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Knightstown, IN

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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.

Carthage Council Split Over Two Issues

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council found itself divided on a couple of issues at last week's regular monthly meeting.

The first issue had to do with pricing on headstone foundations at the town's cemetery. While the council's five members all seemed agreeable to reconsidering the town's current \$1 per square-inch foundation fee, they split on whether to grant a woman's request for a lower price on the foundation at her father's grave.

Council Vice President Rachael Brown said she favored dropping the fee to 60 cents per square-inch and also giving families the option of hiring an outside company to do the foundation instead of town workers. President Bill Davis said he had concerns about allowing outside firms do foundations.

"If they do shoddy work and go out of business, it's back on us again," Davis said.

"I think the town needs to do it itself, because you don't know what's under ground," council member Kelly Land added.

Council members John Hancock and Ashley Davis both said they were OK with giving people the option of hiring an outside company to do the foundation. Hancock said he thought those firms, however, should have to register with the town, and said he'd be OK with charging outside companies a \$5 filing fee and \$25 "location fee" for having town employees show them where foundations go.

"I want to see it writing before I ever vote on it," Land said. "... I'm not voting on it tonight."

Bill Davis said the town's attorney, who wasn't at last week's meeting, would be asked to draft proposed revisions to the town's cemetery ordinance for the council to consider. Josh Douglas, the town's works manager said he would research foundation pricing in other nearby cemeteries and provide that information to the council.

While all agreed revisiting the foundation pricing issue was a good idea, council members were divided on Carthage resident Shelly Richmond's request that her elderly mother be charged only \$325 for the foundation for her father's headstone. She said her mother had been promised that price by the town - substantially lower than the more than \$1,100 it would cost under the

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High Wire Act



Electric workers use three bucket trucks to access Knightstown power lines on the west side of town last week. Upgrades to this community's electric service are nearly complete. (Eric Cox photo)

Wind Company Wants County Tax Break

An out-of-state company hoping to install wind turbines in Henry County is hoping to secure a 10-year abatement on property taxes from local officials.

According to notice sent to The Banner earlier this week, the Henry County Council will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 27, related to a tax abatement request from Flat Rock Wind LLC of Charlottesville, Va. The hearing is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. and will be held in the former Henry Circuit Courtroom in the Henry County Courthouse, 101 S. Main St., New Castle.

In conjunction with the tax abatement request, the council will also be considering a resolution that would designate 21 square miles of county land in portions of Spiceland, Franklin and Dudley townships where wind turbines could be located as an Economic

Revitalization Area. The approximate boundaries of this area are State Road 3 to the west, Interstate 70 to the north, South County Road 500 to the East and the shared borders with Rush and Fayette counties to the south.

According to a Statement of Benefits form filed by Flat Rock Wind, the approximate value of the proposed wind farm project is \$6.6 million. The company does not anticipate any local job creation as a result of the installation of wind turbines.

The tax abatement, if approved by the county council, would abate 100 percent of Flat Rock Wind's property taxes during the first year. The amount of the abatement would decrease 10 percent each year, so that it would only be 10 percent in the 10th and final year.

The council is also expected to

consider a 10-year property tax abatement for Boar's Head Provisions Inc. during the same public hearing next week. According to notice provided to The Banner, this company plans to spend \$10 million building and equipping a refrigerated distribution center that will employ 90 people by the end of 2017.

Anyone wishing to speak for or against either of these proposed tax abatements will be permitted to do so at next week's hearing. Written evidence may be submitted in advance of the hearing, or may be presented that afternoon.

Copies of the proposed resolutions the council will considered with respect to these matters are on file in the office of the Henry County Auditor, 101 S. Main St., New Castle. They are available for inspection and copying 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Former Kennard Clerk's Hearing Postponed

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

An initial hearing for the former Kennard Clerk-Treasurer accused of stealing more than \$80,000 from the town during her three years in office has been postponed until later this week.

Karen Stanley - indicted by a federal grand jury two weeks ago on three counts of wire fraud - had been scheduled to appear in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis yesterday. At the request of her newly-hired attorney, however, that hearing was continued until Friday.

Attorney Mario Garcia of the Indianapolis firm Brattain, Minnix and Garcia, entered his appearance in Stanley's case last Thursday. He filed a motion at the

same time asking for a continuance of Stanley's initial hearing, explaining that he had another hearing already scheduled for that afternoon in the southern part of the state.

According to Garcia's motion, the federal district attorney prosecuting the case had no objection to the request for continuance. He also said Stanley had already had her pretrial services interview with the U.S. Probation Office and had been processed.

Last Friday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Dinsmore granted Garcia's request for a continuance. Dinsmore reset Stanley's initial hearing for this Friday at 10 a.m. The hearing, which is open to the public, will be held in Room 238 of the federal courthouse in Indianapolis. See Hearing, Page 2



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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)

Carthage Council Slates Special Meeting

The Carthage Town Council has scheduled a special meeting for Monday evening at 6 p.m.

Notice for the "work session" the town sent to The Banner does not indicate why the meeting, which is open to the public, is being held. Discussion the council had a meeting last week

suggests that it may have to do, in part, with the cost of headstone foundations at the town's cemetery.

Monday's meeting will be held at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St. For more information, contact Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan at 565-6833.

Indiana Labor Force Sees Record Growth

More than 18,000 Hoosiers joined the labor force in March, marking a third consecutive month of unprecedented growth. Over the past year, Indiana's labor force has grown by over 88,000 and by over 157,000 since January 2013. Correspondingly, the state's labor force participation rate increased

0.3 percent in March and continues to outpace the national average by nearly two percent (64.9 percent vs. 63.0 percent).

Indiana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people as a percentage of

the labor force, rose by 0.3 percent over the previous month to 5.0 percent in March, matching the national average. Despite the uptick in unemployment, there were 9,300 more Hoosiers employed in March than in February.

"Over 60,000 Hoosiers joined the workforce in the first three months of 2016, which is indicative of worker confidence in finding and securing gainful employment in Indiana," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

County 911 Advisory Board Meeting Tuesday

The Henry County 911 Advisory Board will meet Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be held in the 911 Training Room in the Henry County Justice Center, 1215 Race St., New Castle. The meeting is open to the public.

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located at 46 E. Ohio St.

According to the grand jury's six-page indictment, Stanley, who was appointed Kennard clerk-treasurer in August 2012 and resigned last October, overpaid herself at least \$80,160 while in office. The indictment, which is available on The Banner's website, says 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 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 her personal checking account at a Columbus, Ohio, bank: 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.

According to court documents, each count of wire fraud carries a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. 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.

Stanley's case is tentatively set for a jury trial on June 27, but that date, like yesterday's initial hearing date, is expected to be continued. Despite repeated attempts to contact Stanley for comment on the State Board of Accounts' investigation and her federal indictment, she has not returned The Banner's calls.

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CAB Settles Claim with Student Whose Neck was Broken in After School Incident

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp.'s insurer has paid \$35,500 to the parents of a CAB student who was injured by another student in the fall of 2014.

News of the settlement, which was reached last September, was recently revealed to The Banner by CAB Superintendent Jed Behny. At The Banner's request, Behny provided a copy of a document titled "Parents' Release and Indemnifying Agreement" that revealed the settlement's terms with the names of the student and his parents redacted due to educational privacy requirements.

The agreement reveals that \$35,500 was paid to settle a claim related to the student's injury in October 2014. The document says this "is the compromise of a doubtful and disputed claim," that there is no "admission of liability" and that the settlement is "intended merely to avoid litigation and buy ... peace."

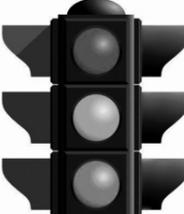
According to a tort claim notice an attorney representing the student sent CAB in November 2014, the injured student was a player on the eighth-grade football team at Knightstown Intermediate School. The attorney said another student had "grabbed (his client) from behind, picked him up and threw him onto the running track that surrounds the practice field, breaking (his) neck ... and damaging (his) brain with a concussion."

As a result of the fracture of his C6 vertebra and concussion, the notice of tort claim said the injured student endured "an extended medical stay, lack of mobility, prolonged brain injury, physical pain and suffering, mental distress, possible permanent impairment, possible impairment of earnings capacity, medical bills, follow up medical care and other damages." Initially, the student's attorney was seeking \$700,000 in damages, the maximum amount state law permits in damages against a government

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Henry County REMC Chief Executive Officer Shannon Thom stands by an artist's rendering of the cooperative's imminent headquarters near the Steve Alford Inn at 3400 S. S.R. 3, south of New Castle. Thom, REMC employees and officials from county government attended a groundbreaking ceremony at the construction site last Friday. The new 15,592-square-foot building will be built by Runnebohm Construction. (Eric Cox photo)



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'Courtesy' Calls Often Not Courteous

The older I become, the more my brain is overloaded with disparate events and ideas. This column reflects that. Drat! I just answered the phone, and a syrupy-voiced stranger said, "And how are you today Mrs. Clarke?" "Who are you?" "This is Jerome Jerkin calling." "Why are you calling me?" I asked in my chilliest voice. He was selling burglar alarms.

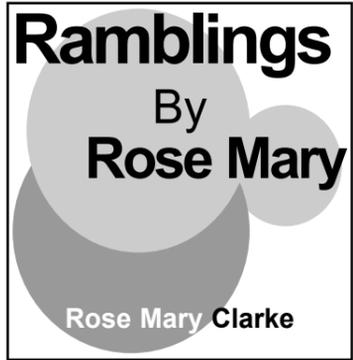
This may seem antisocial and curmudgeonly, but I know good and well that strangers like Jerome Jerkin have absolutely no concern about my wellbeing. Their question is a sales technique designed to initiate rapport. If they can get you to answer one question, they have a foot in the telephonic door.

A representative of the national political party in whose primary I usually vote started calling once a week - always when I was taking a snooze. "This is a courtesy call from your xxxxxx National Committee." Pleas for him to remove us from the list were futile until I said, "Your call is not courteous, and I am going to report you to the telephone company for harassment the next time you call."

Bill is a much more patient with salespeople. After all, he earned college money by selling cemetery lots door to door. One day I heard him saying, "I'm just fine. How are you? How's your wife? How are your children ... your grandparents ... your brothers and sisters ...?" Unable to get a word in edgewise,

the caller finally hung up on him in frustration.

We are registered on do not call lists, but they still call. I hate the robotic calls. One of them comes once or twice a week. It begins, "Now, there is nothing wrong with your credit card account ... " Argh! My nephew, John Jones, told me to try this: Go to the website



Nomorobo.com and follow the simple direction. There's no charge. If you don't have a computer, get a friend or relative to help you.

Oh, oh, oh! This is a time of glorious sunrises and sunsets. I must stop writing and watch this morning's sky painting of lavender, purple and salmon that the master colorist, the sun, is displaying on his cloud canvas. Night before last, the sunset was unusual. A layer of black clouds was interspersed with a wide golden band. The sun was actually below the horizon, but somehow it focused only on a tree in our neighbor's yard and turned it

to gold.

Each sunrise and sunset is unique. There will never be another dawning like the one that I just witnessed. Sunrise watching transports me into a realm of quietude and tranquility at the beginning of my day. Try it some time! It is the best stress reliever in the universe and costs nothing but a few minutes of your time.

A few weeks ago, Eric Cox, the publisher of The Banner where this column appears, wrote about the mild winter and early spring and wondered if the seasonal change could be a result of climate change. He wrote, "What worries me is how warm will winters get before we realize that something is out of whack?" I agree. I don't know if it's part of a natural cycle or if humans can halt it, but I've read enough to believe that it's happening.

And the sound of the lawn mower shall be heard throughout the land! As Eric pointed out, people began mowing their lawns in March. I don't remember them ever starting that early. Eric wonders if perhaps we'll end up with only two seasons. More summer weather would mean more fishing, for example. However, he writes, "I can't think of a single warm weather pleasure that beats a beautiful blanket of white frost on a field of soybeans, or a crystal-clear night sky brought on by freezing temperatures and low humidity." Amen to that!

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Over the past year, there have been many issues with the ISTEP test for our schools, teachers and students.

Significant problems began in late January of last year when the Indiana Department of Education announced the testing time for the 2015 ISTEP would more than double from previous years. This increased testing time was unexpected news to parents, educators and legislators. To help resolve this issue, the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation that shortened the test by more than three hours for every student.

The next issue arose when the scores were delayed because the scoring software used by ISTEP vendor CTB/McGraw-Hill wrongly counted some students' correct answers as incorrect. Further software glitches in December again delayed the release of the test scores until January.

As your state senator and member of the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, I listened to the concerns and suggestions of educators and students across the state when it came to the problem-plagued ISTEP test.

To ensure these issues didn't have negative effects on schools and teachers, lawmakers passed Senate Enrolled Act 200, which provided that a school or school corporation's A-F performance rating for the 2014-2015 school year cannot be lower than the assigned performance grade for the 2013-2014 school year. We also passed House Enrolled Act 1003, which prevented 2015 ISTEP scores from being used as part of annual teacher performance evaluations unless using the scores would improve the teacher's performance rating.

Ultimately, the General Assembly looked at the current test as a whole and concluded that it needs to be replaced.

House Enrolled Act 1395 eliminates the use of the ISTEP test as of July 1, 2017 and creates a panel of educators and experts to establish the framework for a shorter, smoother statewide test in the future. The 23-member panel will meet this summer and fall to make recommendations for the upcoming 2017 legislative session.

HEA 1395 received overwhelming support in the House of Representatives, passed unanimously in the Senate and was recently signed into law by Gov. Mike Pence. This law helps ensure the concerns of students and educators are addressed while keeping Indiana's academic standards high.

Contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns you may have by email at Senator.Leising@iga.in.gov or by phone at 800-382-9467.

Sen. Jean Leising
(R-Oldenburg)

Dear Editor,

I want Joe Peacock to know that his faith in Knightstown is appreciated by many of its citizens. Knightstown Villas on West Warrick Street are beautiful!

Carolyn Myers
Knightstown

Taking a Dump in the Middle of the Night

When I have a large item at home that I don't want to take to the landfill, or when I'm too lazy to set it out by the trash can, I do what a lot of Henry County residents do ...

I take it out and dump it in a ditch off some remote county road in the middle of the night.

It's so much easier to let someone else deal with my unwanted trash. Plus, it's out of my way for good.

I don't really do that, of course. But, it's apparently becoming a preferred trash removal alternative for county residents nonetheless.

Roadsides are increasingly littered with large waste, including giant cardboard boxes, old refrigerators, upholstered furniture and, over by Westwood Park, a porcelain toilet.

That's nice.

Not being a Henry County native, this kind of thing is difficult to understand. What's so hard about breaking down and recycling cardboard boxes? Most trash companies are happy to take larger items - even on regular pick-up days. So why do we have this public disposal of people's private trash?

It's a question that's always perplexed me. Sheer laziness is the only answer I can conjure.

Less-traveled county roads aren't the only victims, either. Kennard, Knightstown, Carthage and other area towns are periodically plagued by junk hoarding residents. They can't seem to have enough broken down vehicles surrounding them. It's a real pity, especially in otherwise picturesque communities like Knightstown.

Yet, old washers and dryers, derelict furnaces and other flotsam and jetsam of the modern world pepper side streets and backyards like twice-dead zombies. They lived once and served a purpose. But, their second life is ugly and lifeless - and, in large amounts, can eat the soul of any small town that doesn't have the courage to call out the hoarders and force them to clean up their acts.

And maybe that is what's missing from this equation - courage on the part of town officials to lower the boom and not tolerate the rising tide of junk awash on our rural shores.

So often these towns do, in fact, have enforceable ordinances aimed at keeping a tidy community. Yet, it's clear these elected governors don't have the courage or the knowledge - or both - to actually use that power.

Obviously, such laws wouldn't be necessary if every citizen knew the value of keeping their town, for the most part, free of trash and junk. That's why governments in the past chose to enact ordinances that enable official action, should the junk piles get too high.

Some remodeling recently left my home with a pile of junk. But, we kept it hidden in the backyard until the weather broke and we were able to get rid of it. A simple phone call to our trash hauler, CGS, remedied the problem, and in just a few days.

I can't help but think how nice these country towns would look if residents took more pride, or just made a simple call to have their precious junk hauled away.



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◆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.

◆The town of Knightstown will host "**Town Clean-up Week**" April 22-29, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. A dumpster will be provided at the street barn, 7605 W. U.S. 40. Items accepted include garbage, litter, yard debris and other appropriate items. Items that will not be accepted include electronic items, petroleum based products such as paint, oil gas, etc.,

propane tanks and tires. Recyclables may be taken to the town's recycling bins located at the sewer plant on West County Line Road. For more information, call 345-5977.

◆**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.

◆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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Bid Notice for Mowing Vacant Lots and Other Properties as Needed
The Town of Kennard is taking bids for grass and weed mowing of vacant lots and other properties, as needed, in town for the 2016 season.
Interested parties must provide their own equipment, gasoline and other materials needed. You must also provide proof of both liability insurance and workers compensation insurance, if you have employees.
Please submit bids, in writing, to Kennard Town Hall, PO Box 167, Kennard, IN 47351 (Attention Sharon Elliott/Clerk-Treasurer). Bids may also be placed in the drop box located on the south side of the town hall.
To be considered, bids must be received by 5 p.m. on May 4, 2016. The bids will be opened that evening at the regular board meeting at 7 p.m. (4/13-4/20)

LEGAL NOTICE

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Town of Kennard is accepting sealed bids for:
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All sealed bids will be opened and read at regular meeting of the Kennard Town Council, to be held at 7 p.m. May 4, 2016. The council reserves the right to waive bid irregularities and reserves the right to reject all bids.
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Spiceland Friends Church Crochet Group Keeps Area Babies in Knitted Hats, Caps

by Logan Cox
 for The Banner

On Feb. 1, a few members Spiceland Friends Church and the surrounding community began coming together to knit and crochet as a group. The goal of the group's organizer, New Castle resident Marilyn Thompson, was to make 300 baby hats for Henry County Hospital, Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield, and Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

"I'm partial to Riley because, years ago, I was a Riley baby," said Thompson. "I knew that people were knitting and crocheting these hats and giving them to the hospitals to give to babies. I just felt like there was a need to continue to give them these hats."

It was between late March and early-April when they made their first 300 baby hats. The crocheting group is open to everybody, and Thompson means for the making and donating of hats to be continuous.

"If we take a hundred hats to Greenfield hospital, a hundred to Henry County, and a hundred to Riley hospital, that's the first 300 we're gonna give," Thompson said. "But let's say, in six months, they need more - they're gonna be able to call us back. And that's what I wanted. Now they can call in and say, 'Hey, we're running short on hats. Can you get us some?' If they go on just donations sometimes they don't know when they'll get more hats."

While for now they donate 100 hats to each of the three hospitals, they may provide hats for other hospitals sometime in the future.

"We meet once a week. We used to meet two, but had to cut it down to one because of the summer," said Thompson. "We're continuing to make these little baby hats and we've already started. I think we've got about 60 hats so far, and they're all different shapes and sizes and colors."

Cathy Harris, a group member and a co-pastor at Spiceland Friends Church, notes the creativity some members put into their designs.

"It's nice because everyone can work on their own projects at their own speed. And some of the ladies

there are really creative," said Harris. "It's fun to see some of the unique things they're making. I hadn't thought before that there would be so many styles of baby hats, but some people have a border on the outside and some have a little knitted bill like a baseball cap. There some crown-type hats and hats with animal ears. There's a wide variety, and they're cute."

Though they are contributing for a specific purpose, the group still operates on a purely communal level.

"It's a good fellowship to get together," said Thompson. "We get to know one another. We help each other when we don't understand how to do something; we're there to show each other."

Knowing that not all members of the group are masters of the art, Thompson will sometimes challenge others to crochet items she has already started see how well they are learning.

"I challenge them just to see if they can do it or will they do it. And I get challenges sometimes, too," Thompson said with a laugh. "It is fun, because if we don't get challenged, we don't have anything to look forward to. You've got to have something to focus on."

Some ladies in the group, including Harris, did not know how to crochet when they first began. Thompson does her best to teach those who want to learn, though, she admits that working with left-handers while she is right-handed can be a challenge.

There are currently 11 women in the crocheting group, with Harris noting its intergenerational mix of older ladies and younger girls. Some had been experienced with sewing, knitting and crocheting since early adolescence, and others had never worked with it before.

"It was first introduced to me when I was about 11, but didn't really kick in until I was about 16," said Thompson. "My mom was a sewer, and so were my grandmothers. We've got a lot of art in our family, with knitting and sewing. We pass it on to each other."

Thompson considers teaching her calling. She
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Thurs., Apr. 21 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield
Thurs., Apr. 21 - Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St.
Tues., Apr. 26 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield
Wed., Apr. 27 - Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle
Wed., Apr. 27 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Apr. 28 - Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield
Mon., May 2 - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville
Mon., May 2 - Greensboro Town Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Greensboro Community Center
Tues., May 3 - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield
Tues., May 3 - Spiceland Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Spiceland Town Hall



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FOLKWAYS

Henry Co. Library Closing for District 8 Conference

New Castle-Henry County Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, April 26, to host the District 8 Conference for the Indiana Library Federation. Library staff from throughout the area will attend the day-long conference.

District 8 includes Grant, Blackford, Jay, Madison, Delaware, Randolph, Henry, Wayne, Rush, Fayette, Union and Franklin counties.

Author and radio/tv personality Dick Wolfsie is the conference's keynote speaker. He will discuss "Laughter in the Library," examining how humor is intellectually and emotionally beneficial. Middle-grade novelist John David Anderson will provide an author talk about engaging readers in the 21st century.

Several local presenters will offer workshops. Cindi Kiner of the HR Connection will talk about business writing. Josephine Kaiser, Karen Trent, and Kathie Ward of the New Castle-Henry County Public Library Shared Harvest team will present steps to creating a local seed library. Library administrators David Dyer, Winnie Logan, and Lisa Stamm will share how to proactively combat bed bugs.

"These workshops are a great place to network with librarians who are nearby. It is a smaller, more intimate event which allows you to actually meet and talk to people who are doing the same types of things as us just down the road," noted New Castle-Henry County Public Library Director Winnie Logan. "It's really nice to be able to establish a relationship with a colleague who works just over in the next county."

This year's ILF District Conference planning team included Logan, Lisa Stamm, Janet Twigg, and Krystal Stanich, Ruth Frasure (director of the Hagerstown-Jefferson Township Public Library), and Paris Pegg (director of the Morrison-Reeves Library in Richmond).

Standing on the Promises

by Rev. Gail Whitmire
Knightstown First Wesleyan Church
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"And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:17b, 18)

This Scripture brings to mind the words of the "Serenity Prayer." Most of us are familiar with the first part of it, but here it is in its entirety: God, grant me serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I

can, and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time. Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace. Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will. So that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen. (by Reinhold Niebuhr)

Being with the Lord forever in the next life is even more than a prayer from Niebuhr's heart-it's already a promise from God himself! Child of God, be encouraged today. God is a promise maker and a promise keeper.

InWARN Hailed as State Asset

Natural disasters such as floods, tornadoes, fires, snow storms and high wind can occur unexpectedly in Indiana.

Communities plan and prepare for natural disasters. Families are encouraged to practice an emergency action plan and put together an emergency safety kit, ready and accessible when needed.

Similarly, water and wastewater utilities should have, and usually do have, an emergency action plan in place.

An emergency action plan covers many different types of emergency situations but it also contains such things as emergency contact information for Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Department of Homeland Security and various vendors that may be needed during a recovery action.

InWARN can help coordinate a request for personnel and equipment and notify IDEM, Homeland Security and other support agencies. When disaster strikes a utility provider, a recovery response must

involve many different objectives; InWARN can help coordinate one of those objectives.

What is InWARN?

InWARN is Indiana's Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network that supports statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual aid between water and wastewater utilities responding to major emergencies. InWARN is an all-volunteer committee supported by Indiana's Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, American Water Works Association, Indiana Water Environment Association, Indiana Rural Water Association, Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. It is a means to allocate utility personnel with the appropriate expertise, equipment and tools where needed to assess and assist the impacted water and wastewater systems and get them operational as quickly as possible.

According to the organization, joining InWARN has a huge benefit and is free to water and wastewater utilities, which sign a mutual aid agreement. The Alliance of Indiana Rural Water urges the mayors, council members, board members and Managers of all Indiana's water and wastewater utilities to review and initiate the Mutual Aid Agreement for InWARN. More information can be found at www.inwarn.org

The Alliance of Indiana Rural Water is a non-profit membership association of over 800 water and wastewater systems and related professionals. The Alliance provides training and onsite technical assistance on Safe Drinking Water Act compliance issues, public health protection (as it relates to drinking water), managerial issues, financial issues and operational issues to water and wastewater systems in Indiana that are under 10,000 in population.

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- #2 Grace Baptist Church, 2649 Q Avenue, New Castle
- #3 Ivy Tech Community College, 3325 S. Memorial Dr., New Castle
- #4 Henry County Art Center, 218 South 15th St., New Castle
- #5 Whittier Lane Baptist Church, 1345 Whittier Lane, New Castle
- #6 First Christian Church, Community Ministry Center, 115 N. Broad St., Mooreland
- #7 New Lisbon Christian Church, 6477 E. Co. Rd., 500-S, New Lisbon
- #8 Middletown Church of the Nazarene, 698 N. 5th St., Middletown
- #9 The Gathering, 902 E. Main St., Lewisville
- #10 Cadiz Christian Church, 4894 W. State Rd. 38, Cadiz
- #11 Mount Summit Christian Church, 502 S. Walnut St., Mount Summit
- #12 Town Hall Annex, 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

The voters of Henry County are notified by the county election board in accordance with Indiana Code 3-8-2-19 that a primary election will be held within the county on May 3, 2016, with the polls open for voting from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., prevailing local time.

I, the undersigned, certify that based on the declarations of candidacy filed in the office of the county election board, the following individuals will be placed on the primary election ballot for nomination to the indicated offices:

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Fall Creek Township Trustee Asked to Repay Funds

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Indiana State Board of Accounts recently issued a report revealing the agency asked the Fall Creek Township Trustee and his wife, the township's clerk, to repay funds it believes were improperly spent.

In a Supplemental Charge Report issued

on April 6, the SBOA said Fall Creek Township Trustee Don Osborne and his wife, Bertha, spent \$1,956.76 more than they should have for their Medicare Supplemental Insurance. According to the SBOA, the township had paid a total of \$7,456.76 in premiums when it should have paid no more than \$5,500.

The SBOA also said that Don Osborne had overpaid himself on mileage reimbursements \$240.22 in 2013 and 2014 due to use of a reimbursement rate greater than that allowed by the state. The agency also charged Bertha Osborne for \$106.99 for undocumented expenses for phone charges that were not documented as being town-

ship-related. In total, the Osborne's were asked to repay the township \$2,303.97. According to the report released by the SBOA, this amount was repaid in full by early last December.

The Banner spoke to Don Osborne briefly
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entity like CAB, but ended up accepting just over 5 percent of that amount.

The student's attorney had alleged in the tort claim notice that the student who injured his client "had a history and record of performing similar acts, including shoving a student into a locker, and that (he) had transferred in to (KIS) under a cloud of dangerous behavior" similar to what happened to his client.

The student's lawyer also had claimed that when his client was injured, there were no adults present to provide supervision. He said a similar incident had previously occurred with students on the KIS cross country team, "thereby alerting KIS to the need to provide adult supervision for the (KIS) football team."

The football team's coach, Scott Pickrell, and assistant coach Joe Patton arrived "unreasonably

late" to practice that day, the student's attorney had alleged, not showing up until after his client had been injured. He also claimed that Pickrell "was known by KIS to present an unreasonable risk of injury to the members ... of the football team and had been previously relieved of his duties by KIS."

According to Behny, neither Pickrell nor Patton are currently coaching football at KIS. He

declined to say whether changes in coaching assignments were made as a result of this alleged incident.

The Banner first learned about CAB's receipt of a tort claim notice in early 2015 when Behny provided an update at a school board meeting on legal matters involving the district. After Behny's disclosure that a tort claim notice had been filed, The Banner requested and received a

copy of the document from Behny.

Last month, at the CAB School Board's March 17 monthly meeting, Behny provided another update on legal matters facing CAB. While he had mentioned the tort claim notice involving this matter during his previous update, there was nothing said at last month's meeting about the settlement that had been reached.

The day after the board meeting, The Banner contacted Behny to get an update on this matter. He then revealed that claim had been settled by CAB's insurer before the student and his family had filed a lawsuit, and, at the newspaper's request, he obtained and provided a copy of the settlement agreement.

Although no litigation had ever ensued, Behny told The Banner this settlement probably should have been disclosed during last month's legal update. He said he planned to provide an update on this matter at the monthly meeting that was scheduled for last night.

DNR Invites Hunters to Check-in and Win

Hunters at eight reservoir properties who return a completed hunter card at DNR check-in stations will be entered to win prizes.

The properties are Salamonie, Mississinewa, Patoka, Brookville, Monroe, Hardy, Cecil M. Harden and Cagles Mill lakes.

The new "Check-In-Win" program is an effort to encourage hunters to turn in hunter cards at the end of their hunts. The cards contain information that is valuable to the DNR, including what animals the hunters harvested and what animals they saw while hunting.

"The cards give us trends in hunter use and in harvests and are important in managing our resource management units," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship, DNR Division of State Parks.

Hunters should complete a card every time they visit one of the eight properties to hunt.

Hunters can win a \$25 Fish & Wildlife Gift Certificate that can be used to purchase a combo hunting/fishing license, an annual entrance pass for state parks and reservoirs and state forest recreation areas, a \$25 lake permit for boating access on DNR properties, a \$25 camping gift card, and more.

Prize drawings will be held after spring turkey season, after deer firearms season and after waterfowl season.

Hunter cards must be completely filled out, including a phone number, mailing address and email address for those who have one. Winners will be called or emailed. Hunters of all ages can participate, and hunters can enter more than once during each season.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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	STONE 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								0.0042				0.0013		0.0027	0.0112
RECREATION								0.2569							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
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
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
CEDIT 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

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	STRAUGHN	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	0.0202
TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF	0.0023	0.0007	0.0110	0.0075	0.0075	0.0151			0.0083	0.0017	0.0075	0.0110	0.0017	0.0037	0.0000	0.0136	
FIRE PROTECTION						0.1000											
CUMULATIVE FIRE																	
EMERGENCY FIRE LOAN																	
RECREATION	0.0027					0.0112											
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	0.2423	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	0.2442	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			0.1341			0.0327	0.1341		0.0327	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			0.0244			0.1380		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	0.0244	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								0.0067									
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT						0.0197		0.0361	0.0166								

LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Sweep Royals in Weekend Doubleheader

The Panthers hosted the Royals for the two schools' annual baseball doubleheader April 16.

Knightstown showed up ready to play, jumping out to a 4-0 lead after the first inning. The Panthers put another run on the scoreboard in the second and two more in the third.

The Royals finally got on the board in the fourth with a run, scored another run in the fifth and one in the seventh but couldn't overcome the Panthers early lead. KHS scored one more run in the fifth before going on to win 8-3.

The Panthers finished with 12 total hits and three errors while the Royals had six total hits and five errors.

Spencer Mattix pitched nearly the entire game for the Panthers, with Drake Peggs coming in for the final batter, whom he struck out. Mattix faced 29 batters, striking out five and walking one. He gave up three runs on six hits and two errors to get his second pitching win this season.

Peggs was 2-for-3 at the plate with a double and two RBIs. He stole a base and scored two runs.

Max Rinehart was also 2-for-3 with a double, one RBI and two runs scored for the Panthers.

Logan Whitaker had two base hits, one fielders choice with one RBI and one run scored.

Mattix posted two RBIs on a base hit and scored one run.

Tyler Burton had a base hit, a sacrifice fly and one RBI. Hagan Moore hit an RBI-single.

Isaac McRoberts got a base hit, a stolen base and scored once. Jake Bearhope also had a stolen base and hit a single.

Kaunner Cleek added a base hit and Jose Olivio scored the Panthers' other run.

For the Royals in the morning game, Andrew Knoblock took the loss from the mound. He pitched four innings, facing 27 batters with three strike outs and one walk. Knoblock allowed eight runs on 12 hits and four errors.

Clayton White pitched the final two innings, facing seven Panthers. He struck out two batters with no runs or hits allowed.

White and Garek Ferguson each hit doubles and scored once. Devin Denny had two base hits

and Jarett Lewis hit an RBI-single. Addison True hit a double, Dwight Duzan had an RBI and Easton Fields scored the Royals' other run.

In the afternoon game, the Panthers again got on the scoreboard early with a run in the bottom of the first inning then scored three more in the second inning to go up 4-0.

The Royals held the Panthers scoreless for the next three innings while scoring one run in the fourth inning and another run in the fifth to bring the score to 4-2.

Knightstown scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth and held the Royals to just one run in the top of the seventh to win 7-3.

The Panthers finished with seven total hits and three errors. The Royals had six hits and two errors.

Burton got the start on the mound for the Panthers. He pitched five innings and faced 23 batters, striking out nine batters and walking two. Burton gave up two runs one on two hits and one error to get his first pitching win of the season.

Rinehart relieved Burton, pitching the final two innings. He faced 10 batters, striking out two and walking one. Rinehart allowed one run and four hits with one error.

Freshman Jose Olivio led the Panthers at the plate with a double, a single, one RBI, one stolen base and two runs scored.

Peggs had two base hits with one RBI and two runs scored. Mattix also had two hits, an RBI, a stolen base and he scored once.

Bearhope hit a double and Hagan Moore scored the Panthers' other run.

Devin Denny pitched all six innings for the Royals in the afternoon game. Of the 30 batters he faced, he struck out five and walked two while giving up seven runs and eight hits with four errors.

Levi Majority had two base hits with one RBI and one stolen base. A.J. Muegge also hit two singles.

Tom Barton hit an RBI-single and Denny had a base hit, two stolen bases and scored once.

Duzan got a stolen base and scored one run. Ferguson scored the Royals' other run.

Following the doubleheader, the Panthers' season record moved to 5-0 and the Royals' record stands at 1-5.

Youth Baseball, Softball Exhibition Day Sat., 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.

Lady Royals Top Lady Panthers 7-4

Eastern Hancock's varsity softball team jumped out to an early against conference rival Knightstown in their April 12 face-off.

The Lady Royals scored two runs in the first inning another run in the top of the second to take an early 3-0 lead. The Lady Panthers tightened up the game with two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Eastern Hancock answered with two more runs in the top of the fifth to put the score at 5-2.

Knightstown rose to the challenged with two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, bringing the score to 5-4. The Lady Royals got two more across the plate in the top of the seventh then held the Lady Panthers scoreless in the bottom of the seventh to get the 7-

4 victory.

Eastern Hancock finished with 13 total hits and no errors. Knightstown had seven total hits and four errors.

EH senior Darby Shaw and KHS senior Haley Fowler both pitched a complete games.

Of the 30 batters Shaw faced, she struck out 12 and walked only two. Shaw gave up seven hits, including two home runs pounded out by her opposite Fowler, and four runs with four errors.

Though Fowler had an exciting day offensively with her two homers and four RBIs, she had a tougher time on the mound for the Lady Panthers. She faced 40 batters and gave up 13 hits including two home runs. She had three errors, struck out three batters and walked five.

For the Lady Royals, Savannah Patterson was 3-for-4 at the plate with a home run and two doubles and one RBI. She scored three times.

Micah Black also hit a home run, a double and a single with one RBI and one run scored.

Caitlin Richmond got three base hits and two RBIs with one run scored.

Kaysi Gilbert hit a triple and double, scoring once. Jordan Pierson had two base hits and one RBI. Peyton West hit an RBI-single, Darby Shaw added a base hit and Brooke Walden got an RBI and scored the Lady Royals other run.

For the Lady Panthers, Fowler led the team and scored two of the team's four runs. Vivian Goodpaster was 3-for-4, all three doubles, and scored the team's other two runs.

Georgee Lawhorne and Carmen Cleek got the Lady Panthers only other hits.

Eastern Hancock's record improved to 2-0 with the win while Knightstown's record moved to 1-1.

ters, walking one and allowing one run and one hit.

Eric Bilby hit a double for the Titans and had one stolen base. Jackson and Mondrush each got a base hit.

The Titans are now 0-1.

Tri Baseball Falls to Centerville in Home Opener

Tri varsity baseball team finally got a game April 12 after two earlier games were postponed due to weather. The Titans fell to Centerville 10-0 at home.

Both the teams were scoreless through the first three innings then the Bulldogs scored five runs in the top of the fourth and another four runs in the top of the sixth.

The Titans had three total hits and committed six errors. The Bulldogs finished with 11 total hits and no errors.

Tri used three pitchers, all sophomores, in the game. Drew Mundrush got the start and pitched four innings, taking the loss. He faced 19 batters and struck out two with no walks. He allowed five runs on eight hits and two errors.

Josiah Jackson pitched 1.1 innings, facing eight batters. He gave up four runs on two hits and two errors.

Mason Rottinghaus pitched the final two outs. He faced five bat-

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LOCAL SPORTS

IU Eastbound



Knightsdown senior Ben Willey, one of the school's best long distance runners the past four years, will continue his education at Indiana University East following his graduation from KHS. Willey will be on the Red Wolves' track and cross country teams. He was joined by his parents last week to sign his letter of intent. Pictured above are (front row, l-r) Rodney Cox, Debbie Cox, Ben Willey, Mark Willey and (back row, l-r) Knightsdown Athletic Director Matt Martin, IU East head coach Brett Crowley and KHS Assistant Principal John Boyer. (Eric Cox photo)

Lady Titans Suffer Tough Loss in Eight Inning Game Against Lady Royals

After enjoying a lead from the first inning through the sixth, Tri's varsity softball team was shocked by Eastern Hancock's comeback win in the eighth inning in their April 16 game.

The Lady Royals put a run on the board in the top of the first inning but the Lady Titans scored two runs in the bottom of that inning. Both teams scored a run in the second inning and Tri upped its lead to 4-2 with another run in the bottom of the third.

Eastern Hancock cut the lead to 4-3 in the top of the fourth but Tri answered with two runs in the back half of the fourth inning to go up 6-3. Both teams were scoreless in the fifth and sixth innings then the Lady Royals tied the game up at 6-6 with three runs in the top of the seventh. Tri failed to score and the game went to extra innings. EH scored again in the top of the eighth to take its first lead of the game then held Tri scoreless again to get the 7-6 victory.

Darby Shaw pitched all eight innings for Eastern Hancock for the win. Of the 39 batters Shaw faced, she struck out 10 and walked three. Shaw gave up six runs on nine hits and three errors.

Abbi Coffman got the start on the mound for Tri, pitched the first four innings to get tagged with the loss. Coffman faced 23 batters, struck out one and

gave up three runs on seven hits and one error.

Peyton Moore came in for Coffman and pitched the last four innings. She allowed four runs on three hits and of the 23 batters she faced, she walked two and had no strike outs.

Micah Black led the Lady Royals at the plate with three hits and two RBIs with one run scored.

Caitlin Richmond and Peyton West each had two hits, one RBI and scored one run.

Shaw, Faith Webster and Brooke Walden had two hits apiece, including a double by Walden.

Jordan Pierson hit a single and scored a run. Kaysi Gilbert had an RBI and scored once. Savannah Patterson and Reagan Hunt each scored a run for the Lady Royals.

For the Lady Titans, Mackenzie Peggs had two hits, including a home run, and one RBI with one run scored.

Kirsten Falck hit two singles and scored once. Jesse Spong hit a double and a single and Moore added a base hit. Lauren Bouslog got a base hit and scored twice. Karlee Winkhart and Destiny Taylor scored the Lady Titans other two runs.

With the win, the Lady Royals are now 4-1 and the Lady Titans are 4-2.

KHS Boys Track Team Beats Shenandoah

Knightsdown boys track team defeated Shenandoah 91-31 on April 13 in an away event.

The Panthers also broke a school record during the meet. The 4x100 meter relay team of Alex Fields, Kennedy Osborn, JT Butler and Jon Lukens finished the event in 45.1 seconds.

Results for each of the events are detailed below.

100 meter dash

1st - Jackson Edwards, 11.4 sec.
3rd - Kennedy Osborn, 11.6

200 meter dash

1st - Kennedy Osborn, 23.3
2nd - Jackson Edwards, 23.5

400 meter run

1st - Jon Lukens, 54.6
2nd - Michael Watson, 1:00.9

800 meter run

2nd - JT Butler, 2:24.3
3rd - Devyn Schaetzle, 2:47.1

1600 meter run

2nd - Michael Weiland, 5:21.8
3rd - Evan Nolen, 5:38.0

3200 meter run

1st - Ben Willey, 11:00.2
2nd - Michael Weiland, 11:59
3rd - Evan Nolen, 12:31

110 meter hurdles

1st - Daniel Rayburn, 17.5
2nd - Lane Parker, 17.9

300 meter hurdles

1st - Daniel Rayburn, 44.4

4 x 100 meter relay

1st - Alex Fields, Jackson Edwards, Riley Ruble, Kennedy Osborn, 45.1

4 x 400 meter relay

2nd - Alex Fields, Kennedy Osborn, JT Butler, Jon Lukens, 5:54

4 x 800 meter relay

2nd - Evan Nolan, JT Butler, Micheal Weiland, Ben Willey, 9:36.7

Long jump

1st - Jackson Edwards, 18'9"
2nd - Alex Fields, 17'10"

High jump

2nd - Daniel Rayburn, 5'4"

Shot put

1st - Coleman Wyatt, 39'7"
3rd - Garrett Thomas, 36'7"

Discus

1st - Coleman Wyatt, 118'9"
2nd - Logan Johnson, 110'2"
3rd - Garrett Thomas, 108'

Lady Panther Track Team 94-24 Against Lady Raiders

Knightsdown girls track was on the road at Shenandoah April 13 and came away with a 94-24 win.

The Lady Panthers won 13 of 15 events.

Results for each of the events are detailed below.

100 meter dash

1st - Hannah Thomas, 13.91 sec.

200 meter dash

1st - Allison Sander, 28.6
2nd - Elaine Suesz, 28.7

400 meter run

1st - Cora Nolen, 1:08.2
2nd - Abby Arnold, 1:09
3rd - Heather Jackson, 1:10.4

800 meter run

1st - Lori Thomas, 2:59
2nd - Harley Peavler, 3:08

1600 meter run

1st - Lori Thomas, 6:42
2nd - Harley Peavler, 6:50

3200 meter run

1st - Meski Tabb, 14:47

100 meter hurdles

1st - Allison Sander, 18.2

2nd - Elizabeth Moore, 18.8

300 meter hurdles

1st - Elizabeth Moore, 55.2

4 x 100 meter relay

1st - Allison Sander, Abby Arnold, Hannah Thomas, Elaine Suesz, 55.1

4 x 400 meter relay

1st - Abby Arnold, Heather Jackson, Cora Nolen, Elaine Suesz, 4:40

4 x 800 meter relay

1st - Annie Moore, Elizabeth Moore, Harley Peavler, Hannah Thomas, 11:41.4

Long jump

1st - Elaine Suesz, 14'5"
3rd - Elizabeth Moore, 12'4"

High jump

1st - Allison Sander, 4'8"

Shot put

2nd - Hannah Thomas, 29'
3rd - Brayden Walters, 26'6"

Discus

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LOCAL SPORTS

Rinehart Hits Grand Slam in Panthers' Win over Blue River

After some inclement weather the week before, Knightstown's varsity baseball team was finally back in action April 13 at Blue River Valley. The sixth-ranked Panthers defeated the Vikings 10-0.

Knightstown scored a run in the first inning then went scoreless for the next three innings before going up 2-0 in the top of the fifth. They scored three more in the top of the sixth and finished it off with five runs in the top of the seventh to get their second win of the season.

Sophomore Kaunner Cleek got the start on the mound and took the win. Cleek pitched four innings, allowing three hits with no errors. He faced 18 batters, striking out six and walking one.

Spencer Mattix pitched two innings and gave up

just one hit against the 10 batters he faced. He struck out two batters and walked one. Tyler Burton also pitched an inning with one strike out.

Max Rinehart led the team at the plate with the Panthers' first grand slam of the season. On top of his four RBIs, he also hit a single and scored another run.

Drake Peggs was 2-for-4 with a triple. He scored three times and had one stolen base.

Mattix had two base hits and two RBIs. Burton hit a two RBI-single and Cleek also hit a single and scored twice.

Kaleb Buchanan, Logan Whitaker and Jose Olivo scored the team's other runs. Whitaker also had one stolen base.

The Panthers are now 2-0 on the season.

Tri Softball Team Loses First Game of the Season

The Lady Titan varsity softball team lost 1-4 at Northeastern April 15. Tri didn't get on the board until the top of the fifth while Northeastern had scored a run in the first and second innings.

The Lady Knights got two more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Both teams were scoreless the rest of the game.

Abbi Coffman started on the mound for Tri and took the loss. She faced 15 batters in three innings pitched, allowing two runs on four hits and two errors.

Peyton Moore relieved Coffman and pitched three innings. Of the 11 batters faced, Moore struck out one and gave up two runs on one hit and one error.

Mackenzie Peggs hit a triple and single and scored the team's only run. Lauren Bouslog had two base hits, one of which knocked in Peggs. Kirsten Falck also hit a single.

The loss was the first of the season for the Lady Titans, moving their record to 4-1.

Panthers Beat Southwestern Shelby 10-1

After hitting a grand slam the day before, Max Rinehart started, and secured the win, on the mound for Knightstown's varsity baseball team April 14 at Southwestern.

The Spartans drew the game out to seven innings with a run in the bottom of the fourth inning after Knightstown had scored a run in the opening inning, five runs in the second and four runs in the third inning.

Both teams were scoreless in the last three innings, giving the Panthers the 10-1 win.

Rinehart pitched the first four innings, allowing one run on two hits and one error. Of the 15 batters he faced, he struck out four and walked one.

Drake Peggs made his first appearance on the mound for the Panthers this season when he relieved Rinehart and pitched the last three innings. Peggs struck out six of the 10 batters he faced, with no walks, no hits allowed and no errors.

Peggs also continued his suc-

cess at the plate. He had already posted a single, a double and a triple in the two previous games with two walks and no strike outs. He added another triple and single in the Southwestern game along with another RBI. He scored three of the Panthers' 10 runs and added one stolen base.

Spencer Mattix had two base hits, three RBIs and one stolen base. He scored two runs.

Tyler Burton hit two singles for two RBIs and had two stolen bases.

Hagan Moore hit an RBI-single, scored two runs and had one stolen base.

Isaac McRoberts got an RBI on a base hit and scored once.

Jake Bearhope hit an RBI-single and fielders choice.

Rinehart pounded out a double and scored one run.

Alex Brading also hit a double. Logan Whitaker got a stolen base and scored the team's other run.

The Panthers move to 3-0 this season following the win.

Centerville Hands Royals Second Loss

It looked good for the first two innings for Eastern Hancock's varsity baseball team at Centerville April 14.

The Royals scored a run in the top of the first inning and held the Bulldogs scoreless for two innings before Centerville posted four runs in the bottom of the third inning to take a 4-1 lead.

EH followed that with a run scored in the top of the fourth to cut Centerville's lead to 4-2. But that would be all the scoring for the Royals. They allowed the Dogs to score two more runs in the sixth inning, giving Centerville a 6-2 win.

Four Royals shared pitching duties against the Bulldogs. A.J. Muegge got the start and took the loss. He pitched 2.2 innings, facing 14 batters. He struck out two batters and walked two while allowing four runs on four hits and two errors.

Royals Get Conference Win at Hauser

Eastern Hancock's varsity baseball team beat Mid-Hoosier Conference opponent Hauser 7-2 on the road April 13.

The Royals put two runs on the board to start the game and Hauser followed with one run in the bottom of the first inning. The teams repeated that same scoring in the third inning.

The Royals were up 4-2 to start the fifth inning. They scored one more run in the fifth and two runs in the sixth inning to get the 7-2 win.

The Royals finished with a total of 11 hits and no errors. Clayton White started on the mound for the Royals and got the pitching win. He pitched five innings, faced 25 batters, striking out three and walking one. He gave up two runs on eight hits with two errors.

Andrew Knoblock pitched the final two innings for the save. He faced five batters with one strikeout and one walk. He allowed on hits, runs or errors.

Tom Barton led the Royals at the plate with four hits, two RBIs and one run scored. He also had a stolen base.

A.J. Muegge got two base hits, one stolen base and scored twice. Addison True pounded out a two RBI-double and Clayton White hit an RBI-single. Garek Ferguson hit a sacrifice fly, had one RBI and scored once.

Devin Denny, Dwight Duzan and Levi Majority each had a base hit. Denny scored twice and Jarett Lewis scored once.

The win improved the Royals' record to 1-1.

Dwight Duzan pitched 1.1 innings, faced seven batters. He gave up one hit, had no strikeouts and walked one batter.

Addison True pitched one inning, faced six batters, striking out one and walking two. He allowed two runs. Levi Majority also pitched an inning. He faced five batters, struck out one and gave up one hit.

Tom Barton had two base hits and one RBI. Devin Denny and Clayton White each got two base hits and scored once.

Jarett Lewis hit a double. Majority and Muegge each hit singles.

The loss dropped the Royals season record to 1-2.



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Locals Win Awards at Meats Conference

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exhibiting and attending. The three attended the three day meeting participating in educational seminars as well as entering product in the Cured Meat Show. A total of 295 products entered were judged on flavor and workmanship. Judging was provided by professional meat scientists and national award winning meat processors from other states.

Knightstown Meats received reserve grand champion awards for grass fed, MSG-free summer sausage entered in the Innovative Beef Class and their naturally cured smoked bacon in the Innovative Pork Class.

Receiving the reserve champion award was their beef snack sticks. Walker Titus was named to the IMPPA Board of Directors and will serve a three-year term.

Tax Deadline Passes; Extension Now Required

The individual income tax filing season closed Monday, April 18.

Taxpayers with questions can contact the department at 317-232-2240. Phone lines are open weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., except for holidays. Spanish-speaking representatives are available.

The department has 12 district

offices across Indiana where taxpayers can ask individual income tax questions, pay tax bills and submit paper tax returns. Appointments are not necessary. The department cannot prepare individual income tax returns. District office contact information is available at www.in.gov/dor/3390.htm.

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Lady Panthers Clobber Irvington Preparatory Academy

Eastern Hancock's varsity softball team whipped Irvington Preparatory Academy 17-1 at home April 15.

The Lady Royals scored five runs in the first inning, six more in the second inning and another run in the bottom of the third to take a 12-0 lead.

Irvington Prep finally got on the board with a run in the top of the fourth. Eastern Hancock finished the game off with five more runs in the bottom of fourth and held IPA scoreless in the top of the fifth to

secure the 17-1 victory.

Freshman Elise Bittinger pitched all five innings. She faced 16 batters and struck out three of them while allowing one run on just one hit with no errors.

Micah Black again led the Lady Royals offensively, going 4-for-4 with a double and a triple. She had two RBIs and scored three runs.

Kaysi Gilbert's two doubles brought in three RBIs. She scored twice. Peyton West also nailed two doubles for two RBIs and two runs.

Savannah Patterson was 2-for-2

with one RBI and two runs scored.

Faithe Webster had two base hits and scored twice and fellow freshman Eriel Truitt hit two singles for one RBI and one run.

Reagan Hunt hit an RBI-single and scored a run. Brooke Walden also hit an RBI-single.

Bittinger got a base hit and scored twice. Caitlin Richmond hit a single and scored a run and Jenna Smith also got a hit.

The victory over IPA bumped up the Lady Royals seasons record to 3-1.

Cambridge City Lincoln Defeats Lady Panthers 7-3

Knightstown varsity softball team's slow start on the road at Cambridge City Lincoln resulted in their second loss of the season. The Lady Panthers fell 3-7.

KHS was scoreless in the first inning then allowed Lincoln to score four runs to end the opening inning. Neither team scored in the second inning. Knightstown got on the board with a run in the top of the third inning but Lincoln matched that with a run in the bottom of that inning to lead 5-1.

The two teams were scoreless again in the fourth. The Lady Panthers scored another run in the fifth and in the sixth but the Lady Golden Eagles got two more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Haley Fowler started on the mound for KHS but only pitched the first inning after giving up one hit and

four runs. She faced seven batters, walking three of those and striking out one.

Maddie Lyall pitched the next five innings, allowing three runs on eight hits and three errors. Of the 26 batters she faced, she struck out three and walked two.

Vivian Goodpaster led the Lady Panthers at the plate with three hits and two runs scored.

Jess Butler had two hits with one RBI and one stolen base.

Fowler hit an RBI-double and Ryan Johnson hit an RBI-single.

Carmen Cleek, Sammi Eaks and Georgee Lawhorne each had a base hit. Lawhorne scored the team's other run.

The loss dropped the Lady Panthers' record to 1-2.

Trustee, from Page 8

last week about the SBOA's report and that agency's request that he and his wife repay those amounts. While he admitted to failing to use the proper rate for his mileage reimbursement, he had little explanation for the overpayment of employee benefits on behalf of himself and his wife.

"I don't know what you need from me," Osborne told The Banner. "You've got it all there in the State Board of Accounts' report. That's all I have to say about it." He then hung up before anymore questions could be asked.

In a Supplemental Compliance Report issued in February, the SBOA said it had found several problems when it reviewed the township's finances for 2013 and 2014. The agency said the township's minutes revealed no discussion of the adoption of a salary ordinance for either year and noted the township's failure to present salary ordinances for the SBOA's review.

The SBOA said it found 14 instances in 2013 and 2014 where Fall Creek Township failed to retain and present supporting documentation for disbursements that had been made. The agency also said the township failed to issue 1099s for \$8,600 paid to a person providing cemetery care, and for \$11,418.48 in rent payments made to the township trustee.

According to the SBOA, Fall Creek Township also failed to issue W-2s to township board members in 2013 and 2014. The agency said the township also failed to withhold payroll taxes for Social Security and Medicare from board members' pay in 2014.

Another issue noted by the SBOA was Fall Creek Township's placing of its tax distributions into the wrong funds. According to the SBOA, this resulted in incorrect depositing of \$10,500.06 in the Township Fund and \$12,813.67 in the Township Assistance Fund, while the balances for the Firefighting and Cumulative Fire funds were shorted \$16,497 and \$6,816.73, respectively. The SBOA also said that Fall Creek Township's Payroll Deduction Fund was overdrawn \$6,155 at the end of 2013 and overdrawn \$5,668 at the end of 2014.

The SBOA said in its Supplemental Charge Report that the overpayment of mileage reimbursements and employee benefits for the Osbornes had been "caused by a lack of segregation of duties." Because Don Osborne, as township trustee, is both the township executive and township fiscal officer, the agency said that "there is no oversight of township financial activity on an ongoing basis by another official."

According to the SBOA, Fall Creek Township and other governmental units "should have internal controls in effect which provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial information and records, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, proper execution of management's objectives, and compliance with laws and regulations." Proper segregation of duties and internal controls are, it said, "necessary to avoid substantial risk of invalid transactions, inaccurate records and financial statements and incorrect decision making."

Friends, from Page 6

runs a basket shop in New Castle, where she teaches basket-weaving and other craftwork.

Harris noted the positive response the group has received from the church. Recently, tables were set up in the church's welcome center, where Thompson put the baby hats on display. Those in the congregation leaving after worship stopped by the tables, where the crocheters told them about the different hats.

"It's easy to say, 'our crochet group is meeting' or 'we're making

Split, from Page 1

current \$1 per square-inch rate - when her parents purchased their burial plots a few years ago.

Brown said she thought that the lower price should be honored. "In my opinion, the town needs to eat the cost on this one," she said.

Hancock said he wanted to see written proof that the town had told Richmond's parents the foundation would only be \$325. Ashley Davis said the council should check with Sandy Jackson, the town's utility billing clerk, and said if the Richmonds "were told \$325, then it should be \$325."

Brown made a motion to charge Richmond's mother only \$325 for the foundation. Ashley Davis seconded the motion.

Bill Davis said he preferred having the town's attorney, Adam Forrest, involved in this issue. He said the Richmonds had not prepaid for a foundation when they bought their plots at the cemetery.

With just she and Ashley Davis voting for it, Brown's motion failed 2-3. Land, who joined Bill Davis and Hancock in defeating the motion, said, "I think we need more details."

Hancock then made a motion to table Richmond's request until May, and Land seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2, with Brown and Ashley Davis dissenting this time.

Ashley Davis said she wanted to have a special meeting to deal with the issue before the council's next regular monthly meeting. Hancock said he was OK with that, and Bill Davis said he wanted Forrest to be there.

"I'm sorry we couldn't help you," Ashley Davis told Richmond.

"That's OK," Richmond said.

"No, it's not," Ashley Davis said.

Another issue that drew conflicting views from council members had to do with postings on the town's Facebook page that had to do with community events offered by Carthage Community Church, which Bill Davis attends.

"People have said things to me about this," Ashley Davis said, telling Bill Davis she saw this as a separation of church of state issue. "... There is a fine line ... separating these two things."

Brown said, for her, things like this shouldn't be posted on the town's page by a town official or employee, calling it "confusing for citizens." She said churches could share things from their own website and Facebook pages on the town site, but that it needs to be clear the posting is by them, not the town.

"That's fine. It will be taken care of," Bill Davis said. Then, speaking directly to Ashley Davis, he said, "I think personally you have a beef with me."

"We've talked about this for months," Brown said. "... That's not a direct attack on anybody, by any means."

Hancock said he didn't believe there was any legal issues with having church postings like this on the town's Facebook page. He said the Constitution doesn't require "separation of church and state," and said he didn't think the postings otherwise ran afoul of the law.

baby hats,' but to really see them and see all the creativity ..." said Harris. "Those kinds of things generate support and interest, so I think it's a nice way to connect with the congregation, too. That's part of what we're doing."

The group meets on Wednesdays 4-6 p.m.

"The group is not going to just stop making baby hats," said Thompson. "We're going to keep a focus on helping others, wherever that may take us."

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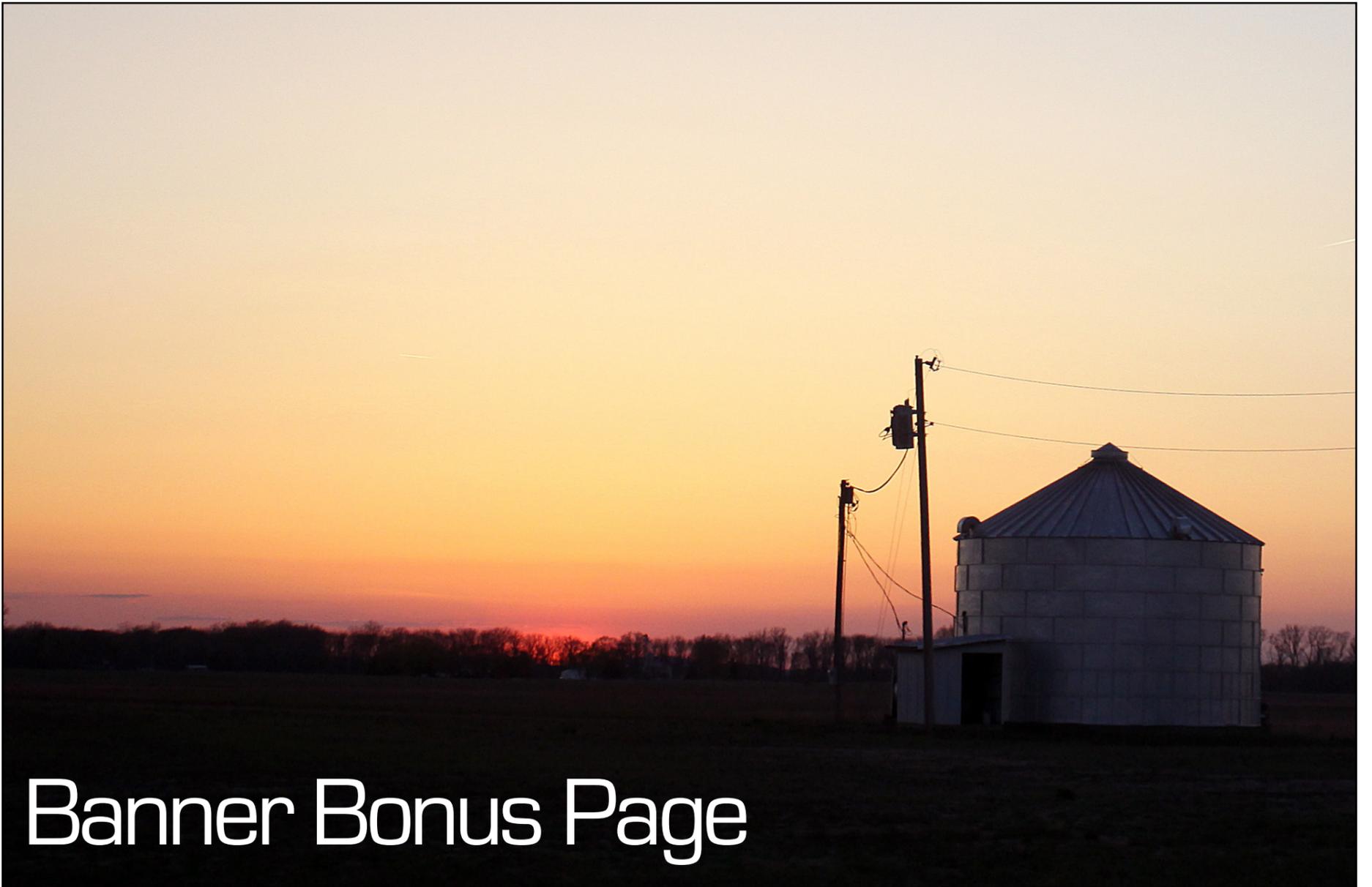
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