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BPW's Mystery Dinner February 13

Knightstown BPW and Rush County Players have planned a murder mystery dinner as a special Valentine's treat this year. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m., at Sugarbakers in Knightstown. Tickets may be purchased from BPW members, or contact Barbara Mofield at 317-442-2620. Reservations due by Feb. 8.

Local Crime Watch Meeting Feb. 8

Knightstown Neighborhood Crime Watch will host its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. in the Hoosier Gym classrooms, located on the east side of the building. The public is invited.

KUMC Dinner Saturday, Feb. 6

Knightstown United Methodist women will host their annual chicken noodle dinner on Saturday, Feb. 6, 4:30-7 p.m. at the church's fellowship hall, located at 27 S. Jefferson St. The dinner is open to the public for a freewill donation. Menu includes homemade noodles served with mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, drinks and homemade rolls and pies.

Local Girl Scouts Selling Cookies

Henry County Girl Scouts are again selling cookies as a fundraiser, according to Henry County Service Unit Manager Barb Mofield. Scouts are selling seven varieties of cookies this year. Those who would like to purchase cookies may contact Mofield, who will have a Girl Scout contact customers. Call Mofield at 317-442-2620 for more information.

Local Clothes Closet Open to Public

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. The facility is open to the public.

Water Rate Study Could Result in Major Hike

The Knightstown Town Council has scheduled a special meeting for next week to discuss an upcoming study of water utility rates.

The special meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, in the council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St. The council is expected to hear a presentation from a representative of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, an Indianapolis accounting firm that has worked with the town on utility issues in the past.

As reported in last week's Banner, the town council voted at its Jan. 21 monthly meeting to transfer up to \$100,000 from the town's electric utility to its water utility, which was in dire need of funds. According to Beth Huffman, the town's new clerk-treasurer, the water utility's operating fund balance had dropped to about \$1,000, which she called a "scary" situation.

Huffman told the council at the Jan. 21 meeting that an Umbaugh representative had told her the town needs to raise its water rates to avoid funding problems like this. The council voted that night to hire Umbaugh to prepare a rate study for the town's water utility, at an estimated cost of \$15,000, that will help determine how much of an increase is needed.

CAB School Board Acts on Various Personnel Matters

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board dealt with several personnel matters at its Jan. 19 monthly meeting, including the rehiring of a former teacher who had resigned at the start of the current school year.

The personnel report unanimously approved by board members that night included hiring Carissa Brammer as a Title I teacher at Knightstown Intermediate School. Brammer will be replacing Mary Calvert, who resigned from the position effective Jan. 15 for "a new career" that was not specified in her resignation letter.

Brammer had previously been a kindergarten teacher at Knightstown Elementary School, but she had resigned in early August. While he ended up voting with the board's other six members,

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Muralist Shares Info, Answers Questions About Imminent Artwork

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

About three dozen people attended an open house last week for local nonprofit group Beautify Knightstown Inc. and learned more about the group's plans to have a mural painted on the side of a downtown building.

The open house was held last Wednesday evening at the Hoosiers Home Court Cafe, which is owned and operated by Kevin Richey, president of BKI.

Indianapolis artist Pamela Bliss, a muralist with high-profile work on display in Indianapolis, Cambridge City, Richmond and other states, gave a brief presentation about her work and discussed issues like site selection and the proposed mural's subject matter.

Bliss, who grew up in the Cambridge City area and now lives in Indianapolis, said she has been painting and doing artwork more than three decades. For the past 18 years, her work has focused primarily on murals, many of which have been painted outside, on the sides of buildings.

"Public art is very positive," Bliss said. "It enhances communities." She said a well-done mural can also instill a sense of local pride and prompt citizens to want to take better care of their community and act as "a catapult for other projects."

The subject matter of the mural Bliss will paint in Knightstown still has yet to be determined. Those who attended last week's open house were asked to submit their ideas, and those will be narrowed to three choices, with local citizens "voting" on which idea they like best.

"Everything is going to be taken into consideration," BKI member Jan McGuire told open house attendees. "... We'll go through and pick out the primary ones, and we're going to put it back up so the citizens of Knightstown can take their choice of what they want. So, it's not going to be just us who are making the decision. It's going to be you guys."

Bliss said the mural would be Knightstown's "calling card" and urged careful deliberations when selecting its subject matter. She said whatever is chosen should be something that is "most representative of what (Knightstown) is."

One possibility for the mural would be to do something that is connected to the movie *Hoosiers*, part of which was filmed in Knightstown. Bliss said a *Hoosiers*-themed mural could generate a lot of

publicity for the town and be "a really good tourist attraction."

"Personally, I think the *Hoosiers* thing could be big," Bliss said. "... It's not just a Knightstown thing. A lot of the people in the United States love that movie." She said it would be necessary to get permission to use images from *Hoosiers* from whoever owns the copyright to the film.

As for the mural's location, Bliss said two possible sites were considered: the west side of the building on the southeast corner of Main and Jefferson streets; and the east side of the building on the west side of the town square that houses SugarBakers.

After looking at both locations, Bliss said she thought the building at Main and Jefferson would be better, saying it was "the best visual/workable wall." The wall at the town square location, she said, "is slightly more deteriorated" and would need tuck-pointing before it could be painted, something she said could run several thousand dollars.

Area resident and local businessman Rusty Johnson said he favored the location on the town square. He noted that the square is home to several events and activities and would be better suited to attracting the attention of those people and others who are out walking, more so than the Main and Jefferson location.

BKI's McGuire said that using the Main and Jefferson building for the mural wouldn't necessarily foreclose the possibility of a mural on the town square at some later time.

"This is only the beginning because we have a lot of walls," McGuire said. "... It's not going to be just one. ... We are just getting started, folks. Hang onto your hats."

Asked at last week's meeting about the cost of the mural, Bliss said her fee varies, depending on the project's size and complexity. A larger simpler image, she said, will often cost less than a mural that has a larger number of smaller, more complex images.

In addition to keeping the cost down, Bliss also said that opting for a smaller number of images is often a better aesthetic choice. Having "a whole lot of different little bitty things," she said, can often make a mural "confused looking."

To date, BKI has raised over \$12,000 through private donations and a variety of fundraising activities. Membership in the organization costs \$10 a year. For more information, contact Richey at 765-445-2328 or e-mail him at km_richey@yahoo.com.



Muralist Pamela Bliss, a Cambridge City native, talks about mural content. "Public art is very positive," Bliss said. "It enhances communities," she said. (Jeff Eakins photo)

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Jan McGuire
BKI member



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OBITUARIES

Darlene Foley
May 24, 1925 - February 2, 2016

Darlene Foley, 90, of Knightstown, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016, at Floyd Memorial Hospital in New Albany. She was born May 24, 1925, in Jabez, Ky., a daughter of L.M. and Theola Johnson Dunbar. On Feb. 22, 1947, she married her husband, the late Michael Foley.

Mrs. Foley was a graduate of Russell Springs, Ky., High School and graduated from the Lindsay Wilson Jr. College in Columbia, Ky. She worked at RCA, as a homebound teacher and at Robin Lee Dress Shop. She was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Jolly Workers Homemaker's Club and a member of Jabez Baptist Church in Jabez, Ky.

Darlene will be greatly missed by her daughter, Sharon Ann (husband, George) McCollom of New Albany; a sister, Rena Ellen Winchester, and a brother, Jetha (Dolly) Dunbar, both of Nancy, Ky., and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and good friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Michael Foley; a son, Robert Joe Foley; and two brothers, Leland and Shillard Dunbar.

Services for Mrs. Foley will be held Saturday, Feb. 6, at 11 a.m. at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Friends may visit on Friday, Feb. 5, from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown with Rev. Mark Tabb presiding.

Memorial contributions may be made in Darlene's memory to Alzheimer's Association or cancer association.

Pamela Sue Little
January 22, 1958 - January 30, 2016



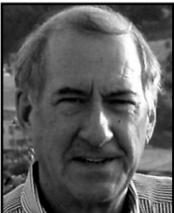
Pamela Sue Little, 58, of Spiceland, formerly of Carthage, passed away Saturday morning, Jan. 30, 2016, at home. She was born to the late William Hobert and Patricia (Jeffery) Duncan on Jan. 22, 1958, in Saint Sue, Mich. Pame enjoyed the outdoors and gardening. She also liked to pass the time with her love of crocheting.

Pame will be greatly missed by her husband, James Little; two stepsons, Elijah and Zachery Little; a brother, Timothy Duncan; two sisters, Sandy Preston and Mary Duncan; and four grandchildren, Nicholas, Alexis, Wesley and Zayden.

In addition to her parents, Pame was preceded in death by her brother, William Duncan.

In loving memory of Pame, her services will be held privately. Heritage Funeral Care of Knightstown is entrusted with arrangements and care.

Robert R. Kegerreis
January 22, 2016



Robert R. Kegerreis passed away suddenly on Jan. 22, 2016, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., from trauma from a fall and heart failure.

Bob was a longtime resident of Northville, Mich., and touched the lives of many people. He led a storied life and always brought a smile to the faces of those he came into contact with. He worked for many yerars in manufacturing, working his way up the ranks over the years to become CEO, later mentoring many in the manufacturing industry.

In his career, Bob was fortunate enough to be able to travel the world and experience cultures many never have the opportunity to experience. Bob also had a passion for videography. He filmed and produced several videos and various topics - many on the history of Michigan. He also spent many hours giving presentations on the history of Michigan.

Bob was also very involved with the YMCA of metropolitan Detroit, where he sat on the board of directors and helped improve the lives of many children in the area through the Strong Kids program. He considered his colleagues at both the Livonia and Farmington YMCAs his "other" family, and he spent every day working out and filming the children's activities to help fundraising efforts at both locations. A big kid at heart, Bob was an avid runner and full of energy and adventure. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Ernest O. Kegerreis and Janie Frances Kegerreis.

Bob is survived by his wife, Judy Marie Kegerreis; two sons, Geoffry (wife, Susan) Kegerreis and Kristopher (wife, Sharon) Kegerreis; a daughter, Kami (husband, Bill) Kennedy; two granddaughters, Julie Porter and Makayla Kegerreis; a grandson, Dakota Alger; two brothers, Marvin (wife, Diane) Kegerreis and Carl (wife, Sandy) Kegerreis; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

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On January 27, 2016, an application was tendered for filing with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. for consent to assign the construction permit for FM translator station W294BW from Radio 74 Internationale to the University of Southern Indiana. W294BW is authorized to broadcast with 170 watts of effective radiated power on 106.7 MHz and is authorized to serve Knightstown, Indiana. The proposed assignee intends to seek FCC approval to move the station to Evansville, Indiana where it would rebroadcast the programming of WSWI. Persons wishing to comment about this application may contact the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Victory Lane Camp Hosting 'Fly Into February' Event

Victory Lane Camp invites all ages and abilities to "Fly Into February" from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, at Big Bounce in New Castle. The event is designed to accommodate families who have a child with special needs, and anyone who is interested in being a part of a supportive community is welcome.

There will be no admission cost for those attending this event and a pizza supper will be provided. Victory Lane Camp (VLC) is a community designed to connect with families who have special needs with a network of friends and supporters.

For more information, visit www.VictoryLaneCamp.org or follow Victory Lane Camp on Facebook and Twitter.

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CAB School Board Transfers \$100,000 to 'Rainy Day Fund'

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board recently passed a resolution authorizing the transfer of \$100,000 from the district's Transportation Fund into its Rainy Day Fund.

The board's seven members voted unanimously in favor of the resolution at their Jan. 19 monthly meeting. Responding to Vice President Tom Schaetzle's question about how CAB came by this "windfall" in its Transportation Fund, President Wade Beatty credited Russell Spiker, the district's

transportation director, saying Spiker "does a very good job watching his expenses."

The board also approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$2,395,782.61. Of that amount, \$1,774,236.15 was for prewritten claims, \$174,959.69 was for current claims and \$446,586.77 was for payroll. Stephanie Madison, CAB's business manager/treasurer, also noted that one check for \$496,222 that was included in the claims was for a fund transfer.

The packet of materials provided to board members and the press
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President Wade Beatty expressed concern about rehiring someone who had chosen to leave CAB not even six months earlier.

Superintendent Jed Behny said Brammer had expressed excitement about having an opportunity to return to CAB. While he said he couldn't speak for her, he said some employees leave for what they believe will be better job opportunities only to find "the grass is not always greener" elsewhere.

"I don't doubt her qualifications," Beatty said. "I don't. ... As an employer, I'm concerned."

Board member Gerald Leonard also expressed some reservations. While he said he thought Brammer "is a super teacher" and hopes she stays, he said he thought it was too easy for teachers to leave their jobs with no repercussions. "Contracts just seem to be one-sided," Leonard said, noting that teachers "can jump ship anytime" without being held accountable. He said he thought that was unfair to CAB, its students and the school district's patrons.

Responding to a question from board member John Swartz, Behny said he didn't think Brammer would be quick to leave CAB again, but added, "You, of course, can't read

the future."

In other personnel matters, the board approved the following extracurricular assignments at KES: Drama Club (Lori Edwards); Fitness Club (Jennifer Veach and Chelsea Haines); Computer Coding Club (Elizabeth Selvidge); and Spanish Club (Carolyn Shryock).

The board also approved three volunteer coaches for the robotics team at Knightstown High School: Terri Driesbach; Katie Driesbach; and Bret Guzik. A notice of resignation was also received from long-time KHS girls varsity tennis coach Cindy Hammer.

Local Girl Scouts' Annual Cookie Fundraiser Ongoing

Henry County Girl Scouts are again selling cookies as a fundraiser, according to Henry County Service Unit Manager Barb Mofield. Scouts are selling seven varieties of cookies this year. Initial cookie orders have been taken. Delivery starts this week.

Cookie varieties include Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Savannah Smiles and Rah-Rah Raisins, all priced at \$4 per package. Scouts are also offering Toffee-tastic gluten-free cookies, which are \$5 per box.

Proceeds from this annual fundraiser help local Girl Scout troops with costs associated with day camp.

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'Lost Dutchman' Mine Still a Mystery

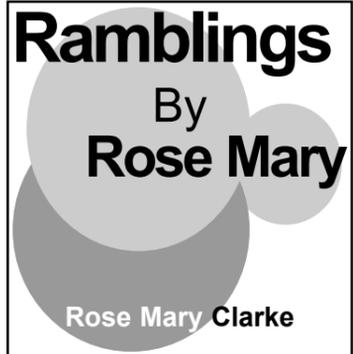
I hope you'll heed this story. When I answered the phone I heard a rather indistinct voice, "Grandma, I'm so embarrassed to make this call. Can we keep it between ourselves?" "Certainly," I responded. "Did Mom tell you?" "No." "I'm in Atlanta. One of my friends has died." "Oh dear!" "The thing is, I had a stupid wreck last night and cut my lip and busted my mouth." I immediately suspected that the next sentence would be a request for money. Smelling a rat, I said, "I'm having a hard time understanding you. What's your name?" "Grandma!" he replied in a very reproachful tone. "That's because I'm calling from a pay phone." "What is your name?" He finally said, "Michael." "I have no grandson by that name." "I'm hanging up. Goodbye." I am positive that this was a scam.

Last week I heard a news report about how someone calls and says that you're being sued by the IRS and will be taken to court unless you settle with that individual immediately. I ignored a message we got about that a couple of months ago and have heard no more. Folks, never send money because of a telephone call or an e-mail without double checking.

Enough serious stuff! I'm ready for some fun. Ah, the lure of buried treasure! From Robert Lewis Stevenson's wonderful *Treasure Island*, to the real-life discovery of King Tutankhamen's tomb with its

fabulous objects, hidden treasure is the stuff of romance, mystery, tales of derring-do, adventure, secret maps, danger, and even death. Dreams of untold riches fire the imagination and become the stuff of obsession.

One of the most persistent stories is that of the Lost Dutchman Gold Mine that is purportedly



located in Arizona. Its name came from a 19th century German immigrant prospector, the word for German being "Deutsch." He claimed that he had discovered a huge vein of gold ore in the Superstition Mountains of Arizona, but never divulged its location. Ooh! For a romantic, the very name "Superstition Mountains" imparts an aura of mystery.

Tales of death have been told. Dr. Adolph Ruth's son was supposedly given documents and a map by a Mexican revolutionary who was about to be executed. Ruth's father became obsessed. After a

first attempt failed, he made a second attempt in 1931 and refused to accept the advice of area residents to give up the hunt. They found his skull with two bullet holes made by a high-powered rifle. The rest of his body was nearly a mile away. A note in his checkbook said that he had found the mine. News about the murder rekindled interest. Later, treasure hunters claimed that shots were fired at them. In 2010, two men disappeared.

To this day, 8,000 people search every year for the Lost Dutchman. I understand them. When I was a teenager, I read a magazine article about the Oak Island "Money Pit" that has fascinated me ever since. Connected to Nova Scotia by a causeway that was built by treasure hunters, lies the 140-acre island.

According to legend, in 1795 an 18-year-old boy saw lights in a clearing, a circular depression in the ground and a block and tackle hanging from a nearby tree. Three friends helped him excavate the depression, and they found a layer of limestone two feet down. As they dug further, they discovered layers of logs every 10 feet. They gave up at 30 feet.

As was the case with the Lost Dutchman Mine, newspaper articles appeared, and very serious and costly efforts to solve the mystery, excavate the Money Pit and recover the treasure have continued for over 200 years. More to come. wclarke@comcast.net

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Bad weather makes some couples part.

It was not bad weather that made me divorce my first wife almost 60 years ago. Infidelity mostly. My advice on divorce:

First, an ad in a daily newspaper for three consecutive days - "I am not responsible for any debts other than my own. Sign your name. That ad saved me over \$300 on clothes my ex in-laws ordered from a Sears catalogue.

My first wife died from heart failure at 44. She was 23 when we divorced. Two children. I am the father of her first child. My reverend ex-father in-law was father of the second. Divorce!

For those parting ways here is my divorce with children involved.

Each hired a divorce lawyer. Money up front! I gave my Nash Statesman to her as she was about nine months pregnant - not by me, but by a military soldier who wanted to marry her as soon as she was free. He did. Both daughters were in my custody, and had been almost a year. We three lived alone. My mother babysat while I worked.

The Greenfield county judge wanted to award custody of both daughters to their mother and hold me financially responsible for her unborn child. I would pay until each turned 18 or finished college.

Both lawyers were surprised, but to their shock my ex spoke up and said she wanted an honest settlement so she and I could have a private 10-minute conversation. Granted. We remembered some good times together. She was sorry that she had wrecked our marriage. I must give her back the youngest daughter, but she did not want the one I was father of. I would pay only \$15 child support or I would need money to raise the oldest one alone. There was a dinette set she would pay off if she could have it. The judge and lawyers were in shock, but we were now free and happy.

What really tore my heart out was watching my ex in-laws drive off with the youngest daughter, crying, screaming and reaching for me. I would get her every two weeks, now on our child visit agreement. Her heart ached to stay with me. She cries always.

I make two \$15 child support payments, Then the new military husband asked to adopt as the Columbus (Indiana) airbase child allotment was a much greater payment. I agreed.

As years have went by, I now look back. My ex had six children and was with her fourth husband when she passed away.

First child of mine lives near Knightstown. We visit and talk every day.

Second child died in Salt Lake City, lived like her mother, and died the same age.

Third child is doing life in a Texas prison for murders.

Fourth child died of AIDS at 28.

Fifth child is a machinist. No contact.

Sixth child lives south of Indy, married 22 years, and calls my family her adopted family.

William O'Neal
Shirley

Dear Editor,

I didn't win the Powerball jackpot a couple of weeks ago when it was over a billion dollars. I honestly didn't believe I would, knowing the odds of that happening were about 292,000,000 to 1. But I also knew if I didn't buy a ticket, the odds would be even higher. And since winning the lottery is part of my retirement plan, I thought I better give it a shot. I buy a ticket every week as part of that plan. I call it "Plan B." But I also put a little money in the bank, and invest a little in the stock market. So far saving and investing have worked out a little better than the lottery plan, but I still think it's a good idea to have some diversity in accomplishing your long range goals, even if the odds of some of those plans working out are a little longer than others.

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The Interstate: Taking Good with the Bad

Interstate 70 is the fifth longest American interstate, stretching from Baltimore, Md., to Cove Fort, Utah. That's 2,175.46 miles. As the nation's *longest* interstate, I-90 is much larger, running over 3,085 miles from Boston, Mass., to Seattle, Wash.

As we saw late Sunday morning, I-70 can be a dangerous and deadly place. A middle-aged Ohio mother lost her life when her car careened off the road and rolled, ejecting both her and her 25-year-old son, who was flown by helicopter to an Indianapolis hospital.

Indeed, murderers and other criminals have found easy flight and welcome anonymity on that busy road. Over the years, bodies have been dumped and killers arrested in I-70's capillary offshoots, like S.R. 109, that reach up and down into our rural communities.

On the other hand, I-70 is a miracle of modern transportation, offering motorists and commercial vehicles a rapid route right through America's midsection. Four lanes carry all kinds of traffic, morning, noon and night.

A few years back, the interstate brought some structural steel taken from the World Trade Centers, knocked down by terrorists flying jumbo jets. People crowded the I-70 overpasses along the route from New York, waving flags while laying sad eyes on the twisted wreckage from that terrible day. The gut punch of 9-11 was relived again as the girders passed beneath, led by a gleaming vanguard of howling Harley-Davidsons.

Tourists frequently use the interstate, seeing and maybe even appreciating what frequent flyers refer to as

"fly-over states." I've never liked that sentiment, not only because of its snobbery, but also its provincial ignorance. Anyone who thinks there's nothing worth seeing in the Midwest clearly hasn't been here.

Yet, those tourists are out in force each year, using I-70 to reach their destinations, and maybe even pulling the ol' Clark Griswald routine of aiming their cars down unfamiliar roads off the interstate in search of less obvious, but equally interesting attractions.

But, for all the interstate delivers to our door (or takes away, as it sometimes may be), it does require a lot of attention from our local law enforcement, fire and emergency personnel. Each community and county along I-70 responds to accidents and other situations on the interstate, with no state or federal reimbursement for doing so.

I've always believed communities that respond to emergencies on I-70 should get a federal stipend for doing so.

But, I guess taking care of the interstate like it's part of the community is just part of how the world works. It is, in fact, part of the community. I'm sure crash victims out there are grateful for the care of our local responders.

Aside from all the interstate's traffic considerations is the potential for commercial development at the various intersections. Some communities have made the most of their proximity to I-70, while others have continued to pretend like it's not there. Now that it's clear the town of Shirley is looking toward the interstate, it should be interesting to watch how Knightstown responds.



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BITS & PIECES

◆Suggestions are being sought for the **mural theme** to be painted on the side of the building on the southeast corner of Main and Jefferson streets. Ideas may be submitted to Beautify Knightstown Inc. on Facebook at Knightstown... It's a Beauty; on the website at BeautifyKnightstown.org; by email to km_richey@yahoo.com, or by completing and returning the "mural card" located at the Hoosiers Home Court Cafe, 12 E. Main St., and the local banks. Suggestions will be accepted through Friday, Feb 19.

◆The Knightstown Town Council has scheduled a **special meeting** for next week to discuss an upcoming study of water utility rates. The special meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, in the council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St. The council is expected to hear a presentation from a representative of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, an Indianapolis accounting firm that

has worked with the town on utility issues in the past.

◆Henry County **Girl Scouts** are again selling cookies as a fundraiser, according to Henry County Service Unit Manager Barb Mofield. Scouts are selling seven varieties of cookies this year. Those who would like to purchase cookies may contact Mofield, who will have a Girl Scout contact customers. Call Mofield at 317-442-2620 for more information.

◆Knightstown BPW and Rush County Players will host a **murder mystery dinner** Saturday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m., at Sugarbakers in Knightstown. Tickets are \$20 per person, including a family-style dinner and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased from BPW members, or contact Barbara Mofield at 317-442-2620. Reservations due by Feb. 8.

◆Knightstown United Methodist women will host their annual **chicken noodle dinner** on Saturday, Feb. 6, 4:30-7 p.m. at the

church's fellowship hall, located at 27 S. Jefferson St. The dinner is open to the public for a freewill donation. Menu includes homemade noodles served with mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, drinks and homemade rolls and pies.

◆Knightstown Neighborhood **Crime Watch** will host its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. in the Hoosier Gym. The public is invited.

◆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, 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 busi-

ness information and discounts may contact Kathie Rummell at 765-345-9660 or Amy Bell at 765-686-7063.

◆The Shirley Octagon House is open for **free tours** by chance or appointment. To get a free tour, stop by Shirley Hardware and one will be arranged. To schedule an appointment for a tour, call 812-583-0031 or 765-737-6856.

◆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.

News items may be submitted to thebanner@embarqmail.com or faxed to 765-345-2113.

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CAB School Board Slates Planning, Goals Session

The Charles A. Beard School Board has scheduled a special work session for this Saturday morning to discuss the district's long-range planning and goals for its facilities and curriculum.

Saturday's work session will be held at 9 a.m. in the board's regular meeting location in the media cen-

ter at Knightstown High School, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40. The meeting is open to the public.

The school board held a similar work session last June that lasted about three-and-a-half hours. For more information about Saturday's work session, contact Superintendent Jed Behny at 345-5101.

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Judge Anderson Platted Raysville in 1827; Berg Named After Former Indiana Governor

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RAYSVILLE was laid out by Judge Anderson, about the year 1827, and named in honor of Governor Ray. The judge secured the funds to purchase this site by digging Heaton's Mill-race, and then walked to Brockville and made the entry. The village had about an even start with its neighbor just across the river, but after a few years it lost its "grip," and for perhaps twenty-five years has remained almost stationary, its population being but 465 in 1870. The Friends and Methodists have flourishing churches here. There are some fine springs in the heights about the village, furnishing valuable "water works" at trifling expense.

ELIZABETH CITY - It is not much as a city, but does quite well as a village of about 120 inhabitants. It is on the Knightstown and Warington Turnpike, in the extreme northwest corner of Wayne Township, about six miles from Knightstown, and was located by Robert M. Overman in 1838. A M.E. church and good school house will be found in the village.

GRANT CITY was founded by Jacob Green, in the year 1868. It is situated about six miles north of Knightstown, and its population numbering about 100. The Friends and Methodists have each a church at this place. The village is not metropolitan in population or pretensions, but being situated in the midst of a good farming district, is a point of considerable traffic, and growing in importance more rapidly than some others."

The City of Knightstown

The 'City of Knightstown,' representing as it does just about one-half of the wealth and population of the wealthiest township of the country, deserves more than a passing notice. It was platted by Waitzel M. Carey immediately upon the location of the National road in 1827. It had not reached beyond the fourth or fifth house in 1829. It was named in honor of Mr. Jonathan Knight, a U.S. engineer, who was

engaged in locating and constructing the National road. Mr. Carey kept hotel in the place for several years, and at first the lots extended back from the river bluffs but two or three tiers, and so slow was its growth that it had less than 300 inhabitants in 1833. Levi Griffith and Isaac James opened the first dry goods establishment here in 1830. The Presbyterians established the first church here in 1834, with a frame building about 30 by 40 in size, and the Methodists one in 1837, perhaps, although they had one, with a Sabbath school at West Liberty ten years before. A distillery had, however, got the start of either, as one was erected just "over the river" by John Lewis in 1825, and a carding machine was erected in 1828.

Two or three years after Knightstown was founded, one of the best farms adjoining it was offered for sale at \$2.50 per acre, which to-day would probably bring \$125 per acre. One of the best corner lots was sold for \$96, which was regarded at the time as a decidedly fancy price. Bears came up out of the river bottom, and were chased through the city more than once after 1830, and M.F. Edwards pushed one off of the fence as it was trying to clamber into his yard. It finally took refuge in a fire-place, and failing to climb up the chimney, was overtaken and slain - a victim to the march of a civilization it could not appreciate. So thoroughly wild and unreclaimed was all the region a little way from town, that Dr. Whitesel got badly lost while going to visit a patient some four or five miles away. Indeed nearly the whole township, with the exception of two or three chains of cabins along the water courses, was a howling wilderness as late as 1833.

From a fund of anecdotes narrated by some of the early settlers, we draw the inference that there has been quite as notable a change in the moral status, culture, and intelligence of the people in forty years as in wealth and population. On one occasion a party was tried before Esquire Freeland for some misdemeanor. The Esquire wrote the sentence of the court upon the floor with a piece of chalk. After the trial was over, Robert Woods turned the flooring board the other side up, and the next morning Esquire F. could not find his docket.

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Feb. 3 - Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall

Thurs., Feb. 4 - Henry Co. Technical Review Board meeting, 9 a.m., office building conference room, first floor, New Castle

Thurs., Feb. 4 - Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Feb. 4 - Rush Co. Board of Zoning

Appeals meeting, 7:30 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Sat., Feb. 6 - Wilkinson Town Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Wilkinson Town Hall

Mon., Feb. 8 - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

Mon., Feb. 8 - Carthage Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Carthage Town Hall




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Clever Clovers Elect 2016 Officers

The Wayne Township Clever Clovers 4-H Club had their first monthly meeting of 2016. The meeting was held Thursday, Jan. 28 at Knightstown United Methodist Church.

The meeting was called to order by President Jackson Lukens. Roll Call was taken with 31 members in attendance.

The American pledge was led by Hannah Thomas and the 4-H pledge was led by Lori Thomas.

The election of officers for 2016 was conducted.

This year's officer team includes President Hannah Thomas, Vice President Lacy Thomas, Secretary Mackinsy Fowler, Treasurer Jordan

Ventresco, Reporter Haleigh Cavaletto, Health & Safety Officer Haley Fowler, Devotions Leader Lori Thomas, Recreation Leaders Jackson Lukens and Jessup Russell,

schedule has changed a lot and members were reminded to be sure to pick up a 4-H premium book and/or go on line to become familiar with the changes.



Swine will be required to stay at the fairground from Saturday through Thursday. The add/drop project deadline is May 15.

It was voted on by the members to move the election of officers for 2017 to the Sept. 26 meeting.

Members thanked the Cavaletto and the Russell families for providing refreshments.

The next meeting will be Feb. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Knightstown United Methodist Church.

Lemonade Shake-up Chairwoman Lacy Thomas, Co-chairwoman Hannah Thomas, Trash Barrel Chairwoman Lacy Thomas and Co-chairwoman Hannah Thomas.

Bethany Ratts spoke regarding weigh-in in March. The 4-H fair

West Point STEM Workshop in May

The United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, N.Y., will host an upcoming Middle School Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Workshop.

The workshop offers hands-on STEM activities, taught by USMA faculty, cadet mentors, and a team from the National Science Center. This program is directly in line with USMA's mission of educating,

training, and inspiring the next generation of leaders.

The Middle School STEM Workshop will take place at West Point from May 24-27 and is very competitive. All students selected to participate will receive a full scholarship to attend the workshop. This scholarship includes room and board, meals, and workshop materials. Each participant is responsible for his or her own transportation

to and from West Point. Details will be provided upon selection.

The United States Military Academy is a four-year co-educational federal undergraduate liberal arts college located 50 miles north of New York City. Founded in 1802 as America's first college of engineering, it consistently ranks among the top five colleges in the nation. A pre-eminent leader development institution, its mission remains constant - to educate, train, and inspire cadets for careers of professional service to the Army and the nation, producing leaders of character, who live by the principles of duty, honor, country.

Notable West Point graduates have included Presidents Ulysses Grant and Dwight Eisenhower; Generals Robert E. Lee, Douglas MacArthur, George Patton, William Westmoreland, Norman Schwarzkopf; U.S. Senator Jack Reed (R.I.); Congressmen Brett Guthrie (Ky.), Mike Pompeo (Kansas), and John Shimkus (Ill.).

Current sixth and seventh grade students should apply by contacting CPT Nate LaMar, military academy liaison officer, for East-Central and Southeastern Indiana, by Feb. 12, at NateLaMar@cs.com.

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Ball State Dean's List Posted

Ball State University has announced the names of students who graduated and/or were included on the dean's list and graduate list during the fall 2015 semester.

Hancock County

Charlottesville: Erika Messer; Wilkinson: Emily Reger

Henry County

Lewisville: Bekah Bales

New Castle: Shae Baugh, Kristen Boyd, Melinda Brunck, Garrett Craig, Ashley Criswell, Lauren Cross, Jayda Day, Jerrod DeTar, Joshua Dobbs, Kaitie Ferrell, Courtney Flatter, Theresa Foreman, Maddy Garreth, Ally Garrett, Jillian Hacker, Micah Holtgraves, Rosie Hua, Samuel Hua, Madi Martin, James Middleton, Megan Millikan, Jaclyn Mixell, Matthew Nash, Laura Norris, Ian Polston, Zach Poor, Shane Purdy, Kenzie Riggs, Hannah Tollett, Amanda Troxell, Jake Underwood, Keersten Wilkey

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Carthage: Derek Heim, Leah Heim

Manilla: Regan Laker, Janelle Miller

Glenwood: Loretta Morrow

Middletown Report Released

According to a recent report issued by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, the town of Middletown saw its total cash and investments increase just over 5 percent in 2012, then drop nearly 20 percent the next year.

The SBOA issued an examination report on Jan. 22 that looked at the town's finances over the two-year period covering Jan. 1, 2012-Dec. 31, 2013. During the first year, the town's cash and investments grew from \$1,616,942 to \$1,698,701, then decreased

\$332,047 over the next 12 months, ending 2013 with a balance of \$1,366,654.

In 2012, the town's total revenue, from all sources, was \$5,980,504, while it spent \$5,898,745. The following year, expenditures outpaced income \$6,208,308 to \$5,876,261.

The town's total receipts in 2013 were \$104,243 less than 2012, a 1.7-percent drop. By contrast, expenses for 2013 were \$309,563 more than they'd been the year before, a 5.2-percent increase.

Letters, from Page 4

I felt the same way when I started a construction business 42 years ago. While I stopped short of naming it the "We'll Do Anything For A Buck Construction Company," we did offer a wide range of services to keep us busy in case the public decided paneling and ceiling tile were no longer in vogue. While that philosophy has managed to keep the family clothed and fed for 42 years, I'm still buying that lottery ticket every Saturday, and keeping my options open.

Some 227 years ago, people got together and came up with a constitution that spelled out what our newly formed federal government should be allowed to do. They started out granting it about 17 duties in Article 1, Section 8 of that Constitution, and then the citizens added a few more over the years whenever they felt the need for one.

I think a lot of them also knew, as Thomas Jefferson warned, that "The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground." And being aware of that, they also came up with a "Plan B." They put it in the Bill of Rights, and called it the 10th Amendment. It states "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." So that when the federal government started making laws it wasn't authorized to make, like maybe about education or healthcare, the states and the people could nullify those unauthorized laws.

While we may not all agree on exactly what the federal government is allowed to do, just about everybody agrees it's doing some things it shouldn't be doing. And a growing number of us think it's doing a lot of things it shouldn't be doing. And there's a better than average chance that after the next election, it's going to be doing a lot more things that a lot more of us don't think it should be doing.

It's a pretty safe bet the federal government isn't going to limit itself. That's why it is so important that the states and the people understand the power they have in the 10th Amendment, and use it to nullify the federal government back within the confines of the Constitution.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Tri and Eastern Hancock Girls Basketball Teams Advance in Sectional, Knightstown's Season Ends

In the first round of class 2A girls basketball sectional 42 Tuesday night at Eastern Hancock High School, Knightstown fell 30-58 to Triton Central in the opening game of the first round.

Eastern Hancock girls then clobbered Irvington Preparatory Academy 81-8 in the second game.

Triton Central moves on to the semi-final round to play Indianapolis Howe on Friday, Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. with the game between Eastern Hancock and Shenandoah at 7:30 p.m. Both Howe and Shenandoah had first round byes.

The winners of the semi-final games meet for the sectional 42 championship at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at EHHS.

Tri's Lady Titans also advanced out of the first round of the class 1A sectional 56 at Randolph Southern.

Union City defeated Blue River 57-32 in the first game of the sectional then Tri prevailed over Randolph Southern 44-32 in the second game.

Union City advances to the semi-final round to take on Seton Catholic Friday, Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. Following that game, Tri faces Union (Modoc). Seton Catholic and Union each enjoyed first round byes.

The semi-final game winners compete for the sectional 56 championship on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Individual results from the sectional will be published in next week's issue.

Panthers, Royals, Titans Sending Wrestlers to Regional Knightstown's Fender and Thomas, Eastern Hancock's Waterman and Robinson, Tri's Faith Win Wrestling Sectional Championships

Wrestlers from 11 east-central Indiana schools faced off for the first round of the state tournament last Saturday at Tri High School.

The sectional included wrestlers from the host school, Tri, as well Knightstown, Eastern Hancock, Shenandoah, Blue River Valley, Cambridge City Lincoln, Centerville, Hagerstown, New Castle, Northeastern and Richmond.

New Castle took first place with a team score of 244.

Knightstown placed second with 193.5 and Shenandoah was third at 176.

Centerville came in fourth with 152. Tri placed fifth with 150 and Eastern Hancock was sixth with an overall score of 129.

Full teams, however, do not advance but the top four finishers in each weight class move on to the regional competition.

Nine Knightstown wrestlers will compete this Saturday at Richmond High School.

Cameron Fender and Garrett Thomas won sectional championships for Knightstown in their weight classes. Adam Bundy, Balin Orcutt and Jason Dishman finished in second place while Tyler Jackson placed third. Jacob Hanna, Thomas Sollars and Zach Clark each placed fourth, earning themselves a trip to regionals too.

Tri will have seven wrestlers competing at Richmond's regional.

Chance Faith was the only sectional cham-

pion for Tri. Wes Craft placed second in his weight class. Tri will also take five other wrestlers to the regionals after Kennedy Louks, Tristin Goodwin, Josiah Jackson, Todd Harding and Brandon Ramey finished in fourth place.

Eastern Hancock will also send seven wrestlers to regional at Richmond.

Eastern Hancock's Jared Waterman and Josh Robinson were sectional champs in their weight classes. Mitch Quinn was a third place finisher and Jordyn Wills, Gabe Blake, Jayson Bowers each finished fourth to advance to regionals.

The final sectional results for each weight class are below.

Sectional Results

106-lb weight class

- 1st - Andrew Black, Shenandoah
- 2nd - Traye Owens, New Castle
- 3rd - Luke Markley, Centerville
- 4th - Kennedy Louks, Tri
- 5th - Eric Adams, Knightstown

113-lb weight class

- 1st - Hayden Lohrey, Shenandoah
- 2nd - AJ Taylor, Centerville
- 3rd - Gavin Ridge, New Castle
- 4th - Jacob Hanna, Knightstown
- 5th - Jack Smith, Eastern Hancock
- 6th - Christian Faith, Tri

120-lb weight class

- 1st - Dallas Pugsley, Shenandoah
- 2nd - Trevor Ragle, New Castle
- 3rd - Braden Plunkett, Richmond
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- 5th - Austyn Kappel, Tri

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- 2nd - Wes Craft, Tri
- 3rd - Brandon Purtha, Hagerstown
- 4th - Jordan Mantor, New Castle
- 5th - Jordan Rodecap, Shenandoah
- 6th - Bruce Nichols, Knightstown

132-lb weight class

- 1st - Javon Phillips, Centerville
- 2nd - Adam Bundy, Knightstown
- 3rd - Ryan Surguy, Shenandoah
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- 6th - David Castle, Hagerstown

138-lb weight class

- 1st - Cameron Fender, Knightstown
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- 4th - Gabe Blake, Eastern Hancock
- 5th - Bryce Campbell, Tri

145-lb weight class

- 1st - Sam Buck, New Castle
- 2nd - Jake Webster, Shenandoah
- 3rd - Luke Pope, Blue River Valley
- 4th - Jayson Bowers, Eastern Hancock
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- 1st - Jared Waterman, Eastern Hancock
- 2nd - Isaiah Michaels, Centerville
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- 5th - Dylan Roach, Hagerstown
- 6th - Alex Brading, Knightstown

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- 1st - Alston Bane, Richmond
- 2nd - Josh Gee, Shenandoah
- 3rd - Jeffery Melton, New Castle
- 4th - Josiah Jackson, Tri
- 5th - Jon Simmons, Knightstown

170-lb weight class

- 1st - Chance Faith, Tri
- 2nd - Balin Orcutt, Knightstown
- 3rd - Conner Allen, Centerville
- 4th - Garrett House, New Castle
- 5th - Cale Pierce, Shenandoah
- 6th - Ben Furlani, Eastern Hancock

182-lb weight class

- 1st - Caleb Hoots, New Castle
- 2nd - Gabe Walker, Shenandoah
- 3rd - Andrew McDaniel, Hagerstown
- 4th - Zach Clark, Knightstown
- 5th - Alfredo Calderon, Centerville

195-lb weight class

- 1st - Zach Haager, Northeastern
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- 4th - Todd Harding, Tri
- 5th - Wesley Myers, Eastern Hancock

220-lb weight class

- 1st - Garrett Thomas, Knightstown
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- 6th - Nathan Bennett, Centerville

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Eastern Hancock Varsity Boys Lose Two Close Games

Eastern Hancock varsity boys basketball team lost a close game at home Jan. 29. The Royals fell 51-55 to Irvington Preparatory Academy.

Addison True had his fourth double-double of the season to lead the Royals offensively. True scored 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. A.J. Muegge had 14 points, including four 3-pointers.

Eastern Hancock are now 4-10 on the season.

Irvington	10	15	15	15	- 55
E. Hancock	14	6	12	19	- 51

Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Irvington Prep

Addison True - 22 points (one 3-pointer), 11 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 2 shots deflected

A.J. Muegge - 14 points (four 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal

Ryan Speas - 10 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 shot deflected

Tom Barton - 3 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 shots deflected

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

Jordan Stillinger - 1 rebound, 2 steals

Jacob Eischen - 1 rebound

Inspired by an emotional game the night before, the Eastern Hancock varsity boys basketball team nearly knocked off 4A Greenfield-Central on the road Jan. 30.

The Royals were down 32-39 to start the fourth quarter then went on a shooting spree, scoring 21 points but coming up short of an upset win. The Cougars prevailed 55-53.

Sophomore Tyler Blattner had the biggest game of his high school career, leading the Royals with 18 points, including four 3-pointers. Fellow sophomores Addison True and A.J. Muegge scored 12 and 11 points respectively.

The loss dropped the Royals' season record to 4-11.

E. Hancock	10	12	10	21	- 53
Greenfield	14	13	12	16	- 55

Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Greenfield-Central

Tyler Blattner - 18 points (four 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected

Addison True - 12 points (one 3-pointer), 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 2 shots deflected

A.J. Muegge - 11 points (three 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected

Ryan Speas - 10 points (three 3-pointers), 1 shot deflected

Jarett Lewis - 2 points, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected

Tom Barton - 4 rebounds, 2 steals

Tyler Castle - 1 assist

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LOCAL SPORTS

Titans Fall to Union County, Daleville, Winchester

Tri's varsity boys basketball team were defeated 44-59 on the road Jan. 22 at conference opponent Union County.

Kaleb Harrison led the Titan scorers with 18 points and Carson Cox added 13 points.

The loss moved the Titans' overall season record to 5-8 and to 1-2 in the Tri-Eastern Conference.

Tri	11	12	9	12	-	44
Union Co.	12	22	17	8	-	59

Tri Individual Results vs. Union County

Kaleb Harrison – 18 points (two 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals

Carson Cox – 13 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block

Masen Phelps – 7 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds

Alex Melton – 3 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds

David O'Neill – 2 points

Austin Stroud – 1 point, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal

Eric Bilby – 6 rebounds

Nick Wilson – 1 assist, 2 steals

The Titan varsity boys basketball team was on the road again Jan. 23 at Daleville. Tri came up short again, losing 57-70 in overtime.

Kaleb Harrison scored 16 points for the Titans with David O'Neill and Carson Cox each knocking down 15 points. Alex Melton was a major factor on the boards with 10 rebounds.

The Titans dropped to 5-9 following the loss.

Tri	13	8	19	11	6	-	57
Daleville	8	14	10	19	19	-	70

Tri Individual Results vs. Daleville

Kaleb Harrison – 16 points (three 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 2 assists, 2 steals

Carson Cox – 15 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocks

David O'Neill – 15 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 3 assists, 1 steal

Masen Phelps – 5 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 block

Alex Melton – 4 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 2 blocks

Austin Stroud – 2 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists

Nick Wilson – 2 rebounds, 2 assists

Eric Bilby – 1 rebound

Tri's varsity boys basketball team had its third straight road game loss within a week, falling 60-77 at Winchester Community on Jan. 29.

Again, Kaleb Harrison led the Titan scoring effort with 17 points. Carson Cox scored 15 points and David O'Neill had 12.

With the loss, the Titans fell to 5-10 on the season.

Tri	18	11	15	16	-	44
Winchester	22	21	11	23	-	59

Tri Individual Results vs. Winchester

Kaleb Harrison – 17 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 5 assists

Carson Cox – 15 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists

David O'Neill – 12 points (four 3-pointers), 1 rebound

Alex Melton – 6 points (one 3-pointer), 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

Nick Wilson – 4 points, 2 assists, 1 steal

Masen Phelps – 2 points, 3 rebounds, 5 assists

Gage Rowe – 2 points

Seth Butler – 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal

Austin Stroud – 1 rebound, 1 assist, 2 steals

Zach Smith – 1 rebound

Lady Titans Beat Wes-Del by 33

Tri's varsity girls basketball team finished its regular season on a high note with a huge 61-28 road victory over Wes-Del on Jan. 26.

All the Lady Titans saw some action but the scoring was led by Kennsington Appleby with 12 points. Payton Moore dominated with another double-double, scoring 11 points and pulling in 14 rebounds. Addy Edwards also scored 11 for Tri.

The Lady Titans completed their regular season with an overall record of 15-6 and 4-3 in the Tri-Eastern Conference.

Wes-Del	7	4	9	8	-	28
Tri	15	9	15	22	-	61

Tri Individual Results vs. Wes-Del

Kennsington Appleby – 12 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

Payton Moore – 11 points, 14 rebounds, 1 steal, 3 blocks

Addy Edwards – 11 points (two 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals, 1 block

Kylie Dishman – 6 points (two 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 7 steals

Karlee Winkhart – 6 points (two 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 2 assists

Cayla Johnson – 6 points, 1 rebound, 1 block

Mackenzie Peggs – 4 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 5 steals, 1 block

Kaley Harrison – 4 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound

Mara Biehl – 1 point, 1 rebound

Ella Chew – 1 assist, 1 steal

Lauren Bouslog – 1 rebound

Breanna Reece – 1 rebound

Auburn Harvey – 1 steal

Lady Royals Lose Final Reg. Season Game to Ritter

The Eastern Hancock varsity girls basketball team ended its regular season with a loss, 49-64, on the road Jan. 30 at Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter.

EH junior Kaysi Gilbert had her biggest game of the year, and her only double-double, scoring 14 points and grabbing 12 rebounds.

Hope Spaulding chipped in 11 points to lead Eastern Hancock offensively. Five other Lady Royals scored in the game.

With the loss, the Lady Royals finished their regular season with an overall record of 15-7 and a Mid-Hoosier Conference record of 7-2.

E. Hancock	15	11	10	13	-	49
C. Ritter	21	17	16	10	-	64

Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Cardinal Ritter

Kaysi Gilbert – 14 points (two 3-pointers), 12 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected

Hope Spaulding – 11 points (two 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 3 assists

Haley Best – 8 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 steal

Emiley Carlton – 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 block

Leah Ferguson – 4 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block, 2 shots deflected

Jenna Smith – 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 blocks, 1 shot deflected

Shelby King – 2 points, 1 rebound, 4 assists

Peyton West – 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal

KHS Boys Beat Morristown by 23

Knightstown varsity boys basketball team clobbered Morristown 58-35 at home Jan. 30 to nab its third conference win.

Jackson Edwards, who is averaging 20.7 points per game this season, led the Panther scoring with 25 points. Coleman Wyatt and Dylan Hiner each scored 11 points. Riley Ruble had a huge night on the boards, pulling down 11 rebounds.

The victory over Morristown improved the Panther's overall record to 8-6. They are now 3-1 in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

Morristown	5	9	13	8	-	35
Knightstown	11	13	16	18	-	58

Knightstown Individual Results vs. Morristown

Jackson Edwards - 25 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals

Coleman Wyatt - 11 points, 7 rebounds

Dylan Hiner - 11 points (three 3-pointers), 1 steal

Riley Ruble - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 11 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals

Drake Peggs - 2 points, 1 rebound, 6 assists, 1 steal

Jake Bearhope - 2 points, 1 rebound

Daniel Rayburn - 2 points

Jarrett Weidner - 5 rebounds, 1 assist

Jose Olivo - 1 rebound

JV Royals Continue to Dominate

Sophomores continue each week to lead the way in scoring for both the varsity and junior varsity boys basketball teams at Eastern Hancock.

Brycen Napier has shot in double digits every game this year for the Royal JV team and got another 25 points to top EH's scoring effort on the road at South Decatur Jan. 22

Junior Nathan Mosher added 16 points to help the Royals overwhelm conference opponent South Decatur 67-26.

Though Napier and Mosher lead in scoring, junior Jake Hancock also had an impressive game with a double-double on 14 points and 12 rebounds.

The win gives the Royals a 10-2 overall record and a 4-1 record in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

Eastern Hancock JV	16	11	23	17	-	67
South Decatur JV	14	7	1	4	-	26

Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results vs. South Decatur JV

Brycen Napier – 25 points (four 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 1 assists, 3 steals, 2 shots deflected

Nathan Mosher – 16 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 2 shots deflected

Jake Hancock – 14 points, 12 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected

Trey Bittinger – 4 points, 7 rebounds, 1 block, 3 shots deflected

Peyton Gray – 4 points, 3 rebounds, 2 blocks, 4 shots deflected

Luke Splater – 4 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 shot deflected

Skyler Schrope – 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected

Tyler Castle – 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 shot deflected

Ian White – 1 rebound

After a blowout against South Decatur the previous evening, Eastern Hancock's junior varsity boys team returned home Jan. 23 for a bit tougher game against Shenandoah.

But, the Raiders turned out to be not much of a match for the Royals, who came out on top 38-26.

Brycen Napier again led all EH scorers with 20 points while Jake Hancock led in rebounding with eight. Nathan Mosher and Peyton Gray each contributed eight points and five rebounds.

The Royals record improved to 11-2.

Shenandoah JV	2	9	8	7	-	26
Eastern Hancock JV	5	15	10	8	-	38

Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results vs. Shenandoah JV

Brycen Napier – 20 points (two 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Nathan Mosher – 8 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal

Peyton Gray – 8 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block, 1 shot deflected

Jake Hancock – 2 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 shot deflected

Tyler Castle – 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected

Trey Bittinger – 1 rebound, 1 shot deflected

Luke Splater – 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

EH Wrestlers 4-1 at Ritter Super 6

Eastern Hancock's varsity wrestling team defeated all four of the five the other teams at the Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter Super 6 event Jan. 23.

The Royals beat the host school 48-24 then lost to Whiteland 24-50.

Eastern Hancock went on to beat Guerin Catholic 51-28, Triton Central 51-18 and Crawfordsville 48-27.

Jared Waterman and Dakota Myers were the only Royals to go 5-0 at the event.

Jayson Bowers, Mitch Guinn and Josh Robinson were 4-1 on the day.

Going 3-2 at the event for the Royals were Jack Smith, Jordyn Wills, Brandon Francis, Devyn Brinson and Wes Myers.

Gabe Blake was 1-4 on the day.

Knightstown to Honor Seniors at Feb. 20 Boys Game

Knightstown's athletic department plans to honor all winter senior students involved in sports, band, dance and cheerleading before the start of the Feb. 20 varsity boys basketball game against Hagerstown.

Seniors and their parents should line up in the athletic hallway when there is about four minutes left in the fourth quarter of the junior varsity game.

Athletic director Mark Martin urged seniors and parents to arrive

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JV Lady Panthers Runner-up at Henry County Tournament

The Knightstown junior varsity girls basketball team were defeated 22-36 in their final regular season game against conference opponent Morristown Jan. 25.

The JV Lady Panthers' record dropped to 5-12 with the loss.

Morristown	9	9	6	12	-	36
Knightstown	8	0	10	4	-	22

Knightstown JV Individual Results vs. Morristown JV

Kaitlyn Jackson - 8 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals, 1 shot deflected

Allyson Hauk - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Dharma Holder - 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Makeena Leisure - 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal

Elizabeth Moore - 2 points, 2 rebounds

Sidney Vise - 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Jessica Butler - 6 rebounds, 1 shot deflected

Maggie Smith - 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Rebecca Dickerson - 1 rebound

Mackinsy Fowler - 1 rebound, 1 assist

Knightstown's junior varsity girls basketball team defeated Shenandoah 32-30 in the first round of the Henry County Tournament Jan. 30.

Jessica Butler led the JV girls in scoring and on the boards with 10 points and five rebounds.

The win bumped up the junior varsity's season record to 6-12.

Shenandoah	6	7	11	6	-	30
Knightstown	6	8	12	6	-	32

Knightstown JV Individual Results vs. Shenandoah JV

Jessica Butler - 10 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals

Dharma Holder - 7 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block, 2 shots deflected

Sidney Vise - 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 3 shots deflected

Allyson Hauk - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 2 assists

Elizabeth Moore - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block, 1 shot deflected

Kaitlyn Jackson - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 5 steals, 1 shot deflected

Makeena Leisure - 2 points, 1 rebound

Rebecca Dickerson - 2 points

Maggie Smith - 1 rebound, 1 shot deflected

After winning the first round of the Henry County Tournament, Knightstown's junior varsity girls advanced to the championship game Blue River Valley.

Blue River moved to the final game after beating Tri in the first round and then defeated Knightstown 32-19 to win this year's county tourney.

The game was the final season game for the JV Lady Panthers, who finished with a 6-13 record.

K'town JV	3	11	8	7	-	29
Shenan. JV	5	12	10	4	-	31

Knightstown JV Individual Results vs. Blue River Valley JV

Dharma Holder - 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 shot deflected

Sidney Vise - 4 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals

Kaitlyn Jackson - 4 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Allyson Hauk - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 1 assist, 1 shot deflected

Makeena Leisure - 2 points, 1 rebound

Elizabeth Moore - 2 points, 1 steal

Jessica Butler - 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals

Maggie Smith - 1 rebound, 1 steal

Andi Skinner - 1 rebound

Rebecca Dickerson - 1 shot deflected

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JV Lady Titans Defeat Centerville

Tri's junior varsity girls basketball team got another win Jan. 21 at Centerville, defeating the Lady Bulldogs 29-19.

Kaley Harrison hit three 3-pointers and had 11 points to lead Tri's JV squad. Lauren Bouslog contributed seven points to the victory.

Centerville JV	7	3	4	5	-	19
Tri JV	9	9	2	9	-	29

Tri JV Individual Results vs. Centerville JV

Kaley Harrison - 11 points (three 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block

Lauren Bouslog - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals

Ella Chew - 5 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists, 2 steals

Breanna Reece - 5 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist

Auburn Harvey - 1 point, 3 rebounds

Madeline Hoover - 3 rebounds

Molly West - 2 rebounds

Kaitlyn Johnson - 1 assist

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"I am going to start budgeting money to begin paying this down (in 2017)," Cooper said. "It's going to take many years to do it because we can't afford to make a large payment toward it."

Besides the unpaid hydrant rental fees, the town of Middletown also owes its electric utility \$49,000 for unpaid electric bills for the town's streetlights. According to the SBOA, this amount was nearly \$110,000 in 2012, but Cooper noted that the town has been making efforts to get this paid.

"In fact, right now, the balance is \$20,000," Cooper said. The money to pay for the streetlight electric bills, he said, comes from the town's General Fund and Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

Despite these two issues involving money Middletown owes the town's water and electric utilities, Cooper said he was pleased with how the SBOA's recent review of the town's finances went.

"I really respect the State Board of Accounts," Cooper said. "They do great job and they were very cooperative during the audit. Really, if you look back at the history, this was one of the best audits we've had in a long time. We're going to continue to improve on it."

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Town Holds Public Hearing for Planning Grant

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council recently held a public hearing in conjunction with its efforts to secure a planning grant from the state to help pay for completion of a comprehensive plan for the town.

The hearing was held during the council's Jan. 21 monthly meeting.

Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm the council selected to work on the town's comprehensive plan, provided an overview of the work his firm will do if the town's bid for a \$40,000 planning grant from the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs is successful.

Kieser said it's necessary for the

town "to have a vision for the future," and said a comprehensive plan will help with that. He said the plan will be a "living, working, breathing document" that will serve as a "guide to planning and development" and "road map to the future." He said these plans can also help the town with applications for other, more sizable, state and federal grants.

The Jan. 21 hearing was the first of two that Kieser said the council is required to hold. The second one is expected to be held at the council's Feb. 25 meeting.

Besides the two public hearings, Kieser said there will be "citizen involvement meetings" designed to get feedback from town residents about plans for the town's future. Dates for those meetings have not

yet been announced.

Amy Miller, a grant writer with Cornerstone Grants Management, Indianapolis, said the \$40,000 grant the town is seeking from OCRA requires the town to provide a \$4,500 match. When its regular meeting resumed after the hearing, the council passed a resolution authorizing payment of the \$4,500 match out of the town's General Fund should the town get the grant.

In a related matter, the council also heard a brief presentation at its Jan. 21 meeting from Corey Murphy, president and CEO of the New Castle-Henry County Economic Development Corp. Murphy said he thought there was "a lot of momentum" in Knightstown and said he thought

the town is "on the right track."

Murphy said improvements to the town's utility infrastructure and expansion of service areas are vital to economic growth and development in the area. He noted that lack of town water and sewer service to the former Paddock building north of town on State Road 109 has hindered attempts to find a buyer for that property.

"A community that won't invest in itself," Murphy said, "can't really expect anybody on the outside to invest."

Murphy said Knightstown has a "charm ... that you don't find any other place," and said he didn't think industrial development should be the town's focus. Instead, he said the town's "strong suit is being a very good place to live."

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Small Town Financial Troubles Persist

by Jeff Eakins
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Knightstown, it turns out, is not the only municipality in Henry County to be facing financial struggles with respect to utility-related matters.

In a report issued Jan. 22, the Indiana State Board of Accounts noted that the town of Middletown owes that town's water utility \$124,711 for fire hydrant rental fees that went unpaid for several years. According to the SBOA, this

problem had also been noted in at least three prior reports issued by that agency.

"Those are from many years ago," Middletown Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper told The Banner on Monday. "... It's probably five or six years' worth."

The Middletown Town Council passed an ordinance in April of 2000 that requires the town to pay hydrant rental fees to the town's water utility. According to past reports prepared by the SBOA, the

town incurred delinquencies of \$56,909 for the years 2007-2009, \$39,392 in 2010 and \$28,411 in 2011.

The SBOA did note that Middletown had paid the hydrant rental fees that were due for the two-year period of Jan. 1, 2012-Dec. 31, 2013, covered by the agency's latest report. Cooper told The Banner that the town pays \$24,000 a year from its General Fund to the town's water utility for

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in advance of the Jan. 19 meeting also included 40 pages detailing year-end transfers Madison had to make in order to balance CAB's books. The board had voted in December to give Madison permission to make these adjustments.

Immediately prior to the start of that night's meeting, the school board convened its annual meeting of CAB's Board of Finance. As its first matter of business, the board voted to have its current officers, Beatty, Schaetzle and John Swartz, serve, respectively, as president, vice president and secretary for the Board of Finance.

Madison told board members that CAB's checking account balance was \$2,211,682.24 at the end of 2015, with \$2,987.48 earned in interest. While the district has a policy that allows CAB to make financial investments, Madison said the district does not currently have any.

In other business at the Jan. 19 meeting, the school board:

*Recognized Knightstown Elementary special education teacher Lori Edwards, who recently obtained a grant from Donors Choose for new equipment for the school's "sensory room." Edwards said the money had been used to purchase a new freestanding hammock

swing, two auditory systems, noise-canceling headphones and new "wobble" seats;

*Heard an update from Superintendent Jed Behny on the ISTEP-Plus results that had recently been released for the testing done last spring, and heard brief presentations on the subject from KES Principal Danielle Carmichael and Knightstown Intermediate School Principal Chad Gray;

*Heard a brief update from Madison on CAB's 2016 budget order that had recently been received from the state;

*Voted to approve on second reading changes to a policy dealing with student use of cell phones and other electronic devices, and approved on first reading changes to policies dealing with nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunities; and

*Approved a proposed school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

More information about the Jan. 19 CAB School Board meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes from that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at CAB's central office, 8139 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, during normal business hours.

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