Lady Royals with a time of 1:37.08 and Makayla Geisking was eighth at 2:02.50.

Tatum Proffit was third at 1:30.34 and Griessler was fourth at 1:31.92 in the 100-breaststroke. Geisking was eighth in the event with a time of 2:02.74.

The Lady Royals took sixth, seventh and eighth in the 200-freestyle. Jenna Hancock had a time of 2:58.81 with Ray following at 3:04.98 and Surburg in at 3:05.15.

Proffit took fourth in the individual medley event with a time of 3:00.44 and Elaina Steiner was eighth at 3:34.30.

Hancock finished the 500-freestyle in 8:06.67 for seventh place. Surburg took eighth place at 8:29.25 and Steiner was ninth at 8:34.71.

Boys Team Results

Eastern Hancock boys swimming team fell 25-136 in its season opener Nov. 23 at Centerville.

The Royals' Jacob Fish took first place in the 50-freestyle event with a time of 35.01 seconds.

Fish was also first in the 100-freestyle, finishing in 1:25.80.

EH's Chris Walton earned the top spot in the 100-backstroke with a time of 1:06.05.

Elijah Harris placed first for the Royals in the 200-freestyle at 2:23.81.

In the 500-freestyle event, Walton took first place with a time of 5:48.70 and Harris was second at 7:11.96.

Addison True Leads Eastern Hancock in Season Opener with 22 Points, 13 Rebounds

Sophomore Addison True led Eastern Hancock's varsity boys basketball team with 22 points and 13 rebounds in the Royals' season opener on Nov. 25 at home against Centerville.

Centerville	7	13	11	4	-	35
E. Hancock	10	10	16	14	-	50

E. Hancock Individual Results

Addison True - 22 points (four 3-pointers), 13 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals, 4 shots deflected

Ryan Speas - 10 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound

Tom Barton - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 block, 1 shot deflected

Duncan Cherry - 5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block, 1 shot deflected

A.J. Muegge - 4 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steals

Tyler Blattner - 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Jacob Eischen - 3 rebounds

Tri Loses on the Road at Wapahani

Tri's varsity boys team suffered its second loss Nov. 29 on the road at Wapahani, 43-73.

The Titans were down just five points at the end of the first half but couldn't find their rhythm in the second half, allowing the Raiders to outscore them 44-19.

David O'Neill and Mason Phelps led the Titans' scoring, each racking up eight points.

Tri Individual Results

Masen Phelps - 8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 4 blocks

David O'Neill - 8 points (two 3-pointers)

Austin Stroud - 6 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 assist, 1 steal

Tri	9	15	9	10	-	43
Wapahani	13	16	27	17	-	73

Elijah Davis - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block

Alex Melton - 4 points, 4 rebounds

Nick Wilson - 4 points, 1 assist, 2 steals

Gage Rowe - 4 points

Logan Stephens - 2 points, 2 rebounds

Seth Butler - 2 points, 2 rebounds

Carson Cox - 2 rebounds, 1 charge taken

Deven Jones - 2 rebounds

Eastern Hancock JV Beats Centerville by 30 Points

Eastern Hancock's junior varsity boys basketball team kicked off their season with a 30-point win over Centerville on Nov. 25 at home. The Royals were led by the scoring of Brycen Napier with 21 points and Nathan Mosher with 16.

Centerville JV	8	4	8	12	-	32
E. Hancock JV	18	19	11	14	-	62

Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results

Brycen Napier - 21 points (one 3-pointer), 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals, 2 shots deflected

Nathan Mosher - 16 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals, 2 blocks, 2 shots deflected

Peyton Gray - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 3 shots deflected

Trey Bittinger - 6 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Tyler Castle - 6 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 5 assists, 4 steals, 3 shots deflected

Jake Hancock - 3 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 shots deflected

Skyler Schroepe - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Luke Splater - 1 point, 1 rebound, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected

Kaitlyn Jackson Scores 13 of JV Lady Panthers' 19 Points in Loss to N. Decatur

Knightstown freshman Kaitlyn Jackson performed well against North Decatur's junior varsity girls basketball team on Nov. 28. But, she could have used a little help from her teammates.

Jackson scored 13 of her team's total of 19 points in the game.

KHS JV Individual Results

Kaitlyn Jackson - 13 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected

Allyson Hauk - 3 points (one 3-

Knightstown	6	4	3	6	-	19
N. Decatur	11	11	1	4	-	27

pointer), 1 rebound, 1 steal

Sidney Vise - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected

Maggie Smith - 1 point, 2 rebounds

Elizabeth Moore - 3 rebounds

Jessica Butler - 2 rebounds, 1 steal

Rachel Dickerson, Dharma Holder - 1 rebound

Area High School Sports Schedule for Dec. 2-9

Boys Basketball - Varsity & JV

- ◆ Dec. 4 - Knightstown away at Union County, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 4 - Tri away at Blue River Valley, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 4 - Eastern Hancock away at Southwestern, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 5 - Eastern Hancock away at Indianapolis Howe, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball - C Team

- ◆ Dec. 2 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Shenandoah, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 5 - Eastern Hancock away at Lutheran Tourney, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Dec. 9 - Eastern Hancock away at Wes-Del, 6 p.m.

Girls Basketball - Varsity & JV

- ◆ Dec. 8 - Knightstown away at Southwestern Shelby, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 3 - Tri away at Wapahani, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 4 - Eastern Hancock away at Shenandoah, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 5 - Tri away at Cowan Tournament, 12 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 8 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. North Decatur, 12 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 9 - Tri away at Randolph Southern, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

- ◆ Dec. 2 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Lapel, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 3 - Tri away for triple dual at Anderson High School, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 4 - Knightstown JV only away at Blackford Duals, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 5 - Tri away at Hagerstown Invitational, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Dec. 9 - Tri away at Monroe Central, 6 p.m.

Swimming- Coed

- ◆ Dec. 3 - Eastern Hancock co-ed away at New Palestine
- ◆ Dec. 5 - Eastern Hancock co-ed away at Lawrenceburg Invite, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Dec. 8 - Eastern Hancock co-ed at home for 3-way meet with Rushville and Tech, 6 p.m.

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Tri JV Girls Victorious Over Knightstown

The Lady Titans junior varsity basketball team defeated rival Knightstown 44-30 on Nov. 24.
 Tri was led in scoring by Auburn Harvey with 12 points, including three 3-pointers.
 Sidney Vise was the Lady Panthers' top performer with 10 points and eight rebounds.

K-town JV	6	4	9	11	- 30
Tri JV	13	13	8	10	- 44

Tri JV Individual Results

Auburn Harvey - 12 points (three 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals
 Breanna Reece - 9 points (one 3-pointer), 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
 Lauren Bouslog - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
 Kaley Harrison - 6 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 2 steals
 Ella Chew - 6 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals
 Madeline Hoover - 3 points, 4 rebounds
 Molly West - 2 points, 1 rebound
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Eastern Hancock 'C' Team Loses Tough Overtime Game

Lapel's "C team" held on for a one point victory in overtime, 41-40, against Eastern Hancock's "C team" on Nov. 23. The Royals were led by Nick Pelger who finished with 11 points and six rebounds.

Lapel	5	7	9	11	9(OT)	- 41
E. Hancock	10	6	11	5	8(OT)	- 40

Eastern Hancock "C team" Individual Results

Nick Pelger - 11 points, 6 rebounds
 Brady Stephens - 8 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 3 assists
 K.C. Smoak - 6 points, 4 rebounds
 Juddson Bevans - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
 Dakota Stanley - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 3 assists
 Cameron Denis - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 1 assist, 1 steal
 Jason Apple - 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal

KHS JV Individual Results

Sidney Vise - 10 points (one 3-pointer), 8 rebounds, 1 block, 1 shot deflected
 Kaitlyn Jackson - 8 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals, 3 shots deflected
 Maggie Smith - 4 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists
 Elizabeth Moore - 4 points, 1

rebound, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected
 Dharma Holder - 3 points, 3 rebounds
 Makeena Leisure - 1 point, 1 rebound
 Jessica Butler - 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
 Rachel Dickerson - 1 rebound
 Allyson Hauk - 1 rebound
 Mackinsy Fowler - 1 assist

Volleyball Club Holding Evaluations

Lady Royals Volleyball Club (LRVBC) evaluations will be held Sunday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Eastern Hancock High School gym. LRVBC is open to all area volleyball players who love volleyball, want to extend their play, are interested in working hard and improving their skills.

There will be two evaluation sessions to evaluate player skills and assist in making team placements.

This year the club is adding 10-under teams to their program. Evaluations are 1-3 p.m. for 10u, 12u and 14u/15u. Girls in the 16u and 17u group will be evaluated from 3-5 p.m.

Players are placed on teams based on age, skill level and experience, position, as well as IHSAA limitations (high school level teams may have no more than three from same high school on the same team. This does not apply to incoming freshman).

Please visit www.sites.google.com/a/ehancock.org/eastern-hancock-athletics/volleyball or contact Cory Rainbolt by email at coryrainbolt@easternhancock.org or call 317-467-0095 ext. 214 for additional information.

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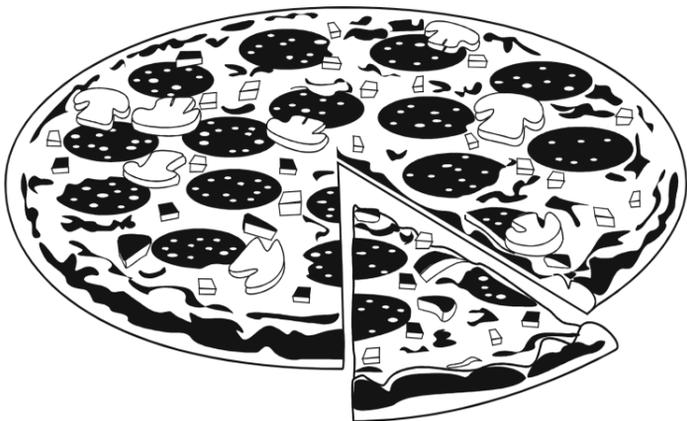
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