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"... the tyranny of 'the rat race' is not yet final." - Hunter S. Thompson

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BKI 'Real Results' Open House Jan. 27

The public is invited to attend a "Real Results" open house hosted by Beautify Knightstown, Inc. (BKI) at Hoosiers Home Court Café on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. A brief overview of BKI's mission and projects will be presented at 7 p.m., followed by the introduction of muralist Pam Bliss, who has been retained to paint a mural in Knightstown. Patrons will be asked to suggest ideas for the mural's design. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 765-445-2328 or email km_krichy@yahoo.com.

Local Author Signing New Books

Knightstown author Patricia Goodspeed will sign copies of her book, *Murder on Persimmon Lane*, at a wine and cheese tasting event at Indiana Winecraft, 18 N. Jefferson, Knightstown, on Sunday, Jan. 31, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Hearts in the Park Fundraiser Feb. 13

Beautify Knightstown, Inc. will host a mural fundraiser, Hearts in the Park, at the Sunset Park Shelter House on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. A five-course, authentic Italian dinner will be served in a cozy setting with entertainment and dancing for those wanting a special place to celebrate Valentine's Day or just enjoy a home cooked meal prepared by local Chef Luigi Perazzelli. Tickets are \$22 for singles and \$40 per couple with free child care provided by advance arrangement. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. To order tickets call 765-445-2328 or email km_richey@yahoo.com.

Kennard Church Hosting Event

Kennard & Friends Church, Vine and Broad streets, one block west of post office off State Road 234, will be hosting Eric and Tara Allred at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24, and Sunday, Jan. 31. The Allreds will share their testimony and life-changing ministry, aimed at helping those struggling with addiction, marital problems or other troubles. Call Rev. Bob Lines at 317-408-8811 for more info.

Knightstown Lands in Court Over 2013 Building Demolition

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Attorneys representing the owner of an East Main Street building unhappy with how the town handled the razing of a neighboring property in 2013 are scheduled to square off against the town's legal counsel in a New Castle courtroom this afternoon.

Dudley Wainscott, Woodland Park, Colo., owner of the property known as the "Old Lodge" building at 34-38 E. Main St., filed a complaint for damages in Henry Circuit Court 1 last February against the town. Also named as a defendant is Shroyer Bros. Inc., the Muncie-based company the town hired to demolish the building that stood just to the west of Wainscott's that had formerly housed Hopkins Furniture and, more recently, The Bullet Hole gun shop.

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

Today's hearing, set for 3 p.m. in Henry Circuit Court 1, is to hear arguments for and against a motion for summary judgment the town's attorney, Wayne Uhl, filed in November. If the town's motion were to be granted, it could mean the dismissal of at least some of Wainscott's claims.

Uhl argued in his motion for summary judgment that three of five counts in Wainscott's complaint should be barred because Wainscott had not filed a notice of tort claim with the town before filing his lawsuit, as state statute requires. He also said Wainscott's breach of contract claim must fail because Wainscott "cannot show the existence of any element of a binding contract," and that the town provided Wainscott with requested public records, making moot his claim the town had violated the state's Access to Public Records Act.

Wainscott's attorneys, Frederick Emhardt and Colin Connor, filed a response to the town's motion for summary judgment in late December. They argued that a letter Wainscott sent to the

Knightstown Town Council in April 2013 satisfied the notice of tort claim requirements.

"All the notice has to do is fulfill the statutory purpose of providing the government entity with reasonable certainty of the loss and the surrounding circumstances," Emhardt and Connor said in a brief filed with the court. "Mr. Wainscott's letter to the Knightstown Town Council does so."

According to Emhardt and Connor, Wainscott mailed his letter to the town council on April 14, 2013, less than two weeks after demolition of the building at 32 E. Main started, and hand delivered a copy of the letter to town officials during the town council's

April 18 meeting. Not only was this well within the 180-day period for filing a notice of tort claim, but Wainscott's letter, they claim, also explained the circumstances that gave rise to his loss and provided other details, such as time and place of the loss, extent of the loss and damages sought, and the names of all persons known to be involved.

Even if the court were to rule that Wainscott had failed to properly file a notice of tort claim, Wainscott's attorneys argue that three other of their client's claims would not be affected. For example, the argue that the town had a "neighborly equitable duty to not harm a shared wall," and maintain that Wainscott has a valid nuisance claim against the town that doesn't require the filing of a notice of tort claim.

"Here, Knightstown as a property owner, has equitable obligations to maintain the ... wall," they wrote in their brief. "Thus, Mr. Wainscott's nuisance claim would not be barred even if he had not complied with the tort claim notice requirement."

Finally, Wainscott's attorneys claim their client's breach of contract claim - Wainscott alleges then Town Council President Clyde South offered to have the town repair the shared wall - does not require the filing of a notice of tort claim.

"Mr. Wainscott accepted this offer," Emhardt and Connor said in their brief. "... Knightstown, however, failed to repair the common wall. By failing to repair the shared wall, Knightstown breached its contract with Mr. Wainscott. A breach of contract claim is not

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State Trims CAB's Proposed Budget by Nearly 8 Percent

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The state has reduced Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp.'s budget for 2016.

According to budget documents provided to CAB School Board members and the press in advance of last night's monthly meeting, the district's proposed budget was reduced 7.9 percent, from \$13,168,256 to \$12,122,153. CAB's Capital Projects Fund took the biggest hit, reduced 27.8 percent from the proposed budget advertised last fall, with the Transportation and General funds seeing reductions of 13.8 percent and 6.2 percent, respectively.

Stephanie Madison, CAB's business manager and treasurer, told The Banner Tuesday morning that the General and Transportation fund budgets were cut because they state felt CAB wouldn't have sufficient revenue to fund those budgets. The reduction to the Capital Projects Fund, she said, was due a rate cap that limits the amount of revenue available.

This year's cuts were very similar to those the state made last year to CAB's 2015 budget. That budget was reduced 8.1 percent, from \$12,801,962 to \$11,758,921, with respective cuts to the General, Capital Projects, Transportation and Bus Replacement funds of 8.8, 22.6, 2.6 and 0.7 percent.

"It was certainly what we expected," Superintendent Jed Behny told The Banner on Tuesday morning. "There were no surprises in the process."

Since taking over as superintendent before the start of the 2014-2015 school year, Behny said "solidifying our financial situation" has been his top priority.

"This budget process helps with that," Behny said. "I think it shows that we're moving in the right direction when we're seeing cash balances that we're seeing. Our philosophy is now we aren't making financial decisions within six month windows - we're making financial decisions based on 24-month windows, and that's progress, for sure."

CAB, according to a document Madison prepared that shows the district's cash flow during 2015, finished the year with a cash balance of \$781,690.18 in its General Fund. That's \$278,465.91, or 55.3 percent, more than the \$503,224.27 balance it had last January.

Town Council Executive Session Set for Thursday

The Knightstown Town Council still plans to hold a private executive session immediately prior to Thursday's regular monthly meeting, but the reason for that meeting, apparently, has changed.

During the town council's Jan. 7 special meeting, new council member Kevin Knott asked that an executive session be scheduled. Citing subsection (b)(6) of the executive session statute found in the state's Open Door Law, Knott said he wanted the closed door session so the council could receive information about alleged misconduct by a town employee and to discuss that person's employment status.

The notice issued on Monday for tomorrow's executive session,

however, listed a different reason for the meeting. Rather than citing subsection (b)(6), the notice indicated the executive session is being held pursuant to subsection (b)(9), which permits the council to meet privately to discuss a town employee's job performance evaluation.

The Banner spoke briefly to Knott on Tuesday morning, and he said he thought the change reflected on the meeting notice had been made on the advice of the town's legal counsel. While he had mentioned allegations of misconduct when he first asked for the executive session, Knott said discussion of an employee's job performance evaluation accurately describes, for now, what the council plans to do.

Library Board Reschedules Meeting

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Knightstown Public Library Board has, once again, had to reschedule its January monthly meeting. The meeting, which is open to the public, is now set for 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, in the library, 5 E. Main St.

Knightstown Plan Commission Meeting Monday

The Knightstown Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Monday. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the back meeting room of Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., which is accessible from the building's west side.



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OBITUARIES

Charles Harlan Roberts
July 17, 1924 - January 14, 2016



Charles Harlan Roberts, 91, a lifelong resident of Hancock County, passed away surrounded by his family on Jan. 14, 2016.

He was born to the late Harlan and Edna (Sweezy) Roberts on July 17, 1924, in Greenfield. His family are direct descendants of Isaac Roberts, who was one of the first settlers to live in Hancock County. He married his wife, Virginia (Pratt) Roberts, in February 1950. He worked at a mechanical trade as a licensed plumber where he retired from. Charles enjoyed playing his steel guitar, and you might have heard his tune on the radio. Nothing lit up his life like his grandchildren. He loved every moment of each of them.

Charles will be greatly missed by his three daughters, Janet Goldsworthy, Sherry (Dan) Gilmore and Edna "Lu" (David) Jones; a son, Kenneth (Mary) Robert; a brother, David Roberts; six sisters, Andrea (Eddy) Macy, Thelma Middleton, Helen (Wayne) Brooks, Ethel (Don) Harshman, Linda Hornaday and Marcia (Paul) Scott; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by four brothers; Wendell, Thomas, James and Jack Roberts, and a sister, Beverly Swafford.

Services for Charles were Jan. 18 Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Friends visited Jan. 17. Burial was in Glen Cove Cemetery with Pastor Ryan McCarty presiding. Memorial contributions in Charles's memory may be made to Gentiva or Advantage Home Health Care of New Castle. Heritage Funeral Care is honored to serve the Robert's family.

Max W. Avery
August 21, 1938 - January 13, 2016



Max W. Avery, 77, of Knightstown, passed away unexpectedly Jan. 13, 2016, at Hancock Regional Hospital. He was born Aug. 21, 1938, in Indianapolis, a son of Willard and Margaret (Barrett) Avery.

Max graduated from Knightstown High School in 1957 and then attended Butler University. He was employed by Perfect Circle in Hagerstown and Hook's Drugs warehouse in Indianapolis. Max was a longtime member of Knightstown United Methodist Church, where he was choir director for several years. He was an avid musician, enjoyed classical music and participated in a German band. He also loved reading and studying history.

He is survived by two nephews, Brandon Avery of Indianapolis and Brock (Anna) Avery of Indianapolis; a niece, Meredith (Chris) McDonald of Knightstown; a sister-in-law, Judith Myers Avery of Knightstown; three great-nieces, Lydia and Margaret Avery and Reagan McDonald; and two great-nephews, Jack Avery and Henry McDonald.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Avery.

Visitation was Jan. 16 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Funeral services followed with Mark Haase officiating. Burial took place in Glen Cove Cemetery. Condolences and memories of Max may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Troy Delbert Lane
September 2, 1940 - January 13, 2016

Troy Delbert Lane, 75, of Knightstown, passed away Jan. 13, 2016, at Hancock Regional Hospital. He was born Sept. 2, 1940, in Polaski Co., Ky., a son of Alvin and Elva (Redman) Lane.

He spent many years at Lanes Service Station in Knightstown. He loved tinkering with cars and working on things. Troy enjoyed spending time with his granddaughter, Sydney. He was very giving, always willing to lend a helping hand and enjoyed living life his way.

He is survived by two sons, Brent (Karen) Lane of New Castle and Kent Lane (fiance, Diane) of Muncie; granddaughter, Sydney Lane of New Castle; three siblings, Dale (Peggy) Lane of Knightstown, Joe (Faye) Lane of Mays, and Patricia (Roger) Roy of New Castle; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Judy Gorman and Eunice Brummett.

Visitation was Jan. 19 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Funeral services followed with Pastor Dan Jones officiating. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery. Condolences and memories of Troy may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Donald Hubert Erwin
September 8, 1935 - January 12, 2016



Donald Hubert Erwin, 80, of Carthage, passed away Jan. 12, 2016, at Rush Memorial Hospital in Rushville. He was born Sept. 8, 1935, in Carter County, Ky., a son of Rosa (Mack) Brinegar and Lloyd (Ruth) Erwin.

Donald enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed gardening, camping, hunting, fishing, gospel and country music.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lodenia Erwin of Carthage; five sons, Keith (Mary) Erwin of Middletown, Lloyd (Tammy) Erwin of Carthage, Jon (Jessie) Erwin of Olive Hill, Ky., David (Michelle) Erwin of Knightstown, and Michael (Sara) Erwin of Carthage; six daughters, Wanda (Ervin) Olseske of Knightstown, Linda Erwin of Knightstown, Breta Erwin of Carthage, Patty (Don) Gross of Knightstown, Lois (Tom) Miller of Shirley and Lisa (Bill) Byrd of Carthage; 23 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; seven siblings, Lawrence (Jewel) Brinegar, Larry (Sandy) Brinegar, Eddie Brinegar, Janet (Lawrence) Sullivan, Eugene (Barbara) Brinegar, Roger (Wilma) Erwin and Mildred (Roger) Richardson; and many nieces, nephews, in-laws, aunts, uncles and other family members.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Elmo Owens, Bobby Lee Owens, Gary Brinegar, Dorse Erwin and Wayne Erwin and two sisters, MaryLou Sullivan and Wilma Jean Brinegar.

Visitation was Jan. 14 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Funeral services were Jan. 16 at Globe Christian Church in Olive Hill, Ky. Burial followed in Rayburn Family Cemetery. Condolences and memories of Donald may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

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Court of Appeals Case Could Affect Knightstown

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

An Indiana Court of Appeals ruling handed down last month, if not reversed by the state's supreme court, could affect the Knightstown Police Department's ability to ticket speeding motorists for violating the town's traffic ordinance.

In a ruling issued Dec. 11, the Indiana Court of Appeals threw out Jason Maraman's citation for speeding in violation of the city of Carmel's traffic ordinance. Writing for a unanimous three-judge panel, Justice Melissa May said in the 11-

page opinion that the city of Carmel's ordinance was "void" and "invalid."

The problem with Carmel's ordinance, according to the Court of Appeals, was that it said it simply "adopted by reference" traffic regulations set forth in state statute "with the same force and effect as though set forth (in the ordinance) verbatim." While cities and towns are permitted to adopt additional traffic regulations by ordinance, the court said these ordinances "may not conflict with or duplicate a statute."

"Carmel's wholesale adoption of chapters of Indiana Code resulted in its ordinance being nothing more than a 'duplicate' of already existing state law," May wrote. "... While Carmel may incorporate material by reference, it may not incorporate in a way that duplicates the statutes that create statewide traffic infractions."

The Court of Appeals said cities and towns have authority to "adopt ordinances altering speed limits" within their municipal boundaries. However, they are "nevertheless prohibited from simply duplicating

state imposed speed limits" as Carmel had done.

Knightstown's local speed regulations appear to have the same problem as those in Carmel due to the use of similar language:

"The speed laws and regulations of the state shall apply on all streets and highways of the town and are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this schedule as fully as if the same were attached hereto and incorporated herein ..." reads the speed regulations portion of Knightstown's traffic ordinance.

Knightstown's local ordinance does have a second subsection that sets 20 mph speed limits at all intersections of Adams and Washington streets between Brown and Morgan streets. Because this differs from state statute, any local citations issued for speeding in those designated areas would seem not to be affected by the Court of Appeals ruling. The validity of citations for speeding in other areas of town, however, would be questionable.

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Rush County Grant Deadlines Approaching

Applications for grants from the following funds are now available at the Rush County Community Foundation.

***Shane Young Memorial Soccer Fund** - Established by Shane's family as a memorial for Shane's love of soccer, proceeds are distributed annually to a worthy Rush County club and/or organization as decided by a selection committee. The purpose of the fund is to promote soccer in Rush County and grants may be used to send a delegate to a soccer camp, to improve soccer facilities, to promote sportsmanship, to train adult leaders, to provide monies for training youth in soccer skills, or to serve as a conduit for those interested in helping support youth soccer. Deadline for application is 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb 16.

***Rush County Parks Fund** - Proceeds from this Fund provide support to parks programs not ordinarily funded by City or County Government. This grant is available to all established parks in Rush County. Deadline for application is 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16.

***Rush County Youth Athletic Fund** - Grants are intended to support the training of amateur athletes and coaches while promoting educational opportunities for youth

through athletic excellence.

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, Indiana, not only today, but for our future generations. For more information please visit or contact the office at 117 N. Main St., Rushville, IN 46173, or call 765-938-1177.

GRANTS WORKSHOP

The Henry County Community Foundation, Inc. will conduct a workshop for nonprofits planning to apply for grants in the spring cycle. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library auditorium, 376 S. 15th St., New Castle, for local nonprofit organizations wishing to submit an application. Attendance is mandatory for consideration.

Please call to reserve your seat.

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Alzheimer's and the Terrible Theft

"Do not go gentle into that good night, Old age should burn and rave at close of day; Rage, rage against the dying of the light ..." - Dylan Thomas

When I was young I never heard of dementia or Alzheimer's disease, which is the major form of dementia. People said, "So-and-so is childish or is losing his/her memory."

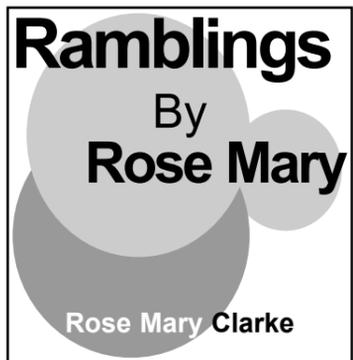
Harrison Terrace, where I spoke in November, struck me as a more attractive place than where Bill stayed for a short while after by-pass surgery. I asked the receptionist, "Could my husband have stayed here?" "Certainly," she replied. "But only if he had dementia."

I was shocked. If this 110-bed facility accepts only those who have dementia, how many people suffer from it? According to information on the Internet, 5.3 million Americans suffered from it in 2015. Two-thirds of them were women, and most were over 65 years old.

Alzheimer's is a degradation of brain tissue, which, once lost, can never be replaced. Deposits of a protein accumulate inside nerve cells. Tangles render nerve cells unable to carry out necessary brain functions. Tangles, along with plaque, are a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease.

How frightening is this? It is the only cause of death in the top 10 that cannot be slowed or cured. Thus, caregivers, regardless of their kindness and devoted effort, cannot halt their patients' journey into what I think of as the dark night of the soul.

Jeff Thomas, an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene and full-time chaplain at Harrison Terrace, is an example of those who devote their lives to caring for others. He praised Omar Johnson, the executive director of Harrison Terrace, for giving him the freedom to oversee religious services, chaplain interns and spiritual care volunteers, and to



establish and manage programs such as the one where I was a speaker. (A Catholic mass is held once a month.)

He told me, "When I was offered this position, I didn't think that I could do it. Now I wouldn't be anywhere else!" He explained why: He has a great appreciation for the elderly that stems from extremely close relationships with both sets of his grandparents, who lived nearby and who provided hugs, treats and listening ears. He said, "My spiritual gifting is in pastoral care. I am probably a better encourager, shepherd, counselor pastor, than a CEO administrator/preacher/evangelist type of pas-

tor." His attitude is similar to that of the nurse who said that she wouldn't become an M.D. because she would lose the bedside care of her patients. He views his and the work of fellow caregivers as a calling, rather than a job.

It makes no difference whether you are rich or poor, unknown or famous, ordinary or powerful. Several years ago, Eleanor Riley Morgan, a high school classmate, succumbed to Alzheimer's.

President Ronald Reagan spoke touchingly of his coming journey into "the sunset" of his life. A real estate client passed away from Alzheimer's recently. We received a Christmas card from a couple whom we met during a tour of Italy years ago. Alas, Ann, whom I remember as bright, cheerful person, is institutionalized.

However, many people grow old without succumbing to dementia or Alzheimer's. Here's a story that gladdens my heart: Vivian Forst, the mother of one of my Knightstown High School chums, will be 105 years old in June! Think of it! Her vision and hearing are diminished, but her wit remains sharp. A few days following surgery, after she broke her leg four months ago, three men lifted her from her bed and moved her to a chair. After they left, a nurse came in and asked, "How are you doing, Mrs. Forst?" "Oh, just fine! I just entertained three men in my bedroom, and I've still got it!" When I finally grow up I want to be like Vivian.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm sure many locals, and thousands passing through Knightstown on U.S.40 have seen the small sign near the railroad crossing, across from the Speedway Gas Station. The top portion of the sign suggests that President Obama and Co. are responsible for this person going out of business after 27 years.

This sign has been on display for quite a while now. Perhaps the person who put up this sign would like to remind us, right here in the pages of this paper, exactly how Mr.Obama and Co. are responsible for the closing of your business.

Years ago, two nephews, their mother, and I, enjoyed a train ride to Carthage and back. Those children had a blast.Thanks for making that possible.

Consider letting the Handyman have the entire sign.

Charles Cathcart
Carthage

Dear Editor,

As I watch my little 10-lb. terrier, Cricket, roll around on the floor, playing with his big teddy bear, I'm saddened by his cropped off tail. It was cut off before he became a member of my family, as was Jarbo's (my other small dog). I know that I'll likely get another dog in the future, and I aim to make sure he has a tail.

Even though I've asked a couple of vets and breeders why people cut small dogs' tails off, none were able to give me a sensible answer. Having had dogs with tails in the past, I know a dog can tell you a lot with his tail. If he's wagging his tail, he's happy and feels good. If he doesn't wag his tail when he's around you, then he likely doesn't feel well, or he's not happy. If he tucks his tail down tight and holds it there, he's afraid or may even be thinking about biting you. Also, it takes energy to wag a tail. It's exercise that uses up a few extra calories.

On the other hand, there can be reasons for cutting off a big dog's tail sometimes. A large house dog with a large, wagging tail can knock drinks and nic-nacs off of coffee and end tables. I've seen them knock down and bruise up small children with a wagging tail. I've even had light bruises above my knees myself from a neighbor's large, friendly dog greeting me up close with a wagging tail.

But, to me, it's really sad to see small dogs with no tails, even though a few are born that way.

T.J. Rollings
Knightstown

Dear Editor,

My name is Chad Malicoat and I am excited to announce that I will be running for Henry County Council at-large.

I am a lifelong resident of Henry County and currently reside just south of New Castle with my wife, Melissa, and our daughter, Emma. I love this place we call home and I want my child and future generations to enjoy living here and all Henry County has to offer as much as I do. The county is in a population decline and I am tired of seeing so many of my friends and family forced to move away, mostly to find employment. This is a problem we can change, but it is going to take all of us working together.

I currently work in sales and marketing and have for about the last 20 years. The skills I have learned from my private sector work will be valuable assets for me to bring to the council. I have been employed by large corporations tasked with managing over 100 employees to now owning and operating a small business. I understand the necessity to formulate a budget for not only the current year, but projected budgets for years to come. I worked closely with human resource and know what it is

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Grow a Pair; It's Not That Scary, Folks

As part of its reward for assisting with the Henry County Area Veterans Memorial, Make a Difference Knightstown, which conceived, planned and built the structure, gave The Banner a free memorial brick.

We were able to select the message on The Banner's brick, which is still embedded at the memorial.

I chose our message: "E pluribus unum ... from your many sacrifices come one great nation."

I like that. E pluribus unum is Latin and it means out of many, one. I used it, in that very context, in reference to the sacrifice American veterans have made in securing our liberty.

But, the slogan can obviously embody more than just a veterans context. The concept of a united front built on numerous individual parts is old as human kind. It inspires me to see tiny pieces coalesce, forming a firm structure.

It's the story of America, after all. In a nutshell, it's how our nation came to be:

floating fragments bonding together, forming a new, colonial nation. Making it stronger every day, year, decade and century was a constant influx of immigrants from every corner of the globe. From that collective cultural experience, the world's most unique country was born.

What surprises me is how many Americans are forgetting this lately. Fearless inclusion is a fundamental part of our national identity, but many are now either acting like that's not true or simply rejecting it, both in favor of a particularly vitriolic, divisive hatred aimed mostly at Muslims and, yes, even those who may look like Muslims, but aren't.

In this toxic, xenophobic atmosphere I can't help but wonder where plain old American courage went. What happened to the broad-shouldered, confident American spirit that once feared so little, but now can't even muster the balls to confront even their own town council or school board?

Are there really brown boogymen under your bed waiting to snatch your guns?

C'mon. Don't live your lives in fear. Be brave. Be bold. Don't cower in the cellar while the world turns around you. Never forget that the diversity you decry as scary and unpatriotic is actually that uniquely American glue that cements our liberty - not some freedom-killing virus bound to infect us all.

Indeed, we are all pretty dissatisfied with our government. But, let's remember that our government is made up of us. Only we can fix it. Blaming immigrants or those different than us for our frustration with our own government is pointless. We'll never win back efficiency if we continue aiming our investigations and apprehensions at people who have little to do with it.

The job of policing our elected officials and governing bodies is a tough one. It takes real, personal confrontation. It's astonishing how few people have the guts to do that basic thing. A quick look at government meeting attendance reveals a decided lack of character on the American people's part. They're too scared to raise a voice against a neighbor, friend or relative. So, they're too scared to have a voice in their own government.



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BITS & PIECES

◆The public is invited to attend a **"Real Results" open house** hosted by Beautify Knightstown, Inc. (BKI) at Hoosiers Home Court Café on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. A brief overview of BKI's mission and projects will be presented at 7 p.m., followed by the introduction of muralist Pam Bliss, who has been retained to paint a mural in Knightstown. Patrons will be asked to suggest ideas for the mural's design. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 765-445-2328 or email km_richey@yahoo.com.

◆Knightstown author Patricia Goodspeed will sign copies of her book, **Murder on Persimmon Lane**, at a wine and cheese tasting event at Indiana Winecraft, 18 N. Jefferson, Knightstown, on Sunday, Jan. 31, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

◆**Kennard & Friends Church**, Vine and Broad streets, one block west of post office off State Road 234, will be hosting Eric and Tara Allred at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24, and Sunday, Jan. 31. The

Allreds will share their testimony and life-changing ministry, aimed at helping those struggling with addiction, marital problems or other troubles. For more information or directions, please contact Rev. Bob Lines at 317-408-8811.

◆Greensboro United Methodist Church will host a **blood drive** on Saturday, Jan. 30, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Those who want to donate blood must bring valid photo identification. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207.

◆**Lydia's Closet**, a free clothing pantry sponsored by and located at Carthage Community Church, 511 E. Second St., will host its grand opening on Thursday, Jan. 28, from 6-7 p.m. Casual and dress clothing, shoes and miscellaneous items will be available, and prom dresses will be available for lending. All are welcome and there is no charge. Soup, sandwiches, and drinks will be available in the Harbor. For more information, contact Sally Campbell at 317-440-2783 or Bonnie Davis at 765-565-6721 or 317-650-9260.

◆Beautify Knightstown, Inc. will host a mural fundraiser, **Hearts in the Park**, at the Sunset Park Shelter House on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. A five-course, authentic Italian dinner will be served in a cozy setting with entertainment and dancing for those wanting a special place to celebrate Valentine's Day or just enjoy a home cooked meal prepared by local Chef Luigi Perazzelli. Tickets are \$22 for singles and \$40 per couple, with free child care provided by advance arrangement. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. To order tickets call 765-445-2328 or email km_richey@yahoo.com.

◆**Beautify Knightstown** is taking 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 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.

◆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 winter hours. The museum's current hours, in effect through March are 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (sometimes longer) 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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Indiana State Parks is celebrating its centennial year in 2016 and one way it is commemorating the milestone is with the Centennial Fitness Challenge.

The challenge encourages visitors to walk, run, bike, paddle or

swim at least 25 miles, or ride on horseback 100 miles, by Nov. 31. Those who do will be entered into a drawing for prizes, including a 2017 Annual Entrance Pass, Outdoor Indiana magazine subscriptions, DNR camping gift cards and State Park Inns gift certificates.

As a bonus to celebrate the centennial, anyone who completes 100 miles, or 200 miles on horseback, See Parks, Page 7

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Daniel and Asa Heaton Traded with Indians in Wayne Twp. Around 1818

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Wayne Township, the second subdivision of Henry County named on the records, is situated in the southwest corner of the county, and bounded on the south by Rush County, west by Hancock County, north by Greensboro Township, and east by Spiceland Township. As originally constituted, it was a little more than eleven miles in length by six in width, and comprised in its ample domain a small portion of the present Township of Greensboro, all of Spiceland, and about one-fourth of Franklin Township; but by successive clippings it has been reduced until it is about five and a half miles in width by six in length, or an area of a trifle more than thirty-three square miles.

FIRST SETTLERS. - As near as can be ascertained, no bona fide settlers located within the limits of this township prior to 1820, although Daniel and Asa Heaton are known to have been temporarily located about the present site of Raysville and trading with the Indians perhaps as early as 1818. Samuel Furgason had a good double log cabin up about the mouth of Montgomery's Creek as early as

1820 or '21, and made money enough hauling corn from White Water to enable him to pay for his claim by August 11, 1821, about the present site of Church's Mill; had ten acres partly cleared and under good fence. These improvements were all bid from under him by David Lauderback, who seems to have so well understood the nature of the transaction that he dare not take up his residence in the vicinity.

The following persons entered land or bid it off at the 'land sale' held at Brockville during the year 1821:

Samuel Furgason, Waitzel M. Carey, Abraham Heaton, Daniel Heaton, Samuel Carey, D. Lauderback, Edward Patterson, William Macy, Jacob Parkhurst, David Dalrymple, Wm. Criswell, Ebenezer Goble, Joseph Watts, Thomas Estell, Henry Ballenger, Isaac Pugh, Shaphet McCray, Stephen

Cook, Samuel Goble, John Daily, Jacob Whitter, John Freeland, Charles Smith, Edmond Lewis, and John Lewis.

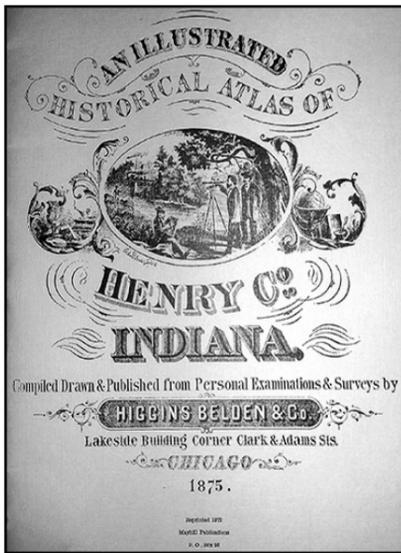
In addition to the above we are enabled to name the following early settlers, either born in the county or removed to it, giving about the date of their becoming citizens of the county:

Benjamin Fort, Washington Lewis, P.C. Welborn, 1822; George D. Porter, Edmund Lewis, 1823; Thomas Estell, Jr., J.I. Furgason, and W. J. Welborn, 1824; S.R. Allee, Jacob Burriss, W.H. Estell, and Newton Wright, 1825; Jonathan and W.P. Manlove Gabriel Fort, and Luther Dillee, 1826; Freeman Fort and Abraham Carey, 1827; W.H. Maxwell, John and Lewis Osborn, and Henry Watson, 1828; Robert Woods, J.M. Whitesel, M.D., James C. Ramsay, Job

Hiatt, John Allee, and David S. Heaton, 1829; Joseph Woods, H. Bell, and Henry Shinn, and many others about 1830. To name all that came in after this time is impracticable, and of course many as much entitled to mention as some of the foregoing have been overlooked. At the time of the organization of the township there were about forty families, or two hundred persons, within the limits of the township as then constituted, most of them belong to what was known as the 'Heaton neighborhood' before mentioned.

ORGANIZATION - The township was organized by act of the commissioners June 10,

1822, who declared that 'after the first Saturday in July next' they (the townships) should "enjoy all the rights and privileges and jurisdictions which to separate and independent townships do or may properly belong." the first election was ordered to be held at the house of Joseph Watts on the 6th of July, for the purpose of electing one justice of the peace for the township. Abraham Heaton was appointed inspector, and seems to have been elected justice. In August, Elijah McCray and E. Hardin were appointed constables to serve until the February following, and in November Daniel Priddy was added to the constabulary force. Ebenezer Goble and Samuel Furgason were made overseers of the poor, and Daniel Heaton, Shaphat McCray, and Jacob Parkhurst were made the first fence viewers in and for said township."



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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Jan. 20 - Henry Co. Job Classification meeting, 9 a.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Jan. 21 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Jan. 21 - Henry Co. Planning Commission, technical review meeting, 8 a.m.,

old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Jan. 21 - Henry Co. Planning Commission, monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Jan. 21 - Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St.

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Authors, producers, and others who wish to nominate a work can download the nomination form at

www.indianapioneers.org and select the SIP Centennial/Indiana Bicentennial tab or can contact the Society's Office Manager at the Indiana State Library, 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204. (www.societyofindianapioneers@yahoo.com) A panel of judges will consider works with cutting edge scholarship, advances in knowledge, and superior or new research techniques. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2016.

Dr. James P. Fadely, President of The Society of Indiana Pioneers, explains the mission of

the group is "to honor the memory and the work of the pioneers of Indiana." Award checks will be presented on June 27, 2016, at Conner Prairie Interactive History Park during a centennial celebration of The Society of Indiana Pioneers in collaboration with the

Friends of the Indiana Archives and descendants of the signers of the 1816 Constitution. These awards, known as the John Hampden Holliday Prize, are named for the founder of The Society of Indiana Pioneers and the former owner of the

Indianapolis News newspaper. The Society was founded in 1916 and will celebrate its centennial as the state of Indiana marks its bicentennial in 2016. This competition is an official Legacy Project endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission.

Grants Enable Teachers to Bolster STEM Knowledge

Teachers across the state have the opportunity to gain additional expertise in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at no cost through offerings at Indiana's private colleges through STEM Teach II.

The STEM Teach II initiative is made possible by a \$2.14 million grant from the state to the Independent Colleges of Indiana and builds upon ICI's successful STEM Teach I program, also funded through a state grant and resulting in more than 600 enrollments in STEM courses and workshops by K-12 teachers across the state.

ICI is partnering with the Center for Excellence and Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis in administering STEM Teach II, as it did for the initial grant. A special focus of this round is graduate level coursework for secondary teachers to gain dual-credit credentialing, a critical need for Indiana in light of the Higher Learning Commission's policy that dual credit teachers must hold a master's degree in the content area they are teaching or a master's in another area plus 18 graduate credits in the specific content area.

All K-12 teachers in Indiana public, private, and charter schools

are eligible to enroll in the courses and workshops offered by Indiana's private colleges and universities around the state. Examples of courses being offered this semester are Forensics Chemistry at Saint Joseph's College, Mathematical Statistical Analysis at Oakland City University, and Organic Biochemistry at the University of Saint Francis. Course delivery methods include face-to-face, online, and hybrid (combination of online and in-person).

Thanks to the grant, ICI colleges and universities are waiving tuition for teachers as an incentive to participate and learn, as well as a stipend to defray textbook and materials costs. Additionally, upon successful completion of a course or workshop, teachers earn a completion award, ranging from \$250 to \$500.

Registration for STEM Teach II courses for Spring 2016 has begun and courses and workshops will continue through Summer and Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.

Teachers may learn more about the program and register by visiting stemteachindiana.org. Enrollment is on a first come/first served basis, and courses and workshops fill quickly.

Parks, from Page 6

by Nov. 31 will receive a free Indiana State Parks commemorative centennial coin.

Indiana State Parks director Dan Bortner said state parks offer hundreds of miles of trails that wind past lakes, climb big hills, wander through deep forests and canyons, and explore prairies. Many locations also offer accessible hard-surface trails, he said.

"All of these pathways offer opportunities for exercise," Bortner said. "They also offer the added benefit of just being out-

doors, where it is possible to shed the worries and challenges of daily life for a little while."

Participants must download and keep a Fitness Challenge log that documents their visits to state parks and get a signature from park staff each time they visit.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Pound Centerville, Then Fall to Northeastern

Knights town's varsity boys basketball team thumped Centerville 69-49 at home Jan. 15.

The team's top two scorers led the Panther offense against the Bulldogs. Drake Peggs scored 20 points and Jackson Edwards finished with 19. Another senior, Jarrett Weidner, sunk five of his six shots from the field to achieve his first game in double-digits.

The win pushed up the Panthers' overall record to 6-4 this season.

Centerville	4	8	9	28	- 49
Knights town	25	16	16	12	- 69

Knights town Individual Results vs. Centerville

Drake Peggs - 20 points (two 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

- Jackson Edwards - 19 points, 5 rebounds, 8 assists, 5 steals
- Jarrett Weidner - 10 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
- Coleman Wyatt - 8 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist
- Riley Ruble - 8 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals
- Jake Bearhope - 4 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block
- Dylan Hiner - 2 rebounds, 2 assists
- Daniel Rayburn - 1 rebound, 1 steal

After blowing away Centerville by 20 the night before, Northeastern proved a tougher matchup for Knights town's varsity boys basketball team Jan. 16. The Knights defeated the Panthers 60-50.

Jackson Edwards topped the Panther scorers with 16 points. However, fellow senior Riley Ruble had a huge game, and his first career double-double, with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Coleman Wyatt finished with 10 points.

The Panthers' season record stands at 6-5 after the loss at home to the Knights.

Northeastern	16	8	20	16	- 60
Knights town	14	13	10	13	- 50

Knights town Individual Results vs. Northeastern

Drake Peggs - 20 points (two 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

- Jackson Edwards - 19 points, 5 rebounds, 8 assists, 5 steals
- Jarrett Weidner - 10 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
- Coleman Wyatt - 8 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist
- Riley Ruble - 8 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals
- Jake Bearhope - 4 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block
- Dylan Hiner - 2 rebounds, 2 assists
- Daniel Rayburn - 1 rebound, 1 steal

Royals Edged Out By Waldron, Union County

Eastern Hancock varsity boys basketball team hit a scoring slump in two quarters that resulted in a 43-46 loss to Mid-Hoosier Conference opponent Waldron at home Jan. 15.

Sophomore Addison True led the Royal offense and got his third double-double this season with 18 points and 11 rebounds. A.J. Muegge added 15 points.

The loss to Waldron moved Eastern Hancock's season record to 3-7 overall and to 0-4 in the conference.

Waldron	8	11	19	8	- 46
E. Hancock	5	18	9	11	- 43

Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Waldron

Addison True - 18 points (two 3-pointers), 11 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 3 shots deflected

A.J. Muegge - 15 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected

Tyler Blattner - 2 points, 2 rebounds

Duncan Cherry - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 9 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 shot deflected

Ryan Speas - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 1 shot deflected

Jacob Eischen - 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 shots deflected

Tom Barton - 6 rebounds, 1 block, 3 shots deflected

Jarett Lewis - 1 rebound

After losing a close game the night before at home to Waldron, the Eastern Hancock varsity boys basketball team had hoped to get a win on the road. Despite a valiant fourth quarter effort, the Royals came up short. The Patriots held on for a 48-41 win over the Royals.

Addison True and A.J. Muegge again led the Royal scorers. True finished with 15 points and Muegge had 13.

The Royals' season record now stands at 3-8.

E. Hancock	7	4	6	24	- 41
Union Co.	8	10	14	16	- 48

Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Union County

Addison True - 15 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 assists, 7 shots deflected

Lady Royals Now 14-5

Freshman Haley Best drained four 3-pointers and scored 16 points to lead Eastern Hancock's varsity girls basketball team to a 72-31 victory over conference rival Morristown Jan. 14.

Junior Emiley Carlton had 10 points and another freshman, Jenna King, also scored 10 for the Lady Royals.

The win over Morristown improved the Lady Royals' season record to 14-4 and to 6-2 in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

Eastern Hancock	12	28	14	18	- 72
Morristown	10	6	5	7	- 28

Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Morristown

Haley Best - 16 points (four 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 1 assist

Emiley Carlton - 10 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals, 1 block

Jenna King - 10 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 block, 2 shots deflected, 1 charge taken

Kaysi Gilbert - 8 points, 3 assist, 1 steal

Leah Ferguson - 7 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, 2 blocks, 1 shot deflected

Hope Spaulding - 6 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals

Shelby King - 4 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists, 3 steals, 2 shots deflected

Peyton West - 4 points, 1 assist, 2 steals

Megan Mench - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 2 blocks, 1 shot deflected

Bailey Allen - 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists

Micah Black - 2 points, 1 rebound

Morgan Collins - 1 rebound

After having a monster game against Morristown the day before, the Eastern Hancock varsity girls team were practically shut down by Triton Central on the road Jan. 16.

Though the Lady Tigers' offense was slow out of the gate, they sunk enough shots to get the eventual win, 41-22, over EH.

The Lady Royals scored their lowest point total of the year, 22 points, hitting just six of their 42 shot attempts. About the only positive highlight of the Lady Royals' performance was at the charity stripe where they knocked down 10 of 12 free throws.

The loss moved Eastern Hancock's season record to 14-5 overall.

Eastern Hancock	8	1	5	8	- 22
Triton Central	4	11	13	13	- 41

Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Hauser

Leah Ferguson - 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block

Emiley Carlton - 5 points, 5 rebounds, 1 shot deflected

Jenna Smith - 5 points, 3 rebounds, 3 blocks, 1 charge taken

Hope Spaulding - 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist

Peyton West - 2 points, 1 steal

Kaysi Gilbert - 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block

Shelby King - 1 rebound, 2 assists, 2 shots deflected

Megan Mench - 1 rebound

Haley Best - 1 rebound

A.J. Muegge - 13 points (three 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 3 shots deflected

Tom Barton - 4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 shots deflected

Ryan Speas - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 2 steals, 2 shots deflected

Tyler Blattner - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 2 steals, 2 shots deflected

Duncan Cherry - 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist

Jordan Stillinger - 2 rebounds

Jarett Lewis - 1 assist

Lapel Tops KHS Girls

Knights town's varsity girls basketball team fell to Lapel 27-63 on the road Jan. 13.

The Lady Panthers shot just 20 percent from the field and 46 percent at the free throw line.

Lapel also won the battle of the boards with 41 rebounds to the 16 pulled down by KHS.

Knights town's leading player was Jordan Ventresco with eight points and four rebounds.

The loss dropped the Lady Panthers' overall record to 3-15.

Knights town	2	6	6	13	- 27
Lapel	18	13	15	17	- 63

Knights town Individual Results

Jordan Ventresco - 8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal

Dharma Holder - 5 points

Brooke Vise - 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 shot deflected

Lori Thomas - 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal

Rachel Dickerson - 3 points, 1 steal

Kaitlyn Jackson - 2 points, 1 steal

Jessica Butler - 2 points

Hannah Thomas - 4 rebounds, 1 steal

Lacy Thomas - 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

Carmen Cleek - 1 rebound, 1 assist, 3 steals

Sidney Vise - 1 rebound, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Allyson Hauk - 1 assist

Tri Girls Win Two More

Payton Moore scored 22 points to lead Tri's varsity girls basketball team to a 65-38 victory on the road at Northeastern Jan. 16.

Mackenzie Peggs hit four three-pointers and scored 14 while Addy Edwards and Cayla Johnson each added 11 points.

The win over Northeastern, a fellow Tri-Eastern Conference opponent, improved the Lady Titans' overall record to 12-6 and their conference record to 3-3.

Tri	23	15	16	11	- 65
Northeastern	10	11	7	10	- 38

Tri Individual Results vs. NE

Payton Moore - 22 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals

Mackenzie Peggs - 14 points (four 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 7 assists, 1 steal

Addy Edwards - 11 points (three 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block

Cayla Johnson - 11 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals

Karlee Winkhart - 6 points (two 3-pointers), 1 assist, 2 steals

Mara Biehl - 1 point, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 blocks

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Panther Wrestlers Win Frankton Invitational

The Knightstown varsity wrestling team took first place at the Frankton Invitational Jan. 10.

The meet was set up of two pools of four teams. The two top-performing teams then formed a new pool that wrestled the remaining two teams not in the first set of pools.

In the first pool wrestling against Knightstown were Lapel, Madison-Grant and Fort Wayne Concordia.

Knightstown defeated Lapel 60-21. They fell to Fort Wayne Concordia by just seven points, 30-37. They shut down Madison-Grant 70-6.

The Panthers' scores in the first round pool earned them a spot in the top two teams pool.

KHS then edged out Frankton 36-35 and defeated Attica 45-32.

Frankton beat Fort Wayne Concordia which created a three-way tie.

"The tie breaker was to add up the total amount of points each team scored against the top four teams," explained Panther coach Jared Evans. "As a result Knightstown, scored 111 and both Frankton and Fort

Wayne Concordia scored 110, making Knightstown the team champions."

Evans said there was also a tie-breaker for the award for most falls (pins).

"The most was four pins and there were multiple wrestlers with this many. The tie breaker was fastest combined time. The award went to HWT Tyler Jackson who had four falls in a combined time of 3:16," said Evans.

Garrett Thomas (220 lbs.) was the only undefeated Panther at the meet, going 5-0 on the day.

Five Panthers were 4-1 at the event including Thomas Sollars (120 lbs.), Adam Bundy (132 lbs.), Cameron Fender (138 lbs.) and Jason Dishman (195 lbs.).

Four Panthers went 3-2 including Jacob Hanna (113 lbs.), Jon Simmons (160 lbs.), Balin Orcutt (170 lbs.) and Zach Clark (182 lbs.).

Kaleb Buchanan (126 lbs.) was 2-3 and Bruce Nichols (138 lbs.) was 1-3. Eric Adams (106 lbs.) and Alex Brading (152 lbs.) were 1-4 at the invite.

Panthers Take First, Royals Get Second at Raider Rumble

Knightstown's sixth-ranked varsity wrestling team earned a first place finish at the Wapahani Raider Rumble on Dec.19. Eastern Hancock's team took second place in the nine-school event.

The Panthers scored 248 and the Royals finished with 212. Eastbrook came in third with 162. Monroe Central got 142 points for fourth place. Blackford was fifth with 119 points and Southwood was sixth with 84.

Daleville also had 84 points for seventh place. Wapahani was eighth with 76 and Randolph Southern was ninth with 32.

In the 106 lb. bracket, Panther Eric Adams placed second. Knightstown's Jacob Hanna was second and Eastern Hancock's Jack Smith was third in the 113 lb. bracket.

In 120 lb. bracket, Thomas Sollars won first place for Knightstown. The Royals' Caleb Giddings was third.

Panther Kaleb Buchanan took third place and Eastern Hancock's Austin Henderson was fourth in the 126 lb. bracket.

KHS' Adam Bundy was champion in the 132 lb. bracket with EH's Jordan Wills coming in runner-up.

The Panthers took another first place in the 138 lb. bracket with Cameron Fender winning the championship round. The Royals' Gabe Blake finished third.

In the 145 lb. bracket, Eastern Hancock's Jayson Bowers placed third with Knightstown's Alex Fields coming in fourth place.

The Royals' Jarod Waterman was champion in the 152 lb. bracket. The Panthers' Alex Brading was fourth.

Jon Simmons got another champion title for the Panthers in the 160 lb. bracket. He defeated Eastern Hancock's Brandon Francis in the championship match.

EH's Dakota Myers was second and KHS' Tristan Miers placed third in the 170 lb. bracket.

In the 182 lb. bracket, Panther Zach Clark finished fourth and Royal Clayton Cocker was sixth.

Knightstown's Jason Dishman won the team's fifth individual championship in the 195 lb. bracket. Eastern Hancock's Wesley Myers took third place.

EH's Mitch Quinn placed second and KHS' Garrett Thomas was third in the 220 lb. bracket.

In the 285 lb. bracket, Eastern Hancock's Josh Robinson was second and Knightstown's Tyler Jackson was third.

Lady Titans Runner-up in County Tourney

Tri's varsity girls basketball team defeated Blue River Valley in the first round of the Henry County Tournament Jan. 8 but came up three points short in the county championship.

The Lady Titans beat Blue River 45-36 in the opening round. Karlee Winkhart led the Tri offense with 11 points with Cayla Johnson and Mackenzie Peggs each added nine.

Tri	15	13	11	6	-	45
Blue River	7	9	6	14	-	36

Tri Individual Results vs. BRV

Karlee Winkhart - 11 points (three 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 2 steals

Cayla Johnson - 9 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Mackenzie Peggs - 9 points (two 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Kylie Dishman - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals

Payton Moore - 4 points, 7

rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals
Kennsington Appleby - 3 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists
Addy Edwards - 2 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist
Mara Biehl - 1 rebound, 1 steal

In the Henry County Tournament championship game, the Lady Titans started off slow but came back in the fourth quarter to tie the score at 45.

The Lady Raiders outscored the Lady Titans by three in the overtime period to win the county title, 52-49.

The loss moved the Lady Titans' season record to 11-6 overall.

Shenandoah	13	14	10	8	7	-	45
Tri	14	6	12	13	4	-	36

Tri Individual Results vs. Shen.

Payton Moore - 15 points, 11 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

Kylie Dishman - 13 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 2 assists, 6

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

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Napier Scores 53 Points in Two JV Royal Games

Brycen Napier nearly scored as much for the Eastern Hancock boys junior varsity team as the entire Waldron team when they met Jan. 15. The JV Royals beat the Mohawks at home 73-34.

Napier had 29 points and eight rebounds to lead the Royals. Teammates Nathan Mosher scored 15 and Jake Hancock added 12 to head the Royals' high scorers in the game.

The win over the Mid-Hoosier Conference rival bumped up the JV Royals' season record to 8-2 and to 3-1 in the conference.

Waldron JV	7	13	5	9	-	34
E. Hancock JV	13	27	21	12	-	73

Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results vs. Waldron JV

Brycen Napier - 29 points (two

3-pointers), 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals, 4 shots deflected

Nathan Mosher - 15 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 block, 2 shots deflected

Jake Hancock - 12 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Luke Splater - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 1 assist

Trey Bittinger - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected, 1 charge taken

Peyton Gray - 4 points, 3 rebounds, 2 blocks, 5 shots deflected

Skyler Schrope - 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Tyler Castle - 3 rebounds, 6 assists, 4 steals, 4 shots deflected

Brady Stephens - 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal

Ian White - 1 shot deflected

The Eastern Hancock junior varsity boys basketball fans saw another huge game from sophomore Brycen Napier against Union County.

The JV Royals got the 55-38

win on the road Jan. 16, led by Napier's 24 points and Nathan Mosher's 13 points. The two combined for seven three-pointers.

The JV team is now 9-2 on the season.

E. Hancock JV	14	18	6	17	-	55
Union Co. JV	16	5	10	7	-	38

Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results vs. Union County JV

Brycen Napier - 24 points (four 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected, 1 charge taken

Nathan Mosher - 13 points (three 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 2 shots deflected

Trey Bittinger - 6 points, 8 rebounds

Peyton Gray - 5 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block, 1 shot deflected

Jake Hancock - 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 shot deflected

Tyler Castle - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 3 shots deflected

Skyler Schrope - 1 point, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected

Luke Splater - 1 rebound

JV Lady Panthers Lose to Lapel

The junior varsity Lady Panther basketball team was defeated 27-42 by Lapel Jan. 16.

Jessica Butler led Knightstown with nine points and four rebounds.

The JV Lady Panthers are 5-8 on the season following the loss.

K'town JV	8	4	6	9	-	27
Lapel JV	16	10	12	4	-	42

Knightstown Individual Results

Jessica Butler - 9 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal

Allyson Hauk - 8 points, 1

assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected
Maggie Smith - 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist

Sidney Vise - 3 points, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected

Elizabeth Moore - 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals

Dharma Holder - 2 points, 1 rebound

Mackinsy Fowler - 2 rebounds
Kaitlyn Jackson - 1 rebound, 1 assist

Makeena Leisure - 1 rebound
Rachel Dickerson - 1 rebound

Andi Skinner - 1 steal



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Jr. Varsity Lady Royals Fall to Morristown, Triton Central

The Lady Royals junior varsity team suffered another conference loss Jan. 14 when they were defeated 36-48 on the road at Morristown.

Eastern Hancock's JV girls have had a tough time the past couple of weeks. They were 12-1 before falling to conference teams Hauser and Edinburgh.

This latest loss to Morristown drops the JV Lady Royals to 12-4 overall and 4-4 in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

Eastern Hancock JV	9	7	7	13	- 36
Morristown JV	10	14	10	14	- 48

Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results vs. Morristown JV

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

Eastern Hancock's junior varsity girls team were edged out by Triton Central's squad 32-37 on the road Jan. 16.

The loss is the fourth straight for the JV Lady Royals but they are still holding a solid 12-5 record for the season.

Eastern Hancock JV	5	7	7	13	- 32
Triton Central JV	14	9	4	10	- 37

Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Hauser

Morgan Collins - 6 points (one 3-pointer), 6 rebounds, 1 steal
Faithe Webster - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected
Kayla Fancher - 5 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal
Liberty Durham - 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal
Micah Black - 4 points, 1 rebound, 1 shot deflected
Megan Bever - 2 points, 1 rebound

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Tri Girls, from page 8

Kylie Dishman - 5 rebounds, 6 assists, 3 steals

Auburn Harvey - 1 rebound, 1 assist

Breanna Reece - 1 rebound, 1 assist

Kennington Appleby - 3 assists, 1 steal

The Tri varsity girls basketball team got another home court victory Jan. 18 with a 44-41 win over Union (Modoc).

It was very slow-going in the first half with Tri scoring only seven points over two quarters, taking an 11-point deficit into halftime.

But, the Lady Titans were back in typical form in the second half, scoring 18 in the third quarter and 19 in the fourth to secure the win.

Addy Edwards led the Lady Titan scoring effort with 14 points, including four three-point-

ers, and pulled down six boards.

The Lady Titans' season record is now 13-6 overall.

Union	8	10	7	16	-	41
Tri	2	5	18	19	-	44

Tri Individual Results vs. Union

Addy Edwards - 14 points (four 3-pointers), 6 rebounds, 1 assist

Karlee Winkhart - 8 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Mackenzie Peggs - 6 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal

Cayla Johnson - 5 points, 8 rebounds, 1 block

Kylie Dishman - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 6 assists, 1 steal, 1 block

Payton Moore - 4 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals

Mara Biehl - 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 block

Kennington Appleby - 1 rebound, 1 assist

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Sheriff: Responders Called Over 11,000 Times in 2015

According to a report issued earlier this month by Rush County Sheriff James Cowan, emergency responder agencies in Rush County responded to more than 11,000 calls for service in 2015.

The Rush County Sheriff's Department processed 5,999, or 52.2 percent, of the 11,486 calls that came in to the county's emergency responder agencies last year. Of that amount, 4,439 of the calls were handled by the RCSD's deputies, with the other 1,560 being handled by fire departments

and/or emergency medical service providers.

RCSD deputies logged 368,039 miles on their department vehicles last year and issued 369 traffic citations. They also responded to 382 traffic accidents and had detectives follow up on 29 burglaries, 120 thefts, 19 death investigations, 63 fraud investigations, 24 sex offense/registration violations and four stand-offs involving weapons.

At the Rush County Jail, 889 inmates were booked during 2015, the jail's highest total ever, with

643 of the inmates male and 246 female. Of those held in the jail last year, 447 were for drug offenses, 216 were for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, 128 were for battery or domestic battery, and 88 were for burglary, theft or residential entry.

As of Jan. 8, when Cowan issued his report, there were 497

active warrants on file. In 2015, 382 of 543 warrants issued were served, with another 43 being recalled.

Cowan said the RCSD's employees received a total of 2,900 hours of training and professional development last year. This included two deputies attending the Indiana Law Enforcement

Academy, two jailers attending Jail Officer School, and specialized training for courthouse security.

Cowan's full report for 2015 is a public record available for inspection and copying at the RCSD, 131 E. First St., Rushville, during normal business hours. For more information, call the RCSD at 765-932-2931.

Court, from Page 1

governed by Indiana's Notice of Tort Claim Act or its notice requirements."

A mediation conference held in early December failed to produce a settlement between the parties. While he said he was not at liberty to discuss specifics,

Wainscott did confirm that a settlement was not reached and that the case will continue to move forward.

Should the town's motion for summary judgment be denied, the case is expected to go to trial sometime in 2017.

Letters, from Page 4

like to have to make payroll. I believe the most valuable asset for any entity is its employees, and they should be treated that way.

I currently serve as a citizen appointee on the Henry County Job Classification & Salary Advisory Committee and I am a member of the Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

I am ready to roll up my sleeves and work hard to make this great place we live even better. Please, support me by requesting the Republican ballot on May 3 and help vote me your next Henry County Councilman.

Thank you and God bless.

Chad Malicoat
New Castle

Case, from Page 3

Initially, the town of Knightstown's attorney, Gregg Morelock, declined to comment on the affect this Court of Appeals case could have on Knightstown. However, he did say he did not plan to recommend any changes to Knightstown's ordinance or ticket-writing practices of the Knightstown Police Department until he sees whether the Indiana Supreme Court intends to review the case.

"I think a change now may well be premature until further court action makes the status of our code

more clear," Morelock said in an e-mail. "Once that occurs, we can make whatever adjustments are required."

Knightstown Chief of Police Duane Booth told The Banner on Tuesday morning that his officers have written very few local speeding tickets since the town established an ordinance violations bureau last year that allows citations to be issued for violations of town ordinances. He said most of the tickets given out by his officers have been for drivers failing to stop at signs.

A Look Back



Know the identities of the people in this photo? If so, please share the information with The Banner, via thebanner@embarqmail.com. The only person in the photo of whose identity we're reasonably sure is the man second from the right. We think that's the late Joe Thompson.

Broadcasters and Press Associations Discourage Bill that Would Restrict Public Access to Police Camera Files

A proposal to clamp down on publicly recorded police videos is headed to a vote at the Indiana House of Representatives, in a move that could keep video recordings secret. Indiana House Bill 1019, which sailed through a House committee with a unanimously favorable vote, "restricts public records requests for law enforcement recordings" and requires a court order to release recorded police body camera video. The bill was introduced by Hartford City Republican Representative Kevin Mahan.

"This outrageous proposal takes government secrecy to a new level, keeping public records completely under wrap," said Dave Crooks, chairman of the board of the Indiana Broadcasters Association (IBA), which represents more than 300 Indiana radio and TV broadcasters. Crooks served in the Indiana General Assembly from 1996 to 2008. "As drafted, the 22-page bill would allow law enforcement agencies to refuse to share public video records and require the public to file a lawsuit against an agency, prove a need for disclosure of the video, and have those asking for the video to bear the legal costs of such a request - unless you're actually in the video."

"The Indiana Broadcasters Association is eager to work with government agencies to preserve the public's right to know what's going on, and we realize that this is only a proposal at this stage - although a proposal that is picking up steam. It needs to be modified to preserve the public's right to know," said Crooks.

Today, Indiana government agencies must make public records available for public inspection. If that is denied, there must be a plausible reason tied to an ongoing investigation, according to IBA.

"As a former state legislator, it is surprising to me that the General Assembly may go against the spirit of our public records law that helps the public have trans-

parency with all public actions. Just imagine if this proposed law was already in effect in Illinois. The recent video of a police officer shooting a teenager multiple times in the city of Chicago might have never been disclosed to the public," Crooks said. "This move should make every Indiana citizen wonder what our government is trying to hide by backing this unusual and sweeping change to Indiana public records law."

The Indiana Broadcasters Association believes the current bill eliminates access to public video recorded by law enforcement agencies and is clearly contrary to current State of Indiana policy regarding public records that favors the release of public documents.

IBA also concurs with the Hoosier State Press Association, which says that "law enforcement has no legal incentive to make video available to the public under H.B. 1019 unless it exonerates the officer involved. The current language gives police chiefs and sheriffs carte blanche to decline all requests from the public or press solely on the basis that they don't want to make videos available."

"IBA understands that there are costs associated with public records requests and would be willing to discuss a fair and reasonable fee for access to police video records, and we could even help agencies who need to obscure certain elements of a video recording - such as the appearance of minor children. But, as drafted, House Bill 1019 goes way overboard and puts the burden of proving public interest on those who ask to see the recordings," IBA Chairman Crooks said. "That's a gross overreach that we simply cannot tolerate. In an era when the public is demanding more accountability with law enforcement - not less - it's simply wrong to deny access to recorded activities of those who are sworn to protect and defend the public."

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