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"It is sobering to reflect that one of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the struggle for independence." - Charles A. Beard

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Knightstown, IN

BPW Candidates Forum Monday

Knightstown Business and Professional Women will host a local candidates forum on Monday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Knightstown High School auditorium. Candidates who wish to participate should contact Barb Mofield at 317-442-2620.

Area Students Needed for Local Art Project

Students grades 9-12, who want to create a lasting work of art (no experience required), are encouraged to become a part of the National Heritage Trail student mural team. Beautify Knightstown Inc. and Healthy Communities of Henry County are partnering and inviting students to participate in painting two 10' x100' murals on the bridge abutments located in Raysville. For information call Jeff Ray at 765-524-1753 or Jan McGuire at 317-509-4039.

Gospel Singers in Concert Oct. 22

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.

4-H Halloween Event Tuesday, Oct. 18

Henry County 4-H, along with the Henry County Purdue Cooperative Extension Office, are hosting 4-H Trick or Treat on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6-8 p.m. in the Smith Building at Memorial Park in New Castle. Face painting, candy, crafts will be featured, along with 4-H enrollment opportunities and program descriptions. For more information, call 765-529-5002.

Painting Class Offered at Park Shelter House

The Knightstown Department of Parks and Recreation will host an adult painting class at the Sunset Park shelter house on Oct. 27, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person, per class. Participants will leave each class with a finished, painted river stone. To reserve a spot in the class, call Jan McGuire at 317-509-4039 or 765-345-9499.

State Says Knightstown Very Close to Sewer Ban

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

For a third time in three years, the state of Indiana has issued a formal letter to the town of Knightstown, notifying local officials the town could be facing a ban on new connections to the town's sewer system.

In a letter dated Sept. 27, Bridget Murphy, chief of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Wastewater Inspections Section of the agency's Office of Water Quality, said the town remains under a "Sewer Ban Early Warning." Similar letters were also issued to the town in August 2013 and last November.

"The Office of Water Quality has evaluated the town of Knightstown Wastewater Treatment Plant's discharge records for the past three years and finds that the chronic hydraulic overload condition that existed when the Sewer Ban Early Warning was issued still exists," Murphy wrote in the letter. "This determination is based on a review of the reported effluent flow for the annual periods of 2013, 2014 and 2015 which shows that the annual average rates of discharge for these years were 101 percent, 107 percent and 93 percent, respectively," of the maximum design flow of 460,000 gallons per day.

When it issued its first Early Warning ban, IDEM noted that the town had annual average rates of discharge of 97 percent, 115 percent and 101 percent of the plant's capacity for 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively. Engineers hired by the town have proposed rehabilitating parts of the wastewater collection system and making upgrades to the sewer plant, work that is estimated to cost \$3.9 million to \$5.2 million.

"We view the early warning notification process as a service to local government officials," Murphy continued. "The early warning notification is intended to alert the owners and operators of wastewater treatment systems to potential problems, and initiate a process for evaluation of existing conditions, plan for future solutions, and arranging for funding in case capital improvements are required."

Murphy requested that the town submit a "written detailed response" within 30 days that describes the town's plan for resolving the issues with its sewer

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Soylent Bean



Soybean farmers north of Kennard bring in their harvest amid clouds of bean dust on a recent evening just south of of S.R. 38. (Eric Cox photo/The Banner)

Carthage Dismisses Reserve Officer

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council was advised Monday night that one of the town's volunteer reserve police officers had been dismissed.

At the outset of his report to council members at Monday's regular monthly town council meeting, Town Marshal Danny Baker said a reserve officer had been dismissed due to receipt of "too many complaints." He provided no details about the nature of the complaints and only provided the name of the reserve officer, Ron Walker, after The Banner asked for that information.

Later in the meeting, during the public comments section, Walker, a reserve officer for the Carthage Police Department since this past spring, addressed the council. While he said he'd been told that he'd become "a liability for the town" due to the complaints, he pointed to other alleged problems with the CPD that he said he thought also could result in liability issues for the town, including:

- *Baker's hiring of another reserve officer (since dismissed) at the same time Walker had been brought on who, it was later learned, was not eligible to own or carry a handgun due to a domestic violence conviction in another state;

- *Baker's handling of a couple of domestic situations involving an intoxicated person alleged to have been threatening others with a gun, with no initial arrest, seizure of firearms or filing of a report;

- *a directive to reserve officers to stop motorists at the site where an infraction occurs instead of giving officers discretion to wait and pull motorists over in an area where officers feel safe;

- *failure of the CPD to issue identification cards to its officers;

- *failure of the CPD to have a standard operating procedures manual; and

- *failure of the CPD to provide all necessary training to its officers.

"Do I think I was done wrong?" Walker asked. "Absolutely, I think I was done wrong." He said he loved working for the town and "would still be doing it today" if he "had the opportunity."

Town Council President Bill Davis said he had heard several complaints about Walker, and told the former officer that Baker had been acting within his discretion to terminate him. Walker said he thought the complaints made against him "should be investigated" to see if it's just people upset because they were issued a ticket.

Davis told Walker that if he felt there were problems with how Baker was handling things, he should have brought his concerns to the council sooner, instead of waiting to bring them up after being dismissed from the force.

"If you felt Danny's not performing his duties ... we'll deal with that," Davis said.

"I welcome it," Baker added.

With respect to the domestic situations Walker had mentioned, Baker told the council he had not seen any firearm when he responded to the first call, but said he did confiscate a knife from the subject. During a second call involving the same person, Baker said he nor anyone else saw a weapon and the person had only threatened to get one. He did admit to failing to write a report documenting the first incident and said that was "his fault."

Another reserve officer, Doug Spegal, told the council that when he rode along with Walker, he felt "like things were done by the book." He said he'd "never seen (Walker) do anything wrong."

Council member Ashley Davis said that, as a citizen, she "appreciated (Walker) and the hours he worked." Another council member, John Hancock, who is also a CPD reserve officer, noted that Walker is a disabled veteran and had been able to work hours that other reserve officers often were unable to cover.

"Danny's our marshal, so (the reserves) all have to See Carthage, Page 12



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OBITUARIES

Katheryn "Kathie" Joan Smith
November 11, 1956 - October 10, 2016



Katheryn "Kathie" Joan Smith, 59, of Knightstown, passed away Monday, Oct. 10, 2016, from ALS. She was born Nov. 11, 1956, in Middlesboro, Ky., the daughter of Ruth (Fultz) Biehl and James Martin.

In 1973, Kathie married the love of her life, Dale Smith. Kathie and Dale started a family business in Spiceland, selling carpet and furniture. The business still is in operation today. Kathie worked at Smith's Carpet and Furniture most of her adult life. She kept the books, answered phones and helped customers.

Kathie thoroughly enjoyed her family and friends. She loved spending time with and caring for her grandchildren. She loved to read and go shopping. Kathie was surrounded by many friends and enjoyed taking vacations with her family and friends. Corvette trips were a favorite event. Traveling to Gatlinburg and vacations to warm places were among her favorite destinations.

Kathie is survived by her husband, Dale Smith; a son, Ryan (Alissa) Smith of Knightstown; a daughter, Sara (Adam) Hollars of Spiceland; four grandchildren, Carson and Mason Smith and Jackson and Nova Hollars; two sisters, Margaret (Wayne) Harris and Tammy Barnes; a brother, Bob (Diane) Biehl; a sister-in-law, Janice (Gary) McDaniel; a brother-in-law, Cleatus (Linda) Smith; and her father and mother-in-law, A.C. and Kate Smith. She also had a number of other relatives and close friends.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Funeral service will at 10 a.m. Friday with Pastor Lawrence Fultz and Eric McDaniel officiating. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to ALS Association of Indiana, 7202 E. 87th St., #102, Indianapolis, IN 46256.

Condolences and memories of Kathie may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Carl M. Davis
August 18, 1944 - October 9, 2016



Carl M. Davis, age 72, of Greenfield, passed away Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016, at Hancock Regional Hospital. He was born Aug. 18, 1944, in Shelby County to the late Harold A. and Alice M. (Pettit) Davis. He was a 1962 graduate of Carthage High School.

Carl married Phyllis Davis on May 25, 2004. Prior to his retirement, Carl was a pipefitter for Culligan Fire Protection for 24 years, before moving to Ford Motor Company in Indianapolis for 10 years. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church, Pro-Union UAW, Local 669-Pipefitter, member of the FOP #140, and was a very compassionate and charitable man.

Carl is survived by his wife, Phyllis Davis; two children, David (Mike) Davis of Shelbyville and Terri (Gary) Driesbach of Carthage; two stepchildren, Rick (Pam) Schonfeld of Shreveport La., and Scott Schonfeld of Shelbyville; two sisters, Kay (Dahl) Petty of Arlington and Ruth (Jerry) May of Carthage; two brothers, Darrell (Mary Anne) Davis of Florida and Alvin H. Davis of New Castle; five grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Carl is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Larry Allen Davis; and sister, Martha West.

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Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Stillinger Family Funeral Home, Pasco Chapel, of Greenfield, 1780 W. Main St., Greenfield, IN 46140. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at the funeral home, with burial immediately following at East Hill Cemetery in Arlington.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Ste. 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278. Friends may share a memory and/or condolence online at www.stillingerfamily.com.

K-town Council Meets Privately

For a second week in a row, the Knightstown Town Council will meet behind closed doors to receive information about alleged misconduct by a town employee.

According to the official meeting notice provided yesterday by the town, the council will meet in executive session tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St. In addition to receiving information about allegations of misconduct and discussing that person's status with the town, the council is also expected to discuss an individual employee's job performance evaluation. The

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Carthage's Henry Henley Public Library Nominated for Place on National Register

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

Carthage's Henry Henley Public Library has been nominated to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places and a state board will review and consider the nomination during a meeting next month.

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board will consider the library's nomination during its Nov. 2 meeting, which will be held in Indianapolis at 2 p.m. at the Indiana War Memorial, 431 N. Meridian St., Shoup Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Members of the Carthage Town Council were advised of the IHPRB's meeting Monday evening, during the council's regular monthly meeting. Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town on a variety planning and development issues, updated the council on efforts to get the library added to the national register.

Kieser told the council that he plans to attend the Nov. 2 meeting in Indianapolis, and said he was expecting council member Ashley Davis to go also. This Friday, Kieser said he planned to attend the Henry Henley Public Library Board's 10 a.m. meeting, which is also open to the public, to discuss this matter with its members.

According to a letter that State Historic Preservation Officer Cameron Clark issued last month to Jim Neal, president of the local library board, the IHPRB welcomes comments, favorable or unfavorable, regarding the library's application to be placed on the national register. Written comments should be sent on before the meeting date to: Cameron Clark, State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historic Preservation

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council met for an hour-long executive session last Thursday for the same stated reasons.

The notice provided by the town for this week's executive session, just like the one for last week, does not identify the employee who is the subject of the executive session, nor does it provide any details about the nature of the alleged mis-

and Archaeology, 402 W. Washington St., Room W274, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739.

The national register is, according to Clark's letter, the federal government's "official list of pre-historic and historic properties worthy of preservation." If no objections are received by Oct. 20, the library will be automatically listed in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures, regardless of whether the IHPRB approves the nomination for placement on the national register.

Benefits that come with being placed on the state's register include certain tax benefits and protection for the property. For example, all state-funded or state-assisted construction that would adversely affect the library would first need to be reviewed by the IHPRB.

Should the town's library be approved for placement on the national register, Kieser said special recognition will be provided during a recognition ceremony at next year's Indiana State Fair.

Kieser also updated the council at Monday's meeting on several other matters his firm is handling:

*He said a local historic preservation commission whose membership still has yet to be finalized and approved by the council is expected to begin meeting in early 2017. This commission's meetings, Kieser told the council, will be open to the public and governed by the state's Open Door Law;

*He said his firm has completed a pavement asset management plan for the town and submitted it to the state's Department of Transportation for approval. He said completion of this plan and its approval by INDOT is necessary for the town to be eligible for the

conduct. While town officials may legally provide this information and are under no obligation to withhold it, the meeting notice requirements set forth in the state's Open Door Law do not mandate its release. The ODL does, however, require any final action taken with respect to the employee to be taken during a public meeting.

Community Crossings grant program administered by INDOT, for which an application will be turned in by January;

*Kieser said the town will be seeking a grant to help fund development of a comprehensive plan and that a legal notice seeking bids from firms interested in working with the town on the plan is being

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Brown County Picnic Frustrating

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers. It would be terrible if we just skipped from September to November, wouldn't it?" - L. M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

The human mind's filing system resembles an enormous computer spread sheet in that it can sort and categorize experiences as we wish. Although we cannot physically enter other time zones, we can travel to them in our minds. October forms a special territory of its own in the geography of my life: my childhood, teenage years, the best day of my life when Bill and I were married, and memories of Vicki girl and the grandboys.

I love the poetry of James Whitcomb Riley, who connected with people because he was a master at evoking nostalgia for days gone by, the simple life and simple folks, and the everyday beauty of nature. He became America's best loved writer and made \$1,000 a week - a huge sum back then.

My fourth grade teacher, Miss Myldred Dowell read *The Bear Story* to us and took our fourth-grade class to Riley's childhood home in Greenfield. Dan Kendall, the moderator of a book discussion group loves Riley's poetry. You can go to the Internet and find the Indianapolis Public Library's recording of Riley reciting some of his poems, including Dan's

favorite: "When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,

And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock, And the cluckin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens, And the rooster's hallylooyer as

Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock —

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock."

The turning of the leaves brings forth various images of the past, blended with present time. One time I suggested to my siblings that we all gather for a picnic at Brown County State Park. Brother Earl wisely declined. Arnold and Virginia picked me up at my apartment in Bloomington where I was attending graduate school at IU. The others were to meet us at the park.

Unfortunately, no one designated a place for the four carloads of us to meet. The traffic around Nashville was bumper-to-bumper. We drove around and around for an hour in the large park before the three carloads of people finally found each other. All of the picnic tables were taken. My hungry nephews and nieces were whining. Finally, a park ranger took pity on us and let us use a table in his front yard.

The adults had reached the point where they didn't want anything to eat. Virginia and Beverly began arguing about who messed up the plans. Their husbands, Arnold and Charlie, who were both usually peaceable fellows, took my sisters' sides and threatened to hit each other.

This picnic was my mother's
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he tiptoes on the fence;
O, it's then's the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best,

With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,

As he leaves the house, bare-headed, and goes out to feed the stock,

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

They's something kindo' harty-like about the atmufere

When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here —

... the air's so appetizin'; and the landscape through the haze

Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airy autumn days

Don't Get Honked Off as Clowns Take Over

The creepy crown crisis sweeping the world took a nasty turn Sunday night as a poofy-haired, red-nosed duo commandeered an American presidential debate on live television.

Political commentators and pundits worldwide are still trying to wrap their heads around the gut-wrenching spectacle, which drew record viewership and elicited gales of laughter and wails of disgust.

"How did this happen?" one talking head begged breathlessly. "One minute we were doing fine with the nation's first black president. The next, we've got the world's first orange-faced clown knocking heads with a large, cackling cuckoo bird. I don't get it!"

On edge already since the first bizarre clown sightings, the American public wasn't prepared for a takeover by malevolent clowns of an important debate that might've better defined the policy differences of two potential world leaders.

But, as unprepared as they were, experts agreed the viewing public, nevertheless, happily tasted - and even quaffed - the clowns' Poison Tea of Apathy, which, as you might know, is the kiss of death for a government that's supposed to be of, for and BY the people.

While frightening and evil to some, clowns also represent fun and laughter. But, there was precious little of the latter as the two bumped their over-sized clown shoes together and squeezed their noisy joke horns.

"Honked off - that's what I am," said one viewer, who chose to keep his political leanings a secret (for fear of violent retribution by his peers, he said). "Why can't we have a normal debate like we used to have here in America? How could it come to pass that actual clowns would become genuine candidates for the most power-

ful elected office in the free world?"

That man's sentiments were echoed far and wide - not only in print media, but also in the realm of the world's real political experts, Facebook - where policy experts and historians were getting it on like rabbits, humping and lunging at the possible meaning of what some are calling the "Big Top Debate."

"I've never been to Washington D.C., and I know virtually nothing about politics," said another man, who openly professed his patriotism. "And, admittedly, I don't know who's on my local town council, township or county government. But, I'm damned SURE that what these clowns said Sunday night constitutes a genu-wine threat to my comfort - er, liberty. I mean, how can we even trust what these clowns say - just because they honk their horns and squirt water in your eyes with a fake flower? That dog don't hunt!"

Meanwhile, in other parts of the country and the world, the menacing clown phenomenon continues, with people being threatened and even attacked by the costumed freaks. People are on edge and worried. Like Dr. Frankenstein terrified of the monster he created, citizens are loading their guns and getting ready for a Halloween - and an election - that could see some seriously dangerous clown activity.

Back at Clown Headquarters, however, things are calm and even jovial as their sinister plan takes shape. A giant map of America engulfs one curved wall of the red-striped command tent. On that map are stars indicating where clowns have penetrated and taken over the government. The ever-grinning clowns are satisfied with their work: Not one American state, county, city or town is without its Big Clown Star.

Honk! Honk!



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Breanna Gunderson's, Apex Wind Company, statements in the Banner.

Drive by land with turbines to see what land is left. The turbines take approximately an acre. They are built on a cement slab buried 4½ foot deep. There are easements, transmission lines, access roads, etc. It depends on how many turbines are built as to how much land is left. Not counting destroying topsoil, cutting up waterways, tearing up drainage tiles and ditches as they bury transmission lines.

She states no known health impacts. The World Health Organization has acknowledged health impacts along with others. Regarding property value decline, I refer you to the McCann appraisal with actual property tables showing the decline. (nevadajournal.com/assets/upload/2013/03/tipton-county-bza-mccann-appraisal-presentation.pdf). Tipton County has established a setback of 2640 feet and requires a property value guarantee plan. Howard County has taken the same approach. I believe that supports property value decline.

She states they are just under 500 foot tall. They are 499 feet. These are not cell phone towers or a bunch of windmills as someone stated. These are huge. The one at Shenandoah School is 300 foot tall, these, 200 feet taller.

The last I knew there was no buyer for the electricity. If there is a buyer, the electricity produced will not stay in the state. In spite of what the wind company says, they do collapse and do catch fire. Our fire departments have no way of fighting a fire. Imagine this happening within 550 feet of your home, the current ordinance. These will not provide permanent jobs. There is probably no one in Henry County that has the training to work on these.

Ms. Gunderson is paid to sell these. That makes her research suspect. There are neutral sites, creditable sites and actual incidents, research those.

Judy Walker
New Castle

Dear Editor,

America's veterans have earned and deserve accessible, quality, and timely care - on that we can all agree. Despite reforms to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), too many veterans are still facing long wait times for care and challenges making appointments. Now we've learned that some veterans are also seeing medical bills damage their credit scores through no fault of their own. We must address this problem.

Since the VA's Veterans Choice program became law more than two years ago in response to significant problems at the VA, many veterans have been able to see their own local doctor and have the VA pay for it. That was a step in the right direction, and the Choice Program has been used heavily, particularly in states like Indiana where many of our veterans have to travel long distances to VA health care facilities.

The good news is that more Hoosier veterans are able to see doctors closer to home. The bad news is that the Veterans Choice program is not yet fully working. That has led to some veterans' medical bills not being paid by the VA in a timely fashion, resulting in those veterans getting harassed by debt collectors and seeing their credit scores damaged in the process.

When veterans' credit scores are harmed - through no fault of their own - it can undermine their ability to buy or rent a home, get a car loan, get a job, or access the capital needed to start a business.

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BITS & PIECES

◆Righteous Oaks Baptist Church, 8356 N. SR 109, Wilkinson (half mile north of SR 234 on SR 109), will host its seventh annual **Free Chili Supper** on Saturday, Oct. 22, 4-7 p.m. All proceeds and donations will be used to purchase Thanksgiving baskets for local families in need. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 765-785-2858.

◆Knightstown Business and Professional Women will host a local **candidates forum** on Monday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Knightstown High School auditorium. Candidates who wish to participate should contact Barb Mofield at 317-442-2620.

◆A free program for Henry County residents regarding **wind energy** will take place Saturday, Oct. 15, at 5 p.m. at Bundy Auditorium, 601 Parkview Dr., New Castle. The program will feature two guest speakers: Jerry L. Punch, Ph.D., professor emeritus, Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders at Michigan State University, and Theodore P. Hartke, PE, PLS, president of Hartke Engineering and Surveying, Inc. of Ogden, Ill.

◆Henry County 4-H, along with the Henry County Purdue Cooperative Extension Office, are hosting **4-H Trick or Treat** on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6-8 p.m. in the Smith Building at Memorial Park in New Castle. Face painting, candy, crafts will be featured, along with 4-H enrollment opportunities and program descriptions. For more information, call 765-529-5002.

◆The Knightstown Department of Parks and Recreation will host an **adult painting class** at the Sunset Park shelter house on Oct. 27, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person, per class. Participants will leave each class with a finished, painted river stone. To reserve a spot in the class, call Jan McGuire at 317-509-4039 or 765-345-9499.

◆Christian Crafters **Holiday Bazaar** will take place Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Smith Building in New Castle's Memorial Park. The event will feature vendors with homemade items and desserts. Lunch will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

◆Students grades 9-12, who want to **create a lasting work of art** (no experience required), are encouraged to become a part of the National Heritage Trail student mural team. Beautify Knightstown Inc. and Healthy Communities of Henry County are partnering and inviting students to participate in painting two 10' x100' murals on the bridge abutments located in Raysville. For information call Jeff Ray at 765-524-1753 or Jan McGuire at 317-509-4039.

◆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 Henry County Historical Society, 606 S. 14th St., New Castle, will host **Henry County Hauntings** on Saturday, Oct. 29, 4-6 p.m. The event is open to children ages 7-12 and will feature some Halloween history, spooky stories and creepy crafts. Those who plan to attend are encouraged to RSVP with the historical society by calling 765-529-4028.

◆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.

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Aaron Brown will visit the Knightstown Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m., to discuss his work and read from his new book.

Aaron M. Brown is a husband, father, speaker, community advocate and children's book author. He endorses and inspires change in our communities through volunteerism. He believes that when we are kind, love people and serve others, we can make the world a better place. Aaron's books are created from his life experiences and are meant to inspire children and people of all ages.

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Knightstown Native Chad Leakey Enjoys Hands-on Nature of Work with Local Volunteer Fire Dept.

by Logan Cox
 for The Banner

Knightstown business-owner and native Chad Leakey is another new addition to the Knightstown's group of volunteer firefighters. Having both the flexibility and the drive to do the work, he's been on the Knightstown/Wayne Township Fire Department since March.

"The cliché thing is every kid wants to grow up to be a fireman," Leakey said. "And you can actually do it in a small town where there's volunteers. Makes it kind of neat."

Leakey was first asked what led him to volunteer his time in the first place.

"The funny answer is I thought I'd get to be in the firefighter calendar," he joked. "And the pay. And the hours. The hours are whenever you're around here and you've got that little pager on you. You never know when you're gonna get up."

In truth, though, it was his friend and fellow volunteer fireman Craig Richey who originally directed Leakey to the work.

"Craig actually told me they were looking for new firefighters to fill for day positions after all the town employees retired off the force," said Leakey. "Within like two seconds I was like, 'Yeah.' I never really thought about it, but if you can be a firefighter then, 'yeah, let's do it.' And here we are."

Seeing Knightstown's firefighters actually respond to an emergency also served as inspiration. In this case, they came to the aid of Leakey's own father, the late Dick Leakey.

"I remember the firefighters coming out and helping pick my dad up when he was sick with cancer," he said.

According to Leakey, his father drove an ambulance for two months before falling ill to cancer.

Leakey's primary motivation, of course, has been

to help out his community as much as he can. He feels he's able to do so more directly from the fire department than from his own business, Leakey Insurance Agency Inc., of which he is a third generation owner.

"You know, with my business, it's like papers and contracts. This is more of a hands-on business," said Leakey. "You get to go out and get to actually help people."

He knows that the job comes with risks and gets the blood pumping as well as his fellow firefighters.

He noted that the Knightstown department prides itself on their consistent training, which he is still benefitting from.

"The only thing I can't do, at this point, is drive. There's like a probationary period where you drive with an officer," he said. "So that'll be coming up probably in the middle

of March, I think it's a year. But yeah, the training's really good. It's rarely a challenge."

Training means spending a lot of time in the fire department, repeating exercises until they are mastered, such as the process of putting on the air mask.

Leakey, for his part, seems to have taken on the work with eagerness. He has been up for whatever the work has had in store for him thus far.

"No complaints at all. It's a little foggy when the thing goes off at 1:30 in the morning. I don't think you ever get used to that," said Leakey. "It just takes time and repetition. It's fun to learn."

Overall, Leakey is proud to be serving on Knightstown's fire department.

"It's a pretty good group of people," he said. "It's a fraternity almost."

Leakey graduated from Knightstown High School in the class of 1990. He still lives just outside Knightstown with his wife Emily and their two daughters, Claire and Stella.

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CAB Holds Brief Public Budget Hearing

by Jeff Eakins
 for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board held a brief public hearing last week on the district's proposed 2017 budget and capital projects and bus replacement plans for coming years.

CAB's treasurer/business manager, Stephanie Madison, went over the same budget figures she had provided during a presentation

in August during the Oct. 4 budget hearing. According to the district's Notice to Taxpayers, the proposed budget for 2017 totals \$13,122,808, which, by fund, breaks down as follows: General (\$8,500,000); Debt Service (\$2,242,943); Capital Projects (\$1,029,865); Transportation (\$1,150,000); and Bus Replacement (\$200,000).

Next year's proposed budget is

about 3.5 percent lower than the \$13,168,256 budget for 2016 that CAB advertised last fall. The state ended up approving CAB's 2016 budget in the amount of \$12,122,153, almost 8 percent less than CAB had advertised and 7.6 percent less than what CAB has advertised for 2017.

According to information Madison has provided to the board, **See Hearing, Page 10**

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first date with Edgar, Charlie's uncle. She was mortified and said, "I can't believe that my family is acting like this." Edgar, whom she later married, said, "Now, Ruth, don't give it another thought. We'uns in my family have bodacious fights."

Several months later, Sister Christine sent a card: "Let's have another reunion somewhere at the Grand Canyon." I thought it was a hoot, but the others were not amused.

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Oct. 12 - Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Oct. 12 - Henry Co. Drainage Board meeting, 9 a.m., county office building suite 107, New Castle

Wed., Oct. 12 - Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Thurs., Oct. 13 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission technical committee meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Oct. 13 - Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Mon., Oct. 17 - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

Tues., Oct. 18 - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., Oct. 18 - Charles A. Beard Memorial

School board meeting, 7 p.m., high school media center

Tues., Oct. 18 - Rush Co. Health Dept. board meeting, 7 p.m., Health Dept. office at courthouse, Rushville

Thurs., Oct. 20 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Oct. 20 - Henry Co. Planning Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., old circuit court room, second floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Oct. 20 - Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St.

Tues., Oct. 25 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Oct. 27 - Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

FOLKWAYS

Local Veteran Receives Quilt of Valor



Harry Shires of Knightstown recently received a Quilt of Valor from the Common Threads Quilt Guild and the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Shires served in the U.S. Army for 22 years, having been deployed to Korea in 1952 and Vietnam in 1967.

Shires received the quilt on Sept. 27 at Knightstown American Legion Post 152.

Candidates Forum Hosted by BPW Set for Monday in KHS Auditorium

Knightstown Business and Professional Women will host a local candidates forum on Monday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Knightstown High School auditorium.

According to BPW, audience members will be allowed to submit questions for candidates, with a moderator deciding which questions are asked.

Candidates who wish to participate should contact Barb Mofield at 317-442-2620.

Knightstown Youth Sports Getting HCCF Funding

The Henry County Community Foundation Board of Directors has approved and awarded more than \$145,000 in grants to groups representing 29 different projects serving Henry County residents.

The board approved the grants, which are paid out of HCCF's Unrestricted Fund, on Sept. 27. The grants are meant to assist local groups with the promotion and support of human services, arts and culture, health and recreation, civic affairs and education.

The following grants were approved:

American Legion Riders: \$2,500 for covered trailer for furniture transportation to Veterans;

Blue River Valley Church of the Nazarene: \$500 for an education program for parents;

Centerstone/Foster Care Select: \$1,610 to purchase a CPR dummy and first aid kits;

Children's Bureau: \$7,500 for Henry County emergency assistance program;

Developmental Services, Inc.: \$1,160 for ADA compliant recreation equipment;

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana: \$10,200 for well replacement at Camp Ada in Spiceland;

Guyer Opera House: \$8,784 to upgrade the building's electrical system;

Henry County United Fund: \$1,400.02 to purchase computers;

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry: \$2,500 for "Meat" the Need 2016 program;

Knightstown Youth Sports, Inc.: \$6,600 for backstop netting and parking lot resurfacing;

Living Free/Foursquare Church: \$1,725 for the addiction program's workbooks and childcare;

New Castle Babe Ruth: \$5,899 to upgrade water drain-off into dugouts;

New Castle Main Street, Inc.: \$4,830 for the Robert Indiana Arts and Culture District Sculptures project;

New Castle Pediatrics: \$4,000

for the Reach Out and Read program;

Raintree Habitat for Humanity: \$3,000 to improve site lots;

Red-tail Land Conservancy: \$13,421.50 for the infrastructure of Fall Creek Woods;

Second Harvest Food Bank: \$10,000 for the monthly Tailgate program;

Secret Families of Henry County: \$5,500 for the Christmas Charity drive;

Shafer Leadership Academy: \$3,750 for nonprofit leadership training in Henry County;

The Guest House: \$7,500 for transportation and laundry facility improvement;

The Salvation Army: \$3,202 for utility assistance program and a computer;

Wilbur Wright Birthplace & Museum: \$7,500 to update security and audio system;

Henry County Memorial Park: \$11,439 for tables and chairs for the Smith Building;

Kennard Volunteer Fire Dept.: \$2,360 for equipment update;

Lewisville/Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Dept.: \$3,000 for fire hose replacement;

New Castle-Henry County Public Library: \$1,000 for books for the bookmobile;

Shenandoah Amateur Baseball: \$3,000 for backstop netting replacement;

Town of Lewisville: \$4,865 for shelter house upgrades;

Town of Mooreland: \$6,913.85 for new playground equipment in

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Knightstown's Howard, Weiland X-Country Regional Qualifiers



Knightstown freshman Alexis Howard and junior Michael Weiland both qualified to compete at the Rushville regional this Saturday after placing in the top 10 of individual runners from non-advancing teams at the Connersville Sectional 22 on Oct. 8. (Photo provided)

Several Panther, Titan and Royal Runners Advance to X-Country Regional

Several local runners have qualified to move on to the regional round of competition in cross country.

The top five teams with the lowest combined times and the top 10 individuals from non-advancing teams move from the sectional to the regional competitions.

Knightstown brought 10 runners, six boys and four girls, to compete at the Connersville Sectional 22 last Saturday. The boys team did not place in the top five and the girls did not have enough to make a team. But, two individual Knightstown runners did advance.

KHS junior Michael Weiland finished 20th of 82 runners. But, his time of 18:37.01 placed him fifth of individuals from non-advancing teams and earned him a trip to the Rushville Regional 11 this Saturday.

KHS freshman Alexis Howard finished 25th of 71 runners with a time of 23:59.2, good enough to place her in the top 10 individual runners on non-advancing teams.

Other runners competing for Knightstown on the boys team was Evan Nolen who was 46th with a time of 20:30.6. Thomas Sollars was 69th at 22:27.9, Josiah King was 79th at 26:01, Caleb Munden was 80th at 27:20.1 and Will Feebeck was 82nd at 29:05.3.

Three other Knightstown girls running included Harley Peavler, who placed 43rd with a time of 25:43.4, Georgee Lawhorne, 56th at 27:40.0, and Silvia Panizzutti 59th at 27:54.0.

Tri sent five boys, a complete team, and three girls to the same Connersville sectional.

Two of Tri's girls qualified to run at the Rushville regional this Saturday.

Lady Titan freshman Bayleigh Appleby was 13th overall in the sectional of 71 runners. Her time of 22:52.2 put her in the top ten of individual qualifiers not on an advancing team. Her teammate Molly West, a sophomore, finished 18th overall. Her time of 23:12.2 also placed her in the top ten individuals.

The other Lady Titan runner, Lauren Bouslog, a junior, had a good run as well at 26:03.7 but her 48th place finish ended her season.

Tri's five boys included Griffin Jessup (66th at 22:00.0), Gary Roberts (71st at 22:37.5), Sergio Goff at 24:12.3), Will Burgess (78th at 25:47.5, a personal best for Burgess) and Guillem Salva (81st at 28:53.6).

Eastern Hancock cross country runners competed at the New Palestine Sectional 21 last Saturday.

The Royals saw seven of its runners, three boys and four girls, advance to the regional round.

For the Lady Royals, Taylor Stine finished 10th at 21:20. Freshman Lainey Effing was 25th with a personal best time of 22:36. Annie Floyd was 26th with a season best time of 22:50. Liberty Durham, the fourth qualifier, placed 36th at 23:17. Grace McCartney her personal fastest time of 24:47, finishing 50th and Makla Law was 57th at 29:01.

The Royal girls placed sixth as a team.

Gabe Blake placed 24th at 17:49 to lead the Royal boys to an eighth place team finish. Skyler Schrope was 28th at 17:54 and Will Huffman was 30th at 17:55, a personal record. Other Royals who competed but with not advance included Alvaro Cosmen (50th at 19:34) and freshman Nick Edwards was 53rd at 19:50. Zach Sickle finished with a time of 22:17 and Kyle Moore ran a 24:23.

Knightstown Girls Basketball Showcase Set for Oct. 27

Knightstown's Lady Panther basketball program is set to hold a pre-season showcase Thursday, Oct. 27 at the high school.

The event is the first one scheduled by new KHS girls basketball coach Terry West, who took over the program this summer. West was formerly an assistant coach of the successful New Castle girls basketball program.

Family and friends will enjoy watching all grade levels of girls basketball at Knightstown.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., girls in kindergarten, first grade and second grade will play.

At 6 p.m., girls in grade three and four will show off their skills.

The fifth and sixth grade girls will play at 6:30 p.m. followed

by girls in the seventh and eighth grade.

A scrimmage game of the high school girls players will take place at about 7:30 p.m.

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Panthers Trounced by Bulldogs on Senior Night

The high point of last Friday's football game for the Panther fans may have been the pregame Colts Tailgate Tour and the honoring of the senior athletes.

The Lapel Bulldogs came to town, jumped out to an early lead then never let up, handing the Panthers a 61-6 defeat.

Lapel took a 14-0 lead after the first quarter and put 13 more on the board before the Panthers found the end zone on a 14-yard pass from quarterback Tyler Burton to Lane Parker with four minutes left in the half. Kyler Schaetzle's extra kick attempt was blocked to put the score at 27-6.

But, that would be all for the Panthers. Lapel responded immediately with a 39-yard touchdown run

and then connected on a 48-yard touchdown pass with less than a minute left in the half to go into the locker room with a 41-6 lead.

The Bulldogs came out of the half and ran the ball nearly 60 yards on the first play of the third quarter for another TD. The extra point was good, giving the Bulldogs a 48-6 lead.

Before the third quarter had ended, Lapel had scored again and taken a 48-6 lead. The Bulldogs found the end zone again in the fourth quarter to clinch the 61-6 victory.

The loss drops the Panthers' season record to 2-6. They will play their final regular season game this Friday away at Heritage Christian.

KNIGHTSTOWN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Passing

Tyler Burton - 6 of 14 for 70 yards, 1 touchdown

Rushing

Richie Nelson - 19 carries for 50 yards, 1 fumble

T. Burton - 7 carries for -8 yards

Jon Simmons - 3 carries for -5 yards

Receiving

Tucker Personett - 1 reception for 21 yards

Steven Heady - 1 reception for 20 yards

Max Mundy - 2 reception for 15 yards

Lane Parker - 1 reception for 14 yards, 1 TD

R. Nelson - 1 reception for 0 yards

Interceptions / Sacks / Recoveries

Alex Brading - 1 pass deflected

Returns

R. Nelson - 4 kickoff returns for 43 yards

Nick Walsh - 2 kickoff returns for 19 yards

Bruce Nichols - 1 kickoff return for 13 yards

Kicking

Kyler Schaetzle - 2 kickoffs for 62 yards

T. Burton - 3 punts for 100 yards

Total Tackles (solo+assists)

T. Burton - 9; Bryan Newby, J. Simmons - 8; Alex

Brading - 7; Dawson Smith - 6; B. Nichols - 5;

Conner Brockman, Zach Clark, S. Heady - 3; R.

Nelson, Aiden Orcutt, Thomas Pursley - 2; JT Butler,

Charlie Moore, Dalton Moss, T. Personett - 1.

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Royals, Raiders Were All Class at Lucas Oil Stadium

Eastern Hancock's varsity football team made a valiant effort in their final minutes playing on the field at Lucas Oil Stadium last Saturday afternoon. The Royals came up short however, falling to rival Shenandoah, 25-30, at the Indianapolis stadium.

But, both teams showed what real character is all about before they left the field. Having conspired before the game even started, the coaches planned to finish the game making one Eastern Hancock student's dream of scoring a touchdown in a Royal uniform a reality.

Micheal Rumler, a 17-year EH student with Asperger's Syndrome, was suited-up in blue and ready to go when he was sent in on the final play of the game. The Royals' offense hiked the ball, then gave it off to Rumler while "clearing" the way for him to rush the ball into the end zone. His teammates then celebrated his big moment with him, jumping and cheering, along with the Raider players and fans from both teams.

The Raiders dominated the first half of the game, taking a 23-12 lead. They scored another touchdown in the third quarter and added the extra point while holding the Royals scoreless to go up 30-12.

The Royals were not giving up though. They scored two more touchdowns and an extra point in the fourth to tighten up their deficit to five. But, the Raiders were able to hold on for the 30-25 victory.

The loss moves the Royals to 4-4 on the season. They travel to Lapel this Friday for their final regular season game.

EASTERN HANCOCK INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Passing

Jarett Lewis - 10 of 21 for 132 yards, 1 TD, 3 interceptions

Rushing

Devin Denny - 28 carries for 143 yards, 2 touchdowns

See EH football, Page 10

Titans' Fourth Quarter Rally Comes Up Short

Tri's varsity football team dropped to 4-4 on the season after a tough 25-20 loss at home last Friday to Winchester Community.

The Titans were snapped awake at the start when the Golden Falcons scored on their first play of the game and added the extra point.

Then Winchester took the ball right back on an interception. But, a huge tackle by Tri's Eric Bilby ended the Falcons drive.

The Titans came back strong when David O'Neill ran 67 yards to put six on the board for Tri. The extra point kick attempt failed.

Neither team could drive the ball forward the rest of the quarter to end the first period with Tri down one, 7-6.

Winchester scored another touchdown midway through the second quarter. Their extra kick attempt failed to bring the score to 13-6.

Tri quarterback Alex Melton then snuck one across the line for the Titans' second TD of the game. The conversion attempt was thwarted but the Titans were with-

in one again, 13-12.

On the next Falcon drive, the Titans were slapped with a sideline penalty and an unsportsman-like conduct violation, giving the Falcons the ball on the seven yard line. They took full advantage, scoring another six with less than ten seconds in the quarter to take a 19-12 lead into halftime.

The Falcons dominated the third quarter and add six more to their lead.

Down 25-12 to start the fourth quarter, the Titans executed a nice drive up the field, finishing with a touchdown pass from Melton to Seth Butler. O'Neill found his way into the end zone for the two-point conversion, putting the Titans within five.

The Titan defense then held and Tri took the ball back with two minutes left in the game. But, their attempts at reaching the end zone came up short when the Falcons intercepted a pass with 46 seconds left to hold on for the 25-20 win.

The Titans play their final regular season game Friday at Union County High School.

TRI INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Passing

Alex Melton - 3 of 9 for 43 yards, 1 touchdown, 1 interception

Drew Mondrush - 0 of 1 for 0 yards, 1 interception

Rushing

David O'Neill - 21 carries for 214 yards, 1 touchdown, one conversion

Nick Wilson - 5 carries for 17 yards

A. Melton - 2 carries for 13 yards, 1 touchdown

K. Burchett - 1 carry for 7 yards, one fumble

D. Mondrush - 2 carries for 7 yards

Tristin Goodwin - 2 carries for 4 yards

See Tri football, Page 10

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Tri Football, from Page 9

Receiving

Seth Butler - 2 receptions for 34 yards, one touchdown
D. O'Neill - 1 reception for 9 yards

Interceptions / Sacks / Fumbles / Recoveries

Eric Bilby - 1 sack for 4-yard loss, 1 fumble caused
Deven Jones - 1 fumble recovered

Returns

N. Wilson - 2 kickoff returns for 20 yards
K. Burchett - 1 kickoff returns for 11 yards

Total Tackles (solo+assists)

Chris Blake - 16; Austin Fowler - 11; D. Jones, Austin Stroud - 8; Justin Greene, Josiah Jackson - 6; E. Bilby, N. Wilson - 5; Bryce Campbell, Garrett Fields, Trevor Heady - 4; T. Goodwin, A. Melton, D. Mondrush - 2; K. Burchett, Jalen Penkal - 1.

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Hearing, from Page 6

CAB's expected property tax revenue for this year ended up being a little more than 7 percent less than had been expected in the district's Debt Service, Transportation and Bus Replacement funds due to property tax caps. This loss of revenue, which amounted to \$285,920.89, would have been even higher had CAB not obtained a special waiver from the state that allowed some of those losses to be shared with the Debt Service fund.

Madison again explained that, when drafting a proposed budget, CAB's practice is to calculate estimated tax levies and tax rates based on an assessed valuation (AV) of taxable property in CAB's district that is lower than what is actually anticipated. When the AV actually turns out to be higher than the figure used during budget preparation, the end result is that tax rates are lower than those advertised.

Information in the budget presentation Madison made in August showed the AV in the CAB taxing district has increased each year since 2010. In 2013, the AV was \$259,845,231, and it was \$272,611,068 in 2014, \$287,146,711 in 2015 and \$288,905,077 this year.

Madison used a figure of \$245,000,000 for the district-wide AV when drafting the 2017 budget, which would require a tax rate of \$1.6768 per \$100 of taxable property to raise the \$4,108,087 in property tax revenue needed to fund next year's budget. Should the AV end up being higher than that, as expected, the corresponding tax rate will be less than what was advertised.

If the AV were to remain at the same level it was for 2016, the tax rate needed to raise the revenue needed for CAB's Debt Service, Capital Projects, Transportation and Bus Replacement funds would be closer to \$1.33 per \$100 of taxable property, a little lower than this year's rate, and, should the AV continue its trend of increasing, the overall tax rate would be even lower.

The board is expected to hold its adoption vote on the 2017 budget and the three-year capital projects plan and 12-year bus replacement plan at its Oct. 18 monthly meeting and then forward these items to the state's Department of Local Government Finance. After reviewing these items, the DLGF is expected to issue its final certification of the budget and two plans in early 2017.

No members of the public attended last week's budget hearing, which lasted only five minutes. Two of the board's members, President Wade Beatty and Tom Schaetzle, also were not in attendance.

EH Football, from Page 9

Rushing (cont.)

J. Lewis - 9 carries for 8 yards
A.J. Muegge - 1 carry for 0 yards

Receiving

D. Denny - 4 receptions for 77 yards
A.J. Muegge - 4 receptions for 27 yards
Payton Wilkinson - 1 reception for 22 yards
Clayton Cochard - 1 reception for 6 yards, 1 touchdown

Interceptions / Sacks / Recoveries

Jayson Bowers - 1 sack for 9-yard loss
P. Wilkinson - 1 interception
Luke Splater - 1 pass deflections, 1 fumble caused & recovered

Returns

Devyn Brinson - 2 kickoff returns for 41 yards
L. Splater - 1 kickoff return for

15 yards

Spencer Maxwell - 1 kickoff return for 9 yards
A.J. Muegge - 1 kickoff return for 7 yards

Kicking

A.J. Muegge - 1 point after touchdown, 4 kickoffs for 129 yards
D. Brinson - 1 punts for 41 yards

Total Tackles (solo+assists)

Reece Burkhart - 17; C. Cochard - 10; Brandon Francis, P. Wilkinson - 8; S. Maxwell - 7; Jayson Bowers, D. Brinson, Craig Rifner - 6; Wesley Myers - 4; A.J. Muegge, Jacob Toth - 3; Riley Settergren, L. Splater - 2; D. Denny, Blayze Sarber - 1.

Area High School Sports Schedule for Oct. 12-19

Football - Varsity

*Oct. 14 - Knightstown away at Heritage Christian, 7 p.m.
*Oct. 14 - Tri away at Union County, 7 p.m.
*Oct. 14 - Eastern Hancock away at Lapel, 7 p.m.

Football - Junior Varsity

*Oct. 15 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Lapel, 10 a.m.

Co-Ed Cross Country - Varsity

*Oct. 15 - Knightstown, Tri and Eastern Hancock qualifiers away at Rushville Consolidated H.S. for Regional 11 meet, 10:30 a.m.

Volleyball - Junior Varsity & Varsity

*Oct. 12 - Tri at home vs. Daleville, 6 p.m.
*Oct. 13 - Knightstown at home vs. Tri, 6 p.m.
*Oct. 13 - Tri away at Knightstown, 6 p.m.
*Oct. 13 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Monroe Central, 6 p.m.
*Oct. 15 - Tri (JV only) away at Tri-Eastern Conference tourney, 9 a.m.
*Oct. 15 - Eastern Hancock away at Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School, 10 a.m.
*Oct. 18 - Knightstown vs. Triton Central at Heritage Christian H.S. for Class 2A Sectional 42, 7 p.m.
*Oct. 18 - Tri, hosting Class 1A Sectional 56, plays first match vs. Seton Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
*Oct. 20 - Eastern Hancock vs. Irvington Preparatory Academy at Heritage Christian H.S. for Class 2A Sectional 42, 7:30 p.m.



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Ban, from Page 1

plant. Failure to do so, she said, could result in IDEM issuing a Sewer Connection Ban.

Since receiving the first Early Warning ban in 2013, Knightstown has been working with engineers on a plan for major improvements to the town's sewer plant and other wastewater utility infrastructure. The town has submitted a preliminary engineering report to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development and the town is now in the process of trying to secure funding for the multi-million dollar project.

Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman alerted town council members to IDEM's latest letter during a special meeting last Thursday.

"It certainly speaks to the need for the sewer project to move forward," Huffman said of the Early Warning ban.

"That's why we have a sewer project on the table," Council Vice President Kevin Knott agreed.

Huffman said Dan Wright of FPBH Inc., the North Vernon-based engineering firm working with the town on the sewer project had drafted a response to IDEM for Council President Sarah Ward's signature. Council members voted

HCCF, from Page 7

memory of Jenna Mosier;

The next grant cycle is scheduled for fall 2017. There will be no spring grant cycle due to Match Day, a one day event that will be hosted by HCCF next summer. For 24 hours, a specific number of the county's non-profits will have the opportunity to receive donations from their supporters and the community at large, with those donations proportionally matched by an allocated amount from the HCCF Unrestricted Fund.

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unanimously to give Ward permission to sign the letter.

Council members also voted at last week's special meeting to give Ward authority to sign any paperwork that needs to be submitted to the USDA as part of ongoing efforts to secure funding for the sewer project. Huffman explained that the agency had contacted the town requesting certification of completion of a vulnerability assessment and response plan. A letter, prepared for Ward's signature, will advise the USDA that the town is in the process of completing the plan, which will be forwarded to the agency once done.

In another utility matter,

Huffman also told the council at last week's meeting that someone from the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor had recently visited town to review records related to the town's application for an increase in rates and charges for customers of the town's water utility. She said it seemed to her that the OUCC, the agency charged with representing the interests of utility customers, will not be putting up much of a fight over the town's request for an increase.

"His words were, 'I think we'll just let this one go,'" Huffman told council members. "... He could clearly see we are in need of an increase."

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Letters, from Page 4

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This bill is a common-sense fix to ensure no veteran is unintentionally harmed. That's why we have gotten support from veterans' organizations, including the American Legion, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. I am continuing to work with my colleagues, Republican and Democratic, to advance the Protecting Veterans Credit Act.

I am hopeful we will pass this legislation and, as always, our office stands ready to help veterans in need of assistance. We are here to help in any way that we can. Veterans can call my office at 317-226-5555.

U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly
(D - Indiana)

Register, from Page 3

published this week. A selection committee consisting of Carthage Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan, council members Davis and John Hancock, and Future of Carthage

President Kathy Gibson will be charged with the task of selecting which firm will be hired to work on the plan.

Carthage, from Page 1

work for him," council member Kelly Land said. "... I mean, it's his decision."

Monday's meeting ended with the council taking no action to reverse Baker's decision to dismiss Walker. In other police business at Monday's meeting:

*The council voted 3-2 to approve Baker's attendance at two upcoming law enforcement training courses in Lafayette in November and December at a cost of \$250 per course, with council member Ashley Davis and Vice President Rachael Brown dissenting;

*Responding to a question from Ashley Davis, Baker told the council his son, CPD reserve officer Keith Baker, had failed to work the required 16 hours during the previous month. He said his son had been unable to get all his hours in due to being on vacation and working overtime at his regular job, but assured the council he would have all his hours this month.

More information about Monday's Carthage Town Council meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St., during normal business hours.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS TOWN OF CARTHAGE, INDIANA

In order to assure compliance with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and related requirements regarding competitive negotiation of professional consulting services, the Town of Carthage is seeking Proposals for the provision of the services described below relating to a Comprehensive Plan. The Town is applying for a Community Focus Fund Planning Grant (CFF) from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Town of Carthage is seeking statements of qualifications for professional engineering services to assist the Town with a Comprehensive Plan. The Plan will include the professional services of a consulting firm to evaluate, analyze and make recommendations to meet the short and long-term needs of the Town. The final scope of services and related fees will be negotiated with the successful firm. Upon selection of a qualified consultant, the town will award a contract for services contingent on final commitment of IOCRA funding and authorization to incur costs.

The anticipated scope of work for the comprehensive plan will contain the following elements:

- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
- *Title page
 - *Table of contents
 - *Numbered pages
 - *A statement of objectives for the future development of the town
 - *A statement of policy for the land use development of the town
 - *A statement of policy for the development of public ways, public places, public lands, public structures, and public utilities
 - *Maps, photographs, and/or drawings sufficient to illustrate the critical elements
 - *A 2-4 page executive summary of the planning document
 - *Clear easily readable illustrations, tables, and maps
 - *Clear concise readable text with a minimum of professional jargon
 - *Sources clearly indicated in tables and/or by footnote in text
 - *Provide one (1) digital copy and ten (10) hard copies of the plan (of which one copy will be submitted to the IOCRA)
- Please see IC 36-7-4 for additional details on Comprehensive Planning under Indiana CodeA comprehensive plan shall be approved by resolution in accordance with state code for the promotion of public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, or the general welfare and for the sake of efficiency and economy in the process of development.

- ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN**
- A. INTRODUCTION/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**
- *Objectives of the plan
 - *Scope of the plan
 - *Events that led to the planning process
 - *Who commissioned the plan
 - *Process used in developing the plan
 - *How to use the plan
- B. PUBLIC INPUT**
- *Community Survey Conclusions
 - Community Meetings
 - Survey results/data
- C. CURRENT CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
- *Maps, plats, charts and descriptive material presenting basic information, locations, extent, and character of the following:
 - a. History, population, and physical site conditions.
 - b. Public buildings and institutions, including governmental administration and service buildings, hospitals, infirmaries, clinics, penal and correctional institutions, and other civic and social service buildings.
 - c. Public facilities including community centers, libraries and neighborhood units.
 - d. Education, including location and extent of schools and postsecondary educational institutions.
 - e. Sewers, sanitation, and drainage, including handling, treatment, and disposal of excess drainage waters, sewage, garbage, refuse, and other wastes.
 - f. Public and private utilities, such as water, light, heat, and communication.
 - g. Housing and population densities.
 - h. Areas needing redevelopment and conservation.
 - i. Economic development and the central business district
 - j. Public ways, including bridges, subways, parkways, and other public places.
 - k. Air, land, and water pollution
 - l. Flood control and irrigation.
 - m. Transportation, including rail, bus, truck, air and water transport, and their terminal facilities. Also, local mass transit.
 - n. Parks and recreation, including parks, playgrounds, reservations, forests, wildlife refuges, and other public places of a recreational nature.
 - o. Land utilization, including agriculture, forests, and other uses.
 - p. Conservation of energy, water, soil, and agricultural and mineral resources.
 - q. Any other factors that are a part of the physical, economic, or social situation within the jurisdiction.
 - *Policies and objectives for future land use and development.
- D. IMPLEMENTATION**
- *A short and long range development program of public works projects.
 - *A short and long range capital improvements program of governmental expenditures so that the development policies established in the comprehensive plan can be carried out and kept up-to-date for all separate taxing districts within the jurisdiction to assure efficient and economic use of public funds.
- E. APPENDICES**
- *Reports, maps, charts, and recommendations setting forth plans and policies
 - *Drafts of proposed ordinances
 - *Details of any elements of the plan

Preparing the plan:
When the community undertakes the preparation of a comprehensive plan, the commission may request any public or private officials to make available any information, documents, and plans that have been prepared and that provide any information that relates to the comprehensive plan

Adoption:
Please see IC 36-7-4-507 for information on notices and hearings before adoption. Also, please follow IOCRA public hearing requirements when planning grant program dollars are utilized.

The Town of Carthage will execute a fixed fee type contract for this project that is contingent on final commitment of IOCRA funding and authorization to incur costs. All services will be billed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. The Town reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Statement of Qualifications should include the following information. Do not include a proposed fee with the proposal, as this is a qualification based selection process.

1. Description of scope of services
 2. Description of expertise, experience and resources directly relevant and available for the proposed project
 3. A list of similar projects previously completed
 4. A list of references
 5. Resumes of professional staff members that will work on this project
 6. Name of person to be in charge of project
 7. A project timeline
- All respondents will have to comply with all Federal Third Party contract provisions. This project has a 10% MBE/WBE goal for all projects funded with Community Development Block Grant funds.

Proposal evaluation criteria shall include the following: 1) History of the firm and resource capabilities to perform required services, 2) Specific related qualifications of assigned personnel, 3) Related experience to proposed project, 4) Familiarity with local experience and results, 5) Ability to relate to project, 6) Analysis of one page narrative statement, 7) Reference Check. A total possible point by weighted rating system is 350 points. Each category is valued at 10 points.

Please submit 3 copies of your Statement of Qualifications/Proposal no later than 2 p.m. on November 14, 2016, to the Town of Carthage, attention Linda McMahan, 6 West First Street, P.O. Box 26, Carthage Indiana 46115. Any questions concerning this request for qualifications, please contact Amy Miller, at 317-384-1748. Envelopes should be clearly marked "Statement of Qualifications – Town of Carthage – Comprehensive Plan."

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