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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.

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.

Greensboro UMC Blood Drive July 16

Greensboro United Methodist Church will host a community blood drive on Saturday, July 16, 9-11 a.m. Those who plan to donate should bring photo identification. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207.

EHHS Class of 1966 Reuniting July 30

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

KHS Class of 1976 Reunion Aug. 6

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

Knightstown Elem. School Fees Reduced for Most Grade Levels

Parents of most students at Knightstown Elementary School will see some reduction in fees for the 2016-2017 school year.

According to a schedule approved by the Charles A. Beard School Board at its June 21 meeting, fees for kindergarten students and first and second graders will decrease from what they were this year. The kindergarten fees will drop 3.5 percent, from \$97.06 to \$93.64, while the first grade fees will be go from \$129.71 to \$112.34, a reduction of 13.4 percent, and fees for second grade will fall 17.1 percent, from \$113.19 to \$93.82.

The only students who will see a fee increase at KES are the third graders. The fee for that class will climb from \$97.32 to \$102.61, an increase of 5.4 percent.

At Knightstown Intermediate School, the fee for fourth graders will climb 7.7 percent, from \$94.73 to \$102.07, while the fifth grade fee will rise from \$88.70 to \$92.31, a 4.1-percent increase. The sixth grade fee will drop 1.2 percent, from \$108.98 to \$107.70.

The only other KIS fees included on the schedule approved by the school board at the June 21 meeting were those for seventh grade and eighth grade regular math and eighth grade Algebra I. The seventh grade regular math fee dropped 5.7 percent, from \$99.81 to \$94.13; the eighth grade regular math fee fell 14.3 percent, from \$109.93 to \$94.25; and the Algebra I fee saw a 10.9-percent reduction, from \$110.41 to \$98.38.

In the Family and Consumer Sciences

Department at Knightstown High School, fees for 10 of the 11 listed classes remained unchanged. The only increase was for the Textiles & Fashion I class, which saw a 25-percent increase in the \$8 course fee, which will now be \$10.

In the KHS Foreign Language Department, the French courses saw a 66.7-percent increase in fees, which will climb from \$3 to \$5. The fees for the Spanish courses, which were \$5 this year, will remain unchanged.

The only other KHS student fee listed on the schedule that will change this coming school year is the one for the Anatomy & Physiology course. The \$21 fee charged this year will increase 118 percent to \$45.80 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Park Board May Adopt 5-year Master Plan

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

When it meets later this month, the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board is expected to vote on adoption of a five-year master plan that will be submitted to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Dave Kieser, owner of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, the Lawrence-based firm working with the park board on the plan, briefly addressed park board members at their June 14 meeting. He said there had been "some minor changes" made to an earlier draft of the plan in response to public comments that had been received.

Copies of the proposed plan are available for review at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., and the Knightstown Public Library, 5 E. Main St., during normal business hours. The plan may also be viewed on KCG's website, www.kieserconsult.com.

Kieser said he would draft and bring a resolution approving adoption of the plan to the park board's July 20 meeting. After that, the plan will be filed with the IDNR and, once that agency approves it, the plan is expected to help the park board qualify for various grants to help fund improvements to the town's park and recreational offerings.

In other business at the park board's June 14 meeting, members voted to declare a riding mower purchased by the park to be surplus property and to advertise it for sale. The board also voted to earmark any proceeds from selling the mower to be used to make improvements to the shelter house at Sunset Park.

"It's running," Board President Ed Johnson said of the mower, which will be sold as-is. "You could jump on it and mow right now."

Suzy Neal, an ex officio member of the park board appointed by the Charles A. Beard School

Board, said she would like to have bids for the mower back in time to take action at the July 20 meeting. Johnson suggested setting the deadline for bids as 5 p.m. on July 19, but, as of yesterday's news deadline, a legal notice advertising that bids were being taken for the mower had not been placed in The Banner.

State law requires notices for bids to be advertised twice in the newspaper, a week apart, with the second notice running at least seven days before the bid deadline. With the park board not running its notice in this week's issue of The Banner, it would not have enough time to meet the publication requirements prior to the July 20 meeting.

Park board members also voted at the June 14 meeting to keep the deposit of someone who had rented the park shelter house. According to Johnson, the renter – whom he did not identify – had accessed the shelter house earlier than they should have, failed to

pick up tables and did an unsatisfactory job of cleaning up after themselves.

Johnson told the board that a new backflow prevention valve needs to be purchased and installed for the park's splash pad. He said the valve needs to be at least 12 inches above ground, not beneath the surface in a pit like the splash pad's current valve.

Johnson also reported that the park's handyman, Dave Huffman, had recently worked on the splash pad to repair a problem that was causing the water attraction to start up and run when no one was there.

"I think he's pretty well got it," Johnson said. "... As of now, it seems to be back to working like it should."

In financial matters, Johnson reported that the park board had a balance of \$37,969.38 as of the end of April. He said the town had not provided him with a finance report with figures more current than that.

Knightstown Planning Survey Nets 275 Responses

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

At least 275 people recently responded to a survey intended to get public feedback on a variety of issues related to local planning and development.

The steering committee assisting the Knightstown Plan Commission with revising the town's comprehensive plan were given preliminary survey response numbers at their most recent meeting, held June 22. Dan Lake, chief planner for Kieser Consulting Group LLC, the Lawrence-based firm hired to help revise the comprehensive plan, told the committee that 235 surveys had been completed online, with another 40 filled out by hand.

Lake said he thought they had a good response, and said there may be more completed surveys waiting to be picked up at the Knightstown Public Library.

"You want at least 10 to 15 percent return on a survey," he said. "That's good. ... We have a good return."

Of the online responders, Lake said 106 – just over 45 percent – were

Knightstown residents, while another 49 – almost 21 percent – lived in areas of Wayne Township outside of Knightstown. Seventy-six of those who took the survey online, just over 32 percent, didn't live in Knightstown or Wayne Township, with 22 of the online responders not living in the area at all.

Lake told the committee that he would review the surveys before the next meeting, set for this Thursday, and tally the results. The committee will spend at least part of that meeting, he said, going through and discussing the survey.

For the remainder of the June 22 meeting – the committee's third meeting since its first on May 5 – members began going over the results of a written SWOT analysis they'd done individually to identify the town's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Lake had explained this exercise at the two prior meetings as an effort to determine "what's good and what's bad about your community, what you need and what you don't need."

The only SWOT analysis topic the committee addressed that night

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OBITUARIES

Jerry L. Eakins
October 26, 1948 - July 2, 2016

Jerry "Mickey" L. Eakins, 67, of Indianapolis, passed away Saturday, July 2, 2016, at Franciscan St. Francis Health-Indianapolis.

He was born October 26, 1948, in Indianapolis, the son of Warren F. and Lessie M. (Parker) Eakins. Jerry graduated from Harry E. Wood High School in 1967, then went on to become a journeyman electrician. A member of both the International Brotherhood of Electrical Worker Local 481 and United Auto Workers Local 23, he worked nearly 30 years at, and retired from, the General Motors stamping plant in Indianapolis, and he belonged to the Greenwood Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5864 Men's Auxiliary.

Family and friends will greatly miss Jerry and remember him as a kind and loving father, grandfather, brother and friend. He is survived by sons Jeffrey W. Eakins of Knightstown, Joseph A. (Dana) Eakins of Indianapolis, and Nolan D. Eakins and Charles "Chuck" L. Eakins, both of Greenwood; grandsons Willem J. and Silas J. Eakins; brother Jack (Barbara) Eakins of Anderson; sister Cynthia (Mike) Friel of Noblesville; several nieces and nephews; special friend Paula Thomas of Greenwood; and former wives Rita J. (Ken) Guhr of Carthage and Julie A. Bell of Greenwood. In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his twin brother, Gary Eakins, and by a sister, Frances D. (Bill) Gray.

Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Friday, July 8, at Wilson St. Pierre-Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or charity of choice. Condolences and memories of Jerry may be shared at www.wilsonstpierre.com.

Peggy L. Oldham
April 23, 1935 - July 1, 2016

Peggy L. Oldham, 81, of Knightstown, passed away July 1, 2016, in Greenfield. She was born on April 23, 1935, in Eldorado, Ark., to the late Leonard and Ouida (Roberts) Cranford.

Peggy was a member of the St. Rose Catholic Church in Knightstown. She married her husband, Earle W. Oldham, on Feb. 17, 1953. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 2006.

She will be greatly missed by her four children, Ouida Oldham, Tina (Steve) Adams and Robert (Carol) Oldham, all of Knightstown, and Kari (Mike) McCallister of South Carolina; three siblings, Norma Jordan, Lenny Rae Barnes and Bernie Garnette; seven grandchildren, Holly, James, Thomas, Jessica, Darlarna, Katie and Stephanie; several great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Marylee Haas and Shirley Landtrip.

A mass of Christian burial was held July 6 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Knightstown. Friends visited on July 5 at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Burial took place in Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown with Deacon Russ Woodard presiding. Memorial contributions may be made in Peggy's honor to the Alzheimer's Association.

Drainage Pipe Replacement Closing S.R. 234

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) maintenance crews plan to close State Road 234 between State Road 109 and State Road 38 at 7 a.m. on Monday, July 11 to replace drainage pipes under the road. State Road 234 is scheduled to open before 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 14. During the closure, a signed detour will route highway traffic around road work using State Road 109 and State Road 38. To check for updates on the road closure and to see a map of the detour, go to <http://indot.carsprogram.org/#road>

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State Road 38 Open House
The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host an open house on Wednesday, July 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the New Castle municipal building city council chambers (227 N. Main St.) to discuss a proposed State Road 38 pavement rehabilitation project between State Road 3 and 31st Street.

The proposed project will improve two miles of pavement, reconstruct curbs, modernize intersection curb ramps, and address localized surface storm water drainage issues by adding new inlets and storm sewers within the project limits.

The meeting will feature an informal open house setting where residents and other community stakeholders are encouraged to meet with members of the project team, view displays, pick up informational materials, and learn more about the project.

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Wayne A. Skinner
 November 27, 1957 - July 4, 2016



Wayne A. Skinner, 58, passed away unexpectedly July 4, 2016, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis from complications of a stroke. He was born on Nov. 27, 1957, to Rex D. Skinner and Lillian (Hinton) Rickers in Rushville.

He will be greatly missed by his son, Bradley of Knightstown; his mother, Lillie; and a brother, Rick of Shirley; his other brothers, Rex and Randy of Ohio; his nephew, Rick; and his two nieces, Misty and Cassie.

Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Glenna Skinner, and his father, Rex Skinner.

All who knew Wayne well know his love of sports, especially the Colts and Purdue. Wayne was not a suit and tie kind of guy. So, please, all are welcome to wear your sports attire to the services in memory of Wayne.

Services for Wayne will be Tuesday July 12, at 1 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Friends may visit from 5-8 p.m. Monday July 11, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Glen Cove Cemetery with Gene Bennett presiding.

CAB May Change Superintendent's Work Contract

The Charles A. Beard School Board has scheduled a special meeting for next Tuesday, July 12, to discuss and get public input on proposed changes to contract of the district's superintendent.

According to a notice issued by CAB, the school board will consider extending the contract of Superintendent Jed Behny through June 30, 2019. Behny's current contract, originally approved two years ago, is set to expire at the end of next June.

A second proposed change has to do with the wording of a provision in the contract dealing with health insurance. A sentence that currently states, "The Board will provide Health/Medical insurance coverage pursuant to Master Contract," would be changed to say "The Board will provide payment of full premiums for Superintendent's Health/Medical insurance coverage under the School Corporation's group health insurance plan."

A complete copy of Behny's current contract and the proposed changes are posted on CAB's website, www.cabeard.k12.in.us.

Next Tuesday's special meeting is open to the public and will be held at 7 p.m. in the school board's regular meeting location in the media center at Knightstown High School, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40.

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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, quoted in the masthead of The Banner.

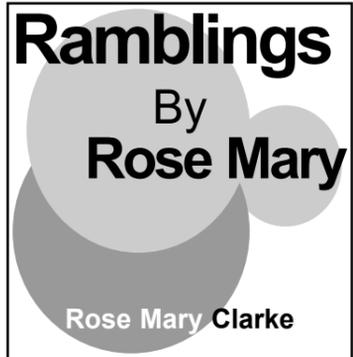
The Knightstown schools are named for historian Charles A. Beard, who grew up near Spiceland. His most controversial work was *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States*. He and his wife, Mary, coauthored *The Rise of American Civilization*.

My friend, John, predicted that I might receive some angry comments about last week's column. Thankfully, I haven't! I've had only a couple of irate, hurtful letters during the time I've been writing. That tells me that I would never be able to stand the political life.

They say that sticks and stones may break your bones, but words will never hurt you. However, words can do great harm. The trustee fired my grandfather from his teaching position at Raysville because Grandpa said something about politics with which he disagreed.

These days, people take political correctness to extremes. A former Army officer who had been

stationed all over the world and served as President Obama's Ambassador to Afghanistan was to teach international relations at the University of Chicago. He withdrew after faculty members protested his appointment because of his military background, and students circulated petitions.



One of our friends teaches social studies in an alternative high school in Ohio. Two of her students asked to be assigned to another teacher because she is too liberal. The comedian Jerry Seinfeld no longer performs at colleges. What has happened to academic freedom? Could it be that those students might have learned something or broadened their understanding even if they disagreed?

When I was in high school, I aspired to become the first female senator from Indiana and later was

a political volunteer. Bill's sister, Joyce, was a red-hot Republican, and her husband was a dedicated Democrat. Bill's brother, Lex, had served in the Indiana Legislature, and Bill taught government. Parties at Joyce's house always included political discussions that part of the family hated.

Grandpa had a carving of three monkeys. "See no evil!" had his hands over his eyes. "Hear no evil!" covered his ears, and "Speak no evil!" covered his mouth. During this era of political correctness, I'm trying to emulate those monkeys and, especially, keep my mouth shut because some people are furious if you say something they don't like. It's difficult since I'm very liberal about some issues and conservative about others. Thank goodness for friends like Roger and Suzie Cook with whom we can freely debate issues without anyone becoming angry or impugning one's intellect.

I may keep my mouth shut to avoid upsetting the arbiters of political correctness. "Since when?" queries Bill ... but they can't control what I think.

"My mind to me a kingdom is; Such perfect joy therein I find, That it excels all other bliss, Which God or nature hath assign'd ... No princely port, nor wealthy store, No force to win a victory,

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Matchbook Collection Still Valued

I used to collect things. I still have a small matchbook collection, as well as a stamp collection.

The matchbooks were easy to come by when I was a kid. Disposable lighters weren't a thing back in the 1970s. People still used paper and wooden matches to light their stuff.

Zippo lighters were, of course, used by many smokers. But, I didn't collect those. Matchbooks were my thing for a while. And my family helped me collect them.

My mother's parents, Grandma and Grandpa Cole, traveled a lot. When my aunt and uncle moved to Colorado, they jumped at the chance to visit. My grandparents discovered a real love for the West, and they traveled it extensively.

When they returned to their Marion home after weeks or months out there, we'd see them. That's when I'd get my paper bag of new matchbooks.

Having not traveled with my parents to the West at that time, the names of the establishments always fascinated me, particularly the ones from Las Vegas. I have vintage matchbook covers from the golden era of Sin City.

The Frontier Hotel offered a shiny, golden, oversized book of matches, featuring a classy less-is-more approach to design. The Stardust Casino's purple and violet cover is super cool with its authentic 60s-style art. The Riviera, The Horseshoe, Caesar's Palace - all had interesting matchbooks, which my grandparents brought home to me from their travels.

They weren't big gamblers, but merely visited the casinos as points of interest - and sometimes to simply

spoil their grandson with matchbooks from places he might never see.

Las Vegas was just one place they visited, however. I have matchbooks from rustic little diners in the Rocky Mountains and fishing lodges in central Pennsylvania. I have Stuckey's Restaurant matches and Hook's Drug matches and matches from various hotels and motels across the land - when they weren't all consolidated under five or six brand names.

Matchbook collecting helped open my imagination as a kid. I wanted to visit the places embossed on those strike covers. A motor lodge on Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri seemed nice. A mom-and-mom diner in Casper, Wy., probably had good pancakes.

My parents and grandparents all supported my stamp collection, too. Grandma always saved stamps for me, and I inherited her interesting stamp collection.

Postage stamps are used the world over, and they, too, offered me some thought-provoking imagery, plus good lessons in world geography.

Matchbooks and stamps make good collectibles for many reasons. I like the fact that they don't take up much room. They're easily stored away and are easy to care for.

My beer can collection ... well, that's another story. My mom was never a big fan of that, but Dad seemed to support it (with a wink and a nod). None of my grandparents had much to contribute to that collection, which is not surprising because they didn't drink.

Of course, beer cans have a story to tell, too. But, I'll save that for another time.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Whether you call it Independence Day or simply the Fourth of July, it's a day most Americans acknowledge and celebrate. When I was a kid at Millville, we looked forward to the fireworks that were launched at Memorial Park in New Castle. We seldom got to go to the park, but we discovered that if we watched out of the attic window on the west side of the house, we could at least see the rockets that made it past the tree line. I found out in later years there were also some ground displays involved in the show, but dad never mentioned those to us, so we didn't know we were missing anything.

It was a little more exciting whenever I got together with my old buddy Stinky Wilmont around the Fourth. Stinky's Uncle Wilmer lived in Tennessee, and sometimes when he came up for a visit he would bring a trunk load of firecrackers with him. Firecrackers weren't legal in Indiana back then, unless you had a permit and were putting on a show for everybody at Memorial Park or someplace like that. Later on I think you could buy them in Indiana if you promised you wouldn't light them here, but I think a lot of people forgot what they had promised when they got home and it got dark.

Anyway, Stinky always had some little firecrackers called Black Cats with the fuses all woven together, and sometimes we took them apart so we could light them one at a time and make them last all night. You could also light them all at once, and it made a lot of noise, and everybody hollered and ran away, but it didn't last very long that way. He also had some bigger firecrackers called Cherry Bombs and M-80s, but I didn't like them as much because they were awfully loud, and Uncle Wilmer was missing part of two fingers.

I think you can buy a lot of different types of firecrackers in Indiana now, at least that is what it sounds like over at the neighbors. I kind of lost interest in them as I got older, and since we switched to Daylight Savings Time I'm usually asleep before it gets dark enough to appreciate them anyway.

I did think it was kind of ironic that we celebrated our freedom with items our government told us we couldn't have. And I guess I'm glad I'll be able to buy them in Indiana if I want to, and that I won't have to make up a story about where I'm going to set them off.

Even though we're allowed to buy firecrackers now, there are a lot of things we're not allowed to buy. I was informed the other day at the county fair that I couldn't buy raw milk. I learned if I wanted raw milk, I had to buy part interest in a cow. Then I could pay someone to feed her and milk her, and put the milk in a jar, and I could have a gallon a week. If I wanted more than that, I would have to buy more of the cow. I thought it would be a lot simpler if the government would just let me buy the milk in the first place, but that's not how the government works.

It all reminded me once again how difficult it is to name three things that our government doesn't tax or regulate, and it made me wonder if maybe I ought to buy a few firecrackers while I still can, and before the government changes its mind again.

It's all well and good that we get to celebrate our freedoms on the Fourth, but we might want to spend a little more time protecting those we still have, and maybe reclaiming some of those we don't.

Rex Bell
Hagerstown

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◆ **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.

◆ Beautify Knightstown, Inc monthly **public meeting** will be held on Wednesday, July 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hoosiers Home Court Cafe. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. This meeting is always held on the first Wednesday of the month.

◆ The Logan-Conley-Butler-Little **family reunion** will take place Saturday, July 16, at 1 p.m. at Shirley Park. Those who plan to attend are encouraged to bring a covered dish. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. All are welcome.

◆ Knightstown First Christian Church will host its **Vacation Bible School**, featuring the theme "Deep Sea Discovery," July 10-14, 6-8:30 p.m. The school will conclude with a program on July 15 at 7 p.m. VBS is open to children in grades K-6. There will be special teen activities for kids in grades 7-12.

◆ 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, 9-11 a.m. 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.

◆ 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.

◆ 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. However, the Saturday morning ride is temporarily suspended in July. 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

Kennard Town Council Tackling Tough Issues

Kennard Town Council has taken several steps in recent months to address ongoing problems and put the town in a better position to deal with those issues in the future.

In the May 4 meeting, council members revisited an issue they had discussed in April. The council moved to change its billing policy for wastewater sewage and trash pickup. After years of problems with renters not sending in payment for trash and sewer, the town moved to require the owner, not the renter, of the home to make utilities payment.

The town also accepted bids on a tractor and fire truck tanker. A bid of \$517 from Ronald Roberts was approved for the tractor and Melvin Alexander's bid of \$200 was accepted for the tanker. There were no bids for the generator that was also offered up so the council agreed to allow the fire department to scrap it.

Chuck Dyer's bid of \$20 per yard was accepted to handle mowing for neglected properties.

Council was very busy in its June 1 meeting, updating some ordinances and moving forward on other concerns.

Town Council President Jason Groce moved to pass an ordinance allowing the Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) Special Distribution Fund be added as a line item in the town's budget. The state requires 75 percent of monies received from LOIT to be spent on certain purposes such as road construction and repair, engineering, land acquisition and maintenance. When 75 percent of the fund is used, the other 25 percent can be spent on other needs. Town attorney Dave Copenhaver told the council if Henry County officials pass an increase in the wheel tax, the town's share of that increase would be placed into the LOIT fund. This would allow the town to request the Indiana Department of Transportation to match those funds for road repair. The ordinance passed to put the LOIT as a budget line item.

An ordinance was also passed to comply with the state's required "Uniform Internal Controls Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions." Copenhaver explained the ordinance is required for all cities, towns, townships, school boards or any political unit.

The ordinance was the second step in a process to improve accountability. The first step was the "Erroneous or Irregular Variances" ordinance that was passed in an earlier session. The internal controls ordinance requires the governmental unit to have controls in place as well as training for council members so they can oversee the accountability processes.

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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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All-youth Cast to Perform at MCA



Rush County Players' all-youth cast for *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* poses for a photograph. The cast will produce its performance at Mays Community Academy July 15-17. For ticket information, call 765-561-9403. (Photo submitted)

The cast of Rush County Players' *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* invites the public to join them for some upcoming performances. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 day of show. Students and military members with valid identification can buy tickets for \$5.

Performances are Friday, July 15, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 16, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, July 17, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. All performances take place at Mays Community Academy, 929 E. South St., in Mays.

This all-youth production is the final show of RCP's 40th anniversary season, and the group is planning now for their upcoming season. Patrons who have suggestions on what productions they'd like to see Rush County Players present in the future may leave a message with that information at 765-561-9403 or email rushcountypayers@gmail.com.

Junior and Sue Dudley Celebrate 60-year Marriage



On June 25, a dinner was held for Junior and Sue (Roland) Dudley to celebrate their 60-year marriage.

The couple was married June 23, 1956, in Warrington. Both are originally from the Knightstown and Wilkinson areas. Sue graduated from Knightstown High School in 1956 and Junior graduated from Wilkinson High School in 1955.

They have four daughters, Brenda (husband, Jay) Carender, Vicki (husband, John) Schwering, Lisa Vickers, and Karen (husband, Joe) Schwering; and twin sons, Brian (wife, Cindy) Dudley and Brett (wife, Julianne) Dudley. The couple also has eight grandchildren, and one grandson who has passed away. In addition, the Dudleys have eight great-grandchildren and several stepgrandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

The dinner was held at their granddaughter's house in Greenwood, with cake and lots of photos taken. Family and friends from Indianapolis, Knightstown, Greenfield, Osgood, Greensburg, Nashville and Wesley Chapel, Fla., came to help celebrate.

The Dudleys thanked everyone for coming and they send out their best wishes to everyone. Their address is 25501 Trost Blvd., #12-65, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

HCCF Women's Giving Circle Grant Deadline July 29

The Women's Circle of Friends Giving Circle Grant is available to a nonprofit organization serving Henry County.

Applications are available now on the Henry Co. Community Foundation's website at www.henrycountycf.org, and are due to the Foundation office by July 29 at 5 p.m. The finalists will be invited to the Grantmaking Gala on Sept. 13 to make a five-minute presentation about their organization. At the gala, the members of the Giving

Circle will select the final recipient of the grant, comprised of their collective donations.

For more information, call 765-529-2235 or visit www.henrycountycf.org. The office is located at 700 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle.

Quilt Guild Discussion Features Pioneering Women

Common Threads Quilt Guild's July 20 meeting will feature guest speaker Missi Gouty of Threads from Time Creative Sewing in Danville, Ill. Her topic will be "The West was Won with Needle and Thread."

Gouty's PowerPoint presentation is based solely on the real-life accounts of women on the "westward trek." Drawing on powerful and poignant journal entries, letters and diaries, Gouty's talk illustrates the strength, courage and resourcefulness of everyday women as they journeyed across America from 1830-

1880. Real life photos, anecdotes and stories, including a special look at the sewing that was done on the trail - make this presentation one of the most memorable.

Common Threads Quilt Guild meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church.

Upcoming speakers Aug. 17 - Marie Stephens from Crazy Lady Quilt Shop in Monticello speaking on three-dimensional piecing. The Harvest of Quilts Show will be Aug. 26-27.

Library Hosting 'Old-Fashioned' Picnic July 21

Friends of the Library will host an "old-fashioned" picnic and movie on Thursday, July 21, in the auditorium at New Castle-Henry County Public Library. The event is part of

the library's centennial celebration. There will be two serving times: 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., and the movie *In the Good Old Summertime* will follow at 6:30 p.m.

The picnic is free, but reservations are required by July 14 due to limited seating. Call Helen at (765) 529-0362, ext. 1303, to reserve your seat. Reservations are not required for the movie at 6:30 p.m. During the picnic, Jim Bales and friends will provide barbershop music. After the movie, Friends of the Library will have a door prize drawing for a cooler filled with picnic supplies.

The event is open to the public who register by July 14 and is designed to be a gift to the community from Friends of the Library.

For more information about the New Castle-Henry County Public Library's centennial celebration, visit www.nchcpl.org/100years.



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Knightstown Fireman Jerry Kopp Values Special Bond with Fellow Fire Fighters

by Logan Cox for The Banner

The drive to provide a service to his community is something that has always come naturally, according to Jerry Kopp. The lifelong Knightstown resident has been serving as a volunteer on the Knightstown/Wayne Township Fire Department for nearly 34 years.

Kopp still recalls his original boyhood interest in the idea of being a firefighter, an enthusiasm which has not diminished in the years in between.

"I was like most kids," he said. "When you're young, you're fascinated by the big red trucks with the lights on and the sirens."

However, it was Kopp's brother, Jack, who truly inspired him to eventually volunteer and serve his hometown.

"My brother was also a Knightstown fireman and into emergency services," said Kopp. "I had seen what good he was doing, as far as giving back to the community. To me it was just kind of a natural thing to join the department, that way I could give back to the community that has been good to me."

Though he is currently a regular fireman, Kopp was, in the past, an officer with the rank of captain. And, after his three decades at Knightstown's fire department, Kopp has also been touched by the familial camaraderie between the firefighters.

"I've always served with good people, but I don't consider the people on the fire department to be just people. I consider them family," said Kopp. "We all watch out for each other. We've all got each other's back."

This bond is very important, as the firemen are able to help each other through whatever difficult job they may encounter. Yet even with this level of teamwork, the job can still be very hard. Kopp

himself notes the heavy weight that comes with dealing with some of these dangerous and unnerving situations.

"Any run that involves any injury to anybody is really bad," he said. "Anytime you have a run that involves a child, that's an especially bad run. That's something that's really hard to cope with. But it's just one of those things: somebody's got to do it. I've felt like God put me on the earth to help people, and that's what I've decided I'm gonna do."

In addition to himself and his brother, a few younger members of Kopp's family have entered into the field of public service in recent years as well.

His son, Matt Kopp, is a police detective in the city of Anderson.

His daughter, Kendra, is married to Brad Groce, a member of the Spiceland and Greenfield fire departments.

His nephew and Jack's son, Jason Kopp, is also one of his fellow volunteer firefighters in Knightstown.

"It's made me proud that I've got kids in my family who want to serve the public like I do," said Kopp.

Matt and Kendra each have two children with their spouses, giving Kopp and his wife, Stacy, four grandchildren.

Kopp graduated from Knightstown High School in 1979. Outside of the fireman's uniform, he also has a job working at Greenfield Auto Parts in the town of Greenfield.

"What we do is a dangerous job," Kopp said, regarding Knightstown's firefighters. "You just hope that the good Lord is with you and that your fellow firemen have got your back. I've served with some good people, and I feel like if I ever have anything to fear, I can always count on my fellow firefighters to be there."

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"I do no more than well I may, Look, what I want my mind supplies. Lo! thus I triumph like a king, My mind content with anything ... my conscience clear, my chief defence ... Thus do I live, thus will I die, - Would all did so as well as I!" - written by Sir Edward Dyer during the 1500s. Dyer was one of the courtiers of Queen Elizabeth I. Some think that perhaps he wrote Shakespeare's plays.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

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

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

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

Mon., July 11 – Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

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

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

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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 Panther Football

The 2015-2016 school year was a rough one for Knightstown's varsity football team. The Panthers went 2-8 on the season with their only wins at home against Tri and away at Hagerstown.

Sophomore Tyler Burton handled most of the quarterback duties during the season, playing all but one game. Burton completed 91 of 178 passing attempts for 1405 passing yards and a .511 completion percentage. He averaged 15.4 yards per pass with his longest throw at 57 yards. Burton threw 18 touchdown passes, had one two-point conversion, was intercepted 12 times and lost one fumble.

He racked up other stats on the field including 110 rushing yards on 53 carries for five touchdowns and eight tackles.

Senior Zach Fields earned a spot on the All-State football team for his performance on the field in 2015. Fields, who played in all 10 games, led the Panthers in rushing yards with 709 on 132 carries for six touchdowns. He had three games with more than 100 yards rushing. Fields also posted 179 yards on 17 receptions with two touchdowns. Additionally, he kicked 21 punts during the season for 665 yards and returned two kickoffs for 41 yards.

Fields was a real powerhouse on the defensive end, leading the team in total tackles with 155, including 75 solo tackles, 45 more than the second best tackler. He was also the Mid-Hoosier

Conference leader in tackles.

Senior Riley Ruble returned to the quarterback position briefly when Burton was out. Ruble was 5 for 12 passing for 63 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. Though he only played in eight games, Ruble led the team in points scored with 62 including 10 touchdowns and one conversion. On the season, Ruble rushed for 595 yards and seven touchdowns on 92 carries. He yielded another 209 yards and three touchdowns on 22 catches. His six kickoff returns brought 182 yards. Ruble contributed on the defensive side as well with 50 total tackles and one interception.

Senior Kennedy Osborn played in all 10 games and led the Panthers in receiving. He gained 565 yards on 26 catches for eight touchdowns. He also led the team in kickoff returns with 255 yards on 10 returns and two yards on one punt return. Osborn tied with Ruble to lead the team in number of touchdowns after he returned a kickoff return for a TD and scored another TD after an interception. He added 38 tackles.

Another senior, Hagan Moore, also had a good year, finishing second in receiving yards. He made 21 catches for 401 yards and four touchdowns in the 10 games he played. He was third in total tackles with 57.

Sophomore Richie Nelson was third in rushing with 339 yards on 65 carries with one touchdown. He also gained 88 yards and scored another TD on seven catch-

es.

Junior Steven Heady posted the team's other touchdown scored this season. Heady made two catches for 20 yards and one TD. He added 37 tackles and one quarterback sack on the defensive side.

The rest of the team's points this season came from kicker Kyle Schaetzle who scored 29 points. Schaetzle was 26-for-33 on extra points after touchdowns and made one field goal.

Other players posting rushing yards include sophomore Jon Simmons who gained 50 yards on six carries and freshman Cameron Ledford who got 50 yards on seven carries.

Senior Coleman Wyatt is the only other player to post receiving yardage. He gained six yards on one carry.

Defensively, several other players contributed including sophomore Garrett Thomas who was second in total tackles with 63. Junior Zach Clark had 49 tackles, senior Jason Dishman had 48 tackles, Simmons had 44, senior Logan Johnson had 34, senior Josh House had 33, senior Chase Stevens had 26, junior JT Butler had 18, seniors Jacob Goble and Josh Sayre each had 14 tackles and Bryan Newby got 13 tackles.

The Panthers' 44-player roster included 13 seniors, eight juniors, 15 sophomores and eight freshmen.

The seniors were Jason Dishman, Zach Fields, Jacob Goble, Tyler Hilderbrand, Josh
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Eastern Hancock Royal Football

The Eastern Hancock varsity football team had a spectacular season for the 2015-2016 school year. The Royals were undefeated through the regular season and finished 10-1 after being eliminated in the sectional semi-final by eventual Final Four finisher Indianapolis Howe. The Royals were also 5-0 in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

Sophomore Jarett Lewis ran nearly all of the Royals' offense as quarterback. Lewis was 92-for-146 (63 percent) passing for 1750 yards and 19 touchdowns. He was intercepted six times. Lewis also rushed for 20 yards and eight touchdowns on 59 carries. He added four points on two conversions.

Senior Matt Bowman made one throw during the season, a 94-yard touchdown pass.

Junior Devin Denny had a huge year, leading the conference in rushing yards and total points scored and was second in total touchdowns scored. Denny rushed for 1321 yards and 13 touchdowns on 186 carries. He was third on the team in receiving yards with 373 yards on 21 catches for six touchdowns. Denny added another 160 yards on four kickoff returns. With the addition of his two successful conversions, he scored 124 points during the season.

Bowman had a great senior year, finishing second in rushing and receiving yards. He rushed for 12 touchdowns and 591 yards on 118 carries. He got four more touchdowns and 523 yards on 26 catches. Bowman collected 61 yards on four kickoff returns. He also punted 16 times for 582 yards (36.4 yard average) and kicked off 25 times.

Six other Royals posted rushing yards during the season. Senior Austin Smith rushed for 95 yards and one touchdown on 13 carries. Senior Owen Hunt rushed for 62 yards on seven carries. Junior Devyn Brinson got 46 yards on 11 carries. Sophomores Easton Fields and A.J. Muegge each gained 20 yards

rushing and senior Caleb Beyers rushed for 16 yards.

Austin Smith led the team in receiving with 784 yards and seven touchdowns on 35 catches. Sophomore Cole Cochard made three catches for two touchdowns and 68 yards. Senior Clayton Brumfield grabbed three catches for one touchdown and 47 yards. Muegge gained 32 yards on three receptions. Sophomores Luke Splater and Payton Wilkinson each made one catch for 12 yards and five yards respectively.

Hunt led the team defensively with 117 total tackles, two sacks and two interceptions. Beyers had 93 tackles, Cole Cochard had 74 tackles, Craig Rifner got 68 and Jared Waterman had 53 tackles.

Senior Dakota Myers led the team in quarterback sacks with 7.5 while Rifner had 4.5 sacks. Junior Reece Burkhart made 3.5 sacks. Hunt and junior Jacob Toth each made two sacks while Ethan Hayse, Cole Cochard, Christian Mazotas and Waterman each made one sack.

Brumfield snatched six interceptions and Beyers made three interceptions. Hunt and Cole Cochard both grabbed two interceptions while Smith and Jayson Bowers each had made one interception.

Muegge led the team in kicking. He was 22-for-32 in successful points after touchdowns. Freshman Blayne Sarber was 5-for-6 in extra points and sophomore Kaleb Maynard was good for one extra point.

The Royals' 63-player roster included 15 seniors, 18 juniors, 19 sophomores and 11 freshmen.

The seniors were Austin Bednarski, Caleb Beyers, Matt Bowman, Clayton Brumfield, Adam Campbell, Cole Cochard, Levi Cochard, Grant Friesen, Owen Hunt, Christian Mazotas, Dakota Myers, Alex Quillin, Patrick Seal, Austin Smith and Jared Waterman.
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Mt. Lawn Speedway Offers \$5 Tickets for Fan Appreciation Night Sunday

This Sunday, July 10, Mt. Lawn Speedway is hosting Fan Appreciation Night featuring \$5 tickets with children 10 and under admitted free.

An on-track autograph session is on the schedule along with additional kid's activities including big wheel races and a nickel scramble for kids 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8.

Racing is scheduled to get underway at 6:35 p.m. with trophy dashes followed by heat races for the FasKarts and Street Drags.

Feature events will include 15 laps for the FasKarts, 50 laps for the Street Stocks, 30 laps for the Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars and 25 laps for the Sunnyside Motors Compacts.

A complete schedule of events can be found on mtlawn.com, Facebook and Twitter.

The pit gate opens at 2 p.m. Grandstand gate and practice open at 3:30 p.m. Qualifications begin at 5 p.m. followed immediately by the on-track activities.

Mt. Lawn is located at 1494 S County Road 400 W, just five miles west of New Castle.

Tri Titans Football

Tri's varsity football team started off the 2015-2016 school year with two wins then lost the next seven games to finish the regular season. The edged out Hagerstown 28-27 in the first round of the sectional but fell to Cambridge City Lincoln in the sectional semifinal to end the season with a 3-8 record. They were 2-5 in the Tri-Eastern Conference.

Statistics for each of Tri's games were not available but coaches did post year-end results.

Sophomores Drew Mondrush and Alex Melton ran the team's offense from the quarterback position.

Mondrush was 30-for-82 passing for 466 yards and nine touchdowns. He was intercepted three times and fumbled once.

Melton was 5-for-15 passing for 83 yards. He was intercepted once.

Junior David O'Neill nearly broke the 1000-yard mark in rushing. O'Neill led the Titans in rushing with 985 yards on 140 carries and nine touchdowns.

Sophomore Nick Wilson rushed for 381 yards on 65 carries. Mondrush was third in rushing with 257 yards on 72 carries. Senior Bent Schuyler rushed for 125 yards on 40 carries. Junior Cayden Starky carried the ball 13 times for 94 yards. Freshman Kyler Burchett got 81 yards on 24 carries. Junior Tristin Goodwin rushed for 72 yards on 15 carries and senior Todd Harding got 20 yards on seven carries.

Another sophomore, Masen Phelps, led the team in receiving with 324 yards and two touchdowns on 23 catches. Wilson gained 61 yards on two catches. Goodwin made four catches for 55

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 The juniors were Alex Brading, JT Butler, Zack Clark, Steven Heady, Dalton Moss, Bryan Newby, Thomas Pursley and Kyler Schaeztle.
 The sophomores were Levi Back, Connor Brockman, Tyler Burton, Josh Hammonds, Gary Jones, Richie Nelson, Bruce Nichols, Lane Parker,

Tucker Personett, Jon Simmons, Dawson Smith, Kendall Stamm, Garrett Thomas, Mason Tinkle and Burias Wisner.
 The freshmen were Parker Bennett, Ethan Bowling, Austin Campton, Walker Gorman, Cameron Ledford, Jose Olivo, Cooper Strawsma and Jacob Vickery.
 The Panthers were led by head coach Kevin Miller.

Tri Football, from Page 9

yards. Sophomore Seth Butler also gained 55 yards on three catches. Schuyler had two receptions for 36 yards and senior Kurtis Tewell made one catch for 18 yards.
 The Titans' 37-player roster included seven seniors, 11 juniors, 13 sophomores and six freshmen.
 The seniors were Ben Blake, Chance Faith, Todd Harding, Bryce Longnecker, Bent Schuyler, Kyle Seabolt and Kurtis Tewell.
 The juniors were Eric Bilby, Chris Blake, Garrett Fields, Tristin Goodwin, Trevor Heady, Deven Jones, David O'Neill, Jalen Penkal, Rob Stone, Cayden Starky and Austin Stroud.
 The sophomore were Seth Butler, Grady Cox, Austin Fowler, Justin Greene, Tristin Guffey, Ryan Hunter, Alex Melton, Ryan Mogg, Drew Mondrush, Masen Phelps, Dakota Raley, Gary Roberts and Nick Wilson.
 The freshmen were Kyler Burchett, Curtis Cooper, Christain Faith, Ethan Fleenor, Cederrek Riggs and Logan Stephens.
 The Titans were led by head coach Adam Kilian.

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The juniors were Jared Boaz, Jayson Bowers, Devyn Brinson, Reece Burkhart, Noah Clark, Devin Denny, Brandon Dorrel, William Douglas, Dale Dubois, Brandon Francis, Ethan Hayse, Colby Hunt, Dakota Linton, Lukas Mohr, Craig Rifner, Eddie Rucker, Ryan Spain and Jacob Toth.
 The sophomores were Dakota Burroughs, Sam Cazee, Clayton Cochard, Jayme Cool-luke, Jacob Eischen, Easton Fields, Caleb Giddings, Mitchell Guinn, Jarett Lewis, Spencer Maxwell, Kaleb Maynard, A.J. Muegge, Wesley Myers, Riley Settergren, Luke Splater, Dakota Stanley, Brandon Weir, Payton Wilkinson and Jordyn Wills.
 The freshmen were Alexander Burton, Colton Ellison, Dylan Grose, Jakob Harris, Cole Manning, Blayze Sarber, Skyler Schroepe, Tyrese Smith, Avery Spurling, Brady Stephens and Kyle Willard.
 The Royals were led by head coach Jim O'Hara.

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Kennard, from Page 5

The town has until the end of the year to have its manual in place outlining how the requirements are being implemented and how they will be followed by council.
 The council also updated two ordinances to put more teeth in the town's efforts to clean up certain properties. Members passed a first reading of an update to its ordinance regarding unlicensed vehicles. Violators will no longer have 30 days to deal with unlicensed vehicles. The council approved reducing the time frame to 10 days. They also increased the fine from \$20 to \$50 for failure to address violations. The new ordinance also includes language that permits the town to have tagged vehicles towed. The ordinance pertains to all unlicensed vehicles on public streets, sidewalks, alleys or other public property.
 Similar changes were made to the ordinance addressing problems with junk and refuse on properties. Violators will now have just 10 days to fix problems and will be charged \$50 for failure to comply. Council member Carolyn Roberts asked if the ordi-

nance still includes the prohibition of indoor furniture such as sofas and recliners from being kept on porches and it was confirmed that was still in place.
 In other business, the council:
 *approved hiring Estep Burkey Simmons, an accounting firm based in Muncie-New Castle, to help the town deal with tax issues created with the town's previous clerk-treasurer
 *approved a year-long maintenance agreement with Evapar for the town's generator at the sewer treatment facility for \$703
 *approved hiring Overman Plumbing, Heating and Electric to replace the town's breaker box at town hall and clean/service the town hall air conditioning unit
 *discussed where the town might put recycling bins after the bins previously in place at the former Kennard Elementary School were removed by the new property owner
 *confirmed the town's animal ordinance does not allow horses within town limits after the issue was brought to the town's attention in May

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Letters, from Page 4

Dear Editor,

We were disappointed in not seeing the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new hardware store in The Banner. It is in the Sugarbakers building, east of MainSource Bank. It happened on Friday, June 17.

Larry Stout
Knightstown

Dear Editor,

The town of Shirley recently mailed its annual drinking water quality report to every utility customer in Shirley, as required by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The purpose of the report is to inform utility customers of the quality of their water by detailing the results of various tests that are conducted to meet our goal of providing a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

We are proud to report that our system had no violations and meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. The results were compiled during the monitoring period of Jan. 1, 2015, to Dec. 31, 2015.

If any Shirley water utility customer has not received the report by this time, or if you have questions concerning the report, please contact Phyllis Hedrick at 765-738-6561, or stop by the Shirley Town Hall at 409 Main St. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Phyllis Hedrick
Shirley utility clerk

Planning, from Page 1

was quality of life in Knightstown. Some of the strengths committee members identified included good local schools, civic groups, the town's historic nature and architecture, festivals and events and community pride.

"It's always good to have a good, quality school system," Lake said.

Committee member Diane Steele said she thought there was a perception by some outside the community that the local school district was not good.

"We have to change the perception of the people," Steele said. "... We have to make sure ... (they) realize what the reality is about our schools."

Committee member Jed Behny, a former Knightstown Elementary principal about to start his third year as superintendent of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp., said some of the perceptions to which Steele referred were "earned." He said the district is making an effort to address what had been problems in the past.

Later in the meeting, the committee discussed negative perceptions about the Knightstown community in general as a possible weakness affecting local quality of life. Behny remarked that when he first started working at CAB, he was shocked by how many times he heard people say, "That's Knightstown," when confronted with things not being done the right way.

"I think it's changing," Behny said. "... I think (those perceptions are) still out there, but I don't think it's what it was five years ago."

Another weakness that was discussed was the number of blighted houses in Knightstown and the lack of affordable housing. Steele said she had heard that rent on some low-income properties in town is so low that Knightstown is attracting a "transient population" that, once they move on, might be leaving properties "worse than when they got it."

The committee also discussed efforts to market the community. Behny said a lot of people are attracted to the "idea of a simpler life" that small towns like Knightstown and other nearby communities can provide.

"Everyone's trying to replicate it, and you actually have it," Lake commented.

Committee member Stephanie James said she didn't like the idea of a place where people are "so obsessed with the way it use to be" that they can't move forward. Steele said she agreed that the community needs to "see the future too."

"Nostalgia has to quit being a road block to progress," Behny said. "... The clock is ticking and we don't have an unlimited (amount) of time."

Tomorrow's meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the back meeting room of Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., which is accessible from the building's west side. The steering committee is expected to discuss members' SWOT analysis of issues related to community facilities and economic development, and take a closer look at results from the survey.

Dozens of Area Residents to Carry Bicentennial Torch

On June 29, the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay director announced the names of persons nominated to carry the torch as it travels through the state later this year.

The torch relay will come through every one of Indiana's 92 counties beginning on Friday, Sept. 9 in Corydon, the state's first capital, and end on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis.

Torchbearers nominated from Henry County are Denny Adams, Kevin Brown, Herb Bunch, Everett Cole, William Colvin, Jeff Galyen, Darrin Jacobs, Nate LaMar, Pat Malott, Richard Ratcliff, Jeffrey Ray, Thomas Saunders, Lee Stacey, Bernice Stacey and Greg York.

Hancock County torchbearers selected are Ernest Alder, Jerry Bell, Nancy Davis, Jill Ebbert, Andrew Ebbert, Clayton Fahrnow, Chuck Fewell, Brigitte Jones, Sarah Kesterson, Nolan Kuker, Retta Livengood, Mary McConnell, Nicholson Miller, Paul Okerson, Jaycie Phelps, John Richardson and Bailey Young.

Rush County torchbearers are Robert Bridges, Mary Ann Coon, Jim Cowan, Richard Cumberworth, Terry Drake, Tawnya Glenn, Jeremy Gries, Charles Kemker, James Marlatt, Suellen Reed, Tom Simpson, Craig Smith, Craig Tucker and Darrel Wilkinson.

More information about the torch relay can be found at <http://www.in.gov/ibc/torchrelay/>.

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10-year Clever Clovers Recognized by Club

The Wayne Township Clever Clovers 4-H Club met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 27, in the Knightstown United Methodist Church Community Room.

Vice President Lacy Thomas called the meeting to order. Braxton Hamm led the American Pledge of Allegiance. The 4-H Pledge was led by Haleigh Cavaletto.

After roll call was taken, there were 26 members, three leaders and five adults present.

The secretary's minutes were read by Mackinsy Fowler, as was the Treasurer's Report.

Haley Fowler gave the Health and Safety Report about the impor-

tance of wearing sunscreen in the summer.

Devotions were read by Lori Thomas from the book of Psalms, chapter 117.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

During comments from leaders, Jeff Hamm mentioned the new 4-H fair schedule. Hamm also announced that he was retiring and this would be his last meeting.

Robin Matlock reminded the group that the fair schedule is completely different this year and suggested members check handbook for changes regarding projects. She also reminded members to double check the judging times

for projects.

Three leaders made themselves available to sign record sheets after the meeting adjourned.

Hamm and Matlock then presented each of the 10-year members, who had met the requirements, a 10-year award certificate and a scholarship check.

Club members congratulated Haley Fowler, Salina Hamm, Hannah Thomas and Lacy Thomas.

After the meeting was adjourned, instead of snacks, the members enjoyed a pitch-in.

The Clever Clovers 4-H Club's next meeting will be Sept. 26 at KUMC.



Pictured (l-r) are 10-year 4-H members Haley Fowler, Lacy Thomas and Salina Hamm. Not pictured is Hannah Thomas. (Photo submitted)

INDOT's July 13 Open House Will Revolve Around S.R. 38 Improvements

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host an open house on Wednesday, July 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the New Castle municipal building city council chambers (227 N. Main St.) to discuss a proposed State Road 38 pavement rehabilitation project between State Road 3 and

31st Street.

The proposed project will improve two miles of pavement, reconstruct curbs, modernize intersection curb ramps, and address localized surface storm water drainage issues by adding new inlets and storm sewers within the project limits.

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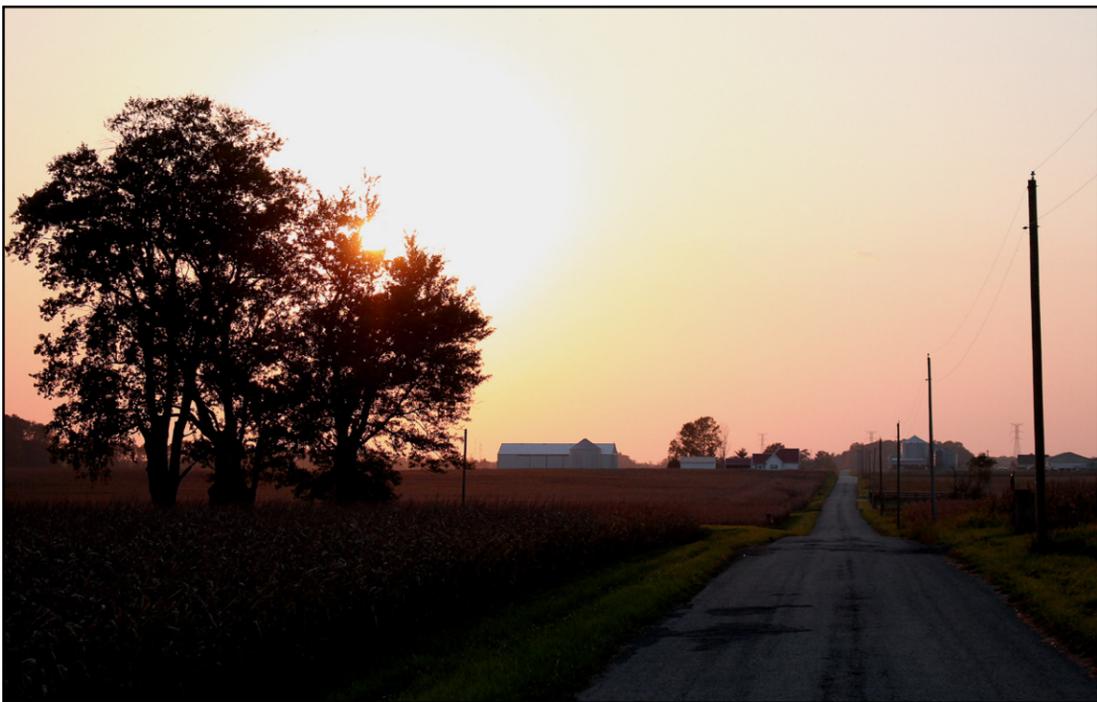
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