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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 Boy Scouts Hosting Breakfast**

Boy Scout Troop 293 will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, March 5, 8-11 a.m. at the Charlottesville Lions Club building, 10165 E. 25 N. Proceeds from freewill donations will help scouts pay for summer camp and new equipment.

## **Legion Hosting Dinner and Dance**

Knightstown American Legion Post 152, 224 E. Main St., will host a Valentine's Day dinner and dance on Saturday, Feb. 13. Dinner, which costs \$22.95 per person and features a choice of two entrees, will be served 5-8:30 p.m. The event, which is open to the public, will also feature the Last Stand Band, performing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

## **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.

## **CAB May Borrow \$1 Million for Repairs, Upgrades**

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

While no decisions were made during the Charles A. Beard School Board special planning session this past Saturday, board members seemed receptive to the idea of borrowing a million dollars or more later this year to address needs in the district.

Superintendent Jed Behny told the board that CAB could do a general obligation bond issue that would provide funding for projects at Knightstown Elementary School, Knightstown Intermediate School and Knightstown High School. Behny said setting up the bond issue could take 90-120 days and that CAB would have two to three years to pay off the debt and 18-24 months to complete the projects.

"It's certainly doable," Behny told the board, noting that an increase in CAB's cash balance in its Debt Service Fund gives the district options like this that aren't likely to have a big impact on the tax rate. To move forward on the bond issue this year, he said a board vote would be needed by July or August.

"What other choice do we have?" board member Gerald Leonard asked. "We have no other choice."

Should the board opt to do a bond issue, Behny said it would be necessary to prioritize the projects that would be funded with the proceeds. He offered some suggestions at Saturday's meeting.

Behny said that parking lots at KES and KIS "are in need of significant work" and board members

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## **End of the Line**



Steve Wilkerson (left) of Knightstown recently retired from the Knightstown/Wayne Township Fire Department. Shown receiving a commemorative item from Fire Chief Bob Schaeffer, Wilkerson spent 29 years serving the Knightstown area. (Photo submitted)

## **Volunteers Sought for Huge Push to Move Community Harvest to Old Tweedy Lumber**

Big changes are in store for Blue River Community Harvest (BRCH), a food and clothing resource center serving less fortunate folks in the tri-county area.

The organization's board of directors announced this week the establishment will be moving from its current home at 9462 N. Carthage Pike, Carthage.

That building, which once served as a farm implement dealership, has been BRCH's home for years, but the building was recently sold. Volunteers are being sought for BRCH's big move into

Carthage proper, specifically the old Tweedy Lumber buildings, which now serve as a business, The Carthage Mill.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, and Saturday, Feb. 27, BRCH officials and any volunteers they can find will move the contents of their new space to an alternate space at the Mill. That will allow them to repair the space's floor and do other work necessary before the BRCH contents can be moved in.

The move is affecting BRCH's normal services. Officials announced that the last two food

pantries in February will be this Saturday, Feb. 13, 8-11 a.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6-8 p.m.

"If clients have not come yet this month, they should please do so at one of these dates because the pantry will be closed as of Feb. 17 and there will be no more pantries until the move is complete," said BRCH board member Jennifer Cochrane. "Since the new facility is unfinished, pantries will resume when we can comfortably serve clients again. There will be no clothing pantries this month or at

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# **Boy Scout Troop 293**

## **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

**- Freewill Donation -**

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## K-town Council Appointments Made

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

Knightstown Town Council President Sarah Ward announced the appointment of council members to various committees and boards at the council's Jan. 21 monthly meeting.

Council member Valerie Trump will serve on the Office Committee, Vice President Kevin Knott and council member Mitch Roland will serve on the Police Committee, and Ward and Trump will serve on the Utilities Committee. As council president, Ward will also serve as an ex officio member of all committees.

Ward will also replace former council member Cort Swincher, whose term ended Dec. 31, on the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board. Council member Mitch Roland will also continue to serve on this five-person board, which also includes Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman, Wayne Township Board member Jeff Van Hoy and Wayne Township resident David Millhoan.

Council members will also serve as members or liaisons to the following town boards and community groups: Glen Cove Cemetery Board (Ward); Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board (Knott); Knightstown Plan Commission (Trump, Roger Hammer); Southwest Ambulance (Roland); Knightstown Chamber of Commerce (Trump); Knightstown Area Crime Watch (Hammer); New Castle-Henry County Economic Development Corp. (Hammer); Hoosier Gym Community Center of Knightstown (Roland); Make a Difference Knightstown (Ward); Knightstown Main Street (Trump); and Beautify Knightstown Inc. (Knott).

## K-town Legal Fees Ascend to New Heights

The fees the town of Knightstown paid its regular legal counsel in 2015 exceeded the amounts paid in 2014 and 2013.

According to records provided by the town, attorney Gregg Morelock was paid \$29,567.50 for legal representation in 2015. Starting in February of that year, when the council renewed his contract, it opted to pay him a flat fee of \$2,500 a month instead of at his hourly rate of \$175. When the council voted unanimously in December to renew Morelock's contract for 2016, it opted again for the same flat monthly fee.

When the council was considering renewing Morelock's contract at its Dec. 17 monthly meeting, council member Clyde South, whose term ended Dec. 31, asked whether the town paid more in 2014, when Morelock was paid by the hour, or in 2015, after the switch to the flat monthly fee. Clerk-Treasurer Bart Whitesitt said the town paid more in 2014 under the hourly rate, but, according to town records, that was not the case.

In 2014, Morelock's Greenfield firm was paid \$28,740.50 by the town, \$827 less than the town paid for 2015. In fact, had the town been paying the \$2,500 flat monthly fee in January 2015, as it did for the rest of the year, the total paid to Morelock's firm for 2015 would have been \$30,000, or \$1,259.50 more than it paid in 2014.

The town paid Morelock \$20,515.65 for legal services in 2013. That's 28.6 percent less than it paid in 2014, and 30.6 percent less than it paid last year.

While Morelock's contract calls for the town to pay a flat fee of \$2,500 a month, that does not cover all legal representation that he or other members of his firm might provide to the town. For example, for any work associated with litigation, the town would be required to pay at a rate of \$175 per hour, and for work associated with the issuance of bonds, bond anticipation notes or other forms of indebtedness, Morelock's firm would be paid 1 percent of the face amount of the indebtedness.

## Rush Commissioners' Special Meeting Today

The Rush County Commissioners will conduct a special meeting at 3:30p.m. today.

The meeting, which is open to the public, has been called so the

commissioners can appoint members to the building corporation for the Rush County Jail. It will be held in the Rush County Auditor's office in Room 212 of the Rush

County Courthouse, 101 E. Second St., Rushville.

For more information, contact Rush County Auditor Mary Ann Beard at 765-932-2077.

## Rubio, Stutzman Tops in Local Straw Poll

With approximately 150 in attendance from the 19 counties of the 6th Congressional District (to include 54 Precinct committee members, who were the only ones eligible to vote in the straw poll), the 6th Congressional District's U.S. Senatorial Candidates' Forum, Straw Poll and Presidential Straw Poll was the first such event to take place in Indiana following the Feb. 5 candidacy filing deadline.

Rush County Republican Chairman Michael Dora hosted the event at Rushville Consolidated High School's auditorium. Henry County Council President Nate LaMar organized and moderated the event.

Results of the presidential straw poll (only candidates who qualified for Indiana's primary ballot were listed) were as follows:

**Marco Rubio, 22 (41.5 percent)**  
**Donald Trump, 13 (24.5 percent)**

**Ted Cruz, 11 (20.7 percent)**  
**Ben Carson, 2 (3.8 percent)**  
**Chris Christie, 2 (3.8 percent)**  
**Carly Fiorina, 2 (3.8 percent)**  
**Jeb Bush, 1 (1.9 percent)**  
**John Kasich, 0; Rand Paul, 0**

Results of the U.S. senatorial straw poll, which took place after the U.S. senatorial candidates' forum, were as follows:

**Marlin Stutzman, 22 (40.7 percent)**  
**Todd Young, 17 (31.5 percent)**  
**Eric Holcomb, 15 (27.8 percent)**



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# New Carthage Law Would Create 72-hour Parking Limit

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council voted Monday night to approve a new ordinance on first reading that, if passed again and adopted next month, will impose a 72-hour parking limit in town.

According to the ordinance, the town council's rationale for this change is to give town employees "better and more frequent access to the streets and alleys of the town for debris removal, maintenance, and other matters."

The ordinance prohibits the parking of any "vehicle, with or without motive power, including but not limited to mobile campers, boats, motorcycles, mopeds, trailers, wagons, or any vehicle designed for the conveyance of

persons, property, or animals ... on a town street, alley, or right of way for more than 72 continuous hours."

Adam Forrest, the town's attorney, told town council members that the new ordinance "doesn't change any of the parking structure in town." People will still be able to park in all of the places where parking is currently allowed; the new ordinance simply prohibits continuous parking.

In order to be in compliance with the new ordinance, vehicles must be moved a minimum of 500 feet every 72 hours. Vehicles in violation will be tagged, and, if not moved within another 72 hours, vehicle owners will be subject to a \$25 fine and will be responsible for the cost of towing and impoundment.

With one council member absent, the new parking ordinance passed 4-0 on first reading. The council is expected to take a second vote of adoption at its March 14 meeting, with the ordinance taking effect after it has been published as a legal notice in the Rush County newspaper.

Council members also voted unanimously at Monday's meeting to approve a new personnel handbook for town employees. Forrest said he had a small change to make and would e-mail a revised copy to Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan. He said town employees will need to sign a document confirming their receipt of the handbook.

In other business, the council: \*heard a brief presentation about the state's Stormwater

Improvements Program from Dan Lake of Kieser Consulting LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town on planning issues;

\*heard an update from Craig Bailey of the Future of Carthage about that group's plans for a "Freedom Trail Festival" in town, possibly at McNabb Park or on the property of the Carthage Community Church, on Saturday, Oct. 1;

\*approved the purchase, if needed, of a sensor for the wastewater

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the new facility.

"The board regrets the inconvenience this may cause our families," Cochrane continued, "but the move is daunting and will take considerable time and effort. If you can help with the move, please let BRCH Executive Director Robin Goodpaster know (317-402-4089). If you would like to donate building materials, money or labor, please call me at 317-696-0785."

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treatment plant effluent flow meter at a cost of \$1,935 from Gripp Inc. of Westfield; and

\*was advised by Josh Douglas, the town's works manager, that the sand filter for one of the town's two water wells needed to be cleaned, and that he had made an "executive decision" to have this done at a cost of \$7,500-\$10,000.

More information about the Carthage Town Council's Feb. 8 monthly meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes from that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St., during normal business hours.

## Local Fire Board Sets '16 Meetings

The Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board will, with two exceptions, continue meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month during 2016. In November and December, the fire board will meet on the third Wednesdays of those months.

The fire board's meetings are at 7 p.m. and are held at the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire State, located at 30 S. Washington St. The meetings are open to the public.



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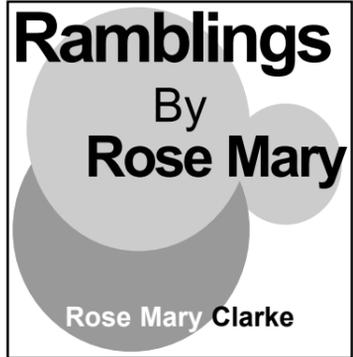
Good grief! I've turned the pages in our calendar twice since Christmas, and here we are at Valentine's Day. While I was in the hospital, one of the young nurses asked me how long Bill and I had been married. "Fifty-two lo-o-ng years! Actually, it's been 52 wonderful years that have passed much too quickly." "How have you managed to stay together so long?"

I really had to think about that. There are many answers, but I suppose that the most important reason is love. However, that is a very simplistic answer. As a song goes, true love is a many-splendored thing. Rev Carlson, the minister who married us recited Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poem, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." Most people who've been married so long could give many reasons why they love their spouses. Abiding love is the sum of many parts, and it's the glue that holds a relationship together. However, affection is as important as love.

When you are with the same person year after year after year you share a tremendous depth of varied experiences - both happy and sad, funny and serious, depressing and uplifting. Your mate becomes woven into the very fabric of your life. You have the security of knowing that there is always one person you can absolutely count on. Bill is my best friend. We find ourselves uttering the same words at the same time and finishing each other's sentences. However, no matter how well you

know each other or how much you grow alike, there are still hidden places at the core of your beings and you still have individual quirks that your mate learns to put up with.

Most human beings aren't saints. In fact, I always thought that many saints were probably rigid, self-righteous pains in the rear! We lesser mortals lose our tempers, have quar-



rels, act on impulse, behave stupidly and say things that we regret. It takes an unbreakable commitment and determination to hold a marriage together. To meld two personalities into a unit requires acceptance, compromise, patience, mutual respect, fidelity, and a sense of humor.

After thinking, I told the young nurse, "How you talk to each other is key." Bill and I have never - not once - used smutty language when disagreeing with each other or questioned each other's intellect or integrity by saying things such as, "You bleeping bleeper!" or "That's so stupid" or "You liar!"

That may seem overly simple, but

we are the words that we use. People say, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never slay me." Oh yes they will! Demeaning words and ugly language wound spirits, fester in the mind and may never be forgiven or forgotten. They indicate a lack of respect and charity for their target. They slay marriages, other relationships and friendships.

We have become a society of egocentric blabbermouths. I used to be appalled at what total strangers divulged. Now it's even worse. There is no privacy on Facebook, where people reveal details about the faults and conduct of their spouses or significant others that are shared with dozens - hundreds! - of so-called "friends." Did Bill and I ever quarrel? Indeed, we did, but we didn't run blabbing to mama or our friends!

There is one word that is fatal to a marriage, and that's the "D" word - "divorce." If it is used lightly in the heat of an argument, a couple is on the slippery slope to disaster.

We could all profit from this description in the Old Testament's Book of Corinthians that I wish I were better at following:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

## Summer Gifts Add to Winter Frustration

Who remembers the frustration of receiving a Christmas or birthday gift that could only be used in the warm weather of spring and summer?

My dad has always been a big fisherman. That meant me and my brother, Chris, would also become fishermen. We often asked Santa for fishing gear or new reels for holiday and birthday gifts.

My generous parents never failed to deliver on Santa's behalf. Fishing rods and tackle boxes often ended up beneath our Christmas tree.

Excited as we were to receive this bounty of outdoor gear, which promised untold hours of fun ... we still couldn't use it until winter was over.

And that seemed to take forever sometimes!

Adding to the frustration of this long wait was another event that added to the angst - the Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel show. Held each year at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, the show always featured a ton of exhibits, vendors and other attractions that tickled our enthusiasm for outdoor fun.

Generally, we'd walk through snow and slush into the coliseum. Inside, we would buy fishing lures, look at boats, watch guys catch fish in huge tanks and eat. Once properly infected with the fishing bug, we'd file back out, trudging through snow and ice - with spring still weeks away. Frustrating.

I have an early February birthday and this one brought back all those memories because of some gifts my wife gave me. A new bike helmet and a sweet jersey

from Mellow Johnny's - Lance Armstrong's bike shop in Austin, Texas - were just about enough to send me over the edge.

Just like the fishing gear, it's sometimes tough to actually use cycling equipment in the winter. I have a spin bike in my home, which I use regularly. I also use the stationary bikes at the local gym. But, wearing the new helmet in either place might draw unwelcome stares.

Now, some might say it's par for the course for Eric to wear a bicycle helmet indoors, on a stationary bike. But, I like to think I have better balance than that.

In spite of what some of you may think of me, I still reserve the helmet wearing for outdoors, on a bike with two wheels. After all, Henry County roads demand a modicum of safety, though they are slowly improving.

For as mild as the weekend was, we awoke to falling snow Monday morning. As Yoda would say, "Early February

it is. Too eager you are."

Easy to say for a guy who rode out his sunset centuries on swampy, tropical Degobah. Even when he lived on a planet with seasons, he wasn't much of a fisherman. In fact, he only got invited to go along in the wintertime. And that was just so his friends could use his lightsaber to cut a hole in the ice.

All joking aside, these winter days *are* getting longer. The sun, though often behind dense clouds, is in our sky higher and, increasingly, at a more advantageous angle, its persistent heat slowly, imperceptibly nudging the mercury higher. Just around the corner spring is.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Over the past year, I have continued working with Democrats and Republicans to grow the economy and expand opportunity for Hoosiers, improve mental health care for service members, and address crime and drug epidemics impacting families and communities. I am committed to continuing this work and providing outstanding customer service and assistance to all Hoosiers.

In spite of continued gridlock in Congress, we were able to accomplish a lot for Hoosiers in 2015, particularly because of our focus on finding bipartisan solutions. In fact, last year, I worked with 21 Republicans on dozens of bipartisan efforts because Hoosiers know we get the best results when we work together. And for that work, I was honored to be recognized as one of the most bipartisan members of the Senate.

This year I have been very focused on addressing the opioid abuse and heroin use epidemics. Too many Hoosiers have come to know first-hand that opioid abuse and heroin use together have created a public health crisis. For nearly two years, we have been working to address these epidemics. We have listened to Hoosiers, introduced bipartisan legislation, and partnered with and brought together leaders at the federal, state, and local levels. In 2015, I reintroduced bipartisan legislation that would develop best practices for prescribers, support state development of prescription drug monitoring programs, ensure law enforcement funding, and expand access to naloxone. Both state and federal officials are acting on some of the bipartisan policies I have advocated for and I am committed to continuing to work to stem the tide of these epidemics.

I've also been working in every corner of Indiana to advance priorities important to our families and communities. In Central Indiana I have been working to help make our communities safer because I believe every Hoosier deserves the right to live in peace. But sadly crime continues to be a serious concern and many Hoosiers have lost loved ones to crime or live in neighborhoods they feel aren't safe for raising a family.

I have sought to address this in a collaborative manner by engaging with community members, law enforcement, educators, and business and local leaders. As part of ongoing efforts to address the underlying factors that contribute to crime and ensure that state and local law enforcement have the resources they need, I supported several requests for federal assistance: the City of Indianapolis successfully applied for a Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program grant to provide federal resources to support crime reduction and prevention efforts in the city's Northwest District; a federal Promise Zone designation was secured for the Near Eastside of Indianapolis that will help create affordable housing and job opportunities; and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, successfully applied for a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program grant that allowed them to hire new officers in the community.

We have worked in every corner of Indiana to advance priorities important to our families and communities. In 2015, I visited all 92 counties and hosted or participated in 327 events in 107 cities and towns over 165 days in Indiana. Our office responded on average in less than two weeks to the hundreds of thousands of calls, emails, letters, and faxes from constituents. Through nearly 2,000 cases opened for Hoosiers seeking assistance with a federal agency we were able to return \$2.2 million in federal benefits to constituents, and nearly 1,200 Hoosiers toured the U.S. Capitol on 613 tours facilitated by our Washington office.

Given that progress, I remain hopeful about what 2016 holds, particularly when we work together to bring Hoosier common sense to whatever issue is at hand.

Serving as your Senator is a great honor and responsibility. If my office or I can be helpful to you, please do not hesitate to contact us. To see more, my full annual report is available at [www.donnelly.senate.gov/2015AnnualReport](http://www.donnelly.senate.gov/2015AnnualReport).

U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.)

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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** 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.

◆Boy Scout Troop 293 will host a **pancake breakfast** fundraiser on Saturday, March 5, 8-11 a.m. at the Charlottesville Lions Club building, 10165 E. 25 N. Proceeds from freewill donations will help scouts pay for summer camp and new equipment.

◆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.

◆Blue River Community Harvest is moving and will need the **help of volunteers** to move items on Saturday, Feb. 20, and Saturday, Feb. 27. Donated building materials are also being sought. Those who can help with the move or have building materials to donate should contact BRCH Executive Director Robin Goodpaster at 317-402-4089 Jennifer Cochrane at 317-696-0785.

◆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.

◆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.

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# KHS Building Corp. Meeting

After having to cancel a scheduled meeting last month due to a lack of a quorum, the Knightstown High School Building Corp. will try again to meet this next Tuesday.

Tuesday's meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the media center at Knightstown High School, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, just prior to the Charles A. Beard School Board's 7 p.m. monthly meeting. Both meetings are open to the public.

The KHS Building Corp. is, according to its bylaws, supposed to meet at least once each year, but,

according to CAB Superintendent Jed Behny, it appears the group last met in 2009 when dealing with refinancing of the debt on the high school. Before that, the group had gone over four years without meeting.

The KHS Building Corp. is a non-profit entity formed in 2001 to oversee the construction and financing of the high school. It has seven members: President Jeff Weiland; Vice President Tim Sorrell; Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Huffman; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Janet Buckles; John Means; Greg Stolle; and Rob Winters.

# Ike Like Mike (Tyson) as He Bites Off, Swallows Part of Joe Vellum's Ear in 14-minute Street Brawl

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**Continued from Last Week**

After Knightstown had become a village of some consequence, regular set combats were of frequent occurrence in its streets, and good citizens did not seem to greatly deplore such incidents. On one occasion Ike Davis and Joe Vellum, rather noted personages in their day, fought for 14 minutes by Gordon Ballard's watch - Dr. Whitesel and other prominent citizens looking on with deep interest. Davis won, and Vellum lost a part of one ear, which his antagonist swallowed.

Being located in the midst of a large scope of splendid farming lands, Knightstown's commercial importance was assured from the first, and it has become one of the best shipping points on the Indiana Central R.R. In 1852 the Knightstown and Shelbyville R.R. was completed, when it at once assumed a degree of importance heretofore unknown, although the road failed and was in a few years abandoned. The completion of the Indiana Central R.R. soon after, gave still further impetus to all that tended to foster the growth and prosperity of the place.

A newspaper - the first in the county - was published at Knightstown, it is said, about the year 1832 - a Mr. Grant, editor. But as he did not "come to stay," he was soon succeeded by James Silvers, and he in time by J.T. Langdon. This paper seems to have been suspended as early as 1835, and in a year or two it was revived under the name of Knightstown Sun, afterward known as the Indiana Sun, T.D. Clarkson, proprietor. J.W. Grubbs came into possession of the Sun in 1839. Mr. Grubbs removed it to the county seat in 1841, and for quite a number of years the place was without the humanizing and civilizing

influence of a home journal.

There are located at Knightstown one Presbyterian, a Methodist Episcopal, a Christian, a Baptist, and a Roman Catholic church - the three first named having a pretty large roll of members.

There are in the place several fraternities, or secret societies, as follows:

MASONIC - Golden Rule Lodge of F. & A. M.; Knightstown Chapter, No. 33; Cryptic Council, No. 29; Hacker Commandery, No. 9.

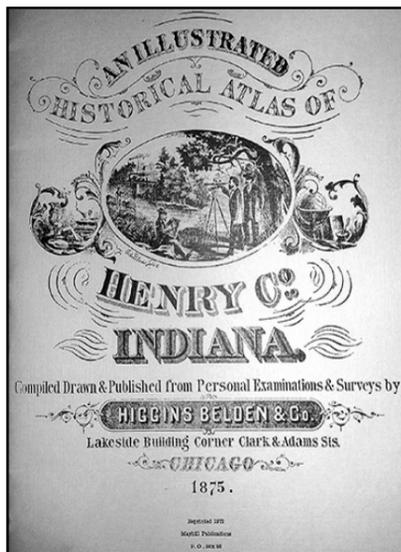
ODD FELLOWS - Knightstown Lodge I.O.O.F., No. 99; Blue River Encampment, No. 48; Social (Degree of Rebekah), No. 7.

GOOD TEMPLARS - Knightstown, No. 277

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY - Wayne Grange, No. 178.

The school facilities are not so good as is desired. The academy building, while sufficient at the time of its construction, has been outgrown by the wants of the place, and a new and more commodious one has been determined upon. The streets of the city are laid out at right angles, and are wide and cleanly, and one has but to look at the tax duplicate to discover how great has been the changes wrought in forty years. For purposes of taxation, the lots and improvements are rated \$495,950, and the personal property at \$325,780, on which the tax levied in 1874 amounted to \$13,645.

Blue River, Buck and Montgomery's Creeks each furnish valuable motive power which has been turned to good account in the vicinity of Knightstown and in addition to this the aid of steam has been largely invoked of late years. There are in the town and near vicinity four or five good grist-mills, a woolen factory, several saw-mills, planning mills, an extensive flax mill and bagging factory a burial case manufactory, and other smaller manufactories, the aggregate products of which amount to more than \$600,000. These figures demonstrate that the wealth and importance of the place has been established on a secure and flourishing basis.



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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Feb. 10 - Rush Co. Council meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., Feb. 10 - Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Feb. 10 - Henry Co. Drainage Board meeting, 9 a.m., Henry County office building suite 107, New Castle

Wed., Feb. 10 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

Thurs., Feb. 11 - Hancock Co. Planning

Commission tech committee meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Feb. 11 - Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Tues., Feb. 16 - Charles A. Beard Memorial School board meeting, 7 p.m., high school media center

Tues., Feb. 16 - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., Feb. 16 - Rush Co. Health Dept. board meeting, 7 p.m., Health Dept. office at courthouse, Rushville



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# FOLKWAYS

## Intermediate School Kids Practice Random Kindness



Knightstown Intermediate School VOICE members display pet food, treats and a money jug, in which they collected donations. They are collecting this for the local animal shelter. KIS also has another group collecting stuffed animals for the Knightstown police and fire departments. Intermediate school students are also helping tutor their younger, fellow students - all part of Random Acts of Kindness Week at KIS. (Photo submitted)

## Learn to Trust in God's Timing

by Rev. Gail Whitmire  
Knightstown First Wesleyan Church  
765-759-5944



"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail." - (Lamentations 3:22).

Jeremiah, the "weeping prophet," was given God's guidance in writing this book of deep sorrow, soon after Babylon destroyed the city of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. Even though this was a time of great tragedy, the prophet still had hope that God would show himself as a God of restoration.

In time of affliction, we sometimes feel as if our faith is pretty knock-kneed and weak, don't we? But then the Holy Spirit reminds us that there is hope in God's promise to never leave nor forsake us.

Jeremiah writes that he was wandering in bitterness and his soul was downcast, but then he remembered that simple little word - HOPE. Not hope in luck or good fortune, but hope in God's eternal faithfulness. If the Lord gave you and me what we have so often deserved, how many times would we have been consumed by His anger and disappointment in us? And yet-because of His great love and never-failing compassion-when we seek Him, He will restore us to spiritual health.

When it seems that your hope is gone, remember this old adage: "When you're at the end of your rope, tie a knot in the rope and hold on."

How many times have we missed out on an answer to prayer because we didn't hold on just a little while longer? We need to learn to trust in God's timing, don't we? He's never early; He's never late; but we can trust Him to always be right on time.

## Psi Iota Xi Welcomes Guests, Prospective Members

Psi Iota Xi sorority members met for the monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 4.

The group welcomed several guests and prospective members.

Members reviewed upcoming events, including a Schwan's

fundraiser through March and a Thirty-One Raffle in the month of May. One item will be drawn each day for the entire month. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any member.

The sorority extended its con-

gratulations to Beautify Knightstown, Inc. group for their success.

A memorial ceremony for the passing of a fellow Psi Iota Xi sister Darlene Foley was held on Friday, Feb. 5.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Panther, Royal, Titan Wrestlers Advance to New Castle Semistate

Knightstown, Tri and Eastern Hancock each watched wrestlers from their teams advance out of the Richmond regional last weekend to the semistate round of the state tournament next Saturday in New Castle.

Though Knightstown had nine wrestlers qualify for the regionals, just eight KHS wrestlers competed after Jacob Hanna suffered a concussion during workout and was unable to participate.

Garrett Thomas was second and Cameron Fender was third in their weight classes to advance. Adam Bundy and Balin Orcutt each placed fourth to earn a trip to the semistate.

Jason Dishman, Tyler Jackson, Thomas Sollars and Zach Clark all saw their seasons end when they did not finish in the top four spots in their class.

Tri had seven wrestlers com-

pete at Richmond's regional and two will advance to semistate.

Chance Faith placed third and Wes Craft was fourth to advance to the next round. Brandon Ramey finished fifth. Other Titan wrestlers at the regionals including Kennedy Louks, Tristin Goodwin, Josiah Jackson and Todd Harding, did not place in the top stops.

Eastern Hancock also sent seven wrestlers to regionals. The Royals' Jared Waterman was the only area wrestler to win a regional title.

Josh Robinson placed third and Mitch Quinn placed fourth to also grab spots for the Royals at the semistate tourney. Jack Smith finished fifth while Jordyn Wills, Gabe Blake and Jayson Bowers saw their seasons end.

The final sectional results for each weight class are below.

- 106-lb weight class**  
 1st – Andrew Black, Shenandoah  
 2nd – Traye Owens, New Castle  
 3rd – Luke Markley, Centerville  
 4th – Grant Stapleton, East Central  
 5th – Arman Angeles, Connersville

- 113-lb weight class**  
 1st – Cainan Schaefer, So. Dearborn  
 2nd – Hayden Lohrey, Shenandoah  
 3rd – Tyler Wilburn, Milan  
 4th – AJ Taylor, Centerville  
 5th – Jack Smith, Eastern Hancock

- 120-lb weight class**  
 1st – Trevor Ragle, New Castle  
 2nd – Dallas Pugsley, Shenandoah  
 3rd – Garrett Walton, So. Dearborn  
 4th – Braden Plunkett, Richmond  
 5th – Brady Parker, Centerville

- 126-lb weight class**  
 1st – Johnny Loos, Franklin Co.  
 2nd – Elijah Phillips, Centerville  
 3rd – Brandon Purtha, Hagerstown  
 4th – Wes Craft, Tri  
 5th – Jordan Mantor, New Castle

- 132-lb weight class**  
 1st – Javon Phillips, Centerville  
 2nd – Stevie Browning, Franklin Co.  
 3rd – Ryan Surgui, Shenandoah  
 4th – Adam Bundy, Knightstown  
 5th – Michael Deal, Batesville

- 138-lb weight class**  
 1st – Gabe Lane, East Central  
 2nd – Brady Gosnell, Connersville  
 3rd – Cameron Fender, Knightstown  
 4th – Dyllion Humbert, Franklin Co.  
 5th – Cody Delk, Blue River Valley

- 145-lb weight class**  
 1st – Andrew Negangard, East Central  
 2nd – Nathan Boggs, So. Dearborn  
 3rd – Tucker Coffman, Union Co.  
 4th – Sam Buck, New Castle  
 5th – Luke Pope, Blue River Valley

- 152-lb weight class**  
 1st – Jared Waterman, Eastern Hancock  
 2nd – Isaiah Michaels, Centerville  
 3rd – Garret Marsh, New Castle  
 4th – Mike Humbert, Franklin Co.  
 5th – Austin Draper, So. Dearborn

- 160-lb weight class**  
 1st – Alston Bane, Richmond  
 2nd – Jake Ruberg, Lawrenceburg  
 3rd – Josh Gee, Shenandoah  
 4th – McKelti Babcock, South Dearborn  
 5th – Evan Suding, Franklin Co.

- 170-lb weight class**  
 1st – Charlie Hill, Lawrenceburg  
 2nd – Ryan Mitts, East Central  
 3rd – Chance Faith, Tri  
 4th – Balin Orcutt, Knightstown  
 5th – Garrett House, New Castle

- 182-lb weight class**  
 1st – Caleb Hoots, New Castle  
 2nd – Jonah Rolfes, Lawrenceburg  
 3rd – Michael Bohman, Franklin Co.  
 4th – Gabe Walker, Shenandoah  
 5th – Matt Disbro, South Dearborn

- 195-lb weight class**  
 1st – Jacob Cavins, Milan  
 2nd – Zach Haager, Northeastern  
 3rd – Wes Hurltel, Union County  
 4th – Blake Ripperger, Franklin Co.  
 5th – Brandon Byrd, South Dearborn

- 220-lb weight class**  
 1st – Mason Parris, Lawrenceburg  
 2nd – Garrett Thomas, Knightstown  
 3rd – Dalton Clouse, New Castle  
 4th – Mitch Quinn, Eastern Hancock  
 5th – Brandon Ramey, Tri

- 285-lb weight class**  
 1st – Clark Minges, Union County  
 2nd – Tyler Selm, Franklin Co.  
 3rd – Josh Robinson, Eastern Hancock  
 4th – Sam Smith, South Dearborn  
 5th – Kyle Fultz, New Castle

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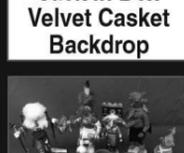
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## Lady Royals One Bucket Short of Sectional Title

The Eastern Hancock varsity girls basketball team's season ended with a one-point loss to Triton Central in the sectional 42 championship game on Feb. 6.

The Lady Royals first clobbered Irvington Preparatory Academy 81-8 in the first round game Feb. 2.

Eastern Hancock followed that blowout up with another big win, 56-28, over Shenandoah in the semifinal round Feb. 5.

In the title game, the Lady Royals fell 34-35.

Eastern Hancock finished with an overall record of 17-8 and 7-2 in the a Mid-Hoosier Conference.

Irvington	0	4	2	2	-	8
E. Hancock	14	21	21	25	-	81

### Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Irvington Prep

Haley Best - 24 points (six 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal

Jenna Smith - 10 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 shot deflection

Peyton West - 10 points, 5 rebounds, 6 assists, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected

Emiley Carlton - 9 points, 5 rebounds, 6 steals, 2 blocks, 2 shots deflected

Hope Spaulding - 8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals, 1 shot deflected

Leah Ferguson - 7 points, 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 steals

Kaysi Gilbert - 5 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 block

Shelby King - 4 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 7 steals, 1

block, 1 charge, 1 shot deflected  
Morgan Collins - 2 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Megan Mench - 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

E. Hancock	13	14	17	12	-	56
Shenandoah	4	6	10	8	-	28

### Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Shenandoah

Haley Best - 12 points (two 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Leah Ferguson - 11 points (two 3-pointers), 7 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals

Hope Spaulding - 10 points (two 3-pointers),

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Emiley Carlton - 6 points, 1 rebound, 3 steals

Peyton West - 4 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected

Megan Mench - 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 shot deflected

Jenna Smith - 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block, 1 shot deflection

Kaysi Gilbert - 2 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals

Morgan Collins - 1 rebound, 1 steal

Triton Ctrl	5	13	9	8	-	35
E. Hancock	8	7	11	8	-	34

### Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Triton Central

\*individual results not available at press time

## Lady Titans Fall by 2 in Sectional Championship

Tri's varsity girls basketball team defeated host school Randolph Southern 44-32 in the opening round of class 1A sectional 56 on Feb. 2.

The Lady Titans then prevailed by two points, 46-44, over Union (Modoc) in the semifinal game before coming up two points short in the championship game.

Union City beat Tri's girls 49-47 in the title game.

The Lady Titans were 17-7 overall this season and were 4-3 in the Tri-Eastern Conference.

Tri	11	8	10	15	-	44
Randolph So.	5	7	8	12	-	32

### Tri Individual Results vs. Randolph Southern

Cayla Johnson - 14 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block

Payton Moore - 11 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

Addy Edwards - 6 points (two 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

Mackenzie Peggs - 6 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, 1 block

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

Mara Biehl - 2 points, 2 rebounds

Kennington Appleby - 1 rebound, 1 steal

Tri	7	13	15	11	-	46
Union	16	9	10	9	-	44

### Tri Individual Results vs. Union (Modoc)

Payton Moore - 22 points, 11 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 3 blocks

Mackenzie Peggs - 11 points (two 3-pointers), 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block

Addy Edwards - 6 points (two 3-pointers), 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

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

Cayla Johnson - 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 1 block

Karlee Winkhart - 1 rebound, 1 assist

Kennington Appleby - 1 assist

Tri	12	9	15	11	-	47
Union City	18	13	7	11	-	49

### Tri Individual Results vs. Union City

Kylie Dishman - 15 points (five 3-pointers), 4 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 steals

Mackenzie Peggs - 12 points (two 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 1 steal

Payton Moore - 10 points, 2 rebounds

Cayla Johnson - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals

Mara Biehl - 2 points, 2 rebounds

Kennington Appleby - 1 point, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals

Karlee Winkhart - 1 point, 1 rebound

Addy Edwards - 1 rebound, 1 assist

## KHS Girls' Season Over

Knightstown girls basketball team's season ended with a 30-58 loss to Triton Central in the first round of sectional 42. KHS finished at 4-19 this season.

Triton Ctrl	8	11	20	19	-	58
Knightstown	4	9	10	7	-	30

### Knightstown Individual Results vs. Triton Central

Brooke Vise - 9 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block, 1 shot deflection

Hannah Thomas - 5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 shots deflected

Lori Thomas - 5 points (one 3-pointer)

Lacy Thomas - 4 points, 2 assists, 1 steal

Jordan Ventresco - 3 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 1 steal

Carmen Cleek - 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist

Dharma Holder - 2 points

Jessica Butler - 1 rebound, 1 shot deflected

## Panthers Whip Blue River Valley

Knightstown's varsity boys basketball team got another road win Feb. 4 at Blue River Valley. The Panthers won 73-56.

Jackson Edwards had another huge game with 25 points and seven boards. Coleman Wyatt had a double-double, scoring 13 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

Following the win, the Panthers' record moved to 9-6 this season.

Knightstown	13	26	16	18	-	73
Blue River Valley	17	13	11	15	-	56

### Knightstown Individual Results vs. Blue River Valley

Jackson Edwards - 25 points, 7 rebounds, 7 assists, 1 steal, 1 block

Coleman Wyatt - 13 points, 10 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block

Drake Peggs - 11 points, 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 5 steals

Riley Ruble - 8 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 assist

Dylan Hiner - 8 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 1 steal

Jake Bearhope - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Jarrett Weidner - 2 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals, 1 block

## JV Royals Beat Irvington Prep

Eastern Hancock's junior varsity boys basketball team blasted Irvington Preparatory Academy 57-23 at home Jan. 29.

Jake Hancock led the Royal scoring with 20 points and Brycen Napier had 16 points.

The win pushed up the JV team's season record to 12-2.

Irvington Prep JV	8	7	5	3	-	23
Eastern Hancock JV	13	15	12	17	-	57

### Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Irvington Prep Academy

Jake Hancock - 20 points, 7 rebounds

Brycen Napier - 16 points (four 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal

Nathan Mosher - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 2 assists

Luke Splater - 6 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists

Peyton Gray - 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 block, 1 shot deflected

Ian White - 3 points (one 3-pointer)

Trey Bittinger - 1 point, 4 rebounds, 1 block, 1 shot deflected

Tyler Castle - 5 assists, 2 steals, 2 shots deflected

Skyler Schrope - 1 rebound, 2 assists

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## Varsity Royals Thump Tri, Lose to Lapel

On Feb. 4, the Eastern Hancock varsity boys basketball team traveled to Tri High where they whipped the Titans 73-57.

The Royals hosted class 2A's second-ranked team, Lapel, who demolished the home team 75-46.

Following the win and loss, Eastern Hancock's season record went to 5-12.

E. Hancock	21	18	18	16	- 73
Tri	14	15	12	16	- 57

### Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Tri

A.J. Muegge - 19 points (three 3-pointers), 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Addison True - 17 points (one 3-pointer), 9 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 4 shots deflected, 1 charge taken

Ryan Speas - 16 points (four 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1

charge

Tyler Blattner - 10 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected

Duncan Cherry - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebound, 1 shot deflected

Tom Barton - 4 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 2 blocks, 4 shots deflected

Jacob Eischen - 3 rebounds, 3 assists

Jarett Lewis - 1 rebound, 1 shot deflected

\*Tri's individual results from this game were not yet available.

Lapel	19	20	20	16	- 75
E. Hancock	7	12	12	15	- 46

### Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Lapel

Addison True - 18 points (four

3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 shots deflected

A.J. Muegge - 8 points (one 3-pointer), 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 charge

Ryan Speas - 7 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 2 steals

Tyler Blattner - 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 shots deflected

Jacob Eischen - 4 points, 4 rebounds

Duncan Cherry - 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal

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

Jordan Stillinger - 1 point, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, charge

Jarett Lewis - 1 rebound, 1 assist

## Greenfield-Central Tops JV Royals

Eastern Hancock's junior varsity boys basketball team fell 44-52 on the road at Greenfield-Central Jan. 30.

Brycen Napier led the Royals' offense with 15 points.

The JV team's season record is now 12-3.

E. Hancock JV	16	7	11	10	- 44
Greenfield-Ctrl JV	17	16	14	5	- 52

### Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results vs. Greenfield-Central JV

Brycen Napier - 15 points (three 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 1 block, 4 shots deflected, 1 charge

Nathan Mosher - 9 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 shot deflected

Jake Hancock - 8 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected

Trey Bittinger - 6 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 shots deflected

Peyton Gray - 4 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals

Luke Splater - 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 shot deflected

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Tyler Castle - 1 rebound, 4 assists, 1 shot deflected

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## Former Blue River Valley Basketball Star Kyle Cox Facing Federal Charge of 'Coercion and Enticement'



Former Blue River Valley High School basketball star and Henry County native Kyle Cox, the basketball coach at Park Tudor High School who abruptly resigned in mid-December, is facing federal criminal charges over his relationship with a 15-year female student.

According to a criminal complaint filed against Cox, 31, last Thursday in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Cox exchanged sexually explicit messages and images with the teen, a student at the Indianapolis private school. He is also alleged to have tried to arrange for the girl to come to his house in December when his wife and children were out of town and tried to plan an intimate encounter with her at the school in October.

The criminal complaint says the student's

father discovered the inappropriate messages between his daughter and Cox and contacted school officials in December. Cox resigned the following day, but, the criminal complaint says, he was allowed to take a school computer home to remove "personal" content.

On Jan. 7, authorities executed search warrants at Park Tudor and Cox's residence, seizing Cox's cell phone and school-issued laptop computer. He was arrested on Feb. 3 on one charge of coercion and enticement, an offense that could result in a prison term of 10 years to life.

Cox, who, after graduating from BRVHS, went on to play basketball and golf at Ball State University, was hired by Park Tudor in 2009 as an assistant coach and assistant athletic director. After taking over as varsity coach, he led the boys basketball team to consecutive Class 2A state championships and a record of 55-6.

Cox was taken into federal custody at the

conclusion of last Thursday's initial hearing. On Monday, the judge ruled that Cox could be released and allowed to stay at his parents' home in Springport, but his release was delayed while federal prosecutors appeal that decision.

At Monday's hearing, prosecutors argued that Cox should not be released. They claim he interfered with the investigation after his resignation from Park Tudor and introduced text messages between Cox and a male student in which Cox allegedly disparaged the alleged victim and suggested he wouldn't mind if the male student "messed (the victim) up."

The male student's text messages to Cox indicate that the victim attempted to get a hold of the cell phone he was using to communicate with Cox. The male student, prosecutors said Monday, told Cox that grabbed the girl by the neck and shoved her to the ground.

The criminal complaint filed last week

also raises questions about the school corporation's response and that of its legal counsel. Park Tudor posted the following statement on its website:

"While we are aware of the contents of the criminal complaint, it is not appropriate for us to comment on the specifics of an ongoing criminal matter. We reported the allegations against Mr. Cox to Child Protective Services within 24 hours, and we are fully cooperating with the police investigation. The safety of our students continues to be our top priority."

The head of the school at the time the incident with Cox was brought to the attention of school officials was Matthew D. Miller, who committed suicide Jan. 23. It is not clear at this time if there is any connection between the two events.

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agreed that would be the top priority for any money available through a bond issue. Behny estimated that it could cost \$200-\$250,000 to fix and seal the parking lots and make needed repairs to school sidewalks.

"To me, parking lots are a priority," Board President Wade Beatty said, noting that they need to be safe for students, faculty and visitors. Leonard and board members Steve Ferrell said they agreed.

"If you don't repair those, you end up with nothing," Leonard said. "Then, to replace them, you're talking about big bucks."

"The longer you let them go, the more it costs," Ferrell added.

Board members agreed that the second priority for use of borrowed funds should probably be to bolster the technology available to CAB

students. Behny estimated that \$350,000 could be used to start moving toward a "one-to-one" approach that would make computers or electronic tablet devices available to all or some of the district's students.

"It would be important to do it the right way," Behny said. "... I think it's critical that if you're going to offer a new medium, you've got to offer what works best for kids. ... There are so many conversations that would need to be had."

A third project that could be funded by the general obligation bond issue would be improvements to the playgrounds at KES and KIS, which Behny said "could use some TLC." He estimated that about \$100,000 would be required for this work.

Relocation of the KHS boys baseball diamond from the KIS property to the high school campus was the fourth thing the board discussed doing with money from the bond issue. Behny told the board that estimates of \$50,000-\$60,000

for this are "nowhere near accurate," and said \$300,000-\$500,000 was a more realistic price range.

"At some point, the baseball field is going to need to be moved," Ferrell said. "... I've heard more about that (from constituents) than probably anything else."

Behny told the board he would gather specific details about the general obligation bond issue and bring that to one of the board's regular monthly meetings for further discussion. He also said he would get the board more information on the "one-to-one" technology options as well.

While the projects that would be funded by the general obligation bond issue fall within those CAB would hope to address within the next 24 months, board members also discussed more long-range goals at Saturday's meeting as well. Some of the things Behny said will need to be addressed in the next five years include the KHS parking lot, brickwork at KES and KIS, possible replacement of the KIS boiler and flushing of the heating

and cooling system at KHS.

Within the next 10 years, Behny said the KHS football field could need "significant maintenance," and the roof at KES may need to be replaced. With the debt for the construction of KHS due to be retired in 2024, he also said CAB will be facing a big decision about whether to renovate KIS or close it and build a new school near the high school.

"We sure don't want something like that to sneak up on us," Behny said.

"I hope that (KIS) makes it to 2024," board member Suzee Neal said. "At some point, it's going to need to be replaced."

Board members also discussed during Saturday's meeting the need to promote and market the school district. Board member John Swartz presented several ideas, and Ferrell said he thought it was important to include people in the Kennard and Carthage communities.

"Maybe we could focus on some of these other areas a little bit," Ferrell said. "We're all pad-

dling in the same boat."

Behny suggested the formation of a committee to look into ways to promote the school district. He said he would bring more information and some possible recommendations on this to the board's next meeting, scheduled for next Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in the media center at KHS, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40.

**K-town Council Meeting Thursday**

The Knightstown Town Council will hold a special meeting Thursday evening 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. 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 recently in The 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, a situation she described as "scary."

Huffman advised 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.

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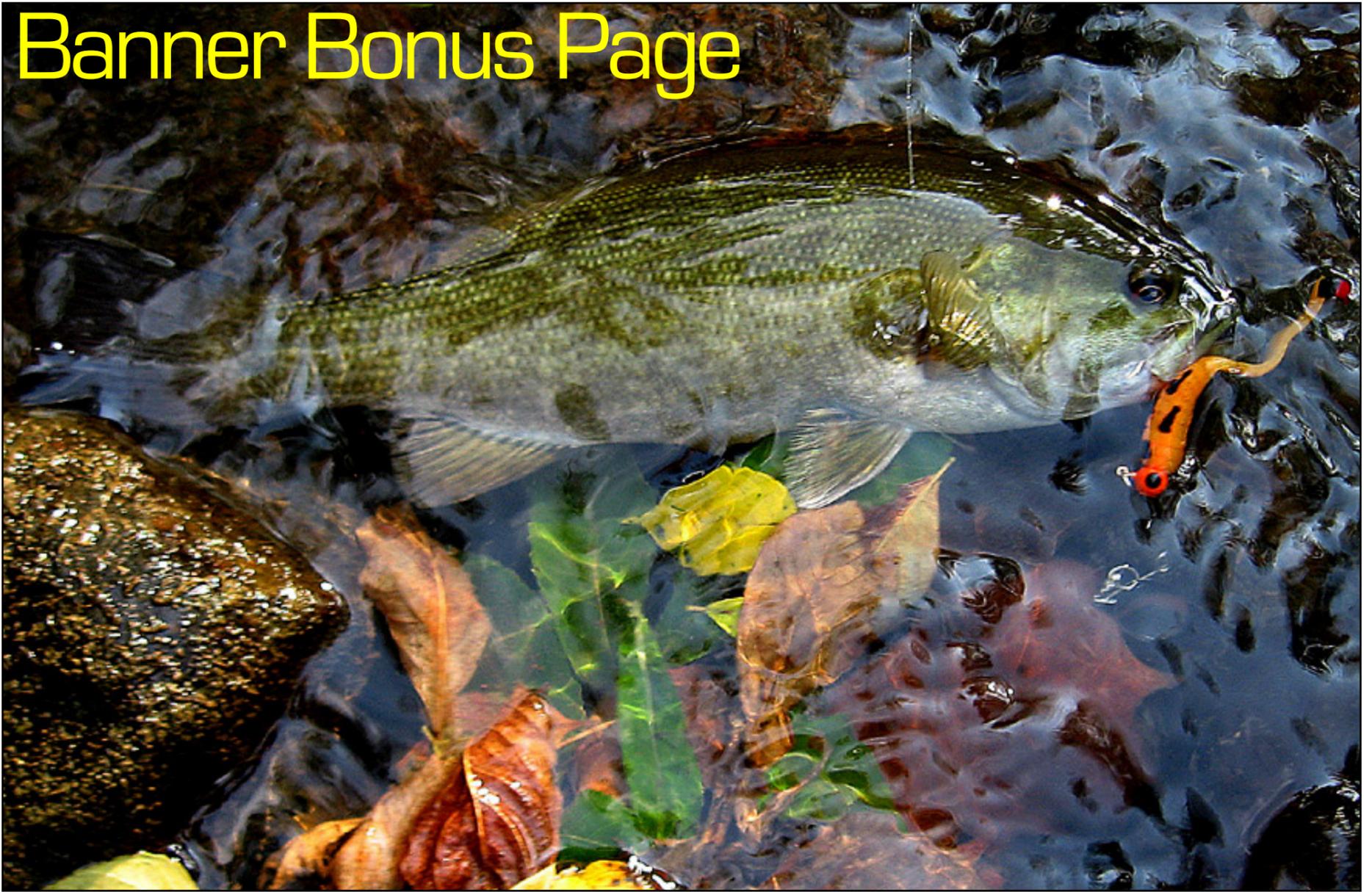
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