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## Freedom Fest Queen Deadline Approaches

There will be a queen contest held Sept. 28 to choose a special person to ride in the Carthage Freedom Festival Parade Oct. 1. This contest is sponsored by Homemakers on the Go extension club and is open to girls age 15-19, who are enrolled in high school and are residents of Ripley Township. Applications may be picked up at Pavey's in Carthage and must be submitted by Sept. 21 to Winters Accounting during business hours or in their drop box. The Freedom Festival is Saturday, Oct. 1. For more information, call 565-6145 or 565-6002.

## HKI Art Show Seeks Local Artists' Work

The annual Joyce Skaggs Hutcheon Art Show at Historic Knightstown will be during Fall Fest, Oct. 1-2. Artists wishing to display their work may bring it to the museum on Friday, Sept. 30, from 3-6 p.m. Work must be picked up on Oct. 2 from 4-6 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Carter at 765-345-5665 or David Steele at 765-345-7585.

## KUMC Blood Drive Thursday, Sept. 22

Knightstown United Methodist Church will host its annual blood drive in the fellowship hall on Thursday, Sept. 22, from 2-7 p.m. Those who plan to donate must present valid photo identification.

## Beech Church Topic of HKI Discussion

A free program about historic Beech Church, near Carthage, will be presented by Priscilla Phelps and sponsored by Historic Knightstown, Inc., located on the Public Square, on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. Priscilla Jackson Phelps, a 1958 KHS graduate and her siblings, Judith Jones and Douglas Jones, will discuss the history of the church - believed to be the first African Methodist Episcopal Church in Indiana. The Beech Church was recently added to Indiana Landmark's list of the ten most endangered landmarks in Indiana. The public is invited to attend at the HKI museum at 22 N. Washington St., next to The Banner office on the west side of the square. Refreshments will be served.

## Knightstown Town Council Still Neutral on Wind Issue

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

Three weeks after voting unanimously to have the town's attorney draft a resolution opposing proposed wind farm developments in the county, the Knightstown Town Council changed course and opted to take no position on the issue.

Last week, at their Sept. 15 monthly meeting, council members heard a presentation from Brenna Gunderson, a senior development manager for Apex Clean Energy. Speaking in favor of the wind farm projects, including those her company has proposed for Rush and Henry counties, her presentation countered the anti-wind farm views presented at the council's Aug. 25 monthly meeting.

Apex, Gunderson told the council, is proposing \$300 million in wind farm development in Henry and Rush counties. Sixty million dollars of that, she said, would be for 29 turbines in the southern part of Henry County.

Gunderson listed several advantages to the electric energy created by wind turbines: wind is "cleaner" energy; farmers who lease land for turbines will still be able to farm most of their land; local businesses could see a boost; temporary employment of about 200 workers; creation of 10 full-time jobs; and about \$18 million in tax revenue for Henry and Rush counties over 25 years, with Henry County's share being more than \$6 million.

Last month, at the Aug. 25 meeting, Susan Huhn, an independent candidate seeking the Henry County Commissioners' Southern District seat now held by Ed Yanos, spoke out against proposed wind farm projects. While Huhn had said the turbines can cause harmful health effects and lead to lower property values for those who live nearby, Gunderson disputed these claims.

"This isn't true," Gunderson said. In Tipton and Randolph counties, she told the council, there have been "no known health impacts" and property values have actually gone up.

"All of the data I've seen is that property values ... decrease," council member Valerie Trump said.

"And all my research says it will not," Gunderson said.

"Property values have not been impacted at all in Tipton County," citizen Craig Custer told the council, saying that he reviewed a report from the Randolph County Auditor's office that confirmed that.

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## Show Time



"Have Mercy" Percy Davis (right) puts the hurt on fellow Central Wrestling Federation performer Dale Patrick during Saturday evening's Wrestling Under the Stars event at the Sunset Park baseball and softball complex. Proceeds from the show, which delighted dozens of local kids, benefited Knightstown Youth Sports Inc., which has overseen major improvements at the sports facility. More photos from Wrestling Under the Stars appear on Page 11. (Eric Cox photo)

## Kennard Clerk-Treasurer Resigns; Office Has Been Vacant Since Aug. 31

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

For the third time in just over four years, the town of Kennard finds itself again without a clerk-treasurer.

Sharon Elliott, who was appointed clerk-treasurer last fall following the abrupt resignation of her predecessor, Karen Stanley, submitted a notice of resignation to local and county officials on Aug. 18. In her notice, Elliott indicated that her resignation would take effect Aug. 31, and it will be the responsibility of the county's Democratic Party to name her replacement; should the party fail to find someone by the end of this month, the Kennard Town Council will be charged with selecting a new clerk-treasurer.

"After much time and consideration, I have decided to resign from the town of Kennard Clerk-Treasurer position," Elliott wrote in the brief notice. "Obligations in my personal life (have) led me to make this decision."

The Banner was unable to reach Elliott to get comment from her on her resignation.

"Sharon will be greatly missed," Kennard Town Council President Jason Groce told The Banner by e-mail Tuesday morning. "When she accepted the position she knew it was going to be a challenge but she was willing to accept that. Over the past year, she has worked tirelessly on streamlining her duties and that office. I know that whoever replaces her will be in a much better place thanks to Sharon's work."

Elliott, who had initially been appointed interim clerk-treasurer last fall, was officially named by the chairman of the Henry County Democratic Party as Stanley's replacement last November. Stanley had

resigned weeks earlier, after just over three years on the job, after the Indiana State Board of Accounts and Indiana State Police began investigating her alleged theft of more than \$80,000 from the town during her time as clerk-treasurer.

In early April, at the conclusion of its investigation, the Indiana State Board of Accounts said Stanley should be made to repay more than \$100,000 related to malfeasance while in office. In its special investigation report, the SBOA said Stanley had overpaid herself \$80,160 while in office, and should also be required to pay a little over \$9,250 in unpaid taxes and penalties and nearly \$14,000 to cover the cost of the SBOA's investigation.

The same day the SBOA issued its report, a federal grand jury in Indianapolis indicted Stanley on three counts of wire fraud related to the overpayments she made to herself while in office. According to the six-page indictment, Stanley "devised, intended to devise, and participated in a scheme to defraud Kennard, and to obtain money and property from Kennard by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by concealment of material facts."

The indictment, a copy of which is available on The Banner's website, alleges Stanley "falsely presented in Kennard's payroll system that she was entitled to a salary in the amount of \$33,000 per year," double her \$16,500 annual salary. The document says Stanley "presented falsified expense reports that included the unauthorized payroll amounts" to the Kennard Town Council at that body's monthly meetings.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Mary Alice Browning**  
March 28, 1920 - September 18, 2016



Mary Alice Browning, 96, of Knightstown, passed away Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, at Stonebrooke Rehabilitation Center in New Castle. She was born March 28, 1920 in Rush County, a daughter of Harold and Hazel (Gwinnup) Moore.

Mary graduated from Manila High School in 1938. She married her classmate, Everett Browning, in 1941. They farmed briefly in Mays before moving to Knightstown. She retired from Danner's in Knightstown and also worked in the cafeteria in the Charles A. Beard School Corp. She was a member of the Knightstown United Methodist Church.

She is survived by five children, Joan Browning of Knightstown, Sue Bearhope of Knightstown, Tom Browning of Knightstown, R.D. (Christie) Browning of Shelbyville and Beth (Andrew) Clark of Edmond, Okla.; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 16 stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Carol (John) Rigsbee of Arlington; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Everett Browning; a son, James Browning; a great-grandson; her brother, Seth Moore; and a sister, Lucile Clawson.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, with Pastor Curt Hunt officiating. Burial will follow in East Hill Cemetery in Arlington. Condolences and memories of Mary may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

**Tamaragene (Kimble) Murray**  
July 5, 1964 - September 15, 2016



Tamaragene (Kimble) Murray, 52, of Carthage, passed away Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016. She was born on July 5, 1964, in Indianapolis to Stephen Kimble and Charlagene (Price) Panchot. She really enjoyed reading books, writing poems, singing and music. She loved being around her grandkids and great-grand kids. She was quite the artist and was very good at drawing.

Tammy will be greatly missed by her two children, Travis Osting and Shaunelle (Thomas) Duncan; her parents, Charla and Kendall Panchot; a sister, Shannon Mitchell; a brother, KJ Panchot; five grandchildren, Tavi Kohen Osting, Draven Howard, Taylyn Bell, Brailee Hertzell and Devanee Duncan; and a great-grandchild, Tamiyah Brooks.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Osting; her son, Blaze Osting; and her grandparents, Charles and Gene Price.

Services for Tammy will be Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Friends may visit from 4 p.m. until time of service. Andrew Comley will preside. In memory of Tammy, memorials may be made the funeral home to defray funeral costs. Heritage Funeral Care is honored to serve Tammy's Family.

**Jason Michael Helm**  
February 17, 1981 - June 18, 2016



Jason Michael Helm, 35, of Tarkastad, South Africa, passed away June 18, 2016, at his home following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born Feb. 17, 1981 in Muskegon, Mich., a son of Mark and Kathy (Hubbard) Helm.

Jason graduated from Lakeview Christian School in 1999 and Indiana Wesleyan University with a degree in intercultural studies. Jason lived a life of service. He dedicated 10 years to serving in Mozambique, Africa, in various capacities. When he was not serving in ministry, teaching, mentoring and being a friend, he would be out enjoying God's creation by climbing a mountain or hunting.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Rachel (Gross) Helm and three children, Tristan, Jocelyne and Logan Helm, all of Tarkastad, South Africa; his parents, Rev. Mark and Kathy Helm, Pastor at Sunnycrest United Methodist Church in Marion; siblings, Jeffrey (Tammy) Helm and children, Alyssa and Jacob of San Antonio, Texas; James (Ciara) Helm of San Antonio, Texas; Jenna (Daniel) McMullen of Anderson; grandparents, Ruth Anna Helm of Anderson, Leon and Jean Hubbard of Marion; several uncles, aunts, cousins and a host of friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Memorial Wesleyan Church, 2701 N. Memorial Dr., New Castle, with Pastor Paul Kirk and Dr. Jim Lo officiating. Visitation will be from 12-3 p.m. Local arrangements have been entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Unitas International, Helm Medical Fund, P.O. Box 506 Shirley, IN 47384. Condolences and memories of Jason may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).



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# K-town Budget May Rise

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

While the town still has yet to hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for 2017, Knightstown's chief financial officer gave the town council a preview last week of what she would like council members to consider for next year.

Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman said the budget she will be submitting to the council will be seeking up to a 5-percent increase in spending from the town's General Fund. Part of that increase, she said, will be a 10-percent increase in the amount budgeted for health insurance coverage for town employees.

Huffman also said town attorney Gregg Morelock has indicated that the cost of his yearly legal services contract is expected to go up in 2017. She said the proposed budget for next year would authorize spending up to \$40,000 on legal fees.

After it votes next month to adopt its proposed budget for 2017, Huffman said the council will, closer to the end of the year, need to adopt a new salary ordinance setting pay levels for town employees and officials for the coming year. One change she said she will ask the council to consider is approving up to \$24,000 annually for a building commissioner position.

Huffman also told the council that the town's parks and recreation board had turned in its proposed 2017 budget to be considered and adopted as part of the town's overall budget. She said the park board

is seeking a 54-percent increase in its budget over last year.

The park board, Huffman told the council, is looking for more money for equipment maintenance and building repairs. She also the park board is seeking financial assistance from Wayne Township for some work needed at Sunset Park.

Last year, after the town submitted its 2016 budget to the state for approval, the Department of Local Government Finance made cuts to budgets for three of the town's funds. The General Fund, for which the town had sought a \$652,000 budget, was cut to \$587,328; the DLGF cut the town's Local Roads and Streets Fund budget from the \$55,000 requested by the town to \$12,475; and the park board's 2016 budget was cut from \$70,000 to \$63,063.

The town's 2016 budgets for its Motor Vehicle Highway (\$64,167), Cemetery (\$80,000), Cumulative Capital Improvement (\$11,443) and Cumulative Capital Development (\$20,600) funds were approved by the DLGF for the amounts requested. Budgets for three other funds, Law Enforcement Aid (\$10,000), Local Law Enforcement Continuing Education (\$10,000) and Riverboat (\$20,000) were not included at all in the 2016 budget order the DLGF issued for the town.

The town council is expected to hold its public hearing on the 2016 budget sometime in early October. As of the news deadline for this week's issue, official notice of the date and time of the hearing had not yet been provided to The Banner.

## Golf Carts Approved for use on Knightstown Streets

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council voted unanimously last week to approve the use of golf carts on town streets.

The 5-0 vote came during the council's Sept. 15 monthly meeting. After voting to adopt the ordinance on first reading, the council suspended its normal rules of procedure and went on to approve and adopt it on second reading.

At no time during last week's meeting did council members bother to inform the public of any of the details of the ordinance. They authorized the town's attorney, Gregg Morelock, to read the lengthy ordinance he drafted by title only: Ordinance No. 09-15-16, an Ordinance Amending Title VII Adding Chapter 74, Golf Carts, to the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Knightstown, Indiana.

Because the new ordinance contains penalties for violations, state law requires the new ordinance to be published as a legal notice in the local newspaper before it can take effect. The ordinance is published in

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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## Remodeling Made Bond Stronger

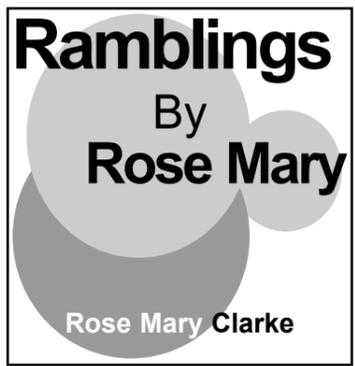
Our ranch-style house is certainly much more suitable to our time of life than the 2 1/2 story, 1902 house on Ritter was. It has an attached garage, no stairs, attic or basement and is easier to clean and maintain. It's on three quarters of an acre, and we have several mature trees, including magnificent oaks. The view from the floor-to-ceiling greenhouse window changes every hour and brings us close to nature and the day-to-day activity of squirrels and birds. Sunsets and snowy days are lovely.

However, no house can have the place in my heart that the house where I grew up in Knightstown or 312 N. Ritter have. As my nephew, John Jones, wrote, "The bricks, mortar and stout timbers of a home build the strongest trunks in which to store memories."

Ritter Ave. was the home to which we took toddler Vicki and from which we buried a baby. The attic was wonderful for Halloween parties. Kathy Tindall played a witch. She had a delicious cackle and came out of the storage room to the shrieks and screams of the kids. Irvington's beloved Imogene Jones dressed up as a gypsy and told fortunes during a party for teenagers.

This was the house where the sewer backed up two days before a

dozen friends were to arrive for brunch to be followed by a surprise birthday party for Bill, to which I had invited 125 people. It was a marvelous Christmas house to which our mothers often came for Christmas, and where we were young together. I left behind my



neighborhood, my dear neighbors of nearly 20 years, and Mother's bloodroot that she had given to Bill; and I cried at the closing.

We had outgrown the half of a double we were renting and decided to buy "our very own home." It was a charmer: an American four-square - four rooms down and four rooms up - with big rooms, two fireplaces, two window seats, hardwoods, and natural woodwork. Not so charming were the kitchen whose sink hung from the wall and faded wallpaper.

"You understand, Rose Mary, we won't be able to hire help.

We'll have to do everything ourselves." In love with the house, I burred, "Oh yes - I don't have any experience, but I'm willing to learn!" (I had never held a paintbrush in my life!)

This was in the old days of caveat emptor - "Let the buyer beware!" However, the bank where we were to close insisted that the realtor tell us two hours before closing that someone had broken into the house days before and broke off a water faucet upstairs so that water had run all over the house. The realtor had a crew sanding the floors and installing cheap metal cabinets in the kitchen. He said, "It'll be a better house than it was before!"

It took weeks of hard labor, using a steamer and chipping away with a razor blade, to remove several layers paint-soaked wallpaper. The downstairs woodwork had to be stripped and refinished because of the boiling water that the steamer dripped on it. Bill discovered that I'm a klutz. "Rose Mary, I've counted six paint drips on this wall!" My lot became such things as the dull chore of filling cracks in the plaster.

We got through that first year with a minimum of bickering. Now, however, it was time to tackle major remodeling jobs. First, as a sort of hors d'oeuvre that might

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the coming of the people here in our community who will be electing the next President. Of our great country.

It is serious business being a President and should not be handed over to just anyone. Especially someone who has never held any seat in any office.

Just because some rich person who is full of himself wants to be in control of the most important office in the land.

Someone who calls people names and runs people down. Someone who does not have the right to hold that office.

Donald Trump has the nerve to talk about other nations and people and calls Hillary Clinton names, says she is a bigot. Well from where I sat, he's the one who is calling people names. Well maybe he should take a good look at his own self.

He talks about building walls to keep Mexicans out and making them pay for it and all the while he is enjoying Mexican and the good lord knows who else he has doing his dirty work for him. What a liar!

Well he wants to get control of the most important job in the land. Do people think he cares anything about the people in this nation. He is a troublemaker. And if he should get to be elected President, God forbid, he'll start trouble in this country. There will be race riots between races, I've no doubt. Maybe another Civil War.

As anyone who is my age or older can tell you that some of this kind of bigotry is nothing new. I am 75 and I grew up in the '40s and '50s. I was in my 20s when a lot of bad stuff was taking place.

When I was a kid the KKK was going around breaking laws and getting away with it. They wore these long white robes and the pointed hats that covered their whole face. Just their eyes, nose and mouth were visible. And if a decent, hard-working family of color in the 60s wanted to live in a better neighborhood, well they would take crosses and set fire to them in people's front yards or maybe they would burn more than just crosses.

Ever since Donald Trump has been running for office, some people who weren't alive have been trying to bring back to life the KKK.

I just wonder if Trump is a member of the KKK? I could see him as a grand dragon.

The KKK was around in the 1920s. My mother told me how they marched down main street in Middletown when her and my dad lived there before they moved to the farm out here in Wayne Township in 1929. The KKK was still around when I was growing up and after two seasons.

Well, I don't expect everyone else to agree with me about Donald Trump. Everyone has the right to their own beliefs, that is what makes our freedom to think for ourselves great.

And when you do vote please remember all those veterans who fought and died, and all those still living who make it possible for us to have that right.

I won't vote for Donald Trump because not only do I not like him, I do not trust him. And I don't think he has any business leading the country.

Now he is trying to act like he cares about black voters. Well he makes himself out to be a liar, and as for Mexicans they have been in Texas for a long time. When I was eight-years old, dad moved us to Dallas. There, my sister, Betty, six-years older than me, and my brother, Kenneth, two and a half-years older than me, attended schools.

No black children, but Mexican children did go to school there.

The blacks and Mexicans did the dirty work for the rich Texans,

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## 'Wrestling' Event Fun and Entertaining

Knightstown High School varsity wrestling coach Jared Evans has done a truly remarkable job of revitalizing the Panther wrestling program. He's worked hard to instill in local boys a work ethic the likes of which KHS grapplers have likely never seen.

It's paying off, too. Evans' teams have posted major wins and started a legacy of real success. Coaches and athletes work their butts off as they reach for new Panther wrestling heights.

That's why I felt a little guilty Saturday night covering the Central Wrestling Federation's event at Sunset Park, a fundraiser for Knightstown Youth Sports, Inc. This wasn't the kind of wrestling of which Evans would likely approve.

The performers' "wrestling" moves were decidedly different than those one might witness at a high school wrestling meet. The moves and holds were, of course, choreographed and some of the performers may have lacked the fitness and strength which are hallmarks of genuine wrestlers.

Sportsmanship was also not part of the show, with performers taunting the crowd and complaining loudly to the referee about hair-pulling and illegal choke holds.

But, for as much as the event lacked in legitimate athletic competition, it more than made up for it in its entertainment value.

In short, the kids loved it. No, seriously, they really LOVED it! They cheered. They clapped. They booed and screamed at the bad guys. They supported the good guys. Their reactions to the tomfoolery in the ring were priceless.

Dozens of kids attended the event. And I'm willing to bet that none of them left Sunset Park disappointed. Knightstown's own Guy (Louks) Lombardo organ-

ized the event, the proceeds from which benefited the baseball and softball league organizers who have done so much to improve things in that area.

So, while it wasn't real wrestling (apologies, Coach Evans!), Saturday's performance served a good purpose nonetheless. The kids had a great time and, I think, even some of their parents were as entertained as I was. It was pretty funny.

I really wasn't sure what to think, having never really watched or attended any "Big Time" wrestling TV shows or events. But, I was pleasantly surprised at the good-natured and comedic flavor of Wrestling Under the Stars. Lombardo and his crew will be back in auction on Saturday, Nov. 26, at Carthage Community Church.

Freedom Festival

Speaking of Carthage, their potent, well-organized and civic-minded Future of Carthage group is making great strides in its pursuit of a great autumn festival.

The Carthage Freedom Festival is Saturday, Oct. 1, starting at 10 a.m. in the downtown area. Of particular note is an appearance by legendary Indiana blues performer Governor Davis, who takes the stage at 4 p.m.

Two parades, vendor booths and a host of other activities await those who want to attend and support a town that has a unified vision for growth and prosperity.

Like Cambridge City, Carthage is obviously an inclusive community that realizes its strength derives from a good cross section of the community. Including people, instead of excluding them, seems to have a potent effect on community consensus, cooperation



by eric cox

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# BITS & PIECES

◆Boy Scout Troop 333 will be sponsoring a **car wash** on the Public Square, Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 to 2 in support of Beautify Knightstown. Freewill donations will be accepted.

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◆Knightstown United Methodist Church will host its annual **blood drive** in the fellowship hall on Thursday, Sept. 22, from 2-7 p.m. Those who plan to donate must present valid photo identification.

◆There will be a **queen contest** held Sept. 28 to choose a special person to ride in the Carthage Freedom Festival Parade Oct. 1. This contest is sponsored by Homemakers on the Go extension club and is open to girls age 15-19, who are enrolled in high school and are residents of Ripley Township. Applications may be picked up at Pavey's in Carthage and must be submitted by Sept. 21 to Winters Accounting during business hours or in their drop box. For more information, call 565-6145 or 565-6002.

◆The annual **Joyce Skaggs Hutcheon Art Show** at Historic Knightstown will be during Fall Fest, Oct. 1-2. Artists wishing to display their work may bring it to the museum on Friday, Sept. 30, from 3-6 p.m. Work must be picked up on Oct. 2 from 4-6 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Carter at 765-345-5665 or David Steele @ 765-345-7585.

◆Larry Waters and Lifeboat, a group of **gospel singers**, will perform at Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to this free event. For more information, call 345-7466.

◆The Future of Carthage organization will present the **Carthage Freedom Festival** on Saturday, Oct. 1, in downtown Carthage. The event will feature the Miss Freedom Festival Queen Contest at Carthage Community Church on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. A variety of events are planned for Oct. 1, capped off by a performance by renowned Indiana blues musician Governor Davis at 4 p.m. The Freedom Festival parade precedes that performance at 2 p.m. Food vendors, a silent auction, kids games, arts and crafts booths, and more will be available.

◆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.

◆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.

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The Beech Church is on Indiana Landmarks' 10 Most Endangered Buildings list. Come hear descendants of the historic Beech Settlement discuss the history and current situation of what is believed to be the first African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Indiana.

Priscilla Phelps, Doug Jones and Judith Jones will tell the story of a church, which is today a statewide concern for restoration and preservation.

**Everyone is invited and admission is free! Join us at 22 N. Washington St. on the west side of the Public Square in Knightstown, Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. for this interesting local program and free refreshments! Call 765-345-7585 for more information.**





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**Fellowship and Camraderie Help Round Out Local Knightstown Fireman and EMT Braden Harrison**

by Logan Cox  
 for The Banner

With only two and a half years on the Knightstown/Wayne Township Fire Department, Braden Harrison has quickly adjusted to the life and responsibilities of a volunteer firefighter.

"I love it," Harrison said of the work. "I mean, everything about it. I do any of the training that I can. I'm an EMT now as well. The department helped me get that."

He has proved to be very willing to put in the time and effort required of all firefighters. Alongside Layne Olsheke, another young fellow volunteer, Harrison has taken several classes through the Henry County training center in New Castle.

"Really, you do what you can to keep yourself on the safe side of things. It's not always a guarantee, but that's what the training's all about. Always trying to make sure you've got a way out. Learning different things and different techniques, you know," he said. "There's always more than one way to do everything."

Harrison is just one of several EMTs among Knightstown's volunteers.

"There's six or seven of us," said Harrison. "Just to have those extra skills and sort of save manpower until an ambulance can arrive."

Having a crew of trained, well-rounded individuals is, of course, essential. But, as Harrison notes, the fire department also relies on having a large number of volunteers who are willing to put in the work whenever they get the chance.

"I think the biggest thing for everybody is time," he said. "Luckily, everybody on the department all work at different times. There's usually enough guys on hand that we can tackle about anything. And if not, we compensate, we work to figure it out and get it done."

An even more crucial aspect that he considers is the way in which firefighting affects a person's family dynamic.

"There's a lot of times when I was doing my EMT and firefighter stuff, and I wouldn't be home until 9:00 at night. Some nights later," Harrison said. "Depending on what it is, sometimes you'll stay gone for awhile."

Harrison is no exception from this. He sees the way his time-consuming work affects Ashley Carmer, his girlfriend of eight years.

"She's very supportive of it," he said. "She hates it, but she's supportive of it."

Like the other volunteers, though, Harrison feels that the constant fellowship and camaraderie among the firefighters is another great benefit of the work.

"But that's the biggest thing is that there's a family deal to support," said Harrison. "It's a big change but... an instant snap of the fingers and you've got 20 other guys added to your family, with arms wide-open. I wouldn't change it for the world. Any big ordeal or whatever came along, if you called one of those guys, they'd be right there."

He was originally inspired to volunteer when one of his friends became a firefighter, leading him down that path in turn.

"Honestly, it was a buddy deal," he said. "One buddy got on a different department, and was telling me things that sparked my interest, and it went on from there."

Outside of firefighting, Harrison works at Andy Mohr Truck Center as a YRC Team Leader. He has been working there a little over five years. Harrison is also a certified Harley Davidson mechanic and a certified master technician. He helps fix trucks at the fire department in order to save money.

Harrison is a Knightstown native, though he briefly lived in Phoenix, Ariz. He graduated from Knightstown High School in 2004 and still lives in Knightstown with his girlfriend, Ashley. They have two children, Graham, Ashley's first son and Braden's stepson; and their second son, Braden Jr.



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**American Red Cross Urges Blood, Platelet Donations; Two Local Opportunities Upcoming**

The American Red Cross urges the community to give blood and platelets this fall to help restock the shelves following a significant summer shortage to ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need.

Through the first two weeks of September, the Red Cross is down more than 10,000 donations from what is needed to replenish the blood supply and be prepared for emergencies large and small. Declines in donations can lead to blood shortages and make it difficult to meet patient needs should a disaster or emergency occur.

"September is National Preparedness Month and we urge

eligible donors to make an appointment now to give blood or platelets," said Rodney Wilson, communications manager of the Red Cross Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region. "Whether blood is needed for a chronic condition like sickle cell disease, a routine surgery, a traumatic accident or a large-scale disaster, it's the blood already on the shelves that helps save lives. Red Cross blood and platelet donors play an important role in helping communities be prepared for all kinds of emergencies."

Donors of all blood types are needed as blood products continue to be distributed to hospitals almost as quickly as donations

come in. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at [redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://redcrossblood.org/rapidpass) to help reduce wait times.

Local blood donation opportunities are upcoming, including one in Knightstown at Knightstown United Methodist Church this Thursday, Sept. 22 (see Bits & Pieces, Page 5) and another on Friday, Oct. 14, 3-8 p.m. at Center Christ, 9112 N. Rush County Road 50-W.

Rose Mary, from Page 4

have left Bill hors de combat, he decided to paint the topmost trim of the three-story house. My job was to stand on the bottom rung of the tall ladder, in which he had invested, and brace it. I was certain that I was going to be a widow by evening. Bill looked down.

"Rose Mary, are you crying?" "Yes," I snuffled. "Well how do you think that makes me feel? Stop it right now!"

That wasn't the last time that I shed tears during our projects. [wclarke@comcast.net](mailto:wclarke@comcast.net)

**MEETINGS CALENDAR**

**Thurs., Sept. 23** - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

**Wed., Sept. 28** - Henry Co. Council non-binding meeting for 2017, 2:30 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

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**Thurs., Sept. 30** - Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

# FOLKWAYS

## Hancock Co. Non-profits Getting Boosted

The Fifth Annual Steak'n Bake'n Raffle will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, starting at 6 pm.

This year's "Adult Only" event will benefit the following philanthropic organizations: Fuse Inc., Greenfield Central School Foundation, Greenfield Veterans Honor Guard, Hancock Hope House, Hancock County Senior Services, Hancock County Food Pantry, Hancock County Special Olympics, Hancock County Veterans Park, The Landing and Love Inc.

This year's event sponsors, which include CGS Services, *Daily Reporter*, Gray Auto, Greenfield Beverage, Gridlock Traffic Systems, Kemper CPA, Kindred Transitional Health, Moonspinner Vacation Rentals, Nigh Group and Union Savings and Loan, have helped add a few positive twists and treats to this year's event.

In addition to a delicious steak dinner, a \$2,000 "Reverse Raffle," sponsored by Stillinger Family

Funeral Home, numerous 50/50 raffles and live music donated and performed by Midnight Fire will also be featured.

Also, several new venues have been added. There will be a free photo booth and a few special guests that will provide photo opportunities.

At the event there will be a People's Choice Booth, where guests will be given the opportunity to vote with their contributions for the top five philanthropic organizations, which will receive a major grant from Rotary. All monies donated for any of the 10 organizations listed will go to those organizations. Votes can be cast by guests with cash, personal check or Rotary tickets. Advocates for these philanthropic organizations are encouraged to buy tickets for this event and cast their votes for their favorite organization(s).

Tickets for this event are \$35 each until Oct. 10 and \$40 thereafter. Tickets can be purchased from any  
**See Rotary, Page 15**

## Thousands of Hoosier Presbyterians Reached out in Community Service Sunday

Thousands of Indiana Presbyterians from 20 diverse congregations took compassion and hope to their communities Sunday morning, Sept. 18. From Liberty to Bluffton, Avon to Richmond, each congregation released teams of adults and youth to strengthen non-profit and faith-based organizations in every way the host sites choose.

Members and friends of the three Presbyterian Churches of Knightstown and Lewisville served in different ways in their community, reaching out prayerfully to civil servants and neighbors in need.

Homeless families, public  
**Local Church Hosting Simulcast for Women**

Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and Revive Our Hearts is hosting a large-scale simulcast prayer event on Friday, Sept. 23, 6-9 p.m. to gather thousands of women to pray for God's mercy and supernatural intervention in the world, the nation, churches, cities and homes.

Knightstown Christian Church will host a viewing of that simulcast on that day and at the same time.

"While the world around us wrestles with wavering hope in political parties, portfolios, safety, stability, or the advancement of the right social cause - we are crying out to the only One who gives hope and peace," a press release from the simulcast organizers said. "Cry Out! is an opportunity for you to actually do something together that will make a difference. Thousands strong. Crying out to the King of Kings to do in us and in our nation what no man-made effort can accomplish.

"I'm asking the Lord to place a deeper hunger for prayer in the hearts of thousands of women for such a time as this," Wolgemuth said. "These are dark days for sure. But this is not a time to despair. These days present an opportunity for the Lord to display His power in amazing ways. That's why we need to seek His face and to ask Him to show His power by reviving the church and drawing the hearts of lost sinners to Himself."

This three-hour prayer meeting will focus on five areas of prayer emphasis: personal, families, churches, the nation, and the world. Each segment will be led by a different keynote speaker and will include scripture reading, a short devotional message, corporate interactive prayer, and worship.

schools, community food pantries, clothing closets, prison ministries fill the bulging service schedules as well as acts of kindness to public servants and neighbors. Wearing work gloves and boots, shovels and washrags in hand, volunteers planted and weeded, mopped and sorted, cooked and delivered to strangers and long-time partners in their towns and cities.

2016 is the fifth year in a row that New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fishers took to the neighborhood and community with their Day of Caring, as more than 300 volunteers to work in 28 distinct settings. That congregation invited the 19 others to plan a Day of Caring for their own community.

Stronger relationships in the community, an opportunity to serve others, positive ventures in new collaborations across economic, social and religious boundaries and appreciation for the assets of each of the neighborhoods are the outcomes they sought for the day, according to organizers.

Knightstown and Lewisville's Presbyterian churches lie within Whitewater Valley Presbytery, which is the regional home of 61 Presbyterian Church USA congregations, 14,740 members in all. Its mission touches central Indiana, camps, colleges and conference centers and hundreds of mission coworkers in the U.S. and around the world.

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# Carthage May Cut Budget

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council was told during a special meeting Monday night that the proposed 2017 budget council members will be asked to adopt next month will be almost 12.5 percent less than originally planned.

“We have to cut \$44,000,” Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan

told the council. She said this reduction, suggested by the Department of Local Government Finance, the state agency responsible for approving the budgets of all units of local government, was necessitated by property tax caps that limit the property tax revenue the town receives.

McMahan went through the proposed budget, which has been advertised with a total of \$353,072, starting with the General Fund. She proposed cutting \$22,500 from the \$220,542 that had been advertised. The General Fund cuts included \$5,000 from the amount budgeted for the town marshal's pay, dropping it to just over \$17,000, which McMahan said would be sufficient to cover part-time town marshal Danny Baker's pay.

Other proposed cuts from the General Fund included: \$500 from miscellaneous personal services; \$2,000 from the line item for police car fuel; \$500 from police uniforms; \$1,000 from police car tires; \$500 from the Carthage Police Department's electronic equipment; \$5,000 from legal services; \$2,000 from budget preparation

assistance; \$5,000 from health insurance/worker's compensation; and \$1,000 from police car maintenance.

McMahan also proposed cutting \$19,510 from the proposed Motor Vehicle Highway Fund's budget. These cuts came from the following line items: \$2,000 from gravel and stone; \$5,000 from road salt; \$4,000 from sand; \$2,000 from building maintenance; \$2,510 from electricity for street lights; and \$4,000 from trees and replacements.

Still needing \$1,990 in cuts to hit the \$44,000 mark recommended by the DLGF, McMahan and council members agreed – though no formal votes were taken at Monday's meeting – to make this final reduction from the miscellaneous debt service line item in the MVH Fund.

The council is scheduled to hold a public hearing on its 2017 budget at 6 p.m. Monday at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St. A vote to adopt the budget is expected to occur during a special public meeting, also held at town hall, scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14.

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# Riley Festival

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Opening Ceremony Thursday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m.,

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Friday & Saturday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Trinity Park United Methodist Church, 207 W. Park Ave. Guest speaker will be Mark Newman with the Indiana Dept. of Tourism.

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The Flower Parade will be Friday at 12:45 p.m.

Riley Festival Parade starts at 11 a.m. Saturday

Poets at the Podium will be in the Greenfield Banking Company Entertainment Tent on Saturday afternoon.

Bicentennial Legacy Project: asking everyone who comes to the Festival to bring a new story book suitable for a kindergartener or first grader. Every student in Hancock County will receive a new book.

A full lineup of events and entertainment is available online at [www.rileyfestival.com](http://www.rileyfestival.com). For more information, call 317-462-2141 or e-mail [info@rileyfestival.com](mailto:info@rileyfestival.com).

## Harvest Time Means Increased Farm Traffic; Caution Encouraged

With harvest season officially underway, motorists should expect to see more slow-moving farm equipment from Indiana's 57,700 farming operations on Hoosier roadways. Lt. Gove. Eric Holcomb and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), Indiana State Police (ISP), Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), as well as the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), are teaming up for the Be Alert, Slow Down, Share the Road campaign to bring attention to the need for more safety on Indiana's rural roads.

"Now that harvest season is underway, Hoosiers can expect to see an increase in slow-moving farm equipment on Indiana roadways," Holcomb said. "This harvest season we are asking all motorists to be alert, slow down and share the road with our Hoosier farmers, especially in rural areas. Our goal is to reach every Hoosier with this important safety message in an effort to protect farmers and drivers across the state."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, farm equipment vehicles (excluding trucks) were involved in 93 fatal crashes across the U.S. In an effort to be proactive, Indiana's state agencies have once again partnered together to raise awareness about the importance of rural roadway safety. This announcement also comes during National Farm Safety and Health Week, which is a national effort designed to promote safe and healthy practices on farms and ranches across the country.

"As the 10th largest farming state in the nation, harvest season is a busy time of the year for

Indiana," said Ted McKinney, ISDA director. "With farmers bringing in this year's crop, we want to encourage all Hoosiers to be mindful and alert for farm equipment on the roads. By allowing a little extra time for travel, motorists can reach their destinations and farmers can get their work done without incident or injury."

The following tips are part of the Be Alert, Slow Down, Share the Road campaign and will help ensure the safety of motorists, passengers and operators of slow-moving equipment:

- Farmers on roadways are going to or from work, just like many other people on the road. Share the road.

- Most farmers will pull over when they are able to let you pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so. Be patient.

- Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the roadway. Be careful and slow down when passing.

- The red triangle on the back of an implement, farm machinery or other vehicle indicates a slow-moving vehicle (under 25 mph).

- Do not try to pass a slow-moving vehicle on the left without ensuring that the vehicle is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over for you to pass when it is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

- Do not pass if you are in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure, or tunnel.

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# Propane School Bus Grants Offered

The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) recently announced that Indiana public school corporations that own their own buses can begin applying for a share of \$150,000 through the OED's 2016 Indiana Propane School Bus (PSB) grant program.

This is OED's second grant round specifically dedicated to propane school buses. Schools can benefit from propane school buses in a variety of ways, including decreasing schoolchildren's exposure to harmful emissions, lowering maintenance costs through the use of a cleaner burning fuel and increasing fuel diversity.

"We're excited to open applications for this propane school bus grant program," said OED Director

Tristan Vance. "Projects such as these can reduce costs, improve fueling options and utilize domestic energy resources."

Applications for the 2016 PSB grant program can be mailed to grants@oed.in.gov through Oct. 19. Program guidelines are available at [www.in.gov/oed/2733.htm](http://www.in.gov/oed/2733.htm).

The winning recipients will receive between 50 percent to 100 percent of the incremental cost difference between a new propane-powered school bus and a diesel or gasoline-powered school bus. OED intends for winning recipients to track their miles driven, fuel usage and cost savings for one year after the buses are first put in use. This data can help the recipients and their communities and peers to bet-

ter understand their fueling options.

PSB projects must involve the purchase of a minimum of two new propane school buses. Applicants must have access to propane fueling infrastructure or show that they will have access if they are awarded a grant. OED expects applicants to demonstrate their need for this project and how this project will benefit the applicant's school corporation. While cost sharing of the incremental cost is not a requirement for applicants, Vance said special consideration is given to applications that leverage additional funding or for those which have in-kind funding.

Those selected to receive a 2016 PSB will be notified by letter and email at the end of November 2016.

# Indiana's 2015 Progress a Mixed Bag

New state-level data from the U.S. Census American Community Survey show improvements in Indiana's poverty rate, household incomes and health insured rates, but some metrics did not match national gains in 2015. While Indiana made progress this year, too many missed policy opportunities have left Indiana falling further behind other states, including dropping two spots relative to other states in both child poverty and median household incomes since 2014.

In 2015, 933,181 Hoosiers lived below the poverty line, or 14.5 percent of the state's population, a decrease from 15.2 percent in 2014. This is welcome news for the 41,037 fewer Hoosiers in poverty, and positioned the state at number 26th overall for individuals in poverty, down from 24th. Improvements in poverty rates in 2015 were most dramatic for black (28.4 percent) and Hispanic (27 percent) individuals,

down from 32 percent and 28.7 percent in 2014 respectively, as well as 12.2 percent in 2015 down from 12.6 percent in 2014 for white individuals. Indiana's poverty rate is still above its 2007 (pre-recession) rate of 12.3 percent, suggesting that for the poorest Hoosiers, the state hasn't fully recovered from the recession. This also seems evident from the fact that just over half of 16 to 64-year-olds in poverty worked either full-time or part-time year round.

More than one in three Hoosiers continued to be low-income (including those below the poverty line) in 2015; 2,142,960 Hoosiers lived below 200 percent of the federal poverty line (a basic measure of economic self-sufficiency) in 2015, down from 2,219,443 in 2014. This includes the 1,209,779 Hoosiers between 100 and 200 percent of the federal poverty line in

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 09-15-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII ADDING CHAPTER 74, GOLF CARTS, TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF KNIGHTSTOWN, INDIANA

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 9-21-1-3 authorizes municipalities like the Town of Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana ("Knightstown"), within its reasonable exercise of police power to regulate or prohibit the operation of low speed vehicles and golf carts on its public roadways; and

WHEREAS, some residents of Knightstown have expressed a desire to operate golf carts on certain highways within Knightstown's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Knightstown desires to accommodate its residents' desire for reasonable alternative modes of local transportation while balancing public safety concerns regarding the use of golf carts on Knightstown's roadways; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the Town Council of the Town of Knightstown, Indiana, it has been determined that golf carts may be reasonably operated on some public roadways, located within designate residential areas without presenting an imminent danger to golf carts operators, pedestrians or drivers; and

WHEREAS, Knightstown now desires to authorize the operation of golf carts on some public roadways within Knightstown's corporate boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Knightstown, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION I – DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. "Roadway" shall mean a road or alleyway included in Knightstown's road inventory and for which Knightstown has primary responsibility for maintenance and oversight.
B. "Golf Cart" shall mean, pursuant to Indiana Code § 9-13-2-69.7, a four (4) wheeled motor vehicle originally and specifically designed and intended to transport one (1) or more individuals and golf clubs for the purpose of playing the game of golf on a golf course.
C. "Proof of Financial Responsibility" shall mean, pursuant to Indiana Code § 9-25-2-3, proof of ability to respond to damages for liability that arises out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a Golf Cart in the following amounts:
1. Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of any one (1) person;
2. Subject to the limit in subdivision (1), Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of two (2) or more persons in any one (1) accident; and
3. Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) because of injury to or destruction of property in any one (1) accident.
D. "Current driving license" shall mean, pursuant to Indiana Code § 9-13-2-41, every class and kind of license or permit that evidences the privilege to operate a motor vehicle upon the highways of Indiana. The term includes a privilege granted by the license.
E. "INDOT" is the acronym for Indiana Department of Transportation.

SECTION II – APPLICATION

This Ordinance applies to Knightstown's roadways, other public ways, sidewalks and pedestrian pathways. Nothing herein shall be construed to apply to or limit the use of golf carts on (a) golf courses; (b) private property; (c) Knightstown's use of golf carts for official purposes; or (d) Wayne Volunteer Fire Department's use of golf carts for official purposes.

SECTION III – OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS

The operation of a Golf Cart on a public roadway within the corporate limits of Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana, is strictly prohibited unless the Golf Cart is operated in full compliance with this Ordinance. The hours of operation of a Golf Cart within the corporate limits of Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana, shall only occur between the hours of 5:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m.

SECTION IV – DESIGNATED ROADWAYS

To protect the safety of the residents of Knightstown, Indiana, Golf Carts shall only be operated on public streets and alleys within the Town's incorporated limits and may, pursuant to Indiana Code § 9-21-3-3, be allowed to cross a highway in the state highway system at right angles in order to travel from one public street or alley within Knightstown, Indiana, to another but only when said operation can be done safely.

SECTION V – PROHIBITION AGAINST OPERATION - TIME OF OPERATION

Golf Carts shall only be operated on Designated Roadways between the hours of 5:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m..

SECTION VI – CURRENT DRIVING LICENSE REQUIRED

Only persons possessing a current driving license issued by the State of Indiana or another state of the United States of America shall be permitted to operate a Golf Cart on Designated Roadways within Knightstown. Persons operating a Golf Cart on Designated Roadways shall have his or her driver's license in his or her possession during operation.

SECTION VII – PUBLIC WAYS - PLACE OF OPERATION

Golf Carts shall not be operated, in Knightstown, on any of the following:

- A. Sidewalks.
B. Non-Designated Roadways.
C. Multi-Use Pathways.
D. Crossing a roadway that has a designated speed of greater than 30 MPH (Miles per Hour).
E. Any state highway within the incorporated limits of Knightstown, Indiana; however a golf cart shall be allowed to cross said state highways at a 90° angle after it is safe to do so.

SECTION VIII – GOLF CART EQUIPMENT

Only golf carts with the following equipment shall be permitted to operate within Knightstown, Indiana:

- A. An amber flashing operating at all times visible from a distance of no less than 500 feet from the rear of the golf cart.
B. Headlamps.
C. Taillights.
D. Brake lights.
E. Turn signals.
F. Clearly audible horn device.
G. Rearview mirror.
H. Seat belts.
I. Slow moving vehicle emblem meeting the requirements of Indiana Code 9-21-9-5 and displayed pursuant to Indiana Code 9-21-9-2 and all acts amendatory or supplemental thereto said code sections.
J. Two reflectors on both the front and back bumpers.

SECTION IX – REGISTRATION OF GOLF CARTS

A. The Knightstown Police Department is charged with the responsibility for inspecting and registering Golf Carts. The Knightstown Police Department shall also maintain records of the registration for Golf Carts, which shall include but not be limited to, the name of the owner(s), address of the owner(s), contact information for the owner(s), the name of insurance company, insurance policy number, and insurance agent name and contact information, and other information deemed necessary to the Knightstown Police Department to maintain a complete registry of such vehicles.

B. Before registration of a Golf Cart, the Knightstown Police Department shall inspect a Golf Cart to ensure that it is equipped with the following and it shall be the registrant's continuing obligation to maintain said Golf Cart in a good working order and adjustment, so as to ensure that the vehicle is in a safe mechanical condition that does not endanger the person who drives the vehicle, another occupant of the vehicle or a person upon the public streets, highways and alleyways of the Town of Knightstown, Indiana. Said equipment shall include the following:

- 1. Brakes capable of decelerating at a rate of fourteen (14) feet per second, including two (2) separate means of applying the brakes, each of which must apply the brakes to at least two (2) wheels, except for two-wheeled vehicles, (with compliance to be determined by an actual road tested conducted on a substantially level, dry, smooth, hard-surfaced road that is free from loose material, and with stopping distance measured from the actual instant braking controls are moved and from an initial speed of twenty (20) miles per hour, or another suitable mechanical test that recreates the same conditions);
2. A horn, in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance not less than two hundred (200) feet;
3. At least two (2) head lamps for four-wheeled vehicles with at least one (1) of the head lamps on each side of the front of the vehicle, located at a height of not less than twenty-four (24) inches and not more than fifty-four (54) inches, when measured from the center of the head lamp to the level ground upon which the vehicle stands when the vehicle is without a load. Such head lamps shall be capable of revealing persons and objects seventy-five (75) feet ahead of the vehicle if it is not capable of being operated at a speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour and a distance of five hundred (500) feet ahead of the vehicle if it is capable of being operated at a speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour;
4. For two-wheeled vehicles, at least one (1) head lamp on the front of the vehicle, located at a height of not less than twenty-four (24) inches and not more than fifty-four (54) inches, when measured from the center of the head lamp to the level ground upon which the vehicle stands when the vehicle is without a load. Such head lamps shall be capable of revealing persons and objects seventy-five (75) feet ahead of the vehicle if it is not capable of being operated at a speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour and a distance of five hundred (500) feet ahead of the vehicle if it is capable of being operated at a speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour;
5. At least one (1) tail lamp, located in the center of the rear of the Golf Cart, that emits a red light plainly visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear, located, as measured from the center of the tail lamp, not less than twenty (20) inches and not more than seventy-two (72) inches to the level ground upon which the vehicle stands when the vehicle is without a load;
6. On four-wheeled Golf Carts, at least two (2) red reflectors carried on the rear, either as a part of the tail lamps or separately, mounted at a height measured from the center of the reflector of not less than twenty (20) inches and not more than sixty (60) inches to the level ground upon which the vehicle stands when the vehicle is without a load. The reflectors must be of a size and characteristic and mounted so as to be visible at night from all distances within one hundred (100) feet to six hundred (600) feet from the vehicle when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps from approaching vehicles.
7. At least one (1) red reflector carried on the rear of a two-wheeled vehicle located at the center of said vehicle at a height measured from the center of the reflector of not less than twenty (20) inches and not more than sixty (60) inches to the level ground upon which he vehicle stands when the vehicle is without a load. The reflector must be of a size and characteristic and mounted so as to be visible at night from all distances within one hundred (100) feet to six hundred (600) feet from the vehicle when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps from approaching vehicles.
8. If any four-wheeled or two-wheeled Golf Cart employs a rear registration plate for whatever purpose, either a tail lamp or a separate lamp must be placed and constructed, so as to illuminate said rear registration plate with a white light and make the plate clearly legible from a distance of fifty (50) feet to the rear. Such rear registration light must be wired, so as to be lighted when the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted.
9. Not more than two (2) spot lamps with the further provision that a lighted spot lamp must be aimed and used when approaching another vehicle, so that no part of the high intensity part of the beam will be directed to the left of the prolongation of the extreme left side of the vehicle of not less than one hundred (100) feet ahead of the vehicle;
10. Not more than two (2) fog lamps mounted on the front of the Golf Cart at a height not less than twelve (12) inches and not more than thirty (30) inches to the level ground upon which the vehicle stands when the vehicle is without a load. The fog lamps must be aimed, so that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high-intensity part of the light to the left of the center of the vehicle will at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet ahead, project higher than a level of four (4) inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which the light emanates;
11. Stop lamps, displaying a red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred (100) feet to the rear in normal sunlight, and shall be activated upon application of the service (foot) brakes. A stop lamp may not project a glaring light.
12. A muffler (if not an electric-powered Golf Cart) that must be free of exhaust gas leaks, alteration of muffler elements or deterioration of muffler elements, by visual inspection, in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive noise and the escape of excessive fumes or smoke;
13. One safety belt for each passenger, which belt shall meet the standards stated in the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 208 (49CFR571.208), which each occupant shall maintain properly fastened about the occupant's body at all times when the vehicle is in motion;
14. A rearview mirror, or a side view mirror on each side of the Golf Cart, that reflects to the driver a view of the road for a distance of at least two hundred (200) feet to the review of the vehicle;
15. A solid tire made of rubber having rubber on the tire's entire traction surface of at least one (1) inch thick above the edge of the flange of the entire periphery. Tire chains of reasonable proportions may also be used upon a Golf Cart when required for safety, because of snow, ice, or other conditions tending to cause a vehicle to skid, provided they are constructed to prevent any appreciable damage to the road surface. In addition, a vehicle may use tires in which have been inserted ice grips or tire studs of wear-resisting material installed in a manner that provides resiliency upon contact with the road, with projections that do not exceed three thirty-seconds (3/32) of an inch beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire and constructed to prevent appreciable damage to the road surface;
16. A slow moving vehicle emblem, consisting of a design in compliance with Indiana Code 9-21-9-5, which shall be mounted as near as practicable to the center of mass of the vehicle at an approximate height of not less than three (3) feet and not more than five (5) feet from the level ground upon which the vehicle stands when the vehicle is without a load. The emblem shall be mounted, so as to be entirely visible from the rear, day or night.
Such an emblem shall be required on all Golf Carts that operate or may not be driven at a speed of greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
C. Upon registration of the Golf Cart, the owner(s) of said vehicle shall receive a registration sticker that must be displayed at all times during operation on public streets, highways and alleyways within the Town of Knightstown, Indiana, in a visible location on the rear of said vehicle. If a registration sticker is not available at the time or registration, the owner(s) will receive written proof of registration to be carried during the operation of said vehicle on public streets, highways and alleyways of the Town of Knightstown, Indiana, until the registration sticker is issued.
D. The registration of a Golf Cart may not be transferred to another person.
E. A Golf Cart shall display, at all times, a current registration sticker on the left side of the rear bumper.
F. The Golf Cart registration will expire each year at midnight on December 31.

SECTION IX – OCCUPANTS - MAXIMUM NUMBER

The number of occupants in a Golf Cart shall be limited to the number of persons for whom seating is installed and provided for on the Golf Cart. The operator and passenger shall be seated in the Golf Cart, wearing a seat belt, and no parts of the bodies of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the Golf Cart while the Golf Cart is in motion. No occupant under three (3) years of age is allowed as occupants while the Golf Cart is in motion. All Golf Carts, operated in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, shall park parallel to and on the right side in the same direction as traffic is designed to flow.

SECTION X – TRAFFIC RULES

Any Golf Cart being operated on a Designated Roadway, in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations enacted by the State of Indiana and the Ordinances of the Town of Knightstown, Indiana, which govern the operation of motor vehicles.

SECTION XI – REQUIREMENT - POSSESSION OF PROOF OF INSURANCE

Each Golf Cart operated within Knightstown shall maintain current insurance as specified on Section I (C) of this Ordinance. The Proof of Insurance must be carried in or on the Golf Cart at all times it is being operated.

SECTION XII – IMPOUNDING GOLF CARTS - NON-COMPLIANCE

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a law enforcement officer authorized to enforce motor vehicle laws who discovers a Golf Cart that is in violation of Section V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and/or XI of this Ordinance shall take the Golf Cart into the Officer's custody; and may cause the vehicle to be taken to and stored in a suitable place, at the owner's expense, until such time as the owner can take possession and transport the Golf Cart without violating the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION XIII – PENALTIES

Knightstown Police Department shall issue a uniform ordinance violation citation to any person or persons violating a provision of this Ordinance. Violators of this Ordinance are subject to the following schedule of fines:

- A. \$25.00 for the first violation.
B. \$50.00 for the second violation.
C. \$75.00 for the third violation.
D. A person cited for violation more than three (3) times within a twelve (12) month time frame shall have the Golf Cart registration revoked and shall no longer be allowed to operate within the corporate limits of Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana, for one (1) year from the date of the third violation.
All fines prescribed by this Ordinance for a violation or violations shall be paid to the Town Ordinance Violations Bureau, which shall render to the person making payment a receipt stating the amount and purpose for which the fine has been paid, a duplicate of which shall be made a part of the records of the Town.
Should any violation or violations be referred to the Knightstown Town Attorney for enforcement, the violator shall be responsible for all attorney's fees and Court costs associated with such enforcement action in addition to any fine set forth herein.

SECTION XIV – SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS

If any part of this Ordinance is deemed invalid, such part will be deemed severable and its invalidity will have no effect upon the remaining provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION XV – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and due publication.

SECTION XVI – INTRODUCTION - PASSAGE

Introduced and filed on the 15th day of September, 2016. A motion to consider on first reading on the day of introduction was offered and sustained by a vote of 5 in favor and none opposed pursuant to I.C. 36-5-2-9.8.

Duly ordained and passed this 15th day of September, 2016 by the Town Council of the Town of Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana, having been passed by a vote of 5 in favor and none opposed.

TOWN OF KNIGHTSTOWN, INDIANA, BY ITS TOWN COUNCIL

Voting Affirmative: Sarah Ward, Roger Hammer, Mitchell Roland, Valerie Trump, Kevin Knott

Voting Opposed: None

ATTEST: Beth Huffman, Clerk-Treasurer

(Publish 9/21)

# Off the Hook

Local Kids Enjoy Big Time Wrestling Fundraiser for Knightstown Youth Sports, Inc. at Barry Elzey Field



Central Wrestling Federation performer "Sexy" Shawn Cook leaps off the turnbuckles at his opponent, The Metal Master, Saturday evening at Barry Elzey Field. (Eric Cox photos)



Mt. Vernon High School senior Shawn Kemp makes the rounds, revving up the fans before his match.



Little boys react to the wrestlers' on-stage antics and choreographed grappling maneuvers.



(Clockwise from above, left) "Have Mercy" Percy Davis performs an aerial move on his opponent, Dale Patrick. "Sexy" Shawn Cook gets The Metal Master in a diabolical choke hold. Knightstown kids register their vote against Cook, who repeatedly goaded the crowd - at one time exclaiming "I looked around here tonight and only saw about five teeth!" The crowd went wild with laughter. "Have Mercy" Percy Davis (left) flips a surprised Dale Patrick. The Central Wrestling Federation will be in action again on Saturday, Nov. 26, at Carthage Community Church at 7 p.m. For ticket info, call 765-491-8144.

# LOCAL SPORTS

## KHS Golfer Sammi Eaks Heading to Regional



Knights town varsity girls' golf team season ended at sectionals on Monday but their top golfer, Sammi Eaks, scored a 95 on a difficult Old Oakland Golf Course to advance to regionals.

The KHS girls' team placed seventh of 11 teams with a combined score of 454. Eaks' 95 was 10 strokes better than she finished on the same course at last year's sectional.

Daisy Hoffman shot a 108 and Lauren McCorkle posted a 121.

Kori Wright finished with a 130 and Kira Smith shot a 141.

The sectional was originally set for Saturday but was rained out and played Monday.

The Knights town golfers finished their regular season with two matches last week.

On Sept. 14, the Lady Panthers played against Centerville at Richmond's Highland Lake Golf Course. The Lady Bulldogs prevailed 201 to Knights town's 224.

Eaks again led the way for KHS with a 49.

Hoffman shot a 52. McCorkle had a 59 and Wright finished with a 64. Smith came in with a 70.

The following evening, Sept. 15, Knights town traveled to Hartley Hills for a three-way meet with Hagerstown and New Castle.

The Lady Panthers played better but still came in third with a 219. New Castle placed first with 200 and Hagerstown finished with 203.

Eaks was tops for Knights town with a 42.

Hoffman posted a 53. McCorkle shot a 64. Wright scored a 60 and Smith shot a 66.

## Lady Panthers Drop 3 Straight

The Lady Panther varsity volleyball team fell 0-3 to Greenfield-Central Sept. 6 at home.

The Lady Cougars defeated KHS 25-9, 25-11 and 25-10. Candice Wyatt led the way for the Lady Panthers with six kills, one ace, one block, one assists and five digs.

Trinidie Newby had two kills and five digs while Kamryn Reed got one dig and made nine assists. Freshman Sierra Heady posted one kill, one ace and three digs.

Dharma Holder had one kill and three digs while Courtney Carlton got a kill and one dig.

Elexus Goodpaster, Paige Halcomb and Maggie Smith each made three digs and Hailey Marshall added one dig.

On Sept. 8, the Lady Panthers suffered another 0-3 loss at home to North Decatur. The Lady Chargers defeated Knights town 25-17, 25-18 and 25-10.

Wyatt again led the Lady Panthers with seven kills, one block and 11 digs.

Halcomb pulled out 15 digs, two aces and one assist.

Newby finished with three kills and eight digs. Reed contributed 14 assists, one kill and two digs. Carlton had two kills and four digs.

Smith had one kill and three digs while Elexus Goodpaster made five digs.

Alyssa Northern got one kill and one dig and Holder posted one kill, one ace and one dig. Heady and Marshall each had one dig.

The Lady Panthers also fell 0-3 to Triton Central Sept. 12.

The Lady Tigers beat KHS 25-10, 25-18 and 25-10.

Wyatt finished with five kills, one ace, three blocks and four digs.

Holder had four kills and two digs. Reed provide 11 assists, one block and five digs.

Newby came up with 10 digs and had one ace.

Halcomb had eight digs and one ace. Smith made two kills and Carlton got one kill and two digs. Vivian Goodpaster, who had been out for the past couple of game, made 17 digs.

Following the three straight losses, the Lady Panthers season record moved to 5-8.

## Panthers and Royals Give Fans Another Exciting Rivalry Contest

### Royals Hold on to Plowshare and Anvil Trophy with 26-21 Win

The annual rivalry contest between Knights town and Eastern Hancock football teams is always anticipated and this year's game was one to remember. But, despite the tension and excitement, the result was the same as the previous three years with the Royals holding on to the plowshare and anvil trophy again on a 26-21 victory.

The game got off to a slow start with only four punts to show for their offensive efforts. The Royals got on the board first early in the second quarter when quarterback Jarett Lewis hit Clayton Cochard with touchdown pass and A.J. Muegge completed the extra point kick to go up 7-0.

The Panthers immediately responded with a nice pass from quarterback Tyler Burton to Tucker Personett to score six. Kyler Schaetzle was good on the extra point kick to tie the game up at seven.

The Royals worked the ball up the field and scored again when Lewis found Cochard for their second touchdown and Muegge added the extra point to give the Royals the lead, 14-7.

Knights town bounced back with Burton running the ball 34 yards for the touchdown. Schaetzle's extra point missed to allow the Royals to hold on to the lead, 14-13. The Panthers made a huge stop with the Royals on the one-yard line with seconds left in the half to maintain the one-point game.

Burton connected with Jon Simmons early in the third quarter for a 17-yard touchdown. Then, Burton

handed the ball off to Richie Nelson who ran the ball in for the two-point conversion to boost the Panthers up 21-14. Great defensive plays by both teams prevented any further scoring in the third.

Early in the fourth quarter, Lewis hit Devin Denny with the team's third touchdown pass but their extra point attempt failed, allowing the Panthers to hold the lead 21-20.

The Royals come up big to stop the Panthers' next drive. When Eastern Hancock takes over, Denny finds an opening to run the ball to the Panthers' 25-yard line. With just over two minutes left and the Royals at the two-yard line, the Panthers also come up with the big stop to take over at their own seven-yard line.

The thrill of the defensive stop was shattered moments later when the Panthers fumbled the snap and Burton is sacked at the one-yard line. The Royals hold, forcing the Panthers to punt and the Royals return it to the 20. Lewis then shatters the Panthers' hopes for the upset when he connected with Luke Splater for a great 20-yard touchdown pass. The Royals' attempt at the two-point conversion fails to put the score at 26-21.

Burton found Personett again with another good pass but Splater intercepted Burton's long throw to end the game. The 12th-ranked Royals hold on for the 26-21 win.

The Royals move to 3-2 on the season and the Panthers are now 1-4.

#### KNIGHTSTOWN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

##### Passing

Tyler Burton - 7 of 16 for 173 yards, 2 touchdowns, 1 interception

##### Rushing

T. Burton - 16 carries for 142 yards, 1 touchdown  
Richie Nelson - 17 carries for 45 yards  
Jon Simmons - 4 carries for 30 yards

##### Receiving

Tucker Personett - 3 receptions for 106 yards, 1 touchdown  
R. Nelson - 2 receptions for 50 yards  
J. Simmons - 1 reception for 17 yards, 1 touchdown  
Max Mundy - 1 reception for 0 yards

##### Interceptions / Sacks / Recoveries

Alex Brading - 2 passes deflected  
T. Burton - 1 pass deflected  
Bruce Nichols - 1 pass deflected

##### Returns

N. Walsh - 1 kickoff return for 33 yards  
Devyn Schaetzle - 1 kickoff return for 2 yards

##### Kicking

Kyler Schaetzle - 1 point after touchdowns, 4 kick-offs for 115 yards  
T. Burton - 3 punts for 107 yards

##### Conversions

R. Nelson - 1 rushing conversion

##### Total Tackles (solo+assists)

J. Simmons - 13 (8 solo); Garrett Thomas - 12; T. Burton - 9; A. Brading, Steven Heady, Dawson Smith - 5; Zach Clark, Bryan Newby, B. Nichols - 4; Thomas Pursley - 3; Conner Brockman, Dalton Moss, T. Personett - 2; Richard Nelson - 1.

#### E. HANCOCK INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

##### Passing

Jarett Lewis - 15 of 30 for 190 yards, 4 touchdowns

##### Rushing

Devin Denney - 19 carries for 122 yards  
J. Lewis - 8 carries for 59 yards, one fumble  
A.J. Muegge - 1 carry for 1 yard

##### Receiving

Clayton Cochard - 4 receptions for 63 yards, 2 TDs  
Payton Wilkinson - 4 receptions for 45 yards  
D. Denney - 4 receptions for 43 yards, 1 TD  
Luke Splater - 1 reception for 20 yards, 1 TD  
A.J. Muegge - 2 receptions for 19 yards

##### Interceptions / Sacks / Recoveries / Fumble

Brandon Francis - 1.5 sacks  
Wesley Myers - 1 sack  
Reece Burkhart - .5 sack  
Devyn Brinson - 2 passes deflected  
L. Splater - 1 interception for 9 yards, 1 pass deflected  
C. Cochard - 1 pass deflected

##### Returns

Spencer Maxwell - 1 punt return for 18 yards

##### Kicking

A.J. Muegge - 2 points after touchdowns, 4 kick-offs for 52 yards  
Victor Olivo - 1 kickoff for 5 yards  
D. Brinson - 2 punts for 70 yards

##### Total Tackles (solo+assists)

R. Burkhart - 13 (11 solo); Jayson Bowers - 13 (10 solo); S. Maxwell - 9; Craig Rifner - 8; C. Cochard - 6; Jacob Miller - 5; D. Brinson, B. Francis - 4; L. Splater - 3; Riley Settergren, Jacob Toth - 2; A.J. Muegge, Wesley Myers - 1.

## Knights town, Eastern Hancock Middle School Tennis Teams Split

Knights town's sixth, seventh and eighth grade players on the KIS tennis teams split with Eastern Hancock on Aug. 29.

The KIS boys team won 3-2.

Garrett Dalton, at No. 1 singles, won 8-0.

No. 2 singles player Brady Howell won 8-1 while Connor Keith, at No. 3 singles, lost 4-8.

The No. 1 doubles team of Kyle Johnson and Connor Pyle won 8-1.

The No. 2 doubles team of Carson Smith and John Groce lost 5-8.

The KIS girls team was defeated 2-3.

Ladaya Berrier at No. 1 singles lost 4-8 and Dani Davis lost 7-8 in a tiebreak.

No. 3 singles Alissa Campton won 8-4.

The No. 1 doubles team of Kensi Hale and Saige Chandler lost 3-8.

The No. 2 doubles team of Luci Ahrendt and Katy Bell won their match 8-7 in a tiebreak.

Other members of the KIS team playing in exhibition matches were Max Groce, Shayla Pruitt and Jayden Cook.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Tri Titans Fall on the Road at Northeastern

Tri's varsity football team suffered its second loss of the season on the road Friday night, losing 6-42 to class 2A's Northeastern, who are ranked 11th in the latest Associated Press poll.

The Titans couldn't get much going through the first quarter while Northeastern scored twice to take a 14-0 lead.

Tri got on the board with the team's only touchdown on a run by David O'Neill.

But, Northeastern put 16 more on the scoreboard to take a 30-6 lead into halftime.

The Titans could not reach the end zone for the rest of the game. The Knights scored 12 in the third quarter but both teams were scoreless in the fourth quarter, giving Northeastern the 42-6 victory.

The loss dropped the Titans' record to 3-2. Tri will be back at home to take on Hagerstown (3-2) Friday night.

### TRI INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

#### Passing

Drew Mondrush - 5 of 11 for 24 yards  
Alex Melton - 1 of 2 of 15 yards

#### Rushing

David O'Neill - 14 carries for 46 yards, 1 touchdown  
Nick Wilson - 4 carries for 23 yards  
D. Mondrush - 7 carries for 20 yards  
Tristin Goodwin - 2 carries for 8 yards

#### Receiving

D. O'Neill - 2 receptions for 20 yards  
D. Mondrush - 1 reception for 15 yards  
N. Wilson - 1 reception for 4 yards

#### Returns

Kyler Burchett - 3 kickoff returns for 55 yards

#### Total Tackles (solo+assists)

N. Wilson - 18 (10 solo); T. Goodwin, Josiah Jackson - 10; Eric Bilby - 9; K. Burchett - 6; A. Melton, D. Mondrush - 5; Garrett Fields, Tristian Guffy, Cayden Starky, Logan Stephens, Austin Stroud - 4; Masen Phelps, Dakota Raley - 3; Chris Blake, Seth Butler, Deven Jones - 2; Dylan Landon - 1.

## 'Hoosiers' 30-year Celebration a Big Success



Hoosier Gym volunteers organized another successful event last weekend to celebrate the 30-year anniversary of the movie *Hoosiers*. Above, Peg Mayhill, who was integral in bringing the *Hoosiers* film crew to Knightstown, poses with *Hoosiers* writer Angelo Pizzo (left) and *Hoosiers* director David Anspaugh (right) during a dinner at the gym Saturday night. Organizers held a showing of the movie at the gym on Friday night followed by an autograph session with numerous members of the *Hoosiers* cast Saturday afternoon. A sit-down dinner and auction to capped off the anniversary weekend. Organizers said more than 700 people attended the events. Check out a new mini-documentary about the gym and photos from the events at the Hoosier Gym Facebook page and Twitter feed. (Photo provided)

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## Volunteer on National Public Lands Day This Saturday

Show your appreciation for public lands by volunteering at an Indiana State Parks property on Saturday, Sept. 24.

That is National Public Lands Day, the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands. Volunteer opportunities will include lake cleanups at Brookville Lake and Pokagon State Park, trail work at Tippecanoe River and Turkey Run state parks, and gardening at Salamonie Lake and Lieber State Recreation Area.

Some properties also will offer volunteer opportunities on Sunday, Sept. 25.

But National Public Lands Day isn't all work and no play. Properties will offer hikes, pioneer activities, crafts and live bird shows, too.

National Public Lands Day activities for Indiana state parks can be found at [stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm).

While volunteers are welcome throughout the year, National Public Lands Day is one of four key times when Indiana State Parks properties focus attention on volunteer and giving opportunities. The other days in which service and giving are emphasized are Giving Tuesday (Nov. 29), Martin Luther King National Day of Service (Jan. 16, 2017) and National Volunteer Week (April 23-29, 2017). In 2015, volunteers contributed nearly 90,000 hours of service to state parks.

For property-specific information on volunteer opportunities, fall programs and special event weekends, see [InterpretiveServices.IN.gov](http://InterpretiveServices.IN.gov) or call the property you plan to visit.

For more information on National Public Lands Day or to find a related event near you, visit [PublicLandsDay.org](http://PublicLandsDay.org).

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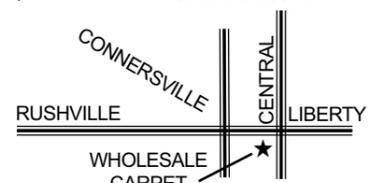
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## Area High School Sports Schedule for Sept. 21-28

- Football - Varsity**  
 \*Sept. 23 - Knightstown at home vs. Shenandoah, 7 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 23 - Tri at home vs. Hagerstown, 7 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 23 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. North Decatur, 7 p.m.
- Football - Junior Varsity**  
 \*Sept. 26 - Knightstown at home vs. Shenandoah, 6 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 26 - Tri away at Union County, 6 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 26 - Eastern Hancock away at Cathedral, 5:30 p.m.
- Co-Ed Cross Country - Varsity**  
 \*Sept. 24 - Tri away at Delta Invitational, 10 a.m.  
 \*Sept. 24 - Eastern Hancock away at Delta Invitational, Muncie Sportsplex, 10 a.m.  
 \*Sept. 27 - Knightstown hosting Henry County Meet, 4:30 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 27 - Tri away at Knightstown for county meet, 4:30 p.m.
- Boys Soccer - Varsity**  
 \*Sept. 21 - Knightstown at home vs. Seton Catholic, 5 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 27 - Knightstown at home vs. Morristown, 5:30 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 28 - Knightstown at home vs. Crispus Attucks, 6 p.m.
- Boys Tennis - Junior Varsity & Varsity**  
 \*Sept. 21 - Knightstown at home vs. Triton Central, 4:30 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 21 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Anderson High School, 5 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 22 - Knightstown away at Eastern Hancock, 5 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 22 - Tri away at Blue River Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 22 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Knightstown 5 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 24 - Knightstown away at Eastern Hancock Invite, 9 a.m.  
 \*Sept. 24 - Tri away at Centerville for Tri-Eastern Conference Tourney, 9 a.m.  
 \*Sept. 24 - Eastern Hancock hosting EH Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 \*Sept. 26 - Knightstown at home vs. Shenandoah, 4:30 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 26 - Tri away at Tri-Eastern Conference Tourney at Centerville, 4:30 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 27 - Knightstown at home vs. Hagerstown, 4:30 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 27 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Pendleton Heights HS, 5 p.m.
- Volleyball - Junior Varsity & Varsity**  
 \*Sept. 21 - Tri at home vs. Eastern Hancock, 6 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 21 - Eastern Hancock away at Tri, 6 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 22 - Knightstown away at Cambridge City Lincoln, 6 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 22 - Tri at home vs. Waldron, 6 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 24 - Eastern Hancock hosting EH Invitational, all day starting at 9 a.m.  
 \*Sept. 26 - Tri away at Seton Catholic, 6 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 28 - Knightstown at home vs. Lapel, 6 p.m.  
 \*Sept. 28 - Tri at home vs. Blue River Valley, 6 p.m.

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**Carts, from Page 3**  
 its entirety on Page 10 of this week's Banner.  
 According to the ordinance, golf carts will only be allowed to be driven on designated town streets between the hours of 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., and operators must have a valid driver's license and be insured. Golf carts must be registered with the Knightstown Police Department, and have to satisfy 16 specific equipment requirements.  
 Penalties for violating the terms of the ordinance are \$25 for the first violation, \$50 for the second one and \$75 for the third, with all fines going into the town's coffers. Any person violating the ordinance more than three times in one year will have their golf cart registration revoked and be barred from operating a golf cart in town for one year from the date of the third violation.  
 In other business at last week's meeting, an expected presentation from out-of-town developers who had been considering building a \$4.7-million housing a project consisting of 25 single-family units on North Adams Street did not occur. Council President Sarah Ward told those in attendance that the town had just received notice from the developers the day before that they would not be attending that night's meeting and are "not going to do anything until next year."  
 The council also:  
 \*approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$264,030.76;  
 \*voted not join a cooperative proposed by the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, the supplier of the town's electricity, that would have teamed the town up with eight other municipalities, pooling financial resources to pay IMPA to handle needed repairs and maintenance;  
 \*passed a resolution appointing Works Manager Rick Tarr as the town's appointee to IMPA's Board of Commissioners;  
 \*authorized up to \$16,000 in local road repairs;  
 \*reinstated Ben Bowling as the town's building inspector for the remainder of the year, with Huffman telling the council she would like to be able to give him a bonus closer to the end of the year;  
 \*approved placement of a "Little Free Library" box to hold books on the Public Square; and  
 \*OK'd placement of stop signs on Jackson Street at the intersection with Franklin Street.  
 More information about last week's Knightstown Town Council meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes from that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.

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**Letters, from Page 4**

picking cotton for a penny a pound. By hand, by the way. It took a lot of cotton to weigh a pound.

When I became an adult a lot of bad things went on in the 1960s and the KKK was involved in some of it. Believe me, you don't want them back in power. They're still around somewhere.

This past spring, there was someone passing out taking back America and going to make American great again in little plastic bags with rocks in them. I know because me and some neighbors got one.

One had KKK written in the paper notes inside the bag. Trump wants to be president because he wants more power and he would get a lot more power over people than he already has. And Trump's third wife isn't a birthright American. So what right would she have being our First Lady? They claim the president wasn't born in America. So what makes them think she would have that right? What makes them think they're so special? Who do they think they are?

Virginia L. Peters  
Kennard

**Dear Editor,**

The other day, as he was driving home from work, our grandson's car broke down on the Greensboro Pike.

The homeowner where it happened helped him get the car off the road, and tried to get it started. When they couldn't, they left a "do not tow, will be back tomorrow," note in the window. Then he even gave our grandson a ride home.

The next afternoon, our grandson and his dad went to pick up the car... and it was gone.

They came to our house to call and track it down. He called the police, the sheriff, all five towing companies that work this area. No luck. He tried the State Police too. Then he started over, Knightstown police and sheriff. Nobody knew anything about it.

I suggested he go to the police station in person. Which he did. At which time they remembered that they did have the car towed, and it was at Payne's in Charlottesville! The ransom was \$125!

To the kind private citizen who helped our grandson, we thank you.

To the Knightstown Police - not so much.  
Name Withheld by The Banner

(The Banner checked into this story further and found that not only was the towed vehicle not obstructing the roadway on Greensboro Pike, outside of Knightstown town limits, it also was not parked in that location for 11 hours before Knightstown police had it towed. - Publisher)

**Dear Editor,**

I have lived in the Knightstown area all my life, and I was raised to believe in high morals, integrity and respect for life.

About 18 months ago, life changed for me and my family when we moved to Shirley. I did not know there was a bad cop on the Shirley Police Department, but, as time moved forward, my family and I soon learned of his deviate actions, as a policeman and as a human.

This officer has harassed me sexually. He has intimidated, slandered, humiliated and stalked us, and caused irreversible damage to me and my family.

I have reached out for help and protection from this

person, by filing a complaint with the Shirley Town Council and its president, Dennis Denny. I also contacted the town's attorney, Tracy Newhouse, but received no response or sign of concern. Even after attending a recent council meeting and again voicing my concerns, the town has, to my knowledge, taken no action against this officer.

I have reached out to my pastor, my family and my friends. I have also sought protection through the county courts and other law enforcement agencies.

This ordeal has been hard on my children, who have had to have counseling. My own stability and finances have also been jeopardized by what this cop has done.

I never gave this policeman any reason to pursue me and my family, as I had never been arrested in my life. I cannot tell you the hardship he has caused my family, all because he was rejected by me. I didn't want to be part of his "Shirley Games." I was the newcomer and he targeted my family with his harassment.

I am reaching out to the public now for any advice or prayers that my family and I may get, because it has come to the point where I truly fear for our safety. What happened to "serve and protect" and the police officers' ethical code of conduct? My e-mail address is cjacksonwatson@gmail.com.

Cynthia Jackson-Watson  
Shirley

**Rotary, from Page 7**

Rotarian or at Forty Financial, located at 812 E. Main St. (directly west of Riley Park) or Bernzott State Farm Agency, located at 1279 N. State St., (behind Subway). Tickets can be purchased at the door. Purchases prior to 6:30 p.m. will be included in the Reverse Raffle. A party of eight or more people can reserve a table, prior to Oct. 28. Call Deb Low at 317-467-2228 for details.

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As a result, Stanley is alleged to have received \$80,160 in unauthorized payments from when she was appointed clerk-treasurer in August 2012 until her resignation late last October. The indictment goes on to say that at least 58 paychecks containing unauthorized payments, drawn on the town's bank account at the Star Financial Bank in Shirley, were deposited in a personal checking account Stanley maintained at Huntington Bank in Columbus, Ohio.

The indictment charges Stanley with three counts of wire fraud for three specific instances where town funds were transferred from the town's bank account to hers: a \$1,192.37 deposit in December 2012; a \$1,169.87 deposit in May 2013; and a \$2,227.74 deposit in August 2013. It is not clear from any of the court documents why there were no counts in the indictment for the more than four dozen other overpayments.

Each count of wire fraud carries a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. Due to the nature of the allegations, a spokesperson for the U.S. District Attorney's office told The Banner that, if found guilty of all three counts, federal sentencing guidelines would likely call for sentences to run concurrently instead of consecutively.

Stanley's case was initially scheduled for a jury trial on June 27, but, at the request of her attorney, Indianapolis-based lawyer Mario Garcia, that date was continued and reset for Sept. 26. Garcia filed another motion for continuance late last month, which has resulted in Stanley's trial being rescheduled for Monday, Dec. 12, although Garcia's latest motion indicated that the case may be resolved prior to then by some sort of plea agreement.

Henry County Prosecutor Joe Bergacs has told The Banner that he has not ruled out also charging Stanley with theft and official misconduct. However, he said he

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2015, often those who are working and making too much to receive aid, but not enough to afford basic needs. When compared to just before the recession in 2007, there are 322,914 more low-income residents in Indiana, and despite recent improvements, the percent of low-income Hoosiers is still above pre-recession levels (29.6 percent in 2007 to 33.4 percent in 2015).

Indiana's uneven poverty decrease was most apparent among some of its most vulnerable and disadvantaged populations. More than one in five Hoosier children (20.9 percent) continue to live in poverty, as Indiana did not see a statistically significant decrease in its child poverty rate of 21.5 percent in 2014. The U.S. rate dropped significantly from 21.7 percent in 2014 to 20.7 percent in 2015 and is now just below Indiana's rate. Consequently, Indiana's child poverty ranking rose two spots within the past year compared to other states, from 23rd in child poverty in 2014 to 21st in 2015. Indiana also saw higher child poverty rates among certain racial and ethnic groups in 2015. Comparing Indiana to the U.S. for children age birth to 17, poverty rates are 41.7 percent (36.4 percent U.S.) for black children, 36 percent (30.5 percent U.S.) for Hispanic or Latino children and 13.9 percent (12.5 percent U.S.) for white children. In addition, Indiana's ranking for the highest rate of elder poverty (age 65 and over) moved from 47 to 41 as the rate increased to 7.2 percent in 2015 from 7 percent in 2014. These data suggest that there needs to be more focus on the issues causing poverty among children and the elderly.

Median household incomes increased significantly in Indiana, improving from \$49,484 in 2014 to \$50,532 in 2015. However, the U.S. increased from \$53,713 in 2014 to \$55,775, an increase of \$2,062. Accordingly, Indiana fell further behind on the state rankings for median household

plans to wait to see how the federal case against Stanley ends up before deciding whether to pursue the state charges.

The Banner has made repeated attempts to contact Stanley for comment on the State Board of Accounts' investigation and her federal indictment. She has not returned any of the newspaper's calls.

**Neutral, from Page 1**

"... It's all propaganda to kill progress."

Gunderson noted that no turbines, each "just under 500 feet" tall, would be placed within Knightstown's town limits. Most of them, she said, would be to the east, in Franklin, Dudley and Spiceland townships.

Trump pointed out that Knightstown has control over land use issues within a two-mile fringe outside the town's borders. Looking at paperwork Gunderson had provided, she said it appeared Apex was planning placement of turbines within that area, but Gunderson said those sites were only "a possibility" at this point.

Council President Sarah Ward noted that it will be county officials who ultimately make the decisions that will determine if the wind farm projects happen.

"It doesn't really matter what

**Harvest, from Page 8**

55 mph and a tractor going 15 mph," said John Erickson, IDHS Director of Public Affairs. "Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of vehicular injuries, and with more slow-moving vehicles on Indiana's roadways, it's important for Hoosiers to take their time, exercise caution and avoid distractions – such as using a cell phone while driving."

By state law, farm equipment must have the nationally designated slow-moving vehicle sign – a red triangle-shaped reflector – to warn oncoming drivers that their equipment is on the road. These vehicles often travel at speeds no

**Henry County Basketball Photo History Featured**

Henry County's rich basketball history will be on display when the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) launches a new photo exhibit on Saturday, Oct. 1. The exhibit, called The Hoosier Hardwood Photo Project: A Journey to Indiana's Historic High School Gyms, will highlight the work of photographers Michael E. Keating and Chris Smith.

The photographers chose 42 of those images to be included in the exhibit at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center in Indianapolis. Like the collection as a whole, the photographs highlighting Henry

County will reveal a wide-range of basketball moments.

The images will take visitors inside gymnasiums in Knightstown, New Castle and Spiceland. The program will take place Saturday, Oct. 8, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the History Center. Throughout the run of the exhibit (Oct. 1-Nov. 12), The Hoosier Hardwood Photo Project will be included with admission to the Indiana Experience, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The exhibit is at 450 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis.

the town thinks anyway," Ward said. "... I think we're smart just to keep our nose out of it. We've got enough problems."

Local citizen Jeff Weiland told the council that people had similar concerns when cell phone towers began proliferating about 15 years ago. He said the thought any disadvantages of the turbines were "a small price to pay for renewable energy."

"If we can do something to lessen our country's reliance on fossil fuels ... all the better," Weiland said, adding that he thought the council was "getting off track ... fussing over a bunch of windmills."

"I'm not fussing," Council Vice President Kevin Knott replied. "I'm just asking for facts. ... It's OK to ask questions."

Council member Roger Hammer said he wants to bring economic development to

Knightstown, but said the wind farms aren't what he has in mind. He said he didn't think they would have a "direct impact" on the town.

"Is this the only kind of economic development we can get, or are there other options available if we don't have windmills?" Hammer asked.

While she said she found the discussion "very interesting," citizen Carolyn Myers asked how important the council's decision on this issue would be. Would passing a resolution opposing the wind farms, she wondered, be a deal breaker?

"We have zero input," Hammer answered.

"It depends how much impact Knightstown would have on the ( c o u n t y ) commissioners," Gunderson added.

Defending the council's interest in the issue, Trump said she thinks this is an important issue because

higher than 25 mph.

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter said, "This is the time of year that all drivers, be they of automobiles or farm equipment, must be attentive and share the road." Carter continued, "Whether you're a farmer or a regular commuter, the goal is for everyone to go home at the end of the day to enjoy dinner with their family that was made possible by the farmer you just shared the road with."

As a new effort this year to further educate motorists, BMV has provided driving schools across the state with educational resources on

the topic of rural roadway safety. Instructors will now be able to use these materials, developed by ISDA, to create lesson plans and incorporate into the classroom – not just during harvest season, but throughout the year as well.

"Just as surely as the leaves will turn, farm equipment will be sharing our rural roadways during the coming weeks of harvest season," said Kent Abernathy, BMV Commissioner. "I urge all drivers to be extra careful and watch your speed to keep both farmers and motorists safe."

A U.S. Census Bureau survey claimed that an estimated 19 per-

cent of the potential effects on the health, safety and welfare of citizens. Trump said thought the council needed to act on the resolution it had asked Morelock to prepare.

Hammer said he was not inclined to vote against the proposed projects at this point, saying he had "no conclusive evidence in either direction." "I don't see any benefit for the town ... and I don't have any evidence that we'd be negatively impacted," Hammer said.

Knott also said he didn't feel he had enough information to make a decision. He then made a motion to withdraw the previous month's motion directing Morelock to draft the resolution opposing the wind farms and to remain neutral on the issue.

Hammer seconded Knott's motion and it passed 4-1. Trump cast the lone dissenting vote.

cent of the U.S. population lived in rural areas in 2014. Despite this information, over half of all traffic fatalities nationwide occurred in rural areas.

"Farm equipment can be larger, heavier and slower than it appears from a distance," said INDOT Commissioner Brandye Hendrickson. "Drivers should allow extra room and reduce their speed immediately when seeing farm equipment ahead. Be cautious in rural areas where farm equipment may not be seen easily, such as hills, curves and intersection corners not yet harvested."

incomes, dropping from 34th in 2014 to 36th in 2015. Indiana's increase of \$1,048 was the lowest among all of its neighbors and was second lowest in the Census' 12-state Midwest region, ahead of only Iowa. While these increases in median household income are a promising start, again we have yet to make up ground lost in the recession. The median household income in 2007 was \$47,448, and this income had the same buying power as \$54,238.81 in 2015 dollars, about \$3,750 less than 2015's official median household income.[1] Racial disparities continue to plague Indiana incomes, with white households making a median \$52,659, compared to \$31,639 among African-American households and \$41,020 among Hispanic or Latino households.

The intersection of race, ethnicity, and gender continued to play an outsized role in Indiana earnings in 2015. Median earnings for full-time, year round male workers in Indiana were \$47,092 in 2015, while the median earnings for women was \$35,753, or about 76 cents to the male dollar. Black and Hispanic or Latino women earned still less: just \$31,922 and \$26,870 respectively in median earnings for full time workers. This pay gap may help to explain why 16.2% of Hoosier women live in poverty as compared to 12.9 percent of men, a poverty gap of 3.3 percent. While the percentage of both women and men in poverty has gone down, that gap has actually widened since 2014, when it was 3.1 percent. Policy work will be needed to mitigate these disparities in both poverty and income levels.

Progress on Indiana's educational attainment rates worsened slightly since 2014, with the rate of adults over 25 with less than a high school degree increasing from 11.6 percent to 11.8 percent; the rate of high school graduates holding steady at 34.3 percent; and the rate of those with post-second-

ary education falling slightly from 54.2 percent to 53.9 percent. The state ranked #32 in the percentage of high school graduates (or equivalent) 25 years old or older in 2015, down from #31 in 2014. Twenty-five percent of those who failed to graduate from high school lived in poverty in 2015, compared to 11.9 percent among high school graduates, 10 percent of those with some college but no degree, and 3.8 percent among those with a bachelor's degree. Policies that support quality career pathways that meet Hoosiers where they are on the learning continuum and move them to the next phase are critical, both for Indiana's economic recovery and if the state is to meet its "big goal" for higher educational attainment.

A bright spot for Indiana was the continuing improvement in health insurance rates due to the state adopting Medicaid expansion through the Affordable Care Act and the state's Healthy Indiana 2.0 program. In 2015, 90.4 percent of Hoosiers had health insurance, a significant increase from 88.1 percent in 2014 and nearly matching the national rate of 90.6 percent. Indiana's uninsured rates have also declined significantly to 9.6 percent in 2015 from 11.9 percent in 2014. However, the state's rate of uninsured children at 6.7 percent was still well above the national rate of 4.8 percent in 2015, and did not decline significantly from 7.2 percent as the U.S. rate did from 6 percent in 2014. Generally, though, this is encouraging progress.

The effect of Indiana's policy choices was reflected in data regarding work support programs' impact on low-income families. In 2007 - before the recession - 2.3 percent of Hoosiers received public cash assistance to help make ends meet when earnings fell short. In spite of the fact that we have not yet fully recovered, Indiana actually has a lower percentage (1.8 percent) of individuals on cash assistance now. This is in part

because the eligibility thresholds for the cash assistance program are a set value and are not indexed to either the poverty level or the Consumer Price Index. Hoosier families utilizing SNAP nutrition assistance were likely to be working families, and often in poverty and/or with disabled family members. In 2015, 77.6 percent of Hoosier SNAP households had one or more worker, and only 22.3 percent had no worker in past 12 months. Also, 53.9 percent were below poverty level, and 47.5 percent had one or more member with disability, with a median income \$18,369. However, Indiana saw a percentage point decline in SNAP participation at more than three times the national rate, despite a smaller decrease in poverty. Indiana SNAP usage dropped from 12.8 percent in 2014 to 11.5 percent in 2015, a 1.3 percentage point decline, compared to a national drop of just 0.4 points, from 13.2 percent in 2014 to 12.8 percent 2015. Part of this outsized decline might be explained by Indiana's choice to end its so-called "Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents" waiver before many other states did. The resultant decrease in SNAP rolls would show up in Indiana's data before it did in the national average.

The welcome news of lower poverty and increased income combined with the reality that Indiana's gains trail the national average points to the missed opportunities of Indiana's policymakers to raise incomes, improve job quality, and support effective education and skills training. "Let's take these small gains as a positive step, but Indiana shouldn't be satisfied until policymakers more fully meet the needs of working families," said Senior Policy Analyst Andrew Bradley. "The national recovery is reaching Indiana families at half-strength. Hoosiers must hold policymakers accountable to take action to make up the difference."



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