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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!

Park Board Members Approve Modest Perk

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Members of the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board voted Monday evening to approve free rental of the shelter house at Sunset Park as an annual perk for themselves.

During a discussion about rental of the shelter house, Suzy Neal, an ex officio member of the park board appointed by the Charles A. Beard School Board, mentioned that park board members get free shelter house rental as a "perk." Neal, who joined the board in January, said she couldn't recall who had told her about this, but said it may have been former Board President Randy Riggs, who stepped down earlier this year.

Park Board President Bruce Brown said the policy of allowing board members one free rental of the shelter house each year had "always been in place" during the 15-plus years he has been on the park board. Unable to say exactly when, if at all, this perk had first been OK'd, Brown told board members at Monday's regular monthly meeting that they could vote on a motion that night approving it.

Neal made a motion that board members be permitted to use the park shelter house, when not otherwise rented, up to twice each year without having to pay the normal \$96.30 rental fee and refundable \$75 damage deposit. Board member Kevin Richey said he thought that some employees of the town had also been taking advantage of free rental of the shelter house and suggested the park board look into that.

Ed Johnson, the park board's newest member, agreed that there should be clarification of whether the free shelter house rental perk applies only to park board members or whether town employees are also covered. Neal clarified that

her motion was to authorize free rental of the shelter house only for members of the park board, who receive no other compensation for their service on the board.

Board member Ashley Lapham seconded Neal's motion and it passed 4-1. Richey cast the lone dissenting vote.

Apparently, what Brown had described as a long-standing perk for members of the park board was not something that was known to all board members. Former board member and board president Belinda Grigsby, who was appointed in January and resigned in September, said during the public comments portion of Monday's meeting that she had never been told board members got to use the shelter house at no charge. Board members Lapham and Richey also said that, before Monday's meeting, they also had not been aware of this perk.

In related business, the park board spent part of Monday's meeting trying to decipher information regarding refunds of shelter house rental deposits that was on financial reports provided by the town's clerk-treasurer, Bart Whitesitt. Acting on a motion made and seconded, respectively, by Neal and Johnson, the board voted unanimously to have Greg Bryze, who does cleaning at the park, provide a monthly update on shelter house rentals as part of his cleaning report.

Later in the meeting, during his cleaning report, Bryze told board members the shelter house had been rented 16 times in November and was on track to be rented 13 times this month. He said it was reserved Thursday through Sunday of Christmas week.

Board members also devoted a portion of Monday's meeting to going over several items with Dave Huffman, the park's handyman.

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CAB May Have Found New School Board Member

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Last week, when they met to interview applicants for a vacant board seat, the other six members of the Charles A. Beard School Board had no eligible candidates to consider.

One person, Craig Bailey, a teacher for New Castle Community School Corp., had applied for the position, one of two seats on the school board reserved for residents of Rush County's Ripley Township. Bailey, however, 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. Superintendent Jed Behny told The Banner last week that Bailey missed the one-year residency requirement by two months.

Acting on a recommendation from Superintendent Jed Behny, the board voted at its Dec. 8 special meeting to extend the application deadline to Monday, Dec. 14, at noon. Behny told The Banner on Monday afternoon that there was again just one applicant.

Ripley Township resident Graham Richardson has applied for the seat recently vacated by Don Scheumann, who abruptly resigned near the end of the board's Nov. 17 monthly meeting. Elected in the fall of 2012, Scheumann, a former longtime CAB administrator, took office in 2013 and his four-year term was scheduled to run through the end of next year.

State statute gives the CAB School Board 30 days to select someone to finish out Scheumann's term. Should the school board fail to do that, the responsibility for filling the vacant seat would then shift to the Henry Circuit Court.

Board members were expected to interview Richardson during a special meeting last night that preceded the board's regular monthly meeting. Because both those meetings were held after the news deadline for this week's issue, readers should check The Banner's Facebook page for an update on this story.

Public Hearing Thursday

A public hearing on charges brought by a former member of the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board against the board's current president is set for Thursday evening.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., during the Knightstown Town Council's regular monthly meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. The council meeting and hearing are both open to the public and will be held in the council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St.

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 asked that park board member Bruce Brown, who has since been promoted from vice president to president in the wake of her resignation, be removed.

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OBITUARIES

Dewey Wyatt
August 1, 1925 - December 11, 2015



Dewey Wyatt, 90, of Knightstown, passed away Friday evening, Dec. 11, 2015, at Golden Living Center Brandywine in Greenfield. He was born Aug. 1, 1925, in Rowan Co., Ky., the son of the late Fred and Goldia Wyatt. Dewey worked at Goodwin's Auto in Knightstown for 30 years, Wyatt's Carpet & Furniture and was employed with Muncie Construction for 10 years. Survivors include his wife, Amelia Wyatt of Knightstown; a daughter, Natalie Beckler of Knightstown; two grandchildren, Tommy Beckler and Audrey Warren; three sisters, Lorna Young, Rebecca Hawkins and Sharon Waggoner; and two brothers, Theron Wyatt and James Wyatt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Elaine Rinehart and Alice Lee; and six brothers, Junior Leon Wyatt, Dillard C. Wyatt, Victor Wyatt, Eugene Wyatt, Kenneth Wyatt and Ivan Wyatt. Funeral service will be held Thursday, Dec. 17, at 10:30 a.m. at Condo and Son Funeral Home in Wilkinson with Tim Basford officiating. Burial will follow at Glen Cove cemetery in Knightstown. Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 4-8 p.m. Online condolences can be made at www.condoandson.com

Deanna Sue (Carroll) Whitaker
September 20, 1945 - December 10, 2015



Deanna Sue (Carroll) Whitaker, age 70, of Greenfield, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015, at Springhurst Health Campus. She was born on Sept. 20, 1945, in New Castle as the daughter of Edward P. and Maxine J. (Stephens) Carroll. She graduated from Carthage High School in 1963. Deanna married Thomas F. Whitaker on April 19, 1969, in Mohawk. She worked as a beautician for 35 years in the Greenfield area. She most recently worked for the Greenfield school corporation for 15 years before retiring in 2010. Deanna was a member of Carthage First Christian Church, Tri Kappa, Kiwanis Club and the Mother's Group with the Hancock County Boys Club. She also volunteered for the Hancock Regional Hospital and Greenfield schools. Deanna is survived by her son, Bill E. (Ashley) Whitaker of Lockport, Ill; two brothers, Jim E. (Linda) Carroll of Austin, Texas, and Pat Carroll of Bloomington; two granddaughters, Brianna and Francesca; and two nieces, Janet and Christine.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Maxine Carroll; and her husband, Tom Whitaker. Visitation was Dec. 11 at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Greenfield. A funeral service was held Dec. 12 at the mortuary. Pastor Perry Meade officiated. Burial took place at Mendon Cemetery in Pendleton. Memorial contributions may be sent directly to Peyton's Promise, Inc., 216 Lake View Drive, Greenfield, IN 46140 or envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or send a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com or e-mail condolences to sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com.

Harry Bever
May 15, 1923 - December 10, 2015



Harry Bever, 92, of Knightstown passed away Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015, at his residence after a lengthy illness. He was born May 15, 1923, in Rush County to Ivan Lycurgus and Lillian Maurine (Houchins) Bever. A lifelong farmer in Henry and Rush counties, he was previously employed at Dayton Air Force Base. He was a member of the Rushville Masonic Lodge and Knightstown Lions Club. He was a member of Knightstown Christian Church, where he formerly served as an elder and a deacon. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed welding and carpentry. He enjoyed spending winters in Florida.

Survivors include three children, Sharon Muncy of Knightstown, Larry (Debbie) Bever of Spiceland and Nina Wolfe of Knightstown; seven grandchildren, Brett Muncy and J.B. Muncy, Dawneil Hall, Jason Bever, Chad Bever, John Hinton and Joe Hinton; and 19 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred M. (Meyer) Bever, on April 3, 2003; and a sister, Eloise Gilmore.

Funeral services were Dec. 14 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Rev. David Bonne officiating. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown. Visitation was Dec. 13 at the chapel, along with the Masonic service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Arthritis Foundation or American Cancer Society, 5250 Vogel Rd, Suite A, Evansville, IN 47715-7814. Online condolences and memories of Harry may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Danielson Estate Leaves \$100k to IU East

Indiana University East received a \$100,000 gift from the estate of Donald C. "Danny" and Patty Danielson on December 8 to the Danielson Learning Center in New Castle, Ind. The gift was presented by the Danielson's daughter, Susie Danielson Anderson, on behalf of her sisters, Mary Johnson and Amy Thompson. Anderson was accompanied by her husband, Duane Anderson, while she presented the gift to IU East Chancellor Kathryn Cruz-Urbe. "It is with great joy that my sisters and I present this gift of \$100,000 to the Indiana University Foundation for the benefit of the IU East Danielson Center as directed from the estate of our father and mother. Our hope, and theirs, is that it will result in much good to others and thanksgiving to God," Anderson said. Anderson said her parents' faith was a very strong element behind the gift to continue to support Henry County and higher education for its residents through the IU East Danielson Learning Center. "My parents believed that God was the giver of all that they had and they wanted to give back," Anderson said. "My father really

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OBITUARIES

Barry L. Carter
October 21, 1943 - December 11, 2015

Barry L. Carter, 72, of Knightstown, passed away Friday, Dec. 11, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born Oct. 21, 1943, in Indianapolis, the son of Earl Carter and Josephine (Dennis) Carter-Spitler. He married Barbara J. Davis on Feb. 10, 1968, and she survives.

Barry is also survived by his daughter, Leslie Higer and husband, Matthew, of Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; a son, Bradley Carter and wife, Jennifer, of Knightstown; a sister, Susan Thompson and husband, Tom, of Carmel; a brother, Dennis Carter and wife, Barbara, of Cicero; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Barry graduated from Knightstown High School in 1961. He received his bachelor's degree in management and finance from Indiana University-Richmond.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during Vietnam.

Barry and his wife, owned and operated the Knightstown Antique Mall for 23 years, retiring in 2010.

He was a member and past commander of American Legion Post 152, where he also served on the Honor Guard. They will be performing military honors.

Barry loved MG's and he was a member of several MG organizations. He was the promoter for Indy Toy Soldier show for 27 years. He was very civic minded and served on many community and municipal boards.

Barry was a world traveler and avid historian.

Private family services will be observed.

Services entrusted to Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, 819 S. Harrison St. in Shelbyville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Henry County Community Foundation, 700 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle, IN 47362.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.freemanfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

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believed in education as being a great conduit for people to improve their lives."

Throughout their lives, the Danielsons were actively involved in projects that supported the Henry County community and Indiana University. Through their leadership and philanthropic support, the couple was a driving force in the creation of IU East's Danielson Center in 1999. They were also instrumental in establishing the Henry County Community Foundation, the Henry County YMCA and building the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame which is located in New Castle, Ind.

"Danny and Patty truly led by example and have left a lasting legacy on this community and on IU East. Their philanthropy will continue to improve the lives of others for many years. They are certainly an inspiration that we can all look to as an example of community altruism and leadership," said Cruz-Urbe.

During Tuesday's presentation, Anderson also presented checks to the Henry County Community Foundation, the Henry County YMCA and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Danny Danielson passed away in May 2015. Patty Danielson passed away in December 2013.

Indiana State Police Offering Active Shooter Training Program

In today's world, recent events have shown us that trouble can strike in the blink of an eye and at any location. One of those events is the far too frequent active shooter. For the last few years, the Indiana State Police has been providing training and information to Indiana schools to educate students and staff on the options they have during an armed intruder assault.

During the last few months, ISP

has updated and evolved the training program. The program, Unarmed Response to Active Shooter Events, now includes specific information aimed at educating individuals and businesses to better prepare them for an active shooter event. Presentation materials and learning aids, as well as videos, have been specifically developed for corporate

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Memories of Notre Dame Cathedral

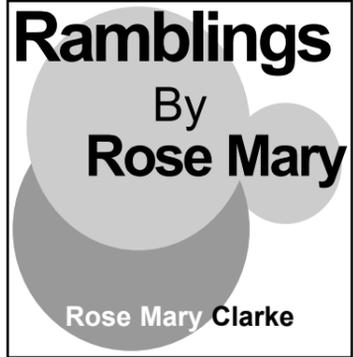
Paris has many wonderful neighborhoods such as Monparnasse on the Left Bank and Monmartre and the Champs Elysée on the Right Bank. We like the Left Bank across the Seine and a short walk from Notre-Dame de Paris. Notre-Dame was built on a little island, the Ile de la Cité. Construction started around 1160 and took nearly 200 years to complete. The result was one of the most glorious pieces of architecture in the world.

Bill and I never tire of drinking in the beauty of the great cathedral, and we find ourselves gravitating to its neighborhood. One of my fondest memories is when we lunched on salmon and delicious wine on a boat docked down on the Seine below it. One time we went to its huge plaza on the night of the Summer Solstice. We were probably the oldest people there. Oh my goodness! The place was packed with young people jumping and leaping to the beat of African drums. My mother would have called them "hopdoodles." I found myself wishing that I were a young hopdoodle.

Notre-Dame is lovely at any time of the year. We've been in Paris more than once during November. The weather being similar to that of Indiana, we bundle up in heavy coats and warm hats to stroll through the streets. We were

in Paris in late November and early December with our dear friend, Phyllis Otto. Phyllis and I took a bateau mouche and saw a different view of the cathedral. Foolishly we insisted on sitting outside and froze our butts!

During our rambles near Notre-Dame, I found a shop that had Santons to add to my collection. The Santons - little saints - are



crafted in Provence. The charming, three-inch-tall terra cotta figures represent villagers who are bearing gifts for the Christ child and are made according to rigid rules that date from the late 1700s. Some of them are Gypsies with darker skins.

I cannot bear to pack them away, so they sit on Granny's sewing table. I have a shepherd, sheep, a tramp with a bundle on a stick, a baker carrying a loaf of

bread, an old man in a windblown cape, a woman who is carrying a bundle of faggots along with her donkey that is loaded with faggots, and several others. My favorite is an old woman who is knitting a tiny sock. Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus are housed in a Provencal-style stable and a dovecote that Vicki made for me out of Insty Clay.

The three wise men are there, but I'm lacking a camel. I bought two hens and a rooster at the shop. The young clerk said, "Madame, ne-désirez-vous pas un autre coq?" (Don't you want another rooster?) "Non, Mademoiselle." "Pourquoi pas?" (Why not?) She giggled when I replied. "Parceque, Mademoiselle, on l'a mangé!" (Because they ate him!)

The Parisians were starting to get ready for Christmas, and greenery was beginning to appear in the area. After dinner, we always had coffee in a café from which we could see the cathedral. The ritzy Tour d'Argent Restaurant is across the river and pays for its nighttime illumination.

*"And the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in the choir"*
- "The Holly and the Ivy" is an English folk song.

On our last evening with
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Hopes and Dreams at Christmas

I hope you all have a merry Christmas!

I hope all your families are well and their travels are safe this holiday season.

I hope Santa treats all the children to lots of gifts and treats this year. I hope they all have warm clothes to wear, because they say it's gonna get cold one of these days.

Speaking of weather, I hope snow blankets the land on Christmas eve, then melts Christmas night.

I hope people can be reasonable in their holiday shopping. I hope I don't get trampled at the mall.

I hope the Beautify Knightstown group gets enough funding for a mural on a Main Street building. I hope it causes travelers to stop in town and spend money with local merchants.

I hope the world's violence could totally end, even for just a day, an hour, one minute.

I hope all the world's refugees can find peace and a reasonable place to raise their children, without fear of bombings or other attacks.

I hope people can give all their fears a break and take comfort in their various faiths - or no faiths. I hope people can help others without judging them, without making them pass some test.

I hope America and Americans are as strong as they try to make it seem they are to the rest of the world. I hope they can remember the basic tenets of our nation's promise - that we're all equal and we all have the same rights to peace and prosperity. I hope people can remember those rights aren't exclusive to Americans; they apply to people all over this planet.

I hope senior citizens will have lots of visitors from

family and loved ones at Christmastime. I hope the nursing homes and assisted living facilities are brimming with holiday cheer, youngsters caroling and good food. I can think of nothing sadder than some elderly man or woman being alone in a nursing home at the holidays.

I hope the wishes and dreams of all our young people are fulfilled by their own hands and hearts. I hope their goals are realized through hard work, dedication and perseverance.

Likewise, I hope all those who are unable to strive for their own goals, through no fault of their own, will at least be provided a good meal and a warm place to sleep. A nation that touts itself as the best in the world, bar none, should make its generosity known and felt by the less fortunate - a shining example for all to see. I hope Americans still believe that.

I hope for an end to political polarity and the ideological divisiveness that has hurt our nation, splitting and embittering various social groups and even close families.

I hope the citizens of our planet can achieve a better understanding of different cultures and customs through reasonable and polite discourse. From that discourse I hope a new dialogue is born - one that eschews fear and embraces, rather than rejects the similarities we as humans share.

It takes real courage to look past our differences and see the commonality that's unique to the human race. It takes selfless action and thought to overcome the prejudices and fears we all have.

I hope you have the strength to do this.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is once again that we, the employees of MainSource Bank here in Knightstown, come to you, the community, with thankful hearts. Our collection for the Head Start children was a great success. Because of your generosity, the children will have warm hats, socks and gloves for this winter season. In a time when there are so many bad things that happen all over the world, it is heartwarming to see the outpouring to these children.

Thank you so much!

**Kelly, Colleen, Natalie, Rachel and Cynthia
MainSource Bank, Knightstown**

Dear Editor,

The Orange Glo furniture polish, made with Valencia orange oil, has still kept my home totally odor free ever since I used it last June. Smells great too. Here is an 800 number for any questions or comments about it: 800-781-7529. Manufactured for Church & Dwight Co., Inc. Princeton, NJ 08543.

I have another thing to shove that has saved me a lot of money over the last 12 or 15 years. My big upright deep freezer goes bad about every four years. I figured out if I take it to a repair shop, they will keep it a week, charge me for freon gas and repair labor. Or, I would decide to scrap it and just buy a new freezer to the dealer's delight.

Thinking it over, I decided the inside, out of sight, lemons may have drawn air moisture and just froze over. That's right, so I took the food all out and left the door wide open for a full week, unplugged from any electric connection.

After a week, I plugged the cord in, shut the door and Bingo! The freezer froze up like new. So I put the food back in it and all is well for the next four years. Frost free, and that is all a repair shop would really have done. I repeated this procedure three times. It works.

**Bill O'Neal
Shirley**

Dear Editor,

The terror attacks in Paris, and, more recently, in San Bernardino, are a reminder of the unfortunate reality that Americans need to be vigilant of their surroundings at all times.

As a continuation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's "See Something, Say Something" campaign, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is launching a new campaign — "Ready: Whenever. Wherever."

The new campaign recognizes that violent acts and dangerous events can occur at any time, often with little warning, and asks the public to be on the lookout for perpetrators of violent behavior and to report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.

IDHS encourages citizens to:

- Think about different scenarios that could be encountered in public settings;
- Consider what defensive actions would be appropriate;
- Rehearse possible responses to danger;
- Identify the emergency exits and safety barriers upon entering a building; and
- Maintain awareness of other people and developing situations in the surrounding area.

ISDH's campaign is meant neither to cause fear, nor encourage residents to stay away from events with crowds.

Rather, citizens should continue living their lives at their comfort level,
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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.

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public is also invited to attend a youth Christmas program at the Knightstown church on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 6 p.m. The program will include songs by the young people plus the bell choir.

◆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.

◆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.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.

◆**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.

◆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 765-737-6856.

◆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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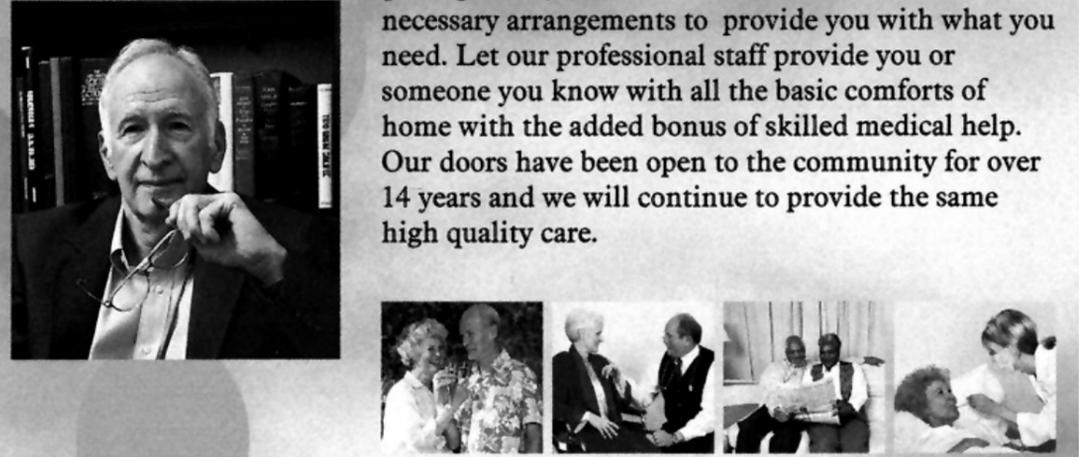
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Gov. Pence Makes Several Appointments

Gov. Mike Pence recently made appointments to various boards and commissions.

Indiana 2016 Bicentennial Commission - Brenda A. Gerber (Allen County), appointed to serve at the governor's pleasure through June 30, 2017;

Indiana Arts Commission - Yolanda Stemer (Porter County), appointed to serve a four-year term through Nov. 30, 2019;

Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly (CHOICE) and Disabled Board - M. Joan Cuson (LaPorte County), appointed to serve a two-year term through June 30, 2017; Jean MacDonald (Hamilton County), reappointed to serve a four-year term through June 30, 2019; Dorian Maples (Allen County), reappointed to serve a three-year term through June 30, 2018; Elizabeth A. Schoenfeld (Hendricks County), appointed to serve a one-year term through June 30, 2016; Prudence Twigg

(Hamilton County), reappointed to serve a two-year term through June 30, 2017; Andrew Weldekamp (Hamilton County), reappointed to serve a one-year term through June 30, 2016;

Emergency Medical Services Commission Technical Advisory Committee - Dr. Dorene G. Hojnicki (Vigo County), appointed to serve at the governor's pleasure;

Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities - Allisha A. Beerwart (Bartholomew County), appointed to serve a three-year term through Nov. 30, 2018; Donald R. Counts (Vanderburgh County), reappointed to serve a three-year term through Nov. 30, 2018; Cheryl L. Crisp (Shelby County), reappointed to serve a three-year term through Nov. 30, 2018; B. Drew Dietrick (Marion County), appointed to serve a three-year term through Nov. 30, 2018; Jill C. Ginn (Hamilton County), reappointed to

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Sharon Elliott Sees Clerk-Treasurer Post as Chance to Better Her Own Community

by Logan Cox for The Banner

"Kennard has been my home for 28 years," said Sharon Elliott. "And to be able to step in and fulfill the duties of clerk-treasurer has made me feel like I have an even bigger stake in the successes and accomplishments of our town."

Though she admits that she has never worked in a public office before, Elliott said she is happy to fulfill her role as the town's new clerk-treasurer.

She is replacing Kennard's former clerk-treasurer, Karen Stanley, who resigned from the position amid controversy in late October.

Elliott's previous work includes 20 years with Gas America Services and, most recently, two and-a-half years at Deflecto Manufacturing. She feels her new position is ideal for the kind of work she was looking for.

"I was looking for part-time employment, close to home, and this seemed like the perfect opportunity," said Elliott.

For a short time, Elliott was only an interim clerk-treasurer, serving a temporary appointment until the end of the year to finish out the previous clerk-treasurer's term. Darin Jacobs, chairman of the Henry County Democratic Party, appointed Elliott and went on to make her the official clerk-treasurer to serve for the next four years.

"I began filling in November 2," she said. "And I signed the official paper November 12."

Clerk-treasurers are usually employed by a city,

town or county. They are responsible for managing finances as well as serving as clerk to the legislative body of that governing body. A clerk-treasurer's duties vary depending on where they are employed and the requirements established by the governing body.

As the Kennard clerk-treasurer, Elliott is aware of what her duties are. And, as a citizen, she feels sufficiently obligated to carry out the duties required of her.

"The town of Kennard has wastewater utility and trash service, so I collect and process for these services," said Elliott, describing the duties of her job. "Accordingly, I keep accounts and records for the town, which includes a general account and a sewage account."

Elliott graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Before that, she graduated from Knightstown High School, like her adult daughter, Leah Oaldon Kendall.

For now, Elliott said she feels that her new position as Kennard's clerk-treasurer is one that she's comfortable with.

"I have really enjoyed the position so far. I am very detail oriented, like to stay busy, and enjoy having responsibility placed upon me. So far," she said, "this position is fulfilling each of these things."

Elliott still lives in Kennard with her husband, Dennis Elliott. They enjoy spending time with their daughter and granddaughter, Clara.



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serve a three-year term through Nov. 30, 2018; R. Diane Graves (Marion County), reappointed to serve a three-year term through Nov. 30, 2018; Russell C. Ragland (Hamilton County), reappointed to serve a three-year term through Nov. 30, 2018;

Indiana Land Resources Council - Elizabeth M. Tharp (Putnam County), appointed to complete an unexpired four-year term through Aug. 1, 2016;

Lewis and Clark Expedition

Commission - James P. Keith (Clark County), reappointed to serve at the governor's pleasure; Phyllis L. Yeager (Floyd County), reappointed to serve at the governor's pleasure;

Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority Board of Directors - Thomas E. Golab (Porter County), appointed to serve a four-year term through Nov. 30, 2019;

Board of Podiatric Medicine - Dr. Vincent J. Coda (LaGrange

County), reappointed to serve a three-year term through Nov. 30, 2018; and

Regional Works Councils - Sascha M. Harrell (Benton County), reappointed to Region 4 to serve a two-year term through Nov. 30, 2017; Daniel T. Tanoos (Vigo County), reappointed to Region 7 to serve a two-year term through Nov. 30, 2017; Andrew T. Melin (Clark County), reappointed to Region 10 to serve a two-year term through Nov. 30, 2017.

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and simply practice reasonable awareness and develop a plan for action in the event of an emergency. By pausing to consider potential safety risks in their surroundings and identify possible responses, citizens can help increase safety in the event of an emergency.

The concept of terror only works so long as citizens

succumb to it. It is our duty to continue living without fear, but with vigilance, to ensure that the American ideals of freedom and tolerance prevail in our society. I hope you'll join me in being prepared — whenever, wherever.

Sen. Jean Leising
(R-Oldenburg)

MEETINGS CALENDAR

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

Mon., Dec. 28 - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

Mon., Dec. 28 - Henry Co. Fire Chiefs meeting, 7 p.m., Henry County Office Building meeting room, New Castle

Tues., Dec. 29 - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Rose Mary, from Page 4

Phyllis, we braved the cold and sleet and attended a concert of Benjamin Britain's "Lessons and Carols" at Notre-Dame. What a lovely start for the Christmas season! Afterwards, we dined at a cozy restaurant nearby where mirrors softly gleamed with light.

As always, before I left Notre-Dame I lit a candle in

memory of my devout little mother. I like to think that the essence from its tiny flame rose and mingled with that of the centuries where it will remain forever.

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P.S. I have become weary of political correctness. I wish you a very merry Christmas!

FOLKWAYS

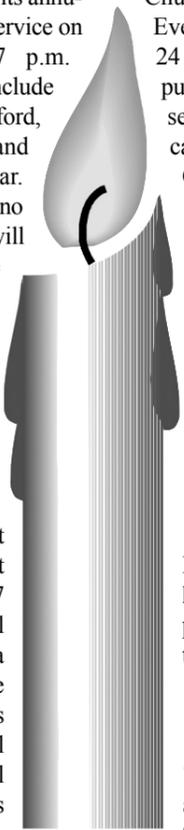
Local Churches Hosting Candlelight Services

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Humble Hearts in God's Eyes

by Rev. Gail Whitmire
Knightsdown First Wesleyan Church



And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch ... and an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them ... (Luke 2:8, 9 NASB).

In God's sight, the most important people are rich landowners, kings or presidents, the highly educated, those with an important place in society, right? Wrong! God is "no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34 KJV), which simply means that He does not show favoritism. Because of this, He chose to send angelic messengers to lowly shepherds.

I once read that visions are not given to idle people. Tending sheep was a more demanding task than

most of us could understand. These shepherds were often faced with danger and difficulty. The angel of the Lord appeared to them as they were "keeping watch," not aimlessly meandering.

How amazing that God would allow the birth of His own Son to come not in a splendid palace setting, but in a stable. And the announcement of this event came, not to those of high social register or great material wealth, but to simple shepherds; not to people too caught up in the importance of their own lives to react, but to humble people who would believe enough to make the journey to the manger! And as they came to the stable where they had been led, the shepherds knew they were in a holy place. They were overwhelmed with the necessity to fall on their knees in the presence of the child.

Simple obedience led the shepherds to the manger. Obedience still leads us to Christ today.

In Memory of John A. Jackson 5-3-37 - 12-19-06



MISSING YOU AT CHRISTMAS

*Every day without you,
Since you had to go,
Is like summer without sunshine,
and winter without snow*

*I wish that I could talk to you,
There's so much I would say,
Life has changed so very much
Since you went away*

*I miss the bond between us,
and I miss your kind support,
You're in my mind, and in my
heart, and every Christmas
thought*

*I'll always feel you close to me,
and though you're far from
sight, I'll search for you among
the stars that shine on
Christmas night.*

*Sadly Missed & Greatly Loved,
Judy (wife), Jeff (son) & Family
Cheryl (daughter) & Family*

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH "LIZ" CORBETT, WHO LEFT THIS EARTH ON DEC. 17, 2011



We will always remember all the times we shared together. We remember your laughter and all the love you gave us through the years. In our hearts you will always stay. You are loved and sadly missed by your children, parents, brothers, sister, nephews, nieces and friends.

Chelsea Smith Part of Bar Association's Academy

The Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA) today announced the Class of 2016 of its Leadership Development Academy, now entering its fifth year. Chelsea E. Smith of Indianapolis is among the class members. A Knightsdown native, she works at the Department of Homeland Security.

According to ISBA, the lawyers are accomplished legal practitioners who have been admitted to practice for less than 15 years. The academy is a statewide leadership program established to empower and develop lawyers to be informed, committed and involved so that they may fill significant leadership roles in local and state bar associations, local communities and organizations and to serve as role models in matters of ethics and professionalism.

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Kennard Town Council Contracts for Backup Data Recovery Service

The Kennard Town Council has OK'd the purchase of a new security plan that will provide backup data recovery services in the event the town's computers are destroyed by some disaster.

According to minutes from the council's Dec. 2 meeting, council members Jason Groce, Carolyn Roberts and Shannon Dickerson voted unanimously that night to purchase the disaster recovery plan from Keystone at a cost of \$275 a year. The town's computer files will be copied either monthly or quarterly onto thumb drives that

will be sent to Keystone for off-site storage.

The council also adopted an ordinance at the Dec. 2 meeting that gives Sharon Elliott, the town's new clerk-treasurer, the authority to pay for certain things - things like payroll and utility bills - before the council has approved payment of claims.

In other business, the council:
 *Accepted JT Trenching's bid for snow removal services (\$25 each time);
 *Voted to renew the town's yearly contract with its legal coun-

sel, New Castle attorney David Copenhaver; and
 *Voted to let an \$11,000 CD that came due Dec. 1 rollover into a new 24-month term at the current interest rate.

More information about the Kennard Town Council's Dec. 2 meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes from that proceeding. Those public records are available for public inspection and copying at Kennard Town Hall, 100 N. Main St., during normal business hours.

Senator Pushes for More Road Funds

State Sen. Brandt Hershman (R-Buck Creek) recently introduced legislation that would immediately provide \$418 million to local governments to help improve local roads and bridges across the state. Hershman worked closely on the plan with Gov. Mike Pence who previously announced his 21st Century Crossroads plan to provide significant new funding for state roads over the next four years.

Under current law, the state distributes local income tax revenues to the appropriate local units of government after processing Hoosiers' tax returns to determine how much funding each locality should receive. The state withholds a reserve balance that is only distributed to counties when it accumulates to exceed 50 percent of their annual receipts.

The state exercised an abundance of fiscal caution during the initial implementation of this distribution

process for local tax revenues when it was last modified in 2011. Over time, excess balances in local governments' accounts have accumulated to a statewide average of 25 percent of annual receipts. Hershman has concluded it is time to conclude that it is reasonable to make a one-time distribution of much of the current excess balance immediately.

In total, this immediate distribution would provide approximately \$418 million for local governments, distributed through the current funding formula. Under current estimates, \$171.6 million of that would go to counties, and \$246.8 million would go to cities and towns. The bill requires that localities direct a minimum of 75 percent of the funds toward local road and bridge needs or a rainy day fund. The remaining 25

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Clear Thinking

"Eccentricity is not, as dull people would have us believe, a form of madness. It is often a kind of innocent pride, and the man of genius and the aristocrat are frequently regarded as eccentrics because genius and aristocrat are entirely unafraid of and uninfluenced by the opinions and vagaries of the crowd."

Edith Stillwell

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Huffman said he had winterized the splash pad and most of the restrooms in the park, but said he still needed to take care of the facilities inside the former poolhouse building. He suggested the park board consider getting all of the doors in the park, except those for the shelter house, keyed alike in order to minimize the number of keys.

Johnson said he thought the rekeying suggestion was a good one, but noted that if a key ends up in the wrong hands, that person would have access to everything. Were that to happen, Huffman said it would be easy to simply have the locks rekeyed. Huffman said he would provide the park board with an estimate on the cost of rekeying the locks at the January meeting.

The park board also voted Monday to close off for

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environments, schools, school buses, and individuals. The resources are free and available online at www.in.gov/isp/3191.htm.

In the past, schools were most

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percent could be used at the localities' discretion.

The legislation, Senate Bill 67, will be a top Senate priority, and will be co-sponsored by Sen. Luke Kenley (R-Noblesville), the Senate Appropriation Committee Chairman, and Sen. Carlin Yoder (R-Middlebury), the Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee Chairman.

"Hoosiers will benefit from a historic opportunity to invest in local road improvements, which local governments around the state have identified as a top priority," Hershman said. "This plan provides substantial local road resources now, without tapping into Indiana's budget reserves, raising taxes, or creating debt."

Hershman said the legislation has the support of Gov. Mike Pence, who, like Republican leaders in the General Assembly, has

often the beneficiary of this training. While the Indiana State Police will continue to vigorously train the educational systems of Indiana, the department wishes to remind businesses, corporations and civic

made road funding a top priority for the 2016 session of the General Assembly. Earlier this year, Pence announced his 21st Century Crossroads Plan to provide \$1 billion for state road funding over the next four years without raising taxes.

"I strongly support Senator Hershman's plan to help communities fund infrastructure improvements and I commend his leadership," Pence said. "Our teams have been working closely on this plan to provide funding at the local level without raising taxes. I will be including this initiative as part of my legislative agenda for the upcoming session and look forward to its passage along with the 21st Century Crossroads plan that Senator Yoder will be authoring."

Hershman filed SB 67 Dec. 10. The 2016 legislative session is scheduled to convene on Jan. 5.

the winter the road that goes through the park with steel cable that will be stretched across the road at the top of the hill. Eighty feet of cable will also be strung in the lower portion of the park, at the south end, to prevent vehicles from driving through nearby yards when turning around.

Board members also discussed the possible purchase of a new DVR surveillance system with up to eight cameras to monitor activity in the park. Johnson said such a system would likely cost \$600-\$800 and he said he could install it for free. He said he would bring more details to the January meeting.

The next scheduled meeting of the park board will be Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. This meeting, open to the public, will take place at the Sunset Park shelter house.

organizations that they may also request this training at their facility. The training is free of charge.

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The changes are as follows:

Clinton – The resident rate is unchanged. The nonresident rate has decreased from .0075 to .005.

Delaware – The resident rate has increased from .0105 to .015. The nonresident rate has increased from .006 to .008625.

Fountain – The resident rate has increased from .011 to .0155. The

nonresident rate has increased from .0035 to .005.

Franklin – The resident rate has increased from .0125 to .015. The nonresident rate is unchanged.

Gibson – The resident rate has increased from .005 to .007. The nonresident rate has increased from .005 to .0055.

Henry – The resident rate has increased from .0125 to .015. The nonresident rate has increased from .005 to .005625.

Jasper – The resident rate has decreased from .02964 to .02864. The nonresident is unchanged.

Morgan – The resident rate is unchanged. The nonresident rate

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Banner Issues Story Correction

A story in the Dec. 2 issue of The Banner reported that the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board had received a donation of 55-gallon steel trash can to replace one in which a fire had been burned during a softball game at Sunset Park. In fact, it was a 31-gallon galvanized trash can that was donated. The Banner regrets its error, and any confusion or inconvenience it may have caused.

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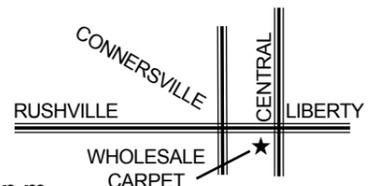
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LOCAL SPORTS

KHS Boys Move to 2-2

Knightstown's varsity boys basketball team prevailed in overtime 60-55 against Cambridge City Lincoln on Dec. 11 but came up short the following night against Indian Creek. The Panthers fell 51-59 to the Mid-Hoosier Conference team, moving their overall record to 2-2 and their conference record 0-1.

Four Panthers shots in double figures against the Golden Eagles. Jackson Edwards and Drake Peggs topped the Panthers' scoring effort in both games.

Knightstown takes on the Royals on Friday, Dec. 18, at Eastern Hancock. The Royals are 1-3 so far this season.

CC Lincoln	13	15	9	18	0(OT)	- 55
Knightstown	17	18	7	13	5(OT)	- 60

Knightstown Individual Results vs. Cambridge City Lincoln

Jackson Edwards - 19 points, 1 rebound, 4 assists, 4 steals
 Drake Peggs - 16 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 2 steals
 Dylan Hiner - 13 points (three 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 assist
 Riley Ruble - 11 points (one 3-pointer), 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 6 steals
 Coleman Wyatt - 1 point, 7 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 blocks
 Jake Bearhope - 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steals

Indian Creek	12	14	12	21	- 59
Knightstown	12	11	8	20	- 51

Knightstown Individual Results vs. Indian Creek

Jackson Edwards - 20 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals
 Drake Peggs - 11 points (three 3-pointers), 6 rebounds, 2 assists
 Coleman Wyatt - 6 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist
 Riley Ruble - 6 points (two 3-pointers), 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
 Jarrett Weidner - 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 block
 Dylan Hiner - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 1 steal
 Jake Bearhope - 2 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist

Eastern Hancock Varsity Girls Demolish Howe

Eastern Hancock varsity girls basketball team suffered its third loss of the season Dec. 8, falling 27-57 at home against conference team North Decatur. Individual results were not available.

But, the Lady Royals came back in a big way on Dec. 10 with 94-29 win over Indianapolis Howe.

The victory against Howe bumped up the Lady Royal season record to 8-3.

Indpls Howe	9	11	5	4	- 29
E. Hancock	26	18	25	25	- 94

E. Hancock Individual Results

Leah Ferguson - 17 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals
 Hope Spaulding - 11 points (two 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
 Kaysi Gilbert - 10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals
 Peyton West - 10 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists
 Emiley Carlton - 8 points, 12 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block
 Jenna Smith - 8 points, 7

rebounds, 6 assists
 Haley Best - 7 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 3 assists, 1 steal
 Megan Mench - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 1 shot deflected
 Micah Black - 4 points, 7 rebounds
 Liberty Durham - 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block
 Bailey Allen - 4 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist
 Shelby King - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
 Morgan Collins - 2 points, 1 assist

Knightstown Wrestlers Win Panther Invitational, Remain Undefeated

Knightstown hosted another tournament on Saturday, this time their own Panther Invitational at the intermediate school.

After defeating Cambridge City Lincoln 72-6 on Dec. 2, the Panthers followed that up by whipping all their opponents at the Panther Invite.

Against Lincoln, eight Panthers won their matches by pin. Those wrestlers were Thomas Sollars (120-lb), Adam Bundy (132), Cameron Fender (138), Alex Fields (145), Jon Simmons (160), Zach Clark (182), Logan Johnson (195) and Tyler Jackson (Hwt).

Four KHS wrestlers won by forfeit including David Peck (106), Eric Adams (113), Tristian Miers (170) and Jason Dishman (195).

Alex Brading (152) lost by decision 3-9 and Bruce Nichols (126) fell in his match by pin.

At the Panther Invitational, the sixth-ranked 1A

Panthers defeated Sheridan (73-6) then beat Indiana Deaf School (69-6), followed by another victory over Cambridge City Lincoln (80-0).

Knightstown beat Milan (54-19) for the championship.

Eight Panther wrestlers were undefeated during the invite. Going 4-0 on the day were Eric Adams (106), Kaleb Buchanan (126), Adam Bundy (132), Cameron Fender (138), Alex Brading (152), Zach Clark (182), Garrett Thomas (220) and Tyler Jackson (Hwt).

Tristian Miers (170) was 3-0 while Thomas Sollars (120), Alex Fields (145) and Jason Dishman (195) were 3-1.

Jacob Hanna (113) 2-2 and Jon Simmons (160) were both 2-2 at the tourney.

Up next for the Panthers is the Wapahani Invitational on Dec. 19.

Lady Titans Suffer Second Loss This Season, Bounce Back with Win Over Shenandoah

Tri's varsity girls basketball team suffered their second loss of the season on the road at Randolph Southern Dec. 9, falling 30-40.

On Dec. 11, the Lady Titans hosted Shenandoah and came away with their tenth victory of the year, defeating the Lady Raiders 56-42.

Tri	5	13	5	7	- 30
Randolph So.	7	10	9	14	- 40

Tri Individual Results

Payton Moore - 13 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals

Addy Edwards - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds
 Kylie Dishman - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 2 steals
 Mackenzie Peggs - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 6 steals
 Cayla Johnson - 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 4 blocks
 Kennsington Appleby - 2 points, 1 assist
 Karlee Winkhart - 2 steals
 Ella Chew - 1 rebound
 Mara Biehl - 1 block

Shenandoah	14	9	5	14	- 42
Tri	8	13	17	18	- 56

Tri Individual Results

Cayla Johnson - 14 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists
 Mackenzie Peggs - 12 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals
 Payton Moore - 9 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 3 blocks
 Karlee Winkhart - 8 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 2 assists
 Addy Edwards - 6 points (two 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
 Kylie Dishman - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals
 Kennsington Appleby - 1 point, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals
 Mara Biehl - 1 point

KHS Girls Still Struggling

Knightstown's varsity girls basketball team moved to 1-8 after three losses last week.

The KHS girls fell 38-61 to Southwestern Dec. 8 then lost a tough game 42-45 to Blue River Valley Dec. 10. Then, the Lady Panthers dropped another home game 45-54 to Hauser Dec. 12.

Knightstown	9	10	10	8	- 38
Southwestern	11	20	16	14	- 61

Knightstown Individual Results

Brooke Vise - 8 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists
 Lori Thomas - 7 points, 4

rebounds, 3 steals
 Lacy Thomas - 7 points (one 3-pointer)
 Hannah Thomas - 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
 Carmen Cleek - 4 points, 2 shots deflected
 Jordan Ventresco - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists
 Sidney Vise - 1 point, 1 rebound
 Rachel Dickerson - 1 rebound, 1 steal

Knightstown	7	15	5	15	- 42
Blue River	16	12	7	10	- 45

Knightstown Individual Results

Brooke Vise - 14 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, 1 shot deflected
 Hannah Thomas - 10 points, 11 rebounds, 2 assists
 Lacy Thomas - 10 points (two 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
 Lori Thomas - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected
 Carmen Cleek - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected
 Jordan Ventresco - 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 shots deflected
 Dharma Holder - 2 rebounds, 1 assist
 Rachel Dickerson - 2 rebounds
 Jessica Butler - 2 rebounds

Hauser	16	7	13	18	- 54
Knightstown	11	8	13	13	- 45

Knightstown Individual Results

Brooke Vise - 17 points, 11

Greenfield Beats Panther C-Team

Knightstown's boys C-team fell 30-46 to Greenfield-Central Nov. 30.

The Panthers were led by Cameron Jones with 11 points and Austin Campton with eight points.

Dallas Edwards finished with six points. Devyn Schaezle had three points and Trevor Cook added a bucket.

rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, 1 block
 Lacy Thomas - 12 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 3 shots deflected
 Hannah Thomas - 7 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
 Jordan Ventresco - 4 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected
 Lori Thomas - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 2 steals, 2 shots deflected
 Carmen Cleek - 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, 3 shots deflected

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LOCAL SPORTS

EH Boys Teams Split with Northeastern

Eastern Hancock boys basketball teams hosted Northeastern Dec. 11. The varsity fell to the Knights 60-79, dropping their season record to 1-3.

Northeastern	16	16	22	25	-	79
E. Hancock	12	16	17	14	-	60

E. Hancock Individual Results

A.J. Muegge - 18 points (two 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected
 Duncan Cherry - 17 points (three 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals, 2 shots deflected
 Addison True - 15 points (three 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block, 4 shots deflected
 Tom Barton - 6 points, 1 rebound, 1 charge taken
 Tyler Blattner - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
 Jarett Lewis - 1 point, 1 rebound, 2 assists
 Jordan Stillinger - 1 assist, 1 steal
 Ryan Speas - 1 rebound, 3 assists, 1 shot deflected

Northeastern's junior varsity boys team scored 22 points in the fourth quarter to tie up the game and send it into overtime.

The Royals' JV held on during the extra period for a 48-46 win.

NHS JV	3	10	0	22	11	-	46
EH JV	9	19	0	7	13	-	48

E. Hancock JV Individual Results

Brycen Napier - 28 points (five 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected
 Tyler Castle - 6 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal
 Trey Bittinger - 5 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 1 block, 2 shots deflected
 Jake Hancock - 4 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected
 Skyler Schrope - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 4 assists, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected
 Peyton Gray - 2 points, 3 rebounds
 Luke Splater - 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected

Eastern Hancock Hosting 'Taste of Pride' for Doubleheader

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.

Tri JV Boys Beat KHS JV by 10

In the Nov. 24 meeting between the Knightstown and Tri junior varsity boys basketball teams, the Titans topped the Panthers 40-30.

The Titans JV's win came with an even scoring effort. Gage Rowe led the team with nine points with Kyler Burchett, Zach Smith and Seth Butler each scoring seven points. Eric Bilby had four points. Devon Jones and Elijah Davis each added three points.

Daniel Rayburn led the Panthers with 11 points. Jose Olivio and Brayden Burton each had five points while Lane Parker hit one bucket and two free throws for four points.

Tucker Personett and Matt Kemerly both scored a field goal and Layne Dudley added one free throw.

Royal JV Edged Out by Howe

Eastern Hancock boys junior varsity basketball team were unable to stop a fourth quarter rally by Indianapolis Howe Dec. 5. The Royal JV fell 37-43.

E. Hancock JV	5	12	12	8	-	37
Howe JV	7	12	8	16	-	43

E. Hancock JV Individual Results

Nathan Mosher - 15 points (one 3-pointer), 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 3 shots deflected
 Brycen Napier - 11 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected
 Trey Bittinger - 4 points, 1 rebound, 1 block, 1 shot deflected
 Skyler Schrope - 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal
 Jake Hancock - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assist, 2 steals, 4 shots deflected
 Peyton Gray - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected
 Tyler Castle - 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected

and an assist while Denis added one rebound.

K.C. Smoak got five rebounds and Dakota Stanley had four rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Nick Pelger and Juddson Bevans each had one rebound.

Lady Panther JV Lose 3

Knightstown's junior varsity girls basketball team lost three games last week.

The Lady Panther junior varsity girls fell 32-39 to Southwestern Dec. 8. Blue River Valley dropped KHS 37-27 on Dec. 10. On Dec. 12, Hauser thwarted the JV 50-22.

K'town JV	4	7	8	13	-	32
So'western JV	7	11	8	13	-	39

K'town JV Individual Results

Allyson Hauk - 8 points (two 3-pointers), 2 assists, 2 shots deflected
 Kaitlyn Jackson - 6 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 5 steals, 2 shots deflected
 Dharma Holder - 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected
 Elizabeth Moore - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 1 assist
 Jessica Butler - 3 points, 4 rebounds
 Maggie Smith - 2 points, 1 assist
 Makeena Leisure - 1 rebound

K'town JV	12	0	6	9	-	27
Blue River JV	5	16	6	10	-	37

Knightstown Individual Results

Sidney Vise - 14 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal, 3 blocks
 Allyson Hauk - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound
 Kaitlyn Jackson - 4 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 2 shots deflected
 Dharma Holder - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 shot deflected
 Rachel Dickerson - 2 points, 1 rebound
 Maggie Smith - 3 rebounds, 1 assist

Elizabeth Moore - 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected
 Makeena Leisure - 1 assist
 Jessica Butler - 1 shot deflected

Hauser JV	14	11	14	11	-	50
K'town JV	2	8	7	5	-	22

Knightstown Individual Results

Jessica Butler - 6 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal
 Sidney Vise - 5 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
 Dharma Holder - 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected
 Maggie Smith - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 1 shot deflected
 Allyson Hauk - 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal
 Andi Skinner - 2 points, 1 rebound
 Kaitlyn Jackson - 1 rebound, 4 assists, 2 steals
 Mackinsy Fowler - 1 rebound

Eastern Hancock C-Team Lose Two

Eastern Hancock boys C-team fell 31-35 Nov. 30 to Blue River Valley at home. Individual results for the game were not available.

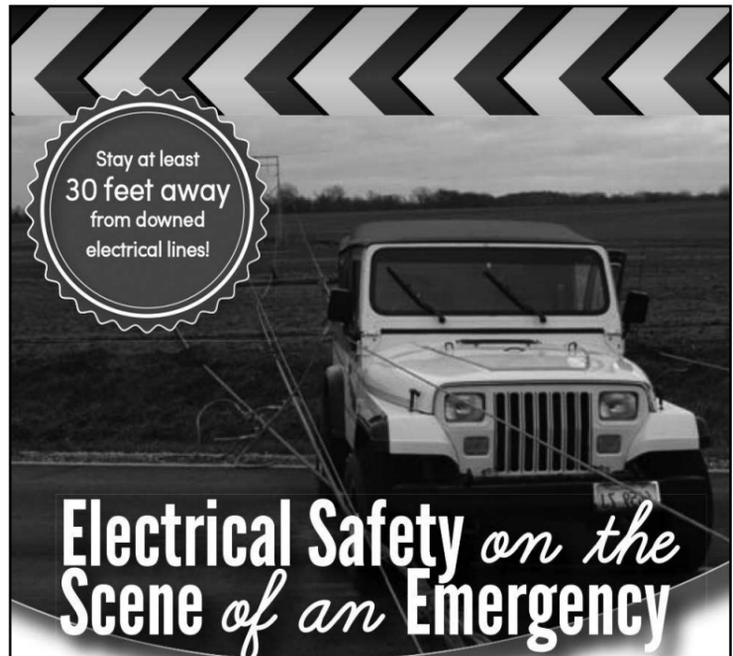
The Royals dropped another game at home to Shenandoah, 16-39, on Dec. 2.

Jason Apple had five points, one rebound and three steals to lead the Royals.

Ian White also scored five points and grabbed one steal.

Brady Stephens and Cameron Denis each hit one 3-pointer. Stephens also had two rebounds

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Tri JV Girls Get Four More Huge Wins

Tri's junior varsity girls followed up their win over Knightstown Nov. 24 with three more wins.

The Lady Titans JV defeated Liberty Christian 31-19 Nov. 30. The next day, they whipped Cambridge City Lincoln 45-11 then put away Cowan 51-11 on Dec. 5.

Liberty JV	5	6	6	2	- 19
Tri JV	0	6	13	12	- 31

Tri JV Individual Results

Breanna Reece - 11 points (three 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 2 steals
Kaley Harrison - 8 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 3 steals
Ella Chew - 7 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 2 steals
Auburn Harvey - 3 points (one

3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 1 steal
Lauren Bouslog - 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal

Madeline Hoover - 4 rebounds, 1 steal

Lincoln JV	5	3	2	1	- 11
Tri JV	13	12	8	12	- 45

Tri JV Individual Results

Kaley Harrison - 16 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 1 steal
Auburn Harvey - 15 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 2 steals
Breanna Reece - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 3 steals
Lauren Bouslog - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 8 rebounds, 3 steals
Ella Chew - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals
Molly West - 4 rebounds
Kaitlyn Johnson - 1 rebound

Tri JV	13	6	14	18	- 51
Cowan JV	2	3	5	1	- 11

Tri JV Individual Results

Lauren Bouslog - 25 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 3 steals
Ella Chew - 10 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 6 steals
Breanna Reece - 9 points (one 3-pointer), 7 rebounds, 3 steals
Kaley Harrison - 4 points, 2 steals
Molly West - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal
Madeline Hoover - 1 point, 5 rebounds, 1 steal
Kaitlyn Johnson - 2 rebounds

Tri JV	10	8	5	17	- 40
Randolph JV	7	4	4	4	- 19

Tri JV Individual Results

Kaley Harrison - 13 points (one 3-pointer), 4 steals
Lauren Bouslog - 11 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 2 steals
Auburn Harvey - 8 points (two 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 2 steals
Breanna Reece - 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals
Ella Chew - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals
Kaitlyn Johnson - 2 points, 2 rebounds
Madeline Hoover - 4 rebounds

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Area High School Sports Schedule for Dec. 16-30

Boys Basketball - Varsity /JV

- ◆ Dec. 17 - Knightstown at home vs. Eastern Hancock for JV only girls/boys doubleheader, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 18 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Knightstown for varsity-only girls/boys doubleheader, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 18 - Tri away at Cowan, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 19 - Knightstown at home vs. Indianapolis Howe, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 19 - Tri at home vs. Union City, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 19 - Eastern Hancock away at Cambridge City Lincoln, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 29 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Frankton for varsity-only girls/boys doubleheader, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 29 - Tri at home vs. Anderson Preparatory Academy, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 30 - Tri away at Wes-Del, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball - C Team

- ◆ Dec. 16 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Knightstown, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 21 - Eastern Hancock away at North Decatur, 6 p.m.

Girls Basketball - Varsity/JV

- ◆ Dec. 16 - Tri away at Union County, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 17 - Knightstown at home vs. Eastern Hancock for JV only girls/boys doubleheader, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 18 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Knightstown for varsity-only girls/boys doubleheader, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 19 - Tri away at Hagerstown, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 22 - Knightstown away at Waldron, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 22 - Tri away at Union City, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 22 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Cambridge City

Lincoln, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

- ◆ Dec. 29 - Knightstown at home vs. South Decatur, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 29 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Frankton for JV only girls/boys doubleheader, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

- ◆ Dec. 17 - Tri at home vs. Wapahani, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 19 - Knightstown away at Wapahani Invitational, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Dec. 19 - Tri away at East Central Invitational, 9 a.m.

Swimming- Coed

- ◆ Dec. 17 - Eastern Hancock co-ed away at Anderson University vs. Liberty Christian, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 29 - Eastern Hancock co-ed away at Mooresville Invitational, 9 a.m.

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Business Award Nominees Sought by State EDC

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Qualifying criteria are as follows:

*The business must have had continuous operations in Indiana for more than 50 or 100 years by Dec. 31.

*The business must have participated in the same line of work for the duration of its operations. If

different, an explanation of the evolution into the current business must be provided on the nomination form.

*The business must have had its base in the state of Indiana since it was founded.

*Nonprofit corporations and hospitals are not eligible.

*The business must recognize, acknowledge and agree that it is in full compliance with the Indiana Secretary of State, Department of Revenue and the Department of Workforce Development by signing the application.

*The business must not have previously received a Century or

Half Century award from the state. Previous Half Century Award recipients may qualify for a Century Award.

More details and the application form, Due Dec. 31, are available online at www.iedc.in.gov. Award winners will receive a commemorative certificate and **Hike, from Page 10**

has decreased from .0052 to .00502.

Ohio – The resident rate has increased from .01 to .0125. The nonresident rate is unchanged.

Perry – The resident rate has increased from .0156 to .0181. The nonresident rate has increased from .01185 to .012475.

Pike – The resident rate has increased from .004 to .0075. The nonresident rate has increased from .004 to .0075.

Pulaski – The resident rate has increased from .0313 to .0338. The nonresident rate is unchanged.

Rush – The resident rate has increased from .015 to .021. The

be recognized at a ceremony in the Indiana Statehouse in the spring.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) leads the state's economic development efforts, focusing on helping companies grow in and locate to Indiana. Governed by a 12-member board chaired by Gov. Mike Pence, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit www.iedc.in.gov.

Local income tax rates are established or adjusted by county officials and reported to the Indiana Department of Revenue, where they are cross-referenced to ensure they are supported by Indiana law.

The list of rates for all Indiana counties is available on the department's website at www.in.gov/dor/reference/files/dn01.pdf. These rates affect businesses with employees who live or work in any of these counties and have income tax withholdings.

Employers with questions about these county income tax rates can contact the department at 317-233-4016.

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Hearing, from Page 1

Grigsby alleges 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 meetings. 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 offered no details in her letter about these incidents.

When she announced her resignation at the town council's Sept.

nonresident rate has decreased from .0075 to .0067.

Shelby – The resident rate has increased from .0125 to .015. The nonresident rate is unchanged.

Tipton – The resident rate is unchanged. The nonresident rate has decreased from .0058 to .005.

Union – The resident rate has increased from .015 to .0175. The nonresident rate is unchanged.

Washington – The resident rate is unchanged. The nonresident rate has decreased from .0075 to .005.

Whitley – The resident rate has increased from .012329 to .014829. The nonresident rate is unchanged.

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 denied being verbally abusive or disrespectful. He also publicly denied her allegations at the park board's Sept. 23 monthly meeting.

In October, Brown was chosen

by the park board's other members to serve as president through the end of 2015. The park board has not selected anyone to serve as vice president.

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.



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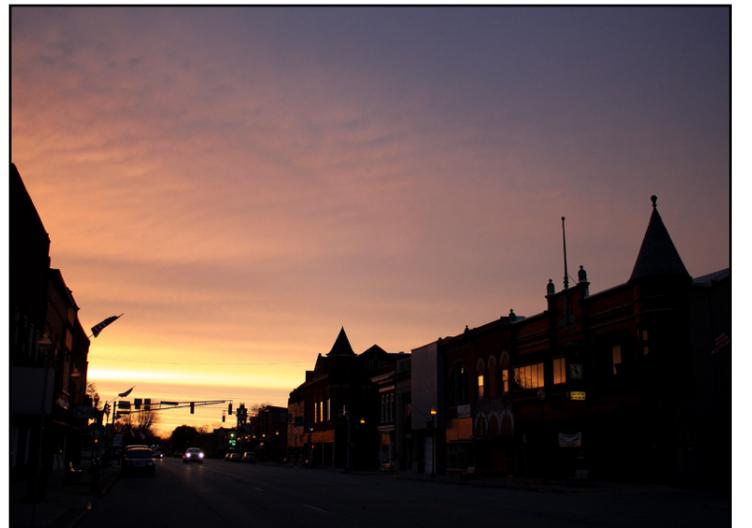
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