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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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Knightstown, IN

Girl Scouts Boosting Local Animal Shelter

Girl Scout Troop 2281 will be collecting items for the New Castle/Henry County Animal Shelter to earn their Girl Scout Silver Awards. They will be at the Crime Watch Hog Roast on April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations of dog food, cat food, cat litter, toys and/or blankets would be greatly appreciated. For more information, call Betsy Wilkerson at 765-571-0483.

Carthage Lions' Breakfast Saturday

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.

Mays Academy Enrollment Ongoing

Mays Community Academy is accepting enrollments for the tuition-free public school. Details about enrollment appear on Page 9.

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.

Former Clerk Slapped with Federal Indictments

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

A federal grand jury in Indianapolis has indicted the town of Kennard's former clerk-treasurer on three counts of wire fraud related to more than \$80,000 she over-paid herself the three years she was in office.

The indictment against Karen Stanley was handed down and filed with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana last week, late in the afternoon on April 5. That was, as reported in last week's Banner, the same day the Indiana State Board of Accounts released a special investigation report revealing that agency wants to hold Stanley accountable for more than \$100,000 related to malfeasance while in office.

According to the six-page indictment, Stanley "devised, intended to devise, and participated in a scheme to defraud Kennard, and to obtain money and property from Kennard by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by concealment of material facts. ..."

The indictment, a copy of which is available on The Banner's website, alleges Stanley "falsely presented in Kennard's payroll system that she was entitled to a salary in the amount of \$33,000 per year," double her \$16,500 annual salary. The document says Stanley "presented falsified expense reports that included the unauthorized payroll amounts" to the Kennard Town Council at that body's monthly meetings.

As a result, Stanley is alleged to have received \$80,160 in
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Knightstown's Bastin Honey Bee Farm Distributes 10,000 Bees Across State



Bastin Honey Bee Farm owner Ron Bastin unloads "packages" of honey bees, delivered to the farm last Friday from northern California. (Eric Cox photo)

by Eric Cox
Publisher

Ten thousand honeybees arrived in east central Indiana Friday. But, their wings didn't carry them.

The bees arrived in a semi trailer from northern California - a delivery for Bastin Honey Bee Farm near Knightstown.

Ron Bastin and his family have been buzzing along in the honey-bee business for 10 years now, growing steadily while adding employees. Their shipment of Carniolan bees wasn't for their operation, however. As the 500 "packages" of insects were being unloaded, customers were already waiting in the Bastins' rural retail shop, which also sells beekeeping equipment, wax candles, soap and figurines - and, of course, honey.

Unseasonable cold and wind kept the bees very calm. And bee farm employees brushed off bees clinging to boxes from the outside, so customers wouldn't have to drive back to sometimes far-flung destinations with loose bees in the car.

Ron Bastin's wife, Cindy, knows all too well the

fears of being stung by an errant bee. "I got into beekeeping because I like to overcome fears," she said. "And I thought, 'Wow! Insects! I'm really fearful.' And I knew that it was something good because the bees are dying off."

She challenged this reporter to sit down in a field of clover and look for bees. "You don't see that many bees anymore, and I think that's really scary."

She admitted that she couldn't remember the exact statistic, but she said about four out of every five bites of food we take are the result of bee pollination in some form or another.

In fact, she said, last week's bee shipment came from northern California's almond groves, where they undoubtedly pollinate the nut trees.

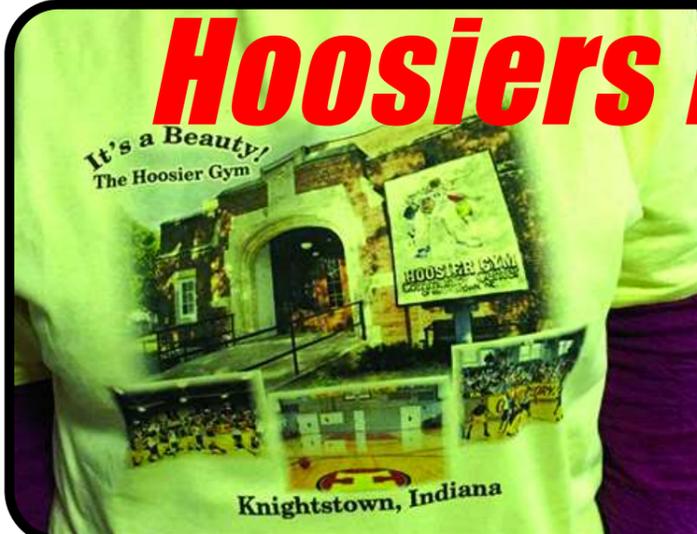
According to Ron, some of their customers will breed the Carniolan bees with local honey-producers in hopes of getting bees that are more cold and disease resistant. Another similar shipment of bees will arrive at Bastin Honey Bee Farm later this month.

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"You don't see that many bees anymore, and I think that's really scary."

- Cindy Bastin

Hoosiers Happiness!



Beautify Knightstown, Inc. has Hoosier Gym T-shirts available for purchase. Proceeds from shirt sales help the group raise funds for a mural in Knightstown's business district.

Orders may be placed via Facebook, www.beautifyknightstown.org, or by calling **765-445-2328**.

All shirt sizes are \$20 in gray or gold.

The Hoosier Gym is owned by the town of Knightstown.



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA)
 COUNTY OF HENRY) SS: IN THE HENRY CIRCUIT COURT
 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 (4/6, 4/13, 4/20)

OBITUARIES

Martha J. Wyatt

October 8, 1933 - April 6, 2016

Martha J. Wyatt, 82, formerly of Knightstown passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield. She was born Oct. 8, 1933, in Knightstown to the late Noah and Harriet (Morrison) Moore.

A homemaker, Martha was a member of the Knightstown United Methodist Church and the Knightstown Public Library. Some of her favorite activities included reading and walks to the Knightstown Academy building with her dog, Bailey. Prior to the passing of her husband, Caley, in 2003, they enjoyed traveling and just spending time together. A good day for Martha included Jack's doughnut holes and an ice cold Coke. Martha especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and attending their sporting events.

Survivors include six children, Carol (husband, Denny) Davis of New Castle, Brenda (husband, Bill) Smythe of Fishers, David Wyatt and Anna Wyatt, both of Knightstown, Carrie Conard of Madison and Randy (wife, Kristi) Wyatt of Carthage; 11 grandchildren, Dana Davis-Stensrud (husband, Eric), Billy, Andrew and Kyle (wife, Kelli) Smythe, Cassie Patrick, Ethan (wife, Emily) Cook, Leslie Cook, Erin Wyatt, Miranda and Jacob Conard and Caleb Wyatt; four great-grandchildren, Ryan Della, Catamarie, Dylan and Ezra; a special friend, Sue Lawrence of Knightstown; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Martha was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Suzanne Wyatt. Services were Saturday, April 9, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Pastor Tobby Smith officiating. Burial followed at Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown. Visitation was April 8 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the Henry County Humane Society, 11 Midway Dr., New Castle, IN 47362 or Knightstown Public Library, 5 E. Main St. Knightstown, IN 46148. Condolences and memories of Martha may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com

Regina Fitzgerald

September 7, 1962 - April 6, 2016



Regina Fitzgerald, 53, of Carthage, passed on April 6, 2016, surrounded by her loving family. "Gina" was born Sept. 7, 1962 in Homestead, Fla., to the late Charles and Winona (Williams) Pettypiece.

She married James "Jimmy" Victor Fitzgerald on July 21, 1979. Gina made her home and family her career. She spent her days caring for those she loved. She was the strongest, bravest woman her family has ever known, and her family will forever miss her infectious laughter, bright smile and cocked eyebrow.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, Jimmy; and all her children, James Lee Fitzgerald, Matthew Victor Fitzgerald, Jeremy Green, Faith Ann Green, Samantha Fitzgerald and Amber Fitzgerald; two sisters, Linda Williams and Nena Maak; five grandchildren, Jeremy 2, Abby, Xavier, Ashtyn and Bailee.

In addition to her parents, Gina was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles "Dale" Pettypiece and Michael Pettypiece.

Services for Gina were April 8, at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Friends visited April 7 at the funeral home. Burial took place at Carthage Town Cemetery with Chaplain Toby Smith presiding.

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DNR Opening More Lands to Turkey Hunting

The DNR will open an additional 1,120 acres for public use along the Wabash River in Vigo County, just in time for Indiana's spring turkey season.

The new properties will open on April 18. Youth spring turkey season is open April 23-24. Spring turkey season runs April 27 to May 15. The new properties, acquired through the DNR's Healthy Rivers Initiative (HRI), will increase the acreage of Wabashiki and Fairbanks Landing fish and wildlife areas as well as create a new HRI property (Unit 403) in the Wabash River Conservation Area.

More than 12,300 acres have been opened to the public through HRI since the conservation project began in 2010. Since 2010, HRI has acquired 13,505 acres in the Wabash River, Sugar Creek and Austin Bottoms conservation areas. Combined with existing state-owned properties and land enrolled in federal conservation easements, more than 33,500 acres now have permanent conservation protection within the HRI project area.

K-town Council Abolishes Wards

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council has finalized its plans to replace the town's five council wards with at-large seats.

The council's five members voted unanimously during their March 31 special meeting to approve Ordinance 3-2016 on second reading. The adopted ordinance abolishes the town's election districts and provides that, going forward, all council elections will be on an at-large basis.

The main impetus for the change was a desire to make it easier to find interested and qualified candidates to serve on the council. The first elections under the new at-large system will take place in the fall of 2018, when the seats now held by President Sarah Ward and Valerie Trump are up for election, followed in 2019 by the council's other three seats.

While Knightstown had been divided into five wards, with one council member from each, the five seats were already treated like at-large seats in one important respect. At election time, voters, regardless of the ward in which they resided, were allowed to vote in all council races.

In other business at the March 31 special meeting, the council:

- *gave local business owner Stephanie Luck permission to place two painted, decorative bicycles on the sidewalk in front of her Main Street business, and delayed approving a similar request from Beautify Knightstown Inc., which wants to place possibly as many as a dozen bikes around town, instructing that group to coordinate with Knightstown's Main Street group, which wants to put planters out around town, and come back to the council with a detailed plan for their placement of the bikes;

- *voted to approve a fuel bid submitted by Van Hoy Oil that has fixed prices of \$1.74 per gallon for unleaded fuel, \$1.75 per gallon for on-road diesel and \$1.59 per gallon for off-road diesel through the rest of 2016;

- *approved spending up to \$1,000, which, when combined with \$200 from the Henry County Community Foundation, will allow the town to get three large dumpsters for a "Clean Up Your Town" project later this month; and

- *gave Knightstown Main Street Inc. permission to hold a cruise-in from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 18, on the town's public square, and said it would check with the state about closing Main Street from Jefferson Street to Adams Street.

More information about the March 31 special meeting of the Knightstown Town Council can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding.

Town Council to Hear About Alleged Employee Misconduct

The Knightstown Town Council will meet behind closed doors Thursday evening so that members can receive information about alleged misconduct on the part of a town employee.

The private executive session will be held at 7 p.m. in the back meeting room of Knightstown Town Hall, which the council now refers to as the "Town Hall Annex."

The official notice provided by the town for the executive session does not identify the employee who is alleged to have acted improperly. It also gives no indication as to the nature of the alleged misconduct.

Sheriff's Merit Board Meeting

The Henry County Sheriff's Department's Merit Board will hold two public meetings Thursday evening.

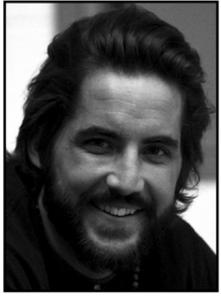
The first meeting, scheduled to start at 6 p.m., will, according to notice provided to The Banner, deal with pensions for HCSD

employees. At 7 p.m., the merit board will conduct its regular monthly meeting.

Both meetings will be held in the 911 Training Room of the Henry County Justice Center, 1215 Race St., New Castle. These proceedings are open to the public.

At The Banner, we ask questions. Other newspapers ... not so much.

FEED AND BE FED



Clayton Jennings

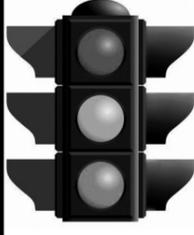
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with CLAYTON JENNINGS

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Power Outage Rankles Writer

March: Pretty, pretty, pretty! Our spring flowers, magnolia tree and fruit trees bloomed at the same time. Oh how I've bragged about our early, lovely spring to my California cousin, Wayne, my friend John who is wintering in Tucson, and the Vrabels, who are having a chilly winter in Florida.

Sunday, April 3

"Warm face, warm hands, warm feet! Oh wouldn't it be lovely?"
- "My Fair Lady"

It's 28 degrees. Fifty-mile-an-hour winds knocked out our power yesterday afternoon. According to IPL's automated service number, 30,000 customers are affected.

Power was estimated to be restored by noon today. We believed it even though we shouldn't have as we'd been through this process before. Instead of going to a hotel, we had a yummy dinner last night of peanut butter sandwiches and sat like two frozen turnips. No heat! No television! No coffee! No Kindle! No cooking on our glass-top range or in the microwave!

My mood is sour and sullen today when I crawl out from under two blankets and an Afghan. I quickly pull my winter robe over my pajamas, a turtleneck and a hoodie zipped to my chin with its hood covering my head that I wore to bed. Even Pusscatkin is cold and has wormed her way under the blankets.

I flip the bathroom light switch. Nada! I get our battery-powered camp light. A brief as possible sojourn in the frigid bathroom

reminds me of Anne la Bastille's life as a woodswoman in the Adirondack Mountains of Upstate New York, where her bottom froze to the toilet seat. This morning is one more proof that I have absolutely no desire to live in the wilderness as she did or as a pioneer woman, like my ancestors.

I look out the windows and see



that the jaunty daffodils are bent to the ground. A major limb of a Bradford pear has broken and will have to be amputated. The petals of the lovely magnolia's blossoms litter the ground, and the flowers that remain on the tree have been burned an ugly brown by frost.

I exchange my pajama pants for jeans, put on a heavy jacket and go outside to heat a pan of water on the gas grill to make coffee that quickly becomes tepid. Dinner this evening will be hot dogs and Grillin' Beans cooked on the grill.

Later, Bill raises the garage door manually. We don't look good enough to go into a restaurant, but

go through the drive-through at McDonalds. The sun is heating our car, so we park in our driveway and munch our sandwiches. Oh the bliss of simple things! We wrap our cold fingers around steaming cups of coffee. Surely coffee must have been the nectar of the gods

The service message predicts that power will be restored by midnight tonight. Bill said, "Do you really think they'll fix that transformer back in the woods in the dark?" It's supposed to be warmer tonight so we decide to tough it out one more night. After all, we used to camp at Bryce Canyon, where it often got down into the 20s at night.

Monday: I call Eric, The Banner publisher, to tell him that they may have to recycle an old column. "Don't worry!" he replied.

The call center says, "Repairs are to be finished by late afternoon." Another night in the 20s is predicted. Two darling young women allow us to check in early at the Fairfield Inn by Marriott on East 21st Street, about five minutes from our house. We highly recommend it. The two-area suite and its bathroom are pristine. Both of us are chilled to the bone. Oh the bliss of a scalding shower!

Tuesday: Our house is a mess. One doesn't feel like housework when one's freezing. Contents of the fridge are in coolers. Thank goodness the stuff in the big freezer hasn't thawed.

Wednesday: I'm still having chills. Uh-oh. Back to the ER.

C Diff again. Sigh ...

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have announced my candidacy for Henry County Council at-large. I am a lifelong resident of Henry County and currently reside just south of New Castle with my wife of 13 years, Melissa, and our 8-year-old daughter, Emma. I have followed county business for several years now. I attend numerous county council meetings, commissioners meetings and many of the different committee meetings on a regular basis. I have worked closely with many of the elected officials and their staffs to better educate myself about the daily workings of the county. In addition, I serve as a citizen appointee on the Henry County Job Classification and Salary Committee and was elected this year to serve as the Henry County Republican Club president. I am proudly a lifetime endowment member of the NRA, a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles 933 and serve as a national board member of the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers.

I care deeply about this place I choose to call home, and that is the reason I decided to run. I feel that my years in successful private sector businesses will be a valuable asset for the council. I currently work in sales and marketing and have for almost 20 years. I have been employed by large corporations tasked with managing over 100 employees, to now owning and operating two small businesses. I understand to be successful you must formulate a budget, for not only the current year, but projected budgets for years to come. I worked closely with human resources and know what it is like to make payroll when times are lean. I believe the most valuable asset for any entity is its employees and, as such, they should be treated that way.

I am ready to roll up my sleeves and work hard to make this great place we live in even better. Please request the Republican primary ballot this year and vote me your next Henry County councilman.

Thank you for your support.

Chad Malicoat
New Castle

Dear Editor,

... another letter to The Banner and I thought I would never write any letter to a newspaper, though I so enjoy reading Mr. Ed Falik's letters but I guess that is why they have a "Letter to the Editor" section.

I attended the last parks board meeting on April 5 and there were a few issues I had thoughts on that I'd like to clarify. The first, not being of a mechanical mind, I cannot understand how it is that the splash pad was originally run through the same pipe that first goes through the outside bathroom attached to the pool house. Surely that's a smaller size pipe, but it just does not make sense to me. Perhaps it's the way they ran the water to the splash pad through the fire hydrant, to the outside bathroom to the pad, so the water can't be turned on to the outside bathroom until the splash pad is turned on. It's just a shame that the bathroom can't be utilized earlier or later in the season, as was planned at the March meeting. A bathroom is so very important to children as well as the walkers and others that use the park.

My second issue: What will come with the all the cameras planned on being put in at the park? It will provide free wi-fi for people at the park. However, when I inquired, the board did not how far the signal would reach. I think it's good for the people who are inside renting the shelter house, but believe it is a bad idea if the signal reaches the playgrounds. I feel it would give parents one more reason not to pay attention to their children. If they have data to use on their phone, sure they may go ahead and still look at their phone more than their child. But if they do not have the data, they would be more likely to actually pay attention to their children than their phone. The park would just be providing the opportunity for them to do just that so why dangle the carrot in front of their faces?

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The Banner values reader opinions and welcomes letters to the editor. To be considered for publication, letters must be signed by the author and contain a phone number and address for verification purposes. The Banner does not guarantee the veracity of factual assertions contained in letters to the editor, and their publication should in no way be construed as the newspaper's endorsement of the letters' contents. The opinions represented in letters to the editor, as well as any misstatement of fact therein, are solely those of the letters' authors. Letters to the editor may be edited, and, ideally, should be no more than 300 words in length.

Film Reveals Americans' Naivete

I watched a film called *The Big Short* recently. It made me realize what suckers we, as Americans, truly are, susceptible to fleecing by our own fellow citizens.

Wall Street and the big banks foolishly, ignorantly and fraudulently gambled away their holdings in the sub-prime mortgage crisis of 2007-2008.

The housing bubble burst. The world economy collapsed beneath the weight of greed. When the smoke cleared, several large investment firms and banks went bust.

The only thing powerful enough to save their country club asses was, of course, the American taxpayer. And they showed no shame in seeking a mammoth bailout.

Naturally, they got everything they wanted. Not only were their businesses floated by tax dollars - they also awarded themselves huge bonuses, which is almost as disgusting as the free pass given them by the sad, complacent American taxpayer.

Now, if you're comfortable with your head in the sand, don't watch this movie. It'll open your eyes, even if it's just for a couple hours. Moreover, if you see nothing wrong with the fabulously wealthy basically stealing from work-a-day citizens, costing them their homes and jobs all while seeking a big bailout, then just keep moving. *The Big Short* would be wasted on you - because you are part of the problem.

On the other hand, if you see no reason your hard-earned tax dollars should rescue irresponsible Wall Street bankers and investors, then *The Big Short* will

not only enlighten you, but absolutely infuriate you, as well. Watch it as soon as possible.

As Yoda would say, "Staggering it is."

But, we allowed it, of course. Americans revere the rich and, increasingly, despise the poor. We measure practically everything by the amount of money one makes, and we can't seem to understand that we have much less to fear from the less fortunate than we do these hyper-wealthy gamblers of our future.

Only one person, apparently, went to jail in the wake of the Great Recession, though many wealthy, well-connected Americans played major roles in our economy's demise.

Things are better now. The economy has regained its footing, but isn't back to full strength yet. How could it be, after such a thorough looting by Wall Street?

Somehow, it seems we've mostly forgotten this gargantuan crime foisted on our nation and its hard-working citizens. Sports, fashion, smart phones and sparkly things have clouded our memory, apparently.

And how clever is it that Wall Street diverted all the attention away from the rich and cast the blame onto America's poor! It's the clearest sign they have Washington, D.C., in their hip pocket.

They'd buy all of us, too. But that's not even necessary. Time and time again Americans have shown they're more interested in much less important things - things they're told to pay attention to - even if it costs them trillions of dollars.

I beg you to watch *The Big Short* - and weep.



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BITS & PIECES

◆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.

◆**Girl Scout Troop 2281** will be collecting items for the New Castle/Henry County Animal Shelter to earn their Girl Scout Silver Awards. They will be at the Crime Watch Hog Roast on April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations of dog food, cat food, cat litter, toys and/or blankets would be greatly appreciated. For more information, call Betsy Wilkerson at 765-571-0483.

◆Knightstown Youth Sports will host its youth **baseball and softball exhibition day** on Saturday, April 23, starting at 9 a.m. All teams will play a few innings to kick off the season. Also, the group is hosting a hit-pitch-run competition. It is the baseball equivalent of pass-shoot-dribble or punt-pass-kick. This is the first year for this event and it also takes place April 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The hit-run-pitch contest is a free event and is open boys and girls ages 7-14. The winner of each boys and girls division (7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14) will advance to the sectional round and get to compete at Victory Field before an Indianapolis Indians game.

◆Charlottesville United Methodist Church will host its annual **chicken and noodle dinner** on Saturday, April 16, 4:30-7 p.m., at the Charlottesville Lions Club. Menu includes chicken and noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes, salads, rolls, desserts and drinks. A freewill offering will be accepted.

◆Righteous Oaks Baptist Church, 8356 N. S.R. 109, Wilkinson, will host its sixth annual **Homecoming** on Sunday, April 17, at 10:30 a.m. Special guest preacher will be Brother James Lockard of Bronston, Ky. There will be a meal immediately after the service. For more information, call Pastor Steve Rayburn at 765-785-2858.

◆**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.

◆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.

◆**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.

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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.

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Knightsdown Native Wanda Smith Had Long Career with U.S. Customs Dept.

by Logan Cox
 for The Banner

Now that she is retired, Knightsdown native Wanda Smith looks back on her past working for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the wealth of experience she gained in that federal service.

"I started my federal time at Fort Harrison with the army in 1958. I went there right after I graduated," Smith said. "Then I left there and went to the VA hospital over here in Indianapolis until 1985. Then the U.S. Customs Finance Center relocated here. I went there in 1985 and I retired in 2005."

Smith has had 46 years devoted to the federal government.

Smith considers her career-path logical, since her own father, Bill Frazier, was a postal worker for many years when she and the rest of her family still lived on 226 North Franklin St. in Knightsdown.

"I had a good career with all three agencies, and I was able to move up each time. That was good. I've had a great federal career," she said.

Finance was Smith's field of expertise. She started in finance at Fort Harrison and took on finance accounting at the VA Hospital as well. Thanks to the federal system, Smith was able to attend Indiana Central (what's now the University of Indianapolis). Their help allowed her to get her start in custom service through finance accounting, and she became a Customs trainer of sorts.

"I had cashiers all over the world at every city, every country, every embassy, some things I can't even talk about," said Smith. "But I would give training to agents and customs inspectors. I went around, I got to travel on my job and give seminars. I worked with the travel part of it also, paying for people's travel vouchers."

Her job with customs had also inadvertently tied her to a few American catastrophes. The 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, the September 11 attacks in 2001, and Hurricane Katrina.

Smith used to provide training at Tower 2, and had been there two weeks prior to 9/11. She had also given training at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City a month before the build-

ing was bombed.

"We lost some people at Oklahoma who were customs people. Did not lose anybody in 9/11 as far as customs. Our building was Building Six. There were two towers, but there was flat buildings. Tower two took out buildings six and seven, but we didn't lose any customs people," Smith said. "Plus Hurricane Katrina, because we worked nonstop when Katrina happened. That was a tragedy, but 9/11 was the most... because we had ships three miles out in the ocean, trains stopped, airports shut down. Every agency, we all worked together, called in retirees."

Despite these tragedies, Smith points out that her career was not without its bright spots.

"I've had some good times and met a lot of nice people," she said. "Over the years, in different cities and states. Worked with different cultures. Not only did I teach them things, I learned some things. It was very exciting. It was not only work, it was an enjoyment."

The government provided Smith with on-the-job training, so a college degree wasn't required for her job. They also paid for her time at Indiana Central since it pertained to her job.

"I had been taught my job at Fort Harrison and so you had people who just trained you on the way," said Smith. "You could apply for some veteran jobs, if you had a full accounting degree or social service. But some jobs I didn't apply for because I was happy doing what I was doing."

Smith moved to Indianapolis in 1963, where she married and had two daughters. She now has children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

"I could have relocated to a different place but my mother had died in 1982 and my dad was still living. Then my sister moved to El Paso, Texas, and so dad didn't want to go to El Paso and he didn't want to come over here," she said. "He was in an assisted living facility and was very happy there. So I was not gonna leave him up there, and I would go see him there every day. He passed away in 1985."

Smith is currently enjoying retirement and doing her best to stay active. In June, she will be 77-years old.

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

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

Wed., Apr. 13 – Rush Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Thurs., Apr. 14 – Hancock Co. Planning

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

Thurs., Apr. 14 – Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Sat., Apr. 16 – Wilkinson Town Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Wilkinson Town Hall

Mon., Apr. 18 – Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Tues., Apr. 19 – Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield



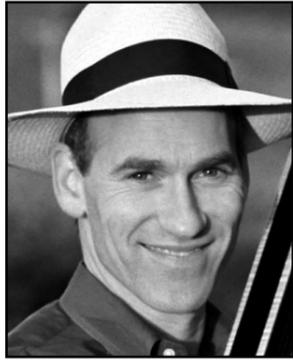
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Indiana Folk Songs in Spotlight

Adam Miller travels the world sharing songs and stories and will present "Folksongs of Indiana" at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library. The free concert, which is in celebration of Indiana's Bicentennial, will include fascinating tales of yesteryear, accompanied by the music of the state's history.

Miller is considered one of the premier autoharpists in the world. He also plays the acoustic guitar and has a resonant baritone voice. His repertoire includes more than 5,000 songs, and he has distinguished himself as an interpreter of American folktales.

Find other events happening at New Castle-Henry County Public Library by visiting www.nchcpl.org and clicking on the events section.

Local BPW Ready to Honor KHS Senior Girls

Indiana Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (BPW) of Knightstown had the March meeting at SugarBakers in Knightstown on March 21 with Shannon Dawson as hostess.

Penny Sitler, local vice president, presided at the meeting.

The program was presented by Jo Ellen Meyers, writer, editor and photographer of *The Hoosier Gardener*. She spoke on the value of parks to the members and six guests.

The scholarship committee is

working on the selection of the two senior scholarship winners for 2016. Knightstown BPW will be honoring Knightstown senior girls at the annual Senior Dessert Bar on April 19 at SugarBakers at 6:30 p.m.

The May meeting will be an informational meeting for orienting new members and women interested in learning more about BPW.

Installation of new officers will be at the May meeting.

State Convention will be April

15-17 in Corydon.

Knightstown BPW members are encouraged to attend in support of Tina Williams, state president-elect and local member, who will be installed as state president for 2016-2017.

Kelley Millhoan will be hostess for the April 18 meeting at SugarBakers at 6:30 p.m. New officers will be elected for 2016-2017. Women in the community are invited to attend any local meeting on the third Monday of each month.

Beautify Knightstown Gets \$5k HCCF Grant

The Henry County Community Foundation Board of Directors has approved and awarded \$114,122.19 in grants from its Unrestricted Fund to 22 projects serving Henry County residents.

The purpose of the grants, awarded on March 29, is to assist local groups to promote and support human services, arts and culture, health and recreation, civic affairs and the educational needs of Henry County residents. The following grants were awarded:

Agape Learning Center: \$6,102.91 for infant room furniture;

Art Association of Henry County: \$2,347.54 for annual mural camp;

Beautify Knightstown, Inc: \$5,000.00 for mural project;

Crushing Chiari, Inc: \$645.00 for 2nd annual awareness event;

Feed My Sheep: \$3,038.95 for soup kitchen renovation;

Henry County Community Band: \$2,050.00 to purchase music, stands, and instruments;

Henry County United Fund: \$2,668.75 for the Bison-tennial Project;

Information and Referral Network (211): \$2,985.00 to assist with training technology;

Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House: \$2,500.00 for restroom installation;

Knightstown Kids, Inc.: \$557.97 for a five foot bench on the community trail;

New Castle Babe Ruth Baseball: \$5,438.19 for the upgrade of facilities;

New Castle Broad Street Cruise-In: \$3,000.00 to assist with the 50s Day event;

New Castle-Henry County Animal Shelter: \$1,348.88 for the Educating our Children to be a Pet's Best Friend program;

Shirley Historical Society: \$4,000.00 to assist with building a historic area picnic shelter;

Youth Opportunity Center: \$49,023.00 to assist with the Residential SEC Program;

Tri Elementary School: \$3,000 for the preventative/remedial read-

ing program;

Blountsville Fireman's Association: \$3,000.00 for the Stoneycreek Food Pantry furniture;

Cadiz Park: \$2,500.00 for the Cadiz Park Playground Project;

Lewisville/Franklin Township Fire Dept.: \$3,600.00 for supplies with the Mobile Live Fire Training Project;

Middletown Park Dept.: \$2,000.00 to assist with the Community Building restroom upgrades; and

NC Area Career Center: \$9,316.00 to assist with both the computer upgrade and purchase of broadcasting equipment.

"The HCCF Grants Committee See Grants, Page 15

Charlottesville United Methodist Church

Chicken & Noodle Dinner

Saturday, April 16, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

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Local DAR Lauds Good Citizens and Essay Winners



Nine DAR members, five award recipients and 23 guests attended the DAR Good Citizen and essay winners meeting held at the Methodist Church in Knightstown. Hostesses were Amelia Wyatt, Darlene Petry and Vikkie Witham.

Regent Dianne Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

She then introduced Petry and Wyatt. Petry and Witham were on the Indiana DAR American History Committee with Petry as chairperson. She introduced the winners of the American History Essay Contest. They then introduced their family members.

The first winner was Justin Cornett, the sixth grade winner from Tri Elementary. He also won third in the state contest. His teacher, Monte Conley, also attended the meeting.

Next was Becca Jefferis, Tri student and seventh grade winner.

Last was Stella Grace Winslow, Tri student and eighth grade winner. She is daughter of Joy Winslow.

There was one winner in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest. Olivia Meeker, ninth grade winner, is from Tri Junior-Senior High School.

Amelia Wyatt, Good Citizen chairperson, introduced the Good Citizen winners. There were two Good Citizen Winners. From Knightstown High School it was Emily Ryan Johnson, daughter of

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BKI Lands Grant, Announces Mural Location Change

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

A local group raising money to pay to have a mural painted on the side of a building in downtown

Knightstown has received a sizeable grant to help fund the project, just as it announced a change in the intended location of the mural. Beautify Knightstown Inc.,

which had already raised more than \$12,000 through private donations and the group's fundraising efforts, has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Henry County Community Foundation. BKI was one of two Knightstown groups to benefit from the HCCF's latest cycle of grants, the other being Knightstown Kids Inc., which was awarded \$557.97 to purchase a five-foot bench for the community trail.

In related news, BKI President Kevin Richey recently announced during the March 31 special meeting of the Knightstown Town Council that the mural will not be painted where the group had originally hoped it would be located. During the public comments portion of the meeting, he said owners of the building at 103 E. Main St. have decided not to allow his group to use the west side of their building for the mural.

"That agreement has been changed recently, and we will not be able to (use) that wall," Richey said.

After Richey's comments, Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman clarified that she and her husband, Dave, own the building at 103 E. Main St. While there had been discussions about the mural being painted on their building, she said there had never been an agreement.

"Yes, there had been," Richey replied. "... It wasn't a written agreement, but there was an agreement."

Speaking to The Banner the day after that council meeting, Huffman said she and her husband thought their building was simply being considered as a possible site for the mural.

"It was a thoughtful decision that we made," Huffman said. "... We are being criticized and looked upon negatively, but we really are very positive about all that everybody is doing in town, but we were advised that it just wasn't a good idea."

"We were told that because this is a historic district, that if we were to paint the exterior of that building, it could devalue the other properties in the district," Huffman continued. "In a worst-case scenario, we could be sued for devaluing the other properties."

Dave Huffman spoke to The Banner last week and echoed his wife's comments.

"When Kevin first came to me, it sounded kind of cool ... but there was never any kind of agreement," Dave Huffman said. "I never said, 'We're going to do this. We're all on board.' ... There was never any agreement we were going to do it, in any way, shape or form."

Both Huffmans also expressed

concerns over an easement that would need to be granted to BKI if they were to allow the mural to be painted on their building.

"There are some legal issues with this," Dave Huffman said. "There would have to be an easement and we would lose control of the side of the building, and we're not going to do that. It's just not going to happen."

Richey still maintains that the Huffmans had agreed, as far back as last July, to let their building be used for the mural. He also said his own research found issues surrounding the historic nature of the town and the Huffman's building would not have presented any obstacles.

"I harbor no ill will toward anyone," Richey told The Banner last week, "but there was an agreement. ... It's fine that they said no, but they should have said so six months ago."

Despite a change in location, Richey said plans for a mural in town will still move forward.

"I'm very, very disappointed ... but this isn't the end," Richey said. "We're exploring other buildings and other options. We will have a mural. ... I just can't stress enough how important it is that we're successful because people believe in us and believe in Knightstown. That may sound corny, but that's the way it is."



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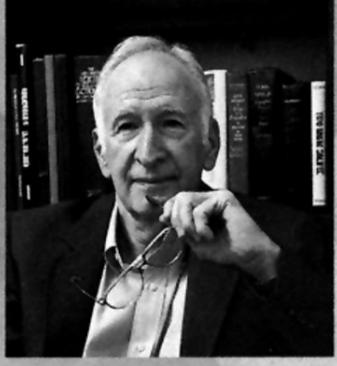
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Notice is hereby given that the County Council of Henry County, Indiana ("County") has previously designated certain real property situated in the County as an economic revitalization area as set out and defined by IC 6-1.1-12.1-1. The property designated as an economic revitalization area is located generally at CR 400 South and Brooks Drive. Notice is hereby given that the County Council has received Statement of Benefit Forms (Real and Personal) from Boar's Head Provisions, Inc. ("Company"). The Company is proposing to invest \$10 million dollars to construct and equip a refrigerated distribution center that will employ 90 people by the end of calendar year 2017. The 90 new jobs represent new annual payroll in the amount of \$2.6 million. Notice is hereby given that the County Council will consider a ten (10) year one hundred percent (100%) tax abatement on improvements (real and personal) constructed by the Company. The Henry County Council will hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons regarding the approval of Statement of Benefits and tax abatement at its public meeting to be held on April 27, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the former Henry Circuit Court courtroom located at 101 South Main Street, New Castle, Indiana 47362. (4-13)

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Attorney: Jennifer Ruby of Ruby Law

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For more information and updates, please follow the Mays Community Academy Facebook page. Also, please visit www.mayscommunityacademy.org / For more information, e-mail info@mays.k12.in.us

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

MCA's Kindergarten Round-up is April 9 from 8 a.m. to Noon. Incoming Kindergarten students should be 5 years old by August 1. Enrollment packets will be available and parents should bring copies of their child's birth certificate and immunization records.

KHS Posts Third Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Knightstown High School recently posted its third nine weeks honor roll

HIGH HONORS 9th GRADE

Emily Adams, Abigail Arnold, Jessica Butler, Hunter Clark, Steven Duke, Elexus Goodpaster, Hunter Haines, Jasmine Jett, Emily Kinser, Elizabeth Moore, Keianna Paugh, Zachary Peacock, Harley Peavler, Sadie Roberts, Ronald Schaeffer, Devyn Schaetzle, Mary Smith

10th GRADE

Corbin Green, Brooklyn Harding, Elizabeth Loveall, Kaitlynn McIntyre, Grace Muncy, Elaine Suesz, Lori Thomas, Norman Trott, Lauren Wineman, Kori Wright, Candice Wyatt

11th GRADE

Emma Grubbs, Lucas Haase, Ethan Roberts, Jessica Sanders, Kyler Schaetzle, Cailin Smith, Abbie True, Brayden Walters, Allicia Wilfong

12th GRADE

Jakob Bearhope, Jason Dishman, Alexander Fields, Sidney Hastings, Rachel Imel, Madison Irwin, Emily Johnson, Hope Johnson, Dwight Kinser III, Olivia Mattix, Kyleigh Mitchell, Adrianna Moore, Kale Obye, James Oldham, Kaylee Oldham, Balin Orcutt, Drake Peggs, Hannah Thomas, Lacy Thomas, Pamela Williams, Coleman Wyatt

HONORS 9th GRADE

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Joseph Baker, John-Tyler Butler, Robyn Clark, Madison Deffinger, Emma Gulley, Paige Halcomb, Brittney Keck, Caleb munden, James Newby, Jayda Perisho-

Vickery, Allison Sander, Chelsea Smith, Damian Trigo, Isabella Trott, Molly White

12th GRADE

Erica Carter, Kelsey Crim, Meghan Cupp, Alexis Darling, Benjamin Day, Rachel Dickerson, Jackson Edwards, Kiley Erwin, Ronald Fender, Zachery Fields, Haley Fowler, Emily Gross, Shelby Gross, Brady Hall, Salina Hamm, Brock Harding, Travis Hilton, Curtis Lacy, Kelton Magee, Jakob Marshall, Spencer Mattix, Tori McDonald, Chance Morgan, Morgan Roberts, Breean Rutledge, Andrew Selvidge, Erinn Stamm, Jordan Vetresco, Brooklyn Vise, Jarrett Weidner, Logan Whitaker, Journie Whitam, Benjamin Willey

Food Waste Reduction Goal of IRC's Food Scrap Initiative

The Indiana Recycling Coalition (IRC) recently announced the launch of a new multi-stakeholder initiative designed to reduce food waste in Indiana. The Indiana Food Scrap Initiative (IFSI) will explore the issues that cause food waste and will work to divert as much food from disposal as possible.

"The Indiana Recycling Coalition is thrilled to launch this food waste reduction initiative with support from stakeholders across Indiana," said Carey Hamilton, executive director of the Indiana Recycling Coalition. "We have received an overwhelmingly positive response from all corners of the state as we've laid the groundwork for this Initiative. Now is clearly the right time to work on food waste reduction in Indiana."

Over the coming months, the IRC will host a series of meetings to reveal the causes, hurdles and opportunities to saving more food at every rung of the waste management hierarchy - prevention, reuse, composting and digestion - to spur opportunities and build comprehensive infrastructure to address Indiana's food scrap challenge. Very little infrastructure for managing food scraps exists in Indiana today, though local stakeholders, coupled with models from other parts of the country, offer common-sense solutions for Hoosiers.

Thanks to seed funding from Meijer, GreenCycle of Indiana, City of Fort Wayne, Lake County Solid Waste Management District (SWMD), Clean Green Rush and Allen County SWMD, the IRC has hired two facilitators for the Initiative: Julie L. Rhodes and Dori Chandler. These two sustainable materials management experts will facilitate future IFSI meetings, data collection, outreach and more. The IRC is working to secure additional funding that will support the development of a food recovery road map and toolkit for stakeholders including Indiana's local governments, institutions, food banks, farmers, food producers, grocers, event venues and restaurants.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Indiana Food Scrap Initiative (IFSI) and/or to sign up to receive IFSI communications can visit the website, www.indianarecycling.org/recycle/indiana-food-scrap-initiative/

Carthage Announces Plan to Seek Big Federal Grant

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council voted Monday evening to seek nearly \$100,000 in federal grant funds to pay for improvements to the downtown area.

Council members voted 5-0 to pass a resolution authorizing submission of an application for a Business Development Grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development. If awarded, the grant would be used to pay for 10 new streetlights, six new handicap accessibility ramps on sidewalks, six planters, six trash receptacles, six benches, restriping of road and sidewalk crossings and fees for engineering, design and inspection.

Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, the Lawrence-based firm that has been working with the town on planning and development issues, told the council the total cost for the improvements is estimated at \$103,700. He said the town would need to contribute \$6,000 toward

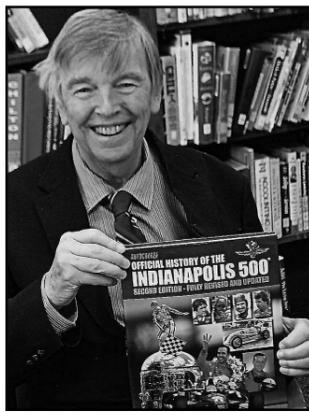
that, and the council gave him the OK to seek additional grant funds from the Rush County Community Foundation that could be used to cover the town's portion.

"We're starting small ... but I think it's a really good start," Kieser told the council. While he said there's no guarantee the town will get the large grant from Rural Development, he said he thought Carthage would have a "really competitive" application.

Kieser said he would like to have letters of support from at least five local businesses that can be submitted along with the grant application. He also said he hoped to have a letter of support from the Ripley Township Trustee.

Kieser's firm previously helped the town obtain a \$40,000 planning grant from the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Proceeds from that grant were used to pay Kieser Consulting to prepare a 60-plus-page Economic Development and Downtown Revitalization Plan that was completed last year.

Indy 500 Historian Donates Book to Library



Last Tuesday, April 5, Donald Davidson, Indianapolis 500 historian, visited the Knightstown Public Library to present the library with the second edition of his book about the race. He was accompanied by his consultant, Michael Harmless, and he met with library board members Bill Bergmann, Mary Jo Purtee and David Steele, and Carol Renfro and Sue Lawrence of the library staff. Davidson is touring Indiana with the intention of visiting all 92 counties and donating his book at 40 libraries around the state. This is being done in recognition of the 100th running of the 500 this year. The Knightstown Public Library was chosen as the representative in Henry County. Davidson said he likes small town libraries and hopes that patrons will find his book educational and entertaining. The library has yet to determine if it will offer the book for circulation or to offer it as only a reference.



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Bullet Hole Building Case Now on Hold

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

A lawsuit brought against the town of Knightstown over its alleged mishandling of the razing of an East Main Street building in 2013 has been put on hold while the town seeks to appeal a ruling made in February.

As previously reported in The Banner, summary judgment was granted in the town's favor on Feb. 9 with respect to three of the five counts raised in plaintiff Dudley Wainscott's complaint for damages. The town is now trying to get the Indiana Court of Appeals to review that part of the trial court's ruling that left the other two counts of Wainscott's lawsuit intact.

On March 30, Wainscott's attorneys, Frederick Emhardt and Colin Connor of Indianapolis, filed a joint motion on behalf of all parties to the litigation seeking a stay, which would halt proceedings in Henry Circuit Court 1 while the town seeks to appeal the February ruling.

"With the uncertainty of a potential interlocutory appeal on the horizon, the parties would like to reduce expenses by requesting that the Court stay all proceedings in this action, including all deadlines in the Case Management Order," Emhardt and Connor wrote in the motion, which was supported by attorneys for the town and Shroyer Bros. Inc., the Muncie-based demolition company hired by the town that has also been named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

Henry Circuit Court 1 Judge Mary Willis entered an order on April 4 granting the joint motion. Now, the parties are preparing to submit briefs to the Indiana Court of Appeals, asserting their respective positions as to why that court should or should not accept the town's appeal before the case has proceeded to trial.

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 Shroyer Bros. 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. 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. created a nuisance by not properly containing and removing asbestos and vacuum tubes containing mercury in the building that was demolished before work began.

In the February ruling, Senior Judge Jack Tandy ruled that Wainscott had not filed a proper notice of tort claim, something required before a governmental entity can be sued for damages arising from alleged wrongful conduct. As a consequence, Tandy said the town was entitled to summary judgment on Wainscott's claims that the town acted negligently and breached an equitable duty owed to him.

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, which, depending on the outcome of an appeal, could allow the case to proceed toward trial on those issues. Saying that "there is not a clear answer in the law," Tandy ruled that the nuisance allegations like those raised by Wainscott "are not a tort" and that a tort claim notice was not required for that count of his complaint.

Tandy also declined to grant summary judgment for the town with respect to 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 a council meeting in April 2013 that the town would fix any damage caused to his building by the demolition.

As of yesterday, the Indiana Court of Appeals still had not ruled on whether or not it would permit the town to proceed with an interlocutory appeal.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Cheerleading Tryouts for Middle School, High School Coming Up

Knightstown's junior high and high school cheerleading programs are preparing for another successful season.

The parent meeting for any high school student interested in trying out for the 2016 cheerleading competition and football season squad will be held Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Knightstown Elementary School cafeteria.

Tryouts for high school will be held Friday, April 22, from 5-8 p.m. at the Knightstown High School gym or on Saturday, April 23 in the elementary school gym.

Tryouts for the middle school cheerleading squad will be held Thursday, April 21, from 6:30-9 p.m. at the elementary school gym.

All athletes must have a current physical examination record on file in order to be permitted to try out for the squads.

Lady Titans Score 20+ Runs Again, Beat North Decatur

After opening its season with a 27-1 win over Seton Catholic and a forfeit from Union, Tri's varsity softball team then whipped North Decatur 21-1 at home April 6.

The Lady Chargers scored their only run in the top of the first. The Lady Titans then knocked in 10 runs to finish the first, scored another six in the second inning and five more runs in the bottom of the third to go up 21-1.

Tri held North Decatur to just five hits and forced five errors. The Lady Titans had 19 hits with no errors.

Abbi Coffman pitched all five innings for Tri, giving up three hits, a double and one earned run. She struck out two batters and walked just one.

Peyton Moore hit a home run, a double and a single, leading the team in runs scored with four and in RBIs with five.

Kirsten Falck was 4-for-4 with a double, four RBIs and two runs scored.

Mackenzie Peggs hit three doubles with one RBI and three runs

scored.

Jesse Spong had three hits, knocked in three runs and scored three times.

Coffman also had three hits, including two doubles. She batted in two runs and scored twice.

Bayley Prince hit an RBI-double and scored two runs.

Kierstyn Conyers got on the board too with a base hit. She scored a run as did Bailey Coffman, Breanna Reece and Lauren Bouslog. Karlee Winkhart scored two runs.

With the victory, the Lady Titans move to 3-0 on the season.

Tri Varsity Softball Team Moves to 4-0

The Lady Titan varsity softball team edged out Wapahani 4-3 on the road April 12 to keep its undefeated season going.

Wapahani got on the board first with a run in the bottom of the second inning but Tri tied it up with a run at the top of the third.

Both teams were scoreless in the fourth inning then Tri jumped out to a big lead, scoring three runs in the top of the fifth.

Despite a final push by the Lady Raiders in the bottom of the seventh inning when they scored two runs, the Lady Titans held on to get the 4-3 win.

Abbi Coffman and Peyton Moore shared pitching duties. Coffman got the start and pitched 2.1 innings, allowing two hits and one run with one error. Moore came in for Coffman in the third inning and finished the game to get the win. Moore faced 21 batters, striking out two and giving up two runs on six hits with two errors.

Mackenzie Peggs hit two singles and a sacrifice fly, had one RBI and scored two runs.

Kirsten Falck, Jesse Spong and Moore each had two base hits. Falck batted in one run while Spong and Moore scored the other two runs for the Lady Titans.

Kierstyn Conyers hit a two-RBI single. Coffman got a base hit and a sacrifice fly and Lauren Bouslog also hit a sacrifice fly.

The Lady Titans' record improved to 4-0 with the win.

Youth Baseball, Softball Exhibition Day April 23

Knightstown Youth Sports will host its youth baseball and softball exhibition day on Saturday, April 23, starting at 9 a.m. All teams will play a few innings to kick off the season.

The group is also hosting a hit-pitch-run competition. It is the baseball equivalent of pass-shoot-dribble or punt-pass-kick. This is the first year for this event and it also takes place April 23 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The hit-run-pitch contest is a free event and is open boys and girls ages 7-14. The winner of each boys and girls division (7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14) will advance to the sectional round and get to compete at Victory Field before an Indianapolis Indians game.

KHS, Tri, EH Sports Schedule for April 13-20

Baseball - Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 13 - Knightstown away at Blue River Valley, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 13 - Eastern Hancock away at Hauser, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 14 - Knightstown at home vs. Waldron, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 14 - Tri away at Union City, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 14 - Eastern Hancock away at Centerville, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 16 - Tri away at Eastern Indiana Tourney, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Apr. 16 - Knightstown (DH) at home vs. Eastern Hancock, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Apr. 18 - Knightstown at home vs. Edinburgh, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 18 - Eastern Hancock away at Lapel, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 19 - Knightstown at home vs. Northeastern, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 19 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Tri, 5:30 p.m.

Baseball - Junior Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 14 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Mt. Vernon, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 15 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Northeastern, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 16 - Knightstown away at Eastern Hancock, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Apr. 19 - Eastern Hancock away at Greenwood, 5:30 p.m.

Golf - Boys Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 13 - Knightstown vs. Rushville, 4:30 p.m., Royal Hylands Golf Course
- ◆ Apr. 14 - Knightstown vs. New Palestine, 4 p.m., Royal Hylands Golf Course
- ◆ Apr. 14 - Tri hosts Eastern Hancock, 5 p.m., New Castle Memorial Park
- ◆ Apr. 19 - Eastern Hancock away at Triton Central, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 20 - Knightstown vs. Centerville, 4:30 p.m., Royal Hylands Golf Course
- ◆ Apr. 20 - Tri away at Hagerstown, 4:30 p.m.

Softball - Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 13 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Hauser, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 14 - Knightstown away at Cambridge City Lincoln, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 15 - Tri away at Northeastern, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 15 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Irvington Prep, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 16 - Tri at home vs. Eastern Hancock, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Apr. 16 - Eastern Hancock away at Tri, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Apr. 18 - Knightstown at home vs. Union County, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 18 - Tri at home vs. Anderson Prep, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 19 - Eastern Hancock at

- home vs. Morristown, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 20 - Knightstown away at Rushville, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 19 - Tri at home vs. Monroe Central, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 20 - Eastern Hancock away at Daleville, 5:30 p.m.

Softball - Junior Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 13 - Tri at home vs. Union City, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 13 - Eastern Hancock away at Indian Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 14 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Greenfield, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 16 - Tri at home vs. Eastern Hancock, 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Apr. 20 - Knightstown away at Rushville, 6 p.m.

Tennis - Varsity/JV Girls

- ◆ Apr. 13 - Knightstown away at Hagerstown, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 13 - Eastern Hancock away at New Castle, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 14 - Knightstown away at Centerville, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 14 - Tri at home vs. Union City, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 14 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Richmond, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 15 - Eastern Hancock away at Triton Central, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 18 - Tri away at Cambridge City Lincoln, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 18 - Knightstown away at Indian Creek, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 18 - Eastern Hancock away at Anderson Prep, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 19 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Cambridge City Lincoln, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 20 - Knightstown away at Crispus Attucks, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 20 - Tri at home vs. Union County, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 20 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Southwestern, 5 p.m.

Track - Varsity Coed

- ◆ Apr. 14 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Shelbyville and Triton Central, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 15 - Knightstown and Tri away at North Decatur Invite, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 16 - Eastern Hancock away at Randolph Southern for Small School Invitational, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Apr. 18 - Tri away at Centerville, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 19 - Knightstown hosting Anderson Prep Academy and Morristown, 5 p.m.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Shenandoah Tops KHS Girls Tennis Team 4-1

Knightstown's varsity girls tennis team fell 1-4 to Shenandoah at home April 12.

Emma Grubb and Abbie True, Knightstown's #1 doubles team, got the only win for KHS. Grubbs and True won both sets 6-4.

The Lady Panthers' #1 singles player, Brooklyn Harding, lost

both sets 0-6.

Kiley Erwin, at #2 singles, and Hope Johnson, at #3 singles, both lost their match 1-6 and 0-6.

KHS' #2 doubles team of Kaitlyn McIntyre and Kamryn Reed lost their match 2-6 and 3-6.

The Lady Panthers are now 1-1 on the season following the loss.

Eastern Hancock JV Baseball Team Falls 2-18 to Centerville

Eastern Hancock's junior varsity baseball team suffered a loss in its season opener April 5 on the road at Centerville.

The game started off on a positive note with the Royals jumping out to a 2-0 lead at the top of the first inning. But, that would be all the scoring for Eastern Hancock.

Centerville answered in the bottom of the first inning with seven runs. The Bulldogs followed up the hot bats in the first inning with another run in the second, six more runs in the third inning and four runs in the bottom of the fourth to take the 18-2 win.

Easton Fields, Spencer Maxwell and Ian White shared pitching duties for the Royals. Fields faced 10 batters and walked four. He gave up seven runs on five hits and six errors and took the loss.

Maxwell struck out one batter and walked two in the 15 batters he faced. He allowed seven runs on four hits and four errors. White faced eight batters. He walked three and struck out one batters while gave up four runs on one hit and two errors.

Fields hit an RBI-single and scored one run and Andrew Knoblock also hit an RBI-single.

White got a base hit and scored the team's other run. Maxwell also hit a single.

The junior varsity Royals are 0-1 on the season with the loss.

State Clarifies New Rifle Law for Deer Hunting

Indiana's Department of Natural Resources has received numerous questions regarding recent legislation that legalizes certain rifles for deer hunting beginning later this year. Most questions have to do with calibers and cartridges allowed under the new law.

House Enrolled Act 1231 that was passed earlier this year by the Indiana General Assembly allows some additional rifle cartridges to be used only on private land during the firearms season.

The new legal cartridges include, but are not limited to, the .243 Winchester, .30-30 Winchester, .300 AAC Blackout, and .30-06 Springfield. Additional requirements are:

- The rifle must have a barrel length of at least 16 inches
- The rifle cartridges must have a cartridge case length of least 1.16 inches
- The rifle cartridge must fire a bullet with a diameter that is .243 inches (or 6 mm) or .308 inches (or 7.62 mm)
- No cartridges with a bullet diameter between .243 and .308 are legal (such as the .270 Winchester)
- A hunter may not possess more than 10 such cartridges while in the field

Rifles with pistol cartridges that have been allowed in previous years may still be used to hunt deer on both private and public land.

Additional cartridges that are legal under HEA 1231 include, but

are not limited to, the following:

- 6mm-06
- 6mm BR Remington
- 6mm PPC
- 6mm Remington
- .240 Weatherby
- .243 Winchester
- .243 Winchester Super Short Magnum
- .30 Carbine
- .30 Herrett
- .30 Remington AR
- .30-06 Springfield
- .30-30 Winchester
- .30-40 Krag
- .300 AAC Blackout (.300 Whisper)
- .300 H&H Magnum
- .300 Remington Short Action Ultra Magnum
- .300 Savage
- .300 Weatherby Magnum
- .300 Winchester Magnum
- .300 Winchester Short Magnum
- .300 Remington Ultra Magnum
- .308 Marlin
- .308 Winchester
- 7.62x39mm
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There are other cartridges that meet the law's specifications, and there are others that do not. A partial list of cartridges that are not allowed under HEA 1231 includes the .270 Winchester, .38-55 Winchester, .444 Marlin, and .45-70 Government.

HEA 1231 is scheduled to expire after the 2020 deer season, at which time the DNR will submit an impact report.

Mark Your Calendars: Mt. Lawn Speedway Bringing Back Sunday Racing for 2016

Mt. Lawn Speedway owner Rick Sweigart has announced that racing will return in 2016 to the famous oval located in New Castle.

Mt. Lawn will feature Street Stocks, Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, King of the TQ Midgets and FWD Compacts. Vore's Compact Touring Series and Late Model Sportsman will make at least one appearance during the year along with FasKarts.

Mt. Lawn racing has long been a Henry County attraction dating back to Mt. Lawn's beginning in 1934. According to Sweigart racing over the years has always been sort of a cyclic endeavor with good times and not so good times.

In the early years Mt. Lawn ran mostly on Sunday night until switching to Saturday night in 2000. Saturday nights worked well for some time until a sluggish economy began taking its toll on racing, especially in the New Castle area.

In 2013, car counts dwindled down to a point where we could not produce a good show for the fans. Since no other tracks in the area have weekly events scheduled on Sunday, Mt. Lawn will return to Sunday racing in 2016.

Sunday racing will allow drivers to be free of schedule conflicts at their home track and give them the opportunity to race at Mt. Lawn. The plan is to race at least once per month, starting in late May with events scheduled for May 29, June 12, July 10, Aug. 7 and Sept. 11.

The highlight of the season will be the running of the Raintree 100 featuring Street Stocks in a \$2000-to-win affair.

For up to date information on 2016, follow Mt. Lawn on the web at mtlawn.com.

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2016 Mt. Lawn Speedway Schedule

Sunday May 29

Grand Reopening Special Tickets \$8 with 10 and under free
Late Model Sportsman, VanHoy Oil Thunders Cars, Vores Compacts, King of the TQ Midgets, FasKarts

Sunday June 12

Street Stocks, Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, Compacts and King of the TQ Midgets

Sunday July 10

Street Stocks, Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, Compacts and TBA

Sunday Aug 7

Street Stocks Raintree 100 \$2000 to win, VanHoy Oil Thunder Cars, Compacts and King of the TQ Midgets

Sunday Sept 11

Street Stocks, VanHoy Oil Thunder Cars Founders Day 100 \$1000 to win, Compacts and King of the TQ Midgets

Henry County Property Tax Statements to Arrive Soon

Henry County property owners will be receiving their 2015 pay 2016 property tax statements in the mail this week.

This statement will be the only notice property owners will receive for the year. If you or your mortgage company have not received a tax statement for 2015 payable in 2016 by May 1, please contact the Henry County Treasurer's office at 765-529-4404.

Spring taxes will be due by May 10, 2016. Your taxes can be paid at the treasurer's office from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday and 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday. The treasurer's office is closed on Mondays.

Payments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 1258, New Castle, IN 47362 or paid at the following Henry County banks: Citizens State Bank, First Merchants Bank, MainSource Bank and Star Financial Bank. You may use your credit card by calling 1-866-480-8552 or on line at www.henryco.net. Remember credit card payments will have a 3-percent processing fee.

For questions on your assessments, call the Henry County Assessor at 765-529-2104.

For questions on exemptions and rates, call the Henry County Auditor at 765-529-2800.

For questions on drains, call the Henry County Drainage Board at 765-529-4802.

Be advised that not receiving a tax statement does not relieve you from paying your taxes or from being assessed a late fee.

Henry County Treasurer Gene Bundy said property owners can also find their tax information online at www.henryco.net, then click the Beacon link or at www.beacon.com.

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Letters, from Page 4

Third and last: I questioned the attendance of one of the board members. Yes, she broke her ankle and I do not dispute why she has not been there much this year. But her attendance was bad last year due to work, school and a very active schedule. I have nothing against this person. I believe she is a great person, works very hard, and I like her very much. I also believe she cares for the park and wants to do great things for Knightstown. However, sometimes people just have to say "I have too much going on right now." Maybe there is someone else out there who cares as much as they do and has the time to put into it and do what is best for the park. Is there something wrong with that? Is there something wrong with doing what is right, even if you think it may make you look bad to some?

I also did not know you could get elected to the park board and never show up (I'm not saying she never showed up. This is just an example.) and nothing can be done about it. Again, I just don't understand how some things work around here.

Belinda Grigsby
Knightstown

DAR, from Page 7

Jeff and Angi Johnson of Kennard. From Tri Junior-Senior High School, it was Joffrey Niessen, son of Nico and Milly Niessen of Lewisville. Joffrey will be going to Purdue University in the fall and is a Lilly Scholar, set to receive a full-ride scholarship.

After pictures, everyone enjoyed cupcakes and drinks provided by the hostesses.

Later, Taylor called the regular meeting to order with nine members present.

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Grants, from Page 7

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The Unrestricted Fund Workshop for the next grant cycle is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 4 p.m. The workshop is required for any interested nonprofit wishing to apply for a grant. For more information about how to support this program or to submit a request, contact the Henry County Community Foundation at 700 S. Memorial Dr., New Castle, IN 47362, call 765-529-2235, or visit www.henrycountycf.org.

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Bees, from Page 1

Jane Santucci, a relatively new beekeeper from Terre Haute, said the Bastins are excellent to work with - particularly for rookies. "As a new beekeeper, you open up a hive and there can be a new problem everyday, every week" she said. "If you have a problem, however, you can call (the Bastins) and they'll say, 'Hey, try this.'"

Santucci drove over two hours to Knightstown to buy her bees. Others came similar distances - some from Lafayette and others, like fifth year beekeeper Joe Masner, from Greencastle. In the past, his bees came from Georgia. This year, however, he said he wanted to try the northern California bees.

First year beekeeper Mick Coryell traveled from nearby Anderson to pick up his bees. Coryell started his first hives late last year. "I kinda came into some trouble this winter," he said. "All my bees died. So I'm trying it again. Hopefully we'll have

better luck this year."

Coryell said he attended a "bee school" in Indianapolis and has several friends who farm the insects. In the end, however, he chose Bastin Honey Bee Farm because it's close to his home. He said he and his wife raise bees in hopes of generating their own honey supply.

According to Cindy Bastin, their farm generates mostly clover honey. They send samples to Texas A&M University's Honey Bee Lab, where scientists test the honey for its derivative contents. Their honey, she said, has about an 80 percent clover content, though they plant fields of alfalfa and buckwheat for the bees to use.

Bastin Honey Bee Farm is located at 5002 W. C.R. 450-S, Knightstown. Their phone number is 765-987-8385, or find them on the internet at www.bastin-honeybeefarm.com.



Stacey Poe (right) of Greenfield takes two packages of northern California honeybees from Joe Bastin of Bastin Honey Bee Farm near Knightstown. Cindy Bastin (below) boxes up supplies for a beginning bee keeper from Terre Haute. Bees (bottom) cling to the outside of a bee box. (Eric Cox photos)



Indictments, from Page 1

unauthorized payments from when she was appointed clerk-treasurer in August 2012 until her resignation late last October. The indictment goes on to say that at least 58 paychecks containing unauthorized payments, drawn on the town's bank account at the Star Financial Bank in Shirley, were deposited in a personal checking account Stanley maintained at Huntington Bank in Columbus, Ohio.

The indictment charges Stanley with three counts of wire fraud for three specific instances where town funds were transferred from the town's bank account to hers: a \$1,192.37 deposit in December 2012; a \$1,169.87 deposit in May 2013; and a \$2,227.74 deposit in August 2013. It is not clear from any of the court documents why there were no counts in the indictment for the more than four dozen other overpayments.

Each count of wire fraud carries a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. Due to the nature of the allegations, a spokesperson for the U.S. District Attorney's office told The Banner that, if found guilty of all three counts, federal sentencing guidelines would likely call for

sentences to run concurrently instead of consecutively.

According to the indictment, the government intends to pursue forfeiture of any property "derived from proceeds traceable" to the unauthorized overpayments. If such property is not able to be located, the government could seek forfeiture of other "substitute property," as permitted by federal statute.

In lieu of issuing a warrant for her arrest, a copy of the indictment and other documents filed in the case were to have been personally served on Stanley, along with a summons requiring her to appear for an initial hearing. According to court records, her initial hearing, a proceeding that is open to the public, is set for Tuesday, April 19, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 238 of the federal courthouse in Indianapolis.

Stanley's case is tentatively set for a jury trial on June 27. That date, however, is expected to change.

The Banner has made repeated attempts to contact Stanley for comment on the State Board of Accounts' investigation and her federal indictment. She has not returned the newspaper's calls.

Wanda, from Page 6

"I still go home and keep in touch with my classmates," she said. "I come home every year to the alumni thing. That's a big deal."

Having graduated from Knightstown High School in 1957, Smith remarks on the fond memories she has of her and her family's history there.

"It was nice to grow up in a small town," said Smith. "My parents settled there in 1934 when they got married. It was a great place to grow up, better than a big city for me. Because everybody knew everybody, we all played. And there really wasn't any segregation like I saw when I started

working here at Indianapolis. Knightstown was not that way, and if it was, I never knew."

Thanks to the small town setting she grew up in, Smith has been able to maintain friendships with people she's known since she was very young.

"We're all glad to see each other when we run into each other. That's a good thing, because my daughters' graduating class are five or six hundred people and they don't stay in touch. I think, maybe there were 42 in our graduating class," Smith said. "We were a small graduating class, but we were very close. We had a great group of teachers. It was really nice."

Lewisville Town Council Changes April Meeting

The Lewisville Town Council has changed the date of its April monthly meeting.

Normally, the council meets the second Thursday of the month. For April, however, the meeting will be postponed a week and be held April 21.

Tammy Matney, the town's utility billing clerk, told The Banner that Town Council President Richard Craig initially wanted to change the date of the meeting to April 7. She said this change would have been to

accommodate Franklin Township Trustee Debbie Barnes, who had a conflict and would not have been able to attend the April 14 meeting.

Matney said the April 7 date, however, did not work for all three town council members. As a result, it was agreed to move the meeting to April 21.

The council's meeting will be held at 6 p.m., the regular meeting time, at Lewisville Town Hall, 101 E. Main St. The meeting is open to the public.

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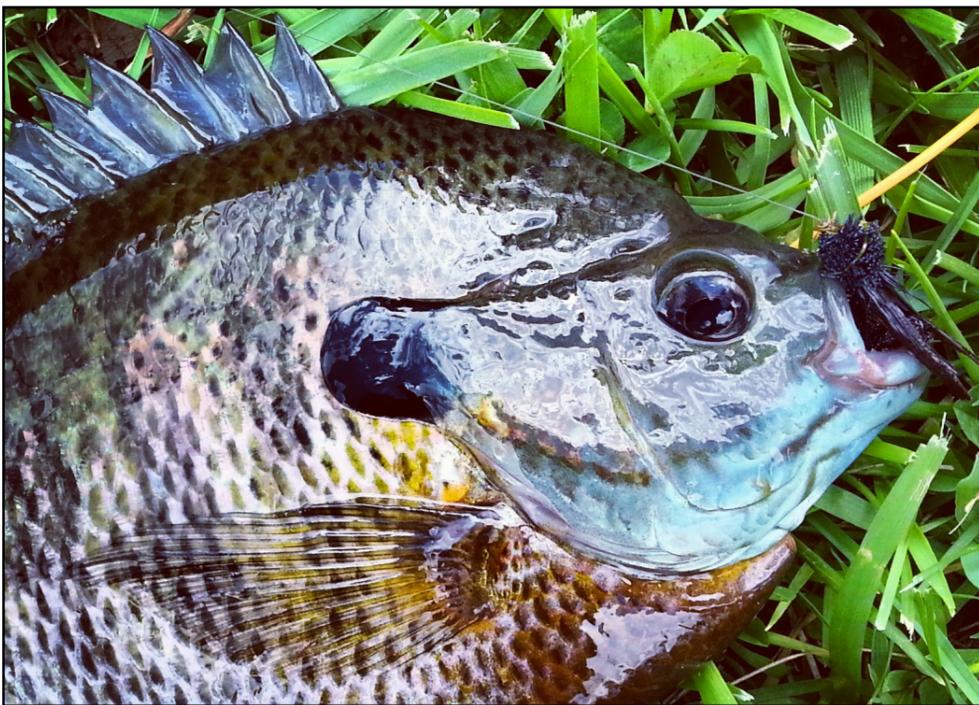
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