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Town Council Seeking Volunteers

The Knightstown Town Council is seeking volunteers to serve on the steering committee for the preparation of the town's comprehensive plan. A critical part of developing a successful plan depends on community involvement. The steering committee will meet over a period of six months, probably every two or three weeks. Members of the committee need to be knowledgeable about the town, able to provide perspective and insight, be open to new ideas and ways of thinking about urban development, serve as a sounding board for local citizens, and be willing to accept a leadership role.

Church of God Hosting Singers

Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host gospel singing, featuring Divine Vision, on Saturday, April 23, at 6 p.m. Pastor Larry Bigham invites the community to attend. Call 765-620-4304 for more information.

Clayton Jennings Returning to KHS

Blue 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.

State Audit Report: Former Kennard Clerk-Treasurer Owes Over \$100,000

Karen Stanley Allegedly Overpaid Herself Over \$80,000; Also Owes for Taxes, Audit Investigation



Stanley

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The state of Indiana is asking that the town of Kennard's former clerk-treasurer be asked to repay more than \$100,000 related to malfeasance while in office.

According to a special investigation report issued yesterday, the Indiana State

Board of Accounts determined that Karen Stanley, who resigned as Kennard clerk-treasurer in late October, had overpaid herself \$80,160 since her appointment in 2012. While her approved salary for her time in office would have been \$53,625, the agency said she had actually paid herself \$133,785.

Additionally, the SBOA said Stanley's overpayments to herself had caused the town to incur an additional \$4,416.52 in payroll taxes and that she was responsible for the town incurring \$1,845.46 in penalties and interest due to not remitting taxes in a timely manner. She is being asked to reimburse those amounts, as well as another \$2,990.29 in withholding taxes and sales taxes she had overpaid to the town's detriment.

Finally, the SBOA wants Stanley held responsible for the costs of the special investigation into her salary overpayments. The agency's price tag for this is \$13,932.81.

The SBOA has given Stanley credit for \$200

she paid to the town on Sept. 21, less than two weeks before she admitted to The Banner that she had been overpaying herself. The SBOA and Indiana State Police began investigating her alleged theft of town funds in October and she resigned later that month.

When she spoke to The Banner in early October, Stanley said she had been paying herself well more than the clerk-treasurer's annual salary of \$16,500. According to the town's Form 100R, a yearly report listing annual earnings for town employees and officials that Kennard files with the state each January, Stanley was paid \$30,125 in 2014, and the report from the year prior to that showed she was paid \$34,375 in 2013.

When The Banner asked Stanley about the discrepancy between the amounts on the 100R's and her \$16,500 salary, she admitted she had been overpaying herself. She said she had been paying herself every two weeks what she should have been paid for the entire month and that the amounts on the 100R's, which showed overpayment of \$31,500 during 2013 and 2014, were correct.

Stanley said her practice of overpaying herself continued into 2015 and she estimated she had overpaid herself about \$6,000 that year. She also said she didn't try to hide the overpayments on the 100R's for 2013 and 2014 and said that they had accurately reflected what she had paid herself those two years.

"I was honest," Stanley said at that time. "I

said I overpaid myself."

According to the SBOA, however, Stanley was not honest when she filled out the 100R's. The agency said her overpayments for 2013 and 2014 alone had been \$59,345, and that she had overpaid herself \$19,250 during 2015, well above the \$6,000 she had estimated when speaking to The Banner.

In a press release issued yesterday afternoon, the SBOA said that a certified copy of its special investigation report was being sent to the offices of the Indiana Attorney General and the Henry County Prosecutor. The agency's report was also sent to the Internal Revenue Service and Indiana Department of Revenue.

In addition to the SBOA, the Indiana State Police has also been involved in the investigation into Stanley's salary overpayments. As of the news deadline for this week's issue, The Banner was unable to confirm the status of that investigation.

In an official response to the SBOA, the town of Kennard's current clerk-treasurer, Sharon Elliott, and Town Council President Jason Groce, urged that "repayment of any funds improperly taken ... be aggressively pursued by all parties" through civil action, criminal restitution or bond payments so that the town's taxpayers and utility rate payers are "made whole."

The Banner attempted to contact Stanley for comment on this story, but she did not return the newspaper's call.

Tom True Appointed by Council to Oversee Town Works

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Two weeks after the Knightstown Town Council voted to fire the town's works manager, a local businessman has been appointed - on a volunteer, interim basis - to take over some of those job responsibilities.

Near the end of a special meeting last Thursday that saw the council dealing with nearly a dozen different matters, Council President Sarah Ward said they had

finally reached "the main reason" for the meeting.

"We are prepared to make an appointment this evening," Ward said. "As you know, we are without a works manager and we have an interim period that we believe we need someone to give us some help, and we selected someone who is a native and loves the town and is willing to volunteer to do this." She added that the council hoped this person would get the town "going in the direction that

we would like to go, with some teamwork and really putting in our workday and accomplishing some things," then asked for a motion.

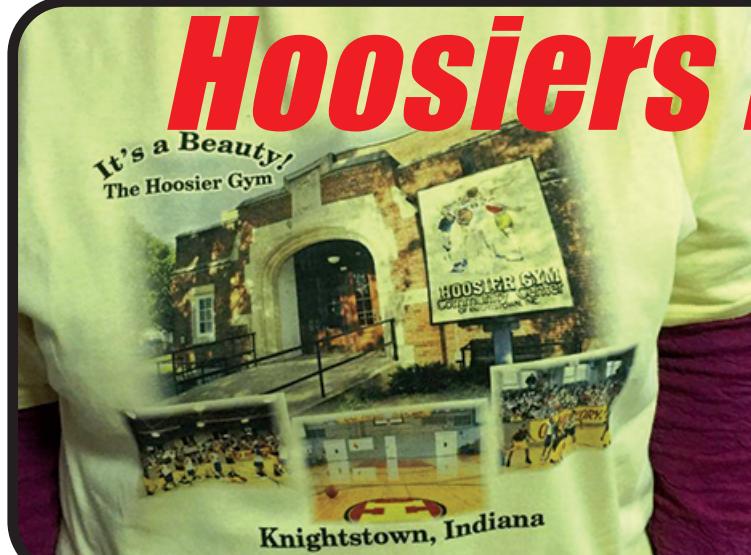
Vice President Kevin Knott made a motion to appoint Tom True, owner of Tom True Auto Sales, as an "unpaid consultant who will evaluate (the town's) operational processes and employee work," with True's appointment being "as needed, probably in the short-term range." Council member Roger Hammer seconded the

motion and, with the support of Ward and the council's other two members, Mitch Roland and Valerie Trump, it passed unanimously.

With Trump absent, the council voted 4-0 near the end of its March 17 monthly meeting to fire Greg Neice, the town's works manager since August 2011, due to his "inability to perform job duties as required." Neice, whose salary was \$45,000 when he was first hired,

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Hoosiers Happiness!



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STATE OF INDIANA } IN THE HENRY CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF HENRY } SS: CASE NO.33C01-1603-MI-000030

IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR:
MICHAEL MAURICE COOK SCHIELIE)
MISTI SCHIELIE,
PETITIONER)

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Misti Schielie, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of minor child from Michael Maurice Cook Schielie to Michael Samuel Joel Schielie.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Henry Circuit Court on May 25, 2016, at 9:00 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 1.

Date: March 30, 2016

Debra G. Walker, Clerk of Henry Circuit Court

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OBITUARIES**Larry O. Manning**

July 13, 1938 - March 31, 2016



Larry O. Manning, 77, of Knightstown, passed away Thursday, March 31, 2016 at IU Health Methodist Hospital. He was born July 13, 1938 in Fleming County, Ky., a son of Berry and Lorena (Rice) Manning.

Larry was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He retired from Pierceton Trucking Company in 2015. He had also driven for Standard Oil Company. Larry and his father owned a timber company for many years. He was a member of the Knightstown Wesleyan Church. Larry enjoyed fishing and his dog, Casper. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sharon (Specht) Manning; four children, Terri Gorman (Jack Tague) of Knightstown, Berry (Julie) Manning of Spring Hill, Fla., Scott (Florence) Manning of Holiday, Fla., and Lisa (Terry) Helderbrand of Knightstown; seven grandchildren, Jeremy and Dustin Gorman of Knightstown, Jackie Holden of Sparta, Ky., Joshua and Cory Manning of Knightstown, Amber (Ethan) Paul of Knightstown, and Morgan Helderband of Knightstown; nine great-grandchildren; seven siblings, Melvin (Carol) Manning of New Castle, Norman Manning (Patty Bowen) of Spiceland, Sue (Don) George of Bowling Green, Ky., Debbie (Randy) Black of Greenfield, Marsha (Mike) Redmon of Bradenton, Fla., Dale (Carolyn) Manning of Greensboro and Don (Pat) Manning of Bradenton, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was April 4 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. A funeral service followed with Pastors Larry Delon and Gail Whitmire officiating. Burial will take place at Dunreith Community Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to The Leukemia Society, 941 E. 86th St., Ste. 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240-1842. Condolences and memories of Larry may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Bicentennial Flag Effort Underway

In celebration of the state of Indiana's 200th anniversary, the organization Beautify Knightstown Inc. (BKI) is inviting the community to participate in a local display of the bicentennial flag.

The goal of this display is to fly the American flag and the bicentennial flag alternately on every equipped light pole along U.S. 40 and around the Public Square by Memorial Day.

"By working together in a united effort local civic clubs, organizations, businesses, churches, schools and individuals may contribute to the needed 40 Bicentennial flags by purchasing one or more flags," stated Kevin Richey, president of the BKI Board of Directors.

Beautify Knightstown Inc. is organizing this effort as a community service and have no intention of

making any profits from it.

Each flag is 3' x 5' in size. When the flags are retired in 2017, they will be returned to those who donated them for the display.

"The American Legion who donates the American flags has welcomed the opportunity to share the poles this year, and the town council has agreed to hang them," Richey said.

BKI specifies that those who wish to take part in this event may do so in one of two ways.

First, a check can be made out to BKI in the amount of \$23.99 for each flag that is ordered, with a \$6.00 discount per flag for a group order. This should be sent to 12 E. Main St., Knightstown, IN 46148 no later than May 2. The organization will submit group orders with no tax or shipping, and BKI will deliver the group orders to the town hall with the names of the donors attached.

Second, the regularly priced \$29.99 Bicentennial flags can be ordered directly from the Indiana Historical Bureau via a visit to their office at 140 North Senate Avenue, Room 130, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2296, by telephone (317-232-2535), fax (317-232-1659), or by email: IHB@history.IN.gov. Tax and shipping charge may apply. Tax exempt numbers should be included with the order. Again, flags are to be delivered to the Town Hall no later than May 2.

"Let's celebrate another opportunity for working together to make Knightstown a destination along the National Road," said Richey.

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Water Rate Hike Could Be Smaller than Originally Thought

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

As it prepares to consider moving forward with plans to seek an increase in rates and charges for customers of the town's water utility, the Knightstown Town Council has announced that the needed increase may be less than initially thought.

During a special meeting last Thursday, Council President Sarah Ward said H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, the Indianapolis accounting firm hired to prepare a rate study for the town's water utility, is making some adjustments to its calculations.

In the rate study presented at the council's March 17 monthly meeting, Umbaugh had proposed that the town seek approval for either a 19.5-percent or 41.7-percent across-the-board increase in rates and charges. According to Umbaugh's study, these increases

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was the town's highest paid employee, earning just over \$57,550 in 2015.

While no vote was taken by the council last Thursday, Ward said the works manager vacancy would be advertised, with applications taken until 3 p.m. on Friday, April 15, and a hiring decision hopefully made at the council's April 21 meeting. Although the interviewing of applicants could take place during a public meeting, the council voted to conduct them behind closed doors in executive session at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 18.

It was obvious from Ward's comments at last Thursday's meeting that council members had already agreed to appoint True prior to that night's meeting. Neither she nor any other members of the council, however, explained to the public in attendance that night

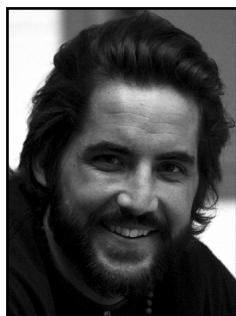
how or when the council had reached that decision.

The council had held a private executive session immediately prior to last Thursday's meeting. However, that closed door meeting, according to the notice issued by the council, was supposedly held for the purpose of discussing employee job performance evaluations; it was not to be used as an opportunity to discuss the work's manager vacancy or to weigh options like appointing True or anyone else as an interim volunteer.

Speaking to The Banner on Friday, the day after the meeting, Ward said True's appointment had not been discussed during the executive session. She did, however, acknowledge that she had talked with other council members by phone prior to the meeting about the possibility of appointing him as an interim volunteer until a new works manager is hired.

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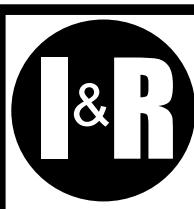
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Nodding Daffodils Ride a Spring Breeze

Spring Diary

I'm in a mellow mood after watching the rosy fingers of the dawn - as Homer called them. Spring is a seducer who beckons me away from my to-do list and computer. "Come out!" she whispers. "Come out to the scent of flowers, birdsong, and the sunrise's palette."

Winter is the time for hearty stews, cozy cocooning and long novels. Spring brings delicate fresh asparagus, the shedding of heavy clothing and poetry. All of us can be enriched by the quest for beauty.

With the coming of Spring, I remember King Solomon's beautiful words that even the great Shakespeare could not surpass. We cannot have too much poetry in our lives.

"Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth;

The time of the singing of birds is come;

and the voice of the turtle (dove?) is heard throughout the land."

After the sleep of winter, sap rises in the trees, and springtime brings the imperative to push out of the dark earth and unfurl petals in the sunshine. I, too, feel a loosening within me as I lift my face toward the sun.

Spring unfolds so quickly that I fancy that if my eyes were as acute

as some of those high-powered cameras, I could see the shoots of plants move as they stretch towards the light. Vivid blue scylla carpets lawns; daffodils nod in the breeze; and our sweet-scented hyacinths and crocuses are blooming. I brought in a vase of silky pussy willow catkins. There are 15 tiny bloodroots with yellow and

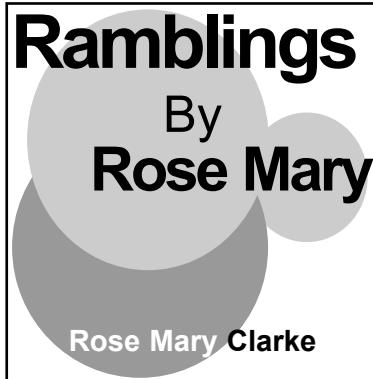
changed from their earlier "Wheat, wheat, wheat!" to a gladsome "Cheer, cheer, cheer, cheer, cheer!" Then I heard one shout, "Pretty, pretty, pretty, pretty!" as if in praising a lady bird that it was courting. I wonder what their different calls signify.

Just as we humans have stubborn quirks so, too, do other beings. We chuckled about a news item about a swan that's in love with a swan-shaped paddleboat. Park employees introduced it to a real swan, thinking to give it a mate. It refused to accept the intended bridegroom, and they finally gave up and let it go back to swimming alongside the boat. The Vrabels were irritated by a bird that pecked at the kitchen window all day long. Ducks insist on laying eggs on the concrete next to John and Jana's swimming pool.

Yesterday afternoon, we went out to the collapsible, screened gazebo that we bought last summer and enjoyed the backyard peace away from the telephone, chatting quietly and savoring a glass of champagne. Some might wonder why we don't take a telephone out with us. People even wear their cell phones on their bodies, set to vibrate if that all-important call comes in, or wear a device in their ears just as Ray Bradbury foresaw in *Fahrenheit 451*.

We've become communication junkies, having to be in incessant touch with someone - anyone! - as

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white blossoms started from the bloodroot that Mother and I found in a woods 60 years ago. The magnolia has fat buds.

A pair of robins is busy at first light out in back where we saw a flicker using its long, slender beak to prospect for ants in the lawn. At twilight last night, I stood for a tranquil moment, listening to their muted evensong as they settled for the night, "Cherup, cheroop - cherup, cheroop."

Have you noticed that they sing a different song when it's going to rain?

I heard a red-winged blackbird's "Creeee." The cardinals' call has

Weather Can Be Scary: Be Ready

Those were some unbelievably strong winds Saturday, no? Trees and limbs went down across the state, knocking out power to tens of thousands of Hoosiers. Some are still without power!

Mother Nature can be cruel, and in a variety of ways. Back in 1974, Kennard found out first-hand just how unforgiving Midwest weather can be. That year saw a "super outbreak" of tornadoes, one of them all but leveling the tiny town.

A few years back, an ice storm encased the Knightstown area in a sheath of crystal-clear frozen rain. The build-up brought down gutters and doubled-over tall evergreens. Sidewalks were skating rinks for pedestrians.

Going back a few more years, droughts have occurred, as have massive torrential rains that flooded town and country alike. Blizzards are not uncommon.

All extreme weather events are kind of scary to some degree. Droughts may seem drama free, but, truly, the prospect of going without rain for months on end is a bit unsettling. Though a bone-dry summer doesn't recoil the gut like, say, a huge, black funnel cloud.

The scariest weather event I've ever witnessed occurred on a drive from Shirley to my parents' house in Trafalgar, a small town in southern Johnson County. It takes a little over an hour to get there, and when we set out, dark clouds were already spitting rain.

We were in a full-fledged thunderstorm by the time we reached Shelbyville. Visibility in Franklin, howev-



er, was severely diminished as darkness fell and the rain picked up. Thunder and lightning, too, had increased measurably.

Our boys - now young men - were sound asleep in their car seats as I maneuvered our little Chrysler LeBaron across State Road 252 toward Trafalgar. Lightning bolts seemed to strike all around us as we crept westward. We were sure one would hit our car.

None did, of course. Otherwise, I probably wouldn't be telling this story today. But, it was truly a harrowing adventure, a repeat of which we could all do without.

The howl of Saturday's winds brought that whole incident to mind. At home, we were astonished at the wind's power and the roar it made barreling out of the west.

Rotten trees, loose gutters, unsecured storm doors, trash can lids, discarded paper and plastic bags in all varieties sailed about and blew all day. Then, the power went out - and it stayed off for a good, long time. Out came the candles and flashlights.

I spoke with Banner columnist Rose Mary Clarke Monday. She and her husband, Bill, were still without power at their Indianapolis home as we spoke. They were bound for a hotel just to keep warm!

Henry County Emergency Management recommends having a "go bag," containing emergency survival items, ready in case weather conditions, or other emergencies go from bad to worse.

It's something we should all think about.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Beautify Knightstown Inc. is pleased to announce that we have recently been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Henry County Community Foundation to go toward our mural project. We are elated and overjoyed! We want to thank the foundation for their generous gift and for believing in our cause and for believing in the community of Knightstown. This brings our total funds raised to over \$17,000 to date. That's a pretty amazing amount, considering we have only been in existence just under a year.

BKI also needs to announce that our verbal agreement with the building owners of 103 E. Main Street for the mural to be painted there, has recently been rescinded by the owners. This verbal agreement had been in place since last July. BKI's extensive research into the historic district designation of Knightstown has concluded that such a designation does not prevent or discourage the painting of a mural on this building. Despite this research presented to the building owners to address these concerns, they have recently declined to honor this agreement. We, of course, are very disappointed. However, we are not discouraged. We are investigating other walls in the downtown area and we are in communication with these building owners. There will be a mural in downtown Knightstown - the first of more to come, we hope. Our muralist, the renowned Pamela Bliss, will create an impressive and beautiful mural for Knightstown.

We carry on. Our current projects are the selling of the commemorative Hoosier Gym T-shirt. We are also taking orders for the state's bicentennial flags that will be flown downtown, along with the American flag starting around Memorial Day. Information about both projects can be obtained by visiting our website: beautifyknightstown.org or our Facebook page, Knightstown ... It's A Beauty.

We are also pleased to announce we will be working in conjunction with Knightstown Main Street Inc. to implement our groups' two projects to beautify the Knightstown area. Main Street Inc. will have new flower boxes to be placed around the downtown area. BKI will unveil, again this year, our decorated bicycles. Both groups will be working together to coordinate optimal placement of both the flower boxes and the bicycles to achieve the best look for the town. We will present this plan before the Knightstown Town Council at their April meeting.

We must give a big thank you to the community of Knightstown (both current and former residents) for your overwhelming continued support to Beautify Knightstown Inc. We never would have believed a year ago that we could have come so far. Your belief in BKI is the reason for our continued success. It's the reason this rag-tag bunch of volunteers can carry on. You, Knightstown, are our inspiration. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

**Kevin Richey, president
Beautify Knightstown, Inc.**

Dear Editor,

Mom and Dad brought eight children, four boys and four girls, into the world in a span of 14 years. We spent most of those years, and several afterwards, in an old farmhouse that was pretty big, but not always big enough for 8 kids. It seemed that quite often there was some reason, real or imagined, for someone to be mad at one or all of their siblings, or for the boys to mad at the girls, or for the girls to be mad at the boys.

Dad, who turned out to be the default referee for most of those disagreements, would listen to both sides of the complaint if he had time, or shush us if he didn't, and then simply explain, "Well, you have two choices. You can either stay mad, or you can get over it." As it turned out, Dad was right as usual, and for the most part, whatever we were upset about passed in a day or two, and we moved on to being mad about, and getting over, something else.

There were a few times when one of us decided to stay mad, but after

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BITS & PIECES

◆ Almighty Blessings Preschool, located across the street from Knightstown United Methodist Church, will host open registration on Monday, April 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The event is open to the public.

◆ Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host gospel singing, featuring Divine Vision, on Saturday, April 23, at 6 p.m. Pastor Larry Bigham invites the community to attend. Call 765-620-4304 for more information.

◆ The Carthage Lions Club will host its annual Spring Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, April 16, 6:30-11 a.m., at the Carthage Community Center. A freewill offering will be accepted, with proceeds benefiting Lions Club projects. The club is also accepting donations of used eye glasses for Lions International.

◆ Raintree Cycling Club is gearing up for another season of bicycling around the tri-county area. The Saturday morning road ride leaves from Knightstown's Public Square (west side) at 9 a.m. This is a developmental road ride for aspiring riders with road bikes. Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m., a

leisure ride departs from the Henry County YMCA, 300 Wittenbraker Ave., New Castle. The club also has a Thursday morning group ride for road bikes, which departs from the Baker Park pool house in New Castle. For more information about Raintree Cycling Club, find them on Facebook, or call 765-571-2168. Updates about specific rides, weather conditions and more can be found on the club's Facebook page.

◆ Straughn Community Chapel will host its 16th annual pork chop supper on Saturday, April 9, 4-7 p.m. The menu includes smoke pork chop, baked potato, green beans or baked beans, applesauce, roll, homemade pie and beverage. Cost is \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door. Dine in or carry out.

◆ Blue 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.

◆ The Riley Wranglers Square Dance Club will be sponsoring its 32nd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday May 7. The event will be held at the Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds (620 N. Apple St.) in Greenfield, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Buildings are all handicap accessible. There will be over 100 booths, live local entertainment, food, free parking and free admission. For more info, call 765-763-6289 or 317-459-1319.

◆ Health by Design and the Indiana State Department of Health will co-present a workshop on Thursday, April 28, designed to help New Castle and Henry County become a healthier and more active community for all ages and abilities. The event takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library.

◆ Knightstown Neighborhood Crime Watch will meet Monday, April 11, at 6 p.m. in the Hoosier Gym.

◆ 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.

◆ 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.

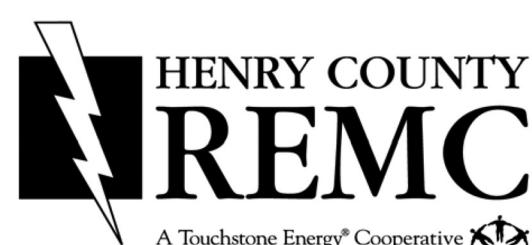
◆ The Shirley Octagon House is open for free tours by chance or

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.



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Tri Athletic Director and KHS Graduate Bryan Peggs Reflects on Coaching, Sports

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

"I have been coaching for 29 years. It doesn't seem possible," said Bryan Peggs, a Knightstown High School graduate and current athletic director (AD) of South Henry School Corporation.

While attending college at Ball State University, Peggs started working as a coach at Tri Jr.-Sr. High School in the fall of 1987.

"Upon graduation in 1989 a teaching position opened at Tri and I have been here ever since," said Peggs. "I have taught Social Studies, Computer Literacy, Health and Physical Education. I have coached football, basketball, baseball, golf, track, wrestling, and softball here."

With the retirement of Long-time athletic director Charlie Byrket two years ago, South Henry School Corp. decided to combine the vice-principal's position with the athletic director's position. After a year, the school board chose to split the positions when it proved too difficult for one person to manage. This was when Peggs applied for the position of AD.

"I felt I had experience coaching several sports and I have been involved in athletic department for several years so I was pretty experienced working in athletics," he said.

This year Peggs was given the opportunity to work as athletic director at Tri, while still responsible for teaching five class periods.

"Next year the board has reduced my work load in the classroom so I can get more done in the AD office," said Peggs. "It has been very hectic but it has been a great experience so far."

He admits that it can be difficult coaching a sport and being the athletic director, and suspects it will be more difficult now that it is springtime. However, Peggs is grateful for the support he receives from the administration, co-head coach Duke Falck, and assistant AD Russ Jones.

"I have enjoyed coaching softball more than any coaching experience I have gone through," Peggs said. "We started when the program was struggling and it has become successful through hard work of

the coaches and players."

Peggs is proud to have known and learned from several great coaches in his career. This includes Dennis Gipe, Don Willard, Mike Wyatt, Don Schwartzkopf, Jeff Miller, Duke Falck, Bill Bergman, and Duane Queener.

"These are guys you want to learn from and apply what they did to mold young people. It is truly rewarding to see an athlete work hard and become successful on and off the field. I love when I run into former players and they tell me what they are doing and about their family lives. That is what really makes me feel good about coaching and being involved in athletics," said Peggs.

A three-sport athlete at Knightstown, Peggs has enjoyed playing sports for much of his life. Though he wasn't the biggest or fastest player, he loved the competition and always strived to do his best.

"I loved the intensity of football and being a part of a group of guys that really had to count on one another," he said. "I wasn't very good at basketball, if the coach needed some defense that was about all I could do half way decent. I loved the strategy of baseball and I enjoyed pitching. I also enjoyed playing second base with my brother Joe at short. Those were some good memories."

Peggs graduated from KHS in 1987, then from Ball State two years later with a bachelor of science degree in education.

There are many goals that Peggs would like his school's athletic department to reach.

"I want to raise the expectations of all of our athletic programs, I want kids to expect to be the best. It will not always be about winning but about how you go about the process," said Peggs. "Everyone working together to better our student athletes. Parents, players, coaches, teachers, and our administration. If everyone comes together you will be successful."

Peggs and his colleagues at Tri are currently working on ways to promote and communicate their programs through a website and corporate sponsorships. They are also trying to raise funds for the

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Apr. 6 – Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall

Thurs., Apr. 7 – Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Mon., Apr. 11 – Carthage Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Carthage Town Hall

Mon., Apr. 11 – Eastern Hancock School Board meeting, 7 p.m., corporation office

Tues., Apr. 12 – Knightstown Public Library Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., at library

Tues., Apr. 12 – South Henry School Corp.

board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tues., Apr. 12 – Rush Co. Historic Board meeting, 7 p.m., Historical Museum, 619 N. Perkins St., Rushville

Wed., Apr. 13 – Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Apr. 13 – Henry Co. Drainage Board meeting, 9 a.m., county office building suite 107, New Castle

Wed., Apr. 13 – Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville



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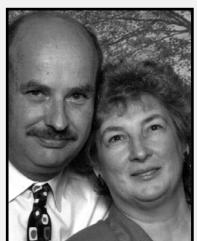
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FOLKWAYS

Pay Attention for Wisdom

by Rev. Gail Whitmire
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Got Wisdom? - (Proverbs 4:1-9)
Today's message is this: "Listen. Pay attention. Get wisdom." Gaining discernment and wisdom doesn't come because we just wait for it to suddenly appear out of nowhere. We all have life experiences that should make us want to learn from them and become wiser, but we don't always gain practical wisdom in these situations. Is that because so many of us think we know it all anyway?

God wants us to understand that going after wisdom should be a top priority in our lives. In fact, wisdom is so important that we should guard and protect it. In

verse four, Solomon writes that wisdom will allow us to live. By that, he means wisdom will allow us to make the daily choices that are pleasing to God. And in the long run, these kinds of choices are also beneficial to us.

The Bible teaches that human wisdom apart from the revelation of God is foolish and of little value. This doesn't mean that the Bible is opposed to education or human knowledge. It's just that human wisdom is very limited apart from the wisdom of God. Under the heading of "wisdom," one of my Bible dictionaries says this: "Human knowledge can't give us salvation and an understanding of life. Only God can give these things." That makes sense, doesn't it?

One of Christ's half brothers put it in perspective when he wrote, If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all.... (James 1:5).

Pray for enough wisdom to know that we need more of it.

Ryan Patton, Hannah Smith
Married in Boggstown Barn



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Patton

Gary and Deidre Powers and Joe and Penny Patton, all of Knightstown, are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Ryan Joseph Patton, to Hannah Gates Smith, daughter of Steve Smith of Houston, Texas, and Beth Smith of Indianapolis.

The couple wed Sept. 12, 2015, at Sandcreek Wedding Barn in Boggstown with Matthew Downey officiating. The double-ring ceremony featured natural sunflower and pasture as decoration. The bride's father gave her away.

Maid of honor was Chelsea Proctor, friend of the bride, of Greenwood. Best man was Justin Smith of Cleveland, Ohio.

The couple resides in Greenwood.

Jim Wenning Guest Speaker at Clever Clovers 4-H Meeting

The Wayne Township Clever Clovers 4-H Club held their monthly meeting on March 28 at Knightstown United Methodist Church.

President Hannah Thomas called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with Haleigh Cavaletto leading the group in the American pledge and Rachel Imel leading the 4-H pledge.

Roll call was taken with eight members, four adults and two leaders present.

The secretary's report was given by Mackinsky Fowler and it was approved as read.

Thomas gave the treasurer's report.

Demonstrations were given by Tyler Cavaletto, who showed us how to properly paint a deer skull, and Mikayla Cavaletto, who demonstrated the equipment used and the technique of tattooing and tagging animals for identification purposes.

Jim Wenning was the guest speaker. Wenning spoke to the group about farm safety, including what clothing to wear around machinery, how to safely operate machinery and how to be safe around animals, grain bins and chemicals. The club was reminded about a lot of safety procedures. Club members expressed their appreciation to Wenning for taking time to speak to the club.

In new business, Fowler made the motion that the club purchase a bicentennial banner to be hung on Main Street in Knightstown. Rachel Imel seconded the motion. After a vote was taken the motion passed.

Leaders reminded members to pick up their green folders and project manuals from the extension office. Important dates (meetings, weigh-ins) were also highlighted. A flyer was handed out with those dates included.

The Clever Clovers' next meeting will be Monday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. at KUMC.

Before adjournment, the Adams family was thanked for bringing refreshments.

After a motion was made by Fowler and seconded by Imel, the meeting was adjourned.

A Look Back



Jim Durham, Ryan Schweizer, Kevin Richey, Sharon Hutson and several others shared their knowledge of this old Banner file photo, which appeared in last week's edition. This was taken during the 1966-67 school year. Pictured (front row, l-r) Barbara Brown, Sharon Stoots (Hutson), (back row, l-r) Jeannine Ellsworth (Stassen), Marsha Egan (Thayer), and Peggy Kissick. "I believe this was the 1966/1967 school year," Hutson told The Banner Saturday. "It was the first year we returned to playing football. This was also the first full year in the new high school (now the intermediate school). You won't find this picture in the '67 yearbook because I quit school to get married in January - a totally shameful thing back then. It was funny: the cheerleaders had to ask the crowd what to yell since none of us knew (football) that well yet. Jeannine and Barbara were seniors. Marsha and I were juniors and Peggy was a sophomore. We wore wool bermuda shorts that year, hoping to be warmer than skirts."

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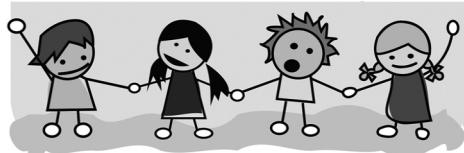
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would raise the current average water bill for customers using 4,000 gallons of water from \$25.81 to either \$30.84 or \$36.57 per month.

At last Thursday's special meeting, Ward said that Umbaugh planned to take another look at the water utility's capital improvement needs. Specifically, she said questions had been raised about

whether or not the town's water utility would be needing a new pickup truck or new water meters that can be read automatically.

With respect to the pickup truck, Ward told the council that water utility operator Randy Anderson said he didn't think a new truck was needed at this time. While they said they were OK with

dropping the new truck, three council members - Roger Hammer, Vice President Kevin Knott and Valerie Trump - said they favored keeping the automatic meter reading equipment in the capital improvements calculations.

Hammer said there can sometimes be large discrepancies in meter

readings that are done manually. The automatic meters, he said, could lead to more accurate results, and save the town both time and money.

According to the rate study prepared by Umbaugh, the water utility's expenses for 2015 were \$377,908. Depending on the utility's capital improvement needs, the

firm projected the utility would need either \$374,400 or \$444,000 a year going forward.

Based on the water utility's current rates and charges, Umbaugh's report showed Knightstown would only have \$313,400 in available revenue, leaving it either \$61,000

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department to purchase equipment and uniforms. Another of Peggs' goals is to upgrade their facilities to be on par with other area schools.

"We are adding an all weather track and a softball field and new gymnasium bleachers. We have not had a track meet here since 1989. Our track teams deserve to have home meets. It also will benefit our PE department as classroom space. Having a softball diamond will also eliminate players from having to drive to practice after school. I am excited about those things," Peggs said. "We have a great academic atmosphere here at Tri."

He wants to strengthen the athletic programs to adapt to this atmos-

sphere. Peggs states that students involved in athletics achieve education levels 35% higher than non-athletes, and earn 31 percent higher wages.

"So athletics can be an important part of a school's education program," he said. "I want people to want to bring their kids here for a great educational experience and that is what we are working

towards."

Peggs and his wife Jolinda have been married for 27 years, dating in high school and while attending Ball State. They have three children: Wesley, a senior at BSU in construction management; Mackenzie, a senior at Tri; and Kennedy, a 7th grader at Tri. He and his family live outside of Knightstown and have for 22 years.

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Taxpayers of the Henry County Redevelopment District ("District"), and all other persons affected hereby, are notified that the Henry County Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), on March 22, 2012, adopted an amending declaratory resolution, as amended on August 2, 2012, November 5, 2012, August 7, 2014, September 9, 2014 and March 16, 2015 (collectively, as amended, "Declaratory Resolution"), establishing, expanding and consolidating the 2012 Consolidated Economic Development Area ("Area"), and the Declaratory Resolution was confirmed by amending confirmatory resolutions adopted on June 22, 2012, as amended on February 12, 2013, September 9, 2014, September 29, 2014 and April 7, 2015 (collectively, with the Declaratory Resolution, the "Area Resolution"). On March 8, 2016, the Commission adopted its Amending Declaratory Resolution ("Amending Declaratory Resolution"), amending the Area Resolution to add the property as set forth in bold type on Exhibit A of the Area Resolution to the acquisition list.

The Amending Declaratory Resolution and supporting data, including a map of the Area, have been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the New Castle/Henry County Economic Development Corporation, 100 S. Main Street, Suite 203, New Castle, Indiana ("EDC Office").

Notice is further given that the Commission on April 20, 2016, at the hour of 12:30 p.m., local time, in the Community Center, Conference Room, 100 South Main Street, New Castle, Indiana, will receive and hear remonstrances from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the Amending Declaratory Resolution. At the time fixed for hearing or at any time prior thereto any person interested in the proceedings may file a written remonstrance with the Secretary of the Commission in the EDC Office. At such hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will hear all persons interested in the proceedings and all remonstrances that have been filed. After considering this evidence, the Commission will take final action by either confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Amending Declaratory Resolution.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HENRY COUNTY OF TAX RATES CHARGED

Notice is hereby given that the Tax Duplicates for State, County, Townships, Schools and Corporations for the 2015 payable 2016 are now in the hands of the County Treasurer, who is ready to receive the taxes charged thereon. The following table shows the rate of Taxation on each \$100.00 worth of taxable real and personal property in the several taxing units. Due January 1, 2016. First Installment delinquent after May 10, 2016. Second installment delinquent after November 10, 2016. --- Byron Gene Bundy, Jr., Henry County Treasurer.

TOWNSHIPS

HENRY COUNTY TAX RATES CHARGED FOR YEAR 2015, PAYABLE IN YEAR 2016	CONSER- VANCY	BLUE RIVER	DUDLEY	FALL CREEK	FRANKLIN	GREENS -BORO	HARR- ISON	HENRY	JEFF- ERSON	EAST LIBERTY	WEST LIBERTY	PRAIRIE	SPICE- LAND	STONEY CREEK	WAYNE
COUNTY GENERAL		0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658
COUNTY HEALTH		0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT		0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146
MEMORIAL PARK		0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064
REASSESSMENT		0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181
DEBT SERVICE		0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795
TOTAL COUNTY RATE		0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331
TOWNSHIP FUND		0.0342	0.0090	0.0257	0.0202	0.0220	0.0166	0.0258	0.0310	0.0176	0.0176	0.0103	0.0193	0.0244	0.0103
TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF		0.0083	0.0037			0.0075	0.0007	0.0136		0.0033	0.0033	0.0017	0.0110	0.0023	0.0151
FIRE PROTECTION		0.0311	0.0067	0.0283	0.0290	0.0139	0.0138	0.2133	0.0313	0.0300	0.0300	0.0287	0.0260	0.0560	0.1000
CUMULATIVE FIRE		0.0115	0.0282	0.0333	0.0131				0.0147	0.0261	0.0261		0.0113	0.0135	
EMERGENCY FIRE LOAN															0.0112
RECREATION															0.0042
TOTAL TOWNSHIP RATE		0.0851	0.0476	0.0873	0.0623	0.0434	0.0311	0.2569	0.0770	0.0770	0.0770	0.0420	0.0676	0.0989	0.1408
DEBT SERVICE		0.5253	0.3182	0.3938	0.3182	0.7161	0.3938	0.4185	0.3938	0.3197	0.4185	0.5253	0.3182	0.2078	0.7161
CAPITAL PROJECTS		0.3402	0.2423	0.2192	0.2423	0.2830	0.2192	0.3563	0.2192	0.2689	0.3563	0.3402	0.2423	0.2210	0.2830
TRANSPORTATION		0.3812	0.2442	0.1884	0.2442	0.2855	0.1884	0.3782	0.1884	0.2260	0.3782	0.3812	0.2442	0.2229	0.2855
BUS REPLACEMENT		0.0597	0.0167	0.0039	0.0167	0.0586	0.0039	0.0616	0.0039	0.0345	0.0616	0.0597	0.0167	0.0211	0.0586
SCHOOL PENSION DEBT		0.0327	0.1341	0.0327		0.1341		0.1341				0.0327	0.0701		
TOTAL SCHOOL RATE		1.3064	0.8541	0.9394	0.8541	1.3432	0.9394	1.2146	0.9394	0.8491	1.2146	1.3064	0.8541	0.7429	1.3432
CIVIL LIBRARY				0.0589										0.0244	
COUNTY LIBRARY		0.0992	0.0992		0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992
LIBRARY DEBT SERVICE		0.0584	0.0584		0.0584	0.0584	0.0584	0.0584	0.0584	0.0584	0.0584	0.0584	0.0584	0.0584	0.0584
TOTAL LIBRARY RATE		0.1576	0.1576	0.0589	0.1576	0.1576	0.1576	0.1576	0.1576	0.1576	0.1576	0.1576	0.0244	0.1576	0.1576
GENERAL CORPORATION PARK				0.0821											
PARK BOND															
CEMETERY															
CUMULATIVE FIRE SPECIAL															
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT															
TRANSPORTATION															
AVIATION															
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY															
TOTAL CORPORATION RATE				0.0821											
BIG BLUE RIVER CONSERVANCY	0.0425														
TOTAL PROPERTY RATE		2.1822	1.6924	1.8008	1.7071	2.1773	1.7612	2.2622	1.8071	1.7168	2.0823	2.1391	1.5792	1.6325	2.2747
CREDIT HOMESTEAD CREDIT RATE		0.083721	0.356674	0.007215	0.133260	0.009577	0.303736	0.457017	0.032612	0.074827	0.170340	0.054410	0.193243	0.046878	0.165637

CORPORATIONS

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HENRY COUNTY TAX RATES CHARGED FOR YEAR 2015, PAYABLE IN YEAR 2016	BLOUNTS -VILLE	CADIZ	DUNRETH	GREENS -BORO	KENNARD	KNIGHT-STOWN	LEWIS -VILLE	MIDDLE-TOWN	MOORE -LAND	MT. SUMMIT	SHIRLEY	SPICE-LAND	SPRING-PORT	SULPHUR SPRINGS	NEW CASTLE	FRANKLIN TWP.	
COUNTY GENERAL	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	0.4658	
COUNTY HEALTH	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	0.0228	
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	0.0146	
MEMORIAL PARK	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	0.0064	
REASSESSMENT	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	0.0181	
DEBT SERVICE	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	0.0795	
TOTAL COUNTY RATE	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	0.6331	
TOWNSHIP FUND	0.0244	0.0166	0.0193	0.0220	0.0220	0.0103	0.0202	0.0257	0.0342	0.0103	0.0220	0.0193	0.0103	0.0090	0.0310	0.0258	
TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF	0.0023	0.0007	0.0110	0.0075	0.0075	0.0151	0.1000			0.0083	0.0017	0.0075	0.0110	0.0017	0.0037	0.0000	0.0136
FIRE PROTECTION																	
CUMULATIVE FIRE																	
EMERGENCY FIRE LOAN																	
RECREATION	0.0027																
TOTAL TOWNSHIP RATE	0.0294	0.0173	0.0303	0.0295	0.0295	0.1408	0.0202	0.0257	0.0425	0.0133	0.0295	0.0303	0.0133	0.0127	0.0310	0.0436	0.0202
DEBT SERVICE	0.2078	0.3938	0.3182	0.7161	0.7161	0.7161	0.3182	0.3938	0.5253	0.5253	0.7161	0.3182	0.5253	0.3182	0.3938	0.4185	0.3182
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.2210	0.2192	0.2423	0.2830	0.2830	0.2830	0.2423	0.2192	0.3402	0.3402	0.2830	0.2423	0.3402	0.2192	0.3563	0.2423	
TRANSPORTATION	0.2229	0.1884	0.2442	0.2855	0.2855	0.2855	0.2442	0.1884	0.3812	0.3812	0.2855	0.2442	0.3812	0.1884	0.3782	0.2442	
BUS REPLACEMENT	0.0211	0.0039	0.0167	0.0586	0.0586	0.0586	0.0167	0.0039	0.0597	0.0597	0.0586	0.0167	0.0597	0.0167	0.0039	0.0616	0.0167
SCHOOL PENSION DEBT	0.0701	0.1341	0.0327				0.0327	0.1341				0.0327	0.1341		0.0327	0.1341	0.0327
TOTAL SCHOOL RATE	0.7429	0.9394	0.8541	1.3432	1.3432	1.3432	0.8541	0.9394	1.3064	1.3064	1.3432	0.8541	1.3064	0.8541	0.9394	1.2146	0.8541
CIVIL LIBRARY																	
COUNTY LIBRARY	0.0992	0.0992		0.0992	0.0992		0.1380		0.0589				0.0244				
LIBRARY DEBT SERVICE	0.0584	0.0584		0.0584	0.0584		0.0584		0.0992		0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992	0.0992
TOTAL LIBRARY RATE	0.1576	0.1576	0.0244	0.1576	0.1576	0.1380	0.1576	0.0589	0.1576	0.1576	0.1576	0.0244	0.1576	0.1576	0.1576	0.1576	0.1576
GENERAL CORPORATION	0.6217	0.2101	1.5908	0.5802	0.6620	0.9219	0.6823	0.6824	0.7047	0.1124	2.0197	0.3359	0.6667	0.5665	0.3345	1.8916	0.3359
PARK						0.0596		0.0821									
PARK BOND																0.0348	
CEMETERY													0.0270				0.0270
CUMULATIVE FIRE SPECIAL																	
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT							0.0197		0.0361		0.0166		0.0162		0.0256	0.0213	0.0452
TRANSPORTATION																0.0299	
AVIATION																0.0271	
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY																0.0265	
TOTAL CORPORATION RATE	0.6217	0.2101	1.5908	0.5802	0.6620	1.0012	0.6823	0.8073	0.7213	0.1124	2.0359	0.3629	0.6667	0.5921	0.3558	2.0551	0.3629
BIG BLUE RIVER CONSERVANCY																	
TOTAL PROPERTY RATE	2.1847	1.9575	3.1327	2.7436	2.8254	3.2563	2.3473	2.4644	2.8609	2.2228	4.1993	1.9048	2.7771	2.2496	2.1169	4.1040	2.0279
CREDIT HOMESTEAD CREDIT RATE	0.143987	0.027263	0.001418		0.003810	0.135395	0.021334	0.193989	0.005782	0.011021	0.000106	0.031578	0.000099		0.175730	0.220985	

USDA, Purdue Extension Teaming Up for Stronger Economies

The Indiana Office of USDA Rural Development (RD) has once again joined forces with Purdue University Extension and the Purdue Center for Regional Development (PCRD) to invest in a new round of support for the Stronger Economies Together (SET) program.

Indiana is one of 10 states selected by the federal USDA Rural Development office to

expand the SET program in rural areas of the state in 2016. SET is intended to help three or more counties band together to design and implement a strong regional economic development blueprint, one that builds on the economic strengths of that multi-county area. In addition, a region selected to be part of the SET program will receive extensive technical and capacity-building support from

the state-based USDA RD/Purdue team. Any region applying for the SET program must have at least 51 percent of its population designated as rural in order to be considered for inclusion in the initiative.

Since 2010, the SET program has been successfully launched in 31 states and nearly 80 regions. While USDA Rural Development has invested about \$3.6M in

the SET program since its inception in 2010, regions that have been part of the SET effort have captured in excess of \$400M in grants, low-interest loans, and other resources to support their regional economic development activities.

The Indiana SET program is now inviting proposals from counties that are geographically See USDA, Page 15

LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Win Season Opener 10-0

Knightstown's varsity baseball team started its season at home Tuesday with a five-inning 10-0 win against conference opponent South Decatur.

The Panthers scored four runs in the first inning and another four in the second. They scored two more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to end the game. KHS finished with nine hits and just one error.

Spencer Mattix got the start on the mound, pitched the first three innings to take the win. He faced 14 batters, striking out four with no walks and allowed just two hits with no errors.

Kaunner Cleek took over pitching duties in the fourth inning and finished the game. He faced four batters, struck out two of them and gave up no hits.

Isaac McRoberts led the team at

the plate with two doubles and two singles. He knocked in three RBIs and scored two runs.

Drake Peggs hit a double and single, was walked once and scored one run. He also had the team's only stolen base in the game.

Jake Bearhope also hit a double and a single and scored three times.

Mattix had an RBI-single, was walked once and scored two runs.

Tyler Burton walked twice and hit an RBI-single. He scored twice.

Cleek walked one time, had a base hit and three RBIs.

Logan Whitaker knocked in two RBIs on a single and walked once.

Hagan Moore reached base on a walk once and added a single.

The win gets the Panthers off to a positive note at 1-0 overall and in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.



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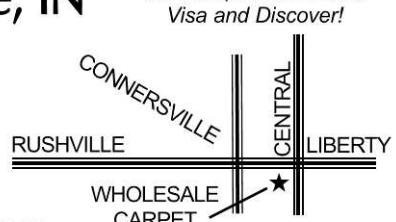
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KHS Girls Smash Southwestern Shelby 31-2 in Season Debut

Knightstown's varsity girls softball team blasted Southwestern Shelby 31-2 in its season opener at home Tuesday evening.

The Lady Panthers pounded out 23 hits in the Mid-Hoosier Conference game with two errors.

The girls collected nine stolen bases during the game with senior Ryan Johnson leading with three stolen bases.

Southwestern scored its only two runs in the first inning before KHS cranked out 12 runs to end the first. Knightstown added another 10 runs in the second, two more in the third inning and seven runs in the fourth.

Senior Haley Fowler got the pitching start and the win. She pitched two innings, facing eight batters with two strikeouts, no walks and one error. She gave up a home run and another hit and two runs.

Maddie Lyall, also a senior, replaced Fowler on the mound beginning in the third inning and logged the save. She faced 13 batters, struck out three and walked none. She allowed four hits but no runs.

Junior Vivian Goodpaster had four base hits and scored four runs to top the Lady Panthers' big offensive outing.

Fowler hit a home run, a double and single for six RBIs and four runs.

Carmen Cleek, a junior, also hit a homer and two base hits, knocking in four RBIs. She scored three runs.

Senior Ryan Johnson had three hits for two RBIs and four runs scored.

Freshman Jess Butler put down a three RBI double and a single and scored four runs.

Robyn Clark, a junior, was walked twice and hit two singles with two RBIs and three runs scored.

Another junior, Sammi Eaks, scored three runs and had three RBIs on two base hits and one walk.

Georgee Lawhorne, a junior, hit a double and a single, batting in three runs. She scored twice.

Lyall was walked once, hit a two-RBI single and scored one run.

Freshman Sidney Vise also walked one time, got an RBI-single and scored two runs. Junior Kiley Breece scored a run and senior Sidney Hastings had an RBI.

With the win, the Lady Panthers are 1-0 overall and in the conference.

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LOCAL SPORTS

KHS, Tri, EH Sports Schedule for April 6-13

Baseball - Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 6 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Southwestern, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Knightstown away at Southwestern Shelby, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Tri at home vs. Morristown, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 8 - Knightstown away at Indian Creek, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 9 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Shenandoah, 11 a.m.
- ◆ Apr. 11 - Tri at home vs. Seton Catholic, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 12 - Tri at home vs. Centerville, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 13 - Knightstown away at Blue River Valley, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 13 - Eastern Hancock away at Hauser, 5:30 p.m.

Baseball - Junior Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 6 - Knightstown at home vs. Triton Central, 5 p.m.

Golf - Boys Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 7 - Knightstown vs. Morristown and Waldron, 4:30 p.m., Royal Hylands Golf Course
- ◆ Apr. 12 - Eastern Hancock away at New Castle, 4:30 p.m., Memorial Park Golf

Softball - Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 6 - Knightstown away at South Decatur, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 6 - Tri at home vs. North Decatur, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 6 - Eastern Hancock away at Randolph Southern, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Tri at home vs. Daleville, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Hauser, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 8 - Eastern Hancock away at Shelbyville, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 9 - Knightstown at home vs. Indian Creek, 11 a.m.
- ◆ Apr. 9 - Tri away at Randolph Southern, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Apr. 11 - Knightstown away at Liberty Christian, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 11 - Eastern Hancock away at Heritage Christian, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 12 - Knightstown at home vs. Eastern Hancock, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 12 - Tri away at Wapahani, 5 p.m.

KHS Girls Tennis Team Begins 2016 With a Win

The varsity girls tennis team at Knightstown kicked off its season with a 3-2 win over conference opponent Edinburgh on Tuesday.

The Lady Panthers' top two singles players, Kale Obye at #1 and Kiley Erwin at #2, lost both of their two sets 0-6.

Hope Johnson, at #3 singles, prevailed in her match 4-6, 6-4 and 6-1.

Both Lady Panthers' doubles teams won their matches.

At #1 doubles, Emma Grubbs and Abbie True earned their match victory with long three sets. They fell 2-6 in the first set, won the second set 6-4 and their third set 6-6 (7-2).

The #2 doubles team, Kaitlynn McIntyre and Kamryn Reed, won both sets 6-1.

Softball - Junior Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 9 - Knightstown at home vs. Indian Creek, 5:30 p.m.

Tennis - Varsity/JV Girls

- ◆ Apr. 6 - Knightstown at home vs. Shenandoah, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Knightstown away at Hauser, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Cambridge City Lincoln, 5 p.m.

Track - Varsity Coed

- ◆ Apr. 7 - Knightstown away at Shenandoah, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Tri and Union away at Blue River Valley, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. North Decatur and South Decatur, 5 p.m.

EH Baseball Team Loses 2016 Opener

Eastern Hancock's varsity baseball team started its 2016 season Monday evening with a 5-6 loss on the road at Hagerstown.

The Tigers, who were ranked sixth in class 1A pre-season poll, scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning to take an early lead. They held the Royals scoreless before EH scored three runs in the top of the third to go up by one.

Eastern Hancock scored another run in the top of the fifth before allowing Hagerstown to reclaim the lead with three runs scored in the bottom of that inning.

The Tigers increased their lead to 6-4 with another run in the bottom of the sixth then held the Royals to a run in the top of the seventh inning to get the 6-5 win.

Both teams had 10 hits in the game but Eastern Hancock logged three errors.

Clayton White started on the mound for the Royals. He pitched three innings and faced 16 batters,

striking out three and walking just one. He allowed six hits and two runs.

Devin Denny pitched one inning, giving up one hit and one run with one error. In the six batters he faced, he walked two and struck out one batter.

Andrew Knoblock threw for the other two innings, taking the loss. He allowed three hits and three runs, with two errors. Knoblock faced 13 batters and finished with two strikeouts and two walks.

Jarett Lewis and A.J. Muegge each hit a double and single. Muegge also had an RBI and scored twice while Lewis scored one run.

Tom Barton had two base hits with two RBIs.

Dwight Duzan hit two singles and scored once.

Addison True hit an RBI-single and Levi Majority also had a hit. Devin Denny collected an RBI and Garek Ferguson scored a run.

Muegge, True and Majority each snagged one stolen base each.

The Royals are 0-1 on the season as of April 4.

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or \$130,600 short of the amount required. To come up with the lower amount, the town would need to increase its rates and charges 19.5 percent, while a 41.7-percent hike would be needed for the higher figure.

Knightstown last raised its water rates in 2008. Umbaugh had previously told council members that rates should be reviewed and adjusted, as necessary, at least every three to five years.

Finances for the town's water utility are not in a good position. The town's new clerk-treasurer, Beth Huffman, revealed in January that the balance for the utility's operating fund had dropped to about \$1,000.

Acting on a recommendation from Huffman, the council had voted in January to approve the transfer of up to \$100,000 from the electric utility's cash reserve fund to the water utility's operating fund. Those funds would have to be paid back to the electric utility by the end of the year.

Huffman told the council at the March 17 meeting that, so far, about \$30,000 has been transferred from the electric utility to the water utility. She acknowledged concern that this infusion of cash from the electric utility may not be sufficient to cover the water utility's expenses.

Should the council act on the rate increase at its April 21 meeting, Umbaugh has said it should be able to have the needed rate increase application ready to file with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the agency that has to approve the rate increase, by May. Under a "best case scenario," Umbaugh said the IURC could issue its decision by the end of the year.

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Deadline Date for Applications –April 18, 2016

Applications are due electronically no later than April 18, 2016, by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time. Please submit your application to Michael Wilcox at wilcox16@purdue.edu.

Have Questions or Need Guidance?

Please contact the Purdue Center for Regional Development at 765-494-7273 or write to Michael Wilcox at wilcox16@purdue.edu or Bo Beaulieu at ljb@purdue.edu.

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a while, we forgot what we were mad about, and realized that nobody else remembered or cared what we were mad about, so we eventually got over it whether we wanted to or not.

People all over the country seem to be a lot madder than they used to be, especially when they start discussing politics and the upcoming election. Some people got mad 8 years ago and haven't gotten over it yet. Those same people might get over it if their party wins in November, but then all the people who were mad 16 years ago and got over it 8 years ago will get mad again and not get over it for a while.

I was thinking about the reasons why my siblings and I were more apt to get over being mad than people today, and I believe a lot of it comes down to power and force. I might have been terribly upset with one of my brothers because he wouldn't help build a straw fort in the hay mow, but in the end I knew I couldn't force him to help, and I also knew he couldn't force me to help him on one of his projects if I chose not to.

We don't enjoy those options after the elections when the winners get to make the rules, and then use the government to force the losers to comply. Every law or program the government adopts is backed up with force, or the threat of force. The choices others make voluntarily as individuals might tend to upset us for a while, but as long as they can't force us to make the same choices, we stand a chance of getting over it fairly quickly. When the government gets involved, our options and choices become very limited.

It's one of the things that attracted me to the Libertarian philosophy. If a law doesn't serve to protect everybody from the initiation of force or fraud, it really isn't any of the government's business. Anything beyond that is a matter for individuals to handle privately, and if people decide they want the government to regulate and manage some aspect of their lives, they need to submit to that regulation voluntarily.

A lot of people get mad when Libertarians push for a smaller, limited government, but I'm convinced if we would give it a try, they would get over it.

Rex Bell
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New Milan '54 Documentary Boosts Museum Progress

The Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum proudly announces the release of *Dreams to Legends* the new 24-minute official documentary of the 1954 Milan High School boys state championship team. This fast-moving film includes footage from the state championship game, clips of interviews from 11 of the players and footage of the following day's celebration where an estimated 40,000 people descended upon Milan, a town of 1,000 people.

"We are thrilled to have been able to preserve such an important part of Indiana's sports history," said Marianne Wiggers, president

Rushville Showing 'Hoosiers' to Raise Money for Restoration

A showing of the movie *Hoosiers* in Rushville will be used to raise funds and awareness for the Princess Theater restoration project, while celebrating the film, the fictitious Hickory Huskers and the real Milan Indians. The event is being sponsored by Clarkson and Gulde Law Office. The event, which will take place Saturday, April 9 at Rushville's Memorial Gymnasium.

"We thought it would be fun to show the movie *Hoosiers* in Memorial Gymnasium as a fundraiser for the Princess," said Brian Sheehan, an organizer of the event. "Then we started brainstorming on how we could take that idea and make it bigger and better."

Sheehan contacted Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Executive Director and Rushville Community High School graduate Chris May in late December. May was eager to assist, merging his love for basketball with assisting an effort in his home town.

"Our committee is excited to announce a star-studded lineup will participate in the event in Rushville," May stated. The event will feature Angelo Pizzo, the writer of both sports classics, *Hoosiers* and *Rudy*. Members of the Milan Indians, including 1954 Mr. Basketball, Bobby Plump, as well as members of the fictitious Hickory Huskers, including Brad Long (Buddy Walker) and Steve Hollar (Rade Butcher). Maris Valainis, who portrayed Jimmy Chitwood in the movie, will also be there.

The event will celebrate the 30-year anniversary of the movie *Hoosiers*, the 90-year anniversary of Memorial Gym and the regional championships won by Milan in 1953 and 1954 that were played at Memorial Gymnasium.

"Many people don't realize the greatest sports story ever told came through Rushville," said Sheehan. "In '54, Milan easily defeated the Lions 58-34 in morning action. However, Bobby Plump and company needed a fourth quarter rally to defeat Aurora 46-38, to win the regional and move on to create the 'Milan Miracle' story."

The event, which will take place this Saturday, April 9 at Memorial Gymnasium will feature a VIP session for \$20 that will allow the ticket holder to meet and greet the legends, participate in the FanZone provided by the Rushville Parks Department in the auxiliary gym, get special reserve seating for the Legends Program and the viewing of the *Hoosiers* movie, and be entered into a special VIP drawing for a legends autographed item.

For \$5, a general admission ticket may be purchased. This will allow ticket holders into the FanZone area, and get them a general admission ticket for the Program and the viewing of the movie.

of Milan 54, Inc. "People of all ages will be amazed and sports enthusiasts will love seeing this must have piece of Indiana Basketball lore. This video allows the viewer to get the full picture of the "Milan Miracle." The video is now playing daily in the museum's theater room."

The video was created and produced by Sentimental Productions of Cincinnati, Ohio. Funding for this project was made possible by a special grant from the Efroymson Family Fund of Indianapolis.

A trailer of the video may be viewed on the Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum's website's homepage at

www.milan54.org. The full version of *Dreams to Legends* is now available and maybe purchased through the museum's website, or by visiting the museum located at 201 W. Carr St., Milan (47031) or by calling the museum at 812-654-2772.

About the Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum

Before Indiana adopted the high school class basketball tournament system, teams from all sizes of schools competed against each other for that one coveted title –

Rose Mary, from Page 4

if we need validation that we're alive. When they installed the telegraph, Thoreau wondered if Maine and Texas had anything of import to say to one another. Amen!

I'm dreadfully dated and out-of-touch. But, you see, I don't want to be constantly in touch with various and sundry, nor even

Indiana state basketball champions. In 1954, the reign of the large Indiana high schools ended when the team from Milan High School (with an enrollment of just 161) defeated the Muncie Central team (with an enrollment of 1,662). A shot taken in the last moments brought the score to Milan 32-Muncie 30. Basketball enthusiasts from all over the United States cheered for the Milan boys basketball team and sent messages of congratulations. Thousands of fans

gathered in the small town of Milan to watch as a huge parade brought the team back to town.

In 1986, the small town's accomplishment inspired the making of the movie *Hoosiers* and the fan base for the Milan Indians grew even more. Today, people come from all over the United States and many countries of the world to see the Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum and relive the "David vs Goliath" event by visiting the museum.

on for over 40 years. I want to muse upon the beauty of the "Song of Solomon" and try to discern the meaning of the Cardinal's various calls.

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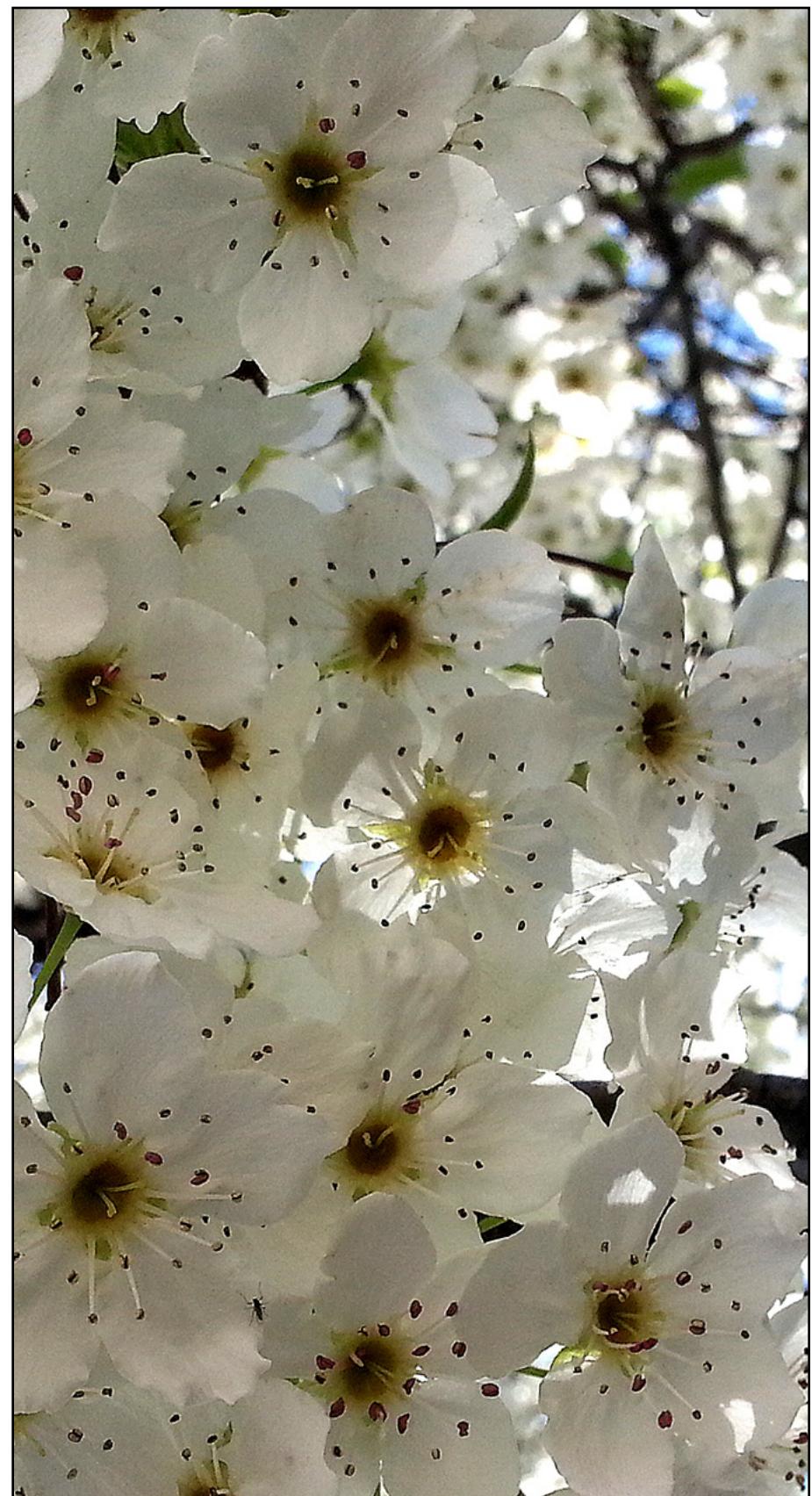
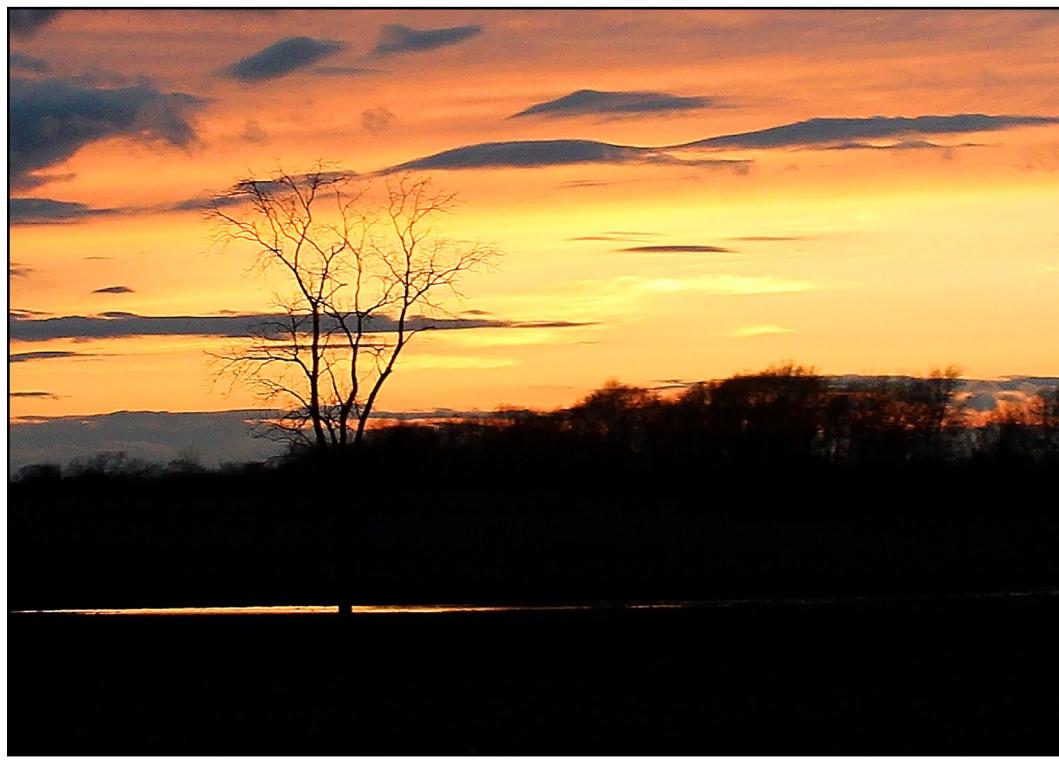
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