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"It is sobering to reflect that one of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the struggle for independence." - Charles A. Beard

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BPW Hosting Dinner and Garden Lecture

Shannon Dawson will be hostess for the March 21 BPW meeting at Sugarbakers at 6:30 p.m. Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp, author of *Hoosier Gardeners Guide*, will be the speaker. Anyone interested in attending the meeting for dinner will need to make a reservation with Dawson (317-501-2105) by March 18. Cost is \$10 per person.

Greensboro UMC Blood Drive Set

Greensboro United Methodist Church will host a community blood drive on Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Those who plan to donate should bring valid photo identification. Call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207 for more information.

Vintage Gospel Lads Returning

The Vintage Gospel Lads will appear in concert at Knightstown First Christian Church, 138 W. Main St., April 1-3. The theme of the concerts is "The Four Soils." Watch for more information in coming weeks.

Clayton Jennings Returning to KHS

Bue River Community Harvest of Carthage will host Harvest Helpings: Feed and Be Fed with Clayton Jennings on Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in Knightstown High School gymnasium. This is a chance for local people to hear the "good news" through Jennings. It is also a chance to give back to the community by donating canned food or non-perishables to the Blue River Community Harvest. Patrons also may donate money and volunteer time. Donations (food or funds) will serve as "tickets" to this event. BRCH is in the process of changing locations.

Workers Removing Glen Cove Items

Glen Cove Cemetery workers will be picking up grave blankets and any other decorations that are not on foundations the week of March 14. Patrons should pick up all items they are wanting to keep before this date. For more information, call 345-9181.

New Law Restricts Parking in Carthage

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Following up on a first vote taken last month, the Carthage Town Council voted Monday evening to approve on second reading and adopt a new ordinance that imposes a 72-hour parking limit in town.

Ordinance 1-2016 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."

The rationale for this change, according to the ordinance, 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."

Adam Forrest, the town's attorney, explained to town council members at their February meeting 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.

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 member absent, the town council voted 4-0 at Monday's meeting to adopt the new parking ordinance. Because violations can result in imposition of fines, the new ordinance must be published as a legal notice in the Rush County newspaper before it takes effect. Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan said after Monday's meeting that she hoped to have the ordinance published later this week.

The council also voted at Monday's meeting to approve submission of a letter to the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs stating the town's intention to seek a grant through that agency's Stormwater Improvements Program. Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with See Parking, Page 11

Breakfast Buddies



Charlottesville Boy Scout Troop 293 hosted its annual fundraising breakfast recently. The group was visited by Hancock County Council candidate Mark Lozier. Pictured (l-r) are Ryan Dagley, Caleb Pyle, Lozier, Addison Jones, Owen Reni, (back row) Doug Pyle, Denver Campbell, Evan Nolen and Daniel Campbell. (Eric Cox photo)

Lewisville Fire Protection Agreement Fails to Get Approval After Second Time Around

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The status of the town of Lewisville's fire protection agreement with Franklin Township for 2016 remains unresolved as members of the Lewisville Town Council have now failed to vote on the contract with the township for two consecutive meetings.

Franklin Township Trustee Debbie Barnes presented the agreement to the council last month, at the council's Feb. 18 monthly meeting. She explained at that meeting that the township provides fire protection for the town.

Actually, according to the proposed contract, the township itself does not provide any fire protection services for either the township or the town. Rather, it is the Lewisville-Franklin Township Fire Department that provides these services. The proposed contract between the town and township merely states that the township "will be the sole contracting entity" with the fire department instead of the town and township each contracting with the fire department.

Heather Logan, a member of the fire department, questioned this arrangement at the council's February meeting and asked the town's attorney, Martin Shields, to review the agreement. Because the fire department is an independent 501(c)(3) organization, she asked why the town doesn't contract with the fire department directly for fire protection services instead of entering into the agreement with the township.

"That's just the way we've set it up," Barnes replied. "... I manage the funds for the fire department."

Council members had very little to say about the fire protection services agreement at the Feb. 18 meeting. Despite not taking a vote to approve the agreement that night, all three members of the council - President Richard Craig, Robert Blake and Justin

Thompson - signed it that night.

Last week, at the council's March 10 monthly meeting, Lewisville Clerk-Treasurer Larry Smith advised council members that they had never voted to approve the agreement before signing it at their previous meeting. Also, a copy of the signed agreement that Smith provided to The Banner revealed that the signed document was incorrectly dated Feb. 11 instead of Feb. 18, the night the three council members had improperly signed it without first taking a vote.

As she had at the February meeting, Logan again asked Shields to review the fire protection agreement. Shields said he would look into the arrangement, and Thompson said he thought the council should delay its vote on the agreement until Shields reports back to them. Craig said he agreed.

In related business, the council voted to approve the expenditure of up to \$7,500 from a building maintenance fund to cover the cost of repairs to lighting at the fire station. Logan said the work will be handled by Custer Electric and is expected to be finished within a month.

Logan also told the council that overhead doors at the fire station need to be adjusted and floor drains appear to be plugged and need to be checked. She also noted that surface water is entering the back of the building, and Dave Rich, the town's works manager, was asked by the council to check this to see if anything can be done to correct that problem.

Thanks to a program sponsored by the Muncie office of the American Red Cross, Logan said she and other members of the fire department will be going door-to-door in Lewisville on April 30 and May 1, distributing and installing free smoke detectors. She had said at the February meeting that up to three detectors will be available for each home.





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OBITUARIES

Shade Shepherd

February 23, 1934 - March 11, 2016

Shade Shepherd, 82, of McMinnville, Tenn., formerly of Rigdon, passed away Friday, March 11, 2016. He was born Feb. 23, 1934, in Roxanna, Ky., a son of the late Tressie and Emma (Collins) Shepherd.

Shade married the late Zella Wilson Shepherd on July 16, 1955. He retired from Fisher-Body Division of General Motors of Marion, IN. He enjoyed riding his golf cart, traveling, gardening, doing yard work and camping.

He is survived by three sons, Richard (Judy) Shepherd of Elwood, David Shepherd of Fairmount and Darrell (Tammy) Shepherd of Frankton; four grandchildren, Richard L. Shepherd, Joshua (Jamie) Shepherd, Lindsay D. Elkins and Angie (Chris) Schonfield; four great-grandchildren, Ethan and Kia Powell and Bentley and Lillian Shepherd; a sister, Carolyn Hennis of Ingalls; three brothers, Clarence Shepherd of Florida, Verlon Shepherd of Indiana and Roger Shepherd of Greensboro; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by four sisters, Geraldine Manning, Irene Bannon, Inez Manning and Mattie Rhodes; and two brothers, Lawrence Shepherd and Tressie Shepherd, Jr.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312. Condolences and memories of Shade may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Mildred "Kathryn" Wright

August 11, 1929 - March 9, 2016

Mildred "Kathryn" Wright, 86, a longtime resident of Carthage, passed away Wednesday morning, March 9, 2016, in Rushville.

She was born in Seymour, to the late Garnett and Catherine Mildred (Calvin) Winchester on Sunday, Aug. 11, 1929. Kathryn married her husband Robert "Bob" Wright on March 30, 1952. She was a loving wife, mother and sister, taking great pride and joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Kathryn enjoyed reading, doing crafts of all kinds, and was a great seamstress. She and Bob took many trips throughout the United States, including visits to Alaska and Hawaii. She was also a longtime member of the East Street Christian Church of Carthage.

Kathryn will be greatly missed by her loving husband of 63 years, Bob, two daughters, Catherine Woodward and Brenda (Ed) Padgett; a son, Robert Lee (Louise) Wright; three brothers, Garnett, Charles and Richard Winchester; a sister, Francis Land; four grandchildren, Christy (Brian) Moline, Courtney and Ethan Wright and Joshua Padgett; and two great-granddaughters, Ava and Morgan Moline.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Keith Winchester.

Services for Kathryn were held March 12, at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Friends visited on March 11 at the funeral home. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery with David Bonnie presiding. In lieu of flowers and in Kathryn's memory, please make donations and contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Heritage Funeral Care is honored to serve the Wright Family.

LEGAL NOTICE

Bid Notice

The Knightstown Department of Parks and Recreation Board is accepting bids for ground maintenance and/or grass cutting in Sunset Park for the time period from April through October 2016.

Bids are to be sealed and returned to Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., no later than 5 p.m. on April 5, 2016. Any bids received after that date and time will be returned unopened. Bids are for the grass cutting and other ground maintenance needed for the 2016 year. Bids should be priced per mowing event or on a weekly basis. Bidding criteria information is included in bid packet that can be picked up at the Knightstown Town Hall.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ed Johnson, Knightstown Department of Parks and Recreation Board President, at 765-425-8366. (3/16, 3/23)

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The Grief Support Workshop will take place at Senior Living at Forest Ridge, 2800 Forest Ridge Pkwy., New Castle. The workshop will be at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, starting March 8 through April 12. As a service to our community, this workshop is free and open to the public. Wanda Jones and Allen Collier will facilitate the meetings.

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Two Meetings for Park Board Set

The Knightstown Department of Parks and Recreation Board will meet twice in the coming weeks.

The first meeting, the board's regular monthly meeting for March, will be held Tuesday, March 22. The board normally meets the second Tuesday of each month, but,

Henry Co. Jail Death Investigation Ongoing

As the investigation into the death of a Henry County Jail inmate nearly two weeks ago continues, officials are revealing little about the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Henry County Prosecutor Joe Bergacs, the county's top law enforcement officer, issued a brief press release early last week stating that 32-year-old inmate Brian Gosser had been "involved in a fight" at the jail. It went on to say Gosser was transported to Henry County Memorial Hospital "late in the night" on March 3, and was then transferred to St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis the following day, where he died.

Bergacs' press release does not indicate when exactly the fight at the jail occurred – only that it happened "[p]rior to March 3" – and it did not reveal whom Gosser had been fighting. Speaking to The Banner yesterday morning, Bergacs still would not provide these details, although he did say that, according to the coroner's preliminary report, Gosser had suf-

fered blunt force trauma.

Bergacs said that a story that appeared in the Courier Times last Wednesday had inaccurately reported that his press release stated the fight had occurred the day before Gosser's death. Bergacs noted that his press release did not indicate when exactly the fight had happened and he didn't know why the Courier Times had misreported this information.

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Gosser, who was the son of former Rush County Sheriff Doug Gosser, pleaded not guilty at an initial hearing on Feb. 18. A hearing to reduce his bond or place him on home detention was filed March 1 and a hearing on that motion had been scheduled for March 7.

520 E. Main St., Muncie.

Laci Giboney is not only a therapist with Unified Solutions, she also is a former heroin addict. Giboney can provide personal insight into the drug, the addiction it creates and how difficult it is to break the cycle. She spent nearly a decade in recovery trying to gain back control of her own life and hopes to start a faith-based alternative sentencing recovery center.

Giboney will be joined by

public hearing that night on its proposed five-year plan for the town's parks and recreation offerings.

The March 22 and April 5 meetings are both scheduled to start at 7 p.m. and will be held in the shelter house at Sunset Park. Both meetings are open to the public.

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Teen Heroin Use Subject of Meeting

Heroin is a highly addictive, physically damaging drug that is spreading across Indiana. But it's not limited to adult use. Teens in eastern Indiana also are making the dangerous decision to use heroin. A 2015 survey from the Indiana Prevention Resource Center shows heroin use among students in eastern Indiana counties peaks during the sophomore year and then again senior year.

In response to heroin gaining popularity among teens, the Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) and its community partners are hosting a forum to delve into this dangerous trend. The event will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, in the Colonnade Room of Cornerstone Center for the Arts,

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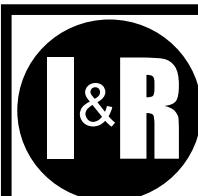
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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Understanding Leads to Tolerance

I concocted Vadel's name because I fear that Islamic radicals might harm him as he's so outspoken. He was imprisoned and tortured in Mauritania for writing something of which the regime disapproved. While he was living in Bloomington, an FBI agent interviewed him after someone turned him in for something he said. Here he was - in trouble again!

However, the end was very different here. The FBI totally cleared him. The agent said, "If you have any more trouble, you just call me!"

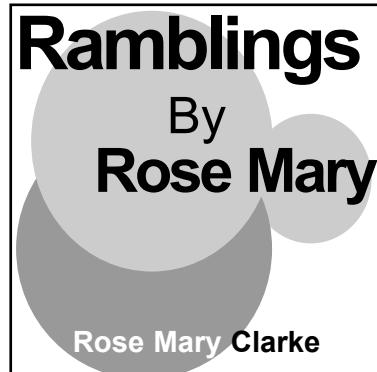
He says repeatedly, "I love American justice! America is the true Islamic state because of its security and justice. Terrorists pervert Islam. They own nothing and live under rotten governments. What have they got to lose? The ISIS caliphate will not succeed because guns are used to create it."

Vadel is one of the most devout and tolerant people whom I know. Some bigoted people won't accept the idea that people of other faiths believe as strongly in their religions as they do in theirs and are as convinced of their correctness. They may refuse even to have the Koran in their homes. Good grief!

Vadel isn't a bore about his religion, but he doesn't hesitate to defend it. "Rose, just read the Koran. If you do, you will become a Muslim." There's no chance of that, although I have read a lot of the Koran, and Bill has read all of it. I don't believe that we have been contaminated by it. I remain deeply

thankful that I am a western woman. However, humankind was given a brain to use it, and knowledge erases barriers.

My Mauritanian "son" says, "There is absolutely no way that I could ever disrespect Jesus." He believes that Jesus and Mohammed are spiritual brothers and points out that Old Testament figures such as



Moses and Mary are in the Koran and are venerated by Muslims.

I wish that my devoutly Christian mother had known Vadel. They would have loved each other, and oh what delicious theological discussions they would have had! She was a fundamentalist evangelical in addition to being a Catholic. It upset me greatly when someone said to me, "I wish all fundamentalists were dead."

Mother often said, "A bunch of people will be mighty surprised if they get to Heaven and discover that God is colored!" She continued to grow. She informed me that she disliked gays when two gay

fellow moved nearby. After she broke a hip, they ran errands, shopped for her and delivered casseroles. She said, "I've changed my mind about gays after getting to know those kind men. I believe that Christ would accept them, and so must I."

Mother had only an eighth grade education, but she knew masses of poetry by heart. Her favorite was one written by James Leigh Taylor Hunt, who was a friend of the poets Shelley and Keats. It's the story of Ibrahim ben Adhem, a Muslim Sufi prince who renounced his throne and his wealth. She recited it often and said, "There's a lesson in this poem."

"Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)"

Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,

And saw, within the moonlight in his room,

Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,

An angel writing in a book of gold -

Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,

And to the presence in the room he said,

'What writest thou?' - The vision raised its head,

And with a look made all of sweet accord,

Answered, 'The names of those who love the Lord.'

'And is mine one?' said Abou. 'Nay, not so,'

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Spring Means More Safety Needed

We've almost reached spring, after one of mildest winters in recent memory. Frankly, I don't care how we got here - we're here!

But, spring means more bicycles, runners and walkers on town and county roads. That means motorists should constantly be on the lookout for those of us who value our health and fitness.

It seems that now more than ever, local people are opting for exercise, in a variety of forms. Walkers tread through town streets and many use Glen Cove Cemetery as a peaceful, traffic-free place to stride.

With the weather improving, walkers and joggers will be eschewing the Hoosier Gym and other gyms for the great outdoors.

Courteous motorists will give those on foot and on bicycles a three-foot space - even if it means waiting for oncoming traffic to pass. That's very welcome breathing room for those of us traveling at slower speeds.

We may not show our appreciation (except with smiles), but I can tell you it means a lot to us. We like being able to return home to our families after a good workout.

Speaking of safety, my friend Pat McCartney shared a video with me on Facebook. It was a short clip about the Netherlands, and how that country collectively reevaluated its transportation systems.

Bicycle and foot transport dominated for decades, until the advent of the automobile. Once cars became

popular and their fuel affordable, the Netherlands began crowding out the bicycling and walking amenities. The convenience of auto travel was embraced, but along with it came danger. Car crash deaths skyrocketed.

The energy crisis of the 1970s gave their government a solid foundation for embarking on a course of action that would change the nation's transportation face. The Netherlands began willfully reverting back to the bicycle and foot travel infrastructure it had so hastily ushered out.

Today, bicycle travel in the Netherlands is like automobile travel here. Everyone owns a bike, and everyone rides or walks just about everywhere possible. Instead of massive car parking lots, there are smaller areas jammed with bicycles.

Air pollution and fuel consumption - not to mention car accident deaths - are way down and people's health is way, way up.

Of course, much of this bicycle use occurs in metropolitan areas, where shorter distances separate people and their destinations. Bicycling and walking to work, shopping and restaurants is definitely more difficult in rural areas like ours.

The Netherlands' story, however, gives me hope that one day we can get off this costly and dangerous addiction to fossil fuels. That might break the hearts of car lovers everywhere. But, think of the benefits for our health, our environment and the safety of our nation if we can somewhat extricate ourselves from car culture.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Widowhood, it's something that people don't talk about. It's like some dense fog, like you have to keep going, though you don't know how thick it is.

It plays with your thinking patterns, but you don't know from day to day how the game will be played, or how the rules may change.

One discovers that there is a whole population of people who come out of the woodwork, and you are approached and welcomed into the fold. Then, one day, you think you have the will to approach others and talk about the memories ... and smile and think "it wasn't something that destroyed you, but something that strengthened you and made you realize it's all a part of life."

Mary Lou Hayes

Knightstown

Dear Editor,

With respect to Virginia Peters of Kennard, I compliment you for printed words so well written.

I bought my first Bible when I was 15. It took me a year and a month to read it cover to cover, not missing a day. I attended church the first time when I was 16. No one else in my family attended church. I have seldom missed since then. Different denominations preach about whatever folks will listen to, but not always scripture. Most want 10 percent of your income. The Bible says 10 percent of your increase. Big difference. Pray and be baptized for sure.

Oh, I'm 84 years old. The U.S. Marines IQ test gave me a 160.

Now that you know where I come from, let's check out "The Mouth" Donald Trump. And what a dirty mouth he has. To me, a vulgar mouth is more than disgusting. Vulgarity shows moral destruction. To use such words among children is unforgiveable shamefulness. Donald Trump has the full capability to lead America as a dictator down the road to destruction.

As for President Obama, he is like everyone - not perfect. But, I'm grateful for most of his accomplishments. He has had the intelligence to make life better for a lot of people. Even his wife has done marvelous things. As for mixed race, I am Scotch-Irish and my wife, who is from Costa Rica, is Indian-Spanish. Our home is bilingual.

Mrs. Peters has intelligent viewpoints on politicians. Most of them dream of being remembered as president of the greatest nation on earth, but don't even have what it takes to manage well their own lives.

What we really need is a leader to decrease our national debt - not someone who will add to it. We also need people who love our failing nation more than drugs.

William O'Neal

Shirley

Dear Editor,

This session began with a full agenda aimed at improving our local roads, increasing fairness and accountability in schools, extending help to our veterans and combatting Indiana's growing drug epidemic. Lawmakers have worked hard during this short session to address all of these issues.

Indiana has been made exceedingly aware of the recent ISTEP testing problems in our schools. Senate Enrolled Act 200, which I co-authored, and House Enrolled Act 1003, which I sponsored, were fast-tracked through the legislature to provide short-term solutions to these problems by preventing the test's unfair impact on schools and teachers.

Another major issue, funding our local roads, generated a great amount of conversation throughout the General Assembly. With House Enrolled Act 1001 and Senate Enrolled Act 67, we succeeded in finding an

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BITS & PIECES

◆Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host a **Sunrise Service**, featuring Rick and Elwood Evans, on Sunday, March 27, at 7 a.m. A breakfast in the church's fellowship hall, 199 Grant St., will follow. The regular morning service starts at 10:30 a.m., featuring the church's regular pastor, Larry Bigham.

◆The **Easter Bunny** will make a special appearance at Knightstown Public Library on Saturday, March 19, 1-3 p.m. Kids who show up will get a free picture taken with the Easter Bunny and receive a treat.

◆In honor of **Rush County Players' 40th anniversary season**, Director Carrie Scholl, along with Assistant Directors Kim Ursin-Cronin and Donita Davis, has been working hard to put together a very special show. This show will be a reprise of favorite numbers from all the shows we have performed over the last 40 years. Shows will be May 6 and 7, with both a matinee and evening performance on the

May 7. For more information, call Rush County Players at 765-561-9403.

◆Greensboro United Methodist Church will host a community **blood drive** on Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Those who plan to donate should bring valid photo identification. Call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207 for more information.

◆Blue River Community Harvest announces that the **Gleaner's Mobile Food Truck** will be at a new location in Carthage from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. Look for the truck on Mill Street, just east of Main Street and south of the community center. Mill Street will be blocked off and there will only be street parking. Check-in and registration may be in the community center or outdoors. Patrons are encouraged to be patient as the organization adjusts to its new location.

◆Shannon Dawson will be hostess for the March 21 **BPW meeting** at Sugabakers at 6:30 p.m. Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp, author of

Hoosier Gardeners Guide, will be the speaker. Anyone interested in attending the meeting for dinner will need to make a reservation with Dawson (317-501-2105) by March 18. Cost is \$10 per person.

◆**Glen Cove Cemetery** workers will be picking up grave blankets and any other decorations that are not on foundations the week of March 14. Patrons should pick up all items they are wanting to keep before this date. For more information, call 345-9181.

◆The **Vintage Gospel Lads** will appear in concert at Knightstown First Christian Church, 138 W. Main St., April 1-3. The theme of the concerts is "The Four Soils." Watch for more information in coming weeks.

◆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.

◆**Beautify Knightstown** said Hoosier Gym T-shirts are now available for purchase. Proceeds from shirt sales help the group raise funds for a mural. Orders may be placed via Facebook, www.beautifyknightstown.org, or by calling 765-445-2328. All shirt sizes are \$20 in gray or gold.

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

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

◆The **Historic Knightstown museum**, located on the Public Square at 22 N. Washington St., has new winter hours. The museum's

current hours, in effect through March are 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (sometimes longer) each Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. For more information, or to schedule a museum visit by appointment, call David Steele at 765-345-7585. Family and individual HKI memberships are \$20 and \$15, respectively. Membership payments may be mailed to HKI at P.O. Box 74, Knightstown, IN 46148.

◆**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets weekly, on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym (enter on

East side). Meetings will continue each Tuesday at the same time and location. For more info, call 765-571-1132 or 765-571-1662.

◆The **Parish Clothes Closet**, located in the basement of Bethel Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Franklin St., Knightstown, is open the last Thursday of each month from 5-7 p.m. Any questions can be directed to Laura Hodge at l.hodge23@yahoo.com.

News items may be submitted to thebanner@embarqmail.com.

Library Showing Nostalgic Film

From dime store sodas to Saturday shopping trips, area residents reminisce about the Broad Street of yesteryear in the most recent installment of *History Comes Alive*. The short film will premiere at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, in the auditorium at New Castle-Henry County Public Library. Following the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to share memories of Broad Street.

Friends of the Library provided funding for the project, which is presented through the library's Outreach Services department. The film features short interviews with residents from Glen Oaks Senior Living at Forest Ridge and library staff. Participants include Robert Fulton, James Garvin, Leland Atkinson, Rilla Denton, Virginia Bailey, Celestine Bratton, and Pam Adkins. Steve Perry Enterprises of Muncie filmed and edited the production.

This installment of *History Comes Alive* is part of New Castle-Henry County Public Library's Centennial Celebration. Find out more about the library's 100 years of living, learning, and growing by visiting www.nchcpl.org/100years.

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Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,

But cheerily still; and said, 'I pray thee, then,

Write me as one that loves his fellow men.'

The angel wrote, and vanished.
The next night

It came again with a great wakening light,

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This Youth Worker Café is a collaborative effort between the Delaware County Prevention Council, Youth Opportunity Center, Ball State University, Boys & Girls Club of Muncie, the Children's Bureau and IYI. This event is funded in part by Old National Bank Foundation, The Community

Foundation of Muncie & Delaware County and Meridian Health Services.

Youth Worker Cafés are designed to bring together local youth workers to build relationships and inspire collaborations that will benefit children. For more information, contact IYI East Central Outreach Manager Alison Palmer via email at apalmer@iyi.org.

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Engles Family Enjoys Missionary Work in New Zealand, where Tolkien Movies Filmed

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

Over the last nine months, Knightstown High School graduate Steve Engle, his wife, Lori, and their four children have been living in New Zealand to serve as missionaries.

"Lori felt God calling her to do mission work in July 2012, at a district assembly for the Nazarene churches of East Tennessee," said Steve. "She shared that calling with me and we began to pursue our options and trusted God that He would provide our needs and direct our paths."

Though it took almost three years to make all of the necessary arrangements, their journey began when Steve moved to New Zealand in May 2015 followed a month later by Lori and their children, Harrison, Heidi, Hollister and Hadley.

"We came here as volunteer missionaries which means that the church does not pay for anything or determine how long we stay," Steve said. "It also means that we are legally in New Zealand on work visas (based on mine as a school teacher), not on religious visas."

In this different land, Steve and Lori essentially do what they did in America. He works as a public school teacher, specifically a full-time science teacher at Dargaville High School, and she strives to aid the church in any way she can.

"Our mission work has been quite interesting in that you never know what is going to happen or how things will happen," said Steve.

Each Sunday, Lori leads the music worship service at their local church and she has started a youth group for high school aged kids on Friday nights, leading to several new families coming in to contact with the church as well. Lori also meets regularly with women of the church to offer advice and to pray for them.

Steve has had many opportunities to share his faith and beliefs with those around him, and has helped start a men's ministry that is made up of men from their church and other community churches. Although, as Steve notes, most men in New Zealand



are absent from churches.

"New Zealand is one of the most beautiful places on earth. It was originally formed by volcanic eruptions so there aren't too many flat places in the whole country," Steve said. "It is made up of two main islands (the North Island and South Island) with lots and lots of smaller islands."

Steve points out that many people know New Zealand as the main filming location for Peter Jackson's *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* movies, the majority of which were done on the South Island.

The North Island, where the Engle family is located, has a lot of green, rolling hills and beaches. They live in the far north, in a city called Whangarei (pronounced as "Fung-a-ray").

"The culture is a very laid-back type of culture where the phrase 'she'll be right' is often the phrase to live by. It basically means, it doesn't matter what happens, everything will be alright," said Steve.

Though the country is beautiful and the people are generally friendly, Steve and Lori are not blind to the problems there. Teen suicide rates in New Zealand are one of the highest in the world, as are the rate of babies born to teen or unwed mothers. There is also "rampant" domestic violence, and growing racial tensions are affecting select parts of the country's two main demographics, the Maori and European populations.

"On a more personal note, we have had some wonderful experiences here," Steve states. "We live within a 30 minute drive of about 30 different beaches. We have made several trips to the beach as we could never do that in 30 minutes living in Indiana or Tennessee. We have visited Cape Reinga (the northernmost tip of the country), Hobbiton where the Shire is in *The Hobbit*, steaming hot pools of mud in Rotarua, and Wellington. I always find it fun to tell people that I drive from the east coast (Whangarei) to the west coast (Dargaville) every day for work in less than an hour!"

The Engles had never done missionary like this
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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Thurs., Mar. 17 – Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Mar. 17 – Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St.

Mon., Mar. 21 – Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Tues., Mar. 22 – Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., Mar. 22 – Knightstown Park Board monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Sunset Park shelter house

Wed., Mar. 23 – Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Wed., Mar. 23 – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Mar. 24 – Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield



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Henry County Hospital Surgery Center Remodeling Means Access to Facility Will Be Different for a Year

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The 20th street employee entrance to the hospital will remain

open. However, drivers will not be able to access the front parking lots from this entrance. The secondary 20th street entrance next to Heritage House will become a one-way only entrance for truck deliveries.

Surgery Expansion Benefits

The surgery center remodel and expansion will improve patient pri-

vacy along with providing a new patient pick-up area with a canopy to protect outpatient surgery patients and their families in bad weather.

Additional operating rooms and expanded surgery recovery areas to accommodate growth in surgeries also are part of this project.

Hancock Co. Hosting STEM Camps

Camp Invention, the nation's premier summer enrichment day camp program, supported by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and a product of the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF), is coming to the following locations:

New Palestine High School: June 6-10

Mt. Vernon Middle School: June 20-24

Greenfield-Central Community Schools, location to be decided: July 18-22

For students entering grades one through six, Camp Invention is a weeklong adventure that will turn the summer from ordinary to extraordinary through hands-on problem solving, using science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Camp Invention provides an opportunity for inventive young minds to exercise their creativity and use their imagination in ways they don't normally get to in the classroom. Program participants do not realize they are learning and developing new skills as they build prototypes, take things apart, explore different types of

technology and so much more.

"We are thrilled to offer Camp Invention to our students for the fourth year," said Alice Opperman, director of curriculum for Emerson Public Schools. "The hands-on curriculum helps to further insert curiosity into a child's everyday lifestyle. As the need for skilled STEM professionals increases, we believe we are setting our students up for success by offering programs like Camp Invention."

This year's Camp Invention curriculum is called Epic, inspired by some of America's most brilliant minds, including experienced educators, and inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, and developed in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Epic features hands-on modules like CrickoBot, where campers construct and personalize a do-it-yourself solar-powered cricket and a unique habitat; Epic Park, where campers work in teams to design an eco-adventure park; I Can Invent:

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Alpha Zetas Bringing Culture Programs to Local Schools

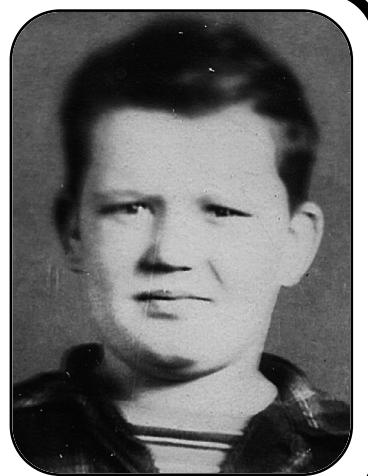
The Knightstown Alpha Zeta chapter of Tri Kappa celebrated their 108th birthday on March 8 at Primo in New Castle. There were 39 members in attendance.

Judy Barnes and Karen Vise were honored for 50 years of membership and service.

Tri Kappa will be sponsoring a culture program at Knightstown Elementary and Knightstown Intermediate schools. The elementary program will be on May 18. Adzoinks Puppets will present "Circles of Imagination." The Intermediate school program will be on April 11. "Empowering Audiences-one laugh at a time" will be presented by Kevin Wanzer.

The Tri Kappa annual flower sale will be Friday, May 6. Hours will be 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Dept. of Revenue Offers Identity Protection Advice

The Indiana Department of Revenue's Identity Protection Program has stopped more than \$2 million in tax refund fraud so far this tax season. Through the Identity Protection Program, the department aims to protect taxpayers' identities and potential refunds and the state of Indiana from potential refund fraud.

With only a few weeks left in the tax season, it is important for taxpayers to continue taking necessary security measures to keep their identities safe.

Five Tips to Keep Your Identity Safe This Tax Season

Store your personal information and financial documents in a safe place. Avoid carrying your Social Security card with you and keep financial documents in a secure location.

Be aware of impersonators. Don't give personal information over the phone, through the mail or on the Internet unless you are sure you know with whom you are dealing.

Safely dispose of personal information. Shred receipts, bank statements, checks and other documents with personal information when you are done using them.

Check your credit report annually. You can check your credit report every 12 months for free by contacting the three credit report agencies – Experian, Equifax and Trans Union.

Protect your personal computers. Use firewalls and anti-spam/virus software and update security patches to keep your personal information safe online.

Hoosiers with questions about protecting their identities can visit the department's Stop ID Theft website at www.in.gov/dor/4794.htm for answers to frequently asked questions, identity protection tips, a video and additional resources. Hoosiers also can sign up for the Attorney General's ID Theft Protection Tool Kit at www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2853.htm.

Taxpayers with questions about their individual income tax return may call the department at 317-232-2240.

Town Appeals Trial Court Ruling

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Just weeks after obtaining a mostly favorable ruling in a lawsuit arising from its razing of an East Main Street building in 2013, the town of Knightstown wants to appeal the trial court's decision.

Summary judgment was granted in the town's favor on Feb. 9 on three of five counts raised in the plaintiff's complaint for damages. The town has sought permission to file an immediate appeal, before the case goes to trial, challenging that part of the ruling that left the other two counts intact.

Dudley Wainscott, Woodland Park, Colo., owner of the property known as the "Old Lodge" building at 34-38 E. Main St., sued the town in February 2015. 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, 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, 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, successfully argued that two 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.

Wainscott had sent a letter to town officials expressing concerns about the demolition, but Senior Judge Jack Tandy ruled last month that the letter had failed to satisfy tort claim notice requirements. While the letter had put the town on notice about the nature of Wainscott's grievance and the events which gave rise to it, Tandy said it was "missing a crucial element" – it had not stated that Wainscott intended to file suit against the town.

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 on 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 Wainscott's building, which Tandy ruled was also, in essence, a negligence claim.

Tandy also issued summary judgment in the town's favor with respect to Wainscott's claim that the town had violated the state's Access to Public Records Act. Attorneys for Wainscott and the town both conceded that the town had finally provided the records Wainscott requested, rendering

this part of his complaint moot.

The town's motion for summary judgment, however, was denied as to two of the other five counts in Wainscott's complaint, allowing the case to proceed toward trial on those issues. 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 allegations "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 has alleged that Clyde South, who was president of the Knightstown Town Council at the time, told him during the council's April 18, 2013, meeting that the town would fix any damage caused to his building by the demolition.

Uhl filed a motion on the town's behalf last Friday seeking permission to take what is called an "interlocutory appeal." If the appeal is accepted by the Indiana Court of Appeals, Tandy's decision not to grant summary judgment on the nuisance and breach of contract claims would be reviewed before the case goes to trial.

In his motion, Uhl made three arguments supporting the town's request to take an interlocutory appeal before the case goes to trial: that there are "substantial questions of law" to be resolved, and that an early determination of these issues would permit a "more orderly disposition of the case" and allow the parties to "avoid undue expense."

Henry Circuit Court 1 Judge Mary Willis issued an order on Monday granting the town's request and certifying Tandy's summary judgment ruling from last month for immediate interlocutory appeal. Now, it will be up to the Indiana Court of Appeals to decide whether it wishes to accept the appeal before a trial has been held and determine whether Tandy erred in not granting summary judgment to the town on all counts.

Vectren Assistance Program Expires Today

As the end of the winter heating season approaches, Vectren Energy Delivery (Vectren) wants to remind customers that the regulatory moratorium, which prevents utilities from disconnecting customers who meet low-income guidelines and have received federal and state utility heating assistance, will expire today, Wednesday, March 16.

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tomers. Those that fall below 150 percent of federal poverty guidelines, which for a family of four is about \$35,000, should visit their local community action agency to sign up for EAP. Visit www.incap.org or call 1-800-382-8985 to locate the local community action agency.

Universal Service Program: Natural gas customers who qualify for EAP will be automatically enrolled in the Universal Service Program (USP). The USP provides a discount on natural gas bills of eligible low-income customers from December through May.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Peggs, Jackson, Vise Named Mid-Hoosier All-Conference Winners



Knightstown High School seniors Drake Peggs, Jackson Edwards and Brooke Vise (l-r) were honored at the Mid-Hoosier Conference winter sports banquet March 9. (Photo provided)

Three Royals Make All-MHC



Hope Spaulding

Spaulding, Carlton, True Are All-Conference Winners

Three basketball players at Eastern Hancock were given All-Conference team honors Mar. 9 during the Mid-Hoosier Conference winter sports banquet.

Senior Hope Spaulding was named All-Conference after competing in 25 games this season, her third year on the varsity. She averaged 6.0 points per game, 2.3 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.2 steals this season.

Junior Emily Carlton also earned an All-Conference spot. Carlton was the Lady Royals' top scorer, rebounder and stealer while playing in all 25 games this year. She scored 244 points this season, averaging 9.5 points per game, and pulled down 121 rebounds for 4.5 boards per game. She averaged 2.1 steals per game, grabbing 47 total steals during the season.

Sophomore Addison True had another stellar year for the Royals' boys basketball team to achieve his All-Conference honors.

True, who averaged 11.6 points per game as a freshman, improved to 16.1 points per game this year with 371 total points. He also led the Royals in rebounds with 163 (7.1 rebounds per game), in assists with 70 (3.0 assists per game) and led in steals with 56 (2.4 steals per game).



Emily Carlton



Addison True

Three Knightstown seniors were named All-Conference at a banquet Mar. 9 for Mid-Hoosier Conference winter sports. Jackson Edwards, Drake Peggs and Brooke Vise were all basketball players and four varsity letter recipients for Knightstown.

Jackson Edwards, the son of Chris Edwards and Lisa Mercer, earned his third All-Conference award. He played in all 23 varsity games this season, averaging 20.3 points per game. He scored 466 points in his final year as a Panther, more than 200 points above the next KHS scorer.

Not only was Edwards an exceptional scorer but he also led the team in assists this year with 134, double the number of the next top Panther passer, and averaging 5.8 assists per game. He also led the team in steals this season with 49. In Nov. 2015, Jackson signed a letter of intent to

play basketball next season at Indiana University South Bend.

Drake Peggs, the son of Joe and Missy Peggs, was honored with his second All-Conference award for basketball. Peggs also played in all 23 games this year. He averaged 11.4 points per game, finishing with 262 points, second best on the team. He was also second in assists with 66, averaging 2.9 per game and second in steals with 38 this year.

Though he's had three years of solid performances on the varsity basketball team, it's on the baseball field where Peggs excels. The Panthers' star shortstop the past two years as well as the team's top single and homerun hitter and RBI leader, Peggs was a key factor in the team's trip to the 2015 semi-state. He signed a letter of intent in Nov. 2015 to play baseball for Eastern Michigan University following graduation.

Brooke Vise, the daughter of John and Rebecca Vise, was the Lady Panther to earn All-Conference this year. Vise has played in all 23 varsity games in each of the past three seasons. As a sophomore, her huge 18 rebounds in the sectional championship game against Eastern Hancock helped propel the Lady Panthers to a sectional title.

This year, as a senior, playing under her third head coach in three years, Vise led her team in scoring with 278 points, an average of 12.1 per game. She was the top rebounder on this year's squad with 193 rebounds or 8.4 boards per game. She also led in steals with 34 and in blocks with 14 this year.

Vise is now preparing for her final season as a Knightstown softball player where she's been the varsity's first baseman since her sophomore year.

Tri's Peggs, Moore Earn TEC All-Conference

Tri High School's top two scorers on the girls basketball team earned All-Conference recognition recently at the Tri-Eastern Conference winter sports banquet.

Senior Mackenzie Peggs was an All-Conference winner following her efforts on Tri's 17-7 team this year. Peggs played in all 24 games, scoring the second most points on the Lady Titans team with 203 points (8.5 points per game). She averaged 3.9 rebounds per game, 2.0 assists and 1.9 steals.

Sophomore Payton Moore, who also played in 24 games this season, led the Lady Titans this year in scoring with 268 points, averaging 11.2 points per game. Moore was also the team's top rebounder with 190 total rebounds for an average of 7.9 per game and the top blocker with 17 blocks.

Another Lady Titan, senior Kylie Dishman, received an honorable mention in the conference. Dishman was far and away the best passer on the team with 75 assists this season and had 73

steals, 25 more than Moore's 48 steals, the second-best on the team.

Also receiving an honorable mention was Titan boys basketball player Carson Cox, a junior at Tri. Cox was the team's top scorer this year with 290 points, averaging 12.6 points per game. He was also the top rebounder with 159 rebounds for 6.9 boards per game.

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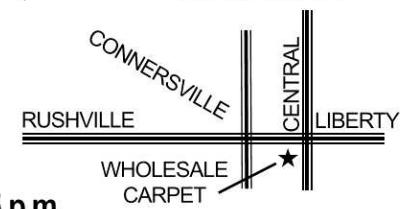
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Otter Trapping Season Reaches Quota Early

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has closed the river otter trapping season after reaching the statewide quota.

The season was scheduled to run from Nov. 15 – March 15, or until the quota of 600 river otter had been reached.

The framework of Indiana's river otter season was carefully designed to limit the total harvest. Databases and reporting mechanisms allowed for hourly monitoring of the total season harvest.

In addition to the quota, DNR regulations required that successful trappers register their otter within 24 hours. Regulations also

required tagging of each pelt at a river otter check station or by authorized DNR personnel.

"Early review of the season results suggests the 2015-16 harvest season was a success," said Dawn Slack, wildlife science supervisor with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "We will closely review the data collected during this first season and use it to guide future management decisions."

A report of the otter season will be available later this year. Additional information on river otter and the trapping season can be found at dnr.IN.gov/fish-wild/8499.htm.

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DNR Receives Federal Grant for Fish, Wildlife

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife will receive \$16.5 million in annual grant money from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

The figure represents an increase over the last five-year annual average received, which has been about \$14 million per year during that span.

The total of \$16.5 million will be split between wildlife-related projects, which will be allotted \$12 million, and sport fish-related projects, which will be allotted \$4.5 million. The funding will go to a variety of programs and projects.

The division spends between \$7-8 million of the funding annually on traditional services, some of which include species surveys and monitoring, habitat development and public access site main tenance and development.

"We've also done a couple of unique projects, like an archery range at Koteewi, near Noblesville, and we also are working on two shooting ranges," said Julie Kempf, the division's chief fiscal administrator.

The shooting ranges are at Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area in Newton County and at Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area in Putnam County.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program is funded by the amount of excise tax money collected from national sales of hunting and fishing equipment in all states. The money is divided among the states based on a formula that compares their land area and their number of hunters and anglers.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service distributed more than \$1.1 billion to states this year, with \$201 million going to the Service's Midwest Region.

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Charlottesville, Indiana

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the town on planning issues, will
prepare and submit the letter,
which is due by April 8.

Kieser told council members
that the town could be eligible for
up to \$500,000 through this pro-
gram, and explained that the town
would be required to come up
with 10-percent local match. At
least half of the town's portion
would have to be in the form of
cash or debt, with in-kind contrib-
utions being permitted to
account for the other half.

In addition to providing funding
for stormwater collection, Kieser said grant money from this
program can also be used for
improvements to sidewalks and
curbs. He explained that it would
cost the town nothing to submit
its letter of intent and said the
town would have until June 21 to
withdraw its name from consider-
ation in the event that it had trou-
ble coming up with its local
matching funds.

In a related matter, the council
also voted Monday to give Kieser
permission to seek up to \$18,000
from the U.S. Department of
Agriculture's Office of Rural
Development to reimburse the
town for recent work on one of
the town's two water wells. The

town recently replaced a well
pump that cost about \$11,000 and
incurred several thousand dollars
in expenses having a filter in the
well cleaned.

In other business at Monday's
meeting, the council:

*voted to pay Hilderbrand
Construction a total of \$12,600 to
replace walls at the town's water
treatment plant that have been
damaged by mold;

*granted Blue River
Community Harvest's request to
close a portion of Mill Street just
east of Main Street this Saturday,
from 8:30 a.m. to noon, to

accommodate the arrival of the
Gleaner's Mobile Food Truck;
and

*approved a monthly claim
docket containing claims totaling
\$35,688.90.

More information about the
Carthage Town Council's March
14 monthly meeting can be
found in the memoranda and
minutes from that proceeding.
Those public records are avail-
able for inspection and copying
at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W.
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effective way to fund these much-needed improvements. These two bills
will work in conjunction with one another to provide \$1 billion in new
state and local road funding over the next two years without raising taxes
or creating new debt.

Finally, lawmakers were able to address the issue of farmland proper-
ty-tax assessment. Senate Enrolled Act 308 permanently eliminates the use
of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2012 soil productivity factors,
replaces the broken formula and uses the most recent data available to
determine the base rate for farmland assessment. This will limit the volatility
in farmland property taxes in the future.

Agriculture is a vital part of Indiana's economy, and I am glad that the
legislature was able to take steps to protect this vital industry.

Sen. Jean Leising
R-Oldenberg

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Maker Studio, where campers brainstorm product ideas and build original prototypes using real tools and components found in everyday devices;
and The Lab: Where Pigs Fly, where children can discover the science of slime, demolition, electronic sound, giant squid and coding. Learn more about this year's curriculum here.

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INDOT Awards U.S. 36 Paving Contract

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has awarded a \$276,000 pavement contract to E & B Paving, Inc. to repair and resurface U.S. Highway 36 through Sulphur Springs in Henry County.

The project will deep-patch areas of pavement in need of repair before placing a new 1.5-inch surface on about a half of a mile of the highway west of State Road 3. The project will also install ADA-com-

pliant curb ramps along U.S. 36 through the town.

E & B plans to begin work in May and complete the project in June. Flaggers will be used to direct traffic around work sites. A schedule and traffic restrictions will be announced before work begins.

Taking care of what we have

INDOT has been expanding its investments in maintenance and preservation projects to keep pavement and bridges in good condition

for as long as possible, targeting bridges and roadway sections with the right treatments at the right times.

Over the past three years, state bridges that inspectors have rated as fair or better has increased from 93 percent to 95.3 percent, bringing it above the national average of 94 percent. Between 2012 and 2014, state-maintained pavement has improved from 89.3 percent in fair or better condition to 90.3 percent.

Sobriety Checkpoint Friday in Henry Co.

Lieutenant Tom Dujmovich, commander of the Pendleton State Police Post, has announced there will be a sobriety checkpoint, held somewhere in Henry County, during the evening hours of Friday, March 18, in conjunction with National Operation Pull Over Campaign, Blitz 85 "Aggressive Drivers."

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2014, an average of one alcohol related driving fatality occurred every 53 minutes. According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, in March 2015 there were 529 alcohol-related crashes across Indiana, resulting in 214 injuries and five fatalities.

Motorists entering the checkpoint are asked to have their driver's license and vehicle registrations readily available, so as to minimize the amount of time that they are delayed. Motorists can expect short delays of only two to three minutes during the checkpoint.

A Few Precautions

- If celebrating plan ahead and always designate someone as a designated driver.

- Don't get behind the wheel of a vehicle if you've been consuming alcoholic beverages.

- If you are impaired, please call a taxi or call a sober friend or family member to come and get you.

- If you are hosting a party, always offer alcohol-free beverages, and make sure that all of your guests leave with a sober driver.

- Remember, "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk." Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think that they are about to drive while impaired.

The Pendleton State Police Post serves Delaware, Madison, Randolph, Henry, Wayne, Fayette, Union, and Rush counties. Before and after the checkpoint officers will be holding saturation patrols looking for impaired drivers.

The Indiana State Police remains committed to reducing the number of impaired driving crashes as well as all crashes. Motorists are encouraged to report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911. Give a vehicle description, location, and direction of travel. Never follow an impaired driver.

State Officials Urge Flu Precautions

State health officials are urging Hoosiers to get vaccinated against influenza amid an increase in the number of flu-related deaths in Indiana. Since October, 19 Indiana residents have died of influenza-associated illnesses, including two children.

Many of Indiana's influenza-associated deaths this season have occurred among unvaccinated individuals, especially people who are at high risk of flu-related complications due to age or underlying medical conditions. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has also seen an increase in flu activity, including severe illnesses, in schools, long-term care facilities and correctional facilities in recent weeks.

"As we see every year, the flu can have serious consequences, and we urge Hoosiers to do everything they can to protect them-

selves," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "People should not get a false sense of security just because this year's season has been milder so far. The flu will be around for several more months, and people who haven't received a flu vaccine should get one to ensure they're protected."

Health officials recommend that everyone age 6 months and older get an annual flu vaccine. People can help prevent the spread of flu by washing their hands frequently and thoroughly, avoiding touching their eyes, nose and mouth with their hands and staying home when sick.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that this year's seasonal influenza vaccine is about 59 percent effective, which is among the highest rates documented by studies of the vac-

cine's effectiveness. Flu season typically continues until May, and healthcare providers are encouraged to continue offering the vaccine to unvaccinated patients throughout the remainder of the season.

Influenza is a viral infection of the respiratory tract. It is spread by respiratory droplets released when infected people cough or sneeze nearby or when people touch surfaces or objects contaminated with those infectious respiratory droplets. People can also become infected by touching surfaces or objects contaminated with influenza viruses and then touching their eyes, mouth or nose.

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before, and Steve, who had never been out of the United States prior to this, felt that spending the first month in New Zealand alone, working in the "very rough" Whangaroa College, was very difficult for him.

"Our kids have made the adjustment to a new country pretty well and Lori has too for the most part. I have probably had the hardest time adjusting to the new culture and way of life," he said. "We are hoping that in our future, after we return to America, we might have other opportunities to do mission work and that we will have a better idea of what to expect!"

Steve is originally from Knightstown and graduated from KHS in 1992. Lori was born in Nashville, Tenn., but her parents are from the areas of Carthage and Knightstown. They met through Lori's cousin, who had been Steve's classmate and roommate in college.

"This has been one of the greatest but also most challenging times of our lives," said Steve. "God called us to do something that took me so far out of my comfort zone! However, when you trust in God's calling for your life, you will be rewarded. We have been rewarded in some ways already with new friendships made, experiences that you can't get in America, and learning about a different culture."

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HAVEN NICOLE THOMPSON
SHERRIE YVONNE CLEMENS,
PETITIONER

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Sherrie Yvonne Clemens, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of minor child from Haven Nicole Thompson to Haven Nicole Clemens.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Henry Circuit Court on May 16, 2016, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report Henry County Circuit Court 2.

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