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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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BRCH SummerFest Saturday, Aug. 27

Blue River Community Harvest will host its annual SummerFest fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in downtown Carthage. The event will feature food, arts and crafts vendors, a covered bridge bicycle tour, the Flatrock Band, the Rush County Junior High School Jazz Band and other events.

Concert Pianist Coming to K-town

Jonatan Pinto, a concert pianist from Guatemala, will perform at Knightstown Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., on July 24 at 10:30 a.m. Katy Moran, the church's new family life pastor, will lead a musical morning of worship.

Library's TeenCon Set for July 22-23

New Castle-Henry County Public Library concludes its summer reading program with a trio of special events on July 22 and 23. A grilling demonstration, carnival, and TeenCon will take place at the library. Ages 18 and up are invited to "Grilling 101" at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 22.

EHHS Class of 1966 Reuniting July 30

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

KHS Class of 1976 Reuniting Aug. 6

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

CAB Revenue Down; But So Are Expenses

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

While the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. took in less money than it had expected to receive in 2015, it also spent less than it had planned.

According to CAB's latest Annual Financial Report, the district had counted on receiving \$12,370,442 in revenue last year. Actual receipts, however, were about 2.8 percent lower than that, totaling \$12,028,001.21.

In its General Fund, CAB had expected to receive \$8,014,000, but only took in \$7,839,228.18. Receipts for Debt Service were \$2,338,995.42, while those for Capital Projects, School Transportation and School Bus Replacement were, respectively, \$838,021.62, \$843,880.09 and \$167,875.90. CAB's budget for 2015 had been based on planned receipt of the following revenue amounts for these funds: Debt Service (\$2,450,111), Capital Projects (\$870,032), School Transportation (\$860,449) and School Bus Replacement (\$175,850).

With respect to the district's expenditures, CAB's budget for 2015 had approved spending a total of \$11,845,775.06. Actual spending for the year was \$11,211,686.82, about 5.3 percent less than approved in last year's budget.

CAB's General Fund spending in 2015 totaled \$7,440,911.99, and expenditures in the Debt Service, Capital Projects, School Transportation and School Bus Replacement funds were, respectively, \$1,887,726.17, \$923,667.31, \$780,143.01 and \$179,238.34. The spending amounts for these funds that had been approved in the 2015 budget were: General (\$7,701,775.39), Debt Service (\$1,933,915), Capital Projects (\$1,008,288.10), School Transportation (\$1,003,132.57) and School bus Replacement (\$198,664).

According to Annual Financial Report, CAB had, as of the end of June, 65 full-time and five part-time certified teachers, with salaries ranging from \$30,000-\$35,000 to \$55,000-\$60,000. Looking at the district's certified salary schedule, 21 of these teachers have only a bachelor's degree, 14 have a bachelor's degree plus at least 15 additional credit hours, 28 have a master's degree, one has a master's degree and at least 15 additional credit hours and one has a master's degree and at least 30 additional credit hours.

As for noncertified employees, CAB listed 53 part-time employees and 33 full-time employees for the

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Dunreith Volunteer Fire Dept. Enjoys Annual Support of Ride Across Indiana



Dunreith Fire Chief David Dudley fills water coolers for the hundreds of cyclists traversing U.S. 40 from Terre Haute to Richmond as part of the annual Ride Across Indiana (RAIN). (Eric Cox photos)

by Eric Cox
Publisher

Each year in July, thousands of cyclists pass through towns along U.S. 40 in what has come to be known as the "RAIN Ride" or the Ride Across Indiana.

This grueling, 160-mile one-day, one-way pain train is one of the state's most popular cycling events, in spite of the pain and stress its participants endure as they spend hours on the bike.

Heat, hills and physical strain tax these riders as they move across the state from west to east. Along the way there are several rest stops, or SAGs (Support and Gear), which are staffed by volunteers. The ride took place last Saturday.

In this area, it's the Dunreith Volunteer Fire Department, which, since 1988, has undertaken one of the eastern rest and refueling checkpoints. Dunreith Fire Chief David Dudley has worked the local SAG stop for years. Dunreith firefighters volunteered their services in 1988. The RAIN Ride started in '86, making DVFD one of the longest-serving supporters in the ride's history.

Sponsored by the Bloomington Bicycle Club (BCC), RAIN annually draw between 2,000 and 3,000 cyclists, some of whom travel across the country to attend. Dudley said the BCC pays for all the food and other supplies, giv-



Lead RAIN riders enter Knightstown, miles ahead of the rest.

ing the fire department a donation after the event. This year, said Dudley, each county along U.S. 40 will receive an additional \$500 BCC donation.

"I like seeing the people come from all over to do the ride," Dudley told The Banner. "It's fun seeing the young and old alike. Some you see every year and kind of get to know them."

Dudley said he also enjoys seeing all the different types of bikes participants use, particularly recumbent bikes.

The Dunreith SAG stop offers riders a variety of relief, including fresh fruit, like bananas and apples, peanuts, freezer pops, Capri Sun, Gatorade, water and pickle juice.

Pickle juice?

Dudley said some riders drink it believing its ingredients help relieve muscle cramps, which are likely a concern for cyclists. Dunreith is about 130 miles into the 160-mile ride.

Each year over 20 local volunteers, mainly firefighters and their families, join in the volunteer effort of supporting RAIN riders.

"We all enjoy it," said Dudley. "We've done it for years, and it's a long day, but a lot of fun."

"Dunreith triples in size for one day each year - and this is it!" Dudley laughed.

Several area people participate or have participated in the RAIN ride in recent years, including Jay McDaniel and Steve Dalton of Knightstown, along with Steve Heady of Carthage.



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OBITUARIES

Baron Bunyard Magee
February 14, 1964 - July 16, 2016



Baron Bunyard Magee, 52, of Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2016. He was born on Feb. 14, 1964, in Rushville, to the late Fred Maine and Wanda Lou (Bunyard) Magee.

Barry was a 1983 graduate of Knightstown High School and worked for many years as a foreman in the construction industry. He enjoyed golfing and camping, especially in Brown County. He was an active member of Burge Terrace Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Deborah D. (Woods) Magee; four children, Aaryn, Bethany, Courtney and Danielle; two brothers, Brent (Debra) and Bryan (Deborah) Magee.

Barry was preceded in death by brother, Bill Magee.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 21, 4-8 p.m. at Flanner and Buchanan, Memorial Park. Funeral services will be Friday, July 22, at 11 a.m., also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends are invited to leave condolences for the family at www.flannerbuchanan.com.

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



Wayne A. Skinner, 58, passed away unexpectedly July 4 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, surrounded by his family.

He was born Nov. 27, 1957, to Rex D. Skinner and Lillie (Hinton) Rankins in Rushville.

He will be greatly missed by his son, Bradley, of Knightstown; his mother, Lillie Rankins, a brother, Rick D. Skinner of Shirley; two brothers, Rex and Randy Skinner of Ohio; a special nephew, Rick (Misty) Skinner; a special niece, Cassie Patrick; his aunt, Mable Shelley; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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

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

Services for Wayne were July 12 at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Friends visited July 11 at the funeral home. Burial took place in Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown.

(The Banner is reprinting this obituary as a courtesy to the family. The previous version, provided by the funeral home, contained erroneous information.)

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Few Issues Noted in Carthage Audit

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

A recently released state audit of the town of Carthage for 2011 and 2012 noted a small number of critical issues related to town finances for that two-year period.

The audit report and a supplemental compliance report, both of which were released by the Indiana State Board of Accounts earlier this month, found deficiencies in the town's internal control system with respect to financial transactions and reporting. Specifically, the SBOA noted a lack of segregation of duties - the town had not separated incompatible activities related to accounting, billing and collection functions of the town and its utilities, but, instead, had just two people, the town's clerk-treasurer and the deputy clerk-treasurer, handling all of these duties.

"Governmental units should have internal controls in effect which provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial information and records, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, proper execution of management's objectives, and compliance with laws and regulations," the SBOA noted. "Among other things, segregation of duties, safeguarding

controls over cash and all other assets, and all forms of information processing are necessary for proper internal control.

"Controls over the receipting, disbursing, recording, and accounting for the financial activities are necessary to avoid substantial risk of invalid transactions, inaccurate records and financial statements, and incorrect decision making."

The SBOA also discovered that the town, which had received federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for major improvements to the town's water and wastewater utilities, had failed to keep separate records for the two projects. Instead, the town had incorrectly combined the records into the town's Wastewater Improvement Project Fund.

The SBOA also found that three of the town's funds had overdrawn balances during the period covered by the audit. The Sanitation Fund, which started 2011 \$12,016 in the red, finished that year with an overdrawn balance of \$13,798 and had a balance of -\$15,980 at the end of 2012. The town's Local Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund was overdrawn \$2,320 at the end of 2012, while the town's Payroll Fund finished 2012 \$75,575 in the red,

the result of spending outpacing revenue in that fund by 60 percent.

According to the SBOA, the town's spending in 2011 also exceeded budgeted appropriations in three of the town's funds. In the town's General Fund, the SBOA said the town spent \$22,235 more than had been approved in the 2011 budget, and that spending in the Local Roads and Streets was \$11,324 more than budgeted that year, while the Cumulative Capital Improvement (cigarette tax) Fund's expenditures were \$2,712 more than approved in the 2011 budget.

Finally, in reviewing the town's claims, the SBOA said it had found errors in more than 10 percent of claims it had reviewed. Also, the agency said that 60 percent of the claims it looked at did not have approval of the town's fiscal officer, resulting in \$1,948 of expenditures that did not have proper fiscal officer approval.

Looking at the town's combined cash and investment totals, the SBOA reported that the town of Carthage began 2011 with \$427,979 and finished that year with \$500,550. At the end of 2012, the town's cash and investments balance has grown to \$554,466.

Banner Clarifies Carthage Story

It was stated in last week's Banner that Carthage Town Council President Bill Davis had rescheduled the council's July 11 monthly meeting because Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan, who could not attend, had been unable to prepare what would have been needed for the council to cover the financial matters and other topics she normally covers at the council meetings. Davis and McMahan have asked The Banner to clarify that McMahan did, in fact, have materials prepared for the meeting, but had not had a chance to sit down with Davis or any other member of the council to go through them, as she had done when unable to attend a prior meeting. The Carthage Town Council's July monthly meeting will be held this evening at 6 p.m. at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St., and is open to the public.

Indy Art Museum Featuring Historical Quilt Exhibit

The Indianapolis Museum of Art is celebrating the legacy of Marie Daugherty Webster, one of the leading designers of early 20th century quilts, with an exhibit that runs through early January.

Born and raised in Indiana, Webster (1859-1956) designed and made her first applique quilt in 1909. In the following years, her quilts were featured in Ladies Home Journal, which brought her

international fame and recognition.

The exhibition consists of 25 applique quilts designed and made by Webster, which date from 1909-1930, 13 patterns, and original pages from Ladies Home Journal.

Webster's scrapbook will also be displayed.

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Finding Lost Gems in the Mental Attic

*"To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn,
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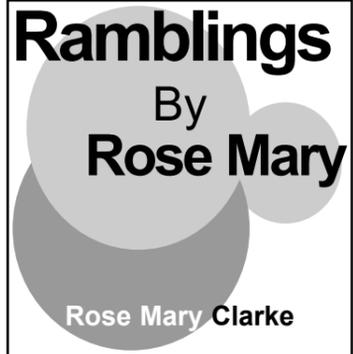
Bill and I have become great grandparents! The years have sped by so that I didn't realize how old we've become. The birth of Adalyn Grey Millhouse, daughter of grandson Chris and his wife Tasha, set me to pulling up images from the trunks in my mental attic where nothing is lost. It seems like only yesterday that we took baby Vicki home to the double that we were renting.

After what I think of as the Ritter Avenue years, Vicki married and became a mother. Billy was followed by identical twins Chris and Tony. I spent a week helping out after the twins were born. I'd put a twin on each shoulder and sing the old lullabies that generations of parents and grandparents have sung. As Bill's mother had sung to baby Vicki, I sang, "Deedle, deedle dumpling, my son John went to be with his stockings on ..." While I rocked the twins, toddler Billy would throw himself across my knees and sob because there wasn't room for him.

Vicki said, "I can't quite understand it, but becoming a grandmother feels different." I know what she means. Someone said, "If I'd known that grandkids were such fun, I'd have had them first!"

Amen to that! I've loved being a grandparent. We are the worry-free fun patrol. We don't have to force the grandkids to do homework, eat spinach or practice the piano.

The grandboys quickly learned that the consequences of unacceptable conduct were immediate. We



never said, "One ... two ... three ..." Once when we were taking the boys home after a visit, they were squabbling in the back seat. "You quit that right now, or we won't stop at McDonald's for dinner." They paid no attention, and the car was filled with gloom when we drove past the McDonalds and took them home to a dinner of peanut butter sandwiches. After that their behavior in the car was much improved.

Images as if from a mental slide show keep popping up: I cut windows in the boxes that our new

kitchen cabinets came in and turned them into a house. Uh-oh. I heard shrieks of laughter. Billy was inside, and Tony and Chris were throwing 25 pounds of birdseed on him and the driveway. "You boys are to pick up every single seed!" It took them an hour.

Here's Bill walking with the twins, each hanging on to an index finger ... The grandboys sit at the bar while I cook pancakes. Chris's "pancake bear" tries to steal them ... I hear giggling after they put an Irvington Halloween Festival plastic spider in a cabinet drawer ... When they take a bath together in my new soaking tub, I reach around the corner and turn on the jets. Shrieks, a flurry of arms and legs and a flooded bathroom result ... countless games of Candy Land, Old Maid, Monopoly and Canasta ... a camping trip to Colorado where their favorite thing was a metal horse tank with rattlesnakes that rattled satisfyingly when they kicked the tank ... prom pictures ... Bill in military gear, leaving for Iraq ... Tony and Chris sitting on the steps of the U.S. capitol with us during a July 4 celebration ... graduations ... Tony and Chris in Paris with us ... news of jobs ... weddings ... Chris, Tony and their Grandpa working a jigsaw puzzle at a beach house last summer ...

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Shopping locally is a great way to benefit your community, and help stimulate the local economies by creating jobs for local people. Local shopping saves shoppers long trips to other cities, wasting fuel especially if they cannot find what they were looking for. When people shop locally, the specialty and smaller shops are able to bear the brunt of dips in the economy.

People could attend local fairs, festivals, sports events, and other events which then benefit the local community. These events attract out of town visitors which stimulate the purchasing of local items and goods.

Municipally-owned golf courses are good to bring money spent there, back into the community. Local friends and neighbors may have their jobs supplied by these municipalities.

Buying from a local dealership or vehicle supplier can also stimulate the local economy. Independent shops contribute to the fabric of the community by showcasing what makes it special and unique. Journalists and other writers will be much more inclined to remember a local shop than a large chain or box store. One can get the feel of a community by the different types of locally-owned goods. Should local stores be successful then banks, restaurants, salons, et cetera, may move in as well.

The start of a new school year is the perfect occasion to give your children a short lesson that will be a good investment in the local economy. Make the most of the back to school shopping to teach them the many benefits of shopping locally. When shopping locally with your children, mention to them that when local people frequent these stores they are helping to create jobs and incomes for others in their towns. Explain to them that if these businesses stay profitable, one day they might be the source of a part-time job or even, at a later date, a full-time job. This would allow them to stay in the town they grew up in.

Teach your children that saving time on travel and money on gas is environmentally and economically sound. By saving money on travel this could be used to spend on other items of necessity or pocket money.

Municipal websites and local newspapers can't be beaten as a way of finding out all you need to know about all the services and activities on offer, such as splash pad, literary hours, park and playgrounds, sports, festivals and church facilities.

Frequenting the downtown area on foot can help one find shops, cafes, and antiques. Chatting with people at these places can open up many possibilities. Another good idea is to save time discovering the broader area on a bicycle or by car.

With fall approaching, plenty of regional food producers will be selling their delicious and nutritious produce and products at roadside stands, farmers markets, and grocery stores. Getting ahold of regionally produced food and raised meat products through the Knightstown locker and sale barn are a luxury. More of a personal touch is provided by local businesses. Local proprietors are capable of addressing concerns more quickly and personally than large chains.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mary Lou Hayes
Knightstown

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to statements from the recent Knightstown Plan Commission meeting reported in an article July 13 in the Banner regarding the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce.

I am a life long resident of the Knightstown area, a small business owner and a member of the Knightstown Chamber and Main Street group. I was taken back by the comments that the Chamber of Commerce was a "weakness" and possibly a hinderance to economic development. Our local chamber as stated does put considerable effort into Jubilee Days, Fall Fest, the local farmers market and the Christmas tree lighting, which is the culmination of the nationally recognized Shop Small Saturday.

These events do not benefit all businesses equally but are very

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4-H Offers Kids Real World Skills

The Henry County 4-H Fair has to be one of the best youth activities, ever. Our county's fair is very good, of course, but these fairs play out in Indiana's other 91 counties all summer long.

The events are the culmination of hours, days, weeks and months of hard work on the parts of both the young 4-H participants and their parents.

Whether the time spent was on 4-H projects or 4-H animals, the point is that 4-H calls on young people to see things through, caring for them, developing them and nurturing every step of the way.

This is The Banner's second year producing the Henry County 4-H Association's publication featuring official results, 10-year 4-H member essays and plenty of fair photos, taken by yours truly.

I spend many hours at the fair, and I enjoy every minute. I've met a lot of really nice people and I continue to be amazed at the good behavior of these 4-H kids.

Misbehaving might be a luxury reserved for kids with fewer responsibilities. These 4-H'ers clearly don't have enough time to get in trouble. They have to feed and water their animals, clean out their pens and wash and brush them. The kids who do projects produce very detailed, high-quality items and presentations that really belie their young age.

From woodworking projects, leaf collections and paintings, to photography, plum pies and baby carrots, 4-H projects pretty well run the gamut. The kids proudly describe them to judges, most of whom are from neighboring counties.

The people who put these events together are pretty special, too. Judy Marlatt is a steadfast behind-the-

scenes organizer who genuinely loves 4-H and all the people associated with it. Her care and patience is something to behold.

Other leaders, like swine show organizers Larry and Janet White, likewise do a very good job of pulling it all together. Their hard work, which must take hours and hours, pays off each time a youngster holds up a pink or purple ribbon and smiles at some family member out in the crowd.

Angie and Terry Lee are the loving leaders of the Henry County 4-H Tailshakers Dog Club. The Lees' care for and love of the kids in that club, as well as as the many dogs, is so very apparent. From the extra little prizes they give the younger kids, to the tears that flow so freely when they publicly recognize and reward their departing 10-year members, this husband and wife team really embodies 4-H leadership.

There are many other leaders as well - too numerous to mention, of course. But, I'm proud to know them all.

They do a fantastic job, and it renews my belief that younger generations of Americans are learning real skills, taking on real responsibility and learning not only how to work, but also how to see projects through to the end.

We live in a very tenuous, touch-and-go and sometimes all-too-temporary and disposable world. It's nice to know there's still an organization like 4-H out there that teaches kids important, traditional things - things that help make our world go 'round.

Video games and sports are great. But, 4-H kids are learning things and developing skills that will actually be applicable in this world ... this one, the real one.



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◆New Castle-Henry County Public Library concludes its **summer reading program** with a trio of special events on July 22 and 23. A grilling demonstration, carnival, and TeenCon will take place at the library. Ages 18 and up are invited to "Grilling 101" at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 22. Staff from Montgomery's Steakhouse will demonstrate how to properly cook grilling meats. The demonstration will be outdoors near the North entrance to the library. Registration is required for the free event. Participants may sign up at the library or at www.nchcpl.org under the "Events" link. The Children's Library hosts an "End-Of-Summer Carnival" from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. Kids and their families can celebrate the end of the summer reading program playing games and eating snacks. There will also be a bounce house at the event. Activities are open to the general public, including those who did not participate in the summer reading program.

◆Blue River Community Harvest will host its annual **SummerFest fundraiser** on Saturday, Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in downtown Carthage. The event will feature food, arts and crafts vendors, a covered bridge bicycle tour, the Flatrock Band, the Rush County Junior High School Jazz Band and other events.

◆The **Carthage alumni** group will meet Saturday, Aug. 6, from 12-3 p.m. at Ponderosa in Greenfield.

◆Jonatan Pinto, a **concert pianist** from Guatemala, will perform at Knightstown Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., on July 24 at 10:30 a.m. Katy Moran, the church's new family life pastor, will lead a musical morning of worship.

◆**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 ehhsclasof1966@gmail.com.

◆The **Gleaners Mobile Food Pantry** will be in Carthage, on Mill St. adjacent to the Community Center on Sept. 17.

◆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 busi-

ness 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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All proposals must be accompanied by a properly executed Contractors Bid Form 96 as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts. Each proposal shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check, cashiers check, or surety bond made payable to Henry County in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid price.

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Local Fire Veteran Mark Buckley Believes in Training and Teamwork to Stay Safe

by Logan Cox
 for The Banner

Having lived in Knightstown his whole life, Mark Buckley felt it was only right that he serve his community by volunteering for the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department.

"I knew a lot of the guys down there," Buckley said. "I always enjoyed helping people in the community. I just decided to get on down there, and I've been on 17 years now."

Buckley had also worked for Southwest Medical Services for about eight years before he originally volunteered for the fire department in 1999. So he has been committed to helping those around him for a long time, especially through public service.

While he believes it is difficult to pinpoint any specific event, due to the sheer number of runs he and his fellow volunteers have taken part in over the course of his career, Buckley notes that entering a house fire is always precarious.

"When you go into a burning house, there's always that chance that maybe something could happen where you might not make it out. You just don't know. It's pretty nerve-racking, you know, especially when it's your first time. That's probably the worst part of it as far as fear," said Buckley.

According to him, the officers in charge of such incidents are diligent in regards to the safety of both the civilians in peril and the firefighters under their command, knowing when to withdraw their men from dangerous situations.

"They know when to get everybody out when it looks like the house might collapse," said Buckley. "Then we basically just surround and drown, as they call it."

This "surround and drown" process involves all firefighters covering the burning building on all sides and using their high-pressure fire hoses simultane-

ously. No one is allowed back inside the building until they've completely snuffed out the fire with water.

Buckley, like other Knightstown firemen, mentions the constant training they all are required to undergo in order to be effective at what they do.

"We train all through the year and it really helps. There's different things we train on in different months. It keeps us aware of what we might run into out there," he said.

There are aspects of firefighting that Buckley finds good and bad. The good involves being able to help people, to save endangered lives or property, and receiving praise from his fellow citizens when they've successfully done their job.

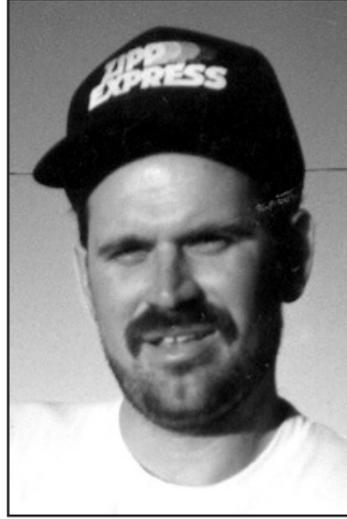
"It's always good to help save somebody's property, to get the fire knocked down and save the biggest part of whatever's burning," said Buckley.

On the flip side, the bad involves people losing their lives or losing everything they have in a house fire that couldn't be put out in time. As others in the department have admitted, witnessing children being injured or put in danger is often the hardest part for Buckley to cope with.

Even the firefighters are never entirely safe, but Buckley remains confident in the teamwork and combined training they employ to protect themselves just as much as the people they're saving.

"They know that there's always that chance that something could happen," he said. "I don't think, in the years that I've been on, really anyone's been hurt that I can remember. Which is a good thing, you know? Because everybody looks out for each other. Any guy that's been on the fire department, you feel good about going into a burning house if you trust one another."

Outside of firefighting, Buckley works as a
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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Thurs., July 21 – Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Mon., July 25 – Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Tues., July 26 – Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., July 27 – Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Wed., July 27 – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., July 28 – Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Mon., Aug. 1 – Greensboro Town Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Greensboro Community Center

Tues., Aug. 2 – Spiceland Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Spiceland Town Hall

Wed., Aug. 3 – Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall

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LOCAL SPORTS

Terry West to Head Knightstown Girls Basketball Program

by Stacy Cox
General Manager

Fans who like their basketball action heavy on fundamentals will undoubtedly appreciate the hiring of Terry West as the new head coach for the Knightstown girls basketball program.

"My goal is to help each player become the best she can be on the court through fundamental skill development particularly in the areas of communication, shooting, ball handling, rebounding and defense," West stated.

West has spent the past 15 years developing ways to help girls reach their full potential. Most recently, he has served as an assistant coach for the varsity girls team at New Castle High School. His daughter, Corie West, a former Lady Trojan basketball star, has been the New Castle head coach for the past three seasons and hired her father as her assistant.

He had two short stints as head coach before joining his daughter at New Castle. West was head girls coach at Cowan for one season, 2002-2003, and head girls coach at Union at Modoc during the 2009-2010 record. (When West is not coaching, he works as a healthcare consultant in the Noblesville area.)

Working under his daughter, West was given plenty of room to implement offensive and defensive strategies.

"At New Castle, I devised the team offense and defense as



Knightstown girls basketball new head coach, Terry West

Corie allowed me to do that," West explained. "It was extremely successful as we were 49-15 in the three years and 19-4 last year against high level competition."

Although his recent experience at the high school level will provide a template in revitalizing the girls basketball program at Knightstown, West knows the real difference in building a successful program occurs in the younger grades and that is the area where he plans to put a lot of effort.

"We want our high school teams to be competitive each and every year starting this year," Coach West said. "I will begin developing a strong feeder system in grades K-12. This is integral to the success of the program. It is imperative that we develop a cul-

ture of success, one that builds confidence in the young ladies who represent Knightstown girls basketball.

"I like to coach our incoming seventh/eighth graders in some type of fall league prior to their regular season. We want to be involved in some type of community service that benefits the citizens of Knightstown," West continued. "My goal is to become one of the finest 2A girls basketball programs in the state as well as one of the finest girls basketball programs for all classes in the state of Indiana."

West has had years of experience working with younger athletes. He coached elite AAU teams, middle school girls teams and served as a camp instructor at Purdue women's basketball summer camp, a women's college division I camp, the Rick Mount Shooting Camp and at the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Top 40 workout.

With his work at these camps and with other learning opportunities, he developed and installed innovative drills for both individuals and team for practice to improve footwork, shooting, dribbling, passing, rebounding, defense, end of game situations and mental preparation.

"All programs and cultures are different. One constant is that girls want to learn basketball skills and work very hard to do so," said West. "It is up to me and our coaching staff to develop an

atmosphere of success and learning, where players understand that the key to improvement and success is getting better a little bit each and every day. Small daily successes lead to long term success. Understanding and paying attention to the fact that success in the small details lead to the bigger picture success is key. We want to get better each and every day we come in the gym so that by the end of the year we are prepared and confident in our skills to compete for championships."

Athletic director Matt Martin is optimistic about getting the girls basketball program back on track. Since the departure of Dawn Basicker, who coached the girls from 2001-2014, the school has been unable to find a good match to fill Basicker's shoes.

"We are thrilled to have Coach West on board as a Panther," said Knightstown athletic director Matt Martin. "He did a tremendous job the past few years as an assistant at New Castle and comes highly recommended by New Castle, Greenfield and Muncie Central."

Martin is looking forward to the big plans that West has. "He is extremely passionate about what he does and wants to build the program from the bottom up. His big interest, besides the high school team itself, is to get the feeder program headed in the right direction so that the Lady Panthers can be successful in the

See West, Page 10

KHS Parent Meeting Aug. 4

The Knightstown Athletic Department will hold a meeting for parents of student-athletes in grades 7-12 who plan to play any fall sport.

The mandatory parent meeting is set for Thursday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m., in the high school cafeteria.

Following a half-hour presentation by the athletic department, each sport will break off and hold their own meetings with parents.

Student-athletes should see their respective coaches with any questions.

The athletic department reminds all athletes must have their physical form and concussion/cardiac arrest form on file by Aug. 1 (no exceptions).

Audubon Bird Walk July 24

Join experts from the local Robert Cooper Audubon Society as they take a count of morning birds at Mounds State Park on Sunday, July 24.

The hike will last approximately two hours and is open to people of all skill levels.

A limited supply of binoculars and guide books will be provided.

The group meets at the Mounds State Park Nature Center at 9 a.m.

The hike may involve stairs and rugged terrain.

Coach West's Philosophy of Coaching

Knightstown's new head girls basketball coach Terry West shared his philosophy of coaching. "I want to lead by example and help the players I coach become the best they can be on and off the court," West stated.

To help his student-athletes reach their potential, he will strive to develop the following characteristics:

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2015-2016 Varsity Sports Recap

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(Note: Volleyball recap was published June 29; football recap was published July 6 and cross country recap was published July 13.)

Knightstown Boys & Girls Soccer

There continues to be enthusiastic interest in soccer from Knightstown athletes. During the 2015-2016 school year, there were 21 boys and 20 girls that came out to play soccer.

Coach Larry Selvidge led the boys team to a 3-9-1 record last season.

The Panthers' wins came against Oldenburg Academy, Wapahani and Anderson Preparatory Academy. They fell to Southwestern, Centerville, Hauser, Delta, Rushville, Connersville, Seton Catholic and Morristown.

During the regular season, the Panthers tied Union County 3-3 but fell to the Patriots in the first game of the sectional tourney 2-1.

The boys team last season boasted nine

seniors, five juniors, three sophomores and four freshmen.

The seniors included Seth Emerson, Cameron Fender, Alex Fields, Matthew Gasson, Drew Greenwood, Brock Harding, Max Rinehart, Andy Selvidge and Jarrett Weidner.

The juniors were Mason Florea, Jon Lukens, Kyler Schaetzle, Noah Stone and Zach Taulbee.

Sophomores on the team included Marcus Manlove, Jordan Richardson and Michael Weiland.

The freshmen were Zach Peacock, Ronnie Schaeffer, Devyn Schaetzle and Michael Watson.

Greenwood led the Panthers' offense with four goals and four assists. Fields

made four goals and had one assist. Schaetzle scored three goals and had one assist. Richardson also made three goals. Selvidge scored one goal and had two assists and Emerson added a goal.

Stone was the powerhouse defensively, making 65 saves as goaltender. Lukens also served as goaltender one game, making five saves.

The KHS girls soccer team finished with a 5-9 record, headed by coach Dusty Magee.

The Lady Panthers defeated Wapahani twice, Muncie Burris, Rushville and the New Castle junior varsity. Their losses came against Triton Central, Oldenburg Academy, Centerville, Pendleton Heights, Greenwood, Union County, New Palestine

and Yorktown.

The Lady Panthers drew Oldenburg for the sectional and fell again to the eventual sectional champion in the first game 0-8.

Last season's girls soccer team had seven seniors, four juniors, four sophomores and five freshmen.

The seniors included Rachel Imel, Annie Moore, Kylie Morris, Meski Tabb, Hannah Thomas, Lacy Thomas and Jordan Ventresco.

The juniors were Mahala Knapp, Yeabi Tabb, Abbie True and Brayden Walters.

Sophomores were Grace Halicki, Allyson Hauk, Elaine Suesz and Lori Thomas.

The freshmen were Rebecca Dickerson, See Soccer, Page 10

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Knightstown Boys Tennis

Knightstown varsity boys' tennis team of the 2015-2016 school year finished the season 3-10 overall and 1-6 in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

The team's wins came against Union County, Blue River Valley and Morristown. The Panthers were also runner-up in the Henry County Tourney.

Last season's team had two seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and one freshman.

The lone freshman, A.J. Dalton, played at No. 1 singles all season. He finished with an 8-9 record.

Junior Lucas Haase, at No. 2 singles, also ended the season with an 8-9 record. Haase was the only Panther to win in the sectional match against Shenandoah.

Chase Manley, another junior, played at No. 3 singles. He was 5-11 on the season.

Jackson Edwards and Spencer Mattix, both seniors, played at No. 1 doubles. They were 6-11 on the season.

Ethan Roberts, a junior, and Collin Ferree, a sophomore, formed KHS' No. 2 doubles team, completing the season with a 6-11 record.

Ferree also played at No. 3 singles where he was 0-1 and Roberts teamed up once with Jack Sather, a junior, at No. 2 doubles for a 0-1 result.

Dallas Edwards, a sophomore, was also on the roster but led the junior varsity team.

The Panthers were coached by Scott Morgan.

Eastern Hancock Boys Tennis

Eastern Hancock varsity boys' tennis team has positive outlook on its immediate future after it finished the 2015-2016 season with a 9-8 overall record and a 4-4 record in the Mid-Hoosier Conference while only losing one senior.

The Royals defeated Randolph Southern, Union County, Edinburgh, Rushville, Anderson Preparatory Academy, Blue River Valley, Morristown, Tri and Knightstown.

The team fell to Southwestern, Greensburg, Hauser, Waldron, Frankton, Indian Creek, Anderson and to New Palestine at the sectional.

Besides the one senior, the

Royals' team also had three juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen.

Sophomore Duncan Cherry played all season at the No. 1 singles spot. He was 5-16 on the year.

Senior Garek Ferguson was 7-6 at the No. 2 singles position. Corbin Jennings, a junior, also played at No. 2 singles, posting a 5-2 record at that spot. Bryce Jackson, another junior, got a win at No. 2 singles as well.

Ferguson played at No. 3 singles too, finishing with a 6-1 record. Jennings was 6-6 when he played at the No. 3 position.

Jackson teamed up with fellow junior Tony Cape at No. 1 dou-

bles. They were 4-15 for the season.

Jackson and Jennings also joined once to play No. 1 doubles and got a win. Jennings got another win at No. 1 doubles when he teamed up with Ferguson once.

Sophomore Jack Smith and freshman Cameron Alberts played at No. 2 doubles for a 6-12 record.

Smith also got a win a No. 2 doubles when he was partnered with Tony Cape and another win when he was joined by freshman Caleb Kramer.

The two other freshmen on the roster were Cameron Alberts and Ian White.

The Royals were led by head coach Erin Wolski.

Knightstown Wrestlers Holding Car Wash Fundraiser Saturday, July 23

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.

Eastern Hancock Girls Golf

The Eastern Hancock girls golf team had a tough time in the 2015-2016 school year, ending the season with a 0-8 record.

Last season's team had three seniors and three juniors. The seniors were Emma Lewis, Logan O'Neal and Kensie Watson. The juniors were Emiley Carlton, Abby Fout and Alexis Young.

Fout posted the best average score during the season at 56.5 on nine-hole rounds and 112.3 at 18-hole courses. Her best score was 53, which she achieved at three different meets.

Young averaged 60.5 on nine holes and 134.3 on 18 holes. Her best score was 55 at the Hancock County meet and at a meet against Union County.

Carlton averaged 62.1 on nine-hole rounds and 129.7 on 18-hole round. She had the second best score during the season, posting a 54 in the opening meet against Triton Central.

Lewis average 64.3 on nine holes and 139.3 on 18 hole courses. Her best score was a 59 which she shot against Oldenburg Academy and Centerville at the end of the season.

O'Neal averaged 65.8 on nine-hole courses and 135 on 18-hole rounds. Her best score was a 59 against Union County.

Watson averaged 68.0 on nine holes. She posted her best score of 62 against Tri.

The Royals were headed by coach Chelsie Kelley.

Knightstown Girls Golf

Knightstown's varsity girls golf team of the 2015-2016 school year consisted of five players.

Information about the team's season was not compiled or available so a more complete summary cannot be detailed here. However, some information was made available during the season.

Sammi Eaks led the team throughout the whole season. She posted her best score of 42 against Pendleton Heights and shot a 44 at least three other meets. She posted a 95 at the Mid-Hoosier Conference meet, the lowest 18-hole score of her high school career, earning her an All-Conference nod.

Lauren McCorkle frequently posted the second best scores on the team. Her best score of 50 was shot in a three-way meet against Shenandoah and Hagerstown. Her top 18-hole score appeared to be 114 against Pendleton Heights.

Kori Wright also shot the lowest 18-hole score of her career at the MHC meet with 118. Her best score of 59 on nine holes was achieved twice during the season, against Pendleton Heights and Centerville.

Madi Ellis' season low was 59 against Tri and her best 18-hole round was 119 in a three-way meet with Shenandoah and Eastern Hancock.

Liz Loveall's highlight of the season was in a four-way meet with Wapahani, Eastern Hancock and Cambridge City Lincoln when she sunk a 40-foot putt.

The Lady Panthers were coached by Cynthia Henry.

Tri Boys Tennis, Girls Golf

Though Tri fielded boys tennis and girls golf teams in the 2015-2016 school year, season stats, rosters or other information were not available at the time of this writing.

Old KHS Athletic Apparel Being Sold

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.

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Soccer, from Page 8

Heather Jackson, Liz Moore, Rachel Sturgill and Hannah Swango. Annie Moore led the Lady Panthers' offense with six goals and three assists. Lori Thomas scored four goals and made one assist. Ventresco scored three goals and made three assists while Lacy Thomas made two goals. True scored a goal and had one assist. Imel, Liz Moore, Morris and Suesz also each scored a goal.

True logged over 700 minutes as goalkeeper for the Lady Panthers, making 113 saves. Hauk played goalie for 118 minutes, making 11 saves. Sturgill also made one save when she served as goalkeeper.

West, from Page 8

future as well. With time, I have no doubt Coach West can improve the culture of our basketball program."

West hopes he will start to see some interest from local girls at the summer workouts.

"For the remainder of July, we are holding open gym practices on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in the high school gym during the July 18 and July 25 weeks," said West.

"I want to invite all potential players at the elementary, middle school and high school level to participate."

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State Parks Welcome Pokemon Go Players

Indiana's state parks are happy to welcome a new group of visitors who are as interested in spotting a fictional Pikachu or Venomoth as they are in seeing a raccoon or scarlet tanager.

These visitors are players of the widely popular Pokemon Go mobile game. The game has resulted in increased traffic to state parks, which are a natural fit for the location-based augmented reality game.

Most the game's action takes place outdoors while walking. Players use a smartphone camera to identify "PokeStops" and "gyms" and collect fictional animals.

As of this week, Indiana's 24 state parks and eight reservoir properties were home to more than 200 locations for the game. State forests also have locations. The number of locations will con-

tinue to grow.

"We are happy to have our parks be a part of this game," said Ginger Murphy, Indiana State Parks deputy director for stewardship. "But we want people to be safe, stay on trails and look up from their phones. You will find that the real-world natural features and historical elements at our state parks are even more fascinating than a video game."

Walking around a park or forest while staring at a smartphone screen can be dangerous.

Potential hazards at Indiana state parks include road traffic, cliffs and other rough terrain, wild animals, poison ivy and more.

Pay attention to your surroundings. On hiking trails, be on the lookout for rocks, roots and other hazards.

Pokemon players must also follow property rules. This includes

observing park hours, which are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. at most Indiana state parks. Players should not enter after regular hours of operation. Players should also stay on designated trails. Walking off-trail can damage sensitive natural areas and animal habitats. Players should leave no trace behind.

Finally, take a break from the digital world to experience the natural world. Indiana's parks and forests are home to breathtaking landscapes, unique historical features, towering trees, delicate wildflowers and interesting animals — all of which are as worthy of your attention as the latest video game craze.

Aside from Pokemon, other activities at state parks include mountain biking, horseback riding, swimming, birdwatching, paddling, fishing, camping and more.

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Buckley, from Page 6

line-haul truck driver for Old Dominion Freight Line. He's been working at this job for nearly 30 years.

Buckley has been married twice. He has two children, Kyle and Kelsey, and two stepchildren, AJ and Kelsie.

Kyle had been a Knightstown volunteer fireman previously, and Buckley enjoyed working as a father-son team with him during that time. This lasted five years, until his son moved out of town and had to resign from the department. Buckley's daughter, Kelsey, currently lives in New Castle.

"My wife works in Greenfield," said Buckley. "We've been married now about 14 years."

He graduated from Knightstown High School in 1980. At 55-years old, Buckley and his wife, Tina, still reside in his farmland home in Knightstown.

Revenue, from Page 1

2015-2016 school year. The highest pay for that time period for noncertified employees was the \$67,500 paid to Brian Woods, CAB's technology director, while the district's transportation director, Russell Spiker, and Athletic Director Matt Martin had both been paid \$60,000 and Treasurer/Business Manager Stephanie Madison had earned \$53,000.

CAB had six administrators as of June 30, consisting of a superintendent, principals at Knightstown Elementary, Knightstown Intermediate School and Knightstown High School, as well as assistant principals at KIS and KHS. Salaries for administrators ranged from \$60,000 to \$100,000, and averaged \$75,181.50.

The Banner will be publishing CAB's complete Annual Financial Report for 2015 in the coming weeks.

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Letters, from Page 4

successful at bringing people to Knightstown. Besides bringing potential customers to the local businesses these events let visitors see our town in a positive way. The community seems to enjoy and anticipate these activities as they continue to gain momentum every year.

I would also like to address the chamber's fish wagon. The fish wagon food trailer has been a Knightstown entity since the 1960s. It is open through the summer months Friday and Saturday and is available for local nonprofits to use as a fund raiser. These not for profits include our church groups, Scouts and civic clubs. These groups, in turn, will put this money made back into the community with youth activities, scholarships and so much more. These same groups also use the previously mentioned events to have their own food booths and fundraisers. If you see these groups raising money for local improvements and activities that enhance life in Knightstown, I don't sense how this is considered a weakness on the part of the chamber.

The local Chamber of Commerce is an all volunteer group, there are no paid positions. Are there things we could do better - absolutely! But to criticize a group that is making a solid effort to work with the town and community seems rather unfair. My suggestion is if you don't like an event or see a need that could be filled by the chamber, come to a board meeting and let us know. Or better yet, join one of the many groups or committees and pitch in with actions and not just critique.

Greg Hamm
Knightstown

KHS Grad McCaffrey Joins Hospital Association



Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) is pleased to announce the addition of Laura McCaffrey as public affairs specialist.

McCaffrey will execute communications and government relations strategies to support advocacy initiatives on behalf of IHA's 170 member hospitals across the state.

"Laura's expertise shaping public poli-

cy through various communications platforms will be a tremendous asset to the IHA team," said Doug Leonard, president of IHA. "We're excited to offer her diverse skillset to our members as we continue to elevate our advocacy efforts throughout Indiana."

McCaffrey joins IHA after serving as account executive for Bose Public Affairs Group where she developed

and executed strategy for state and national public affairs campaigns, including clients such as Eli Lilly and Company, PhRMA and Hoosiers for Equal Access to Records.

Prior to joining Bose, McCaffrey served as a legislative intern for the Indiana State Senate, where she was responsible for tracking legislation and advising legislators on policy matters.

McCaffrey received her bachelor of arts in communications from Ball State University. She is a member of the Public Relations Society of America Hoosier Chapter (PRSA) and a recipient of the PRSA Hoosier Chapter's Pinnacle Award for Public Affairs.

Active in her community, McCaffrey volunteers as a mentor for Starfish Initiative, a college access and readiness program serving economically disadvantaged high school students in Marion County.

Doug Leonard, IHA president

Rush Community Foundation Alters Lilly Scholarship Process

The 2017 Rush County Lilly Endowment Community Scholar will be named early in December 2016. Previous scholarship recipients were identified in March of the year they graduated from high school. The change affects the program for all Indiana community foundations. The advanced timeline is the result of a statewide evaluation of the program conducted by Lilly Endowment in 2015. During the evaluation process, a number of community foundations suggested that identifying Lilly Scholars earlier in the school year would give more time for them to decide which college or university to attend.

Program Coordinator Kendra Steible said she is excited about the change.

"Every year the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is renewed it is a huge gift in the life of our community, and it is a game-changer in the life of a student," she said. "Now our Lilly scholar will have more time to dream-big, knowing that this scholarship has given them the freedom not to worry about tuition costs."

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is a four-year full tuition scholarship to any accredited college or university in the state of Indiana.

The new Rush County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship timeline is as follows:

*Aug. 1, 2016: Applications available online and at the RCCF office; College Cost Estimator window open.

*Sept. 16, 2016: College Cost Estimator due.

Oct. 7, 2016: Applications due.

*December 2016: The 2017 Rush County Lilly Endowment Community Scholar will be announced.

All current seniors graduating from an accredited Indiana high school, who are permanent Rush County resi-

dents, are eligible to apply.

The deadline for all other RCCF scholarships will continue to be in spring semester. The general application will be made available in early December. The College Cost Estimator and all applications will be due Feb. 15, 2017. For information about the Lilly Scholarship, or other Rush County Community Foundation scholarships, grants, or giving, stop in at 117 N. Main St., call 765-938-1177, email info@rush-countyfoundation.org, or visit www.rushcountyfoundation.org.

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