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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.

Local Boy Raising Money for Kenya

Jacob Specht, a young Knightstown student, is having his second annual lemonade stand and rummage sale to help raise money for water filters in Kenyan villages. Last year, he raised over \$500, and he would like to beat that amount this year. His fundraiser takes place 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 15-16, 6028 W. 550-S, Knightstown. The home is located near the intersection of 550-S and Greensboro Pike.

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.

MCA Registration Set for July 18-19

Mays Community Academy will have registration for the upcoming 2016-17 school year on Monday, July 18, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Tuesday, July 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring copies of their children's birth certificate and current immunization records. Mays Community Academy is a free, public K-6 school. Lil' Tigers Academy is also enrolling for the pre-kindergarten program.

Nearly 300 Respond to Planners' Survey

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The final tally showed that just under 300 people responded to a recent survey intended to get public feedback on a variety of issues related to planning and development in Knightstown.

During a meeting last Thursday, the steering committee assisting the Knightstown Plan Commission with revising the town's comprehensive plan learned that 293 surveys had been completed. Dan Lake, chief planner for Lawrence-based Kieser Consulting Group LLC, which is working with the committee and local officials on the plan, provided the revised survey count, up 18 from the 275 he had reported two weeks earlier.

Lake said 200 of the survey takers, just over 68 percent, live in Wayne Township. Of those, he said 140 reside in Knightstown, and 60 live outside the town limits.

Most of the 93 survey responders who didn't live in Wayne Township, Lake said, live in Henry County or "kind of close," but others reside "far away." He asked committee members how they wanted to handle the surveys filled out by people who live outside Wayne Township.

"Well, we didn't eliminate them beforehand," committee member Diane Steele said, "and those people took the time to fill out the survey."

Committee member Jed Behny, the superintendent of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp., suggested Lake take a close look at the surveys filled out by those who live outside Wayne Township. Behny said he was OK with Lake using his discretion to see if it appears these responders are "genuine stakeholders" in the community.

While Lake had told the committee at its June 22 meeting that he'd hoped to have the survey results tallied and ready to discuss at last week's meeting, that wasn't done. Instead, he said would have this done by the next meeting, tentatively set for 7 p.m. next Wednesday in the back meeting room of Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., which is accessible from the building's west side.

The remainder of last Thursday's meeting – the committee's fourth meeting since its first on May 5 – was spent continuing to

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Fire Distinguisher



Longtime Knightstown volunteer fireman Mel Matlock (right) retired July 5 after 36 years serving Knightstown and the surrounding area. Shown presenting Matlock with his retired number is Knightstown-Wayne Twp. Fire Department Chief Bob Schaeffer. (Photo submitted)

Carthage Town Council Reschedules Meeting

With the town's clerk-treasurer and one of its own members facing medical issues, the Carthage Town Council canceled its July 11 monthly meeting and rescheduled it for next Wednesday.

Town Council President Bill Davis notified The Banner by e-mail on Monday afternoon that Monday's meeting was being canceled. In his e-mail, Davis said the cancellation had been prompted by "several medical issues with some members." In a follow-up e-mail, he clarified that only one of the council's five members, Ashley Davis, had a medical issue, but said Carthage Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan was also

unable to attend due to a medical matter.

While the town council only requires three of its members to be present to have a quorum that allows it to legally meet and conduct official business, Davis said it was McMahan's absence that convinced him to reschedule. He said she had not had a chance to prepare anything that would have allowed the council to cover the financial matters and other topics she normally handles at the council's meetings.

Next Wednesday's council meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St. The meeting is open to the public.

Knightstown Streets, Alleys to Be Inventoried

The Knightstown Town Council recently voted during a brief special meeting to hire a North Vernon-based engineering company to complete an inventory of the town's local streets and alleys.

With two of its members, Vice President Kevin Knott and Valerie Trump, absent, the council's other three members, President Sarah

Ward, Roger Hammer and Mitch Roland, voted at the July 1 meeting to hire FPBH Inc. to do this work for a fee not to exceed \$3,600. According to a draft of minutes from the meeting, FPBH will compile a list and map the town's roadways, rate them on a scale of 1 to 10 and note functional classifications, and assist with development

of a five-year plan of proposed improvements.

Minutes from the council meeting state that every public agency in the state must have a pavement asset management plan before it can apply for future street projects that will be funded with federal money. FPBH expects to have this work completed within three weeks.

State Releases New Ground Water Study Data

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) this week announced the latest round of data in an ongoing ground water quality study that includes water well samples from

Indiana's 92 counties. IDEM's Ground Water Monitoring Network (GWMN) sampling activities initially began with funding provided through a 2008

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OBITUARIES

Kelley Jane Quarry
August 25, 1971 - July 9, 2016



Kelley Jane Quarry, 44, of Knightstown passed away unexpectedly Saturday, July 9, 2016. She was born Aug. 25, 1971, in Rushville to the late William "Fred" and Leeta Jane (Fox) Glenn.

Kelley enjoyed being friends with many on Facebook and she was an avid football fan, rooting for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Indianapolis Colts. She worked hard every day and her laugh was infectious.

She is survived by her husband, Don Quarry of Knightstown; a son, Tyler (Liz) Glenn of Winchester; two brothers, David L. Glenn of Indianapolis and Dustin R. Glenn of Xenia, Ohio; two half brothers, William "Bill" (Cindy) Glenn of Titusville, Fla., and Dale (Connie) Glenn of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; two half sisters, Faith McAllister and Diane DeNauro, both of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; uncle and aunt, David W. and Linda S. Glenn of Knightstown; two cousins, Melinda Richardson and John W. Glenn of Knightstown; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William "Fred" Glenn in 2001; and Leeta Jane Glenn in 2003; and her grandparents, John and Mildred Fox and Wm. Loren and Ethel R. (Walston) Glenn.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Burial will follow at Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 12-3 p.m. at the funeral home. You may express condolences or share a memory of Kelley at www.hinsey-brown.com.

'Christmas in July' Event at Sunset Park
Aimed at Aiding Knightstown Food Pantry

Local business owners are coming together to boost the Knightstown Food Pantry, located at Knightstown United Methodist Church on South Jefferson Street.

The event is called Christmas in July and will be held Saturday, July 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the shelter house in Knightstown's Sunset Park.

Vickie Johnson, an organizer of this event, said this time of year is hard on food pantries. She said fewer food

pantry donations come in, but families still need their help. According to Johnson, a local resident came up with the idea to help the food pantry and other business owners are helping to put her plan in action. The types of businesses that will be present are direct sales and those offering handmade items.

There will be free admission to anyone that brings a non-perishable food item or paper goods to donate. Cash donations are also welcome.

Tandy Interim Replacement for Judge Willis

The Indiana Supreme Court issued an order last Friday assigning Senior Judge Jack Tandy as part-time senior judge for Henry Circuit Court 1, to help fill the vacancy that will be left by the resignation of Judge Mary Willis.

As reported in The Banner recently, Willis is stepping down as

judge of Circuit Court 1, a position she has held since 2003, to become the first Chief Administrative Officer for the Indiana Supreme Court. Her resignation takes effect Friday, July 22.

In the order issued last week, Chief Justice Loretta Rush said appointing a temporary judge is "in

the interest of continuing the orderly administration of justice ... until a successor is named by the Governor." Tandy, who had already been serving as a temporary judge on some cases in Circuit Court 1, will assume part-time duties in that court on Aug. 1 and

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant. Since that time, thousands of samples have been collected from hundreds of public water supplies and thousands of private, residential water wells.

Well testing provides IDEM officials a view of the untreated water as it exists in deep, underground aquifers. The GWMN has several goals, including gathering data to help characterize statewide ground water quality, due in part

to the number of Hoosiers who regularly drink well water. Private wells are the responsibility of the owner and are not regulated by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The GWMN also identifies areas of the state that may have impaired ground water quality, due to naturally occurring or human influences on the environment.

Top findings from the latest round of sampling include some

pesticide degradants, arsenic, nitrogen and nitrate-nitrate readings above the maximum contaminant level and elevated iron concentrations, which is a secondary contaminant and not aesthetically pleasing. Data collected by the GWMN may assist health and government regulators with source water and watershed protection efforts and provide ground water quality information to local communities, citizens, research organizations and industries.

The multi-year sampling effort provides a baseline for future projects, and with samples from all 92 counties, IDEM may expand sampling in areas with notable contamination and adjust the GWMN as necessary to support data gap needs. The entire 2016 GWMN Report is available online. Additional information, including the full GWMN data set, facts sheets about ground water quality in Indiana and resources to help protect private water wells can be found on IDEM's website.

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State Completes Library Audit

The Indiana State Board of Accounts identified several problems with the Knightstown Public Library's financial practices as the result of a recent review conducted by the agency.

In a letter to library officials dated June 28, State Examiner Paul Joyce of the SBOA listed the following four "instances of noncompliance":

*The bank used by the library had not returned actual canceled checks to the library with monthly banking statements, but, instead, had only provided the library with an optical image of the front of each check. While it's OK for public agencies to maintain optical images of checks instead of the

actual checks, the SBOA told The Banner that optical images of the back side of checks where they are endorsed must also be on file.

*The SBOA found that in 2014 the library had spent \$2,239 more than it had budgeted from its Library Reserve Fund.

*The SBOA found several payments the library made in 2013, 2014 and 2015 that "were not supported by adequate documentation, such as vendor receipts, invoices, contract, and other public records." The agency said there were several instances where contractors did not provide an invoice for payment, but had simply signed "a generic receipt ... of payment," and that there had been no contract for

mowing services that were provided during those three years.

*Finally, the SBOA took issue with the library's practice of paying routine expenditures out of petty cash during the three years reviewed, "thereby bypassing the claims process." The agency also faulted the library for not keeping track of contractual payments made to vendors to determine whether Form 1099s should have been issued.

According to the SBOA, the contents of Joyce's June 28 letter to the library were discussed with library board member and Treasurer Bill Bergmann and Library Director Vanda Carnes on March 21.

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will continue in that role until Sept. 30, or such time that the governor's appointee takes office, whichever occurs first.

Rush's order also temporarily transferred Henry County Judges Kit Crane of Circuit Court 2 and Bob Witham of Circuit Court 3 to Circuit Court 1 "to facilitate the judicial work of the court." At those times when Tandy is not available, Crane and Witham have agreed to preside over Circuit Court 1.

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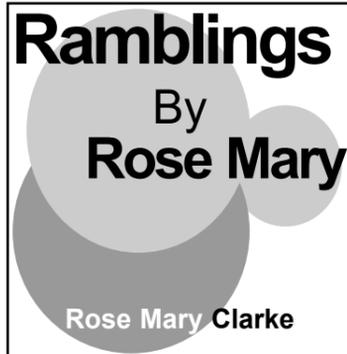
*"Out of the night that covers me,
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In the fell clutch of circumstance
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of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments
the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul"*

"Invictus" was written by William Ernest Henley in 1875. Henley suffered from tuberculosis of the bone which necessitated the amputation of a leg below his knee. He became the model for Long John Silver in Stevenson's *Treasure Island*. They wanted to amputate his other leg, but famed physician Joseph Lister saved it.

I believe that Stephen Hawking, also personifies the spirit of "Invictus." How has he kept from going crazy or giving up? I shudder when I think of him, totally paralyzed and unable to speak, but carried by his questing intellect from the Earth to the stars and beyond to other galaxies untold.

The great Nelson Mandela had a copy of "Invictus" that inspired him during his 27 years of imprisonment because he opposed South Africa's apartheid.

Then there was Knightstown's beloved great soul, Jack Bundy, who began to develop muscular dystrophy when he was a young boy. Gradually, it took over his body until he was wheelchair bound and finally bedfast in a nursing home during his final years.



He was Mister Sunshine. I never once heard him complain about his condition even though he could not dance, walk, play sports or have children. Rather, he had a store of naughty jokes. And oh how he loved the ladies! I took him the sexiest pin-up poster that I could find. He had it hung on the back of the door of his room, giggling, "Hee, hee! I wouldn't want to shock the little old ladies who visit me!" He and a fellow patient got in trouble when they raced their wheelchairs and ran into a nurse's car.

Those men make me ashamed to complain about the vicissitudes of age and declining health. Hawking wrote, "If I had to choose a superhero to be, I would pick Superman. He's everything that I'm not ... It is a waste of time to be angry about my disability. One has to get on with life and I haven't done badly. People won't have time for you if you are always angry or complaining ... However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at ... I have so much that I want to do. I hate wasting time ..."

If he could do so, I think that Hawking would be shouting and clapping his hands. On July 4, after a five-year journey of 540 million miles at a speed of 25 miles per second, the orbiter Juno arrived at Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system. It is expected that the information it sends back will enlarge our understanding of the universe.

Hawking says that to be able to travel to distant planets we'd have to go fast, awfully fast - faster than the speed of light which is 180,000 miles per second - so that we might arrive home before we started our journey. I think that he may be talking about Einstein's Theory of Relativity here. I have a hard time wrapping my mind around

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am very concerned about the little town I live in and have grown to love. When I came to Lewisville in 2001, the town clerk was Sue Saunders. I don't remember who was on the town council at that time, but I do know Richard Craig and Robert Blake were always "at the table" when I went to a meeting. Whenever I would have an issue to bring to the town board, the board would listen politely to what I had to say, but never really showed any interest in my concerns. Honestly, what usually happened was, they would all talk amongst themselves while the few people that had shown up to the meeting sat and watched. You felt unimportant and knew nothing was going to get resolved. That in itself was a little unnerving, but when our electric bills became "the highest than any town around," that was a definite concern.

In the fall of 2015 the majority of the town of Lewisville voted in Larry Smith, as the new clerk. After the election, there seemed to be a war waged against Mr. Smith. Everything he did and still does, is questioned by two members of the town council, put into *The Courier-Times*, and written showing, what I believe, to be bias towards the Saunders. Because of that, I thought it was important to but my concerns and questions out there, hoping they will be printed as I have written them.

I would like to know why the majority of the books that were donated to the library in the Houston Brick, were removed when the previous town clerk left? Where were they taken? They were donated to the town. Why didn't the previous clerk express to the citizens of Lewisville her appreciation to have had the privilege to serve the town of Lewisville? Why was the majority of the antique furniture removed from the Houston Brick? Who purchased the furniture, and where are the receipts? Why is nothing printed about the police report that was filed against Patrick Saunders for threatening someone at a town meeting? The election of Mr. Smith was nothing against Ms. Saunders, or her family - the citizens of Lewisville wanted a change. Why are two of the three council members creating so much opposition??

From the first town meeting until now, the Houston Brick is filled with citizens showing support for the new town clerk. It is obvious the citizens care about their town. We knew there may be some issues, but it has come to the point where the town is looked at as a joke! Not a joke because of the new town clerk, but a joke because of the behaviors surrounding the former clerk, and two council members.

Several months ago a town council member resigned. There was something put in the paper stating what needed to be done if someone showed an interest. A citizen of Lewisville went to New Castle and looked into the form that needed to be completed, but was told to contact Mr. Gerrish to get the form. When they spoke with Mr. Gerrish, he told them there was no need to complete a form. They e-mailed him, and have that e-mail traffic. (There were several citizens who expressed an interest!) There was no caucus held when making the final decision; Mr. Gerrish just appointed Patrick Saunders, even with his police report on file.

Right now the town books are being audited, because of the change in clerks. It may take some time, but I hope what is found is accurate.

At this time there is one issue that keeps being printed in *The Courier* that concerns me a lot. That is the change of the town's computer company. The *Courier* printed that the town clerk/assistant had given permission to the old company to remotely access the town's data. I don't believe that is true; this remote access did not happen only once, it happened several times. Does that computer company have documentation stating permissions was given by the clerk/assistant? Being a citizen of the town of Lewisville, I am very thankful that the computer system has been changed. I know my personal information is now secure! Are the old computer company's owners friends with a council member? Is that why that council member is so dead set on getting them back?

I am very aware my letter is biased, but at this point in time I don't
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Glue Stick Fest Offers New Hope

More than the current crop of presidential candidates, Americans should fear and fight another creeping threat to our independence. That threat is the ongoing consolidation of U.S. media ownership.

In 1983, around 50 corporations owned the bulk of our TV, radio and film production companies. That number is now down to six - yes, six! - major corporate players, according to Business Insider, a web-based news organization.

Some might not think it's a big deal. But, it is. Diversity in media ownership offers a corresponding diversity in viewpoints, something we claim to value here in the Land of the Free.

But, what if those six companies suddenly became just one? What if one giant abruptly gobbled up the other five?

Then all of our news, television shows, movies and other programming would be offered by one massive Big Brother-like company, it alone deciding what we should see and hear.

I find that prospect terrifying. Yet, it's happening, and it seems there's little we can do about it.

But, even the darkest days have a little glimmer of light. I found that spark Saturday afternoon in Irvington, where a small, but unique and valuable event was playing out. My friend Kelsey Simpson had organized a festival for very small publishers - micropublishers, if you will.

No, their small, do-it-yourself publications weren't loaded with typical news fare. This was much different - radically different than anything most of us are used to. There weren't any Wall Street updates or celebrity plastic surgery news - no celebrity selfies with Hollywood rejects like Shia LeBeouf. These were tiny little newspapers and magazines known as "zines." Short for maga-

zines, zines are homemade publications issued by individual publishers, often using a copy machine, glue sticks, scissors and staplers. Subject matter ranges from the mundane to the bizarre with lots of references to current music and culture.

Dozens of regional zine publishers were set up on Johnson Ave., just off Washington Street, their display tables stacked with interesting sundries and hundreds of self-published newsletters, booklets and other paper periodicals.



Each publisher was eager to share their whys and whatfors. Few of them sold advertising or subscriptions, instead relying on single-copy revenue, often at 50 cents or \$1 per copy.

All their friendly enthusiasm and interesting creative flare cemented in my brain the hope that American ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit will always guarantee a free press and the free exchange of opinions and ideas.

Even as GE and Viacom and News Corp gobble up so-called legitimate news organizations, tiny ones - like miniscule weeds battling through cracks in the concrete - are fighting to live and breathe outside the corporate boardrooms.

I attended the Glue Stick Festival because I support small publishers. I support independent media because I don't want to wake up some day and get all my news from some Walmart-type "news organization."

I also support schools that value journalism and instruct youngsters on its place in America. The Fourth Estate, in all its forms, must be preserved.

Greedy corporations, in their bid to euthenize the American Watchdog, must be stopped. Otherwise, all we'll hear or see will be Big Brother's company line.

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◆ABC Preschool, 111 S. Jefferson St., Knightstown, will host an **open house** on Tuesday, July 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Potential students are invited to meet instructors Kay and Tiffany.

◆Jacob Specht, a young Knightstown student, is having his second annual **lemonade stand and rummage sale** to help raise money for water filters in Kenyan villages. Last year, he raised over \$500, and he would like to beat that amount this year. His fundraiser takes place 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 15-16, 6028 W. 550-S, Knightstown. The home is located near the intersection of 550-S and Greensboro Pike.

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◆Mays Community Academy will have **registration** for the upcoming 2016-17 school year on Monday, July 18, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Tuesday, July 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring copies of their children's birth certificate and current immunization records. Mays Community Academy is a free, public K-6 school. Lil' Tigers Academy is also enrolling for the pre-kindergarten program (ages 3-4). Full day and half day options are available. For more information, contact the office at 765-645-5577.

◆**Eastern Hancock High School's Class of 1966** will host its 50-year reunion on Saturday, July 30, at Hawk's Tail Golf Club, 145 S. Morristown Pike, Greenfield. The event lasts 6-11 p.m., with dinner service at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Payments may be sent to Tom Barton, 104 N. Harrison St., Knightstown. RSVP to ehhclas-sof1966@gmail.com.

◆The **Gleaners Mobile Food Pantry** will be in Carthage, on Mill St. adjacent to the Community Center on Saturday, July 16, from 10 a.m.-noon. Everyone is welcome. Date for the pantry's next visit is Sept. 17.

◆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 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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Veteran Fireman Jason Kopp Enjoys Helping Younger Firefighters Learn, Grow
 by Logan Cox for The Banner
 Growing up in Knightstown, Jason Kopp gained an early impression of firefighters and public servants that later inspired his own volunteer service with the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department.
 "You're kind of respected around the community, because not everybody is willing to go put their lives into danger for somebody else. So they either think you're crazy or... you've got some dedication," Kopp said, laughing.
 Currently holding the rank of lieutenant, Kopp has been a volunteer fireman for 20 years as of 2016. Kopp volunteered sometime after graduating from Knightstown High School in 1990 and attending college in Muncie. He now works alongside his uncle, Jerry Kopp, who was first inspired to volunteer by Jason's own father, Jack.
 "Originally my dad was a volunteer fireman for 22 years. And, of course, my uncle is a volunteer fireman. My dad and mom both volunteered on the ambulance service back when it was Butcher's Funeral Home," said Kopp. "I wanted to do something to pay back toward the community, and I figured this was a good way of doing that."
 Kopp's father-in-law is a volunteer fireman for the Mill Creek Volunteer Fire Department in Amo, on the westside of Indianapolis.
 Christy Kopp, Jason's wife, was also a volunteer firefighter prior to their marriage. He remarked that while his work does frustrate her at times, she understands what he goes through.
 The fire department isn't the only group Kopp has volunteered for, however.
 "I volunteered for the Optimist club, as a baseball coach, and I volunteered a couple years coaching basketball," he said. "Anyway I can help out the kids and the community, that's mainly what I do."
 As an officer on the fire department, Kopp is interested in mentoring the less experienced volunteers, helping them get accustomed to the work.
 "Right now, I like to take the younger people underneath my wing when there's the big house fires," said Kopp. "That way they go in with somebody who's a little bit more experienced, so they know what to do, what not to do, and won't get themselves hurt."
 In addition to the hands-on experience, Kopp enjoys the continuous education and training that is required of even a small volunteer fire department like Knightstown's. Catching up on techniques and procedures is considered very crucial, no matter the emergency situation he and his fellow firemen are faced with.
 "We have a meeting every month, the first Tuesday of every month," he said. "And we've also got training on the third Tuesday of every month. So it's a volunteer job, but you've got to dedicate a lot of time to it as well."
 Kopp stated that the first real fire he went into was a particularly scary event, but also acknowledged, as other volunteers have, that virtually every house fire or accident they are called to handle ends up being very worrisome for one reason or another.
 "In every house fire you go in, you get the anxiety and the adrenaline rush. Because you don't know what to expect. It goes as far as a car wreck too; you don't know what to expect," said Kopp. "It may be a loved one you pull up on, it may be somebody you know. You know, being in a small community, and a lot of the rural roads that we do have, it could be, more than likely, someone you do know."
 Kopp also shared the same feeling that his uncle Jerry described in last week's feature story, which is that emergencies involving children are the hardest to handle on a personal level.
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Rose Mary, from Page 4
 that except for a glimmering when I remember the limerick, "There once was a lady named 'Bright who travelled much faster than light. She set off one day in a relative way and came home the preceding night."
 Hawking said, "Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious." wclarke@comcast.net

MEETINGS CALENDAR
Wed., July 13 - Henry Co. Drainage Board meeting, 9 a.m., county office building suite 107, New Castle
Wed., July 13 - Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville
Wed., July 13 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle
Wed., July 13 - Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 6 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville
Wed., July 13 - Rush Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville
Tues., July 12 - Knightstown Public Library Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., at library
Tues., July 12 - South Henry School Corp. board meeting, 7 p.m.
Tues., July 12 - Rush Co. Historic Board meeting, 7 p.m., Historical Museum, 619 N. Perkins St., Rushville
Thurs., July 14 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission tech committee meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

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bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. There is no rain site or rain dates.

Rush Comm. Foundation Awards 147 Scholarships

On May 16, the Rush County Community Foundation (RCCF) distributed 147 scholarship awards to 86 students at their 2016 scholarship celebration held in the Rushville Consolidated High School cafeteria.

The scholarships were awarded from 69 local scholarship funds endowed at RCCF. The 2016 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar was also recognized. The evening's celebration was attended by 270 donors, fund representatives, foundation board and committee members, recipients and families.

Alisa Winters, RCCF executive director, welcomed everyone on behalf of the foundation's board of directors and staff. After her introduction, she said, "Tonight's scholarship celebration provides us with an opportunity to not only celebrate our deserving recipients, but also a moment to recognize our donors. Without our donors, many of whom are with us tonight, we wouldn't be here this evening. Tonight's awards total \$158,658.48, and invested donations in our scholarship funds totaling 3.75 million are the reason your award is possible."

Phillip Morgan, RCCF board president, thanked everyone for attending the event. He gave special acknowledgements to the staff, board of directors and scholarship committees for the time and dedication given throughout the busy months, determining scholarship recipients.

Morgan then turned his focus to the scholarship recipients and the scholarship donors. "The real reason we are all here tonight is because of the founding donors of the scholarships being awarded," he said. "If it weren't for the generosity of the individuals, families, and groups that started the scholarship funds, we wouldn't be here tonight, regardless of your achievements."

Morgan concluded by thanking the donors present. "Thank you for believing in our future generation's education and choosing to honor your friend or loved one by establishing a scholarship fund through the foundation," he said. "You are changing lives. Donors, we know that while tonight is a joyous occasion, it can be bittersweet as well.

We hope the joy you receive tonight from being with the recipients can help ease the feeling of loss, even if for a little while. For many of you, this isn't your first scholarship celebration, and I hope you have had positive experiences so far. We look forward to continuing to work with you for years to come."

Angie Bane, Kendra Steible, and Keith Perin joined Morgan, fund representatives, RCCF board members and Winters in presenting the scholarship awards to the students.

One of the highlights of the annual celebration is to have the past Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient return after completing four years in the program to provide an update on their college experience and how the Lilly Endowment Community

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(From Romans 8:5-11)

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County Library Summer Reading Program Ending; 'TeenCon' Set for Saturday, July 23

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The weekend festivities conclude with the annual TeenCon, which is from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, in the library's auditorium.

Anthony Troxell from Geeking in Indiana will be a special guest, and Friends of the Library will have a booth featuring science fiction, fantasy, and Manga during the event.

Authors and artists scheduled to attend include John David Anderson (*Sidekicked/Minion*),

Annette Oppenlander (*Escape from the Past/A Different Truth*), Lee Cherlolis (*Little Guardians*), Hans Cummings (*Visions of Fantasy and the Future*), George Kramer (*Arcadis*), Emily Thornton, G. Pike (*Title Unrelated*), Tom and Tisha Sledd (*Punchline and Enoch*), and Michele Israel Harper and Amy Brock McNew (*Wisdom & Folly Sisters/Zombie Takeover*).

Other vendors include Hometown Comics and Tabletop Adventures.

A "Magic: The Gathering" contest begins promptly at 12 p.m. and raffle drawings begin at 12:30 p.m. A teen cosplay contest begins at 2 p.m., with Travis Weik, Anthony Troxell, and Adrianna Hull serving as judges.

Find more information about these events at www.nhcpl.org and follow the library on Facebook and Twitter for updates.



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Foundation Assists New Youth Center



Pictured (l-r) are Jayanna Thompson, HCCF program director; David Dickerson, YOC director of alternative programs; Heather Ault, YOC program development director; Polly Craig, YOC foundation executive director and Michelle Leonard, HCCF development and marketing director. (Photo submitted)

Youth Opportunity Center at New Castle Helps Sexually Exploited Children, Others

The Henry County Community Foundation (HCCF) presented a \$49,000 grant from the Unrestricted Fund for Community Grants to the Youth Opportunity Center's Sexually Exploited Children (SEC) / Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) program.

The Youth Opportunity Center's SEC/CSEC program will be located at the vacated facility, which once housed the Henry County Youth Center (HCYC). The program will provide exceptional residential treatment services to human trafficking victims. It will provide a home-like environment with the added security and intensive treatment for girls, ages 9-18. The facility will include separate private counseling areas, gymnasium for recreational activities, large activity room for independent living skills, classrooms to be used for public on-site school and a dining area, where the girls' meals will be served family style.

According to David Dickerson, director of alternative programs at the Youth Opportunity Center, the grant funding will help YOC provide an environment that will be conducive to providing quality treatment for the girls in the program. "We are excited about being able to utilize the HCYC for what it was designed - helping kids," Dickerson said, "and (we) look forward to continuing to develop relationships within the Henry County community."

The community foundation helps "connect people who care with causes that matter through the granting process." The Henry County Community Foundation said it has given over \$18 million back into the community. Visit www.henrycountycf.org or call 765-529-2235 for more information.

KHS Grads Thomas, Johnson, Tri's Peggs Honored by Altrusa

Knightstown High School 2016 graduate Hannah Thomas was awarded this year's Altrusa Scholarship by Altrusa International of New Castle at an event held in May.

Thomas received a \$1,500 scholarship and five other Henry County girls were honored.

Altrusa is an international non-profit organization with hundreds of local clubs that serve their communities with a focus on literacy and other needs specific to the local area.

Thomas was chosen for her exemplary effort during high school. On top of her busy schedule playing soccer, basketball and track, Thomas was involved in 4-H, French Club, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Dental Careers Vocational. She will be attending IUPUI this fall to major in dental hygiene.

The local Altrusa group honors Altrusa Girls each year based on scholastic performance, attitude, personality, school involvement and higher education goals as presented by school counselors and faculty.

Emily Ryan Johnson, another 2016 Knightstown graduate, was one of the five other Henry County girls to be honored. Johnson has won numerous awards this year for her academic achievements. Besides being a key player on Knightstown's varsity volleyball and softball teams, she was a class officer and a member of National Honor

Society, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish Club and VOICE. She was an officer or leader in many of those groups. She intends to go to Grace College in the fall to major in business and intercultural studies and minor in Spanish. Johnson hopes her education will help her find ways to improve the lives of the people in the Dominican Republic, where she has traveled to twice on mission trips.

Mackenzie Peggs, a 2016 graduate of Tri High School, was also chosen as an Altrusa Girl. Peggs was a star athlete at Tri and a leader in so many ways. She was senior class president and captain of the varsity volleyball, basketball and softball teams. She participated in the Health Science Education Program at New Castle Career Center and was a member of National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, Health Occupations Students of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Wilkinson Church of Christ. She plans to attend Ball State University this fall to pursue a degree in nursing.

Others selected as Altrusa Girls were Calissa Centner (New Castle High School), Alexa Kinsey (Shenandoah High School) and Brenna Koontz (Blue River Valley High School).

At the May event, Thomas and each of the five Altrusa Girls were introduced and a brief biographical summary was presented. Monetary awards were given to all of the girls.

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Tri High Welcomes International Students, Instructors in Month-long Cultural Exchange

On August 2, Tri High School will welcome 12 international students and two instructors from China as part of a one-month educational and cultural exchange.

The students range from fourth to 10th grade and are eager to improve their English skills, experience American culture and form new lifelong friendships.

The school is still in need of 14 host families to provide housing from August 2-29. The host family will receive \$200 for the month to help offset costs of providing meals and transportation for the exchange student or teacher. The students will take care of all other expenses.

The program is managed by America Project Hope with Dawna Sandala providing training and support.

According to information provided by the school, Tri was "uniquely selected as the first public school to participate in this pilot program. You may wonder 'why.' We feel strongly that our community has a unique blend of caring individuals and families that represent an important and unique slice of American culture. Most of our local

families would never have the opportunity to travel to exotic locations like China. The opportunity to learn from each other is the best and most successful way to create

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true diplomacy in our world today. Tri Jr. Sr. High is stepping forward to create a bridge in diplomacy through real relationships based on understanding and friendship."

There will be six boys needing host families - one in fourth grade, two in seventh, one in ninth and one in 10th. The boys are interested in things as varied as basketball to music. Table tennis is a popular activity for the boys as well as drawing and swimming. The boys

are seeking peers that will befriend them and show them more about a typical U.S. lifestyle.

There will also be six girls - one in sixth, three in seventh and two in eighth grade. The girls are interested in music, television, math and science as well as sports and fashion. They are looking forward to learning more about American culture as they attend daily classes.

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"We ask you to consider opening your home and your hearts as you share your family, culture, and faith with one of these awesome young people," stated a program official. "Your worldview will be challenged and your life enriched as you open your family to the world."

Organizers hope to have host families in place by July 18. Contact the school office at 765-987-7988 or contact Dawna Sandala at DSandala@flag-intl.org or 317-250-4627.

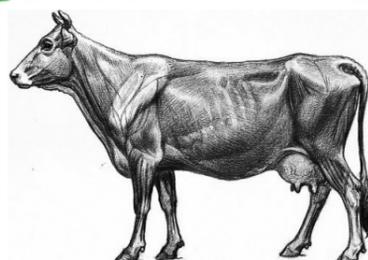
Knightsdown Student Hosting Second Lemonade Fundraiser



Jacob Specht, a young Knightstown student, is having his second annual lemonade stand and rummage sale to help raise money for water filters in Kenyan villages. Last year, he raised over \$500, and he would like to beat that amount this year. His fundraiser takes place 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 15-16, 6028 W. 550-S, Knightstown. (Banner file photo)



2016 HENRY COUNTY 4-H FAIR




The Henry County 4-H Association cordially invites you to attend the annual 4-H Fair!

July 12-22 at Memorial Park in New Castle

<p>Tuesday, July 12</p> <p>5-5:30 pm - Check-in for Sewing & Consumer Clothing Notebooks (Closed judging)</p> <p>5:30-7 pm - Judging begins for Sewing</p> <p>7-7:30 pm - Check-in for Sewing & Consumer Clothing, Fashion Revue Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Sewing & Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue Judging</p> <p>Wednesday, July 13</p> <p>6-6:30 pm - Check-in All Foods & Microwave Cooking Projects</p> <p>6:30 pm - Foods Judging</p> <p>Thursday, July 14</p> <p>5-6 pm - Crafts Check-in (*Crafts include Basketry, Ceramics, Construction Toys, Freelance, Giftwrapping, Holiday Crafts, Leather, Model Building, Needlecrafts including Crocheting and Knitting, Painting, Drawing, Recycling, Scrapbooking, and 4-H Memories judges at WG Smith Building)</p> <p>6 pm - Judging begins (Note: State Fair judging closed)</p> <p>7 pm - All Species Set-up</p> <p>Friday, July 15</p> <p>3:30-5:30 pm - ENTER ALL REMAINING 4-H PROJECTS, MINI 4-H & CLOVERBUD PROJECTS</p> <p>3:30-5:30 pm - ENTER REGULAR 4-H PROJECTS (All other projects include Aerospace, Beekeeping, Child Development, Collections, Computer, Electric, Entomology, Family Camping, Forestry, Genealogy, Geocaching, Home Environment, Microbiology, Personality, Photography, Reading, Safety, Shooting Sports, Small Engines, Soil Conservation, Sportsfishing, Sports Posters, Tractor, Travelogue, Vet Science, Weather, Welding, Wildlife and Wood Science)</p>	<p>5:30-6:30 pm - SET UP PROJECTS</p> <p>6-6:30 pm - JUDGES MEETING</p> <p>6:30 pm - JUDGING</p> <p>Saturday, July 16</p> <p>7-11 am - ENTER SWINE</p> <p>8 am-3 pm - Set up the Smith Building</p> <p>9 am - 4-H DOG SHOW</p> <p>5 pm - SWINE WEIGH-IN</p> <p>5:30 pm - RABBIT CAGE SET-UP</p> <p>7 pm - FAIR KICKOFF</p> <p>9-10:30 pm - DANCE (Smith Bldg. closed at 10)</p> <p>Sunday, July 17</p> <p>8-10 am - REST OF ANIMALS CHECK-IN, UNLOAD</p> <p>11 am - OUTDOOR COOKING (4-H and Adult)</p> <p>1-8 pm - Smith Building Open to the Public</p> <p>2:30 pm - 5TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM CRANK-OFF</p> <p>4 pm - SWINE CARCASS SHOW (show arena)</p> <p>8-11 pm - REST OF ANIMALS CHECK-IN, UNLOAD</p> <p>Monday, July 18</p> <p>8-9 am - DAIRY & BEEF WEIGH-IN</p> <p>9 am - EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS OPEN SHOW</p> <p>9 am - POULTRY AND PIGEON SHOW</p> <p>9 am - 9 pm - Smith Building Open</p> <p>11 am - SWINE SHOW</p> <p>Tuesday, July 19</p> <p>9 am - EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS OPEN SHOW</p> <p>9 am - RABBIT SHOW</p> <p>9 am - 9 pm - Smith Building Open</p> <p>10-11 am - SHEEP WEIGH-IN</p> <p>11 am - DAIRY SHOW</p> <p>1 pm - GOAT WEIGH-IN</p> <p>3:30 pm - BEEF SHOW</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 20 -</p> <p>8:30 am - 4-H GOAT SHOW</p> <p>9 am - 9 pm - Smith Building Open to the Public</p> <p>11 am - Verbal Communications Activities</p> <p>1-1:30 pm - ENTER CATS AND SMALL PETS</p> <p>1:30 pm - JUDGE CATS & SMALL PETS</p> <p>2 pm - SHEEP SHOW</p> <p>7 pm - FARMER OLYMPICS</p> <p>Thursday, July 21</p> <p>9 am - HORSE & PONY JUDGING</p> <p>9 am - 8 pm - Smith Building Open to the Public</p> <p>7 pm - ROUND ROBIN CONTEST (Swine released following round robin contest)</p> <p>Friday, July 22</p> <p>6-9 am - Release Other Livestock</p> <p>8-10 am - Release Projects</p> <p>9 am - HORSE & PONY JUDGING</p> <p>4:30 pm - PORK CHOP DINNER (6-9 pm release projects)</p> <p>6 pm - LIVESTOCK AUCTION, 8 pm - SALE OF CHAMPIONS</p> <p>Saturday, July 23</p> <p>9 am - FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN-UP</p>
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HENRY COUNTY 4-H
FAIR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
LIVESTOCK AUCTION AND
SALE OF CHAMPIONS
FRIDAY, JULY 22!

Livestock - 6 pm/Champions - 8 pm

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"When you see an infant or a young child who is injured and you try to help them, and them not understanding what you're doing or why they're hurt. That's the toughest part. Especially when you've got some children of your own," Kopp said.

Nevertheless, Kopp is confident in the camaraderie and aid of his fellow volunteers.

"Back 20 years ago when I first got started, I was 23 years old and not really knowing what I was getting into. But once I got

into it, you know, it was like a big family," he said. "Because everybody's there to help each other out in their time of need."

Kopp noted that the other members of the fire department came together and were there for him when his mother, Margaret, passed away, helping him through that personal loss.

"We're there to help each other out, no matter what the cause is," he said.

Kopp is an assistant plant manager at Boar's Head, a meat-packing plant here in New Castle.

"I've been married for 13 years. I have two daughters, 12 and 10," said Kopp. "My youngest one is very active

in sports, so I coach a lot of her sports activities."

Jason and Christy still live in Knightstown with their two daughters, Quincy and Jalyn, who both attend Knightstown Intermediate School.

"I'm currently volunteering for my daughter's softball team out of Indianapolis as well. And I'm also one of the assistant Varsity softball coaches," Kopp said. "So, needless to say, I stay pretty busy."

Planning, from Page 1

go over the results of written SWOT analyses committee members had done to identify the town's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. This exercise, Lake had previously explained, is to help the committee determine "what's good and what's bad about your community, what you need and what you don't need."

The committee covered two SWOT analysis topics at last week's meeting: community facilities; and economic development. With quality of life issues discussed at the June 22 meeting, committee members will have just

two more SWOT topics – land use and transportation – to go over at the July 20 meeting.

With respect to community facilities, seven of the committee's nine members had identified the Hoosier Gym as a strength, making it the most popular response. Other strengths listed by more than one committee member included the local schools (5), Sunset Park (4) and the Knightstown Public Square (3), while some of the other strengths listed by just one committee member included the former Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home, the Knightstown Academy

building, Glen Cove Cemetery, the fire and police departments, the Knightstown High School radio station, Blue River, the Knightstown Public Library and the town's Main Street.

"I just feel like it's a big asset that's close to our town," committee member Stephanie James said with respect to the former ISSCH, which is now operated by the Indiana National Guard as the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy.

"Well, it certainly ties in with the historical theme we've been talking about," Steele agreed.

For weaknesses, three of the

committee's members listed the fact that the town of Knightstown doesn't own the land where the wells that supplies the town's water are located. A summary of the committee's SWOT results revealed that a dozen other possible weaknesses with respect to community facilities – including the condition of town hall, the lack of a swimming pool at Sunset Park, problems with utility infrastructure and high utility rates – had each only been identified by a single committee member.

Three of the committee's members said they felt that park and recreation programs at Sunset Park represented an opportunity for community facilities. Other possible opportunities that were listed just once included unused railroad corridors that could be converted to trails, a boat launch on Blue River and the former ISSCH.

As for threats to community facilities, committee members listed flooding of roadways, aging buildings, the issue with respect to the town not owing its own water wells and lack of funding for needed work. Local businessman Gary Thoe, who attended last week's meeting in place of his wife, committee member Merry (Mayhill) Thoe, said the loss of historic buildings is a big problem facing Knightstown.

"We've lost two really great buildings," Thoe said, referring to the Alhambra Theater on the east side of the town square and the building at 32 E. Main St. that formerly housed Hopkins Furniture and, more recently, The Bullet Hole gun shop. The former was razed in 1992, while the latter was demolished in 2013 and resulted in pending litigation against the town, brought by the owner of the neighboring building.

Thoe said he thought it would "be terrible" if the former Masonic lodge building on the northwest corner of Main and Jefferson streets, just east of the 32 E. Main St. property that was razed, is also lost. While the owner of that building has sued the town over allegations that the demolition of the neighboring building had damaged his property, Thoe said he felt someone should reach out to that building's owner to see what can be done to save his building.

Moving on to economic development issues, four committee members identified good highway access as a strength, while available space for new businesses and the town's historic buildings drew two responses each. Other strengths that were listed just once by individual committee members included affordable land and rental properties, proximity to Indianapolis, room for business expansion and new businesses.

Three committee members listed lack of businesses and places to shop as an economic development weakness. Knightstown's downtown area, the lack of utility service north of town to Interstate 70, and the local chamber of commerce were also listed as weaknesses on the SWOT analyses, each drawing two responses.

"How is your chamber?" Lake asked.

"It's weak," said committee

member Kevin Richey, who serves on the board of the local chamber of commerce. "... They're more concerned with nonprofit organizations and nonprofit activities."

Richey explained to Lake about the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce's fish wagon on the town square, which local nonprofits are allowed to operate to raise money for their groups. While he said he didn't think the fish wagon takes much business away from his local diner, he questioned whether the chamber should be involved with helping nonprofits at the expense, potentially, of local businesses.

In addition to the fish wagon, Richey told Lake about the local chamber's involvement with Jubilee Days, Fall Fest and the town Christmas festival.

"That's just a portion of what a chamber should be doing," Lake said. A weak chamber, he said, can hinder economic development, and is something that should be addressed if "not working as it should."

Thoe said he wondered if Knightstown's current form of government might also be a weakness. He said he thought the town should give serious thought to maybe replacing its town council with a mayor. If the town had a full-time, paid mayor, Thoe said he thought more progress would be made.

"I'm all for a mayor," Richey said. "A lot of towns still have the same offices the way they were 100 years ago," Lake said, "and that's not always the most efficient way to do things."

Even if Knightstown kept its town council, Lake said having a full-time town manager could provide some of the benefits that would have come with having a mayor. The town manager, he said, could do a lot of the research that the town council would need to make decisions and could really take the lead on issues related to the town's day-to-day operations and efforts to boost economic development.

Committee member Kathy Eke said she thought another weakness hindering economic development is that there are people in the community who "want things to stay the same" and who show a "lack of forward thinking." As an example, she cited the New Castle Motor Sports Park, a world class go-cart track that was built in Spiceland after the owner's initial plans to build it off State Road 109 north of Knightstown met resistance.

"That's just another perfect example of short-sighted thinking," Steele said, "... (of) people who are entrenched in this area and just don't want anything to change."

A special public meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the media center at Knightstown High School, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40. The purpose of this meeting, which Lake will conduct, is to do a SWOT exercise with local citizens to get their thoughts about the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the Knightstown community.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 06-01-2016-3
ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO UNLICENSED VEHICLES
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KENNARD, HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA

Section I

Ordinance number 99-3 adopted November 1st 1999, is hereby amended and the following sections are hereby adopted in amendment to said ordinance.

Section II

It is hereby made unlawful for any person, persons or Corporation to place cars and/or trucks, and/or other licensable vehicles, which are not properly licensed, or parts of said vehicles, upon the public streets, sidewalks, alleys and lots within the corporate limits of the Town of Kennard, Henry County, Indiana.

Section III

All cars, trucks, and licensable vehicles left upon the public streets of the Town of Kennard, Henry County, Indiana or parked on lots in said Town shall be in running/driving condition and have proper license plates upon said vehicles.

Section IV

No car, truck or other licensable vehicle shall be parked upon the sidewalks within the corporate limits of the Town of Kennard, Henry County, Indiana.

Section V

The Town Clerk of the Town of Kennard, Henry County, Indiana, is hereby empowered to notify all owners of vehicles found to be violating this Ordinance, to removal the violating vehicle(s) within ten (10) days and if said person, persons or Corporation fail to comply with this ordinance then the Town Clerk of the Town of Kennard, Henry County, Indiana is authorized and empowered to file charges against the violators of this Ordinance.

Section VI

Any person, persons or Corporation that allows said cars, trucks, licensable vehicle or parts of said cars, trucks, or vehicles to be left on the public street, sidewalks, alleys and lots in the Town of Kennard, Henry County, Indiana shall be fined in the sum of fifty dollars (\$50).

SECTION VII

In addition to the fine(s) set forth above, the violator's vehicle, if parked on a public street, alley, Town property, sidewalk, or a public right-of-way, may be towed from the location and stored at the discretion of the Town, and the violator shall be responsible for the costs of towing and storage. Further, the violator shall be responsible for the costs incurred by the Town in prosecution of a violation of this ordinance. Such costs would include but are not limited to court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY.

Any provision herein contained which is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful or which by operation shall be inapplicable, shall be deemed omitted but the rest and remainder of this ordinance, to the extent feasible, shall remain in full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and publication.
ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KENNARD, INDIANA THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2016.

Kennard Town Council: Jason Groce, Holly Lee
ATTEST: Sharon L. Elliott, Kennard Clerk-Treasurer

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Henry County Planning Commission to Consider Requests Next Thursday

The Henry County Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing to be held in the Old Circuit Court Room of the Henry County Court House, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, to consider the following requests.

Case B: 2202: Daryl and Sue Greer of 6373 N. Prairie Rd., New Castle, is requesting to rezone approximately 11 acres from Agricultural (A-1) to Rural Residential (RR). Parcel ID # 011-00536-00, AKA 6373 N. Prairie Rd., New Castle. The property is owned by Daryl and Sue Greer and is in Prairie Township.

Case B: 2203: Hayes Landfill Inc. of 3450 S Spiceland Rd., New Castle, requesting to rezone

4.6 acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Light Industrial (I-1), Parcel ID #007-85101-00, for the purpose of sandblasting and painting the applicants dumpsters inside of an existing structure. The property is owned by Hayes Landfill Inc. of 3450 S. Spiceland Rd., New Castle, and is in Henry Township.

At this time the planning commission will hear from any property owner in support or in opposition to granting these requests.

Following the conclusion of the public hearings, notice is hereby given that the Henry County Planning Commission will conduct a business meeting to consider and possibly vote on routine or administrative business.

Citizens State Bank Workers Donate to County Nonprofits

Citizens State Bank donated \$1,000 to Little Blessings a non-profit ministry of Turning Point Life Center and \$1,000 to Henry County Pregnancy Care Center both located in New Castle, Indiana. Throughout the year, the employees donate five dollars once a month to wear jeans on a designated Friday. As a result, they were able to raise a grand total of \$4,000. With the countless needs in their communities, they decided to help more than just one agency by contributing \$1,000 to four different organizations. Employees were able to nominate a nonprofit of their choice which was then voted on by the bank's "Fun Committee," resulting in the top four.

The Little Blessings program reaches out to children who may not have enough food in their homes to make it through the weekend by collecting enough donations to be able to send home a backpack of food items. They also have a summer program to provide lunches each day while school is not in session and provide extra food items to take with them.

The Henry County Pregnancy Care Center is a Christian-based organization that helps aid women with services they may need due to an unexpected pregnancy. They provide counseling and products to help make the transition an easier one for the mother and child. Their goal is to save the lives of unborn babies and to show compassion and care for both.

Citizens State Bank is a fourth-generation family owned bank based in New Castle with 13 branches covering six counties throughout central Indiana. For more information, visit www.citizensstatebankindiana.com or call 888-529-5450.

Indiana Attorney General Unhappy With Congressional Action on Opioid Abuse and Overdoses

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey expressed disappointment last week in Congress' unwillingness to provide emergency treatment funding to respond to the national opioid addiction and overdose epidemic, which, they note, takes more lives yearly than car accidents.

The two state attorneys general issued a joint statement last Thursday after a congressional conference committee the day before voted against adding emergency treatment funding as part of the Comprehensive Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act (CARA) that had passed in different versions in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate.

Health experts in the president's administration had called for \$1.1 billion in emergency funding to expand addiction treatment services and support overdose prevention programs at the state level, including efforts to increase availability of the opioid overdose antidote naloxone. The attorneys general had urged Congress to fund a proposal that would expand treatment, save lives and help millions of Americans suffering from addiction.

"As Attorneys General we work with those on the front lines of the drug addiction epidemic that has reached a crisis point in our states," Zoeller said in a press release issued last Thursday. "The news out of Congress that they do not

see this as a crisis requiring immediate action is disappointing. Legislative action without needed funding is simply an empty promise - more words without results. We can only hope that an appropriations bill, or another continuing resolution, will include the necessary funding."

"The heroin and prescription drug crisis demands a real solution, with real money behind it," Healey added. "Congress had an opportunity to save lives, and instead has opted to advance an empty bill that puts more lives at risk. This failure to act is a death sentence for those struggling with addiction and members who stood in the way of funding should be ashamed of their inaction."

In September 2015, Zoeller and Healey joined 38 state attorneys general in a bipartisan letter urging passage of CARA, when it was originally introduced. Without immediate treatment funding, Zoeller and Healey say the intent of the legislation is now neutered and undermined, and they urge members of Congress to reconsider, noting the opioid addiction epidemic is no time for partisanship.

According to the press release issued by Zoeller and Healey, prescription opioids accounted for 18,893 overdose related-deaths in the United States in 2014, an increase of 369 percent from 1999. Abuse of prescription painkillers, they noted, often leads to heroin addiction.

A Look Back



Jeannie Dickerson provided these photos of this year's Knightstown High School 50-year class, the Class of 1966. These photo feature part of the class, in both first (above) and second (below) grade at Kennard Elementary School. Pictured (top photo, back row, l-r) are Gloria Rutherford, Brenda Hays, Mary Price, Sharon Price, Tim Ray, teacher Violet Runyon, Jerry Pitts, ?, Janet Kemerly, (middle row) Eddie Hastings, Tony ?, Mike Thompson, Ronnie Redmon, Charles Collins, Susan ?, Carol Coomer, Herschel Roll, John Strother, Mark Porter, (bottom row) Charlotte Bilbrey, Margery Ryckman, Cheryl Wisheart, Jeff Drysdale, Gloria Richards, Jack Cupp, ?, Michael Adams and Gary Dupke. Pictured (bottom photo, back row, l-r) Principal Earl Poer, teacher Daisy Ballinger, Gary Dupke, Carol Coomer, Ronnie Redmon, Ronnie ?, Herschel Roll, Dean Barton, Jerry Pitts, (middle row) Janet Kemerly, Barbara Nelson, Brenda Hays, Mark Porter, Marjorie Dunn, Mike Thompson, Charles Collins, Diane Thompson, Terry Hoff, (bottom row) Cheryl Wisheart, Jeff Drysdale, Sheila Kern, Margery Ryckman, Eddie Hastings, Johnny Strother, Jackie Cupp, Charlotte Bilbrey and Michael Adams.



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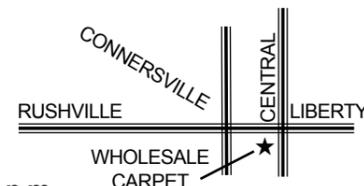
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LOCAL SPORTS

Spencer Mattix Gets Pitching Win in First North-South All-Star Game



Recent Knightstown graduate Spencer Mattix pitched three innings for the South team in the first game of the North-South All-Star series last weekend. Mattix entered the game in the bottom of the fourth inning with his South team up 5-1. The North scored four runs in the fourth inning to tie the game up at 5-5. South's team scored a run in the top of the fifth to go up 6-5 then held North scoreless in the bottom of that inning. South again added a run in the top of the sixth inning to take a 7-5 lead. North wasn't done fighting and, despite having two outs, scored another run to cut South's lead to 7-6. A player from Lawrence North relieved Mattix for the seventh inning and held the North scoreless, giving the South the victory and Mattix the pitching win. Mattix struck out three batters and walked three, according to Panther head coach Daren Hardesty. Fellow KHS graduate Drake Peggs was selected to play on the South team as an infielder but was unable to participate due to a prior commitment. The South went on to sweep the three-game All-Star series against the North, beating them 15-2 in the second game on Saturday and then winning Sunday's game 6-2. (File photo)

Knightstown Wrestlers Holding Car Wash Fundraiser Next Saturday

Knightstown High School's wrestling team will hold a car wash fundraiser Saturday, July 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hancock Regional Hospital Knightstown clinic parking lot, across from the Speedway gas station.

The wrestlers are holding the car wash to raise money for its trip to the invitation-only state duals competition December 23 in Fort Wayne. This is the second straight year the Panthers were invited to the state duals where wrestlers have the opportunity to compete against the best in Indiana.

The event will be the fifth annual classed team state duals hosted by the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association (IHSWCA). Thirty schools are invited to participate, divided into 12 spots for each of the three classes in Indiana wrestling. Six other positions, two per class, are voted on and chosen by the IHSWCA in April.

The Panther wrestling program has had three successful seasons in recent years with each building upon the experience of the previous year. Funds raised will help the team continue to offer a high-quality program for student-athletes at KHS.

Cost of the car wash is a free will donation.

Fan Appreciation Night at Mt. Lawn Brings Large Crowd, Thrilling Racing

In front a packed grandstand of fans, Ryan Amonett, Chris Jennings, Jameson Owens and Dustin Kares all won features on Fan Appreciation Night at Mt. Lawn Speedway July 10.

The night had hard racing throughout the field in all the divisions with Big Wheel races as well as fan Street Drags around the track, kept the fans entertained and in their seats all evening.

In the street stock division, Fred Hopkins jumped out to the early lead in the feature with Mt. Lawn veteran and Knightstown native Jeff Lane overtaking him on the 17th lap. But Ryan Amonett, who was Fast Qualifier and won the Trophy Dash, came from his 11th starting spot to take the lead on the 22nd lap. Amonett worked his way to the front through heavy traffic, following Lane who started just ahead of him, then fought tight racing as he lapped cars, sometimes running three wide as he raced to the win.

Lane also picked his way through and found himself in three-wide racing as the cars being lapped were racing for position amongst themselves in packs of four cars making for exciting racing in an event that only had three cautions in 50 laps.

New Castle's Fred Hopkins finished third. Second generation driver Brandon Mefford, son of the late William Mefford who raced at Mt. Lawn for many years, finished fourth and Colby Lane, Jeff Lane's son rounded out the top five.

"It was great to be racing in front of such a large crowd," Amonett stated following the race. "Seeing that many people in the stands really made it special to me. I love being out here, and thanks to the fans for coming out to watch us," the New Castle native continued.

The 30-lap Van Hoy Oil Thunder Car Feature was also full of action as Fast Qualifier, Indianapolis driver Jameson Owens, started last in the field of 17 cars then drove through traffic to take the lead on the 11th lap and fought off a hard charging Kevin Claborn of Cambridge City and Dustin Sapp also of Indianapolis. Claborn took the Trophy Dash after Straung's Tony Stewart and Owens spun while trying to catch Claborn, who had jumped out to the lead.

Kennard's own Alan Lambert jumped out to the early lead in the feature, with Rushville's Chris Bolyard running second. Sapp passed Lambert on the fourth lap and held on as Owens and Hopkins worked their way to the front. Sapp was unable to hold off Owens as he over took him. Sapp then held off Hopkins for several laps before he fell back to third on the 18th lap to finish there, holding off Stewart who finished fourth, and Cambridge City's Jim Walker, who came home fifth.

The Sunnyside Motors Compact Division was swept by two Jennings of Richmond. Andy Jennings won the Trophy Dash and Fast Qualifier. Chris Jennings took the feature after avoiding a spin on the 16th lap. New Castle's Derek Morris took the early lead in the Compact Feature and was overtaken by

another second generation driver, Markelville's Tom Gossar, Jr., on the third lap. Gossar gave up his lead to Brian Slavey, from New Castle, who ran in front until the 17th lap when Jennings took over. The racing was tight for the 16-car field from the first to last.

Second place went to Donald VanValke, of Indianapolis, after he slipped around Andy Jennings on the 21st lap of the 25 lap race. Andy Jennings finished third, Gossar was fourth and Derek Morris of New Castle fifth.

"It was on rails," Jennings commented after the race. "I have been trying to win here for a long time and I am glad I finally did. It is great to see all the people here tonight."

Dustin Kares took the Faskart feature over Kyle Downey and Cody Malyran. Joe Sullivan held the lead on the first lap with Kares overtaking him, passing on the outside coming out of the short turn on the seventh lap of the 15-lap race. As Kares ran in front, Downey and Malyran battled for second. While Downey held onto second, Malyran tried high and low to find a way around but could not pass as the race wound down. Sullivan finished fourth and Chuck McGinnis was fifth.

Fan Appreciation Night also included opportunities for the fans to get involved. An autograph session was held with fans coming onto the track and drivers waiting by their cars to talk to fans and sign many pictures, hats, shirts and even some body parts as one young fan had several drivers sign his arm.

The night also featured Big Wheel Races for the kids with Miles Razor winning the 3-4-year-old division. Zavier Dickson was second and Bo Rabinstin third.

Lydia Razor took home the win in the 5-6-year-old age group, with Conner Claywell second and Leon Guffton in third.

The 7-8-year-old group had Dakota Claywell first, Kaile Haggard second and McKenna Whitton third.

The Ford Focus of Chris Morris was the winner in the Street Drags beating out Jeremal Lake's Sebring. There were 11 brave fans who brought their street cars out onto the track where they raced in a single elimination bracket to find the fastest among the group. The cars racing included two trucks, a couple of Focuses, a 2010 and a 1979 Camero, a Mustang, a couple Chryslers, a BMW and a hearse.

Mt. Lawn owner and promoter Rick Sweigart said, "Mt. Lawn has been in the Sweigart family since my grandfather built the track in 1934 and we sincerely appreciate the tremendous driver and fan support we have received this year."

The next event at Mt. Lawn Speedway will be August 7 as the Street Stocks will take to the track for the renowned Raintree 100. Also racing on that night will be the Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars and Sunnyside Motors Compacts. To learn more about us or to see pictures of the action follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or go to www.mtlawn.com.

COPS Cycling for Survivors Celebrates 15 Years

Monday, July 11, marked the departure of the 15th annual Cops Cycling for Survivors bicycle ride around Indiana. 2016's ride celebrates 15 years of Gary Dudley's vision of a ride to support law enforcement survivors.

For the first time in 30 years, Indiana lost no officers to line-of-duty death in 2015.

2016 also honors ten years since Lt. Gary Dudley, Indiana State Police, and Deputy Chief Gary Martin, Lake County Sheriff's Dept., were killed participating in the ride on August 22, 2006.

The cyclists' journey will last 13 days and cover nearly 1,000 miles bicycling the perimeter of Indiana honoring fallen police officers and their families.

On July 11, the police-escorted cyclists began their ride from Indianapolis heading out along

U.S. 40 to Richmond, with stops at Knightstown and Cambridge City. After an overnight stay in Richmond, the cyclists headed up the Cardinal Greenway to Muncie. From Muncie, the cyclists will take State Road 67 to Redkey, in Jay County. Please watch for the cyclists and their escort vehicles if driving in those areas.

Cops Cycling for Survivors Foundation, Inc. annual bike ride consists of active and retired police officers, law enforcement survivors, law enforcement family members and friends of law enforcement. The group rides their bicycles around the perimeter of Indiana to raise funds and awareness of the sacrifices made by Hoosier law enforcement families across Indiana.

Funds raised from this event are used to perpetuate the memories of officers killed in the line-

of-duty and to aid surviving family members and co-workers of officers killed in the line-of-duty.

Previously raised funds have been directly donated to foundations, scholarships and camps that have been started in memory of fallen officers, or by Indiana survivors in honor of their fallen heroes. In addition, funding has been donated to Concerns of Police Survivors, the Indiana Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors and Project Blue Light at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

The ride is scheduled to conclude on the afternoon of Saturday, July 23, at Crown Hill Cemetery, Heroes of Public Safety Section. The closing ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. Indianapolis Colts long snapper Matt Overton will provide the closing message.

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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 Coed Cross Country

Knightstown's varsity coed cross country team competed in the 2015-2016 school year with nearly 20 runners.

The star of the Panthers' team was senior Ben Willey, whose season ended with a 50th place finish at the regionals competition. Willey also participates as a long distance runner on the varsity track team. His strong high school performances earned him a spot on the Indiana University East cross country and track teams for the 2016-2017 season.

Willey knocked more than a minute and a half off of this 5,000-meter result from the start of the season to his final run in high school. In fact, his 17:52.47 time at regionals was a personal best for Willey as well as a season record. He placed ninth out of 61 runners at the Mid-Hoosier Conference and 22nd out of 83 runners at the Connersville sectionals, sending him to regionals.

Senior Adam Bundy made great strides during the season. From the opening meet Aug. 18 to the MHC meet one month later on Sept. 19, Bundy improved his time by nearly three minutes. He reached his personal best time at that MHC meet with a time of 20:13.54.

Senior Brady Hall dropped almost three minutes and 20 seconds off his time from Aug. 18 to MHC meet where he ran a 22:54.53, his personal best.

Cameron Fender, another senior, ran a person best 21:50.09 at the MHC meet in September.

Senior Ike Kinser posted his personal best time of 23:30.18 at the MHC meet, knocking off four minutes and 55 seconds off what he ran in the first meet a month earlier.

Caleb Munden, the only junior on the team, ran a personal best time of 23:48.43 at the Eastern

Hancock Invitational in October, improving by near five and a half minutes from the start of the season.

Sophomore Michael Weiland ran several good races, coming in just behind Willey for the Panthers at many meets. He posted his personal best time of 18:31.70 at the MHC meet.

Another sophomore, Thomas Sollars, posted a personal best time of 23:31.90 at the Connersville Spartan Invite in late September.

Evan Nolen, the lone freshman on the team, had quite a year, improving five minutes and 19 seconds from the start of the year when he posted his personal best time of 19:57.28 at the Eastern Hancock Invitational in October.

Knightstown's girls team was led by seniors Meski Tabb, Meghan Cupp and Jordan Ventresco.

Tabb consistently posted the best times for the Lady Panthers, running her personal best time of 23:46.86 at the Greenfield-Central Cougarpalooza in Sept. 9.

Cupp ran her best race at the Cougarpalooza also, finishing with a time of 25:58.92. Ventresco ran her personal best of 26:59.30 in the second meet of the season.

Junior Tara Nolen improved throughout the season, logging a personal best of 26:44.59 at the Oct. 3 Eastern Hancock Invitational.

The other junior on the girls team, Cailin Smith, posted her best time 28:18.91 at the Cougarpalooza.

Two freshmen, Kaitlyn Jackson and Lexi Spence, rounded out the Lady Panthers team. Both girls posted their personal best times at the Eastern Hancock Invitational, just five seconds apart. Jackson ran her best time of 27:41.00 and Spence ran her best of 27:46.34.

Eastern Hancock Coed Cross Country

The Eastern Hancock coed cross country team had another stellar season in the 2015-2016 school year.

The girls team qualified for the regional for the fourth straight year and also won the Mid-Hoosier Conference meet for the fourth consecutive year.

The standout runner for the Lady Royals last season was freshman Taylor Stine. Her personal best time of 20:14.95 for the 5,000-run at regionals earned her a spot in the Royals top ten runners. Her time places her third on EH's all-time fastest runners.

Stine's regional time qualified her to run at semistate where she finished 79th out of 174 runners. She was named to the All-County team and also named All-Conference.

Senior Cara Johnson had a great season as well, setting her personal best of 21:24.87 at the regionals to land her at seventh on the Eastern Hancock's top ten fastest runners.

Johnson also earned All-County and All-Conference team recognition.

Senior Karlee Gray, another All-Conference team member, posted her personal best at regionals too with a time of 22:07.68.

Another senior, Hope Spaulding, was also named to the All-Conference team. She also achieved her season best time of 22:29.35 at regionals.

Emily Schrope posted times for just two meets during the season with her season best 24:29.10 came at the Sept. 19 Mid-Hoosier Conference meet.

Sinah Griessler, the team's only junior, ran only three meets and marked her personal best time of 24:47.50 at the Rushville Invitational Aug. 29.

The girls team also received steady performances from its two sophomores, Liberty Durham and Annie Floyd.

Dunham earned a trip to regionals but her season best time of 23:06.70 came at the MHC meet

Sept. 19.

Floyd also went to regionals where she ran her season best time of 22:26.74. She also ran well at the MHC meet in September and was named to the All-Conference team along with Stine, Johnson, Gray and Spaulding.

The Royals' boys team for the 2015-2016 school year had just six runners. But, one of those six runners, Gabe Blake, finished the season at third on the school's all-time fastest runner list. The junior posted his personal best record of 17:13.78 at the regional competition, a time that was just 19 seconds off the school record. His regional time was enough to earn a trip to semistate where his season ended.

Kenny Bunnell, the only senior on the team, posted his personal best time of 22:29.73 at the MHC meet.

Tommoso Gelmetti, the other junior on the team, achieved his personal best time of 18:58.80 on Sept. 5 at the Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion.

Will Huffman, the team's only sophomore, had his personal best time at the MHC meet, finishing at 18:32.95.

Kyle Moore and Zach Sickle, the team's two freshmen, had up and down times throughout the season.

Moore pulled his personal best time of 22:55.20 early in the season at the Rushville Invitational Aug. 29.

Sickle had his personal best time of 22:41.82 at the Eagle Invitational in Muncie Sept. 26.

The team was guided by head coach Rex Putt.

Peggs Selected First Team All-State, Mattix Named to Second Team All-State

The Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association announced last week selections to the 2016 All-State Team.

Knightstown's Drake Peggs was selected as shortstop for class 2A's All-State First Team and Spencer Mattix was chosen as a pitcher for the All-State Second Team. Both Peggs and Mattix graduated from KHS in May.

The two Knightstown players are the only players from Henry County to be named to the All-State teams.

Just four other players from the east-central Indiana area were recognized.

Hagerstown's team had three players selected to the class 1A All-State teams. Owen Golliver was chosen as a First Team outfielder while Dylan Woodard made the Second Team as an outfielder and Sam Reagan was named to the Second Team as a pitcher.

New Palestine's Keegan Watson made the class 3A's All-State First Team as an outfielder.

The full roster of teams for all four classes can be found at the IHS-BCA website, www.ihsbca.org.

Tri Coed Cross Country

Tri's varsity coed cross country team consisted of just nine runners during the 2015-2016 school year.

Like the Lady Royals, the Lady Titans cross country team was led by a freshman Molly West. She would go on to be the only qualifier for the regionals from either the boys or girls team.

West achieved her personal best time at that regional meet in Rushville, running the 5,000-meter event at 21:37.75, knocking off nearly four minutes off her time from the start of the season.

Just one senior, Erin Cox, was on the Tri girls team. Only one score was posted for Cox, a time of 23:12.60 at the Aug. 29 Rushville Invitational.

Junior Brooke Snoeberger also ran at only the Rushville Invite.

She finished at 24:08.10.

Sophomore Lauren Bouslog found her personal best at 25:10.37 at the Sept. 26 Eagle Invitational in Muncie.

Freshman Katherine Hoots rounds out the team. She posted a time of 27:06.99, her personal best.

For the Tri boys cross country team, there were just three runners.

Senior Grant Jessup logged his personal best time of 18:21.74 on Sept. 26 at the Eagle Invitational.

Junior Sergio Goff also got his personal best time of 21:09.80 at the Eagle Invitational.

Sophomore Jakob Davis posted his season best time early with a time of 24:21.50 at the Rushville Invitational Aug. 29.

Knightstown All-Sports Passes on Sale

Knightstown All-Sports passes for the 2016-2017 school year will be available beginning Wednesday, July 13 at registration.

Prices for this year's athletic seasons have not changed from previous years. Adult passes are \$70 while passes for senior citizens are \$50. Students can pick up a pass for \$45. A family pass is available for \$175.

The All-Sports passes are good for all home events, except for tournaments.

Physical Forms May Now Be Completed, Signed by More Medical Professionals

During its recent final meeting of the 2015-16 school year, the IHSAA Executive Committee amended Rule 3-10 of the by-laws regarding the completion of an athletic physical examination.

Effective immediately, the IHSAA pre-participation physical evaluation form may now be completed and signed by, not only a physician with an unlimited license to practice medicine, but also nurse practitioners and physician assistants clearing high school students for athletic participation.

"The Indiana High School Athletic Association continues to greatly value the medical guidance from the Committee on Sports Medicine which is a branch of the Indiana State Medical Association" said IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox. "Traditionally, the Association has maintained a position whereby a doctor with an unlimited license to practice medicine in our state either perform or certify the pre-participation physical examination for our student athletes. While our expectation of providing the highest standard of care for our students has not wavered, the Association respects the changes in the health care landscape over the last few years. In light of this ever changing panorama, the Association now extends an opportunity for a select group of professionals to execute the pre-participation physical examination."

Between April 1 and a student's first practice in a sport, a physical evaluation must be performed and the appropriate form completed, signed and submitted to member school administrators.

The Indiana High School Athletic Association continues to receive guidance from the Sports Medicine Committee of the Indiana State Medical Association. Approximately 160,000 students participate in high school athletics on an annual basis in Indiana.

Old Athletic Apparel Sold at Registration

In an effort to tidy up storage rooms, the Knightstown Athletic Department will be selling vintage uniforms for \$5 per item.

Items offered for sale are old uniforms that the current sports teams do not use. The uniforms will include girls and boys basketball, soccer, track, cross country, golf bags and other items.

At this time, there are no football, baseball or softball uniforms that will be sold.

If you would like to purchase any of these older uniforms, please stop by the Athletics table during registration from 1-7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13 or Thursday, July 14 at Knightstown High School.

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Ponds, Creek Closed at New Castle's Memorial Park After Algae Bloom

The Henry County HazMat team, New Castle Fire Department, Emergency Management, DNR and IDEM responded with Memorial Park staff last week to try and determine what was floating on several ponds in the New Castle public park.

The county's Hazardous Materials team and IDEM conducted on scene tests and no chemicals were found. One of the tests conducted by IDEM discovered that the oxygen content was low enough to cause a fish kill.

It was determined that the quickest way to aerate the pond was with fire engines. New Castle, Mount Summit and others used fire engines to draft and spray massive amounts of water into the air and back into the pond in an attempt to try to prevent the fish kill.

Samples were taken and IDEM will be running tests to confirm the suspected algae bloom.

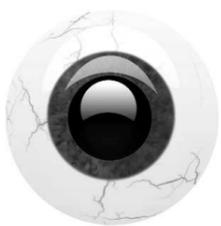
Freedom Quartet Performing in Rushville

On Sunday, July 17, at 10:30 a.m., the First Southern Baptist Church of Rushville will be hosting the Freedom Quartet from Tennessee. The church is located at 1159 S. Airport Road, Rushville.

To see more about the Freedom Quartet, go to www.freedomquartet.com.

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Scholarship and RCCF made an impact on their life. The 2012 recipient Natalie Kopf addressed those present. She thanked her family, the Foundation and Lilly Endowment, Inc. for the support she had throughout her four years at Purdue University. Natalie is looking forward to taking the next steps towards her future by getting married and working on her Masters' Degree.

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care. I feel I am being attacked and disrespected by two of the three council member, because I voted for Mr. Smith! What is put into The Courier is what that writer wants to express; I am putting in what I want to express. The sad part if this whole thing is, our town was given an opportunity for improvement; something the majority voted on. Now we get to keep reading about the war rage against Mr. Smith, by Patrick Saunders and Mr. Craig.

I would like to have the opportunity to see what Mr. Smith could do for the town of Lewisville.

**George Witthun
 Lewisville**

Dear Editor,

Indiana is the nation's most manufacturing-intensive state (25 percent of Hoosier jobs are with manufacturers) and the nation's second-most export-intensive state (per capita). Therefore employers wanting to do business overseas should view Brexit as an opportunity, instead of a threat, and adjust accordingly.

As my second post-MBA civilian job, 20 years ago I became International Sales Director and Executive Committee member for a small, privately-held manufacturer. I visited its office/warehouse in Bedford, England approximately every six weeks. The owner said he located his European office in the UK, instead of the Continent, to avoid the language barrier. Unfortunately a Japanese competitor bought this manufacturer, converted to a branch-plant, and in recent years, shut it down: all too common a story in our branch-plant state. This is why Indiana must attract corporate head-

quarters with their combination of managerial, professional, and production jobs, if we are to ever turn around our brain-drain.

Whether the language barrier or otherwise, an affinity for locating business units in the UK is the case with many Indiana companies. My current employer has a UK sales office/warehouse in Corby, England (the UK is its #2 export market, with the United Arab Emirates #1 and Saudi Arabia #3). Recently an average of 48 passengers per day flew from Indianapolis to London, according to Inside Indiana Business (Nov. 30, 2015), which also reported that American Airlines was looking into a daily non-stop flight from Indianapolis to London. At least this was the case before the UK voted to leave the European Union (EU).

With the UK departure from the EU, English will diminish as a business language within EU member nations. The importance of German for doing business in the EU will increase substantially, with French a distant second. A 2012 Eurobarometer survey showed that the most widely-spoken mother tongue in the EU is German. Therefore, companies serious about doing business in the EU should focus on the Continent, rather than its periphery. It would be wise to establish a sales office/warehouse in Germany. Although there are other Exit movements within EU member nations, none are as strong as Britain's "Leave" campaign was. In addition, Greece may get kicked-out. Therefore, even if the EU falls apart, the economic power of German-speaking nations (Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland) is the 4th largest among the world's

language groups, according to The Economist, despite being only the 10th largest by population. While not EU members, wealthy Switzerland and Norway have free-trade agreements with the EU. While the UK could do likewise, we can't count on it anytime soon, if at all.

In addition to contacting Governor Pence and state legislators, Indiana employers should also directly push the Indiana Economic Development Corp. (IEDC) to adopt the State Trade Expansion Program (STEP). All of Indiana's neighboring states take advantage of these federal Small Business Administration (SBA) 2:1 matching STEP grants for their exporters. After all, we don't want Indiana to lose overseas market share to other states. Indiana companies must also push the IEDC to restore Trade Show Assistance Program (TSAP) grants for small and medium enterprises, which were available from the former International Trade Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce

until 2005. Those new to exporting may contact for free advice any of the seasoned international business practitioners who voluntarily serve on the Indiana District Export Council (www.indianadec.com).

Adjusting to Brexit will take Hoosier employers some time. In addition to hiring international MBAs, they may also need to hire other multilingual staff, either of which may be intimidating to some "comfort zones." But Hoosier companies will become better positioned in the long run, in order to compete in today's global economy, especially in the EU, which is a larger market than the USA.

**Nate LaMar, president
 Henry County Council**

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If your business, organization or family are interested in helping out our student-athletes, please contact Athletic Director Matt Martin at 765-345-5155 or mmartin@cabeard.k12.in.us. The following are sponsorship options:

RED SPONSOR

RED SPONSOR - \$600

As a Red Sponsor, you will receive: 2 free tickets to Community Night during basketball season, 2 All-Sports Passes, Name or company name on scrolling board in the gym, full size banner on turf field AND on softball or baseball field, along with a full page ad in the All Sports Program.

BLACK SPONSOR

BLACK SPONSOR - \$500

As a Black Sponsor, you will receive: 1 free ticket to Community Night during basketball season, 2 All-Sports Passes, Name or company name on scrolling board in the gym, full size banner on turf field, AND on softball or baseball field, along with a 1/2 page ad in the All Sports Program.

WHITE SPONSOR

WHITE SPONSOR - \$400

As a White Sponsor, you will receive: 1 free ticket to Community Night during basketball season, 1 All-Sports Pass, Name or company name on scrolling board in the gym, full size banner on turf field, AND on softball or baseball field, along with a 1/4 page ad in the All Sports Program.

SILVER SPONSOR

SILVER SPONSOR - \$300

Sponsors will receive a full page ad in the All-Sports Program along with your name on the scrolling board in the high school gymnasium.

BRONZE SPONSOR

BRONZE SPONSOR - \$200

Sponsors will receive a 1/2 page ad in the All-Sports Program along with your name on the scrolling board in the high school gymnasium.

COPPER SPONSOR

COPPER SPONSOR - \$100

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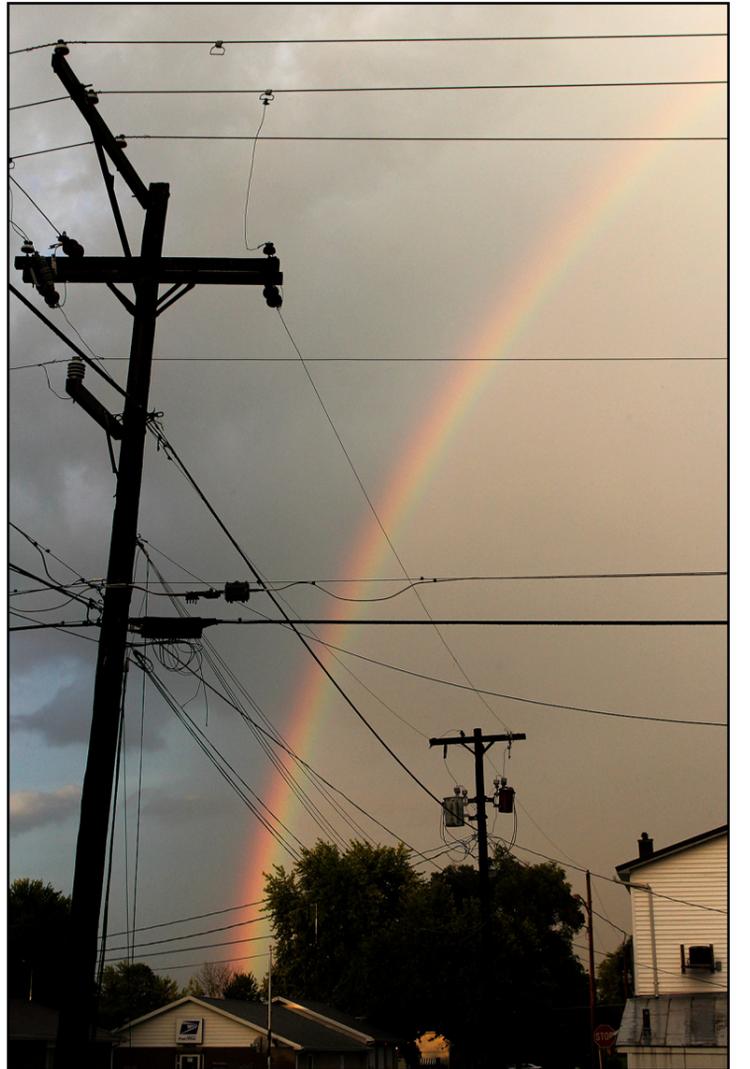
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