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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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EHHS Class of 1966 Reuniting July 30

Eastern Hancock High School's Class of 1966 will host its 50-year reunion on Saturday, July 30, at Hawk's Tail Golf Club, 145 S. Morristown Pike, Greenfield. The event lasts 6-11 p.m., with dinner service at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Cash bar available in the golf course bar. Payments may be sent to Tom Barton, 104 N. Harrison St., Knightstown. RSVP to ehhsclassof1966@gmail.com.

'Painting and Pie' Event May 11

Knightstown First Wesleyan Church, 471 N. Franklin St., will host a "Painting and Pie" canvas painting class on Wednesday, May 11, at 6 p.m. The class will be taught by Kathie Rummell. Cost is \$20 and all supplies furnished, including an 11"x14" canvas. Participants can expect to be finished in two hours. No art skills are needed to participate. Pie and coffee will be furnished. Anyone wishing to attend may call Amy Bell at 765-686-7063 or Rummell at 765-345-9660.

Arts & Crafts Fair This Weekend

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.

KHS Class of 1976 Reuniting Aug. 6

Knightstown High School's Class of 1976 will host its 40-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Knightstown American Legion Post 152. The event will be held 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. There is no registration cost. Attendees may choose individually to order off the menu and at the bar. A DJ and dancing will also be available. For more information, check out the KHS Class of 1976 40th Reunion Facebook page, or contact Kevin Richey at km_richey@yahoo.com.



County Council Incumbents, Cronk Survive Challenges

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

In the only two contested races for county offices, incumbent Henry County Commissioner Kim Cronk survived a challenge in yesterday's Republican primary election, as did three GOP incumbent county council members.

Cronk, a former Henry County Sheriff and county council member who currently holds the commissioner seat for the county's middle district, received 5,209 votes (57.9 percent). His challenger, George King, received 3,788 votes (42.1 percent).

The only other contested race in Henry County was for the GOP nominations for three at-large seats. The incumbents, Harold Griffin, Clay Morgan and Mike Thalls, finished with the most votes, garnering, respectively, 5,456 (27.8 percent), 5,047 (25.8 percent) and 5,013 (25.6 percent), while challenger Chad Malicoat's bid came up short with 4,060 votes (20.7 percent).

In other county races up for election this year – coroner, survey and count commissioner for the southern district – the Republicans candidates had no challengers. The only Democrat seeking county office, Landon Dean, had no competition in his bid for his party's nomination in the race for coroner, and he'll face Republican Stephen Hacker, the incumbent, in the November election.

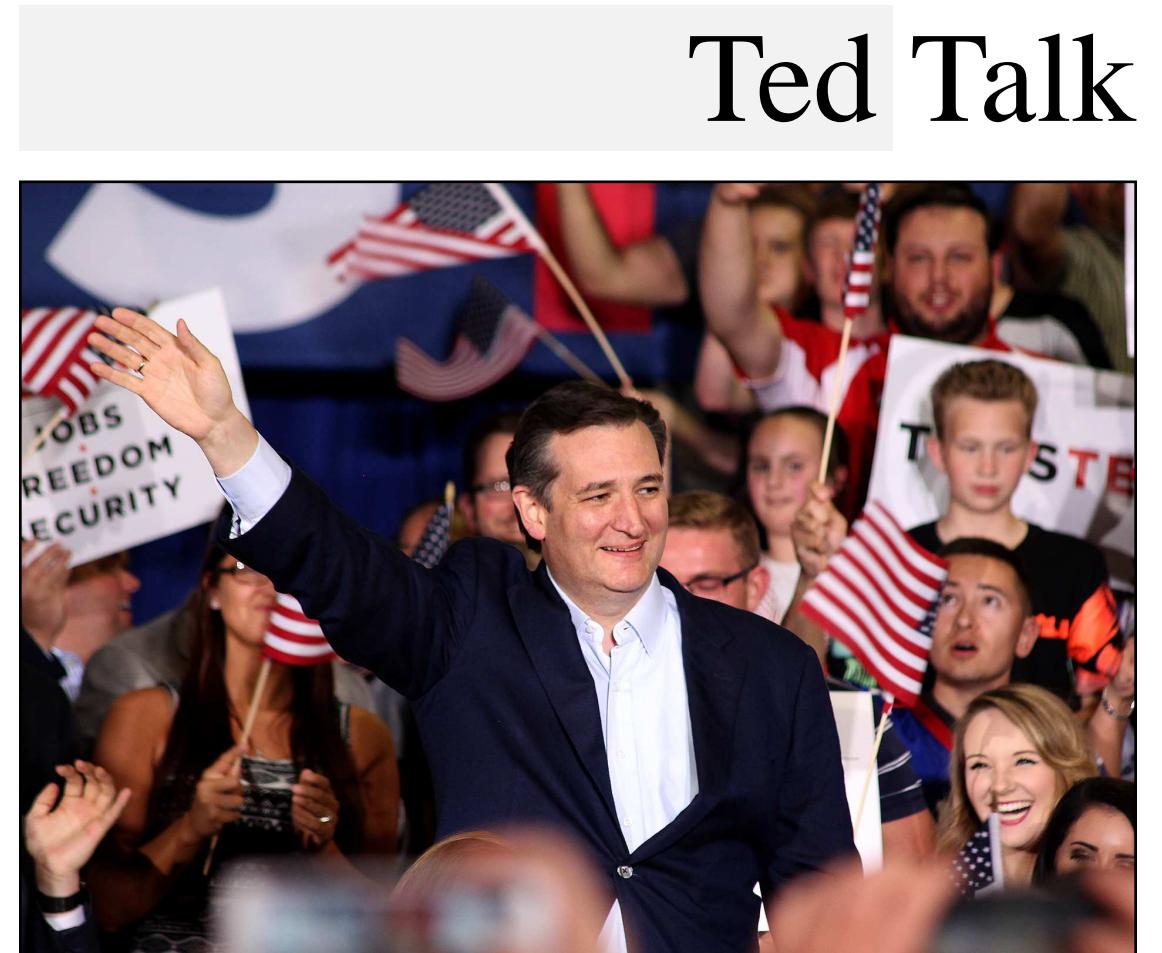
In contested races for U.S. Representative for District 6, Henry County voters favored Barry Welsh for the Democratic nomination with 1,374 votes (43.25 percent). George Holland finished second with 564 (17.8 percent), Bruce Peavler was third with 542 (17.1 percent), Danny Basham was fourth with 466 (14.7 percent) and Ralph Spelbring was fifth with 231 (7.3 percent).

For the Republicans, Luke Messer received the most votes from Henry County voters in the District 6 race. Messer received 6,322 votes (75 percent), while Jeff Smith received 1,197 (14.2 percent) and Charles Johnson Jr. had 910 (10.8 percent).

Todd Young received 7,066 votes (79.9 percent) in Henry County in his bid for the GOP nomination for the U.S. Senate. His challenger, U.S. Representative Marlin Stutzman had 1,781 (20.1 percent).

In the presidential race, Henry County voters favored Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton, 2,139

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Texas Republican Senator Ted Cruz is greeted by a friendly crowd at Knightstown's Hoosier Gym last Tuesday (April 26) evening. Cruz's presidential campaign made a stop at the historic gymnasium, where he quoted the movie *Hoosiers* and urged attendees to support his bid for U.S President. Cruz would later drop out of the presidential race after losing in the Indiana primary election by more than 16-percentage points to Donald Trump. More photos appear on Page 16. (Eric Cox photo)

Waste Water District Treasurer Allegedly Didn't Bill Herself for Five Years, State Says

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

A special investigation completed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts last fall discovered that the former treasurer of a northern Henry County wastewater utility had not billed herself for sewer service for nearly five years.

According to a report issued by the SBOA last week, Amanda Rains, while employed as treasurer for the Summit Springs Regional Waste District didn't pay a sewer bill from August 2009 through June 2014. She resigned from the position with the RWD, which is jointly owned by the towns of Mount Summit and Springport, July 31, 2014.

The SBOA's report said a page in the accounts receivable ledger that should have listed sewer payments made by Rains from 2008-2011 "was torn from the binder leaving only the jagged binder edge of the page." The agency said the ledger for payments in 2012 through October 2013 did not contain a page showing an account for Rains.

In November 2013, the RWD began using software for billing and accounts receivable, but an account for Rains was not set up in the system until July 1, 2014. The agency noted, however, that, even then, the account "was established in such a way ... that subsequent billings were \$0," a problem that was discovered by RWD officials after Rains resigned.

The SBOA determined that Rains had failed to pay a sewer bill for a total of 59 consecutive months. With a

Ted Talk

10-percent penalty for late payment, the agency calculated that the former treasurer owed the RWD \$2,807.84, and the report issued last week indicates Rains paid this amount by personal check on Dec. 30, 2015.

The SBOA also asked Rains to pay another \$2,795.51 to cover the costs of its special investigation. She paid the agency this amount, also by personal check, on Dec. 29.

The SBOA said deficient internal controls contributed to Rains being able to avoid paying her sewer bill for nearly five years. The agency noted that Rains, who was responsible for billing RWD customers, collecting payments and handling other financial matters, was the only office employee. While the RWD's board reviewed a monthly report prepared by Rains, the SBOA said these officials "did not compare the monthly report to any ledgers or bank statements or review any accounts receivable records."

"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," the SBOA said in its report. "Among other things, segregation of duties, safeguarding controls over cash and all other assets, and all forms of information processing are necessary for proper internal control."

"Controls over the receiving, disbursing, recording, and accounting for the financial activities are See Treasurer, Page 15



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OBITUARIES

Jeffrey Lee May

April 27, 2016

Jeffrey Lee May, 62, passed away April 27, 2016, at Georgetown Community Hospital in Georgetown, Ky. He was the son of Dale and Lettie May of Knightstown and a graduate of Knightstown High School.

He served in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Athens, Greece. Jeff worked for many years as a plumber. He was a loving husband, amazing dad and he loved being a grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Langley May; three children, Michael (wife, Kristine) and their children, Damien, Bria, Elijah and McKenzie, Nikki (husband, Kelly) and their children, Damon, Kelsie and Madison, and Chris (wife, Ashley) and their children, Haley, Mikey and Ryan; three brothers, Jerry, Robert and Steve May; and a sister, Loretta Dyke.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY
STATE OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF
DARLENE D. FOLEY, DECEASED

CASE NO. 33C01-1604-EU-000-38

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION TO NEWSPAPER

Notice is hereby given that S. Ann McCollom, was, on the 22nd day of April, 2016, appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Darlene S. Foley, who died on the 2nd day of February, 2016.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

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National Rd. Yard Sales Set for June 1-5

This year's National Road Yard Sale event will take place from June 1-5 on U.S. 40 from Baltimore, Md., to St. Louis, Mo.

There will be approximately 824 miles to look for bargains, antiques, fresh produce, furniture, and much more.

"The popularity of the U.S. 40 National Road Yard Sale has grown to catch everyone off guard and many local restaurants run out of food to serve," event organizers said. "This year, we are more prepared and can't wait to meet all the new people coming into the area for the event. The success of this yard sale is attributed to the many people who set up for sales, and the people who participate. It has grown to be a huge community event for the pike towns along U.S. 40, and local churches and other organizations can greatly benefit with fundraisers."

Organizers said the yard sale also provides travelers with the opportunity to explore the many attractions on the "Road that Built The Nation," such as the James Whitcomb Riley Museum in Greenfield, the Huddleston Farmhouse Inn Museum in Cambridge City and the Zane Grey National Road Museum in Norwich, Ohio. "Many people plan future vacations around their yard sale experiences," said organizers.

New this year for Indiana's Bicentennial Legacy Project will be a "Cookies by the Decade on the Historic National Road."

Individuals along the Historic National Road in Wayne County are encouraged to submit cookie recipes by decade from 1816-2016. There will be a cookie judging contest on Wednesday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eastern Indiana Baptist Association, 7 S. Center St., in Dublin. Complementary coffee, bottled water and restrooms will also be available. The public can partake in each variety of cookies for a suggested \$10 donation. Proceeds from the event will assist HELP The Animals, Wernie Children's Home and Ambassador Health Care. Cookbooks containing the recipes will be available.

Lewisville Councilman Blake Resigns After 20 Years

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

A longtime member of the Lewisville Town Council has resigned.

In a letter dated April 21 addressed to Henry County Clerk Debra Walker, 73-year-old Robert Blake announced his intention to resign the council seat he'd held more than 20 years as of midnight on Friday, April 22. He said he had "been honored to serve residents of Lewisville" and noted that the town's water and electric utilities had been "greatly improved" during his time in office.

"I am especially proud of the improvements that have been made to the water system," Blake wrote in his letter. "For those who are old enough to remember the past, the water in Lewisville was often discolored. It was unpleasant to drink and impossible to use for laundry. With the efforts of many good servants, the water system was improved. It certainly improved the quality of life in Lewisville."

While Blake also noted in his letter that small town finances can be difficult, he said Lewisville's finances "were sound" at the end of 2015, adding, "Everyone should be proud of this accomplishment." He said town finances had been wisely managed and noted that debt for water improvements that had been secured by a bond issue had been paid off early.

The Banner learned about Blake's resignation Monday afternoon from Larry Smith, the town's clerk-treasurer. While Blake did not submit a copy of his letter of resignation to town officials, Smith said he eventually obtained a copy from Walker's office.

Speaking to The Banner on Monday, Blake, who was reelected last fall to a four-year term that runs through the end of 2019, confirmed his resignation.

"I've been on (the council) 22 years, and I just figured now was the time to do it," Blake said. "... It's just something I don't want to deal with anymore. ... It's been a long time and I figured it was time to check out."

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Blake attended the council's most recent monthly meeting on April 21, but said nothing publicly that night about his plans to step down. Smith told The Banner that Blake had declined to vote that night with the council's other two members, President Robert Craig and Justin Thompson, to approve minutes from the prior meeting and to pay the monthly claims.

"I just didn't want to do it," Blake said, explaining his refusal to vote on these matters. "No specific reason."

Blake is a Republican, so the responsibility for filling the vacancy created by his resignation first falls to the Henry County Republican Party. Should the party fail to fill that vacancy within 30 days of April 26, the date Walker's office received Blake's notice of resignation, then the remaining two members of the town council would get to select someone to fill the vacancy.

If there are at least two eligible GOP precinct committee persons, then the party will need to hold a caucus to choose Blake's replacement. Mike Gerrish, chairman of the Henry County Republican Party, would have 10 days from April 26 to issue notice of caucus to precinct committee persons, with the caucus held no later than May 26.

If there are fewer than two precinct committee persons, then state law says that, instead of a caucus being held, Gerrish, as party chairman, would get to select Blake's replacement. Like the caucus, Gerrish would be required to make his selection by May 26.

Any Republican who lives in the town of Lewisville who is interested in taking Blake's place on the council should contact Gerrish at 317-695-7413 or 765-529-8683. He can also be contacted by e-mail at mikeg@stableimpressions.com.

They, however, would not be limited to selecting a Republican, and, instead, would be free to choose any town resident regardless of their political affiliation.

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PERSPECTIVES

Hiccups? Columnist Has Sure-fire Cure

Here is some more of the heterogeneous stuff that floats around in my mind:

Scam alert! I had a call supposedly from someone at Microsoft. "We're concerned about your computer." "I do not discuss my computer with strangers." "But ma'am, I'm not a stranger, I'm from Microsoft," he said with a honeyed voice. "Do not call me again!"

Monday we had three calls: "Someone from a foreign country is trying to access your Microsoft account. Call this number, or we'll close your account." Knowing full well that Microsoft doesn't call people, I double checked with Russ at Key Computers. "It's a scam. They try to talk you into spending a bunch of money to do something that you don't need."

A reader asked me to repeat these tips to help thinning hair and brittle nails. My hair dresser advised me to eat cottage cheese and Greek-style yogurt every day for extra protein. I discovered Danon's Oikos lemon meringue yogurt. It's so yummy that you could put it in a pie shell. This regimen has greatly helped my nails and hair.

As I write, Pusscatkin is purring loudly and has her rear end on my knees and her front half and paws resting on the computer desk while her chin rests on the edge of my laptop. She's obsessed with the printer and comes tearing in from the other room when she hears it. She's convinced that there's something alive in there. Between naps, she does

ornithological research at the greenhouse window, tail twitching.

Christmas gifts: We agreed that after over 52 years of marriage, we'd spend a limit of \$50 each for gifts for each other. It was rather fun, trying to be clever. I was ill, Vicki ordered my list from Amazon, including a big box of biscotti and handkerchiefs. I



absolutely hated my recent, touch-screen Kindle. Bill and Vicki found a used, reconditioned, old-fashioned one at Amazon for \$35 dollars, and I'm happy again. He also gave me two legal tablets for note taking and two pens.

Instead of expensive Christmas gifts we agreed to have Merry Maids clean our house once a month. It was one of the smartest things we've ever done. Two women spend two hours, and when they leave the house is pristine. As one ages, one has less energy and motivation, or perhaps one has various aches and pains. It's very easy to say, "I'll dust or scrub the floor tomorrow."

When I was a Realtor, I encountered people who had gradually let their homes become so cluttered or dirty that I had to refuse the listing until they got the home in shape. A dirty, messy house is unattractive to buyers and may depress the price. People buy expensive tickets for various events or constantly eat out in restaurants. Why not pay a professional to clean your house? The price is a la carte. You choose what you want done. The cleaners have even washed our big greenhouse window.

Allen Hunter, a fellow columnist for the *Weekly View* wrote a column about hiccups. This can be a very serious problem. Our friend, Bill Vrabel, accidentally discovered a sure cure. During an attack, he was walking around while drinking a liquid and put his left hand on top of his head. Hey presto! The hiccups ended. He tried it other times, and it worked.

I tried it with the same result. The desk clerk who was checking us into a hotel had a terrible case of hiccups. "Trust me and try this," I said. When we were leaving to go out for dinner, he said, "Ma'am, that was the weirdest thing. I tried it, and it worked." Randy, a real estate client, was drinking a Coke in my office. "Darn these hiccups!" "Randy, stand up, put your left hand on top of your head and drink your pop." A change came over his face, and he said, "That's the oddest experience I've ever had!"

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America: No Stomach for Local Problems

I'm glad the Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA) is once again holding local elected officials accountable. For a long time, budget cuts forced the SBOA to scale back their local government audits.

Now, that agency is definitely back, scrutinizing the financial records of various levels of representative taxation, from tiny town and township governments to larger ones.

Recently, The Banner detailed problems in various Henry County towns and townships. As is usually the case when this newspaper reveals trouble in government, our names are likely cussed and maligned.

That's OK with us. We didn't sign up to be buddy-buddy with the subjects of our reporting. We signed up to be friends with taxpayers, who don't always have the time to watch what their local elected officials are doing.

While the SBOA has an apparently renewed vigor to safeguard taxpayers' hard-earned money, newspapers, by and large, are no longer up to the task. The new trend is to sensationalize criminal activity - as long as it's not done by government officials.

Murderers, rapists, meth heads and drunk drivers are all fair game - and the more bizarre their transgressions, the better.

Government officials who steal tax money, however, are given different, gentler treatment - not only by the media, but by law enforcement as well.

One glaring example is former Kennard Clerk-

A graphic featuring three overlapping circles in shades of gray. Inside the top circle, the words "Blah Blah Blah" are written in a stylized, cursive font. Below it, "by eric cox" is written in a smaller, regular font.

That's pretty startling, considering that if you steal a candy bar from a gas station, you are likely going to jail, pronto. You'll be handcuffed, finger-printed, and processed. Mug shots will be taken and your case will be detailed in the local media.

Steal a bunch of tax money - you know, that same tax money everyone's mad about all the time? - and things are a lot different ... a lot more quiet. Even these so-called "true American patriots" seem to fade away when their big, bad government goes off the rails close to home. Their courage dries right up. Their hatred is reserved for distant officials they know they'll never have to confront.

How sad is that? How terribly weak it is for Americans to heap scorn and all manner of insults on federal officials - when right beneath our noses, local officials wreak havoc in governments whose laws and taxes affect us all much more profoundly than any 10 ruling class figureheads.

If we can't even control small, local governments, how could we ever hope to regain control of larger ones?

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Having operated a construction and home building business for 42 years, I've seen and tried a few things that worked and a few things that didn't work, and tried to abandon or make adjustments to the things that didn't, and tweak the things that did. A few years ago, some ne'er-do-well cut the lock on our job trailer that was parked at a project we were involved with, and made off with several of our tools.

In an effort to discourage such behavior in the future, we bolted and welded some larger and stronger hasps on the trailer and purchased some larger and stronger padlocks for the new and improved hardware. That all worked out well for a few years, until last spring when we arrived at a job site one to find the entire trailer had been stolen. When the trailer was later recovered in a cornfield 10 miles up the road, (in part because the mastermind behind the theft had apparently attempted to make the getaway with a 2- 5/16" coupler attached to a 1-7/8" ball hitch while speeding over a railroad crossing,) we discovered that the locks had been sawed on, pried on, and possibly chewed on to no avail.

I couldn't help but think if the crook had just slowed down a little for that railroad crossing, or had a deeper understanding of the mechanics of a ball hitch, our efforts at beefing up security would simply have resulted in losing more of our property instead of less. It also reminded me of our current tax system in this country.

Last week, a song writer and singer by the name of Prince Rogers Nelson passed away. While I don't know much about the man or his music, I suspect he was popular with a significant portion of the population, since his estate is estimated to be worth \$300 million. You about have to figure a person with that kind of wealth is in the upper tax bracket, so he probably paid the federal government about \$200 million in income taxes so they would let him keep the rest for a while. And depending on which state he lived in and where he made his money, he's probably paid a few million in various state and local taxes along the way.

While it might be hard to fathom that any one person would have over \$200 million taken from them by the government, especially when they receive exactly the same services from the government that people who pay \$2,000, or even \$200 receive, we also need to remember that the government isn't finished with Mr. Nelson yet. Currently the government is licking its chops, and preparing to take another bite of his earnings. Federal and state taxes will get another \$150 million from the money he already paid over \$200 million on to keep.

As I said earlier, I don't know much about the man, but apparently he worked hard enough and smart enough to provide a product that a lot of people wanted. In a free society, that is how it is supposed to work.

Our current tax system punishes hard work and success, and rewards sloth and failure. We can do better with a system of sales taxes and user fees to fund essential government services, and spread the cost to everyone that uses those services.

I've heard some people say that as a nation we have lost our work ethic. I wonder if in fact, we have just allowed it to be taken from us.

Rex Bell
Hagerstown

Letter to the Editor Correction

The Banner mistakenly published inaccurate information in a letter to the editor by Peter O'Donoghue of Kennard last week. In retyping his letter to the editor, The Banner erroneously published that O'Donoghue grew up in Knightstown. In fact, and according to his original letter, O'Donoghue grew up in Indianapolis. The Banner regrets the error and any confusion or embarrassment it may have caused.

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BITS & PIECES

◆ **Eastern Hancock High School's Class of 1966** will host its 50-year reunion on Saturday, July 30, at Hawk's Tail Golf Club, 145 S. Morristown Pike, Greenfield. The event lasts 6-11 p.m., with dinner service at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Payments may be sent to Tom Barton, 104 N. Harrison St., Knightstown. RSVP to ehhclas-sos1966@gmail.com.

◆ Greensboro United Methodist Church will host a **blood drive** on Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Those who plan to donate blood should bring a valid photo ID. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207.

◆ Knightstown Neighborhood **Crime Watch** will meet Monday, May 9, at 6 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym. The public is invited.

◆ Knightstown First Wesleyan Church, 471 N. Franklin St., will host a "**Painting and Pie**" canvas painting class on Wednesday, May 11, at 6 p.m. The class will be taught by Kathie Rummell. Cost is \$20 and all supplies furnished, including an 11"x14" canvas. Participants can expect to be finished in two hours. No art skills are needed to participate. Pie and coffee will be furnished. Anyone wishing to attend may call Amy Bell at 765-686-7063 or Rummell at 765-345-9660.

◆ Knightstown High School's Class of 1976 will host its **40-year reunion** on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Knightstown American Legion Post 152. The event will be held 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. There is no registration cost. Attendees may choose individually to order off the menu and at the bar. A DJ and dancing will also be available. For more information, check out the KHS Class of 1976 40th Reunion Facebook page, or contact Kevin Richey at: km_richey@yahoo.com

◆ The Eastern Hancock Athletic Boosters are sponsoring their annual **Elementary Track and Field Night** on Thursday, May 5, for elementary school students in grades 1-4. The purpose of this event is to introduce students to track and field. Each participant will receive a day of practice on Tuesday, May 3, with EH high school and middle school athletes to learn the events they will compete in. Each student will compete in two track events (a sprint and distance event) and two field events (long jump and shot put). The event is open to students from all schools. The cost is \$15, with a registration deadline of May 2. More information and entry forms are available at www.ehathletics.org.

◆ **Bicentennial Hoosier Gym T-shirts** are now available to order from Beautify Knightstown, Inc. in gray or gold with the official bicentennial logo. Sizes small through XL are \$20; 2X through 5X are \$22. To order, call 765-445-2328; go to Facebook at Knightstown ... It's a Beauty; or visit 12 E. Main St., Knightstown. Celebrate *Hoosiers* 30th anniversary and Indiana's 200th birthday. Proceeds go to the *Hoosiers* movie themed mural project.

◆ **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.

◆ 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.

◆ 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 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.

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Forty-year CAB Veteran Mindy Conklin Retiring at End of Current School Year

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

On May 18, Knightstown Elementary School teacher Mindy Conklin will be honored for her 40 years of service in the district.

"I've taught fourth grade since 1990 or '91," Conklin said. "For 40 years, my whole career has been here at Charles A. Beard."

Her career began at Carthage, then she came to Knightstown Elementary. She started at Carthage in third grade. When she came to Knightstown, and later in their new building, she taught second grade. Next she moved up to fifth grade, and finally down to the fourth.

"Also at Carthage, I taught one year of sixth grade, which... oh, my goodness," she laughed, incredulous. "Yeah, not my favorite."

Her years as a teacher have yielded many memories. An early memory was the filming of the movie *Hoosiers* in Knightstown.

"That was exciting," said Conklin. "We got to meet Gene Hackman after school one day. All the teachers went over and kind of had a little meeting with him. He just talked to us and he was very congenial, we had a picture or two taken with him."

Conklin regrets that she could not be part of the film as an extra, as a few other locals had. Despite her small background as a thespian, she chose instead to devote time to her infant daughter.

"They did those extra scenes on Saturday, and I thought, 'I don't want to leave her one more time on Saturday, I leave her all week,'" she said. "And who knew at the time that this was going to be such an iconic film, ya know?"

She remembers a time when all the buses and kids were held at the elementary school due to stormy weather.

"This wasn't the Kennard tornado, that was before me," said Conklin. "There were big storms and tornadoes, and gosh, we kept the kids in those locker



rooms for probably a half-hour or 45 minutes after they were supposed to be dismissed. That was kind of exciting but nerve-racking, and we were trying to keep the kids all calm while we were trying to stay calm."

Conklin enjoys taking students on field trips. They have taken trips to places such as Conner Prairie or Mounds State Park in Anderson. Their most frequent destination is Corydon, as part of the class's study of Indiana history.

"We'll be going May 20 this year," Conklin said. "I think this is the 19th trip we've taken to Corydon.

It's an extended day trip, so we're just finishing that. We've had some exciting adventures on those trips."

Even Conklin's children now look back on the places they've visited while on vacation, stating that the ones they remember most are the places whose history their mother had described to them.

"I enjoy the Indiana history. That's probably my favorite thing. One of the things that the fourth graders are not tested on in ISTEP is the Indiana history," she said. "We still teach it, but it doesn't have as high a focus as the science does. You know, it's unfortunate that the state kind of rules that."

Teaching has been one of Conklin's lifelong passions, dating back to when she was very young.

"Like a lot of kids I played school when I was little. My parents had a little blackboard in the corner of the kitchen and I would pretend to teach," said Conklin.

Over the last 40 years, Conklin has experienced changes in her job and has done her best to roll with them. Changes in technology were the biggest, something she and many other teachers, even whole school systems, had to catch up with.

She has seen regular testing replaced by ISTEP, mimeograph machines replaced by copiers, filmstrips replaced by document cameras and

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., May 4 – Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall

Thurs., May 5 – Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Sat., May 7 – Shirley Town Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., Shirley Town Hall

Sat., May 7 – Wilkinson Town Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Wilkinson Town Hall

Mon., May 9 – Carthage Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Carthage Town Hall

Mon., May 9 – Eastern Hancock School Board meeting, 7 p.m., corporation office

Tues., May 10 – Knightstown Public Library Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., at library

Tues., May 10 – South Henry School Corp.

board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tues., May 10 – Rush Co. Historic Board meeting, 7 p.m., Historical Museum, 619 N. Perkins St., Rushville

Wed., May 11 – Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., May 11 – Henry Co. Drainage Board meeting, 9 a.m., county office building suite 107, New Castle

Wed., May 11 – Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., May 11 – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

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FOLKWAYS

Madeline Richey Spends Spring Break in Haiti



Daughter of KHS Grads

Madeline Richey, granddaughter of Richard and Dorothy Richey of Knightstown, recently spent her spring break in Chambrum, Haiti, with 25 other students to do missionary work with the nonprofit group "I'm In." through Nehemiah Ministries. Richey said she really enjoyed her time with the children and the work involved. "They're so happy, but they have nothing," she said.

Richey is a sophomore at Zionsville Community High School. She is the daughter of Rich and Shari (Alexander) Richey of Zionsville. They are both Knightstown High School graduates.

Library Unveiling Centennial Garden

Guests to the New Castle-Henry County Public Library will soon be welcomed by a new garden. The library will celebrate its Centennial Garden at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7. During the garden's "reveal," Library Director Winnie Logan will give a short presentation and Friends of the Library will provide refreshments.

The garden is situated near the front of the library, at the corner of 15th Street and Indiana Avenue and includes a water feature and golden raintree. Friends of the Library donated the raintree, and Central Indiana Hydroseeding completed the landscaping.

"This Centennial Garden will give the community a pleasant place to read and will serve as a reminder of the library's 100 years of service," noted Winnie Logan, Library Director. "We are especially pleased with the Friends of the Library's donation of the golden raintree, which has such historical significance to our area."

Victory Lane Camp Family Game Night Friday, May 20

Victory Lane Camp is hosting a Family Game Night 7-9 p.m. on Friday, May 20, at South Memorial Drive Church of God, 3800 S. Memorial Dr., New Castle. This free event is open to everyone, but is specifically designed to be a welcoming environment to families who have children with disabilities.

Families are encouraged to bring a favorite board game or card game. Victory Lane Camp will provide an ice cream sundae bar.

Victory Lane Camp is a community made up of people from all types of backgrounds and abilities who care and connect with one another. Connections made between families through Victory Lane can lead to lasting friendships where families support one another through the stresses and joys of life all year long.

Victory Lane Camp is hosting two four-day camp sessions this summer: June 10-13 at Bradford Woods in Martinsville and July 21-24 at Cornerstone Campground in New Castle.

The Victory Lane Camp experience is designed for the whole family. Registration ends May 15. For more info about Victory Lane Camp, or please contact Tiffany at 765-591-4191.

(Read 1 Thessalonians 3:1-3)

The Trials Are Coming! The Trials Are Coming!



by Rev. Gail Whitmire
Knightstown First Wesleyan
Church - 765-759-5944

"... so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them" (1 Thess. 3:3)

The Apostle Paul sounds resigned to trials in life, doesn't he? Was this because he was the type of person who always looked for the negative side of life? Not at all. He did know, however, that trials are a part of life.

Common sense tells us that in this life there will be bad times, as well as good times. So what are we to do about it? We could stand by, wringing our hands, wait-

ing for the worst to happen. If we allow this to become our habit, think of how little we'll accomplish from day to day. Remember how Chicken Little panicked while he waited for the sky to fall? His fretting accounted for a lot of wasted time.

Some of the most vibrant Christians I know are those who do, in fact, "know quite well" that we are destined to face trials in our lives. But they handle it by using their time in a positive way - volunteering at the local hospital, running errands for someone who is ill, babysitting so that a mom and dad can have a night out, praying for others. There are so many things to keep us busy. Let's choose wisely.

Run like Chicken Little? No thanks. I'd rather soar with the wings of an eagle. (See Isaiah 40:31.)

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Richardson Birth

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At birth, Sawyer weighed 7 lbs., 4.4 oz., and was 18.5 inches long. He was welcomed home by his brothers, Jacob and Johnathan Richardson and J. Everett "Rhett" House.

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Carthage Revises Cemetery Foundations Ordinance

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council could vote this Monday to adopt an ordinance revising the town's approach to headstone foundations at the town cemetery on Carthage Pike.

During a special meeting held April 25, the council asked attor-

ney Adam Forrest to draft an ordinance that would get the town out of the foundation-pouring business. Instead, the town would contract with an outside vendor to provide this service.

Adoption of the new ordinance, it is hoped, will lower the cost of foundations for families. Since late 2014, when the council last voted

to make changes to cemetery pricing, the town has been charging \$1 per square-inch for foundations, a price that had drawn a recent complaint.

At its April 11 monthly meeting, Carthage resident Shelly Richmond told the council her parents had been quoted a lower price when they purchased their plots a

few years earlier. An effort to approve the lower price, led by Vice President Rachael Brown and council member Ashley Davis, failed by a 2-3 vote when President Bill Davis and council members Kenny Land and John Hancock voted against it.

After Bill Davis, Land and Hancock then voted 3-2 to table the request until the council's May 9 meeting, Ashley Davis asked for a special council meeting to deal with the issue before then. A special meeting was set for April 25, but neither Ashley Davis nor Brown attended.

Bill Davis said at the April 25 meeting that he wanted to refund the difference between what Richmond's parents had paid and the lower price she said they'd been quoted. He also said he wanted to issue a similar refund to another family who had been charged the higher \$1 per square-inch rate, something Land opposed.

"Those people didn't have any problem paying a dollar," Land said.

"They didn't say they had an issue before," Hancock agreed.

"There's nothing wrong with

what you've done," Forrest said with respect to charging the higher price. "... There's nothing wrong with the ordinance that was in place then." He told them, however, they could choose to issue a refund, if that's what they want to do.

"I just don't want it to seem like we did for one what we didn't do for everybody," Davis said.

"The price is no longer an issue with the Richmonds," Ripley Township Trustee Tara Hancock, John Hancock's wife, told the council. "They're taken care of."

While they took no votes on the matter, Davis, Hancock and Land all told Forrest they were OK with having the town hire a contractor to pour the foundations. They also said they were OK with the town charging a set \$30 fee for locating and marking where foundations are to be set.

Linda McMahan, the town's clerk-treasurer, asked Forrest if the town would need to seek bids from contractors interested in doing the foundation work.

"No," Forrest said, "but what harm does it cause? ... If I'm the public, I would like you to do some due diligence." Besides getting price estimates, he said this would also include checking references and verifying if contractors are bonded.

Forrest said he would draft an ordinance that removes the current \$1 per square-inch price for foundations and replaces it with language that says the town will hire a contractor to do this work. The ordinance will also include the \$30 locating and marking fee.

The council is expected to consider the ordinance on first reading at Monday's meeting. If at least four members are present and unanimously agree to suspend the normal rules of procedure, the council could hold a second reading and vote of adoption that same night.

Monday's meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 6 p.m. at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St.

Quilt Guild Featuring Guests on May 18

Common Threads Quilt Guild, Inc. meeting for May 18 will have Martha Higdon speaking on Borders and Batting. She will explain why properly adding borders to quilt tops and choosing the correct batting makes all the difference in a finished look. Higdon opened her "long arm" quilting business, called Around the Vine, in 2014. She enjoys bringing quilts alive through the quilting process. Her studio is just south of the New Palestine area. Her website is located at www.quiltingbymartha.com.

Common Threads Quilt Guild meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Mount Comfort United Methodist Church. The guild's website is located at www.commonthreadsinc.com.

Upcoming speakers at Common Threads include (June 23) Pat Knoechel from "Quilt in a Day." She will be discussing Eleanor Burns' new book, *Quilts from El's Attic*. Guest registration is \$5. The Harvest of Quilts Show will be Aug. 26-27.

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Developer Proposes 25-home Project on Adams Street

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council has told a Fort Wayne developer that it would be willing to consider offering the company an abatement on property taxes on a \$4.7-million project that would build 25 housing units just off North Adams Street.

Danelle Biberstine, business development specialist for Keller Development Inc., gave a presentation on the proposed project at the council's April 21 monthly meeting. She said her company is considering buying the property on North Adams where the former elementary school and administration offices for the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. is located.

Biberstine said KDI may be interested in building 25 houses – 21 three-bedroom units, and four four bedrooms – measuring 1,300-1,800 square feet each with two-car garages. She said the housing, located on less than 10 acres, would be "lease-to-purchase" and targeted at lower-income families or persons with disabilities who may otherwise experience barriers to home ownership.

For the first 15 years, occupants of the homes would have a lease, paying \$450 a month for a

three-bedroom home or \$500 a month for a four-bedroom model. Biberstine said once that period is up, KDI would sell the home to tenants for approximately 40 percent of its market value at that time, which she said is usually about \$130,000.

As a condition of participating in the housing program, Biberstine said renters would be required to attend classes on home ownership and financial management. If they don't attend the classes, she said they would be given three warnings before being evicted.

The homes would be stick-built with vinyl siding and some brick on the outside, and Biberstine said there would be a community building with a kitchen, a room for TV and games, a computer room with Internet access and laundry facilities. She said KDI will take care of the community building for the first 15 years, and, after that, it would be managed by the homeowners association.

Biberstine said KDI doesn't want its homes to "stand out and be different" from others in the neighborhood. She said KDI also likes to get feedback from local citizens.

"We usually hold a community meeting and let them know what we're thinking about doing and get their input," Biberstine said. "...

We don't want to build something that looks like it doesn't fit in."

For the project to be feasible, Biberstine said KDI would be asking the town for an abatement on its property taxes. She said the company is usually given a 10-year abatement that starts off with a 100-percent abatement the first year that diminishes 10 percent each year so that 100-percent of property taxes are being paid in year 11.

"At this point, I'm personally not opposed to what you're talking about," council member Roger Hammer said. "I'd like to hear more." Council President Sarah Ward told Biberstine that the council's consensus was that it would be willing to consider a request for a tax abatement at some later time.

In other business at the April 21 meeting, the council:

*Approved payment of claims totaling \$312,183.15;

*OK'd hiring an outside contractor \$7,000 to make repairs to electric service on two utility poles in town;

*Adopted an ordinance setting forth purchasing policies for the town and an ordinance establishing policies for keeping track of the town's capital assets;

*Approved a request to close the public square from 3-8 p.m. on

Saturday, June 18, for a car show sponsored by Knightstown Main Street Inc.;

*Heard an update on application for food and beverage tax grant funds from Dan Wright of FPBH Inc., a North Vernon-based engineering company working with the town on plans for improvements to the sewer and water utilities;

*Approved the members of a steering committee to work with Keiser Consulting Group LLC on development of a comprehensive plan for the town;

*Heard a brief update on recent improvements made at the Hoosier Gym;

*OK'd purchase of a special flag for the state's bicentennial;

*Approved a plan for placement of decorative bicycles and planters around town by Beautify

Knightstown Inc. and Knightstown Main Street Inc., respectively;

*Gave Police Chief Duane Booth permission to trade in seven old handguns for five newer models at a total cost of \$35;

*Agreed to extend the application deadline for the town works manager position until Friday, May 13, with interviews to be done in executive session on Monday, May 16, at 7 p.m.;

*Gave permission to close the public square May 30-June 4 for Jubilee Days and Oct. 1-2 for Fall Fest;

*Directed the town's legal counsel to file an appeal challenging unemployment benefits given to Greg Neice, the town's former works manager who was fired in March.

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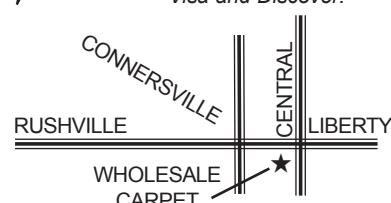
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Though some may regard it as a dubious distinction, placement on the endangered list means the Beech Church may get important grant funding that will allow it to remain, but also undergo much needed repairs and renovations. (Eric Cox photo)

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This tracker will be effective for all energy consumed during the billing period.

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Indiana Landmarks has announced its 10 Most Endangered, an annual list of Hoosier landmarks in jeopardy.

"Places that land on the 10 Most Endangered often face a combination of problems rather than a single threat," says Marsh Davis, president of Indiana Landmarks, a nonprofit preservation organization. "A bid for demolition is a loud signal, of course, but many of these sites suffer abandonment, neglect, dilapidation, obsolete use, unreasonable above-market sale price, sympathetic owners who simply lack money for repairs, an out-of-the-way location - or its opposite, encroaching sprawl that makes the land more valuable without the landmark."

Indiana Landmarks populates the "10 Most" list with important structures that have reached a dire point. "Calling attention helps," says Davis. "These places are not lost causes. All have the potential for revival and reuse."

"These landmarks preserve connections to community heritage. Time and again, we find that restoring one important place spurs broader revitalization in a community," Davis adds. Indiana Landmarks uses the Most Endangered list to bring attention to the imperiled sites and find solutions that will ensure their preservation.

Indiana Landmarks announced the first 10 Most Endangered in 1991. Since then, 112 historic places in severe jeopardy have appeared on the list, with only 13 lost to demolition. This year's list includes eight new entries and two landmarks making repeat appearances (see addendum for more on each site).

The new 10 Most Endangered in 2016 are:

1. Beech Church, Carthage vicinity

2. Hazelwood, Muncie
3. Speakman House, Rising Sun
4. Washington County Courthouse, Salem

5. Monon High Bridge, near Delphi
6. Pryor's Country Place, Fox Lake near Angola
7. Ford Motor Company Assembly Branch, Indianapolis

8. Southside Turnverein Hall, Indianapolis
Landmarks repeating on the list from the previous year include:

9. Camp Chesterfield, Chesterfield
10. Rivoli Theatre, Indianapolis

The fates of several landmarks named to the 10 Most Endangered in 2015 have improved dramatically, demonstrating the effectiveness of the list.

• Indiana Medical History Museum in the 1895 Old Pathology Building in Indianapolis received donations and a grant to replace the leaking roof.

• McCurdy Hotel in Evansville has gone from vacant to active with construction workers converting it to apartments.

• United Brethren Block, three interconnected buildings on the courthouse square in Huntington, won a demolition reprieve with a redevelopment prospect

• Bedford Elks Lodge is now watertight, thanks to the Bedford Urban Enterprise Association, which is exploring reuse options.

To find out more about each of the 10 Most Endangered, visit www.indianalandmarks.org or contact Indiana Landmarks, 317-639-4534 or 800-450-4534.

Clever Clovers 4-H Club Meets

The Wayne Township Clever Clovers 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on April 25 at Knightstown United Methodist Church.

President Hannah Thomas called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with Luke Thomas leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Emily Adams leading the 4-H pledge.

Roll call was taken with 15 members, two adults, one guest and two leaders present.

The secretary's report was given by Lacy Thomas in place of Mackinsy Fowler. It was approved as read.

Jordan Ventresco gave the treasurer's report.

Demonstrations were given by Salina Hamm, who demonstrated the proper way of flossing teeth. Braxton Hamm gave his demonstration on a rabbit project. Abigail Ebbert demonstrated how to make a purse out of a T-shirt.

Tony Wright, Henry County shooting sport project leader, was the guest speaker. Wright spoke to the group about the shooting sports project, what each discipline of the shooting sports are, and the requirements. He also spoke about firearm and hunting safety.

Committee reports were given by Lacy Thomas. There will be sign-up sheets at the next meeting to help with the 4-H barrel and the lemonade Shake-up stand during Jubilee Days.

Leader comments included reminding the members to be aware of important dates (meetings, deadlines, weigh-in's). Those can be found on the flyer that was handed out last meeting, in the 4-H Handbook and on the 4-H website. Also, dates were given out for the livestock workshop.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. at KUMC.

LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Panthers Sweep Cowan in Doubleheader

Knightstown's varsity softball team swept Cowan in a doubleheader at home April 23.

In the morning game, the Lady Panthers shutout the Lady Blackhawks 10-0. KHS scored three runs in the first inning, three more in the second and four runs in the bottom of the fifth for the run-rule victory.

Haley Fowler got the start on the mound for Knightstown. She pitched four innings, facing 17 batters with six strikeouts and two walks. Fowler gave up three hits.

Maddie Lyall pitched the fifth inning. She came up against four batters with two going down with strikeouts and no hits given up.

Haley Fowler pounded a three-run home run. She was also walked once, resulting in another run scored.

Carmen Cleek hit two doubles for two RBIs and one run scored.

Robyn Clark smashed a three-RBI double.

Georgie Lawhorne walked once, got a stolen base and hit a double and single to score three times.

Sammie Eaks scored twice after getting on base with a walk

Bittinger Pitches No-hitter for EH

Eastern Hancock's varsity softball team picked up a conference win at home April 19 with a five-inning 10-0 victory over Morristown.

The Lady Royals showed up ready to play, scoring six runs in the first inning. They brought three more players across the plate in the bottom of the third inning to go up 9-0. They sealed the victory with another run in the bottom of the fifth.

Freshman Elise Bittinger pitched all five innings for the Lady Royals, giving up no hits. Of the 17 batters she faced, she struck out six batters and walked one.

Leading the offense for Eastern Hancock was Jordan Pierson who was 4-for-4, including two doubles. She collected one RBI and scored two runs.

Micah Black also hit two doubles for one RBI and one run scored.

Kaysi Gilbert smacked an RBI-triple and scored one run.

Darby Shaw hit an RBI-single and scored once while Savannah Patterson got a base hit and two RBIs.

Eriel Truitt and Peyton West each had a base hit and scored a run.

Reagan Hunt hit a single and scored twice and Brooke Walden also scored a run.

The win bumped up the Lady Royals' season record to 5-1.

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and a double.

Jess Butler had an RBI-single. She stole one base and scored twice.

Vivian Goodpaster collected an RBI with a sacrifice hit.

In the afternoon game of the doubleheader, the Lady Panthers came out of a deficit for big sixth inning that propelled them to an 11-8 victory over the Lady Blackhawks.

Both Cowan and Knightstown scored two runs in the first inning but the Lady Blackhawks were on fire in the second inning, scoring six runs to take an 8-2 lead. Those would be the last runs KHS gave up in the game.

The Lady Panthers scored two runs in the third inning and three more in the bottom of the fourth to come within one run of Cowan. The Lady Blackhawks would hold their 8-7 lead through the top of the sixth inning before Knightstown rallied to score four runs and take the lead.

KHS shut down Cowan in the top of the seventh inning to get the 11-8 win.

Freshman Sidney Vise started on the pitcher's mound for

Knightstown. She pitched one out into the second inning when senior Maddie Lyall took over and ultimately got the win.

Vise faced 10 batters, giving up five runs on four hits, including a home run. She walked two batters and was tagged with three errors.

Lyall faced 25 batters in the 5.2 innings she pitched, allowing three runs on three hits and two errors. She struck out five batters and walked two.

Robyn Clark had a huge day at the plate with five RBIs on a home run, a double and a single. She scored twice.

Haley Fowler hit a double and two singles for three RBIs and three runs scored.

Ryan Johnson had an RBI-double.

Jess Butler put down two base hits for one RBI. She grabbed one stolen base and scored once.

Georgie Lawhorne and Candice Wyatt each had two base hits. Lawhorne also had one stolen base and scored twice. Carmen Cleek scored the team's other run.

With the two wins, Knightstown's season record goes to 5-4.

Trojans Top Panther Baseball Team Again This Year

The Knightstown varsity baseball team suffered its second loss of the season at New Castle April 25, falling 4-6.

The Panthers and the Trojans each scored one run in the first inning then went scoreless in the second and third. The Trojans held the Panthers to no runs in the top of the fourth before knocking in three runs in the bottom of that inning.

KHS answered with three runs of its own in the top of the fifth to tie the game up at four-all. But, that would be all for the Panthers while the Trojans scored again in the bottom of the fifth and sixth to nab the 6-4 victory.

"We were close in this game and we responded well at times but our defense still isn't playing tight enough to beat a team as good as New Castle," said Panther Head Coach Daren Hardesty.

Kaunner Cleek pitched the entire game, six innings, for the Panthers. Of the 28 batters he faced, he struck out six and walked two. Cleek gave up six runs on seven hits and four errors.

Knightstown only had four hits in the game and two of those were singles by Drake Peggs who also had one RBI and scored two of the team's four runs.

Tyler Burton hit a single and sacrifice fly for one RBI. Cleek had the team's only other hit.

Spencer Mattix and Logan Whitaker each scored for the Panthers.

"We know we could play better and we are going to continue to work in practice to get ourselves ready to compete at the highest level," asserted Hardesty.

With the loss, Knightstown drops to 7-2 on the year.

Titans Split DH with Lincoln

Tri's varsity baseball team split with Cambridge City Lincoln in a home field doubleheader April 16.

The Titans and Golden Eagles put on a good show for fans in their morning game, scoring 27 runs and making the game exciting through seven full innings.

But, Tri ultimately fell to Lincoln 11-16 in the Tri-Eastern Conference game.

Sophomore Drew Mondrush got the start on the mound for Tri. He pitched three innings, facing 17 batters. He struck out three batters and walked three while giving up eight runs on three hits, including a home run, with three errors.

Senior Kaleb Harrison relieved Mondrush and pitched the last four innings. Of the 24 batters he faced, Harrison struck out three and walked one. He allowed eight runs on four hits, including two doubles, with three errors.

Bryce Longnecker hit a double and single for one RBI to lead the Titans at the plate. He also had two stolen bases and scored one run.

Josiah Jackson had a base hit and a sacrifice hit to collect two RBIs as well as two stolen bases.

Eric Bilby and Mason Phelps each got an RBI-single and Bilby scored twice.

Harrison and Robert Wyant both had one base hit and scored once.

Mondrush got an RBI on a sacrifice hit and scored two runs while Kyler Burchett scored three runs.

The morning game loss counted toward the teams' Tri-Eastern Conference record. The Titans are now 0-3 in the conference and 1-2 overall this season.

The Titans had a huge sixth inning at the plate to end the afternoon game early with a 12-2 win.

Tri scored a run in the first inning and five runs in the second inning to go up 6-0. Lincoln put their only two runs on the board in the fourth while Tri remained scoreless in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

Then, the Titans pounded out six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to get the run-rule victory.

Bilby pitched the first three innings before being relieved by Jackson in the middle of the fourth inning. Bilby, who earned the win, faced 18 batters with two strike outs and four walks. He gave up two runs on two hits and two errors.

Jackson faced 11 batters and struck out nearly half of those. He had five strike outs and walked none while giving up just two hits with no errors.

On the offensive side, Jackson hit a double and a single generating four RBIs. He scored two runs.

Harrison had three base hits and two RBIs with one run scored.

Longnecker hit two singles for two RBIs and scored once.

Gage Rowe smacked a two-RBI-single and scored one run.

Phelps and Chris Blake each had an RBI-single and scored once.

Bilby got a base hit, was walked once and hit by a pitch to reach base, resulting in him scoring three times.

Burchett hit a single, was walked twice and scored once. Mondrush reached base on an error and was walked twice. He scored one run.

The win upgraded the Titans season record to 2-2 but did not count toward their conference record.

Peggs Hits a Homer, Two Doubles in Tri Softball Win

The Lady Titans varsity softball team whipped another team April 19, defeating Monroe Central 17-6 in a five-inning game.

Monroe Central jumped out to an early 4-3 after the first inning and scored another run to go up 5-3 at the top of the second.

Then, the Lady Titans cranked out four runs in the bottom of the second to go up 7-5.

Tri held the Lady Golden Bears scoreless in the top of the third and knocked in another run to go up 8-5 after three.

Monroe Central pushed one more run across the plate in the top of the fourth inning but Tri answered with a huge nine-run inning to lead 17-6.

The Lady Titans then held their opponent scoreless in the top of the fifth inning to secure the run-rule victory.

Abbi Coffman and Peyton Moore shared time on the pitching mound with Coffman getting the start and the win. Of the 13 batters Coffman faced, she walked one and had no strikeouts while giving

up five runs on five hits and five errors.

Moore came up against 10 batters, striking out two and walking none. She gave up no hits but allowed one run with one error.

Mackenzie Peggs had a huge day at the plate going 4-for-4 including a home run and two doubles. She knocked in four RBIs and scored two runs.

Kirsten Falck also went 4-for-4 with four RBIs and three runs scored.

Moore hit an RBI-double and scored four times.

Coffman had two base hits and two RBIs. Jesse Spong hit two singles for one RBI.

Kierstyn Conyers got a base hit and knocked in three runs.

Breanna Reece hit an RBI-single and scored two runs while Lauren Bouslog scored three times, Kaley Harrison scored two runs and Karlee Winkhart scored one run.

The victory pushed the Lady Titans' overall season record to 6-2. They are 0-1 in the conference.

Royals' Hot Bats, Knoblock's Pitching Smashes Morristown

Eastern Hancock's varsity baseball team clobbered Morristown 23-0 for a big conference road win April 22.

The Royals started out on fire, scoring four runs in the first inning, two more in the second inning and five runs in the third.

Despite already having enough to secure the win, the Royals scored a whopping 11 runs in the fourth inning and added one more run in the top of the fifth inning to end the game early.

Andrew Knoblock pitched all five innings for the Royals. He faced 17 batters and struck out more than half of those. Knoblock gave up three hits and had nine strike outs with no walks.

The Royals had 16 hits in the game led by Garek Ferguson with three hits, five RBIs and three runs scored.

Addison True hit a double and a single for three RBIs and two runs scored.

Dwight Duzan also had two hits with three RBIs and two runs scored. Levi Majority posted two hits, two RBIs and two runs.

Tom Barton hit two singles for two RBIs, scoring once.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Panther Track Team Wins North Decatur Invite

Knightstown girls track placed first at the North Decatur Invitational April 15.

This is the fourth straight first place finish for the Lady Panthers at this event.

Individual Knightstown results for each of the events are detailed below.

100 meter dash

3rd - Abby Arnold, 13.83 sec.
5th - Hannah Thomas, 14.13

200 meter dash

1st - Elaine Suesz, 28.52
5th - Allison Sander, 29.86

400 meter run

1st - Abby Arnold, 1:08.1
2nd - Cora Nolen, 1:08.9

800 meter run

4th - Lori Thomas, 2:52
7th - Kelsey Crim, 3:05.4

1600 meter run

3rd - Lori Thomas, 6:40
4th - Harley Peavler, 6:47

3200 meter run

2nd - Meski Tabb, 14:37
6th - Meghan Cupp, 16:15.25

100 meter hurdles

1st - Allison Sander, 17.24
7th - Elizabeth Moore, 19.31

300 meter hurdles

4th - Elizabeth Moore, 55.19

4 x 100 meter relay

2nd - Allison Sander, Abby Arnold, Hannah Thomas, Elaine Suesz, 55.38

4 x 400 meter relay

1st - Abby Arnold, Heather Jackson, Cora Nolen, Elaine Suesz, 4:38.19

4 x 800 meter relay

1st - Elizabeth Moore, Annie Moore, Kelsey Crim, Lori Thomas, 11:38.49

Shot put

3rd - Hannah Thomas, 30'11"
5th - Brayden Walters, 27'9"

Discus

3rd - Hannah Thomas, 79'8"
6th - Brayden Walters, 75'3"

High jump

2nd - Allison Sanderv, 4'8"
4th - Annie Moore, 4'6"

Long jump

4th - Elaine Suesz, 14'10"
8th - Elizabeth Moore, 13'10"

KHS Boys Track Team Takes 2nd at N. Decatur

1600 meter run

4th - Michael Weiland, 5:16.19
8th - Evan Nolen, 5:44.62

3200 meter run

2nd - Ben Willey, 10:46.63
5th - Michael Weiland, 11:57.60

110 meter hurdles

1st - Daniel Rayburn, 17.78
3rd - Lane Parker, 17.81

300 meter hurdles

1st - Daniel Rayburn, 44.5
2nd - Riley Ruble, 45.78

4 x 100 meter relay

1st - Alex Fields, Jackson Edwards, Riley Ruble, Kennedy Osborn, 44.97

800 meter run

3rd - JT Butler, 2:16

7th - Devyn Schaetzle, 2:36.11

4 x 400 meter relay

2nd - JT Butler, Michael Weiland, Ben Willey, Evan Nolen, 9:33.41

Shot put

5th - Coleman Wyatt, 39'9"
7th - Garrett Thomas, 36'7"

Discus

4th - Coleman Wyatt, 122'6"
5th - Logan Johnson, 113'7"

High jump

8th - Daniel Rayburn, 5'6"

Long jump

2nd - Jackson Edwards, 18'8"

Lady Panthers Fall to Union County, Beat Rushville

coaches for her defensive efforts.

The Lady Panthers' season record stands at 2-4 following the loss to Union County.

Knightstown vs. Rushville

The Lady Panthers varsity softball team got a boost with a big road win at 3A Rushville April 20. Knightstown's bats were hot, pounding out 12 hits to defeat the Lady Lions 12-2.

Rushville got on the board first with a run at the bottom of the first but KHS answered with four runs in the top of the second inning and two more runs in the third.

The Lady Lions scored again in the bottom of the third inning to put the score at 6-2. Knightstown girls scored another run in the fourth inning and five runs in the top of the fifth.

KHS held the Lady Lions scoreless and took advantage of their six errors to claim the 12-2 victory after six innings.

Haley Fowler pitched the complete game with two errors and

five hits allowed. She faced 24 batters, striking out seven and walked just one.

Robyn Clark was 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. She scored two runs.

Sidney Vise had two base hits for three RBIs and two runs scored.

Jess Butler put down two singles for two RBIs. She had two stolen bases and scored twice.

Ryan Johnson and Georgee Lawhorne each had two base hits and scored once.

Vivian Goodpaster hit a double and single. She scored two runs.

Carmen Cleek had a base hit and a sacrifice hit for two RBIs.

Haley Fowler hit an RBI-double and scored once.

Sidney Hastings, with a base hit and sacrifice hit, knocked in one RBI.

Hastings, Lawhorne and Vise also had one stolen base apiece.

The win moved the Lady Panthers' season record to 3-4.

KHS Girls Track Team Flys By Anderson Prep, Morristown

3rd - Elizabeth Moore, 18.28

300 meter hurdles

2nd - Elizabeth Moore, 52.68
3rd - Heather Jackson, 54.93

4 x 100 meter relay

1st - Allison Sander, Abby Arnold, Hannah Thomas, Elaine Suesz, 55:78

4 x 400 meter relay

1st - Elaine Suesz, Lori Thomas, Abby Arnold, Heather Jackson, 4:39.64

4 x 800 meter relay

1st - Annie Moore, Elizabeth Moore, Kelsey Crim, Hannah

Thomas, 11:25.37

Shot put

1st - Hannah Thomas, 31' 4.5"

Discus

1st - Hannah Thomas, 89'10"

High jump

2nd - Allison Sander, 4'9"

Long jump

1st - Elaine Suesz, 15' 4.5"

4th - Elizabeth Moore, 13'5"

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Jarett Lewis smacked an RBI-double and scored three times. Easton Fields had a base hit, three RBIs and two runs. A.J. Muegge knocked in two runs with a base hit. He scored twice. Knoblock helped his cause with an RBI-single and two runs scored. Devin Denny added a base hit and scored three runs while Payton Wilkinson got an RBI and Clayton White scored a run.

Eastern Hancock's season record moved to 3-5 and to 2-1 in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

100 meter dash

1st - Abby Arnold, 13.71

3rd - Hannah Thomas, 12.22

200 meter dash

1st - Jackson Edwards, 24.07

2nd - Kennedy Osborn, 24.60

400 meter run

1st - Jon Lukens, 54.76

3rd - Michael Watson, 59.62

800 meter run

4th - JT Butler, 2:14.20

1600 meter run

1st - Ryan Moore, 5:13.00

2nd - Michael Weiland, 5:20.00

4th - Evan Nolen, 5:37.00

200 meter hurdles

1st - Jackson Edwards, 19' 1.75"

3rd - Alex Fields, 17'

Long jump

1st - Jackson Edwards, 5' 4"

4th - Daniel Rayburn, 5' 2"

High jump

1st - Kennedy Osborn, 5' 4"

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Long jump

1st - Jackson Edwards, 19' 1.75"

3rd - Alex Fields, 17'

100 meter hurdles

1st - Allison Sander, 17.05

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LOCAL SPORTS

Knightstown Girls 3rd, Tri 7th at Northeastern Knight Invite

Knightstown and Tri girls track teams competed at the eight school Northeastern Knight Invitational April 29.

Knightstown placed third with 90 and Tri was seventh with 35. Monroe Central got 140 for first.

Individual Knightstown and Tri results for each of the events are detailed below.

100 meter dash

3rd - Abby Arnold, 13.91, KHS
7th - Emma Reichart, 14.32, Tri

200 meter dash

2nd - Elaine Suesz, 28.76, KHS
8th - Heather Jackson, 32.5, KHS

400 meter run

3rd - Abby Arnold, 01:08.2a, KHS
7th - Kensington Appleby, 01:15.4, Tri
8th - Meghan Weatherford, 01:18.0, Tri

800 meter run

7th - Lori Thomas, 02:49.4, KHS
12th - Kelsey Crim, 03:05.9, KHS
13th - Joy Herbkersman, 03:12.8, Tri

1600 meter run

7th - Lori Thomas, 06:34.1, KHS

Knightstown Boys 2nd, Tri 7th at Northeastern Knight Invite

Knightstown and Tri boys track teams competed at the eight school Northeastern Knight Invitational April 29.

Knightstown placed second with 107 and Tri was seventh with 20. Monroe Central finished first with 121 points.

Individual Knightstown and Tri results for each of the events are detailed below.

100 meter dash

3rd - Jackson Edwards, 11.67, KHS
8th - Kennedy Osborn, 12.64, KHS

200 meter dash

3rd - Jackson Edwards, 24.16, KHS
8th - Kennedy Osborn, 25.43, KHS

400 meter run

1st - Jon Lukens, 53.56, KHS
5th - Grant Jessup, 55.5, Tri
12th - Michael Watson, 01:00.2, KHS

800 meter run

8th - JT Butler, 02:18.4, KHS
11th - Evan Nolen, 02:28.5, KHS
15th - Joah Fairchild, 02:54.9, Tri
16th - Austin Stroud, 02:58.4, Tri

1600 meter run

9th - Michael Weiland, 05:18.9, KHS

Centerville 9-0 over KHS Girls

The varsity Lady Panthers' softball team were shutout 0-9 at Centerville April 25.

Despite getting seven hits, KHS was unable to advance runners across the plate. Centerville's batting success was compounded by Knightstown's five errors.

Both teams were scoreless in the first two innings then Centerville knocked in five runs in the bottom of the third. The Lady Bulldogs scored four more runs in the back end of the sixth inning.

Maddie Lyall pitched all six innings for the Lady Panthers. She gave up 16 hits, including two home runs, one triple and three doubles. She struck out one batter and was cited with seven errors.

Georgee Lawhorne and Carmen Cleek each hit a double and single.

Vivian Goodpaster had a double while Sammi Eaks, Robyn Clark and Vivian Goodpaster each had a base hit.

Clark, Goodpaster and Lawhorne also posted one stolen base apiece. The loss dropped the Lady Panthers to 5-5 on the season.

Panther Track Team Beats Anderson Prep, Morristown

3rd - Daniel Rayburn, 17.32
4th - Lane Parker, 17.95

300 meter hurdles

3rd - Daniel Rayburn, 44.09
4th - Riley Ruble, 44.26

4 x 100 meter relay

2nd - Alex Fields, Jackson Edwards, Riley Ruble, Jon Lukens, 45.84

4 x 400 meter relay

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

4 x 800 meter relay

2nd - JT Butler, Evan Nolen, Michael Weiland, Ben Willey, 9:13.08

Shot put

1st - Coleman Wyatt, 41'5"
2nd - Garrett Thomas, 40'3"

Discus

1st - Coleman Wyatt, 124'3"
2nd - Garrett Thomas, 121'6"
3rd - Logan Johnson, 109'9"

High jump

3rd - Daniel Rayburn, 5'4"
4th - Lane Parker, 5'2"

Long jump

1st - Jackson Edwards, 18'6"

Lady Panthers Shutout Waldron

After being shutout at Centerville in their previous game, the varsity Lady Panthers' softball team got a huge shutout of their own, toppling Waldron 21-0 on the road April 28.

Knightstown was hot from the start, scoring five runs in the first inning and another eight runs in the second to go up 13-0.

KHS knocked in five runs in the third, two runs in the fourth and one more in the fifth inning to get the run-rule victory.

Pitching duties were shared by Haley Fowler and Maddie Lyall. Fowler got the start and the win. She struck out eight of the 10 batters she faced and allowed the only hit Waldron had in the game. Lyall came up against six batters, striking out two and giving up no hits.

The Lady Panthers hit seven doubles in the game.

Georgee Lawhorne led the way at the plate with two doubles and a single for two RBIs and two runs scored.

Sidney Hastings was 3-for-3 at the plate, including a double. She scored twice and had three RBIs.

Jess Butler hit a double and a single for two RBIs and two runs scored.

Haley Fowler hit a two-RBI-double while Carmen Cleek had a two-RBI-single.

Sidney Vise collected two RBIs on a single and a sacrifice hit.

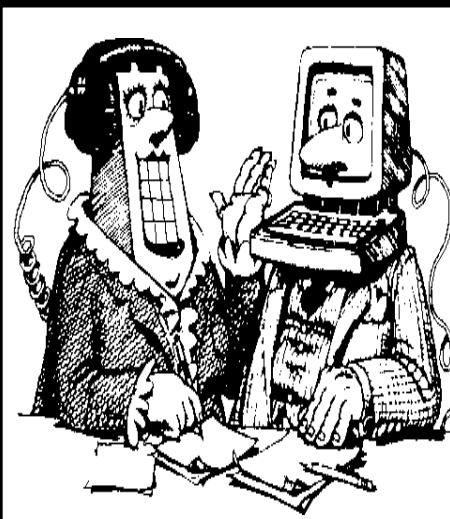
Sammi Eaks whacked a double and a single for one RBI and Courtney Carlton also had a double.

Ryan Johnson and Vivian Goodpaster each got two base hits.

Fowler, Cleek, Vise, Eaks and Goodpaster scored two runs apiece as did Allyson Hauk who got on base once on error and another time after being hit at the plate. Carlton and Johnson each scored once.

Robyn Clark's sacrifice hit earned her an RBI. Butler, Fowler and Goodpaster grabbed an extra base after a making a successful steals.

The Lady Panthers are now 6-5 overall this season after the win over Waldron.



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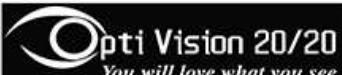
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Election, from Page 1

votes (54.5 percent) to 1,789 (45.5 percent), in the race for the Democratic nomination. On the Republican side, Donald Trump received 5,714 votes (58.4 percent) in his bid for the GOP nomination, besting Ted Cruz, who had 3,362 (34.4 percent), and John Kasich, who received 453 (4.6 percent), while six other Republican candidates who were still on the ballot – Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, Rand Paul and Marco Rubio – accounted collectively for the remaining 254 votes (2.6 percent).

Overall, Henry County had 13,923 (45.3 percent) of its registered voters participate in yesterday's primary elections. Republican voters accounted for 9,895 (71.1 percent) of the votes cast, with Democrats casting the other 4,028 (28.9 percent).

Rush County Results

Like Henry County, Rush County also did not feature many contested primary races. Incumbent Bruce Levi defeated Mary Ann Beard, the current county auditor, to secure the GOP nomination for the Rush County Commissioner seat for the middle district, garnering 2,258 votes (55.4 percent) to Beard's 1,816 (44.6 percent).

The only other contested race in Rush County saw four Republicans vying for three at-large seats on the county council. The candidates garnering the most votes were three incumbents, Marvin Hedrick with 2,663 (29.5 percent), Warren Norris with 2,193 (24.3 percent) and Charlie Smith with 2,152 (23.8 percent); challenger Carolyn Keith came in fourth with 2,019 votes (22.4 percent).

Other Rush County offices up for election this year, including clerk of the circuit court, auditor,

treasurer, coroner, surveyor, and county commissioner for the southern district featured on a single Republican candidate. The lone Democratic candidate seeking office is Scott Medd, who is running for coroner and will face GOP nominee Ronald Jarman in the fall election.

In contested races for U.S. Representative for District 6, Rush County's results were similar to those in Henry County, with voters choosing Welsh for the Democratic nomination with 301 votes (37.3 percent). Holland finished second with 242 (30 percent), Basham was third with 136 (16.8 percent), Peavler was fourth with 73 (9 percent) and Spelbring had 56 (6.9 percent).

On the Republican side, Messer got the most votes in Rush County for the GOP nomination for the District 6 seat. He received 2,923 votes (80 percent), with 479 (13.1 percent) going to Smith and Johnson getting 250 (6.9 percent).

Young received 2,787 votes (73.3 percent) in Rush County in his bid for the GOP nomination for U.S. Senator. Stutzman received 1,017 votes (26.7 percent).

In the presidential race, Rush County voters also picked Sanders over Clinton, 561 votes (57.4 percent) to 417 (42.6 percent), in the race for the Democratic nomination. On the Republican side, Trump received 2,362 votes (56.2 percent) in his bid for the GOP nomination, with Cruz coming in second with 1,457 (34.7 percent) and Kasich getting 255 (6.1 percent) for third. The other six other Republican candidates accounted collectively for the remaining 129 votes (3 percent).

Overall, Rush County had 5,269 (45.3 percent) of its registered voters participate in yesterday's primary elections.

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Conklin, from Page 6

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"When I first started teaching, we taught in groups. Then we got away from groups, we got to what we called 'whole language' and 'literature-based instruction' like that. And now we've come all the way back around to what we call 'differentiated instruction', and you know what that is? It's groups.

It's like a great big circle," she said.

Conklin grew up on a farm outside of Carthage and attended school there, graduating from Carthage High School. She currently lives in Rushville.

The Charles A. Beard school corporation and the Classroom Teacher's Association are hosting a retirement reception for Conklin on Wednesday, May 18 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Knightstown High School cafeteria.

Now that her retirement is in sight, Conklin said she is looking forward to traveling, playing with her grandchildren, and expanding her community garden.

Treasurer, from Page 1

necessary to avoid substantial risk of invalid transactions, inaccurate records and financial statements and incorrect decision making," the agency continued.

Another report issued by the SBOA in March related to the agency's financial review of the utility's records from 2012 through 2014 found several other problems, including:

*Several other records, including registers of daily cash receipts for January 2012 through October 2013, and RWD consumer payment stubs from January 2012 through July 2014, were not presented for examination by the SBOA's auditors;

*The RWD's board did not fully reconcile all fund balances on a monthly basis, as required by state statute;

*Financial records presented for examination "were incomplete and not reflective of the activity" of the RWD;

*A salary ordinance was not approved by the RWD board in 2012, 2013 or 2014;

*The RWD used a credit card for purchases without having an approved credit card policy, paid several credit card statements "without sufficient supporting documentation," and paid \$140 in late fees and \$47 in interest due to late payments;

*Customer payments were not posted in a timely manner, resulting in posting errors and incorrect accounts receivable balances;

*There were incorrect balances recorded for some customers, and adjustments were routinely made to consumer accounts "without sufficient documentation or explanation or approval" of the RWD Board;

*Some customers were not charged a 10-percent penalty for delinquent payments;

*The RWD "did not consistently file liens on delinquent wastewater accounts" during the three years reviewed;

*The RWD did not maintain employees' service records or employees' earnings records "or any other record to document record of wages paid";

*The RWD did not maintain a complete inventory of its capital assets, did not contain complete minutes of its board meetings and did not file annual financial reports for 2012 and 2014 and certified reports listing names, addresses, duties and compensation of public employees for 2012 and 2014 in a timely manner.

Betty Gipe, a member of the Mount Summit Town Council who serves as president of the RWD Board, told The Banner she thought Rains was "an honest person," but was not cut out for doing the accounting work that the treasurer's job required.

Gipe said didn't think Rains' failure to pay a sewer bill for almost five years had been "a blatant, dishonest act on her part." She said two members of Rains' immediate family had died within months of each other, and said Rains was also working two jobs and going to school.

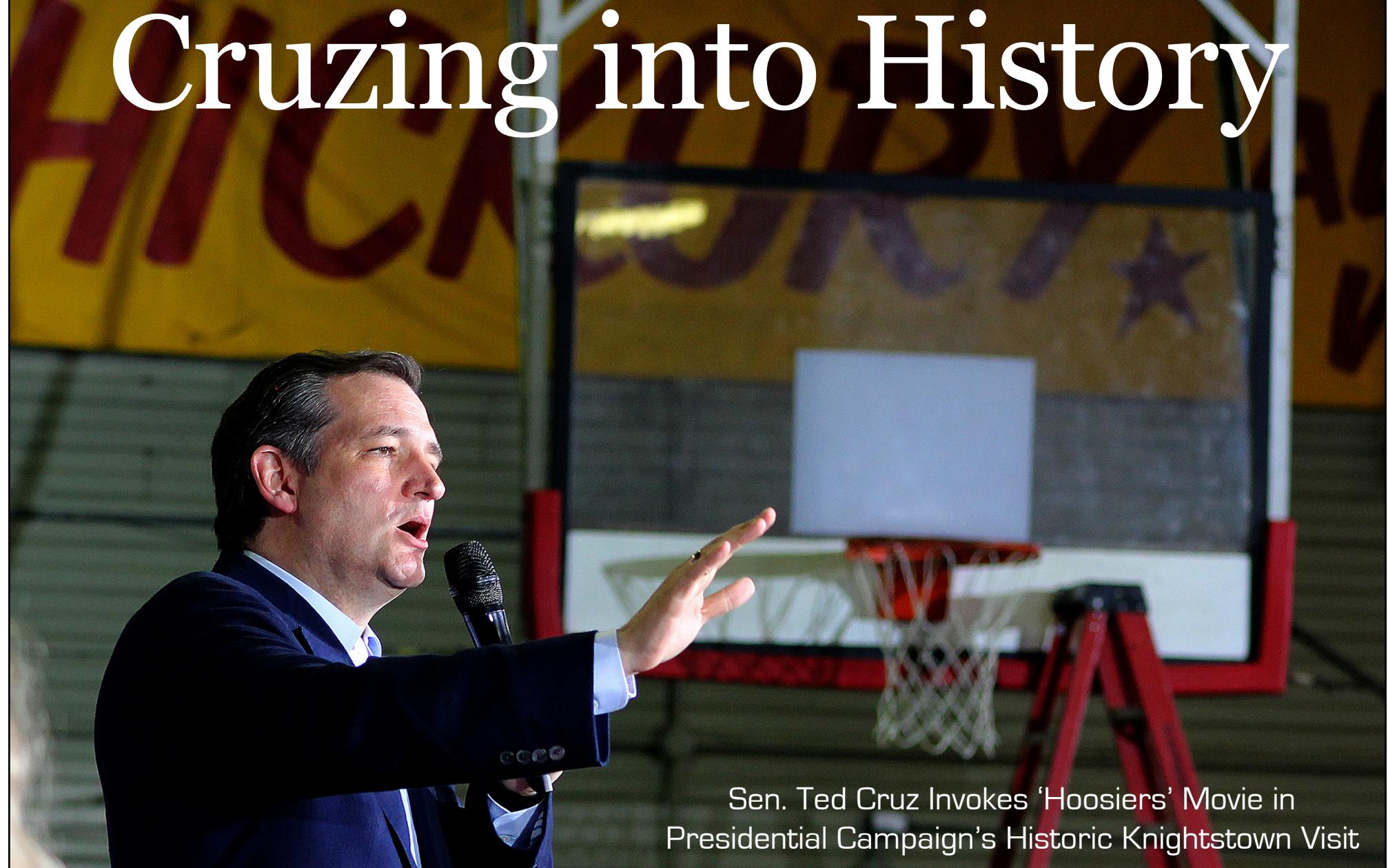
"She went through some very trying personal issues," Gipe said. "... I think she had an emotional crash, a crisis."

Don Swoveland, a member of the Sulphur Springs Town Council who serves as vice president of the RWD Board, told The Banner on Monday that this was "an unfortunate situation." He said he also thought Rains had been "overwhelmed with everything she had going on."

Efforts to reach Rains for comment on the SBOA's special investigation were not successful.

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Sen. Ted Cruz Invokes 'Hoosiers' Movie in Presidential Campaign's Historic Knightstown Visit

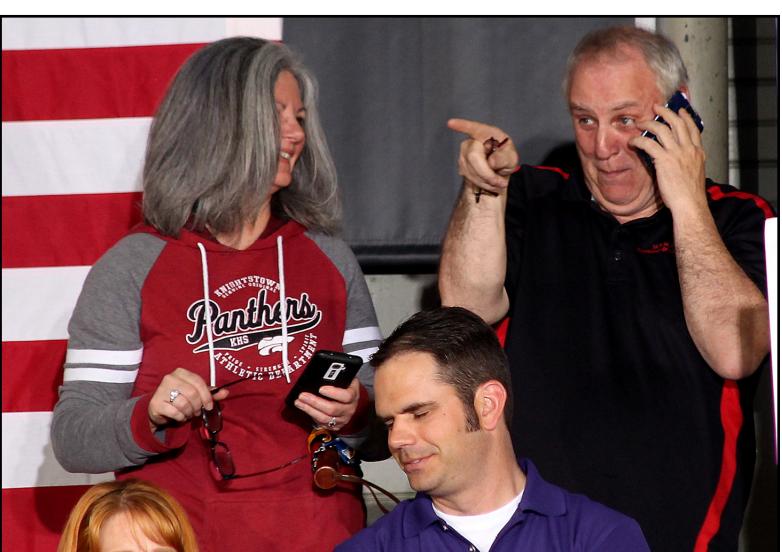
Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz stumps at Knightstown's Hoosier Gym on Tuesday, April 26. Over 1,000 people filled the gym to hear the presidential candidate speak.



A member of the media (above) smiles at her co-workers as she tries to take a selfie in the Hoosier Gym. Mark Tompkins (above, right) points to a friend prior to the start of last Tuesday's presidential rally. Tompkins is standing with his wife, Connie. (Eric Cox photos)

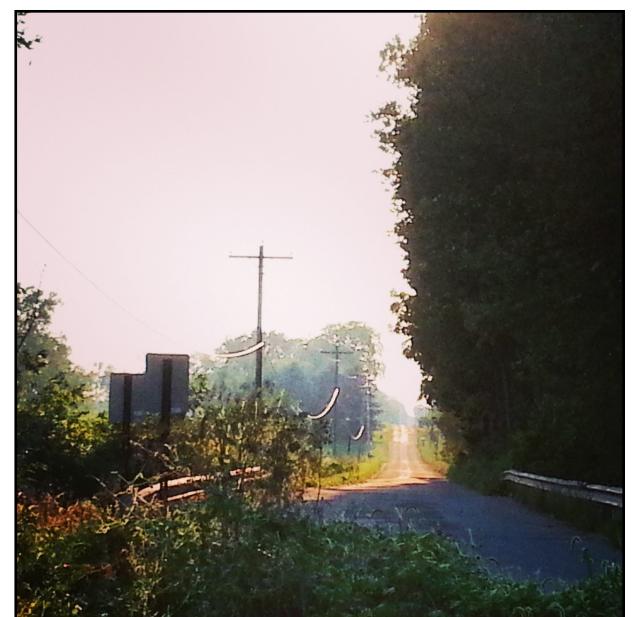
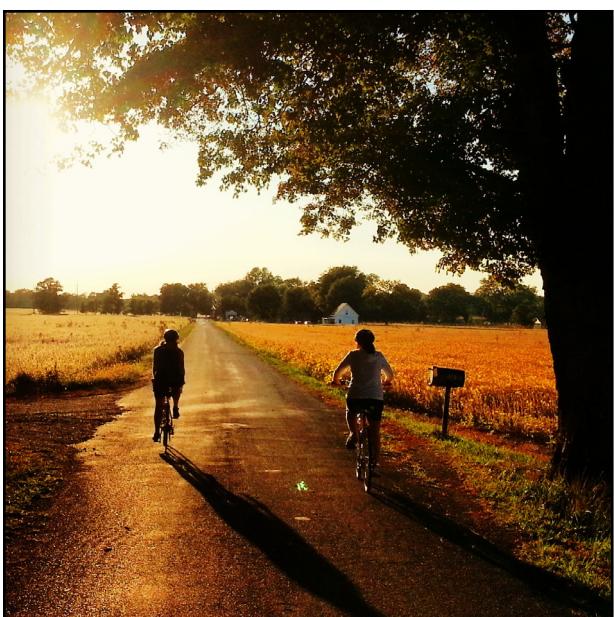
Sen. Ted Cruz (right) responds to a heckler, who shouted out that Cruz couldn't run for president because he was born in Canada. The protester was escorted out by police. Some in the crowd told The Banner they felt the disruption was staged.

A Banner reader submitted the panorama photograph below. This picture clearly illustrates the large crowd that gathered to hear Cruz's 15-minute talk. After his speech, the candidate, who appeared on stage with his two young daughters, met and shook hands with dozens of people in attendance.





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