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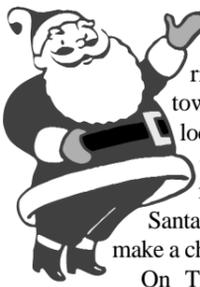
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Knightstown, IN

Santa Visiting Local Fire Dept. Dec. 24



After several years of riding through town visiting local homes on Christmas Eve in a fire truck, Santa will need to make a change this year. On Thursday, Dec.

24, from 2-5 p.m., Santa Claus will be at the Knightstown/Wayne Township Fire Dept. for kids and families to visit. Santa and members of the fire department look forward to seeing families and kids at the station during these hours. Knightstown has been very fortunate to have Santa visit before his big night. But, due to his high demand, Santa needs to make a change this year.

K-town Friends' Service Dec. 20

Knightstown Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., will host its annual Candlelight Christmas Service on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. Featured musical soloists include Larry White, Hannah Basford, Claire Bradshaw and Maribeth Wells on guitar. Robin Richey will play piano and organ. Alaina Cooper will play violin, and the Knightstown Friends Choir will perform. Refreshments will be served.

St. Rose Live Nativity Dec. 19

St. Rose Catholic Church, Knightstown will present a live nativity scene Saturday, Dec. 19, from 4-7 p.m. at the church, 8144 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown (located directly across from Knightstown High School). The public is invited to stop and visit at the manger scene and parents are welcome to take photos of their children at the scene.

Banner Office to Close for One Week

As in past years, The Banner office will close, and the newspaper will not publish Christmas week. The office will be closed starting Thursday, Dec. 17. It will not reopen until Monday, Dec. 28. The Banner wishes everyone in our readership area a very merry Christmas and happy new year!

Effort to Settle Lawsuit Flounders

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

A mediation conference last Friday failed to produce a settlement between the town of Knightstown and the owner of an East Main Street building suing the town and a company the town hired to raze a neighboring building in 2013.

According to the plaintiff in the case, Dudley Wainscott, Woodland Park, Colo., the mediation conference, which lasted several hours and was held in Indianapolis, was not successful. While he said he was not at liberty to discuss specifics, he did confirm that a settlement was not reached and that the case will continue to move forward.

Next up is Henry Circuit Court 1 Judge Mary Willis' consideration of a motion for summary judgment the town filed two weeks ago that, if granted, would result in a dismissal of Wainscott's lawsuit. Wainscott's attorneys have until Dec. 23 to file a response to the motion, and Willis has set a hearing on the town's motion for Jan. 20.

Should the town's motion for summary judgment be denied, the case would then proceed to trial. A case management order Willis issued in August indicated that a trial would be expected to take no more than five days and likely occur no sooner than early 2017.

Wainscott, who owns the property known as the "Old Lodge" building at 34-38 E. Main St., filed his lawsuit against the town in February. Also named as a

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One Thing Leads to Another as KHS Student's Efforts Lead to Big Donation



Knightstown High School junior Samantha Eaks helps unload over 200 gifts donated to Knightstown Cheer Guild by the Indiana Fever and Indiana Pacers. (Eric Cox photo)

Knightstown High School student Samantha Eaks was recently honored by the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW) at the group's state convention. Eaks received the Indiana Women's Education Foundation's Youth of Achievement Award, recognition for her volunteer work serving Knightstown Cheer Guild and Girl Scouts.

At the state BPW convention, Stephanie White, coach of the Indiana Fever WNBA basketball team, delivered the keynote address. White apparently listened as Eaks' accomplishments were detailed while she received the Youth of Achievement Award. White asked Knightstown BPW members to have Eaks contact her regarding a charitable Indiana Fever program.

Eaks did contact White. What resulted was the donation of over 200 toys to Knightstown Cheer Guild, which helps out less fortunate local families

at Christmas.

Eaks and her family, along with Cheer Guild volunteers and BPW members, gathered at the Hoosier Gym last Thursday to unload a large pick-up truck brimming with brand new, in-the-box toys.

Aside from her work with Cheer Guild, Eaks is also working toward her Girl Scouts Gold Award. In doing so, she has designed and implemented various stations along the National Road Heritage Trail near Knightstown. The stations are part of an early childhood education project aimed at getting youngsters to exercise while learning practical skills.

"Samantha does all these things without fanfare and looking for honor," said local BPW member Barb Mofield. "She does it because of a feeling of helping others. For this, she deserves to be recognized.

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OBITUARIES

Ivan E. Harris
March 4, 1928 - December 4, 2015



Ivan E. Harris, 87, of Knightstown passed away Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, at Henry County Hospital. He was born on March 4, 1928, in Gilpin, Ky., to the late Virgil Lee and Dollie (Simpson) Harris.

Ivan was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Iowa from 1946-1948. He was employed by both Chrysler and Ford before retiring from General Motors Corp., following over 20 years of service. Ivan loved his family and enjoyed traveling to Florida every year to spend time with family. Prior to locating in Knightstown, Ivan had built a house in Florida and resided there for approximately 10 years. Ivan enjoyed reupholstering furniture and spending his afternoons with friends at McDonald's, having a Coke.

Survivors include his daughter, Tammy (Harris) Watts of Knightstown; a granddaughter, Jennifer (Evan) Meltzer of Greenfield; a great-granddaughter, Ava Meltzer of Greenfield; a sister, Ruth Grigsby of Cocoa, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ivan was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Theresa Harris; a brother, Vernon Harris; a sister, Blanche Youngblood; and a son-in-law, Wes Watts.

Services were Dec. 7 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Knightstown American Legion Post 152 and an active duty contingent from the U.S. Navy. Friends called Dec. 7 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences and memories of Ivan may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Elizabeth Rose Jackson
December 29, 1947 - December 2, 2015

Elizabeth Rose Jackson, 67, a longtime resident of Knightstown, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, in Greenfield. She was born to the late David and Rosemarie (Glaub) Jackson on Dec. 29, 1947 in Knightstown.

She was in the graduating class of 1967 at Spiceland High School. "Liz" was a bookkeeper and secretary for Dr. William R. Lambert for several years, then for St. Rose Catholic Church of Knightstown.

She very much enjoyed being a part of her church at St. Rose of Knightstown and she loved her church family. Liz enjoyed reading and writing poetry. She would make her own Christmas, Easter and personal cards and write her own poems on the front of them. Her friends really enjoyed receiving these one-of-a-kind handmade cards.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a brother Steven Jackson.

Liz is survived by her cousin, Tom (Mary) Jackson; a brother and sister; and friends, Kathryn Waits and Janette Houser.

A mass of Christian burial was held Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. in St. Rose Catholic Church, 8144 U.S. 40, Knightstown, with visitation at church prior to the mass. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery with Deacon Russ Woodard presiding. Heritage Funeral Care is entrusted with all arrangements.

Hinsey-Brown, Citizens State Bank Team up on Stockings for Soldiers

Citizens State Bank, along with Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, came together this year to send a taste of home for the holidays to American soldiers overseas.

The Stockings for Soldiers program is coordinated by the funeral home. They collect over 500 stockings each year throughout the community. The employees of the bank

said they were delighted to help by filling over 20 stockings to bring the heroes some Hometown holiday cheer.

When approached with the idea, Bill Aitchison, president of Citizens State Bank, said, "As the hometown community bank, what better way to show our appreciation by sending the hometown hol-

iday spirit to our hometown heroes, and we would be delighted to be a part of such a worthwhile opportunity."

Citizens State Bank is a fourth-generation family owned bank based in New Castle, with 13 branches covering six counties throughout central Indiana.

Vectren Offers 'Gift of Energy' Program

Vectren Energy Delivery (Vectren) is again offering its Gift of Energy program this holiday season, which allows individuals to make a payment toward the Vectren energy bill of a friend, family member or neighbor.

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Henry Co. Commissioners Will Consider Statehood Proclamation

The Henry County Commissioners are expected to consider approving a special proclamation at their meeting this evening that designates this Friday as Indiana Statehood Day.

According to the proclamation being considered, Friday marks the 199th anniversary of the day that President James Madison signed the act that admitted Indiana as the nation's 19th state. The Indiana Bicentennial Commission and Association of Indiana Counties are asking each of the state's 92 counties to approve the proclamation as a way to officially mark the kickoff of Indiana's bicentennial.

"The bicentennial is an opportunity for all Hoosiers to reflect on the lessons of the past, consider our place in the present, and lay a path

for future generations to follow," IBC Executive Director Perry Hammock and AIC Executive Director David Bottorff said in a letter sent in October to county officials across the state. "... Our goal is to ensure that all citizens are aware of the bicentennial and have the opportunity to participate in events, projects and activities that will not only commemorate this time, but leave legacies for our children."

The theme of the bicentennial is "Celebrate History, Ignite the Future." According to Hammock and Bottorff, there are more than 600 endorsed Bicentennial Legacy Projects planned across Indiana for 2016.

"(The IBC and AIC) recognize the strength and creativity through-

out Indiana, and encourage your county and the cities and towns within its borders to join with us to make the bicentennial celebration truly memorable for all Hoosiers," Hammock and Bottorff said in their letter.

If approved at tonight's Henry County Commissioners meeting, it is expected that the proclamation will be officially read at noon on Friday, and that a special flag commemorating the bicentennial will be raised in front of the Henry County Courthouse.

Tonight's commissioners meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. It will be held in the old circuit courtroom on the second floor of the Henry County Courthouse, 101 S. Main St., New Castle.

New York Man Jailed After Crash

A man from New York was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated (felony), possession of a controlled substance and causing serious bodily injury, after he was involved in a crash on U.S. 40 Monday night near Knightstown. Around 9:50 p.m. Indiana State Policemen Thomas Ratliff and Jacob Ridgeway responded to the 1100 block of U.S. 40 West, near Knightstown, to assist the Henry County Sheriff's Department with a personal injury crash.

After speaking with the driver of a Ford Ranger pickup involved in the crash, Robert Hicks, 47, of Winfield, N.Y., the troopers noticed impairment. Further investigation found that Hicks was driving under the influence of marijuana when his Ford Ranger truck struck a vehicle, driven by Cara McDowell, 19, address unknown.

McDowell was transported from the scene to Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield with complaints of pain and possible internal injuries, along with her juvenile daughter, who had minor injuries.

Hicks was lodged in the Henry County Jail charged with OWI causing serious bodily injury, a level 6 felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, controlled substance, an "A" misdemeanor and public intoxication with a controlled substance, a "B" misdemeanor.

In addition, Ratliff cited Hicks for going too fast for existing conditions, as the area was experiencing heavy fog with near zero visibility at the time of the collision. The Henry County Sheriff's Department investigated the crash. The Knightstown Police Department and Shirley EMS assisted at the scene, with Shirley EMS transporting the injured.

Henry Co. Historical Society Christmas Event This Sunday

The Henry County Historical Society, 606 S. 14th St., New Castle, will host its Christmas open house on Sunday, Dec. 13, 1-3 p.m. Food and music are in store for

anyone wishing to attend. The event is free and open to the public.

Organizers said the house is decorated for the holidays and ready for visitors.

32nd Annual Santa's Community Store Set for Saturday, Dec. 12

Carthage Community Church is all set to host its 32nd annual Santa's Community Store. The event will take place this Saturday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Carthage Community Center.

Donations of new and gently used clothes, housewares, toys, etc., will be accepted until Friday, Dec. 11, 4-9 p.m. Items may be dropped off at the community center.

For more information, call 565-6721.

Knightstown Parks Board Changes Meeting Earlier

The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board will meet earlier than usual for its December monthly meeting.

The park board is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, in the back meeting room at

Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., which is accessible from the building's west side. The meeting is open to the public.

For much of 2015, the park board met the second or third Wednesday of each month.

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Warm Recollections of France

I wonder how the people whom we encountered in France are doing. Here are some of the stories that are stored in the trunks in the attic of my mind:

Bill's English aunt despised the French. When we visited her several years ago she blamed the Mad Cow Disease on them. "Not content with all they've done to us, now they're trying to poison our bully English beef," she moaned. "And, furthermore, that Chunnel will just allow all the French rats to cross over into jolly old England."

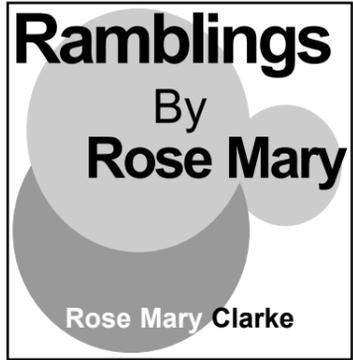
One evening when we were in Paris I said, "I'm going to order steak and French fries." The French deserve that these delectable potatoes that they cook perfectly should be named after them. Bill said, "You won't catch me eating beef here - Mad Cow Disease!"

"Pooh!" I replied. I'll just ask the waiter. I started out: "Cette maladie des vaches - this disease of cows - vous pouvez m'assurer que je ne vais pas l'attraper?" You can assure me that I won't catch it?

The handsome young man rolled his eyes heavenward, hand over his heart as if stricken to the very core of his being. Then he clutched his sides, bent from the waist and laughed merrily at the foolish American lady. "Madame, j'ai une petite fille de trois mois. I

have a little three-month old girl. "Je vous jure sur la tete de ma petite - I swear to you on the head of my little one - that our beef is of the purest and that you will catch no maladie whatsoever from it." I trusted him and ordered a steak. Tant pis! Too bad. It was tough.

When he escorted us to the door and thanked us for our patronage he said, "Remember, Madame, on



my little girl's head I swore."

We had a favorite hotel on the Left Bank. Its bathroom was pristine. One morning, I filled the deep tub for a leisurely soak. Ah! ... Uh-oh .. I had forgotten that their tubs are very narrow at the bottom. I couldn't get a purchase on the slippery tub, and there wasn't room enough for me to turn over onto my knees.

"Help, help, help!" I yelled until Bill opened the door. "I can't get

out of this tub!" He came in and pulled on my arms. No good.

"You'll have to stand in the tub so that you're pulling from the correct angle." He was afraid that he'd slip and become stuck. Finally he put one foot in the tub and pulled me up.

I told the story to the jolly maid who remembered us from former stays. Slapping her thighs, she laughed and laughed. Every day thereafter there was a bath towel spread out on the bottom of the tub to keep Madame from slipping.

We were in Provence with Jean when we asked a waitress to give us wine bottle corks for a friend who made trivets of them. Amused, she'd stop at our table and throw several corks on the table. She also asked the other waitresses to give us corks. After lunch, on our last day in France, I said, "Bonjour, Madame Bouchon!" (Hello Mrs. Cork.) She did a double take, giggled and threw corks onto our table. She was so darling that we said after our meal, "Please accept this special tip because you have made us smile so much." Teary-eyed, she said, "Madame, it is the three of you who have given me great pleasure."

Oh, so many stories: the ticket agent at Cergy-Pontoise railroad station who shut his window and

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

A flurry of Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals soon will give way to unwrapped boxes containing smartphones, tablets and laptops - the holiday haul for many teens, tweens and even toddlers.

The timing means parents must consider how these gadgets will change family dynamics. But a recent study looking at screen time amongst tweens and teens gives parents plenty to consider. Thankfully the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) just released new tips for parents raising "digital natives." At the top of the tips list—this is still parenting, just in a different environment. The rules are the same.

"You are going to set limits, right? You would do that on the playground and you're going to set limits on screens," said Dr. Ari Brown, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics who was involved in drafting the tips. "You want to know who your kid's friends are and who they're going out with, right? So you want to know who your kid's friends are online and where they're hanging out. And it's really simple when you put it in those terms."

Simple, but time consuming. A new report from Common Sense Media finds that teens ages 13-18 use entertainment media an average of nine hours per day. Tweens, those ages 8-12, use an average of six hours a day. That doesn't include time spent using media for school or homework. Researchers say the findings are a wakeup call for parents to have conversations with their children to ensure they lead happy, healthy lives with media.

"It's really an effort to find a balance with it so it doesn't become the first and foremost concern in a child's life," said Crista Sumanik, senior director of communications for Common Sense Media. "To make sure that when media is part of a child's life it's used to maximize its potential for learning and for creating and communicating and not for plugging in and tuning out. That's our real concern."

So what are our children doing on screens? While teen boys are playing an hour of video games and spending nearly that much time on social media each day, their female counterparts are dedicating 90 minutes to social media. Teens spend more time listening to music than tweens, who spend more time than teens watching TV. Both age groups are accessing video and music more frequently from tablets and phones. And both say they watch TV, text, use social media and listen to music while doing homework. That's despite research that shows multitasking inhibits a child's ability to study and learn.

Also on the learning front, the AAP says children younger than two years old learn best from real people. Parents who talk to their young children, whether sitting down with them or chatting while doing something else, are building vocabulary. Reading books to children also builds literacy.

"There is no screen that's going to replace that," Brown said. "We definitely want to prioritize human interactions." She says the AAP's tips give parents ideas they can put into practice immediately. Among the tips:

- *do not focus solely on screen time;
- *focus on content and your children's behaviors while using digital media;
- *have agreements about when and where technology can be used;
- *turn off devices 30 minutes before bed time and charge them in a central location; and
- *take time to unplug and connect as a family.

That connection and communication is key for healthy families and managing the digital divide between children and parents. "You really do have to throw yourself into it, put on your crash helmet and parent," Sumanik said.

Glenn Augustine, Indiana Youth Institute

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Here's Some Gassy Discharge

For me, watching the evening network news is decreasingly an option. During every commercial break, I am inundated with drug advertisements.

That might not seem so bad. They're just pills, right? But, it's the conditions for which those drugs are prescribed that bother me.

Let's face it: if it's time for the evening news (6:30 p.m. usually), it's also supper time.

Supper doesn't go well with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis. Erectile dysfunction doesn't make my food taste better. Hearing those words while I'm eating makes my tastebuds go limp. My food is left dangling while I wait for the description of the side effects to pass. Who wants to fork in a mouthful of baked beans while some smooth-talking celebrity shill whispers in my ear about gassy discharge and loose stool?

I could go on, but I think you get the picture. Ubiquitous pharmaceutical commercials disgust me - and not just because they always seem to appear at dinner time.

I also wonder how all those Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officers feel about the tidal wave of drug advertisements on television. It must be terribly hard to fight the War on Drugs when every other TV commercial offers 30 or 60 seconds of pro-drug banter, whether it's to help us sleep better or control our Type 2 diabetes.

Big Pharma even enlists celebrities to push their dope. They obviously have the money to buy those endorsements. According to the Washington Post, drug companies spent \$4.5 billion advertising in American markets last year. They must've sold a crap-load of

drugs to finance the marketing budget alone.

American consumers are ripe for the picking, after all. We don't like exercise much and we're always hoping a shining capsule in our galaxy of pills will help us avoid the inconvenience of eating right and exercising.

Better living through chemistry? Doubtful. Today's wonder drug may be tomorrow's class action lawsuit. Undoubtedly, some of these medications are very helpful, life-changing substances that genuinely benefit the patient. But, I have to wonder how many of them, after repeated use, lead to other, maybe more serious health problems, which will in turn be treated with yet another pharmaceutical.

America has a drug problem, to be certain. But, one user's problem is typically a dealer's boon. In this case, the dealers are major, multinational corporations - virtually untouchable and unaccountable in our current corporatocracy. In this year third quarter alone, Eli Lilly's gross profits totaled nearly \$4 billion. That's one drug dealer that's not complaining.

Meanwhile, police across the land are fighting and sometimes dying to win the War on Drugs. At the same time, thousands of television, radio and Internet advertisements are daily extolling the virtues of taking drugs. How can kids ever hope to gain a practical understanding of drug abuse in this climate?

Now, as I reach for my bottle of Advil, I want to remind you all how bad drugs are - except when they're not. Then they're sometimes good. It's all part of America's War on Drugs ... which should be renamed The War on Drugs Not Manufactured by Big Pharma.



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stop and visit at the Manger Scene and parents are welcome to take photos of their children at the scene. This is the 15th year the nativity scene has been presented at St. Rose

◆After several years of riding through town visiting local homes on Christmas Eve in a fire truck, **Santa** will need to make a change this year. On Thursday, Dec. 24, from 2-5 p.m., Santa Claus will be at the Knightstown/Wayne Township Fire Dept. for kids and families to visit. Santa and members of the fire department look forward to seeing families and kids at the station during these hours. Knightstown has been very fortunate to have Santa visit before his big night. But, due to his high demand, Santa needs to make a change this year.

◆Knightstown Neighborhood **Crime Watch** will meet Monday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. in the Hoosier Gym meeting rooms on the building's east side. The meeting is open to the public.

◆The **Shirley Volunteer Fire Dept.** is collecting toys for area families this Christmas. The fire department is coordinating with Eastern Hancock schools counselors and Knightstown Cheer Guild. New toys will be delivered in time for Christmas. Donation boxes are located at area businesses including Wilkinson Dollar General, Condo & Son Funeral Home, Star Financial Bank in Shirley and Wilkinson Insurance. For more information, call 765-738-6590.

◆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.nhcpl.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.

◆**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.

◆Carthage Community Church is all set to host its 32nd annual Santa's Community Store. The event will take place this Saturday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Carthage Community Center. Donations of new and gently used clothes, housewares, toys, etc., will be accepted until Friday, Dec. 11, 4-9 p.m. Items may be dropped off at the community center. For more information, call 565-6721.

◆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 busi-

ness 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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Mikey Hall Determined to Make the Most of Army Tank Commander Position

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

Now on his second tour of duty, U.S. Army Sergeant and 2008 Knightstown High School graduate Michael "Mikey" Hall, Jr. only continues to excel in his military service. In fact, his efforts just might have earned him a place among some of America's most distinguished soldiers.

While he's primarily served as a gunner on a tank, he is now an official tank commander.

"I was a tank gunner for a year before I became a tank commander," he said. "Being a tank gunner is one of the biggest thrills. When that 120mm main gun round exits the tank, you can't help but feel pride. My first gunnery as a gunner, I shot top tank in my battalion. That was such an accomplishment as a young sergeant. Now I am a tank commander and have a crew of my own that I am training to be the best."

Hall is now eligible for examination by the board of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club (SAMC), in addition to his promotions. The SAMC is a private U.S. Army organization for enlisted non-commissioned officers. The upcoming examination process will determine whether or not Hall can become a member of the club and receive their formal medallion.

"Audie Murphy is the most decorated war hero. Not only a success in the military, but he had a very successful movie career. The Audie Murphy Club is a group of some of the best leaders in the army. The soldier is recommended by a senior who is an Audie Murphy recipient," said Hall.

Indeed, during World War II Audie Murphy received every military combat award for valor that the U.S. Army possessed, as well as French and Belgian awards for heroism. Murphy even received the Congressional Medal of Honor at age 19, after he single-handedly fought off an entire company of German soldiers. Despite being wounded and low on ammunition, Murphy on that day shot down over

50 men from a mounted .50 cal. machine gun on a burning M10 tank destroyer.

Needless to say, Hall is greatly anticipating his upcoming chance at being inducted into such a prestigious organization.

"When I was told that I will be attending the board, I was nervous but realized that my command team sees a great future and potential in me," he said. "I attend the board in a few months, so it's all studying until then."

Pursuing a career in the army was something that Hall's father, Mike Hall, Sr. of Knightstown, encouraged. One of the main reasons for this was

due to the Hall family's past history of men joining the military.

"I pushed Michael into it, kind of a family tradition," his father said. "I knew he was scared, but it was for the best. Now he knows it was the best decision ever. We are so proud of him. (It's) hard to go from a boy to a man fighting overseas."

Hall's wife of nearly six years, Shayla, is similarly proud of her husband.

"He has had many accomplishments in the army, while being a dedicated husband and father," she said. "All of his hard work and

strength will never go unnoticed. He is courageous and truly cares about all of his fellow soldiers. He's a very determined leader and will always be my hero."

The last time Hall and his family saw each other was at Fort Riley, Kan., between Oct. 8 and 11.

"We told him goodbye before he was shipped overseas for the second time," Hall's father said. "We had a great time."

Shayla Hall remains confident that distance cannot affect the love she and her husband share, despite the times when she fears for him.

"It is true, it gets very hard sometimes and I worry about him every second. What I have to remember is that there will be a homecoming.

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

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

Mon., Dec. 14 - Carthage Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Carthage Town Hall

Mon., Dec. 17 - Knightstown Park Board meeting, 7 p.m., back of utility bldg., 26 S. Washington St.

Mon., Dec. 14 - Eastern Hancock School Corp. board meeting, 7 p.m., administration building

Tues., Dec. 15 - Hancock Co. Commissioners

meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., Dec. 15 - Charles A. Beard Memorial School board meeting, 7 p.m., high school media center

Tues., Dec. 15 - Rush Co. Health Dept. board meeting, 7 p.m., Health Dept. office at courthouse, Rushville

Thurs., Dec. 17 - Henry Co. Planning Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Dec. 17 - Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St.

Thurs., Dec. 17 - Special session, Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7:30 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St. (regarding removal of park board members)

Tues., Dec. 22 - Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., Dec. 23 - Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Rose Mary, from Page 4

came out to shake hands and greet us whenever he saw us because I spoke a little French ... the pharmacist who called a doctor when I was ill and went outside to

show us the way ... It warms my heart to remember them. wclarke@comcast.net

FOLKWAYS

Henry County Library Holiday Events Offer Variety of Fun for Entire Family

Henry County residents are invited to kick off the holiday season with music, reindeer, model trains, and more during the annual Christmas Open House from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, at New Castle-Henry County Public Library.

The area model train club presents a live train display outside the Indiana Room on the upper level of the library and will have trains running throughout the event. The Raintree Children's Choir will perform a Christmas concert at 11 a.m. in the library's auditorium. A "funologist" from Silly Safaris will portray a Sami/Laplender reindeer

herder and introduce the audience to the animals of the arctic circle, including a live reindeer. This program begins at 12 p.m. and includes myths, legends and lore references to reindeer and other cold-weather creatures.

From 1 to 3 p.m. in the Ratcliffe Room on the upper level of the library, James Middleton and friends will play Christmas music as part of a clarinet trio. Cookies will be available in this area while supplies last. The mouse character from the popular book series *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie* will be walking through the library during this time and will be available for

photo opportunities.

The participants in the Nutcracker Ballet Camp will share a preview of their upcoming performance at 1:15 p.m. in the auditorium. Kids in grades 3-6 are invited to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), which will feature fun with candy canes at 2 p.m. in the Children's Library. Teens can help decorate the TeenScape room at 2 p.m.

Find more information about other library activities by visiting www.nchcpl.org or following New Castle-Henry County Public Library on Facebook and Twitter.

Cupp to Perform for Quilters

Common Threads Quilt Guild will feature Shirley's Joan Cupp as their program speaker and musician at the group's annual Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 9:30 a.m. at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church in Mount Comfort. Cupp is an accomplished musician and teacher of keyboard and piano. She has been teaching music for over 60 years. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish for the pitch-in luncheon. Members are also encouraged to bring a donation quilt for the Community East and Community South Hospitals' project for all the patients on Christmas day.

New Hometown Initiatives Announced

Indiana Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann, who also serves as Indiana's secretary of rural development, recently congratulated four newly designated finalists for the Hometown Collaboration Initiative (HCI).

The program is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) in partnership with Ball State University's Center for Community Economic Development, Purdue University's Center for Regional Development and the Purdue Extension.

This initiative is open to self-identified communities of 25,000 or fewer people who want to develop a new generation of local leaders; promote the launch, survival and growth of small businesses and entrepreneurs; or enhance the natural and physical assets of their hometowns. A core principle of HCI is that broad-based input and buy-in is vital to the long-term success and sustainability of all community development initiatives.

Eligible applicants were asked to choose between three building blocks:

***Economy** - Build a supportive community environment for small

businesses and entrepreneurs.

***Leadership** - Prepare the next generation of leaders by equipping them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to make good things happen in their community.

***Placemaking** - Enhance community design and public spaces by building on the community's physical and natural assets.

"We know that our rural communities play a vital role in Indiana's economy, and I commend the finalists for working together to develop a strong local vision for the future," Ellspermann said. "It is through programs, such as HCI, that we are able to foster a culture that supports capacity building, collaborative partnerships, business growth and provides a quality of place where people want to invest, live, work and raise a family."

This year's HCI finalist communities include the city of Auburn, Orange County, Spencer County and Vermillion County

The application consisted of six open-ended questions that demonstrated the community's ability and need to participate in the program as well as identified the current strengths and weaknesses.

Additionally, they were asked to explain why their community was prepared for this program.

After semi-finalists were announced in early November 2015, the HCI team conducted site visits and each of the local communities were able to further elaborate on their need for the program.

A congratulatory video from Ellspermann is available on YouTube.

For more information about the Hometown Collaboration Initiative, contact the regional community liaison with questions and visit OCRA's Hometown Collaboration Initiative webpage.

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs' (OCRA) mission is to work with local, state and national partners to provide resources and technical assistance to assist communities in shaping and achieving their vision for community and economic development.

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Ball Brothers Foundation Boosts Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry Effort

The Ball Brothers Foundation has awarded Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry (HFH) an award of \$2,500 for its "Meat" the Need 2015 program.

The award will help Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry encourage hunters and farmers to donate large game or livestock to a participating butcher to be processed, picked up by local hunger relief agencies and distributed within the county in which it was donated. There is no charge to donors.

This grant will be used to help Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry pay processing fees for approximately 1,900 pounds of donated meat in the counties of Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, and Randolph, which will then be distributed to area hunger relief agencies – providing almost 7,400 meals to residents in need.

To date, the organization has

90 participating meat processors working in 85 counties in Indiana. HFH will be working with the Second Harvest Food Bank, Knightstown Locker, Maddie Moos Custom Meats, Adair Processing, Fisher Packing Co., The Buckstop and Houghs Quality Meats to ensure that residents in need have access to this food.

Approximately one out of every four households within Indiana (that have children) report an inability to be able to afford enough food to feed their family and over 30 percent of Hoosiers regularly have to choose between paying bills or buying food.

Protein, the top nutrient that is vital to brain and body development, is also the hardest commodity for food banks to obtain. Through this effort, HFH's "goal is to provide nutritious meat to hunger relief agencies within

Indiana to help build stronger, healthier communities by helping to meet the basic needs within each community, getting them back on track to hunger-free, independent living. We hope to also improve the general health of individuals/families in need by working to provide them with this nutritious source of protein for a healthier, more balanced diet."

In the last five years, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry have helped to distribute almost 420,000 pounds of meat to Indiana food banks, providing over 1.6 million meals to Hoosiers in need.

For more information on the Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry program, its services and to find participating meat processors in local areas, and how citizens can help, visit www.hoosiersfeedingthehungry.org. For more information on the Ball Brothers Foundation, visit www.ballfoundation.org.

State's Anti-nepotism Statute Upheld

The Indiana Attorney General's Office has successfully defended the state's anti-nepotism statute from a legal challenge.

According to a press release issued last Friday by the office of Attorney General Greg Zoeller, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana granted the state's motion to dismiss a lawsuit challenging the law last week.

Earlier this year, five plaintiffs who held full-time municipal government jobs and also were elected to the city or town councils of those same municipalities had filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the 2012 state statute that, starting next year, prohibits that practice.

Zoeller's office represented Gov. Mike Pence, the Indiana State Board of Accounts and its board members in the lawsuit. The U.S. District Court heard oral arguments in the case Nov. 19, and Judge Philip P. Simon ruled last

Wednesday in favor of the state and against the plaintiffs on all counts.

"As the lawyer for state government, my office defended the policymaking authority of the Legislature to pass this 2012 statute that takes effect in 2016," Zoeller said in the press release. "We respect the plaintiffs' service in their municipal governments; but the Legislature has firmly

drawn the line at serving in no more than one position in a municipality at a time, and the court has upheld that statute. Serving in municipal government is a privilege and should not be primarily about the financial reward; and there are many ways that civic-minded people can serve their communities and neighbors in non-government capacities."

New RCCF Fund Established

Gary, Peggy, Randy, and Matt Davis established a new designated scholarship endowment at the Rush County Community Foundation in memory of their son and brother.

The "Christopher Lee Davis Scholarship Fund" was established to help a graduate of Rushville Consolidated High School earn a college degree. The selection will be based on the applicant attending a trade school or 2 or 4-year university, with preference given to those students pursuing a degree in an automotive program. The student should be working to pay

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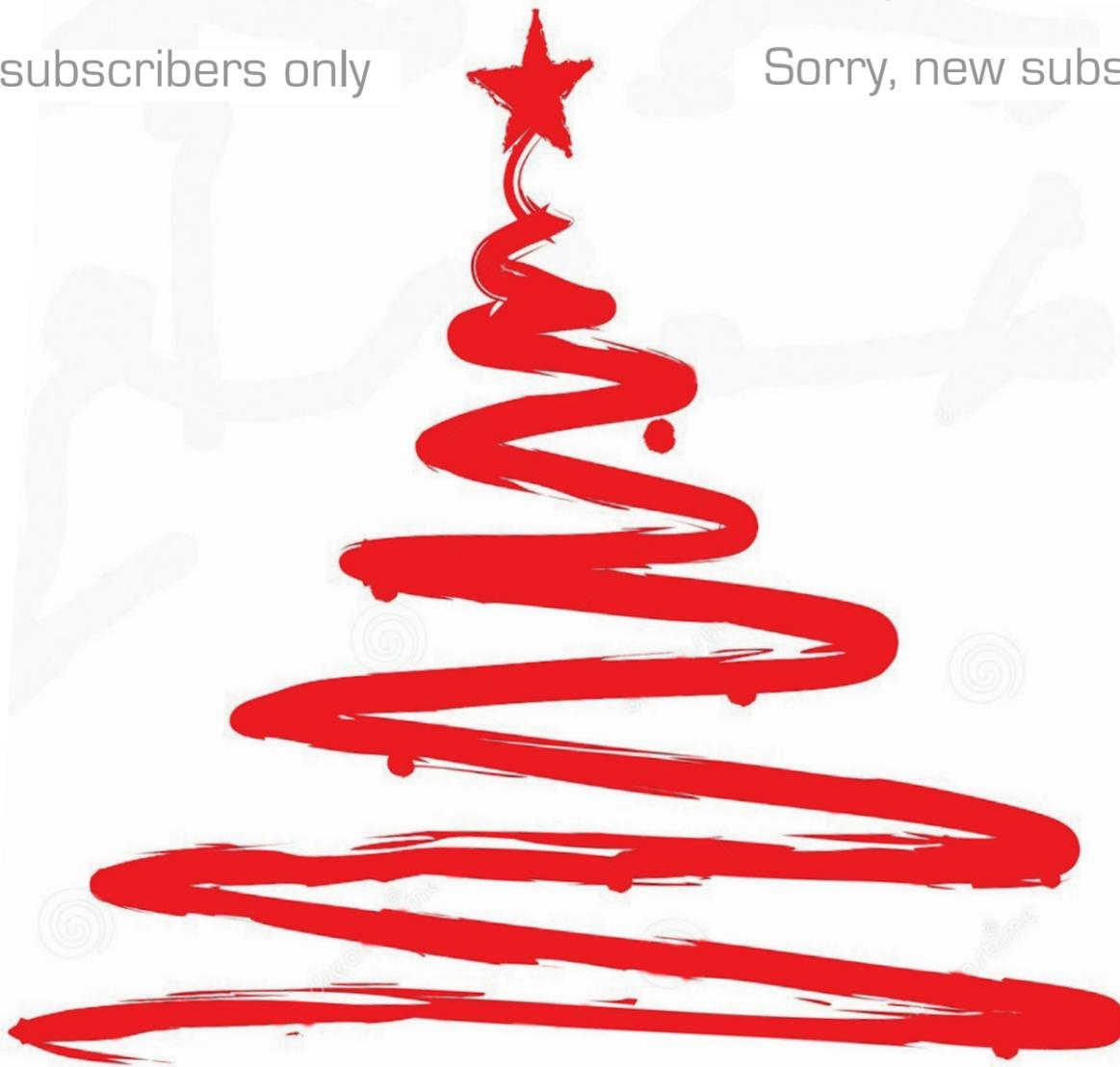
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Park Board Dispute Leads to Public Hearing

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council has scheduled a public hearing for next week in response to charges brought against the president of the town's park board.

Belinda Grigsby, the former president of the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board who abruptly resigned from the board in September, filed the charges and request for hearing with the Knightstown Town Council on Nov. 16. In a one-page letter to the council, the body that appoints the park board's four regular members, Grigsby asks that park board member Bruce Brown, who has since been promoted from vice president to president in the wake of her resignation, be removed.

Grigsby alleges that Brown was verbally abusive and harassed and intimidated her in public, that he did not respond or return phone calls or messages she left for him, and that he was disrespectful to her during meet-

ings. She also claims Brown made "decisions that could possibly lead him to personally profit off of park property" and conducted board business "by phone" when he was acting president earlier this year, but offers no details about these incidents.

"I am asking that Bruce Brown be removed from the board," Grigsby wrote in her letter to the council. "He has served 15 years and perhaps it's time to let someone else have a chance. He has stated himself several times ... that he works two jobs and does not have the time to put into the park."

When she announced her resignation at the town council's Sept. 17 meeting, Grigsby told council members that another member of the park board had been verbally abusive and disrespectful toward her. While she had previously identified this person to The Banner as Brown, she did not name him during that night's council meeting.

Speaking to The Banner a few days after Grigsby resigned, Brown acknowledged he

and Grigsby had some differences of opinion, but he denied being verbally abusive or disrespectful. He also publicly denied her allegations at the park board's Sept. 23 monthly meeting.

"I don't know where they're coming from," Brown said at that night's meeting of Grigsby's allegations. "I have been here 15 years and I've tried to help everyone who came on (the park board)."

In October, Brown was chosen to replace Grigsby as the park board's president through the end of 2015. The park board has not selected anyone to serve as vice president.

Next week's hearing on Grigsby's allegations against Brown will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17 in the town council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St. The hearing will be conducted during that night's regular monthly council meeting, which starts at 7 p.m.

State statute says a park board member "may be removed only for cause, upon specific written charges filed against him," with

a hearing held "by the appointing authority," which, in this case, is the town council. The park board member whose removal is being sought is allowed to present evidence and argument at the hearing and may be represented by legal counsel.

In an interesting twist, Grigsby was one of three people who applied to fill the vacancy on the park board that was left by her resignation. Her bid to rejoin the board was not successful, though, and the town council voted at its Nov. 19 meeting to appoint Republican Ed Johnson to the open seat.

When The Banner spoke with Brown Tuesday morning, he said he had just learned the town council had scheduled a public hearing dealing with "removal of park board members." He said he had received no notification from the town council, Clerk-Treasurer Bart Whitesitt or the town's attorney that he was to be the subject of the hearing or advising him of his right to be present and defend himself.

INDOT Introducing 'Tow Plows' This Year on Local Roads

Motorists in the Pendleton District can expect to see new larger snow plows on certain highways this winter during snow conditions. Motorists on I-69 between S.R. 32 and S.R. 26, and on S.R. 3 between New Castle and Muncie, can expect to see new "Tow Plows" that allows one plow truck to clear two lanes on a highway at the same time.

The tow plow and material spreader are pulled behind and to the side of a standard yellow INDOT plow truck, and can be deployed or retracted using in-cab controls. Drivers should not

attempt to pass a deployed tow plow if all lanes are blocked, but stay a safe distance and speed behind the plows. Road conditions are always better behind a snow plow at work than in front.

Drivers should watch for tow plows on Indiana's multi-lane roads. Except when stocking up on salt or fuel, or when redeployed to other parts of the state as needed, tow plows will be used on these highways in the East Central District:

*Interstate 74 between I-465 and Greensburg

*Interstate 69 between State Road 32 and State Road 26

*State Road 3 between New Castle and Muncie

*U.S. 31 Kokomo freeway

Motorists should be prepared to see Tow Plows during winter weather and practice safe driving habits near all snow plows. Remember, Indiana's Move Over Law applies to Snow Plows, as well as Emergency (police, fire and ambulance) Vehicles and road side service vehicles. Below are some helpful hints for driving around snow plows:

Stay back: Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross lane markings, including the centerline and shoulder. Don't tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of snow coming off the plow.

Slow down: Snowplows travel below the speed limit. Be patient.

They clearing roads of snow and ice and helping to keep you safe. Allow plenty of time. Remember, "Ice and snow, take it slow."

Make room: A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don't always see you. Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops or turns.

Fund, from Page 8

for his/her education.

Chris carried a love of cars and automotive throughout his life. His hobby was also a career, and this scholarship will help students with the same passion.

"I want to thank the Davis family on behalf of the foundation and our board of directors for establishing this scholarship," stated Alisa Winters, foundation executive director. "I've been fortunate to know the Davis family for many years, and I am honored to help them preserve Chris' legacy with the development of this scholarship. I look forward to seeing this fund benefit many students and generations to come."

To make a donation to this fund, donors may send donations to the Rush County Community Foundation, 117 N. Main St., Rushville, IN 46173 with a note indicating the Christopher Lee Davis Scholarship Fund.

Meeting the philanthropic needs of Rush County since 1991, The Rush County Community Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit public charity established to serve donors, award grants and scholarships, and provide leadership to enrich and enhance the quality of life in Rush County. For more information, visit or contact Alisa Winters, executive director, or Terry VanNatta, assistant executive director and chief financial officer, at their office at 117 N. Main St., Rushville, IN 46173, or call them at 765-938-1177.

DNR Offers Camping Gifts

The Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) is again offering camp gift cards.

This card may be used to make advance reservations or walk-in registrations for Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs, and can also be used at Covered Bridge, Deam Lake, Greene-Sullivan and Starve Hollow DNR Forestry properties. The card may be used for family cabins (excluding inns-operated cabins), campsites, cottages, group camps, recreation buildings, rent-a-camp cabins, picnic shelters and youth and rally camps.

Gift cards can be purchased in \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$150 and \$200 increments at any state park property office, by phone at (866) 622-6746, or online at innsgifts.com. Camping reservations are now being accepted for 2016 at 1-866-622-6746 or Camp.IN.gov. Reservations can be made up to six months in advance of a party's desired arrival date.

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K-town Council Approves Claims, But Amounts Omitted

In keeping with its longstanding practice, the Knightstown Town Council's recent vote approving the town's monthly claims was again taken with no public disclosure of how much those claims were.

As The Banner previously reported, the council took no action on the claims at its Nov. 19 monthly meeting. Council President Cort Swincher explained that there had been "an issue" with the claims that Clerk-Treasurer Bart Whitesitt needed to address before the council voted to approve their payment.

During a brief special meeting five days later, Whitesitt said the claim docket presented at the Nov. 19 meeting had been missing some reference numbers related to the claims and checks issued to pay them. With that issue resolved, the council voted to pay the claims, though the totals for the claims paid out of the town's general, water, sewer and electric funds were not revealed, before or after the vote.

The Banner did subsequently obtain a copy of portions of the claim docket from Whitesitt after the meeting that showed the claims the council vote to pay at the Nov. 24 special meeting totaled \$345,123.36. Between the town's four funds, that total breaks down as follows: general (\$126,920.50); water (\$23,899.91); sewer (\$33,825.29); and electric (\$160,477.66).

The town's claim docket and all records documenting expenses paid by the town are public records available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.

Hall, from Page 6

Communication is what matters the most during any deployment," said Shayla. "Sometimes you just have to keep a positive attitude and take it day by day."

Hall, his wife, and their son, Aiden, now live in Manhattan, Kansas. Though currently overseas, Hall is not at liberty to disclose his location.

When asked what might have gotten him recommended for examination by the Audie Murphy Club, Hall's answer was clear and direct.

"What got me recommended was training my soldiers to standard and pushing for excellence," Hall said. "Working above my pay grade and accomplishing the mission with professionalism."

Lawsuit, from Page 1

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 and had formerly housed Hopkins Furniture and, more recently, The Bullet Hole gun shop.

Wainscott 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, attorney Wayne 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 filing his lawsuit, as state statute requires. He also says Wainscott's breach of contract should 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.

Future of Carthage Logs Inaugural Old Fashioned Christmas Event



Ripley Twp. residents gather around the Carthage town Christmas tree Saturday evening. The tree lighting was part of the Future of Carthage group's inaugural event, held in conjunction with Walnut Ridge Friends Meeting's annual Christmas Bazaar. (Photos submitted)



Excitement began to build around 4 p.m. last Saturday in downtown Carthage, as the first annual Christmas in Carthage was about to take place.

The weather was mild as Ripley Twp. citizens began to gather for the inaugural yule festival. The Erceel Bever Jr. Community Center was alive with kids writing letters to Santa, which were deposited in a special mailbox designed to send the letters directly to the North Pole. There was also face-painting and Christmas karaoke that everyone was enjoying.

The Carthage Community Church provided free soups and sandwiches for all.

As the festivities began, emcee Shea Goodpaster played holiday music at Veterans Park and announced it was time for the hayrides to begin to tour around town viewing the Christmas decorations that volunteers had created. The holiday lights home decorating contest winners were Amy and Scott Rawlins. Organizers thanked all who entered the contest.

The Community Christmas Choir began to lead the jolly attendees in carols as children anxiously awaited Santa's arrival. Goodpaster then announced that he had a news flash that Santa was in town.

This year's theme, "An Old Fashioned Carthage Christmas," submitted by long-time resident Sherry Dyer, was selected from about 20 ideas. Dyer and her family pushed the button to light the Veterans

Park Christmas tree, after around 150 spectators counted down from 10. A cheer rose from the crowd when the beautiful blue spruce lit up the downtown area. The tree had been adorned with bows, children's homemade ornaments and several handcrafted ornaments, which were crafted and donated by lifelong resident Bill Gatewood.

Soon after the tree was lit, kids squealed with delight as a firetruck's siren announced Santa's arrival. Shortly thereafter, Santa Claus was sitting in Carthage's decorated gazebo, talking to the kids, who were lined up around the park.

"What a wonderful evening to get the Christmas spirit instilled in the residents of Ripley Township," said one person in attendance.

This festive event was designed by the Future of Carthage organization. However, Future of Carthage volunteers acknowledged a host of other individuals and organizations who helped in one way or another. On that group's thank you list are the Carthage Volunteer Fire Department, Carthage Town Council, Ripley Twp. Trustee, Carthage Lions Club, Carthage Community Church, Carthage Police Department, Future of Carthage volunteers, Ashely and Joshua Davis, Faith and Josh Green, Santa's "elves" and "anyone who performed even the smallest task to help and all who attended to help this small town create a wonderful memory."

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Mounds S.P. Hosting Tree Trimming Event

An evening of tree trimming and holiday delights awaits visitors to Mounds State Park and its historic Bronnenberg Home on Dec. 12. The free event runs from 7 to 9 p.m. The restored home will be open

for tours and outfitted in pioneer-era decorations. Hot cider and cookies will be served. Visitors can string a garland of cranberries and popcorn for the tree, craft rustic ornaments and sing 1800s-era

Christmas carols.

For more information, call 765-649-8128.

Mounds State Park (stateparks.IN.gov/2977.htm) is at 4306 Mounds Road, Anderson, 46017.

State Parks Offering First Day Hikes and Horse Rides

Usher in 2016 with other outdoor lovers at one of the many First Day Hikes, and one First Day Horse Ride, offered Jan. 1 at Indiana's state parks.

First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start 2016 and a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and connect with friends.

Summit Lake State Park, 9 a.m.: Meet at the trail-

head next to the beach parking lot to hike Trail 3 with the property manager.

Mounds State Park, 6 p.m.: The park will offer a 45-minute, half-mile Luminary First Day Hike on an easy, illuminated trail from the nature center to the Great Mound. Hot drinks will be provided.

LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers 1-1 After Loss to Union Co.

Knightstown's varsity boys basketball team fell to Union County 55-62 on the road Dec. 4.

Jackson Edwards led the Panthers in scoring with 21 points but his fellow senior Coleman Wyatt carried the team with this 16 points and nine rebounds.

The Panthers' record is 1-1 as of Dec. 8 with games against Cambridge City Lincoln (2-2) and Indian Creek (3-0) coming up this week.

Knightstown	17	13	8	17	- 55
Union Co.	9	8	24	21	- 62

Knightstown Individual Results

Jackson Edwards - 21 points (one 3-pointer), one rebound, 6 assists, 1 steal
 Coleman Wyatt - 16 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
 Drake Peggs - 6 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 3 assists, 1 steal
 Riley Ruble - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 1 block
 Dylan Hiner - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 1 assist
 Jake Bearhope - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 5 assists
 Jarrett Weidner - 2 points, 1 rebound

KHS Girls Teams Split with Edinburgh

Knightstown's varsity girls basketball team fought to the end but before ultimately losing to Edinburgh at home by just one point, 41-42.

The loss dropped the Lady Panthers to 1-6 on the year.

Brooke Vise led KHS with 19 points and seven rebounds. Lacy Thomas hit three 3-pointers and two free throws to add 11 to the effort.

Edinburgh	8	14	10	10	- 42
Knightstown	5	8	9	19	- 40

Knightstown Individual Results

Brooke Vise - 19 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals, 1 shot deflected
 Lacy Thomas - 11 points (three 3-pointers), 1 assist, 2 steals
 Hannah Thomas - 6 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 shots deflected
 Lori Thomas - 2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
 Jordan Ventresco - 2 points, 1

assist, 1 steal, 3 shots deflected
 Carmen Cleek - 1 point, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected
 Rachel Dickerson - 2 rebounds

The KHS junior varsity girls also got off to a better start and held on for a 42-36 win over the Lady Lancers.

Three Lady Panthers finished in double figures including Jessica Butler with 15, Dharma Holder with 12 points and Kaitlyn Jackson with 11. The three girls also combined for 20 rebounds.

Edinburgh JV	5	6	11	14	- 36
K-town JV	6	11	11	14	- 42

K-town JV Individual Results

Jessica Butler - 15 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected, 1 charge taken
 Dharma Holder - 12 points, 9 rebounds
 Kaitlyn Jackson - 11 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 3

assists, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected
 Maggie Smith - 3 assists, 1 shot deflected
 Sidney Vise - 2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists
 Allyson Hauk - 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist
 Elizabeth Moore - 1 rebound, 1 assist
 Kindra Stidham - 1 rebound
 Rachel Dickerson - 1 steal

Royal Wrestlers Top Lapel 46-27

Eastern Hancock's varsity wrestling team defeated Lapel 46-27 at home Dec. 2.

Seven Royals were 1-0, winning their matches by pin. They included Austin Henderson (126-lbs.), Gabe Blake (138-lbs.), Brandon Francis (160-lbs.), Devyn Brinson (170-lbs.), Dakota Myers (182-lbs.), Colby Hunt (195-lbs.) and Josh Robinson (285-lbs.).

Jared Waterman (152-lbs.): was also 1-0, with a win by decision.

Jack Smith (113-lbs.), Jordyn Wills (132-lbs.) and Jayson Bowers (145-lbs.) lost their matches by decision.

Caleb Giddings (120-lbs.) and Wesley Myers (220-lbs.) were defeated by pin.

Peggs, Edwards, Moore Lead Lady Titans; Varsity Moves to 9-1 with Wins Over Liberty Christian, Lincoln, Cowan

Tri's varsity girls basketball team continued their winning streak with three wins this past week.

The Lady Titans defeated Liberty Christian 58-27 Nov. 30, edged out Cambridge City Lincoln 47-38 Dec. 1 and beat Cowan on the road 58-22 Dec 5.

The recent victories improved Tri's season record to 9-1.

LCHS	4	3	14	6	- 27
Tri	13	18	12	15	- 58

Tri Individual Results

Mackenzie Peggs - 12 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
 Addy Edwards - 11 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
 Mara Biehl - 11 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block
 Karlee Winkhart - 8 points (two 3-pointers), 3 steals
 Payton Moore - 6 points, 6

rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals
 Cayla Johnson - 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist
 Kylie Dishman - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals
 Kennsington Appleby - 2 points, 2 assists, 2 steals
 Ella Chew - 1 rebound, 1 steal
 Breanna Reece - 1 rebound, 1 assist

Lincoln	10	11	10	7	- 38
Tri	11	6	20	10	- 47

Tri Individual Results

Addy Edwards - 12 points (four 3-pointers), 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
 Cayla Johnson - 9 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 blocks
 Kylie Dishman - 8 points (two 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 4 assists
 Karlee Winkhart - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 1 assist
 Payton Moore - 4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals

Mackenzie Peggs - 3 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
 Kennsington Appleby - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals
 Mara Biehl - 3 points, 5 rebounds

Tri	16	14	17	11	- 58
Cowan	4	1	9	8	- 22

Tri Individual Results

Payton Moore - 11 points, 12 rebounds, 1 steal
 Mackenzie Peggs - 12 points (two 3-pointers), 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 block
 Cayla Johnson - 9 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist
 Mara Biehl - 7 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block
 Addy Edwards - 7 points (two 3-pointers), 7 rebounds, 1 assist
 Karlee Winkhart - 6 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 1 assist
 Kennsington Appleby - 6

points, 1 rebound
 Kylie Dishman - 4 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals
 Ella Chew - 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
 Breanna Reece - 2 rebounds, 1 assist
 Lauren Bouslog - 1 rebound

Eastern Hancock Varsity Boys Lose Two Straight

Eastern Hancock varsity boys basketball team suffered two losses in two days on the road last week, falling to Southwestern 67-52 and to Indianapolis Howe 87-53.

E. Hancock	12	14	10	16	- 52
Southwestern	16	16	8	27	- 67

E. Hancock Individual Results

Addison True - 16 points (three 3-pointer), 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals, 2 shots deflected
 Duncan Cherry - 10 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 block
 A.J. Muegge - 8 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected
 Tyler Blattner - 7 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 shots deflected
 Tom Barton - 7 points (one 3-

pointer), 2 rebounds
 Ryan Speas - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
 Jordan Stillinger - 1 point
 Tyler Castle - 2 rebounds
 Jarett Lewis - 1 assist, 1 shot deflected
 Jacob Eischen - 1 assist

E. Hancock	8	12	12	21	- 53
Howe	24	16	26	21	- 87

E. Hancock Individual Results

Addison True - 18 points (two 3-pointers), 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 4 shots deflected
 Ryan Speas - 12 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
 Duncan Cherry - 8 points, 7 rebounds
 Jacob Eischen - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected
 Tyler Blattner - 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
 A.J. Muegge - 4 points, 2 assists
 Tom Barton - 2 points, 4 rebounds
 Jarett Lewis - 1 rebound, 1 steal
 Jordan Stillinger - 1 rebound

Lady Royals Suffer First Loss, Bounce Back with Two Wins on the Road

Eastern Hancock varsity girls basketball team suffered its first loss of the season Nov. 28 at home against Indian Creek. The 52-64 loss to the Lady Braves moved the Lady Royals season record to 5-1.

But Dec. 1, the Lady Royals bounced back with a 51-40 win at South Decatur and a 48-29 victory Dec. 4 at Shenandoah.

Indian Creek	14	17	15	18	- 64
E. Hancock	10	18	19	5	- 52

E. Hancock Individual Results

Emiley Carlton - 15 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals
 Hope Spaulding - 11 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 3 assists, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected

Haley Best - 9 points (three 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 5 assists
 Kaysi Gilbert - 8 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 1 assist
 Leah Ferguson - 5 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist
 Shelby King - 2 points, 1 assist
 Liberty Durham - 2 points, 1 assist
 Megan Mench - 1 rebound
 Peyton West - 1 rebound

E. Hancock	11	11	18	11	- 51
S. Decatur	4	12	15	9	- 40

E. Hancock Individual Results

Hope Spaulding - 11 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals, 1 shot deflected
 Emiley Carlton - 9 points, 4 rebounds, 6 steals, 1 shot deflected
 Liberty Durham - 9 points, 3

rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
 Haley Best - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 1 steal
 Peyton West - 6 points, 5 rebounds, 6 steals, 1 shot deflected
 Leah Ferguson - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block, 3 shots deflected
 Megan Mench - 2 points
 Kaysi Gilbert - 1 point, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected

E. Hancock	6	18	13	11	- 48
Shenandoah	12	0	6	11	- 29

E. Hancock Individual Results

Emiley Carlton - 15 points (one 3-pointer), 6 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block
 Leah Ferguson - 8 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 blocks
 Hope Spaulding - 7 points (one

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3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 block, 2 shots deflected
 Kaysi Gilbert - 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal
 Jenna Smith - 5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 block, 1 shot deflected
 Megan Mench - 4 points, 1 rebound
 Haley Best - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 3 assists, 2 steals
 Peyton West - 2 rebounds, 2 assists
 Morgan Collins - 1 rebound
 Micah Black - 1 rebound
 Liberty Durham - 1 rebound
 Bailey Allen - 2 assists

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LOCAL SPORTS

Area High School Sports Schedule for Dec. 9-16

Boys Basketball - Varsity & JV

- ◆ Dec. 11 - Knightstown at home vs. Cambridge City, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 11 - Tri at home vs. Shenandoah, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 11 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Northeastern, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 12 - Knightstown at home vs. Indian Creek, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 12 - Tri at home vs. Union, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball - C Team

- ◆ Dec. 9 - Eastern Hancock away at Wes-Del, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 15 - Eastern Hancock away at Waldron, 6 p.m.

Girls Basketball - Varsity & JV

- ◆ Dec. 9 - Tri away at Randolph Southern, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 10 - Knightstown away at Blue River Valley, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 10 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Indianapolis

- Howe, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 11 - Tri at home vs. Shenandoah, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 12 - Knightstown at home vs. Hauser, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 15 - Eastern Hancock away at Lapel, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 16 - Tri away at Union County, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

- ◆ Dec. 9 - Tri away at Monroe Central, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 12 - Knightstown hosting Panther Invite, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Dec. 12 - Tri away at Union City Super 6, 9 a.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. 12 - Eastern Hancock co-ed hosting Eastern Hancock Invitational, 9 a.m.

Royals Hosting 'Taste of Pride'

Eastern Hancock High School is hosting the second annual "Taste of Pride" before and during the girls and boys varsity basketball games Dec. 18 against Knightstown.

The "Taste of Pride" is an indoor tailgate party for fans of both the Royals and the Panthers.

Multiple food booths will be selling walking tacos, nachos supreme, chicken and noodles, pork burgers, cupcakes, cookies, chex mix, cotton candy, brownies, drinks and more.

Handmade barn quilts will be displayed and a silent auction will also take place.

Supplies are limited. Fans are encouraged to arrive early to share their school pride.

JV Lady Titans Girls Fall to New Castle, Winchester

The Lady Titans junior varsity basketball team fell 19-41 to New Castle Nov. 17 and 26-38 to Winchester Nov. 20.

Tri JV	2	0	6	11	- 19
New Castle	13	2	9	17	- 41

Tri JV Individual Results

- Kaley Harrison - 6 points, 1 rebound
- Auburn Harvey - 6 points, 1 rebound
- Breanna Reece - 3 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
- Lauren Bouslog - 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
- Molly West - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist
- Kaitlyn Johnson - 1 rebound

Ella Chew - 1 assist

Winchester	12	8	10	8	- 19
Tri JV	5	7	2	12	- 41

Tri JV Individual Results

- Auburn Harvey - 14 points (two 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 1 steal
- Breanna Reece - 5 rebounds, 1 assist
- Kaley Harrison - 4 points, 2 rebounds
- Lauren Bouslog - 4 points, 1 rebound, 3 steals
- Madeline Hoover - 2 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal
- Molly West - 2 points, 4 rebounds
- Kaitlyn Johnson - 2 rebounds

Record Book on World War II H.S. Basketball Now Available

"Indiana High School Basketball History; Team Rosters and Season Recaps for the World War II years 1941-42 through 1944-45" has been developed and organized to offer readers an inside look at historical Indiana basketball records related to a specific era, the WW II years. This period was the precursor to what is now popularly referred to as Indiana's golden age of basketball. The author is Cliff

Johnson, Boxscore Editor.

The content of this 852-page book consists of (1) an alphabetized listing of all schools entering the state tournament during WW II; (2) an alphabetically organized data block and team roster (the main work) for each of those schools; (3) a running account of all AP poll rankings during each season; and (4) an independent tabulation of all state tournament results for each

WW II season, from the sectionals through the finals.

The book price is \$48 plus shipping and handling, and can be ordered from Rowland Press at 199 N. 9th St., Noblesville, IN 46060, phone (317) 773-1829, or the Indiana Basketball Hall Of Fame, One HOF Court, New Castle, IN 47362, phone (765) 529-1891. It may also be available at various bookstores, at moderate mark-ups.

CAB Expected to Extend Deadline

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

With no eligible applicants to interview last night, the special meeting the Charles A. Beard School had scheduled to conduct interviews for the vacancy was expected to be brief.

Superintendent Jed Behny told The Banner Tuesday morning that only one application had been received for the seat recently vacated by Don Scheumann, who abruptly resigned near the end of the board's Nov. 17 monthly meeting. That applicant, however, Craig Bailey, a teacher for New Castle Community School Corp., turned out to be ineligible.

State statute requires school board members to have been residents of the school district, and residents of the area represented by their board seat, for at least one year. Behny said Bailey missed the one-year residency requirement by two months.

While he said only having a single applicant was a "significant concern" to him, Behny said there may have been others who were interested, but didn't apply because they knew Bailey had applied. He said he planned to recommend the school board act at last night's meeting to extend the application deadline until at least Monday, Dec. 14, to give others a chance to

apply.

The board seat to be filled is one of two on the seven-member board that are reserved for residents of Rush County's Ripley Township. Eligible applicants must be at least 21 and be registered voters in the CAB district; CAB employees are prohibited from serving on the school board, as are persons who have been convicted of committing certain crimes that, by state statute, make them ineligible to hold office.

Persons applying for the vacancy should hand deliver or mail a letter of interest and any supporting documentation to the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp., c/o the Board of Trustees, 8139 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, IN 46148.

Because last night's board meeting was held after the news deadline for this week's issue, persons interested in applying for this vacant seat are urged to contact CAB's central office at 345-5101 to verify whether the application deadline was extended until Monday, as Behny had planned to recommend to the board.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Charles A. Beard School Board is Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the media center at Knightstown High School, 8149 U.S. Hwy. 40. The meeting is open to the public.

Panther Zach Fields, Royals Matt Bowman and Clayton Brumfield Named to All-State Football Teams

Congratulations goes out to Zach Fields making the IFCA 1A All-State Team as Linebacker! The IFCA released the All-State Teams last night.

Knightstown senior Zach Fields was named to the All-State Football class 1A team as a linebacker this week by the Indiana Football Coaches Association.

Fields was on the Panther varsity team for three years. In that time, he rushed for 1367 yards on 217 carries with 14 rushing touchdowns.

Fields caught 21 passes during his high school career for 250 yards and two touchdowns.

On the defensive side, Fields made 384 total tackles, three quarterback sacks and one interception. He recovered one fumble and caused another.

Fields also punted for the Panthers 21 times for 665 total yards, averaging 31.7 yards. He returned three kickoffs for 56 yards.

Eastern Hancock seniors Matt Bowman and Clayton Brumfield were named to the All-State Football class 2A team this week by the Indiana Football Coaches Association.

Bowman is on the team as a wide receiver and Brumfield as a defensive back.

During his high school career, Bowman rushed for 726 yards on 138 carries for 13 touchdowns.

Bowman added 600 yards on 34 receptions for five touchdowns in his three years on the Royal's varsity team.

Brumfield made 94 tackles in his career at Eastern Hancock. He intercepted 10 passes for 94 total yards and deflected 28 passes. He caused one fumble and recovered another.

Brumfield also caught four receptions for 76 yards and one touchdown.

Southwestern Defeats Eastern Hancock JV Boys

Eastern Hancock's junior varsity boys basketball team was defeated on the road Dec. 4 by Southwestern. The JV Panthers stayed close throughout the game but was unable to pull out the win, ultimately falling 45-50.

E. Hancock JV	10	15	9	11	- 45
Southwestern	9	16	12	13	- 50

Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results

- Brycen Napier - 22 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, 4 shots deflected
- Tyler Castle - 9 points (three 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected
- Nathan Mosher - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected
- Peyton Gray - 4 points, 3 rebounds
- Jake Hancock - 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected
- Skyler Schrope - 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 shot deflected
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Eastern Hancock JV Girls Lose One Game, Win Two

The Lady Royals junior varsity girls basketball team suffered the same fate as the varsity in recent days.

The JV team lost to Indian Creek 30-47 Nov. 28 but won their next to games. They defeated South Decatur 39-31 on Dec. 1 and thumped Shenandoah 42-25 Dec. 4.

Indian Creek	14	13	5	15	- 47
E. Hancock	13	2	7	8	- 30

E. Hancock JV Individual Results

Jenna Smith - 10 points, 9 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 block
Morgan Collins - 8 points, 3 rebounds, 1 shot deflected
Megan Bever - 6 points, 1 rebounds, 4 steals
Faithe Webster - 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Liberty Durham - 2 points, 5 rebounds
Kayla Fancher - 2 rebounds, 1 steal
Micah Black - 1 point, 4 rebounds, 2 steals

E. Hancock	17	6	7	9	- 39
S. Decatur	6	10	8	7	- 31

E. Hancock JV Individual Results

Jenna Smith - 9 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal
Morgan Collins - 8 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals
Kayla Fancher - 7 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals
Micah Black - 6 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals
Faithe Webster - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 3 steals
Megan Bever - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 5 steals
Liberty Durham - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist
Madison Clutinger - 2 rebounds

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E. Hancock	13	8	13	8	- 42
Shenandoah	1	4	8	12	- 25

E. Hancock JV Individual Results

Faithe Webster - 8 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected
Morgan Collins - 6 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals
Jenna Smith - 6 points, 5 rebounds
Liberty Durham - 6 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 3 steals, 1 block
Madison Clutinger - 4 points, 6 rebounds
Micah Black - 4 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals, 1 block
Kayla Fancher - 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal

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