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**Knightstown, IN**

## Farmers Market Meeting March 3

The Henry County Farmers Market is ready to host its annual Vendor Call Out Meeting. Those interested in vending at the 2016 Henry Co. Farmers Market should make plans to attend the call out meeting on Thursday, March 3, at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1202 Church St., New Castle. For more information send a message via Facebook or email [hcfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:hcfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

## 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.

## Volunteers Sought for 'Harvest' Move

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.

## 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 Church Has Welcome Packets

Knightstown Wesleyan Church has welcome packets available. Anyone new to the area interested in receiving local business information and discounts may contact Kathie Rummell at 765-345-9660 or Amy Bell at 765-686-7063. Packets contain a variety of coupons.

## Court Rules for Knightstown in Most of its Request for Summary Judgment in Bullet Hole Building Suit

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The town of Knightstown's efforts to halt a lawsuit brought against it over alleged missteps in the town's handling of the razing of an East Main Street building in 2013 have succeeded in part.

Last week, a judge granted summary judgment in the town's favor with respect to three of five counts raised in the plaintiff's complaint for damages. The judge's ruling, however, left two remaining counts in the plaintiff's complaint intact, allowing the case to proceed toward trial.

Dudley Wainscott, Woodland Park, Colo., owner of the property known as the "Old Lodge" building at 34-38 E. Main St., sued the town last February. His lawsuit alleges missteps in how the town and a Muncie-based company it hired handled the spring 2013 demolition of a neighboring building at 32 E. Main St. that had formerly housed Hopkins Furniture and, more recently, The Bullet Hole gun shop.

Wainscott alleged the town and Shroyer Bros. Inc., the demolition company, had failed to make repairs to a common wall the razed building shared with his property that has been left standing, and said that failure led to mold damage in his building. He also claimed the town and Shroyer Bros., also named as a defendant in the lawsuit, had created a nuisance by not properly containing and removing asbestos and vacuum tubes containing mercury in the building

that was demolished before work began.

The town's attorney, Wayne Uhl, had filed a motion for summary judgment in November, seeking a ruling in the town's favor that would effectively result in the dismissal of at least some of Wainscott's claims. A hearing on this motion was held in Henry Circuit Court 1 on Jan. 20 before Senior Judge Jack Tandy.

absolutely nothing in it to put the town on notice that he intended to file a lawsuit or seek damages."

"It's supposed to be a short and plain statement," Wainscott's attorney, Frederick Emhardt, countered. "... The letter plainly asserts a claim against Knightstown. ... The point is that this letter definitely gave the town notice of the claim and the town acted on it. ... That April 14 letter has everything necessary."

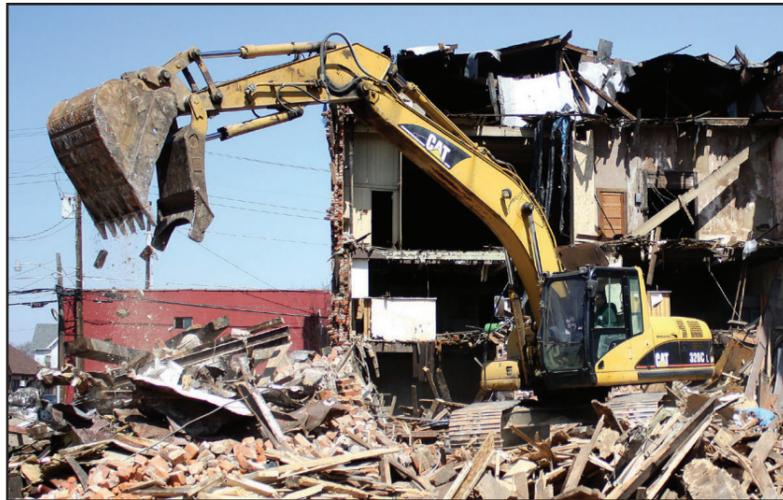
On the issue of whether Wainscott's letter satisfied the tort claim notice requirements, Tandy ruled in the town's favor. While the letter had put the town on notice about the nature of Wainscott's grievance and the events which gave rise to it, the judge said it was "missing a crucial element."

"The Court finds the fatal flaw with Wainscott's letter is that it does not state that Wainscott intends to bring legal action against Knightstown," Tandy wrote in his five-and-a-half-page ruling. "Case law has held this to be a requirement."

Because Wainscott's letter did not qualify as a proper notice of tort claim, Tandy agreed that the town was entitled to partial summary judgment in its favor.

Tandy ruled that the failure to file a timely notice of tort claim was fatal to two of the five counts in Wainscott's complaint: the negligence claim in Count 4 and Count 1's alleged breach of an equitable duty not to weaken or damage the common wall shared with

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Shroyer Bros. workers demolish the Bullet Hole building in 2013.

Uhl argued that three of five counts in Wainscott's complaint should be barred because Wainscott had not filed a proper notice of tort claim with the town before filing his lawsuit, as state statute requires. Persons wishing to sue a governmental entity for an alleged wrong committed against them generally have 180 days from the date of the incident that injured them to file a notice of tort claim.

"It's really just a letter of complaint," Uhl said during the Jan. 20 hearing. "...There's

## Board Eyeing More Pay Raises for CAB Administrators

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board was expected to consider recommendations for contract renewals and raises for two of the district's principals at last night's monthly meeting.

According to materials provid-

ed to school board members in advance of the meeting, Superintendent Jed Behny planned to recommend contract renewals for Knightstown Elementary School Principal Danielle Carmichael and Knightstown Intermediate School Principal Chad Gray. The new contracts

would start July 1 and run through June 30, 2018.

Under the terms of the proposed contracts, Carmichael would receive a 2.9-percent pay raise that would increase her salary from \$68,000 to \$70,000. Gray's salary would climb from \$70,000 to \$73,000, almost a 4.3-percent pay hike.

In other financial matters, the board was also expected to consider at last night's meeting the possibility of borrowing between \$1,020,000 and \$1,310,000 through a general obligation bond issue. The district would have three years to repay borrowed funds and

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## Boy Scout Troop 293

### Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

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# OBITUARIES

**Connie Fay (Page) Gulley**  
January 5, 1959 - February 15, 2016



Connie Fay (Page) Gulley, 57, of Straughn, passed away on Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield, from complications of diabetes. She was born Jan. 5, 1959, to Sam and Ina (Ferrell) Page.

She married Ronnie Gulley on Feb. 11, 1984, in Greensboro. She had resided in the Greensboro area most of her life and was a graduate of Knightstown High School's class of 1978. For many years she was a homemaker and stay at home mom. She had worked at Becker's IGA, Hardees and, for the past 15 years, had been employed at McDonald's in New Castle.

She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Gulley of Straughn; a daughter, Misty Sweet (husband, Duke) of New Castle; two grandchildren, Matt and Monica; two sisters, Della Robinson of New Castle and Geraldine Brake of Somerset, Ky.; her mother-in-law, Evelyn Gulley; and many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Sam and step-mother, Maxine (Lewis) Page; her mother, Ina, and step-father, Jess Arms; two brothers, Donnie Page and Joe Rednour; and two sisters, Kathy Martt and Betty Kelly.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Rev. Matt Daffron officiating. Burial will follow in Hicksite Cemetery in Greensboro. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312. Condolences and memories of Connie may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

**State Ag Leader to Speak in New Castle**

In celebration of Indiana's Bicentennial, the Henry County Farm Bureau in partnership with the Henry County Community Foundation (HCCF), will host a Farming & Agribusiness Celebration dinner with special recognition to Indiana's Bicentennial.

The event is Tuesday, March 8, at the W.G. Smith Building at Memorial Park and begins at 6 pm. Reservations may be made for \$5 per person at Farm Bureau Insurance, 151 Wittenbraker Ave. in New Castle by March 1.

The keynote speaker is Ted McKinney, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. McKinney will reflect on the importance of farming 200 years ago as well as being essential today. McKinney is a 1991 graduate of the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program and a 1992 graduate of the Stanley K. Lacey See Ag, Page 12

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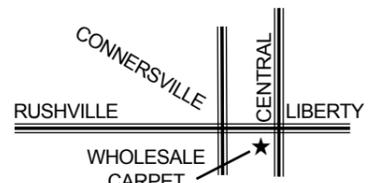
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# Judge Kit Crane Vying for Supreme Court Seat

Henry Circuit Court 2 Judge Kit Crane, one of 30 applicants for an upcoming vacancy on the Indiana Supreme Court, will be interviewed Friday morning by members of the state's Judicial Nominating Commission.

Indiana Supreme Court Justice Brent Dickson is scheduled to retire April 29, and the seven-member JNC is charged with interviewing applicants to replace him. Initial interviews will be held today through Friday, with a second round scheduled for March 3 and 4.

## County Planning Commission to Meet Thursday

The Henry County Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing in the Old Circuit Court Room of the Henry County Court House, 101 S. Main St., New Castle, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18.

The commission will consider the following:

Case B: 2188 - Rick Hawley, representing Buck Shot Sporting Goods, of 5 S. Greensboro Pike; New Castle. Hawley is requesting to rezone a parcel from Rural Residential (RR) to General Business (GB), for the purpose of selling sporting goods and firearms. The property he is requesting to be rezoned is owned by Glenn and Janet Harding and is located at 1606 W. S.R. 38, parcel number 007-80953-00, in Henry Township.

At that time the planning commission will hear from any property owner in support or in opposition to granting the request.

### Other Business

American Structurepoint Inc. will be making a presentation on the process and feasibility of creating a new comprehensive plan for Henry County.

Crane's first-round interview is scheduled for 9:40-10 a.m. Friday. This proceeding, as well as second-round interviews, are open to the public and will be held in Room 319 of the Indiana State House.

Crane is one of 11 state trial court judges to apply for the vacancy. The pool of applicants also includes one federal court judge and 18 attorneys.

The JNC will review applications, consider applicants' legal education, writings, reputation in the practice of law, and other pertinent information. After the second round of interviews, the JNC will conduct additional interviews and

deliberations in private executive session, then will publicly voted to send the names of the three most qualified candidates to Gov. Mike Pence, who will have 60 days to select Dickson's replacement.

The applications submitted by Crane and other candidates are available online at [www.in.gov/judiciary/judqual/3385.htm](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/judqual/3385.htm) and Crane's application can be viewed online at the Banner's website, [www.thebanneronline.com](http://www.thebanneronline.com). Supporting documents, including writing samples and transcripts, are available in the Supreme Court Law Library, Room 316 of the Indiana State House.

In addition to Crane, the other 29 applicants for this judicial opening are: Hon. James R. Ahler, Jasper Superior Court; Hon. Vicki L. Carmichael, Clark Circuit Court 4; Hon. Paul R. Cherry, U.S. District Ct., Hammond; Eugene N. Chipman, Jr., Plymouth; David E. Cook, Indianapolis; Hon. Darrin M. Dolehanty, Wayne Superior Court 3; Hon. Thomas J. Felts, Allen Circuit Court; Thomas M. Fisher, Indianapolis; Elizabeth C. Green, Indianapolis; Hon. Frances C. Gull, Allen Superior Court; Lyle R. Hardman, South Bend; Hon. Steven L. Hostetler, St. Joseph Superior Court; Hon. Matthew C. Kincaid, Boone Superior Court 1;

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## Saunders Hosts Fundraiser

State Rep. Tom Saunders (R-Lewisville) held the Indiana House's annual bake sale and silent auction to raise funds for cancer research recently at the Statehouse.

Members, spouses and staff of the House brought in baked goods to sell and historical items to auction off for the event. All proceeds from the fundraiser went to the American Cancer Society.

"Everyone knows somebody who has battled cancer and it is our duty to find a cure for this deadly disease," Saunders said. "I was so happy to see many of my colleagues come out and show their support to make this event a successful one."

The fundraiser was started in 2011 after two members of the Indiana House of Representatives' staff were diagnosed with cancer.



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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## Secret of 'Money Pit' Still Unknown

Vicki mentioned watching a series on the History Channel called "The Curse of Oak Island" about the recent effort of the Lagina brothers. I said, "I've been fascinated by the Oak Island Money Pit ever since when I was a teenager!" The show has rekindled my interest.

Ten years after I read about the Money Pit in one of my father's magazines, the young brothers from Michigan became obsessed after reading a 1965 article in *Reader's Digest*. One of them became a wealthy engineer, bought part of the island and is financing their hunt. I hope I live until they solve its mystery.

In 1795, young men started to excavate a hole on the island just off the coast of Nova Scotia. Every 10 feet they encountered a log platform sealed with a mixture of clay, ash and coconut fiber which is impervious to salt water. Therein lies the first mystery. How did coconut fiber end up in Canada?

Speculation about the treasure runs the gamut:

Could it be the treasury of the Masonic Knights Templar, perhaps the Holy Grail or the Arc of the Covenant? Supposedly, after the disbandment of the Templars, a precious treasure was taken from France to Scotland from whence Sir Henry Sinclair, owner of the Rosslyn Chapel, sent it to Oak Island with 300 men.

Could it be Pirate Captain Kidd's booty? Marie Antoinette's fabulous jewels that were a cause of

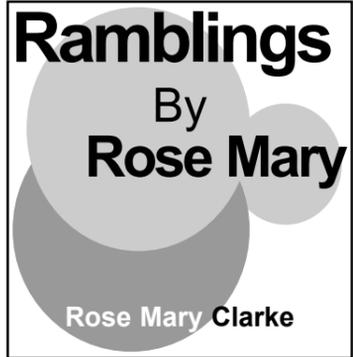
the French Revolution?

Unpublished Shakespearean manuscripts? A Rosicrucian vault?

Spanish royal treasure?

Inca treasure?

Who dug the pit? Why did they hide the treasure so well that no one could get it? What's the meaning of stones with untranslatable carved symbols found on Oak Island? Oh,



oh, oh! What delicious mysteries!

This is more than just the obsession of a few nuts. Six men died from accidents, hence the curse. Just enough rather flimsy evidence has been found so that various individuals, alliances, associations and consortiums have spent many millions of dollars on laborers, equipment, specialists, consultants and lawsuits.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's grandfather, Delano, invested. FDR visited the site as a young man, invested and remained interested until his death. John Wayne, Alan Ladd and Admiral Byrd, the great explorer of Antarctica, business-

men and engineers invested.

In 1803, the original discoverers joined the Onslow Company that dug down to 90 feet, where they found a large stone with symbols. To their surprise, the next day they found that the pit was flooded with water.

Water has bedeviled the treasure hunters. Supposedly, those who dug the pit booby-trapped it with two channels from the ocean so that water rushes in. All efforts to bail it out have failed.

One group built a coffer dam. The Lagina brothers' group tried to pump the water out of a nearby swamp. All to no avail.

Holes were drilled near the original pit in an effort to connect tunnels to it. One group built a causeway to the island so that they could haul across big machinery rather than using horses. Another bunch electrified the island. Various excavations collapsed or were abandoned when people ran out of money. The area became littered with debris from various excavation attempts.

Sparing no expense, the Laginas hired sonar and metal detector experts. They brought in huge drills to take core samples, investigated various improbable theories, studied maps, and even visited the Rosslyn Chapel. Their operative words are, "Could it be?" and "What if?" Repeatedly, their hopes have come to naught.

An island resident who owns

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to wish a happy day to one of the members of the largest sects in the world: mothers - for all of the time we have borne, nurtured and followed our children through all types of trials and tribulations that life can bring.

We forgive and remember all the heartaches that motherhood brings. May this Mother's Day bring happiness and good memories. These days are what help us get through the rest of the times that are more tough. From giving them life, we are given more life moments to cherish.

So take those extra few moments with your mother or child today, as these moments are fleeting and, in the blink of an eye, they are over.

You deserve a standing ovation for being on this stage of life, and making the choice to take a part as a mother.

Mary Lou Hayes

Knightstown

Dear Editor,

I was born and raised in Knightstown (graduated Class of '69). If you are from my era, you might have known my parents. Both were upright Americans from whom I never heard a bigoted word.

In the early '60s, there was a truck stop a mile or so east of town. (This was pre I-70.) There appeared a large billboard that depicted Martin Luther King sitting in a row of grade school desks. It read, "Martin Luther King in Communist Training School." I was not worldly, but I felt it was wrong and un-American.

There was a recent letter to the editor about a current sign in Knightstown. I thought the letter was well written and reasonable. If you know what sign it refers to, then perhaps you too are disturbed by its message. It has been there for several years. I believe everyone in Knightstown has probably read it and formed their opinions. Do you think only visitors are impacted by it now? Do you think it's time for that sign to come down?

Mike Trent

Knightstown

Dear Editor,

U.S. Senate candidate Congressman Todd Young has become the target of Indiana's latest election year "silly season." Despite having been the first US Senate candidate whose candidacy was officially certified by Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson, suddenly after the filing deadline it was revealed that he supposedly came up a mere three signatures short of the 4,500 signatures required. The requirement for balloting status is 500 registered voters per each of Indiana's current nine Congressional districts for those running for president, Governor, or U.S. senator in Indiana, but not the other statewide races.

It is odd that Indiana's ballot signature requirements only affect certain candidates at the top of the ballot, as detailed above, along with those at the bottom of the ballot (School board candidates must gather 10 signatures.). None of the candidates in between have ballot signature requirements! I don't know the history of Indiana's ballot signature requirements. Perhaps it was to prevent crackpots from running for certain offices, but not others. As a believer in open primaries, I say let the voters sort it out.

John McCain lost Indiana in 2008. The Libertarian presidential candidate that year proved to be the spoiler for McCain in Indiana and North Carolina. However, having chaired the McCain campaign in the 6th Congressional District (which he won with 52.4 percent of the vote), I still remember how difficult it was to explain, even to Republican county chairs and other GOP activists, that signing ballot signature forms does not obligate one to vote for a candidate. It just helps them to get on the ballot in Indiana. Believe me, gathering signatures of registered voters is far more difficult than it sounds. It is very much a waste of candidates' valuable

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## Fitness, Exercise Taking Hold in K-town

It seems that all over Knightstown people are trying to exercise and get into shape. Fitness is gaining traction as a popular pastime here.

Knightstown Family Fitness, as always, is in full swing, with folks using all of that gym's equipment to increase their health and fitness, as well as their mental health. Exercise is great for that.

As I've said before, my time on the bicycle helps me develop a better state of mind. Journalism can be a stressful trade, like many other jobs. Some are more stressful than others, of course. But, no matter the stress level, exercise can be a great stress management tool.

All it takes is some persistence, a good attitude and moderate pain tolerance. It's not a secret: exercise can be painful. Barring injuries and other ailments, working out often hurts and certainly leads to post-workout muscle soreness.

However, it is that very pain during exercise which fades the stressful inflammations in one's mind. The concentration required to maintain a particular physical effort often consumes the mental faculties, leaving little room for anything else.

Increased oxygen flow to the brain also helps dissipate a fuzzy mental state, giving us a better outlook on problems we might be facing.

Sounds like a self-help book, I know.

But, for as funny and cliched as it might sound, exercise actually does work - not only in the relief of mental stress, but also for shedding unwanted pounds, increasing balance and flexibility, and improving so many other

aspects of human physical health. We weren't, after all, meant to lead these sedentary lifestyles. Our bodies are built for hard work and exercise.

I photographed Melissa Gillam's Fitionsation Zumba class the other night at the Sunset Park shelter house. I was happy to see nearly 20 ladies in there, working hard as Gillam energetically led them through several vigorous exercise routines.

Yet, for as tough as they seemed to be, no one appeared frustrated or overwhelmed. Everyone appeared to be in good spirits, with a "We're all in this together!" attitude.

I took my pictures and left. But, they stayed and kept kicking ass! More power to 'em, I say.

And more power to all the people who go to Knightstown Family Fitness, Henry County YMCA, Gillam's Zumba class, or some other exercise event or venue. Keep going! Stay with it!

The older we get, the harder it is to lose weight. Our metabolisms slow down. It takes more work. But, don't get discouraged when instant results are not achieved. As fitness experts everywhere say, "You didn't put the weight on overnight, and you're not going to lose it overnight."

It's just that simple. Be patient. Perservere. Dig in and grit those teeth. There's more energy and ability in our bodies than we like to admit. And that's partly because acknowledging our obvious physical abilities takes away one of the excuses we've been using for not exercising in the first place. Go ahead, admit it.

You *can* do it. So hang in there and *do* it.



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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 Henry County **Farmers Market** is ready to host its annual Vendor Call Out Meeting. Those interested in vending at the 2016 Henry Co. Farmers Market should make plans to attend the call out meeting on Thursday, March 3, at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1202 Church St., New Castle. For more information send a message via Facebook or email hcfarmers-market@gmail.com.

◆ 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.

◆ 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.

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

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◆ 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.

## Girl Scouting Event Feb. 29

Girls who register for Girl Scouts during the "Leap Day" celebration will receive a free Dairy Queen treat when they register to become a Girl Scout. The event takes place Monday, Feb. 29, 5-7 p.m., at Dairy Queen, 501 Scatterfield Rd., Anderson

"Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better

place," the organization said. Girls in grades K-12 can join Girl Scouts as girl members. Girls may bring \$15 (cash or check payable to GSCI) for each girl and each adult's annual registration fee. Financial assistance is available.

For more information, contact Ratasha Colbert at 317-924-6825, rcolbert@girlscoutsindiana.org

## Rose Mary, from Page 4

part of the land on which there's a 1970 shaft drilled to 230 feet with a 27-inch-wide liner part of the way down, joined the Lagnas. In this season's finale, they hired a renowned deep-sea diver to go down over 200 feet through the murky water. He wriggled through the 27-inch-wide pipe to a cavity at the bottom that they hoped would hold the treasure. Nada!

Oh dear. I don't think I'll ever know the answer!

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## Raises, from Page 1

18-24 months to complete projects for that would be financed with the money.

As reported in last week's Banner, school board members discussed during a recent special meeting borrowing money to pay for work on school parking lots, expansion of technology for students, improvements to school playgrounds and construction of a new baseball diamond at Knightstown High School.

The district has received esti-

mates from three firms for needed work on parking lots at KES and KIS. Globe Asphalt Paving Co. Inc., Westport, proposed doing needed work for \$53,703, while Floyd Crim & Sons Paving Inc. of Manilla and Harding Group of Indianapolis submitted estimates of \$122,100 and \$137,093, respectively.

Last night's board meeting was held past the news deadline for this week's issue of The Banner. More information about the meeting will be included in next week's paper.

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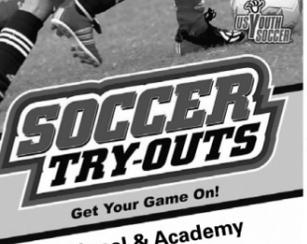
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## State Police Announce New Internet Child Protection Effort

The Indiana State Police are announcing the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) statewide youth education initiative designed to reduce cyber victimization of youth between the ages of 8 and 18.

Three specially trained ICAC youth educators will be available to present the program in each of Indiana's 92 counties. While it is anticipated program requests could exceed availability of the youth

educators, an aggressive plan is being developed to provide at least 300 training programs to the target age group by year's end. Past high profile instances of youth being victimized by sexual predators demanded a proactive program be developed and implemented in an effort to inoculate youth against such criminal acts.

There are 61 ICAC task forces in the United States. And, the See ICAC, Page 7

## Settlers from North Carolina Brought Their Lives to East Central Indiana from Beloved Greensboro

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*Continued from Last Week*

Greensboro Township, so named in memory of the North Carolina village of that name, from the vicinity of which large numbers of the early settlers came, is bounded north by Harrison, east by Henry and Spiceland, south by Spiceland and Wayne Townships, and west by Wayne Township and Hancock County. It has a general length of seven miles from east to west, and four miles in width for about half the distance, and is but three miles in width the rest of its length.

**EARLY SETTLERS.** - The early settlers were largely North Carolinians, and in 1870 we find that no less than one-seventh of the inhabitants were natives of the "Old North State."

Samuel Pickering, Jonas Pickering, Walker Carpenter, and Benjamin Kirk picked out their locations in 1820. Jacob Elliott built him a cabin about where Jacob S. Elliott now resides, and Jacob Wood came in the same year.

Samuel Hill, Thomas McCoy, Levi Cook, Lewis Hosier, John Harvey, Samuel Pickering, John Harvey, Jr., and Jacob Elliott purchased land in 1821; David Baily, Joseph Ratliff, Eli Stafford and S.P. Wood as early as 1821; Mark Manlike, 1822; David Palmer, Levi Wood and Winifred Weeks, 1823; Jonas James, Isom Copeland, Wm. Hendricks and Mathew McKinnie, 1824; Jacob S. Elliott, Wm. Hartley, John Cook, and Thos. H. Mills, 1825; Robert Hodson, Wm. P. Newly, John Scovilt and Wm. B. Newly, 1826; L.C. Jackson and Wm. C. Reese, 1827; Wilson Reese, Harvey Dillee, Jos. Dillee, E.M. Hendricks, Eber Mills, Phebe Reese, Alfred Weeks and J. W. Hamilton, 1828; J.Q. Hinshaw and Allen Weeks, 1830.

The following, who were also identified with the

early history of the county, are mentioned without date: Thos. Reagan, James Edwards, Jonas Byrket, Jos. Collins, Obediah Elliott, C.C. Henshaw, Wm. Saint, D.W. Saint, Joel Wright and S.H. Byers.

**ORGANIZATION.** - This township was organized in 1831, at which time it included its present limits, or nearly so, and three-fifths of Harrison, or nearly twice its present area. It remained the same size until 1838.

The first election was held at Greensboro, on the fourth Saturday of September, 1831 - Thomas Reagan being the first inspector.

**DEVELOPMENT** - Greensboro has an area of about twenty-four square miles, and although one of the smallest townships, is not an unimportant one.

In 1850 its population was 1,190, and is now about 1,500.

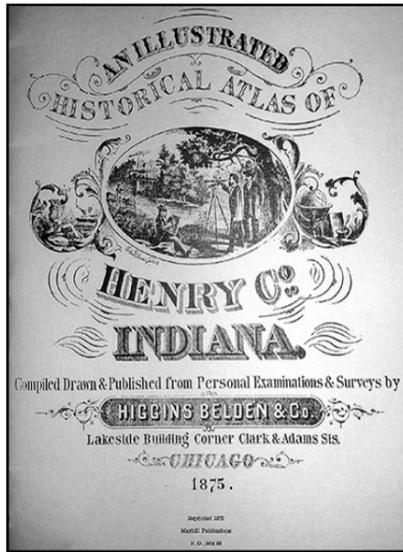
The township is a fertile and well watered one. Blue River touches its southeast corner; Duck Creek crosses the east end; Montgomery's Creek the middle, and Six Mile crosses the west end of the township, giving a promise of fertility that has been largely realized, as the latest statistics show.

In the matter of live stock, it had in 1874, 542 horses and mules, 1,135 head of cattle, and 7,020 hogs. The production of wheat in '73, was 28,661 bushels; corn, 104,750 bushels. The lands of the township are rated at an average of \$41.72 per

acre, and the total taxable property is estimated at \$899,630, an average wealth of about \$591. The number of voters at the last enumeration was 361. The population numbers about 62 to the square mile, and about three-fourths of them live on farms, of which there are 135 in the township, an average of about 130 acres each.

**VILLAGES.** - Greensboro and Woodville are the only villages in the township, while the latter, which is a collection of a few families, lies partly in Harrison Township. It was located in 1836 by James Atkinson.

GREENSBORO, which is the voting precinct for See Greensboro, Page 11



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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

- Thurs., Feb. 18** - Henry Co. Planning Commission, reg. monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle
- Thurs., Feb. 18** - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield
- Mon., Feb. 22** - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville
- Tues., Feb. 23** - Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse Annex room 101, Greenfield
- Tues., Feb. 23** - Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville
- Wed., Feb. 24** - Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle
- Wed., Feb. 24** - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle
- Thurs., Feb. 25** - Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield
- Thurs., Feb. 25** - Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St.

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# FOLKWAYS

## Living History Coming to Library

Over the past 100 years, many people have impacted Henry County's history. New Castle-Henry County Public Library will highlight the lives of a few of these individuals during "Living History: A Century of Henry County's Characters." This live reenactment begins at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28, in the library's auditorium.

Library staff and a few special

guests have selected people to portray, with Robin Ritchie serving as master of ceremonies for the event.

Lynn Thomas will portray well-known painter Helen Goodwin, and Denise Akers will present Margaret Locker Medalen, who was an early member of the Art Guild of Henry County. Sophine Williams will share the life of Eugene "Minnie" Bailey, a human-

itarian who helped care for migrant workers. Rick Cottman will represent Mr. Don F. Bailey, a 1949 graduate of New Castle who went on to become a popular professor. Daniel Buchanon will portray his father, Rev. Samuel Buchanon Sr., who is referred to as New Castle's goodwill ambassador.

This event is part of the library's Centennial Celebration: 100 Years of Living, Learning, and Growing. Find out more about the year-long festivities by visiting [www.nchc-pl.org/100years](http://www.nchc-pl.org/100years).



Lynn Thomas, Sophine Williams, Denise Akers, and Robin Ritchie (l-r) prepare for the upcoming presentation of "A Century of Henry County's Characters" on Feb. 28. (Photo submitted)

## Psi Iota Xi Fundraiser Features Schwan's Food Delivery Service

Psi Iota Xi, Gamma Eta Chapter, of Knightstown is sponsoring a fundraiser with Schwan's Home Delivery Service. The sorority will receive 20 percent on orders placed Feb. 15-March 31.

Plus, the sorority will receive 40 percent on e-certificates purchased during our campaign. To support this fundraiser, place an order online with [Schwans.com](http://Schwans.com). On the checkout page, indicate fundraiser campaign #26036, or PIX Gamma Eta.

For more information or to place an order, phone Schwan's at 1-855-870-7208. Schwan's has a reputation for providing excellent frozen food, according to the sorority. For local information, call 317-509-4570 or another sorority member.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Panthers Have Tough Week with Losses to Greenfield, North Decatur

Knichtstown varsity boys basketball team suffered two losses last week.

On Feb. 11, the Panthers were overpowered by class 4A Greenfield-Central, losing 70-48 on the road.

Leading the KHS offense were Coleman Wyatt with 18 points and six rebounds while Jackson Edwards also knocked down 18 points and dished out eight assists.

The loss dropped the Panthers' record to 9-7 while the Cougars record improved to 16-4.

Knichtstown	9	12	11	16	- 48
Greenfield-Central	20	24	13	13	- 70

### Knichtstown Individual Results vs. Greenfield-Central

Coleman Wyatt – 18 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist  
 Jackson Edwards – 18 points (two 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 8 assists, 2 steals

- Drake Peggs – 4 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal
- Dylan Hiner – 3 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal
- Riley Ruble – 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist
- Jake Bearhope – 2 points, 1 assist
- Jarrett Weidner – 1 point, 2 rebounds

The Panthers faced another tough opponent Feb. 13 when they hosted the Mid-Hoosier Conference leader North Decatur.

The Chargers steadily built a lead over Knichtstown through the first three quarters and held it to cruise to 20-point victory, 72-52.

Jackson Edwards had a standout performance against the Chargers, finishing with 23 points.

The Panthers are now 9-8 overall and 3-2 in the conference while the Chargers moved to 13-6 overall and 7-0 in the conference.

North Decatur	17	13	24	18	- 72
Knichtstown	12	8	14	18	- 52

### Knichtstown Individual Results vs. North Decatur

Jackson Edwards – 23 points (one 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals

- Dylan Hiner – 10 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 steal
- Coleman Wyatt – 8 points, 4 rebounds
- Riley Ruble – 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist
- Jake Bearhope – 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
- Drake Peggs – 2 points, 4 assists, 2 steals
- Jose Olivo – 2 points
- Jarrett Weidner – 1 point, 1 rebound, 1 assist

## Eastern Hancock Varsity Suffers Two Heartbreakers

Eastern Hancock's varsity boys basketball team was defeated by two Mid-Hoosier Conference opponents last week, losing both games by just two points.

On Feb. 11, the Royals were down by five points, 44-49, at the end of the third quarter against Hauser. Both teams then went on a scoring spree in the fourth quarter, draining nearly 50 points combined, but the Royals' big rally came up short. Hauser prevailed 72-70.

Eastern Hancock drained 14 three-pointers against the Jets and four Royals scored in double figures. Addison True led all Royal scorers with 20 points.

The loss dropped the Royals' overall record to 5-13 and to 0-6 in the conference.

E. Hancock	13	18	13	26	- 70
Hauser	14	18	17	23	- 72

### Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Hauser

Addison True – 20 points (four 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 3

steals, 4 shots deflected

Tom Barton – 16 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 1 block, three shots deflected

A.J. Muegge – 14 points (three 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 3 assists, 4 steals

Ryan Speas – 12 points (four 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 2 assist, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Duncan Cherry – 8 points (two 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 shot deflected

Tyler Blattner – 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Jordan Stillinger – 1 rebound

Jacob Eischen – 1 shot deflected

Jarett Lewis – 1 shot deflected

The Royals were back home Feb. 13 against Indian Creek.

Eastern was down 13 points to start but a monster 32-point second quarter put them back in the game.

With a good third quarter to boost, the Royals were up 58-52 heading into the fourth when the

shooting went cold. The Braves pulled out the two-point 68-66 victory over the Royals.

A.J. Muegge led EH offensively with 21 points and Addison True had 17.

The Royals dropped to 5-14 on the year and 0-7 in the conference.

Indian Creek	21	12	19	16	- 68
E. Hancock	8	32	18	8	- 66

### Eastern Hancock Individual Results vs. Indian Creek

A.J. Muegge – 21 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 block, two shots deflected

Addison True – 17 points (two 3-pointers), 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, 4 shots deflected

Duncan Cherry – 12 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 2 assists

Tom Barton – 10 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 2 blocks, 2 shots deflected

Ryan Speas – 6 points (two 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 1 assist

Jacob Eischen – 1 rebound, 1 charge

## Local Wrestlers' Seasons End at New Castle Semistate

Wrestlers from Knichtstown, Tri and Eastern Hancock who competed at the New Castle semistate tournament last Saturday saw their season come to an end.

Last week, Eastern Hancock's Jared Waterman was the only regional title winner from the three schools. Saturday, Waterman was the only local wrestler to make it out of his first round match. He won his first match but lost a close decision in his second match of the day.

Knichtstown's Adam Bundy, Cameron Fender, Balin Orcutt and Garrett Thomas were defeated in their first match.

Tri's two semistate qualifiers, Chance Faith and Wes Craft, also lost their first match.

Eastern Hancock's other two semistate wrestlers, Josh Robinson and Mitch Quinn, were defeated in the first match.

The final New Castle semistate results for each weight class are below.

### Semistate Results

#### 106-lb weight class

- 1st - Keyuan Murphy, Warren Central
- 2nd - Sammy Fair, Perry Meridian
- 3rd - Lukasz Walenzak, Indianapolis Cathedral
- 4th - Gavin Rose, Greenfield-Central

#### 113-lb weight class

- 1st - Alec White, New Palestine
- 2nd - Jordan Slivka, Indianapolis Cathedral
- 3rd - Skylour Turner, Warren Central
- 4th - Hayden Lohrey, Shenandoah

#### 120-lb weight class

- 1st - Dylan Culp, Warren Central
- 2nd - Ethan Smiley, Beech Grove
- 3rd - Caleb Bockock, Lebanon
- 4th - Isaac Castro, Lawrence North

#### 126-lb weight class

- 1st - Breyden Bailey, Indianapolis Cathedral
- 2nd - Joel McGhee, Warren Central
- 3rd - Austin Holmes, Hamilton Southeastern
- 4th - Johnny Loos, Franklin County

#### 132-lb weight class

- 1st - Chad Red, New Palestine
- 2nd - DJ Brookbank, Perry Meridian
- 3rd - Boone Welliever, Southmont
- 4th - Skyler Collins, Frankfort

#### 138-lb weight class

- 1st - Evan Eldred, Westfield
- 2nd - Matthew McKinney, Warren Central
- 3rd - Gabe Lane, East Central
- 4th - Jerrod Smith, Carmel

#### 145-lb weight class

- 1st - Jordan Vaughn, Franklin Central
- 2nd - Derrick Motley, North Central (Indpls)
- 3rd - Jared Timberman, New Palestine
- 4th - Clayton Cowan, Hamilton Heights

#### 152-lb weight class

- 1st - Trent Pruitt, Warren Central
- 2nd - Brett Johnson, Perry Meridian
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- 4th - Austin Dollens, Westfield

## Titans' Results Posted from Feb. 4 Game Against Royals

Last week, The Banner posted game results from the Eastern Hancock and Tri's Feb. 4 matchup.

The Titans struggled to catch up after the Royals got out to an early lead. Eastern Hancock played strong in every quarter, taking the 73-57 road win.

Alex Melton led the Titan offense with 17 points and nine rebounds.

Individual results for the Royals were published last week but the Titans' results were not yet available. Those are posted below.

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

### Tri Individual Results vs. EH

Alex Melton – 17 points (one 3-pointer), 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

Kaleb Harrison – 14 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 steals

Carson Cox – 8 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist

David O'Neill – 8 points (one 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block

Nick Wilson – 4 points, 1 rebound

Austin Stroud – 2 points, 3 rebounds

Masen Phelps – 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block

Elijah Davis – 2 points

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Eastern Hancock JV Moves to 13-5

The Eastern Hancock junior varsity boys basketball team triumphed over Tri 57-51 on the road Feb. 4.

Brycen Napier scored 22 points and grabbed six rebounds to lead the Royals' offense. Napier was also strong defensively with four steals and seven shots deflected.

The JV Royals' record moved to 13-3 with the win.

Eastern Hancock JV	13	19	7	18	-	57
Tri JV	14	10	11	18	-	51

### Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results vs. Tri JV

Brycen Napier – 22 points (one 3-pointer), 6 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals, 7 shots deflected

Tyler Castle – 9 points (three 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected

Jake Hancock – 8 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 1 shot deflected

Nathan Mosher – 8 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals

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

Trey Bittinger – 6 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 block, 1 shot deflected

Skyler Schroppe – 2 steals, 1 block, 1 shot deflected

Peyton Gray – 2 rebounds, 1 steal

*\*Tri's individual results were not made available*

The junior varsity Royal basketball team lost just its fourth game of the year Feb. 6 when they fell 58-64 in an overtime loss to Lapel.

Brycen Napier hit five 3-pointers and finished with 25 points to carry the Royal offense. Nathan Mosher scored 13 points and grabbed five rebounds for the Royals.

The loss put Eastern Hancock JV's record at 13-4.

Lapel JV	8	14	11	16	15	-	64
Eastern Hancock JV	14	12	17	6	9	-	58

### Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results vs. Lapel JV

Brycen Napier – 25 points (five 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 4 shots deflected, 1 charge

Nathan Mosher – 13 points (one 3-pointer), 5 rebounds, 1 shot deflected

Trey Bittinger – 8 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 shot deflected

Tyler Castle – 6 points (two 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 5 shots deflected

Peyton Gray – 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block, 2 shots deflected

Jake Hancock – 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 shot deflected

Skyler Schroppe – 1 rebound, 3 assists, 2 shots deflected

Luke Splater – 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal

The Royals' junior varsity boys basketball team suffered its second straight loss at Hauser Feb. 11. Eastern Hancock fell in its biggest loss of the season, 45-62.

The Jets were able to keep the Royals' big scorer Brycen Napier under 20 points, holding him to just 14 points, his second lowest of the year. Napier has averaged 21.4 points per game this season.

The loss dropped the JV Royals to 13-5 and to 4-2 in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

Eastern Hancock JV	13	9	9	14	-	45
Hauser JV	19	13	18	12	-	62

### Eastern Hancock JV Individual Results vs. Hauser JV

Brycen Napier - 14 points (one 3-pointer), 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals, 3 shots deflected

Nathan Mosher - 9 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist

Tyler Castle - 9 points (three 3-pointers), 1 rebound, 2 shots deflected

Jake Hancock - 7 points, 3 rebounds, 1 shot deflected

Peyton Gray - 4 points, 2 rebounds

Trey Bittinger - 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected

Skyler Schroppe - 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 shots deflected

Luke Splater - 1 rebound, 2 shots deflected

## Maddie Lyall Signs with Ancilla College



Pictured (seated, l-r) are: Anthony Lyall, Maddie Lyall, Megan Lyall and (standing, l-r): Ancilla College coach Scott Reese, Knightstown coach Adrian Darling, pitching coach Bill Gray, Indy Hurricanes coach Eric Laswell, travel coach Matt Goforth, Knightstown coach Jason Kopp (Photo submitted)

Knightstown High School senior Madison Lyall recently became the first signee of the class of 2016 for the Ancilla College softball team.

Lyall, a pitcher for the Panthers, will earn her third varsity letter this season. She was also a member of the Monroe Central Invitational All-Tournament team.

Madison is the daughter of Anthony and Megan Lyall of New Castle. She plans on pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice at Ancilla.

"Ancilla made me feel welcome and not out of

place," said Lyall when asked about what made the small two-year school the right fit for her.

"I'm excited that Maddie has decided to join the Charger softball family," began Ancilla coach Scott Reese.

"She brings a wealth of pitching knowledge with her and I look for her to play a major role in the future of our program."

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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 early so organizers can place honorees in the proper order of recognition.

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### Lawsuit, from Page 1

Wainscott's building. With respect to the latter, Tandy noted that Indiana "does not recognize a distinct cause of action for commonly owned property," and said in his ruling that Count 1 "is in essence a negligence claim," that, like Count 4, required Wainscott to file a notice of tort claim with the town.

The town's motion for summary judgment, however, was denied with respect to two of the other five counts in Wainscott's complaint. Saying that "there is not a clear answer in the law" as to whether a nuisance claim like that alleged in Count 3 of Wainscott's complaint requires a tort claim notice, Tandy ruled that the nuisance allega-

tions "are not a tort" and that a tort claim notice was not required for that count.

Tandy also declined to grant summary judgment for the town with respect to Count 2 of the complaint, a breach of contract claim. Wainscott alleged that Clyde South, who was president of the Knightstown Town Council at the time, had told him during at the council's April 18, 2013, meeting that would fix any damage caused to his building by the demolition.

"Here, Town Council (President) South stated in a council meeting the town would fix Wainscott's wall if it had been damaged," Tandy wrote. "The Court finds this creates a

question of fact about whether a contract was created such as to withstand a motion for summary judgment. The Court finds that there are questions of fact as to whether South did have authority to bind the town by his comments."

Tandy noted that minutes from the town council meeting "reflect no opposition to South's statement," implying the support of the council's other members. He also said the "setting of the statement is important in deciding if South's statement is an official act of the town council, and one that created an enforceable right by Wainscott."

The fifth count of Wainscott's lawsuit,

which alleged a violation of the state's Access to Public Records Act, was also resolved in the town's favor. With attorneys for both sides agreeing that the town had finally provided records Wainscott had requested, rendering those allegations moot, Tandy also granted summary judgment in the town's favor on that count.

In addition to leaving Wainscott's nuisance and breach of contract claims against the town still standing, last week's summary judgment ruling had no adverse affect on Wainscott's claims against Shroyer Bros. The case is expected to go to trial sometime in 2017.

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### ICAC, from Page 6

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### Letters, from Page 4

resources, not to mention the time of volunteers who also work real jobs.

With the exception of Marion County, whose Republican and Democrat organizations still have the slating process, Indiana's 91 other counties have truly open primaries. These 91 counties have abolished the slating practice reminiscent of the often corrupt, smoke-filled rooms of yesteryear. Therefore, we should also abolish the archaic practice of Indiana's ballot signature requirements. Why disenfranchise the right of voters to sort out legitimate candidates from crackpots?

Originally supposed to be the Democrats' sacrificial lamb put up against U.S. Senator Richard Lugar, Congressman (now U.S. Senator) Joe Donnelly became a very lucky man in 2012. Democrats are licking their chops hoping that former Congressman Baron Hill may also have similar luck this year, if Todd Young is removed from the ballot, especially as Young has already defeated Hill once before (2010).

Please, contact your State Senator and State Representative immediately. Please, urge them to abolish Indiana's outdated ballot signature requirements if not this year, then next year, at the latest.

**Nate LaMar  
New Castle**

### Transparency, from Page 12

government to be transparent, accountable, efficient and interactive," said Crouch.

While serving as a state representative, Crouch advocated for legislation creating the Transparency Portal in 2011. Now as State Auditor, she is charged with maintaining Indiana's award winning portal. In an effort to increase accountability in government by providing greater access to the state's financial information, Auditor Crouch is seeking input from members of the community for ways to make it easier for Hoosiers to use and understand the data.

"Once again, Indiana has an opportunity to lead the nation in setting a positive example of good government through this project," Crouch said. "Improving access to government data and increasing transparency offers an opportunity for the public, the media, legislators and others to scrutinize State spending and look for ways to increase efficiencies, thus providing a way for the State to save taxpayer dollars. Ultimately, greater transparency will give us a more educated citizenry and a more accountable government."

### Greensboro, from Page 6

the township, was located in 1830, by John Wickersham. It is situated in the southeastern part of the township, about seven miles northeast of Knightstown, and the same distance southwest of the county seat.

Greensboro is in the midst of a very fertile region, but has not been making rapid progress of late years. A number of turnpikes center in the village, but it is more noted as one of the chief stations on the "Underground Railroad," and as the home of a number of veteran agitators. In this respect its reputation is known the country over.

Greensboro has a population of near 400. The Methodists,

Friends (Orthodox and Hicksite), and Spiritualists, have each congregations, and comfortable places of worship in the village. It has a lodge of I.O.O.F., and one of the Masons, and a grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. The real estate in the village is valued at about \$40,000, assessor's estimate, and the personal property at \$54,650.

Greensboro, beside the usual supply of mercantile establishments, with carpenter, cabinet, blacksmith, boot and shoe shops, etc., has for many years been doing considerable in the way of manufactures, and there are three or four good flouring mills in the vicinity engaged in both custom and mercantile work.

# K-town Mulls IURC Opt-out

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council met last week with a financial adviser hired to do a rate study for the town's water utility.

Christina De Witt of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, an Indianapolis accounting firm that has worked with the town on several past utility issues, discussed the rate study and related issues with the council during a special meeting last Thursday.

The town council had 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."

De Witt told council members at last week's special meeting that utility rates should be reviewed at least every three to five years to see if adjustments are necessary. The town last raised its water rates, she said, in 2008 – a 43.8-percent hike – putting the town "well beyond the time frame" in which they should have been reviewed.

"You need to do one of these studies, and it is not a fast process," De Witt said.

Because of the town's size, De Witt said Knightstown is eligible to do what is termed a "small utility filing" with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission when it wants to seek a rate increase for its water or electric utilities. She said this process is less expensive than a regular utility filing, and while it's possible to get a rate increase approved in as little as 60-90 days,

she that, "in reality, it's almost a year," calling it "a very long, drawn-out process."

"The important thing," De Witt said, "is to get in the works and get it moving."

Council member Roger Hammer asked whether it might be better for the town – both in terms of expense and the amount of time required to enact a rate increase – for the town to opt out of the IURC. De Witt said a "large number of communities have withdrawn from the IURC's jurisdiction," and that there are few communities as small as Knightstown that still belong.

To opt out of the IURC, De Witt said the town would have to do a public referendum, allowing local voters to decide whether or not the town's water utility should continue being overseen by that agency. For communities whose utilities are not overseen by the IURC, the authority to enact rate increases belongs solely to local officials.

"The hard part is getting the referendum passed," Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, told the council, noting that many citizens have a general "mistrust of government." "... It's great if you're not in it, but it's not easy to get out."

"You want to make sure you have a solid backing for it," Dewitt added. "... It's going to take a lot of explaining."

Dewitt briefly discussed the process the town would use to raise rates if the water utility were not overseen by the IURC. She said it would involve preparation of a rate

study, then the council would be required to introduce a new rate ordinance, hold a public hearing, and then adopt the ordinance.

"You would have at least three council meetings where you would discuss the rate increase," she said.

Even if the town were to opt out of the IURC, De Witt said the council would be wise not to increase rates without first having Umbaugh or some other firm do a rate study.

"You never ever want to change your rates without having a study to back that up," De Witt said. "... You always want to have support to back it up."

If the town does not belong to the IURC, De Witt said the cost of a rate study would be less than it would otherwise be. While the council agreed last month to pay Umbaugh \$15,000 to do a water rate study, De Witt said that cost could be as much as \$10,000 less if the town was not overseen by the IURC.

De Witt said she would research the process for opting out of the IURC and e-mail more information to council members on that topic. She also said she would send them a list of communities that have withdrawn from the IURC and provide a comparative study that Umbaugh did of water rates for communities her firm represents.

The town council has rescheduled its February monthly meeting from Feb. 18 to Feb. 25. The 7 p.m. meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St.

## Kevin Knott to Represent Town On Regional Planning Board

Knightstown Town Council Vice President Kevin Knott will be the town's representative on the East Central Indiana Regional Planning District Board.

Town council members voted at their Jan. 21 monthly meeting to appoint Knott to the ECIRPD Board. The primary purpose of the Muncie-based group, according to its website, is to help local governments in Delaware, Henry, Grant and Jay counties advance economic growth and development in their communities by offering assistance with planning, strategic thinking and securing grants to aid in the funding of projects that better the region.

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Indianapolis Executive Leadership Series. He was honored in 2004 by the National FFA Organization with an honorary American FFA Degree. He is a 10-year 4-H member, a former Indiana dtate FFA officer, and a graduate of Purdue University, where he received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics in 1981.

During his time at Purdue, McKinney received the G.A. Ross Award as the outstanding senior male graduate. In 2002, he was named a Purdue Agriculture

Distinguished Alumnus.

Prior to his state appointment, he worked for Elanco Products, Eli Lilly and Dow Agro-Sciences.

McKinney grew up on a family grain and livestock farm in Tipton.

"In appreciation and recognition of Henry County's largest business - agriculture, we are hosting a dinner in place of the annual Farmer's Breakfast," said Henry County Farm Bureau President Jim Wenning. "We will also be celebrating Indiana's

# More Random Acts of Kindness at KIS



Knightstown Intermediate School students practiced random acts of kindness last week. A variety of acts took place, including free compliments, complimentary coffee and donuts provided to teachers, Valentine's Day cards made for a local nursing home, reading to and tutoring younger students, collecting food, treats and money for a local animal shelter, and more. (Photos submitted)



## Transparency Tour Underway

Joining local business leaders at a Southwest Indiana Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Evansville recently, State Auditor Suzanne Crouch launched the 21st Century Government Transparency tour. The tour seeks input from the public to improve Indiana's Transparency Portal, a website

administered by the State Auditor's office that gives Hoosiers the opportunity to see exactly how their tax dollars are being spent.

"After traveling to all 92 counties last year and speaking with individuals across the state, it's clear Hoosiers want their

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Bicentennial and the success that farming has played in the past 200 years."

Beverly Matthews, president and executive director of the Henry County Community Foundation, added, "We are happy to work with the Henry County Farm Bureau in promoting the importance of the farming industry that has been the backbone of our community since Indiana became a state in 1816."

The Henry County Farm Bureau has 600 members and the

Henry County Community Foundation works with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent funds called endowments that enrich and enhance life in Henry County.

To learn more about this event, its sponsors, or to receive information about future farming and agribusiness meetings, contact Wenning at 765-332-2943 or HCCF at 765-529-2235 or visit the foundation's website at www.henrycountycf.org

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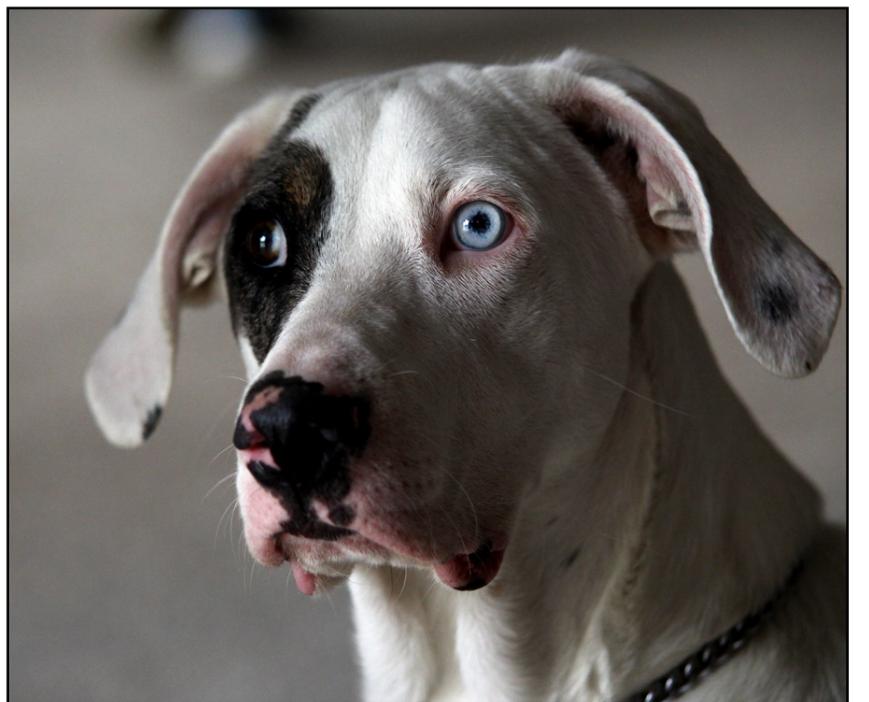
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A Hog,  
A Cat  
and a Frog  
on a Log

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