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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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## Church of God Hosting Singers

The Moles Family Singers from Muncie will perform at Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., on Saturday, July 16, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to this free event.

## St. Rose Men's Club Selling History Book

The Men's Club of St. Rose of Lima Parish is making available *The History of St. Rose of Lima Church*. Copies are free for registered members of St. Rose. The church, located at 8144 W. U.S. 40, Knightstown, was founded in 1872. Additional copies are available for \$10. Copies are available by contacting Patricia Goodspeed at 765-345-2484 or 317-695-7779. The church phone number is 345-5595.

## Octagon House Fish Fry Set for July 9

The Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House will host its annual fish fry on Saturday, July 9, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The event will take place at the Shirley Masonic Lodge, located at First and Varner streets. The Octagon House will be open for tours. Full meals, which include a drink and dessert, are \$8. Fish sandwiches are \$5. Desserts are \$2. Carry-out meals are available all day. Proceeds benefit continued Octagon House restoration efforts.

## Carthage Library Hosting Youth Event

The Henry Henley Public Library, 102 N. Main St., Carthage, is hosting "Experience Indiana in its 200th Year," a reading and activity program for children in grades K-6. There will be science activities, crafts, reading and refreshments along with perfect attendance awards. The program takes place Thursdays through July 14.

## Greensboro UMC Blood Drive July 16

Greensboro United Methodist Church will host a community blood drive on Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m.-noon. Those who plan to donate should bring photo identification. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207.

## Knightstown Hires Rick Tarr as New Works Manager

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council voted unanimously last week to hire a new town works manager to replace the one they fired three months earlier.

Rick Tarr was hired for the position last Thursday during a special meeting of the town council. He is expected to start his new job with the town next week.

"I believe he'll do a good job leading the community ... and I believe he will bring the leadership we need," council member Valerie Trump said before last week's vote to hire Tarr.

Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman said she believed the council had looked hard to find the right person for the job.

"I think we had some good candidates along the way," Huffman said. "... I think the council has worked hard to get a good fit."

Council President Sarah Ward said she thought Tarr would be able to "relate to (the town's) employees." She also said she was impressed by his willingness to

always be learning ways to do his job better.

Council member Roger Hammer said he had initially favored another applicant. But, after meeting with Tarr, he said he reconsidered his choice, saying he "became very clearly convinced that (Tarr) has the skills" the council was looking for in its new works manager.

A motion to hire Tarr was made and seconded, respectively, by Trump and Council Vice President Kevin Knott, with Ward, Hammer and council member Mitch Roland adding their support for a 5-0 vote. The council did not set Tarr's salary at last week's meeting, but, instead, gave Huffman permission to negotiate Tarr's pay level. Despite delegating that responsibility to Huffman, the town's attorney, Gregg Morelock, said council will ultimately need to approve Tarr's salary, amending the town's salary ordinance should his proposed pay exceed that currently set for the works manager position.

The 48-year-old Tarr, who lives on North Franklin  
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## CAB School Board Hears Report on Possible \$1 Million Bond Issue

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board received information last week on a possible bond issue that could allow the district to borrow \$1 million or more to address a variety of needs.

Ryan Fetters of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, an Indianapolis-based accounting firm that assists municipalities, school districts and other governmental entities with financial advice, gave a presentation at the CAB School Board's June 21 monthly meeting. While CAB could consider borrowing over three, five or 10 years, Fetters said short-term borrowing over three years would be "most beneficial" to CAB due to uncertainties in interest rates and other factors.

With a three-year payback,

Fetters said CAB could do a bond issue that would allow the district to borrow \$1,060,000. While a bond issue would result in an increase in debt, he said CAB

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Superintendent Jed Behny

should be able to use existing cash in its Debt Service Fund to offset any necessary increase in taxes.

"Our goal ... is to be as conservative as we can while looking at this," Superintendent Jed Behny told board members.

During a special meeting in February, Behny had suggested

that doing a general obligation bond issue could be a way for CAB to borrow funds needed for projects at the district's three schools. Some possible work discussed at that time included construction of a baseball diamond at Knightstown High School; technology enhancements and a move toward a "one-to-one" approach that would make computers or electronic tablet devices available to all or some CAB students; and playground improvements at Knightstown Elementary and Knightstown Intermediate School.

Board members took no action on the proposed bond issue at last week's meeting. Board President Wade Beatty asked Fetters to come to the board's July meeting with firmer numbers for the board to consider.

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## Blue River Community Harvest's Summerfest Includes Covered Bridge Bike Tour on Aug. 27

The Blue River Community Harvest (BRCH) of Carthage recently announced its annual Summerfest fundraiser. This year's event is set for Saturday, Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in Carthage.

Included in the festivities on Mill Street and the community center are over 40 arts and crafts vendors, BOJO's pork barbecue and homemade desserts, a 5k run/walk, the Covered Bridge Bike Tour, the Flatrock Band, and the Rush County Junior High School Jazz Band. Other events will be announced.

All proceeds from running, walking and cycling events, along with food sales, go to the BRCH food pantry. A donation station will be available for those who wish to donate canned food or non-perishable items (soap, diapers, pasta, etc.) to the food pantry.

Vendors (no food concessions, please) interested in setting up a booth may call Jennifer Noland at 765-635-7818. The vendor registration fee is \$15.

### Covered Bridge Bike Tour

Summerfest is again hosting the Covered Bridge Bike Tour of Northern Rush County, co-sponsored by the Raintree Cycling Club. There will be 15-, 28- and 40-mile route options, great Rush County roads and scenery, road support, and up to three covered bridges, depending on the route chosen.

Clubs and serious cyclists are welcome. Riders under 18 should be accompanied by an adult. A signed consent and liability form will be required on the day of the event. To order a T-shirt, registration forms must be postmarked by Aug 1. Others may register on site.

Registration forms for the bike ride and the 5k run/walk/bike are available online at [www.bluerivercommunityharvest.org](http://www.bluerivercommunityharvest.org) or by emailing Jennifer Cochrane at [bluerivercommunityharvest@gmail.com](mailto:bluerivercommunityharvest@gmail.com) or calling Cochrane at 317-696-0785.

## Beautify Knightstown Lands Another Big Grant

Beautify Knightstown, Inc., a local nonprofit group, recently announced its receipt of a \$4,372 Regional Initiative Grant from the Indiana Arts Commission.

The funds will be used in the painting of the *Hoosiers* movie themed mural for a prominent wall in the business section of Knightstown.

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) is an agency of state government funded by the Indiana General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



BKI said it was successful in meeting the core values of the IAC by engaging the arts to enrich the quality of individual and community life. The Arts Commission encourages the presence of the arts in communities of all sizes while promoting artistic quality and expression. The IAC also works to enhance public awareness of the arts, life-long learning opportunities, and arts education programs.

BKI officials say they are finalizing the selection of the wall location. They expect to execute the actual painting this fall. Citizens will be given the opportunity to make the final mural selection from three options created by renowned muralist Pamela Bliss. She derived the themes from the movie *Hoosiers*.

Students in the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. and others will be invited to visit the mural site to engage with Bliss and learn about the mural painting process.

Selected art students will gain hands-on experience by assisting her.

Citizens will be able to participate in the actual painting process itself by making a donation to "Paint-a-Piece" of the mural. Opportunity for community engagement in the painting process will be made available by student field trips to the site.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Helen Marie Oathout**  
March 22, 1926 - June 27, 2016



Helen Marie Oathout, 90, of Knightstown, known to everyone as "Granny," passed away Monday, June 27, 2016, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. She was born March 22, 1926, in Bethany, Ill., the daughter of William Alexander and Myrtle Rose (Davis) Marshall.

Helen worked at Mayhill Publications in Knightstown for 36 years. She was very family oriented. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a daughter, Paula K. Jones of Muncie; four grandchildren, Michael (Michelle) Schombert of Muncie, Chris (Diana) Schombert of Knightstown, Greg (Billie) Schombert of Knightstown and Keaira (Michael) Perry; 16 great-grandchildren, Cassie Crouch, Ryan Crouch, Courtney (Willis) Clark, Zac Schombert, Holly (Daniel) Montgomery, C.J. Schombert, Sarah Jo Schombert, Luke Schombert, Kendra Marrs, Maggie Smith, Marissa Sullivan, Brodi Bertram, Brooklyn Bertram, Emma Smalley, Harleigh and Lane Perry; two great-great-grandchildren, Laina Clark and Corbin Lee Montgomery; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Oathout; three brothers, Howard, Wilmer and Delmar Marshall; and a son-in-law, Larry Jones.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 1, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with David Bonne officiating. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service on Friday. Condolences and memories of Helen may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

**Joyce N. Edwards**  
November 8, 1931 - June 24, 2016

Joyce N. Edwards, 84, of Carthage passed away Friday, June 24, at Hancock Regional Hospital, surrounded by her family. She was born Nov. 8, 1931, in Springport, to the late Ernest and Esther (Sommerville) Evans.

Joyce was a 1949 graduate of Mt. Summit High School. She played the drums in band and later played in the JP band in New Castle. She retired in 2005, following 31 years of service as the cook at Carthage Elementary School. Joyce loved cooking for the kids and the kids loved her cooking, especially her famous yeast rolls. She was a faithful member of the Fletcher United Methodist Church and later attended Carthage Community Church. She loved spending time with her family and friends, going out to eat, ice cream, big band music and watching hummingbirds.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of over 60 years, Jerry Edwards of Carthage; two daughters, Carol Edwards of Indianapolis and Sandy Edwards of Carthage; four grandchildren, Taylor Edwards, Lindsay Edwards, Robbie Edwards, Ashley (Joe) Heller; a sister, Joan (Bill) Hedges of LaBelle, Fla.; a daughter-in-law, Mary Edwards of Rushville; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a son, Larry Edwards.

Services were June 29 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Pastor Roger Campbell officiating. Burial followed at Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation was June 28 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Carthage Community Church with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may express condolences or share a memory of Joyce at www.hinsey-brown.com.

**State Extends Vehicle Registration Time**

Beginning July 1, consumers will have up to 45 days after purchasing a vehicle to get the vehicle titled and plated. Previously, consumers only had 31 days to get the vehicle titled and plated after purchase.

To accommodate the change, paper interim license plates issued to consumers by dealers during vehicle purchases after June 30, 2016, will be valid for 45 days. In addition, automobile dealers will have up to 31 days after the date of

sale to deliver a title to a consumer if the title cannot be provided at the time of the sale.

"The previous timeline was a tight turn around in some cases for dealers and consumers due to title transfers between banks and lenders," said a DNR official. "By providing dealers and consumers with additional days, Hoosiers will be able to comply with the law without the stress and hassle of a time crunch."

Previously, dealers had 21 days to deliver a title and paper interim plates were good for 31 days. The change in the law will provide dealers with up to 31 days to deliver a title, an additional 10 days.

Consumers will now have 45 days to get a vehicle titled and plated. Even if a consumer doesn't receive a title from the dealer until the 31 day deadline, the consumer will still have 14 days to get the car titled and plated in their name. Previously, consumers only had 10 days to get the vehicle titled and plated if a dealer waited until their deadline.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. at Knightstown High School, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, IN 46148, for the purpose of discussing and hearing objections to and support for proposed amendments to the contract between the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools.

The proposed amendment includes the following provisions:  
A. A revision of the first sentence of Paragraph V.c. of the Contract to read as follows: "The Board will provide payment of full premiums for Superintendent's Health/Medical insurance coverage under the School Corporation's group health insurance plan."  
B. An extension of the contract length with a resulting termination date of June 30, 2019.

A complete copy of the proposed contract, along with a comparison of the current and proposed amended contract, is posted on the school's website, www.cabeard.k12.in.us.

The Board anticipates taking final action on this contract at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 19, at 7 p.m. at Knightstown High School, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, IN 46148.

Board of Trustees  
Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation

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actually "painting a piece" of the mural for a donation, and conducting round table discussions with Bliss.

This is the second grant given to BKI this year. The Henry County Community Foundation also funded a \$5,000 grant for the mural project. Several thousand dollars have also been raised through private donations and fundraisers.

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# Town Council Approves Proposed '17 Budget

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

A month after the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board approved the fire department's proposed budget for 2017, the Knightstown Town Council gave the budget its OK.

The town council's five members voted unanimously at their June 16 monthly meeting to approve the proposed budget, which totals \$162,300. Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman told council members that this is the same budget amount that had been approved by the fire board and town council last year for 2016.

As reported in The Banner earlier this month, allocations in the proposed budget include the following: clothing allowance (\$21,900); compensation (\$5,000); office supplies (\$500); truck fuel (\$5,000); legal (\$2,000); training (\$3,000); grant writer (\$3,000); recognition (\$2,000); communica-

tion (\$2,000); advertising (\$400); fire and liability insurance (\$15,000); utilities (\$6,000); equipment repair (\$26,500); building rent (\$15,000); and equipment (\$55,000).

Pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the town in late 2008 and a resolution adopted by the township in early 2009, the fire board is supposed to approve and submit a proposed annual budget for the fire department to the Knightstown Town Council and the Wayne Township Board by June 1 each year. Besides this year and last year, the only other time since 2009 that the fire board had met this deadline was in 2011.

Once it receives a proposed budget from the fire board, the budgeting procedure then calls for the town council to approve, reject or amend the budget and forward it to the Wayne Township Trustee by July 1. If the Wayne Township Board does not approve the fire

budget it receives from the town, then a committee consisting of one town council member and one township board member is to be formed to resolve any differences.

Ultimately, the fire department's budget gets submitted to the state as part of Wayne Township's overall proposed budget for the coming year. In the past, the Wayne Township Board, acting on the recommendation of Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman, who is also president of the fire board, has submitted budgets seeking more for fire protection than requested by the budgets approved by the fire board and Knightstown Town Council.

In other business at the June 16 meeting, the Knightstown Town Council introduced and adopted Ordinance 06-16-16. The new ordinance establishes a fund to hold proceeds from a special one-time Local Option Income Tax distribution totaling almost \$10,000

that the town received from the state.

As Huffman explained to the council at their May 19 meeting, at least 75-percent of the LOIT distribution must go into this special fund to be used for road and street improvements or a small number of other approved uses. The remaining funds may be placed into the town's General Fund or a Rainy Day Fund and can be used at the town's discretion on other things.

The council also received an update at the June 16 meeting from Dan Wright of FPBH Inc., a North

Vernon-based engineering firm working with the town on developing plans for improvements to the town's wastewater and water utility infrastructure. Wright presented the council with copies of studies his firm had recently completed looking at different options for expanding the town's sewer services to areas outside the town's boundaries. Wright, Huffman and council members Roger Hammer and Valerie Trump were expected to meet with officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development yesterday to

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## Manager, from Page 1

Street in Knightstown, retired from the U.S. Army and National Guard with the rank of first sergeant after nearly 25 years of service. Since last May, he had been working for Dickinson Fleet Services in Indianapolis as a fleet quality leader.

Tarr, who grew up in Orleans in the southern part of the state, has called Knightstown home since 2010. He and his wife, Shelly, have four children ranging in age from 9 to 25, with the two youngest attending Knightstown schools.

Tarr told The Banner that he did maintenance and transportation work during his time in the military, and said he has electrical, plumbing and construction-related skills that will be helpful in his new role as works manager. He said he is looking forward to starting his new job with the town and doing all he can to help improve the Knightstown's infrastructure and ready the town for growth.

Ward, Knott, Hammer and Roland voted 4-0 at their March 17 meeting - Trump was absent that

night - to fire Tarr's predecessor, Greg Neice, who'd been hired as the town's works manager in 2011.

At the time, the council said Neice's had failed to "perform his job duties as required."

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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## 'Taking Back America' ... for Whom?

"Freedom is hammered out on the anvil of discussion, dissent, and debate." - Hubert Humphrey as previously quoted in The Banner's masthead.

Summer evenings on the front porch swing with my parents taught me to appreciate America. Swinging gently, they'd talk about whatever struck their fancy. "Well, here we are already at the Fourth of July." "You know, Earl, I was thinking. Even though we had the Depression and the war, we're pretty lucky here in America."

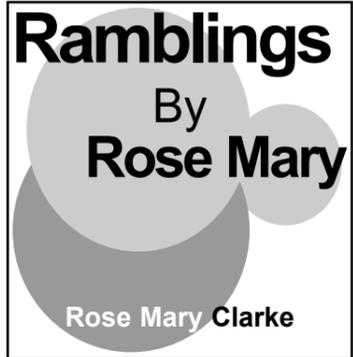
"You're right about that, Ruth. Sometimes I wonder how they beat the English, who had the strongest army in the world. And then to come up with the Constitution and the system of government that we have. I was reading an article about George Washington that said that they even offered him the chance to be king, and he turned it down."

"I shudder when I think about that snapshot that Orville (Jones) took of the pile of emaciated bodies when they liberated at a little concentration camp during World War II, and I wonder what Europe would've been like if we hadn't entered the war."

Thomas Paine wrote in *Common Sense*, "The birthday of a new world is at hand." The American Revolution was more than the military defeat of the

world's greatest power. It was a triumph of fresh ideas and of a spirit of compromise. We viewed the Founders as saints. The reality was more complex, according to David McCullough in his fine biography of John Adams.

"We were about one third Tories, and one third timid, and one third true blue," wrote Adams.



There were bitter arguments during the Continental Congress. John Dickinson, who opposed independence, argued so vehemently with Adams that they quit speaking. During an election after the Revolution, Adams said that if Jefferson were elected, incest would be rampant!

One of my heroes, Dickinson, refused to vote for independence, but absented himself from the voting so that the Congress could speak with one voice. Then, even though he was ill and exhausted,

he rode off at the head of the first troops to march out of Philadelphia.

And these days? These days movie stars and others petulantly swear they'll leave America if their candidate doesn't win. Perhaps they should move to Saudi Arabia, where women are denied basic rights. Maybe they'd prefer the Congo, where an e-mail acquaintance begged me to take one of her daughters so that she would have a better life. Or perhaps they might enjoy North Korea.

Ask yourself: why do millions of Mexicans risk their lives to come here?

Both liberals and conservatives puff that they're going to "take back America." I believe that all Americans, even the ones with whom I disagree, have ownership in America, which has managed to survive regardless of who was in power.

Latter-day muckrakers see nothing good about America even though they have benefited from a good education and the affluence that permits automobiles and vacation homes.

I sincerely pity the next president, who will have to deal with a society that wants instant gratification without sacrificing or paying for it - self-anointed,

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## Town Council Taking Solid Steps

With two new Knightstown Town Council members joining at the first of the year, things are looking up, in terms of local leadership.

It's pleasant to see a watchful eye being turned toward a whole host of important town matters - matters that were left largely unattended by previous councils.

But, the current council is proceeding well. Though the comprehensive planning process is in its third iteration, it's moving forward. Once complete, Knightstown will have a solid anchor document that'll serve as a foundation for grant acquisition. Good!

Grants will help drive serious infrastructure improvements. As The Banner has said many, many times in the past, this community must not only repair its sewer and water systems, it must likewise expand those services. Doing so will provide a broader revenue source for town utilities.

Expanded infrastructure could also mean increased economic development for the tri-county area - not just Knightstown. This community is nearing capacity at its sewage treatment facility. That means new homes and businesses might not be able to hook on to the current system. Overhauling the facility and adding capacity would create potential for the addition of new homes and businesses.

Another facet of the new council's effectiveness is its unwillingness to get bogged down in town employee drama. When problems occur, they simply deal with them and move on. They don't get sidetracked and spend too many months and dollars resolving problems that were wholly avoidable to begin with.

Where I come from, that's called expedience. It's not something we're used to locally, or nationally, but it sure is welcome. To hell with the dumb stuff! We've all had enough of that. The current council seems bent on getting new progress started.

The progress is long overdue. Past councils were mostly content to spin their wheels while basking in the celebrity of high-sounding titles. The new council seems to care more about taking care of business, rather than trying to be or sound important.

The same can be said of new Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman. Her professional career as a certified public accountant helps her bring a no-nonsense approach to Knightstown's sometimes beleaguered finances. I'm confident Huffman can get it all under control, in a way that makes taxpayers a priority.

What a breath of fresh air! In my assessment, past town councils seemed to worry more about town employees, rather than town residents - a kind-hearted problem that gets the equation backward. I've always felt taxpayers should get most of the benefit of the money they pay.

Hopefully, Huffman and her town council counterparts can help realign the town's priorities, directing the bulk of the community's taxing power back to the benefit of the people who live here, and not just those who work here.

There's still a long way to go, of course. There's still a lot of work to do. Neglect and myopia have left a pretty big mess in local government.

But, clearly, we now have an opportunity to get things back on track.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

From June 14-16, the following individuals representing the East-Central Indiana Regional Planning District (ECIRPD) participated in a bipartisan "fly-in" to Washington, DC (listed alphabetically): Brad Bookout, Director of Economic Development, ECIRPD; Grant County Commissioners President Mike Burton (R-Fairmount); Mayor Shon Byrum (D-Winchester); Mayor Randy Geesaman (D-Portland); Beth Grigsby, Brownfield Consultant, SME Corp.; Delaware County Commissioners President Shannon Henry (R-Albany); Arron Kidder, Office of the Mayor of Muncie; Delaware County Commissioner James King (R-Daleville); Henry County Council President Nate LaMar (R-New Castle); Pam Price, Executive Director, ECIRPD; Delaware County Commissioner Sherry Riggin (R-Muncie); Daleville Town Council Vice President Bill Walters (R-Daleville).

As the three top issues for the ECIRPD are the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Economic Development Administration (EDA), and the Build Act (SB1479, which is currently in the Senate's Environment & Public Works Committee, which will bolster brownfield clean-up funding), we met with Indiana's Congressional delegation. This included Sen. Joe Donnelly, Congressman Todd Young and Congressman Luke Messer, along with staffers of Sen. Dan Coats, Congresswoman Susan Brooks and Congressman Marlin Stutzman. At the EPA, we met with David Lloyd, director of the Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization.

This is the third year ECIRPD has applied for a brownfield grant. But of 15 applications from Indiana, only one was granted. By comparison, the state of Maine submitted 21 proposals and received 18 grants! David Lloyd told us that the EPA has only \$160 million available annually for brownfield clean-up, of which \$25 million is to administer programs. He said the EPA offers Area-Wide Planning Grants of \$200,000, IF communities show joint infrastructure needs, and band together when applying.

Madison County applied for U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grants eight times, but has not yet received any. The group pointed out to members of Congress and their staffs that it would be helpful if surveys for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) surveys could be administered digitally, rather than door-to-door. The ECIRPD is partially-funded by an annual grant of \$55,000 from the EDA, although the full amount is not always received by ECIRPD some years. The ECIRPD also has a pending \$250,000 EDA grant for a rail spur loading dock in Delaware County. For federal grant requests, ECIRPD receives support letters from the various members of the Indiana delegation, with the exception of Senator Coats, who does not provide letters of support, but rather letters of appreciation, according to his staff.

As Indiana is the most manufacturing-intensive state in the nation, its manufacturers need to export their products overseas. As such, members of the Indiana delegation with whom we met, and their staffs, predicted that the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) will pass during the lame duck session of Congress, which will take place between the General Election and Inauguration Day.

As the ECIRPD board currently includes 37 elected officials from Delaware, Grant, Henry and Jay Counties, we hope more representatives can participate in next year's DC Fly-In, in order to help your communities.

Nate LaMar  
president of Henry County Council

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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 ehhsclas-sof1966@gmail.com.

◆ The Knightstown High School **Class of 1986** will be celebrating its 30-year class reunion on Saturday, July 30, Knightstown American Legion Post 152 at 6 p.m. A choice of steak or chicken will be available. No money will be collected. Attendees will pay the Legion for their own meals and drinks.

◆ The **Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House** will host its annual fish fry on Saturday, July 9, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The event will take place at the Shirley Masonic Lodge, located at First and Varner streets. The Octagon House will be open for tours. Full meals, which include a drink and dessert, are \$8. Fish sandwiches are \$5. Desserts are \$2. Carry-out meals are available all day. Proceeds benefit continued Octagon House restoration efforts.

◆ Greensboro United Methodist Church will host a community **blood drive** on Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m.-noon. Those who plan to donate should bring photo identification. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207.

◆ The **Moles Family Singers** from Muncie will perform at Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., on Saturday, July 16, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to this free event.

◆ New Castle-Henry County Public Library is planning interactive events for adults and teens during the **"Get in the Game: Read"** summer reading program. Stuart Hamby of Fierce Martial Arts presents the free programs, which take place in Meeting Rooms A and B on the lower level of the library. Teen Self-Defense is open to students in grades 7 through age 18. This introduction to self-defense will include a demonstration of self-defense techniques. The same class will be offered from 5 to 6 p.m. on the following days: July 11, and July 18. Boot Camp 101 is open to adults ages 18 and over. In this class, participants will learn about fitness boot camps and see a demonstration of class activities. The same class will be available from 6 to 7 p.m. on the same days as the self-defense class: June 13, June 27, July 11, and July 18. For more information about these events, contact Krystal at 765-575-4557.

◆ The Henry Henley Public Library, 102 N. Main St., Carthage, is hosting **"Experience Indiana in its 200th Year,"** a reading and activity program for children in grades K-6. There will be science activities, crafts, reading and refreshments along with perfect attendance awards. The program takes place Thursdays,

through July 14, 3-4 p.m.

◆ The **Men's Club of St. Rose** of Lima Parish is making available *The History of St. Rose of Lima Church*. Copies are free for registered members of St. Rose. Additional copies are available for \$10. Copies will be available Sunday, June 26, at the Celebration of St. Rose of Lima Mass or by contacting Patricia Goodspeed at 765-345-2484 or 317-695-7779

◆ 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.

◆ **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.

◆ 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 hours. The museum's current hours, in effect now, are 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (sometimes longer) each Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. For more information, or to schedule a museum visit by

appointment, call David Steele at 765-345-7585. Family and individual HKI memberships are \$20 and \$15, respectively. Membership payments may be mailed to HKI at P.O. Box 74, Knightstown, IN 46148.

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

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

◆ The **Parish Clothes Closet**, located in the basement of Bethel Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Franklin St., Knightstown, is open the last Thursday of each month from 5-7 p.m.

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**Willow Branch Native Corey Johnson Enjoys Serving Community Via Fire Dept.**  
 by Logan Cox for The Banner

"I've been on the department for nine years this year," said Corey Johnson, a local resident and a volunteer fireman at Knightstown/Wayne Township Fire Department. "I've been an officer for two years."

Ever since he and his wife, Jennifer, got married 15 years ago, Johnson has been a member of Knightstown's community. Around the same time, he was quickly inspired to volunteer as a firefighter by following the example other volunteers such as his father-in-law, Bob Schaeffer, Knightstown's current fire chief, have set.

"My wife is from Knightstown. I grew up in a little town called Willow Branch and went to Eastern Hancock," said Johnson. "My wife's father is fire chief, so she's been around it all her life. And when I got married to her, I saw how they do things and help out the community. It seemed like something I'd want to be a part of."

Johnson is now an officer in the department, with the title of secondary treasurer. He has almost a decade of fire fighting experience to look back on.

"After nearly 10 years, I've seen a lot of stuff - especially on the interstate ... fatalities, that kind of stuff. People we couldn't save. You try not to think about that stuff," he said.

According to Johnson, strict training and healthy camaraderie amongst firefighters are key factors in doing the job well.

"Whenever you go through your first burning fire, you don't know what to expect. Then your training and adrenaline takes over - what you've learned," said Johnson. "We're very well-trained at the department."

As other volunteers have said, a great deal of training is required. Johnson asserted that Knightstown's volunteer fire department is as well-

trained as any other, and that they have a good surplus of equipment and many members with EMT certifications.

"There are 28 members on here now, and all the guys are close, like brothers," he said. "You've got to be able to trust who you go into a burning house with, to make sure they've got your back and you've got theirs."

Though the fire department has a chapel where members can seek to resolve their spiritual issues, Johnson feels that most firefighters tend to look out for each other's well-being, on and off the job.

"When you've been on the department for so long as some of these guys ... I don't want to say that you become numb to it, but you've seen it before. So it doesn't bother you as much as some of the younger guys," said Johnson. "There's people you could talk to like Bob or some of the other officers who've been there for 30-plus years. There's probably not anything they haven't seen."

He also acknowledges the familial bond that forms between he and his fellow volunteers.

"It is like a family," he said. "If one of us needs help or needs anything, then another one of us will be right there to help him. Whether it's helping out with the Jubilee Days or the stuff we do for the kids, elementary training for hose and pumps. There's a baseball team there and we let all the little kids come over and spray water, stuff like that, things the kids will never forget."

Johnson stated that children generally enjoy the atmosphere of the fire department, including his own son.

"My son loves it. He probably knows more about it than I do, because he's down at the fire department all the time," said Johnson.

Corey and Jennifer still live in Knightstown. Their son is 15 years old and attends Knightstown

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Rose Mary, from Page 4

self-righteous people who believe theirs is the only way, and a Congress that won't compromise.

American voters are looking for someone who combines the attributes of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, the two Roosevelts, Truman, Eisenhower, JFK and Reagan. I have news for them: Not in this lifetime!

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**MEETINGS CALENDAR**

**Thurs., June 30** - Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield  
**Sat., July 2** - Shirley Town Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., Shirley Town Hall  
**Tues., July 5** - Spiceland Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Spiceland Town Hall  
**Wed., July 6** - Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall  
**Mon., July 4** - Greensboro Town Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Greensboro Community Center  
**Thurs., July 7** - Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield  
**Tues., July 5** - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield  
**Wed., July 12** - Henry County 4-H Fair starts and runs through July 23  
**Tues., July 11** - Eastern Hancock School Corp. board meeting, 7 p.m., administration building  
**Wed., July 13** - Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

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# FOLKWAYS

## Free Youth Arts Program at Park Draws Lots of Kids for Activities



Knights town artist Jan McGuire (center) leads local kids in a free art project at the Sunset Park shelter house. McGuire had help from two Knights town High School students, Mahala and Olivia Knapp, and two adult volunteers, Barb Keen and Greg Bryze. (Photo submitted)

## Mays Academy Posts Year-end Awards

Mays Community Academy recently posted its list of year-end awards.

### Citizenship

Xander Lyons, Maxine Nostrand, Joshua Cowman, Jordyne Kent, Andrew Masters, Lilly Hill, Damion Trueblood, Chloe Pickett, Josie Gurley, Jenna Kent, Andrew Smiley, Maya Wilson, Zak Mankin, Nevaeh Trueblood, Devin Richardson, Lillian Truster

### All Year A Honor Roll

Matthew Clark\*\*, Jenna Kent\*\*, Stacey Roberts\*\*, Heidi Stanley\*\*, Angelina Wilson

### All Year A/B Honor Roll

Ian Conover\*\*, Mea Frisbie\*\*, Alex Gwinnup\*\*

Carter Hamilton\*\*, Jakob Lundy\*\*, Rohelle Meyers\*\*, Grace Muir\*\*, Andrew Smiley\*\*, Wyatt Walker\*\*, Harleigh Weber\*\*, Allie Yung\*\* (\*\* signifies honor roll with special achievement).

### Excellent Attendance

Carter Hamilton, John Pickett, Andrew Smiley, Nevaeh Trueblood, Mallory McDaniel, Jayden Burris, Matthew Clark, Karigan Cox, Jonathan Feaster, Realeigh Frye, Jackson Hill, Rochelle Meyers, Ava Nigh, Tristen Richardson, Rori Bishop, Abigail Bossingham, Devin Brown, Jaelynn Elwell, Dominick Evans, Josie Gurley, Callie Mackey, Korbin Mastin,

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## BPW Knights town Welcomes Seven New Members

The Indiana Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. of Knights town (BPW) had the May meeting at Sugarbakery in Knights town on May 16 with Penny Sitler as hostess.

President Barbara Mofield presided at the meeting. Six guests were present from Fortville BPW.

New members for 2015-2016 were recognized. Members who transferred their membership were Marie Martin and Carole Morgan, and new members Becca Orr, Dana Jones, Becky Wilkerson, Nansi Custer, Carolyn Seigfeld, Ashley Lapham and Kelly Leddy.

The program was presented by local members, who spoke on the benefits of BPW. Tina Williams, INFBPW president, summarized what BPW is doing in 2016-2017. Williams' theme for 2016-2017 is "It's A Woman's World." She will be visiting all locals chapters in Indiana in 2016-2017. Williams said she is very excited about Fall Conference (Oct. 21-23) in Columbus with Barbara Mofield and Bonnie Mayfield as her co-chairs.

Mofield, Indiana Women's Education Foundation chairperson told about programs presented by IWEF. They include an eighth grade essay contest, "Youth of Achievement" and several scholarships.

The scholarships include a \$1,000 Working Woman Scholarship; a \$1,000 Woman in Transition Scholarship; a \$1,000 Dr. Bertha Beazley scholarship for a junior or senior in college in the medical field; a \$500 Lynn Rhoades scholarship for a woman in accounting; a \$500 Girl Scout BPW Patch Scholarship; and a \$500 Teaching Indiana's Future scholarship for a student doing student teaching.

Trustees on the IWEF board from Knights town are Mofield,

Williams, Sitler, Marie Martin, and Jackie Woolard.

Kelley Millhoan spoke on the benefits Knights town BPW in the community. she said they help and very active in community activities and have fundraisers to present scholarships to local students.

The Senior Girls Dessert Bar was reported as a success with 16 Knights town senior girls and their guests attending. This year's Knights town BPW Scholarship winners were Jordan Ventresco from Knights town and Liz Fields from Rushville High School. Ventresco and Payton McDaniel were in the Jubilee Days parade.

Members signed up to work at the walking taco booths at Jubilee Days.

Knights town BPW made a donation to Rush County 4-H Fair Queen Contest. A review committee made up of Debbie Banks and Woolard will review the treasurer's books. Williams installed new local officers for 2016-2017. New officers are Mofield, president; Sitler, vice president; Millhoan, secretary; and Cheryl Hammer, treasurer.

Women in the community are invited to attend any Knights town BPW meeting on the third Monday of each month.

(from Psalm 119:137-144)

## The Privilege of Praise

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

"The statutes you have laid down are ... fully trustworthy ... Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them." (Psalm 119:138-140)



The word "Psalms" is from a Hebrew word that means "songs of praise." In Old Testament times, these were used as a book of hymns in Temple worship, and were often accompanied by a harp. It's amazing how praise still works. We praise God, which brings honor to Him. Then we find that the more we praise the Lord, the more we want to praise Him. And God accepts our praise to Him as the highest form

of worship. Don't you love being able to give something to God, for a change?

In today's reading, it's clear that the writer loved the Law. In fact, verse 143 reads, "Your commands are my delight. Is it possible for you and me to be that passionate about a collection of instructions and laws? Yes, but only if we love the Lawgiver."

As Christians, we're called to follow God's precepts. But they're more than simply a listing of do's and don'ts. They direct us with loving guidance. And these statutes aren't just a new fad that may last for awhile and then fade.

We can agree with the psalmist that they're forever right (v. 144). God's promises are as fresh and relevant as ever. The believer's life won't be trouble free, but it will be comfort filled.

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# Knightsown Has New Electric Dept. Manager

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

In addition to a new works manager, the town of Knightsown also has a new person heading up the town's electric department.

The Banner recently learned that longtime town employee Wayne Terry, who had been the head of the electric department, abruptly resigned over a month ago. Despite the fact that another electric department employee had been promoted to take his place, the Knightsown Town Council did not announce Terry's resignation, which was submitted May 20, or the selection of his replacement at anytime during the council's June 16 monthly meeting.

When The Banner contacted Council President Sarah Ward early last week, she did confirm that Terry no longer worked for the town.

"Yes, he resigned," Ward told The Banner. Asked why his resignation had not been publicly announced at the council's June 16 meeting, she said she didn't know, then added that it would be addressed during the special meeting that was set for last Thursday.

Ward declined to provide any specifics about what led Terry to resign, but she did confirm that he had filed a grievance before stepping down.

"He expected us to take a certain action, and if we didn't take that one, then he was resigning," Ward said. "We didn't take the action, and he resigned."

Ward told The Banner that another electric department employee, Bob Reed, had been promoted to replace Terry as department head. She said neither Terry's resignation nor Reed's promotion had been "meant to be a

secret," but that "it was one of those things that was handled rather quietly."

Speaking to The Banner last week, Terry declined to go into much detail about what led to his resignation. He acknowledged filing a grievance, and said he had received a letter notifying him that town officials determined there was no merit to his complaint.

Asked about the nature of his grievance, Terry said it was "a possibility" that it had something to do with local businessman Tom True, who had been handling some of the works manager's responsibilities on a volunteer, interim basis.

"Too many bosses, I guess," Terry said. "I was just tired of it and it was time to move on. ... To me, it's not worth it anymore."

After leaving his job with the town, Terry said he went back to

work for Signal Construction Inc., a Greenfield-based company he'd worked for previously that installs traffic signal lights. He said he is earning \$8 more an hour than the \$19.69 hourly wage he was earning as head of the town's electric department.

Terry's resignation was finally publicly announced last week during the council's June 23 special meeting, after the council had voted to hire a new works manager. The council voted unanimously to accept Terry's resignation and Ward thanked him for his more than 17 years of service with the town.

Beth Huffman, the town's clerk-treasurer, then said that she and True had, at the request of the council's utility committee, interviewed electric department employees for the department head position. She said they had agreed to promote Reed to department head and to move Tim Apollos into the Lineman 1 position.

The council voted at last week's special meeting to approve the promotions of Reed and Apollos. That vote was followed by a second one making the promotions retroactive to May 23, the date Reed and Apollos had started in their new positions.

## CAB Personnel Changes

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board dealt with a number of personnel issues last week, including the resignation of two teachers.

Knightsown Intermediate School eighth-grade science teacher Anna Deripaska resigned effective May 26, and Knightsown High School English teacher and boys varsity basketball coach Bob Allen stepped down effective June 1. To fill these vacancies, Susan Waymire was hired as a seventh and eighth-grade science teacher at KIS, and Nicole Scurlock was hired as a new English teacher at KHS.

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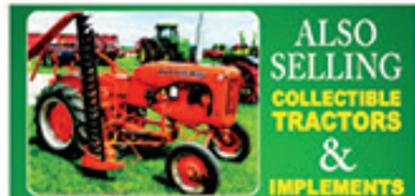
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# Knockin' on Stardom's Door

Chick McGee Podcast Highlights Success of Rush County Band The Easthills



Chick McGee (left) and co-host Jess Hooker listen to The Easthills perform a song during a recording podcast June 17 at the band's Rush County recording studio, located south of Carthage. The podcast aired last Thursday and is available at [www.podcastone.com](http://www.podcastone.com). (Eric Cox photos)

by Eric Cox  
Publisher

Rush County-based rock band The Easthills recently logged another triumph in their quest to bring their brand of big guitar rock to the masses.

On the heels of its second full-length album, *Fear and Temptation*, The Easthills on June 17 recorded a two-hour podcast with Hoosier radio personality Chick McGee, who appears on Q-95's Bob and Tom Show. It was the band's second appearance on McGee's web-based program, *The Chick McGee Show*.

The podcast was the latest in a string of significant triumphs for the band, which features mostly Rush County residents. The Easthills' one mainstay member who doesn't hail from the Rushville area is drummer Wade Parish, a 1987 Eastern Hancock graduate, who now calls Indianapolis home.

The recent podcast recording was McGee's way of heralding the band's new album, of which he's a big fan. But, he's also a fan of other up-and-coming Hoosier bands just like The Easthills. Sharing their stories on his podcast is McGee's way of shining the spotlight on groups that don't have the luxury of record company backing.

"We've had other bands that one of us hear about and we say, 'Hey, let's get them on the podcast!' We kinda cross our fingers that other people will listen and like what they hear musically," McGee told *The Banner*.

The Q-95 personality, whose laugh is almost synonymous with the Bob and Tom Show itself, said his ex-girlfriend and podcast co-host Jess Hooker recommended The Easthills.

"Of course - happily - (The Easthills) are great," he said, "just a unique, honest, wonderful, passionate sound ... and we can't wait to have them on a third time."

The two-hour podcast (available for free at [podcastone.com](http://podcastone.com)) features several performances by The Easthills, playing songs off their new album.

Aside from McGee and Hooker's humorous banter, Easthills frontman Hank Campbell alternately introduces the other band members and describes how the group got its name (a Rushville cemetery shares it).

McGee said the podcast format enables him and Hooker to highlight acts with which many Hoosiers are unfamiliar.

"With a podcast," McGee told *The Banner*, "you can do great and wonderful and interesting and really different episodes like this every week. Podcasts and the topics and guests and the genuine conversation that is happening on (The Easthills) right now is very exciting stuff. I think it's only going to become more so."

Exciting indeed.

The band, which only plays its own original music, has opened for bands many people have actually heard of - like Cheap Trick, REO Speedwagon, Cracker, Georgia Satellites, Lynrd Skynrd, Chris Robinson (Black Crowes), Flaming Lips and more. In fact, The Easthills are soon set to open for former Doors guitarist Robby Krieger as well as classic rock band Grand Funk Railroad.

Opening for legendary acts like those is terribly exciting, according to Campbell. But, getting some of their rock heroes to perform on their new CD is something else again. Tesla guitarist Frank Hannon and REO's Neal Doughty perform, as well as Guided by Voices' Doug Gillard, on *Fear and Temptation*.

Not too many local bands have pulled off such feats. Some have had the talent and the chops, but not the focus. Campbell and Will Barada know their band was meant to be.

## The Easthills Are Born

Guided by Voices, a kind of obscure, do-it-yourself rock band from Dayton, Ohio, is primarily responsible for The Easthills' founding. According to Campbell, Robert Pollard's shoot-from-the-hip style and Guided by Voices's raw, guitar-driven sound spurred him and Barada to found the band.

"Will and I were in the same class in school," said Campbell. "We discovered an affinity for music together. We were in choir together; we played football together. We did theater arts together and stuff. So we were really tight, ya know, really close. And we were blessed to go to a high school that valued those things."

But, the drive to establish a rock band, unlike so many other stories of rock-n-roll beginnings, didn't start in high school for The Easthills. It came after that, after they discovered The Beatles and Pollard's Guided by Voices.

Campbell left high school and studied acting in college, eventually moving to New York City. But, his love for that faded and he returned home. When he and Barada, who shares Campbell's affinity for the same bands, compared notes on interests, it was music that kept coming up as a common denominator.

"There's was a lot of passion for music," Campbell said. "There was this notion of 'We can do this. This is kind of our calling.'"

"And not much came of it at the time - because we were limited. We couldn't play instruments. But, it didn't matter. We wanted to do it," Campbell explained.

Barada attended Indiana University and Campbell went to Miami of Ohio and Ball State. But, having grown up together, they kept their friendship intact - even when Campbell moved to New York City to pursue an acting career. Meanwhile, Barada finished college, got married and started working for his family's Rushville business.

Campbell moved back after three years in Manhattan, and that's when the two compared notes on Guided by Voices.

"They had this do-it-yourself approach and they were really low-fi," Campbell said. "(Guided by Voices) really made an impression on us."

The then 40-year-old Pollard's example of perseverance and not letting age or money stand in the way of making great music inspired the guys. Invigorated by live Guided by Voices performances, Campbell said they exclaimed a collective "Yes! This can be done."

At first, said Campbell, there was really no band. It was just he and Barada recording demos and trying to learn their instruments - guitar. But, things sort of fizzled and their ad-hoc band more or less fell apart.

Fast forward five years. Brad Morgan, another high school friend, enters the picture, asking Campbell about his musical interests and hinting around about forming a band.

The two kept talking and Campbell eventually played for Morgan some songs he and Barada had recorded on a reel-to-reel recorder. Morgan was so impressed with the work that

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Hank Campbell (right) and Will Barada, founding members of The Easthills and 1993 Rushville High School graduates, jam during Chick McGee's podcast.

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he insisted they get started recording new versions of the older songs.

"It was nice to have someone else give us their feedback on which songs were best suited for recording," said Campbell. "It took a lot of the pressure off Will and I."

That's when The Easthills embarked on the recording of their first album, *Death of a Salesman*.

That album, according to Barada, was an amalgam of ideas he and Campbell had stored up since they were younger. Though described by one reporter as an album "15 years in the making," Barada and Campbell are both quick to dispel that notion.

"One or two of the songs are that old, but the rest of *Death of a Salesman* was younger," Barada told The Banner.

With the recently-released *Fear and Temptation*, Barada said that was not the case. The new release features fresh material.

"A big factor in the transition from the first album to *Fear and Temptation* was that we had a band at that point," Barada said. "So it was getting the other band members' input into the songs that really made it a lot different, a lot better."

"We were just working on new material," he said. "And we were working more under a deadline because we had set a goal of when

we wanted the new album to come out. We were incorporating thoughts and ideas from the rest of the band and were just being a little smarter about things and a little more efficient."

*Fear and Temptation* was offi-

the closest friends I have. I'd do anything for them or their families."

For Wilson, assisting The Easthills means many different things. But, connecting the group with like-minded people who want to help them succeed is a top priority.

"Our goal is to make the music as good as it can be," Wilson said. "That means finding the best musicians we possibly can. If we put those two things together, I think (the band) will be as good as it can be."

Wilson introduced The Easthills to former Healing Sixes front man Doug Henthorn, who produced *Fear and Temptation*. Along with Henthorn came Parish, who served as Healing Sixes' drummer, until that band called it quits.

Wilson described his role as helping his good friends "construct a really great band around these really great songs."

So far, it's working.

Many try. Some succeed, while countless others fail. Because, as they say, show business is fickle at best. For now, this group of home-grown rockers is making the best of their improving situation.

The Easthills will perform tracks off their new album on July 30 in Kettering, Ohio, when they open for Grand Funk Railroad, the legendary '70s rock band that gave the world rock-n-roll nuggets like "Some Kind of Wonderful," "We're an American Band" and others.

On Aug. 6, the band will open for Robby Krieger, former guitar player for The Doors. That show is part of WeberFest at Kokomo's Foster Park Amphitheater.

Find The Easthills' music at [theeasthills.com](http://theeasthills.com), iTunes and Amazon.



Former Rush County Prosecutor Paul Barada (left) jams with The Easthills as bassist Brad Morgan performs in the background. Barada's brother, Will, is a founding member of the band.



The Easthills' new album, *Fear and Temptation*

cially released at a sold-out show on Feb. 27 at Fountain Square's White Rabbit Cabaret. Opening for The Easthills was Miles Nielsen, son of Cheap Trick guitarist Rick Nielsen.

**Well-connected Management**

Another high school friend is band manager Andy Wilson, a guy who serves as vice president at an Indianapolis public relations firm who's put The Easthills in contact with some very big names.

An RCHS graduate like Campbell and Will Barada, Wilson grew up with the duo and was making music with Barada, he said, as early as third grade.

Wilson admitted he was less of a musician and more of a promoter even then. So, he brought his public relations skills to bear in helping his childhood friends with their musical endeavor.

"My relationship with Will and Hank goes back to the early years, when we were just kids," Wilson told The Banner. "Those guys are



Easthills drummer Wade Parish, a 1987 Eastern Hancock High School graduate, performs during the Chick McGee podcast. Parish not only plays drums, but also serves as an Easthills backup singer.



Easthills lead guitarist Banner Morgan plays along during the podcast. Morgan and his brother, Easthills bassist Brad Morgan, have a number of relatives in the Carthage area.



The Easthills pose for a photo with Chick McGee (back row, third from right) and Jess Hooker (back row, fourth from left). (Eric Cox photos)

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A resignation was also received from Jill Gregory, a second and third-grade teachers' aide at Knightstown Elementary, effective June 22. Risa Louks was hired as special education aide at KES, and Harry Richmond was hired as part-time custodian at KES.

In other personnel matters, the board approved several extracurricular assignments at last week's meeting: head boys basketball coach (Dusty Magee); summer weight room (Kevin Miller); KHS English Department Head and yearbook (Rachael Shepherd); KHS Math Department Head (Jared Evans); KHS Science Department Head (Bobbie Rogers); KHS Social Studies Department Head and Historical Society (Rana Rodeffer); Guidance Department Head, Voice and Vocational Careers Department Head (Maggie Schwartzkopf); Agriculture, Art, Music, Business, Health, P.E., Home Economics and Foreign Language Department Head, and Spanish Club (Belinda Cross); 12th Grade Class Sponsor, dance team and choreographer (Tracie Smith); director of bands/summer band director, director of vocal music and dramatics (Alexa Myers); student council (Shanna Smucker); Art Club and Academic Bowl coach (James Jahrsdoerfer); French Club (Jill Tully); Home Economics Club (Nancy Watson); Honor Society (Kristi Williamson and Erin Matheny); Academic Bowl coordinator and coach (Phillip Scholl); FFA (Bridgette Wanhainen); KHS girls varsity basketball coach (Terry West); 10th Grade Class Sponsor (Sherri Messer); 11th Grade Class Sponsors (Angel Mattix and Sunshine Terrell); 12th Grade Class Sponsor (Andrea Sharp); FCA (Brandon Grubbs); and robotics (Gary Driesbach).

# LOCAL SPORTS

## Knightstown's 8u All-Star Baseball Team Wins Back-to-Back Championships at Rushville Summer Slam Tourney



Knightstown's eight-and-under all-star baseball team won its second straight championship at the Rushville Summer Slam Tournament last weekend. The team includes Dylan Allen, Dylan Bonewits, Trenton Boughton, Dallas Bramell, Jameson Crawford, Isaiah DeWitt, Camden Gorman, Braylon Johnson, Travis Louks, Landon McColley, Caden Powers and Alison Sutton. (Photo submitted)

### 10u, 12u Baseball Teams Also Compete at Rushville

Knightstown's 10-and-under baseball team and 12-and-under team both competed at the Rushville tournament last weekend.

The 10u team finished runner-up in the tourney. They beat Cambridge City 13-6 in the first game of pool play then lost to Rushville 11-2 in the second pool game.

The 10u team then had to play Rushville again in the first game of the tournament. Knightstown had better results the second time around, defeating Rushville 3-1.

Knightstown fell to a traveling team from Union County in the championship game.

The 10u team from Knightstown includes Braxton Carmichael, Jared Cole, Mason

Davis, Ben Gandy, Bryce Gorman, Conner Griffith, Ayden Keith, Palmer Newkirk, Dalton Scott, Graham Waltman, Zach Waltman and Kelton Weaver.

The 12u team also fell short in the tourney despite coming out of the pool play as a #1 seed.

Knightstown's 12u team tied Rushville 2-2 in the first pool play game. They then shut out White River 10-0 to take the #1 seed into the tournament.

But, the team then fell 3-13 to Union County in the first game of the tourney.

The 12u roster includes Aiden Back, Quinton Bland, Sam Erwin, Robbie Flodder, Charlie Hastings, Kaden Humphrey, Peyton Inman, Hunter Jackson, Brennan McCorkle, Owen Newkirk, Devon Settles and Mason Young.

Humphrey led the way for the 12u Knightstown team with four RBIs on three hits including a home run and a triple.

Bland and Jackson each smacked two base hits for one RBI. Bland scored three runs on the day and Jackson scored once.

Flodder also hit two singles and scored three times.

Newkirk had a base hit and scored three runs and Hastings added a single.

McCorkle knocked in two RBIs.

Young and Erwin each scored a run and Settles scored twice.

Time on the pitching mound was split between Bland, Hastings, Humphrey and Settles.

Humphrey faced 28 batters on the day, threw 130 pitches including 58 strikes and 72 balls. He struck out 10 batters and gave up eight runs on three hits and 10 walks.

Settles threw 78 pitches to 19 batters, posting 44 strikes and 34 balls. He struck out five batters

Knightstown's eight-and-under all-star baseball team brought home the championship trophy from the Rushville Summer Slam Tournament last weekend.

This is the second straight year for Knightstown's 8u team to win the Rushville tourney.

The 8u All-Stars first competed in two pool play games to determine tourney positions. In the first pool play game, the young Panthers defeated Cambridge City 14-10.

Braylon Johnson led the team at the plate with an out-of-the-park home run and two doubles to collect six RBIs. He scored three runs.

Dallas Bramell had a big game too with three doubles and four RBIs and three runs scored.

Dylan Bonewits was also 3-for-3 at the plate. He hit a triple, a double and a single and scored three times.

Dylon Allen got on base each time he was bat, pounding out two doubles and a single for two RBIs.

Isaiah DeWitt and Landon McColley each hit three singles. DeWitt scored twice after getting on base.

Camden Gorman and Trenton Boughton each hit a double and a single with Gorman scoring twice and Boughton scoring once.

Travis Louks had two base hits and scored once.

Jameson Crawford also got two hits while Alison Sutton hit a single and scored one run.

In the second game of pool play action, Knightstown beat Connersville 17-3.

Caden Powers and Bramell each smacked a home run, a double and a single. Both players also scored twice and had two RBIs apiece.

McColley knocked in three RBIs on a triple and a single. He scored two runs.

Gorman also had three RBIs after putting down a double and two singles. He scored once.

Allen hit a double and a single to collect three RBIs and scored once.

Crawford hit two doubles for two RBIs and scored two runs.

Johnson also smashed two doubles for one RBI and two runs scored.

Bonewits hit a triple and a single and scored once.

Boughton had an RBI and scored twice after getting on base with a double and a single.

DeWitt reached base on a double and a single and scored both times.

Louks and Sutton each added base hits in the team's victory over Connersville.

The young Knightstown team then moved on to compete against New Palestine in the first game of the tourney where they came out on top 5-4.

Bonewits was the hot guy at the plate against New Pal with a triple, a double and single. He had one RBI and scored two of the team's five runs.

Allen hit a double and single and scored once.

Gorman reached base three times on base hits and scored a run.

Johnson got two base hits, one RBI and one run.

Bramell also hit two singles and had an RBI.

Louks and Powers each hit RBI-singles while Boughton added two base hits.

Knightstown again played Connersville, this time for the championship, topping them a second time, 9-8.

Bonewits was again the heavy hitter for Knightstown, hitting a home run and a double for one RBI and two runs.

Louks led the team in RBIs with three on two singles.

Bramell and Allen each pounded out a triple and double, both scoring twice. Bramell had two RBIs and Allen collected one RBI.

DeWitt hit a triple and a single, scoring once.

Gorman had two base hits and scored a run.

McColley whacked an RBI-triple while Johnson hit an RBI-double and scored once. Boughton added a single.

Knightstown's 8u team finished the tourney undefeated. In the four games they played, they hit four home runs, eight triples (four of those in the championship game), 26 doubles and 45 singles. The young Panthers struck out only 12 times in 120 times at bat, collected 45 RBIs and scored 45 runs in their impressive tourney performance.

and allowed three runs on four hits and four walks.

Bland faced one more batter than Settles but only threw 51 pitches including 30 strikes and 21 walks. He struck out one batter and gave up five runs on nine hits and one walk.

Hastings faced nine batters and threw 21 pitches, 10 balls and nine

strikes. He struck out one batter and allowed one run on two hits with no walks.

The 12u team hustled for 10 stolen bases in their three games at the tourney, led by Flodder with four stolen bases.

Erwin had two stolen bases and Back, Humphrey, Jackson and Young each had one.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## 2015-2016 Varsity Sports Recap

Over the summer, *The Banner* will be recapping the season results for the varsity teams from Knightstown, Tri and Eastern Hancock for the 2015-2016 school year

### Knightstown Volleyball

Knightstown varsity volleyball team completed its season during the 2015-2016 school year with an overall record of 12-20. The Lady Panthers tied for third in the Mid-Hoosier Conference with a 5-4 record.

The 2015 roster included two seniors: Haley Fowler and Ryan Johnson; three juniors: Vivian Goodpaster, Paige Halcomb and Ally Wilfong; five sophomores: Courtney Carlton, Dharma Holder, Zoey Hunsinger, Kamryn Reed and Candice Wyatt; two freshmen: Addison Koehler and Maggie Smith.

Fowler led the team during the season in digs with 210. She played 102 sets, compiling 188 kills, 29 serving aces, 19 blocks, four assists and received 300 serves successfully.

Johnson was named to the Academic All-State volleyball team. (She would later make the Academic All-State for softball too.) She played in all 104 sets her senior year, finishing with 176 digs, 39 serving aces, 45 blocks, 168 digs, 14 assists and 248 serves received successfully.

Goodpaster saw playing time in 96 sets and was one of the team's main setters, finishing second on the team in assists with 313. She also had 11 kills, 36 serving aces, one block, 43 digs and received 11 serves.

Halcomb was one of four Lady Panthers who played in all 104 sets during the season. She was

second in serves successfully received with 349 and posted 27 serving aces, 128 digs and five assists.

Wilfong played all 104 sets and led the team in kills with 252, in serving aces with 44 and in serves received successfully with 401. Wilfong was second on the team in digs with 205 and also had nine assists and 31 blocks.

Carlton played 11 sets and posted two kills, two digs and seven serves received.

In the 30 sets she played, Dharma Holder compiled 18 kills, two serving aces, two blocks, four digs, one assist and 11 serves received.

Hunsinger played in just set with no stats posted.

Reed was the team's other main setter, playing in 97 sets and making 347 assists. She also had six kills, six serving aces, 20 blocks, nine digs and two serves received.

Wyatt played in all 104 sets and led the team in blocks with 62 (29 solo). She finished the season with 140 kills, 23 serving aces, 135 digs, 10 assists and 300 serves received.

Koehler played seven sets and had one kill and one block.

Smith saw playing time in five sets. She had two kills and one serving ace.

The Lady Panthers were led by head coach Shanna Smucker. After three years as the KHS varsity volleyball coach, Smucker has a record of 49-51.

### Tri Volleyball

Tri varsity volleyball team posted an 11-19 overall record during the 2015-2016 school year and was 3-4 in the Tri-Eastern Conference.

The Lady Titans were loaded with upper classman. The 2015 roster included six seniors: Mackenzie Peggs, Mara Biehl, Brittany Cunningham, Kylie Dishman, Kristen McNew and Alli Vandivier; two juniors: Addy Edwards and Kirsten Falck; and three sophomores: Kierstyn Conyers, Payton Moore and Breanna Reece.

Peggs dominated on the court her senior year. She led the team in kills with 163, in serving aces with 37, in digs with 261 and in serves received successfully with 305. She also had 50 blocks and two assists. Peggs played all 102 sets during the season.

Biehl also was on the court for all 102 sets. She compiled 44 kills, 24 serving aces, 67 blocks, 58 digs, five assists and received 34 serves.

Cunningham played 102 sets and had one kill, seven serving aces, 105 digs, one assist and received 123 serves.

Dishman was the team's outstanding setter and played all 102 sets. The Lady Titans posted 544 assists on the season and Dishman contributed 502 of those assists. She added 29 kills, 33 serving aces, 18 blocks, 195 digs and 69 serves received.

McNew played 102 sets, finishing with four kills, seven serving aces, two blocks, 135 digs and received 102 serves successfully.

Vandivier got time on the court in 82 sets. She had 33 kills, two serving aces, 26 blocks, 20 digs, one assist and received nine serves.

Edwards played all 102 sets and was second to Peggs in kills with 141 and second in blocks with 160. She also had 24 serving aces, 67 digs, six assists and received 11 serves.

Falck played 97 sets and was second to Peggs in digs with 198 and in serves received with 217. She also posted eight kills, 16 serving aces and three assists.

Conyers was productive in the 98 sets she played, compiling 94 kills, 15 serving aces, 52 blocks, 67 digs, 13 assists and received 41 serves.

Moore also a good season, playing in 99 sets and leading the team in blocks with 187. She added 119 kills, eight serving aces, 59 digs, nine assists and 28 serves received.

Reece, the team's other sophomore, also had a great season. She accumulated five kills, 16 serving aces, two blocks, 75 digs, two assists and received 161 serves.

Tri's varsity volleyball team is coached by April Isaacs.

## Betty the Bunny



Carthage rabbit breeder Rick Cole recently brought home some hardware from a big Ohio contest. Cole's Crème D'Argent rabbit "Betty" won Best of Breed at the 2016 Ohio Crème D'Argent open show in Columbus on April 30. "Betty" also won Best 6-8-Month-Old of Breed. (Eric Cox photo)

### Eastern Hancock Volleyball

Eastern Hancock varsity volleyball team finished its season in the 2015-2016 school year with an overall record of 10-24 and a record of 3-6 in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

The 2015 varsity roster included one senior, Alyssa Hunt; five juniors: Leah Ferguson, Kaysi Gilbert, Reagan Hunt, Kayli Lewman and Caitlin Richmond; four sophomores: Haley Dickison, Laurie Eells, Payton Hicks and Madison Stunda; three freshmen: Haley Best, Riley Noel and Jenna Smith.

Alyssa Hunt played in 85 sets during the season. She had 36 digs, one assist and 78 serves received successfully.

Ferguson led the team in kills with 182, playing in all 103 sets. She served 18 aces and had 25 blocks, 78 digs and 213 serves received successfully.

Gilbert also played in 103 sets and was tops in serving for the Lady Royals. She served 84 aces, 35 more than the next player on the team. She also had 110 kills, 33 blocks, 35 digs, one assist and successfully received 73 serves.

Reagan Hunt saw playing time in 100 sets and posted 49 kills, 10 serving aces, 35 blocks, four digs, one assist and received 30 serves.

Lewman played 80 sets with 57 digs and 121 serves received.

Richmond was out just one set during the season, finding time on the court in 102 sets. She finished with 50 kills, 25 serving aces, 22 blocks, 42 digs and 84 serves received.

Dickison played in just one set and had one dig and received one serve.

Eells was on the court for all 103 sets in her important role as the main setter. She provided 321 assists, a whopping 304 more than the next Lady Royal. She also

posted 50 kills, 49 serving aces, 23 blocks, 79 digs and 32 serves received.

Hicks led the team in blocking with 47 blocks. She added 40 kills, 36 serving aces, seven digs, three assists and 15 serves received. She competed in 99 sets.

Stunda played 100 sets and was second on the team in digs with 113. She also contributed one kill, one serving ace, one block, one assist and received 173 serves.

Best was highly productive in the 93 sets she played. The freshman led the team in digs and serves received. She had 272 digs, 159 more than the next Lady Royal, and received 499 serves,

286 more than the next teammate. She added 12 kills, 43 serving aces and 16 assists.

Noel played in four sets but did not post any stats.

Smith got playing time in 12 sets. She had two kills and one block.

Eastern Hancock finished the season strong, defeating Indianapolis Howe and Knightstown in the sectional tournament before falling to Shenandoah in the sectional championship.

Cory Rainbolt moved from serving as the junior varsity coach in 2014-2015 season to become the Lady Royals head coach in 2015.

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## Fish Kill in Little Flatrock River

Indiana Conservation Officers along with emergency personnel from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management are investigating a large fish kill within the Little Flatrock River just south of Milroy.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on June 25, Indiana Conservation Officers were dispatched to the Little Flatrock River off of State Road 3 just south of Milroy.

Conservation Officers and IDEM personnel worked throughout the night trying to locate a source that contaminated the waterway.

An unknown pollutant is thought to be the cause that has killed numerous species of fish, crayfish and other aquatic life within the Little Flatrock River waterway. This kill stretches 9.3 miles along the Little Flatrock River to the confluence of the Flatrock River.

This investigation is ongoing and Indiana Conservation Officers are requesting if anyone has information or knows of someone with information to contact the Indiana Conservation Officers Central Dispatch at 812-837-9536.

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**Bonds, from Page 1**

In other business, the board voted, on Behny's recommendation, to alter the school day start and end times for KHS and KIS students for the 2016-2017 school year. KIS students will be in school from 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m., while KHS students start their day at 8:15 a.m. and get out of school at 3 p.m.; there will be no change for KES students.

Behny told board members that making these changes "will close the gap somewhat" on bus pick-up and drop-off times. While he said that it will not completely eliminate problems on all bus routes, he said "it will help."

Also at last week's meeting, the CAB School Board:

\*heard a presentations from Athletic Director Matt Martin on the state of CAB athletics, and from student Lacy Roberts about the KHS yearbook;

**Budget, from Page 3**

discuss possible funding options available through that agency for improvements to the town's wastewater utility.

More information about the town council's June 16 meeting can be found in last week's Banner, as well as in the memoranda and minutes from that meeting. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.

\*received information from Behny about the accomplishments of this year's KHS graduating class;

\*approved on second reading changes to policies dealing with cancellation of teacher contact and criminal gang activity, and approved on first reading changes to policies dealing with management of grants and spending of federal funds;

\*passed a resolution establishing internal controls for dealing with management and oversight of district finances;

\*approved the purchase of new math textbooks for KHS students and adoption of fees for the coming school year; and

\*OK'd payment of claims totaling \$1,108,220.75, with \$401,561.51 being current claims, \$268,725.03 in prewritten claims and \$437,934.21 for payroll.

**Mays, from Page 7**

Logan Nigh, Olivea Noe, Devin Richardson, Quinn Bishop, Jakob Lundy, Piper Mackey, Kendra Newkirk, Victoria Smiley, Donovan Doyle, Khloe Evans, Summer Eveland, Michael Guerrero, Isabella Johnson, Grace Muir, Kyle Stanley, Damion Trueblood, Wyatt Walker, Landen Wethington, Kirstyn Wilson, Maya Wilson

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**Letters, from Page 4**

Dear Editor,

As a citizen of Henry County and resident in the far south of the County I would like to know why there is such small coverage of the wind turbine issue in all of the Henry County papers?

I have been to the last planning commission meetings and commissioners meetings and this issue is becoming very active! These windmills they're proposing are whirling, 600-foot monsters that would change the nature of the county forever for everyone. Apex, as I understand it, is wanting a hundred or so of these 60-story-tall turbines along I-70 and the county line, from east to west, in the southern sector of the county! We could find ourselves surrounded in the Knightstown area.

The residents of the county should be aware of this issue. The wind turbine people should publish a plat of the proposed location of these giant machines to let all who will have to live with them become aware of where they'll be!

My information tells me they crash property values. They're hypnotic, noisy, blinking-at-night giant blenders that kill hundreds of migrating birds - eagles, vultures, geese, cranes, etc.

Green is good - but not when it destroys the lives of those living around it.

Jim Mull  
Knightstown

Dear Editor,

I wish every resident of Knightstown and the rest of the Charles A. Beard school district could have attended the commencement exercises held June 5 at the Knightstown High School. They would have witnessed an amazing group of young people with a wide variety of achievements: a 97 percent graduation rate; an amassing of over 900 hours of dual credits that will boost their college studies; a wide variety of community service actions; acceptances at a variety of colleges, universities, other training activities, and the U.S. armed forces; and the awarding of more than \$750,000 of academic and athletic scholarships.

They would have had the chance to hear Hope Johnson, a National Merit Scholar finalist, give the valedictory address, in which she articulated her appreciation for the past four years and the hopes of herself and fellow classmates for the years to come.

The Knightstown High School Class of 2016 is the latest in a long line of high school graduations, now standard in the United States, but unique in all the educational systems of the world for the quality of young persons it brings to the cusp of adult life. They are right to have pride in their past, confidence in their present, and to always have hope for their future. I wish them to always be curious, to always read, to always learn, and always be flexible to rise to the challenges of each life opportunity that presents itself in order to make the most of each and every day.

Class of 2016, you have made your parents proud, your teachers, principals, school board and your country proud. God bless you!

Graham T. Richardson  
Charles A. Beard School Board Member

**Johnson, from Page 6**

Intermediate School. Johnson and his family go to church in Greenfield, and he coaches his son in youth sports in Knightstown.

"I've coached and travelled with Knightstown's traveling basketball team for the last five years," he said. "When (their son, Kyle) played baseball, I coached sports as well in town."

Johnson graduated from Eastern Hancock High School in 1993. Outside of fire fighting, Johnson works at Cintas First Aid and Safety. He's able to apply the knowledge and skills he gains there to his volunteer work, and vice versa.

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## Making Family Fitness Fun

Physical activity is a vital part of staying healthy. Encouraging healthy habits in your child is one of the best things a parent can do to try to guarantee a healthier life.

Being active can help kids and adults have healthier weights, less fat, and stronger muscles and bones. Activity can help prevent heart disease, cancer, and stroke. It can also lessen feelings of depression, and boost confidence. As children get older, they often reduce their physical activity. Because of this, making activity a family focus is key.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) says that kids ages 17 and under get at least 60 minutes of physical activity on most days of the week. The DHHS recommends that adults get at least 150 minutes a week of physical activity. And one of the best ways to meet your goals is to work on them as a family.

### Making Activity a Priority

A little bit of planning can help make physical activity a fun part of your regular family life.

- **Talk with your child's pediatrician.** If your child has constant health concerns or injuries, his or her health care provider can help you figure out which activities will work best.
- **Write down an activity goal.** Start with something small that you and your family can reach together. Be specific. For example, decide to do 30 minutes of activity 4 days a week for 4 weeks.
- **Create a family activity calendar.** Plug in activities for each week like going on a family hike, walking the dog, or playing sports. Post it in a spot where everyone in the family can see it.
- **Make a menu of fun choices.** A list of activity ideas can get the ball rolling. Think of activities that work best for your child's age. See the list to the right for some choices.
- **Let your child help pick activities.** If your child is involved with choosing activities, he or she may be more excited about them.

- **Track your progress.** Put fun stickers or notes on the calendar to celebrate milestones and other achievements.
- **Limit TV and computer time.** The providers at New Castle Pediatrics and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no more than 1 hour to 2 hours of "screen time" per day.
- **Reschedule, don't cancel.** If something comes up and you have to miss activity time, plug the activity into a new time slot.
- **Set challenges.** Create small contests for your family members. Who can climb the most stairs in a week? Who can be the first to walk the dog 3 times? Offer small rewards like special stickers on the calendar, or colorful certificates.
- **Make it social.** Invite neighbors or your children's friends to join your activities. You can invite them into your challenges, too.
- **Be positive and encouraging.** Physical activity is easier for some kids, and harder for others. Overweight children may feel self-conscious. Let your child go at his or her own pace, and offer support and encouragement. Promote a positive attitude. Positive experiences with activity will make it easier to keep your child involved and interested.
- **Be a role model.** Your positive attitude about activity will help your child see it as an important part of a healthy life.

### Setting Priorities for a Lifetime

A child with healthy habits is more likely to grow into an adult with healthy habits. When physical activities are a family priority, they can help give children a great foundation for a healthy life.

For more ideas and tips on health and wellness check out the Staywell Health Library at [www.hcmhcares.com](http://www.hcmhcares.com).

## Fun Ideas For Family Activity

- ▶ Dance in the living room to your favorite songs
- ▶ Do house and yard work together
- ▶ Garden together
- ▶ Go hiking in a local park
- ▶ Help clean a local park
- ▶ Play an active video game that involves fun body movement
- ▶ Play games like tag, catch, or Frisbee
- ▶ Play sports like soccer, basketball, tennis, or badminton
- ▶ Ride your bikes together
- ▶ Swim laps
- ▶ Take regular family walks on weekend mornings, after dinner, and any other time you can
- ▶ Take stairs instead of elevators or escalators, and keep a stair count
- ▶ Take the dog for a walk or jog
- ▶ Train together for a charity walk or run

Post your ideas on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/new-castle-pediatrics](http://www.facebook.com/new-castle-pediatrics).

## Upcoming Events

**1st Wednesday | 1:30 pm**  
**COPD Support Group**  
 Henry County Hospital  
 Conference Room A  
 Shelley: 765.599.3109

**4 Weekly Sessions:**  
**Wednesdays | 1 - 3 pm**  
**Thursdays | 5 - 7 pm**  
**Diabetes Education Class**  
 Henry County Hospital  
 Patty: 765.521.1544

**1st Monday | 6:30 pm**  
**Bariatric Support Group**  
 Henry County Hospital  
 Conference Room B  
 Missy: 317.409.3159

**2nd Monday | 5 - 7 pm**  
**4th Thursday | 11 am - 1 pm**  
**Infant Feeding Support Group**  
 Henry County Hospital  
 Women & Children's Unit Classroom  
 765.521.1116

For more information on these and other events, check online at [hcmhcares.org](http://hcmhcares.org).

## Laurie Stonerock Abrams Receives Doctoral Degree



Laurie Stonerock Abrams graduated with a Doctor of Health Sciences degree from A.T. Still University, Mesa, AZ.

Dr. Abrams has served as Director of Wellness at HealthRidge, part of Henry County Hospital's Rehabilitation Services Department since 1999. She has been a medical health and wellness specialist, aerobic/aquatic instructor, fitness manager, and personal trainer for over 25 years.

She holds a Master's degree in Management. Her Bachelor's, Associate's, undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and certifications are in Management/Exercise Science, Exercise Science/Pre Med, General Studies/Math and Science, Personal Training, and Leadership/Organizational Behavior from Indiana University, Ashford University, and A.T. Still University.

Dr. Abrams also holds national certifications and professional course certificates in strength training and conditioning, aerobics, aquatics, cancer exercise, Tai Chi for Balance, etc. Her plans are to continue as Director of Wellness, and pursue medical journal publication of her doctoral dissertation (cancer exercise rehabilitation research) conducted at HealthRidge.

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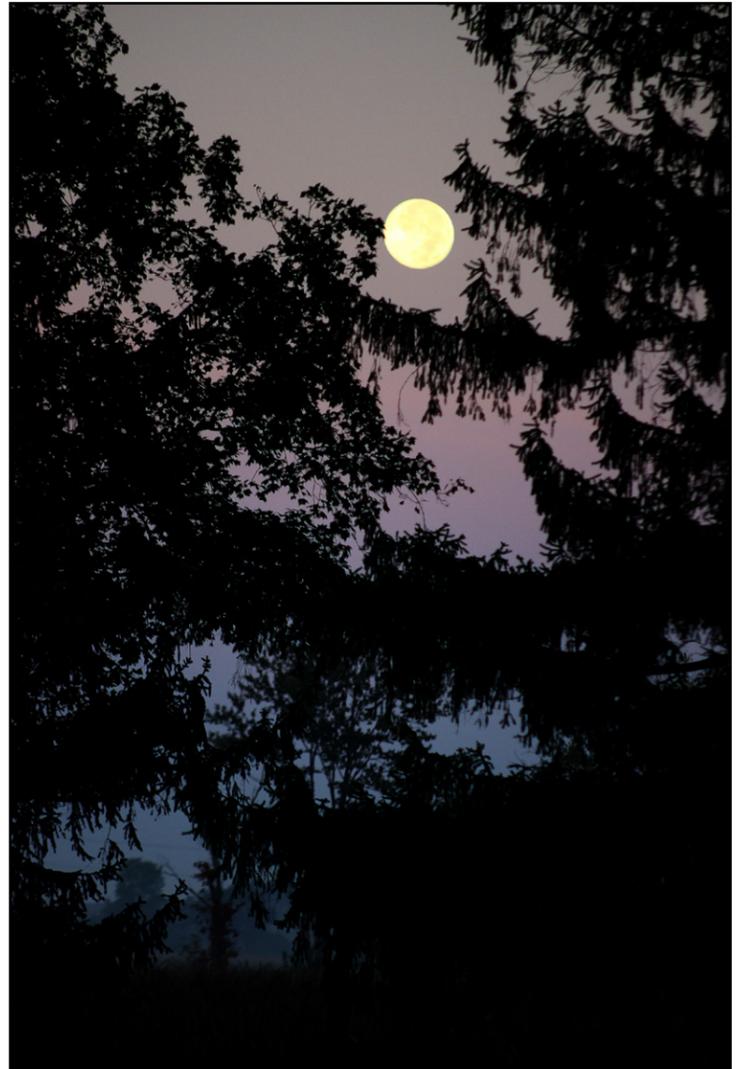
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