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**Knightstown, IN**

## Shirley Christmas Tree Walk Dec. 2-3

The Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House, 400 S. Railroad St., Shirley will host its ninth annual Christmas Tree Walk the first and second weekends of December. The walk will be open Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, 4-8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, 4-8 p.m. There will be a decorated Christmas tree in every room. There is no charge for the tour. However, food will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting continued upgrades to the octagon house.

## Walnut Ridge Friends Hosting Bazaar

Walnut Ridge Friends Church is hosting its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Carthage Community Center on Main Street, Carthage, in conjunction with A Holly Jolly Carthage Christmas, sponsored by the Future of Carthage Committee. Following the bazaar, A Holly Jolly Carthage Christmas will take place in the community center. A tree lighting will take place at the Carthage veterans memorial. Hayrides around town will also be offered. A canned food drive is part of the event. More details appear on Page 3.

## Historical Society Open House Dec. 3

The Henry County Historical Society, 606 S. 14th St., New Castle, will host its Christmas Open House on Saturday, Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m. There will be music and food in the museum, an 1870 home once occupied by Civil War General William Grose. The event is free and open to the public. Tours will be available.

## Beautify Knightstown Selling 'Elf Ears'

Beautify Knightstown Inc. will host the BKI Bank Bazaar in the old Citizens Bank building, located at 104 E. Main St., during Shop Small Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free hot chocolate and "Elf Ears" will be available while the public shops local crafters' hand made gifts and stocking stuffers. Proceeds go toward the Hoosiers themed mural.

# Longtime Fire Chief Bob Schaeffer Retiring

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner



Come January, for the first time in 17 years, the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department will have a new chief. Bob Schaeffer, a 37-year member of the department who has served as fire chief since 2000, is retiring at the end of December. His replacement could be selected as soon as Tuesday, Dec. 6, when the department's 24 members hold their next

monthly meeting and select officers for the coming year.

"As of Dec. 31 of this year, I'm done," Schaeffer told members of the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board last Wednesday at the Nov. 16 monthly meeting. "... I've had 40 years of public service (including three years with the Kennard department before coming to Knightstown) and that's plenty for anybody."

Schaeffer told the fire board that he takes pride in the high quality of service the fire department provides and the strong reputation it has among peers in the firefighting community.

"To me, that's very important," Schaeffer said.

In addition to himself, Schaeffer said he thought another longtime member, Ric Hall, is also planning to retire. He said Hall has been with the department for 32 years.

"We're losing some serious years of experience and service," Schaeffer said. "... It's amazing how 37 years goes by so fast." He said that when he first joined the Knightstown department, he was the youngest member, and that as he prepares to step down, he's now the oldest.

In other business at last week's fire board meeting, members approved payment of claims  
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# State Officials Post 2016 ISTEP+ Results

Results released by the state last week for the 2016 ISTEP+ show plenty of room for improvement for Hoosier students, including those in Henry County's five school districts and four others that are nearby.

According to the Indiana Department of Education, 66.1 percent of students in third through eighth grade passed the English/language arts portion of the test, which was administered last spring. The math part of the exam was passed by 58.9 percent of these students, and 51.6 percent passed both sections.

Of the five school corporations in Henry County, Shenandoah was the only one that posted higher passing rates than the state averages, with 70.6 percent passing English/language arts, 67.2 percent passing math and 58.5 percent passing both.

Two other nearby school districts, Greenfield Central Community School Corp. and Rush County Schools, also had passing rates higher than the state average. At Greenfield, 71.6 percent passed English/language arts, 67.6 percent passed math and 59.5 percent passed both, while at Rush County, the pass rates were 67.2 percent for English/language arts, 62.6 percent for math and 53.9 percent for both.

At Eastern Hancock County Community School Corp., students bested the state average on math, with a pass rate of 70.6 percent, and 57.2 percent of its students passed both math and English/language arts. At 64.2 percent, its pass rate for the English/language arts section alone, however, fell short of the state average.

Three of the other four school districts in Henry County - Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp., Blue River Valley and South Henry - all had pass rates that fell below the state average for both English/language arts and math and for those passing both portions of the test. Students at New Castle Community School Corp. matched the state average pass rate on the English/language arts section, was

above the state average in math and below the state average with respect to students who passed both sections.

Another area school district, Mays Community Academy, a charter school located at the former Mays Elementary, was in its first year of operation last year. The pass rates of its students also fell below the state averages for both sections of the test and for students who passed both parts.

According to a press release issued by the IDOE, the 2016 ISTEP+ test was the second year of a new state assessment for grades 3-8 based on Indiana's more rigorous college and career ready standards. As a result of the transition to new standards and assessment, the agency said a new baseline was established for ISTEP+ in 2015, but cautioned that multiple years could be required for educators and students to fully transition to more rigorous standards and assessments.

Additionally, the IDOE noted that for the first time in more than 20 years, Indiana had a new state assessment vendor for the ISTEP+ test administered last spring. This change, the agency said, had additional impacts for students and educators during this implementation and transition year.

"Transitions are never easy, but I want to applaud the students, educators and families across the state who have worked tirelessly to shift to more rigorous college and career ready standards over the past two years," State Superintendent of Education Glenda Ritz said in the press release. "(These) results reflect Indiana's focus on student progress towards more rigorous benchmarks for college and career readiness. However, it is important to remember that our students, schools and teachers are more than just a test score."

Copies of the 2016 ISTEP+ results can be found on the IDOE's website, [www.doe.in.gov](http://www.doe.in.gov), and summaries of the results of area school corporations and CAB students can be found in the graphics accompanying this story.

## C.A. Beard Memorial School Corp. Spring 2016 ISTEP+ Test Results\*

	% Pass English/Lang. Arts	% Pass Math	% Pass Eng./LA and Math
<b>Knightstown Elem.</b>			
Gr. 3	71.3 (74.1)	65.0 (71.8)	60.0 (62.4)
<b>Knightstown Int.</b>			
Gr. 4	67.4 (67.5)	59.3 (53.1)	51.2 (47.5)
Gr. 5	55.8 (59.3)	48.8 (59.8)	34.9 (46.9)
Gr. 6	54.2 (54.7)	45.0 (48.4)	36.7(41.1)
Gr. 7	68.2 (51.5)	40.0 (39.4)	41.0 (34.3)
Gr. 8	49.5 (47.5)	30.1 (26.2)	29.0 (22.8)
<b>CAB Totals</b>	60.8 (58.4)	47.8 (48.6)	42.0 (41.6)
<b>State Averages</b>	66.1 (67.3)	58.9 (61.0)	51.6 (53.5)

\*The source for the above data is the Indiana Department of Education. The figures in parentheses reflect the percentages from the 2015 spring test.

## 2016 Spring ISTEP+ Test Results\* for County, Area School Districts

School District	% Pass English/Lang. Arts	% Pass Math	% Pass Eng./LA and Math
<b>Blue River Valley</b>	63.9 (61.7)	54.9 (49.6)	44.7 (43.3)
<b>C.A. Beard</b>	60.8 (58.4)	47.8 (48.6)	42.0 (41.6)
<b>Eastern Hancock</b>	64.2 (66.9)	70.6 (68.8)	57.2 (56.6)
<b>Greenfield</b>	71.6 (67.2)	67.6 (70.1)	59.5 (58.8)
<b>Mays Community**</b>	50.9	51.8	39.3
<b>New Castle</b>	66.1 (66.8)	59.5 (59.3)	51.3 (51.0)
<b>Rush County</b>	67.2 (68.3)	62.6 (64.9)	53.9 (56.8)
<b>Shenandoah</b>	70.6 (72.0)	67.2 (71.3)	58.5 (61.6)
<b>South Henry</b>	60.8 (64.1)	45.1 (49.1)	40.1 (41.6)
<b>State Averages</b>	66.1 (67.3)	58.9 (61.0)	51.6 (53.5)

\*The source for the above data is the Indiana Department of Education. The ISTEP+ is administered to students in grades 3-8 to measure student achievement in English/language arts and math (all grades), science (grades 4 and 6) and social studies (grades 5 and 7). The figures in parentheses reflect the percentages from the 2015 spring test.

\*\*Because the 2015-2016 school year was the first year of operation for Mays Community Academy, the 2016 spring ISTEP+ scores are the only set of scores the school has. Also, MCA does not currently have grades 7 and 8, so its 2016 test scores are based only on the performance of students in grades 3-6.



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# OBITUARIES

**Sharon Kay Heathcock**  
November 20, 2016

Sharon Kay Heathcock, 68, of Indianapolis, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016. Sharon graduated from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Her first teaching job was in New Castle. A few years later, she applied with Indianapolis Public Schools. Sharon continued her education, receiving a master's degree and a principal's license.

There was a celebration of life service on Nov. 23 at Stuart Mortuary Chapel. Interment took place at Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown.

Survivors include her sister, Susan Boatright; two brothers, Gregory Boatright and Michael Scott; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Final arrangements have been entrusted to Stuart Mortuary Inc. Expressions of condolence and sympathy should be directed to [www.stuartmortuary.com](http://www.stuartmortuary.com).

**Alberta K. Carter**

September 29, 1939 - November 17, 2016

Alberta K. Carter, age 77, of Kettering, passed away Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016. She was born Sept. 29, 1939, in Rushville, the daughter of the late William and Stella Loveall.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, James Carter, and several of her siblings.

Alberta is survived by her four sons, Jerry, Rick, Greg and Kevin Scott Carter; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; siblings; and numerous nieces, nephews, additional family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 28, at Newcomer Funeral Home, 3380 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beavercreek, Ohio 45432. On Tuesday, Nov. 29, a funeral service for family and friends in Indiana will be held at 11 a.m. at Heritage Funeral Care, 34 W. Main St., Knightstown. Burial will follow at Carthage Town Cemetery. You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.heritagefuneralcares.com](http://www.heritagefuneralcares.com).

## Wiser Use of Antibiotics Urged by Health Officials

State health officials recently helped raise awareness of antibiotic resistance and promoted the responsible use of antibiotics during the recent "Get Smart About Antibiotics Week."

The campaign, now in its seventh year, is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) initiative. The effort coordinates work of CDC's Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work campaign and enlists states, nonprofit groups and for-profit partners to improve antibiotic stewardship in communities, in healthcare facilities and on the farm.

"Antibiotic resistance is a more pervasive threat than many people know," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams. "By

prescribing antibiotics responsibly, healthcare providers can help ensure that patients with serious bacterial infections have access to effective, life-saving medications."

At least 2 million people in the United States become infected each year with bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics, and an estimated 23,000 people die as a direct result of these infections. Many others die from conditions that were complicated by an antibiotic-resistant infection.

The CDC has deemed antibiotic resistance an urgent public health threat. According to the CDC, antibiotic use is the single most important factor leading to antibiotic resistance around the world. Antibiotics are among the most

commonly prescribed medications, yet up to 50 percent of the antibiotics prescribed are for people for whom they aren't appropriate or effective.

Antibiotics treat bacteria, not viruses. Taking antibiotics for viral infections, such as a cold, the flu or most types of bronchitis, will not cure the infections, keep other individuals from catching the illness or help you feel better. Taking antibiotics when they are not needed increases the risk of getting an infection later that resists antibiotic treatment.

If you are ill, a few days of rest may be all you need to take care of your illness. Before you take antibiotics for an infection, make

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# Moratorium May Delay Sign

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council declined last week to budge on a commercial zoning moratorium it issued last month.

The moratorium, approved unanimously at the council's Oct. 20 monthly meeting, halts issuance of building permits for commercially-zoned properties within town limits. It will remain in place until April, or until the town formally adopts an amended and revised zoning code, whichever comes first.

According to the resolution adopted last month, any pending petitions or applications for commercial building permits or requests for rezoning or special exceptions "shall be immediately suspended and abated" until the moratorium is lifted. In the event of an emergency, however, the resolution authorizes the council to convene a special meeting to "consider a short-term suspension or early termination" of the moratorium.

Once again, the council declined to approve a request by the Knightstown Friends Church to place an LED sign measuring 3 feet by 6 feet in front of their church at 214 E. Brown St. Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, explained, as

he had in October, that the moratorium applies to signs like this, and absent an emergency that might lead the council to suspend the moratorium, the sign would have to wait.

"Please, tell us what is the emergency," Morelock asked church representatives last week, at the council's Nov. 17 monthly meeting.

Debbie Margison of Margison Graphics and Signs, New Castle, said there is no emergency. She said the church would simply like to have its new sign, which her company would be creating and installing, in place before Christmas.

"We don't feel it's anything gaudy," Margison said. "It's not oversized. ... We feel like it's going to be approved (after the moratorium). We just want to move ahead with that."

Absent an emergency, council member Roger Hammer said the council has no authority to suspend the moratorium to grant the church permission to put up its new sign. Jed Behny, superintendent of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp., which is also being affected by the moratorium, asked the council to consider changing the language of the moratorium to allow the council to make exceptions in nonemergency situations.

Behny told council members CAB needs permits for two improvement projects it hopes to start next summer - construction of a baseball diamond at Knightstown High School and extensive roof repairs at Knightstown Elementary. While work wouldn't start for several months, he said the permits

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## Walnut Ridge Friends Meeting

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sponsored by Walnut Ridge Friends Missions committee at the Carthage Community Center in conjunction with the FOC "A Holly Jolly Carthage Christmas".

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 - 9 AM-1 PM

The Bazaar will feature home made pies and other bakery goods, caramel corn, Christmas décor, new and gently used gift items; home décor; great craft items, locally-made jams and jellies, and the COOKIE COUNTER, made popular with cookies and candies sold by the pound. All proceeds will go to support missions projects designated by the church. Shoppers can also enjoy a slice of pie and coffee/beverage during the shopping times.

For more information about the Bazaar call Davina Starke at 765-561-0927.

### Future of Carthage Holly Jolly Carthage Christmas from 4-7pm

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- ☆ Write and mail letter to Santa!
- ☆ Sing Karaoke Christmas tunes in the Community Center!
- ☆ Santa arrives at 6pm!
- ☆ Talk to Santa in the gazebo in Veterans Park!
- ☆ Take a hayride around town!
- ☆ Free soup supper at Community Center
- ☆ Bring canned goods for the Community Church food pantry
- ☆ Enter the Ugly Sweater and Santa Lookalike Contests
- ☆ See the tree lighting ceremony at dusk!



For further information about the FOC event, contests, and the Ripley Township home decorating contest, call Kathy Gibson at 765-565-6798 or see the FOC Facebook page.

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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## Once Upon a Time in Good Ol' Granny Land

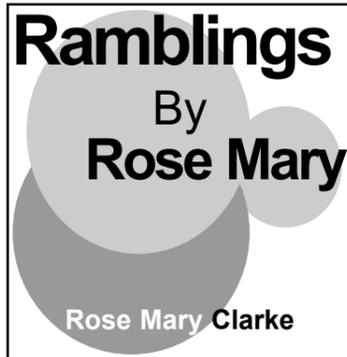
Eric Cox, publisher of The Banner, printed a lovely picture that he took of a full moon above a soy bean field. As well as watching sunrises and sunsets, I am a Moon watcher. Last week a "super" Moon was the closest to the Earth that it's been for 70 years. At 7:15 on Monday morning, the westerling moon was a bright, huge, golden orb. Oh how fortunate we are to see such beauty all around us for the price of a few minutes' time!

During a leisurely inventory of Granny's sewing basket, I took out the stub of a thick black pencil that was similar to those with which we learned to print in first grade. Following cataract surgery when she was a child, Granny learned to read and write. Then after glaucoma caused her to lose her vision and one eye, she used a wire grid similar to a little oven rack that she put over a sheet of paper and wrote between the wires with her thick pencil. There are several letters to my mother. Sometimes she got the lines mixed up so that her writing was illegible.

There's a hodgepodge of items that produced random memories: pins, a pretty cardboard folder of needles, a needle threader, a thimble, thread and a few assorted buttons. Stubbornly, Granny never gave up. She cooked by feel and pieced a quilt when she could barely see. I felt her presence

when I slipped her thimble onto my finger.

Visions of long ago swept over me when I came across her black cigarette holder that was similar to the one that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt used. My uncle Ivan, also blind, used a similar



holder. I see him still, sitting with Granny, smoking, sharing risqué jokes, and I hear his merry laughter. Sometimes she burned holes in things. More seriously, a physician said that it might relax her and help her sleep if she drank a bottle of beer before going to bed. He forgot that she also took sleeping pills. One night she dozed off and caught her chair on fire. "That fixed me," she said. "After this, I'll do my smoking and guzzling at different times!"

The basket triggered thoughts of Grandpa, who was a handsome little man whose hair never turned white, even when he was in his

90s. He wanted to study art and become an artist. His mother, the family's matriarch who controlled the money, said, "That is no fit occupation for a man. You will go to Valparaiso College and get a teaching certificate, or else you will stay here on the farm and be a farmer." End of story! During that era, young people mostly did what their parents dictated.

People used to have autograph books in which their friends wrote. Grandpa's little book is in the basket, and I thought about his life and the yearnings that he might have had long before I was born. His book has autographs and sayings written by the friends he made at Valparaiso.

"To my friend Kelly: You asked me to write in your album. I hardly know where to begin. There's nothing original in me - unless it's original sin."

Granny's autograph book is also there and includes this message written by a beau who was in love with her: "The saddest words of voice or pen - the saddest are these - 'What might have been.'" Granny was a dish when she was young. She boasted, "Each of my breasts would fill a half-gallon tin. Just look at these shriveled, droopy old things now!" She didn't like her auburn hair, which was not fashionable in those days. Dying one's hair was a major

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## Town Should Push Railroad Owner to Act

With no purchaser in sight and no credible plan to get Knightstown's CKS Railroad back on track, it's time for town leaders to push railroad owner Tom Allison to remove his neglected and extremely rough railroad crossings.

The business had a great run and has been very well documented by this newspaper. Undoubtedly, CKS Railroad brought thousands of tourists to Knightstown. In its heyday, the unique attraction featured mock train robberies and old-timey gun fights between actor cowboys. Great stuff!

Yes, CKS Railroad was a lot of fun when it was in operation.

At this point, however, the railroad has been shuttered for years - with no sign of a resurrection or even a new owner. In that time, no meaningful improvements have been made to the tracks or the crossings.

Anyone who's ever crossed those railroad tracks knows they are quite unforgiving. Drivers must creep across them, or risk damaging their vehicles.

On U.S. 40, the crossing still appears legitimate, like it's still in use. Some school buses and a variety of other heavy transport vehicles are required to stop there - regardless of whether or not the tracks are actually still in use.

People swerve to find that crossing's sweet spot, though I'm not sure there is one. It's all rough. Really rough. Break your car's suspension rough.

That wouldn't bother me so much if Allison's operation were still viable. Tourism is about the only thing Knightstown has to hang its hat on. So, to me, all the businesses and other operations (like the town-owned Hoosier Gym) that cater to and attract tourists are golden, at least in my book. But, that's not the case

with CKS Railroad anymore; it's out of business.

Fair is fair, and it's been long enough. It's time to pull up those railroad crossings and give Knightstown residents smoother streets.

Town leaders shouldn't look at this as somehow being mean or unfair to Allison. Again, it would be totally different if his business were still in operation. But, it's not. The abandoned railroad tracks are now an eyesore and a needless inconvenience for residents who are still in business.

No, they may not be entrepreneurs in that sense. But, they are in the business of getting back and forth to work every day. That means they need good local streets on which to drive their relatively fragile vehicles.

This is one more way Knightstown's leadership can really prove they are looking out for town residents. Pressuring a property owner who's been out of business for years to clean up his act is a responsible thing to do on principle alone. Plus, it will help tidy the town and add convenience for motorists.

No one's mad at Allison. He did a great job running the railroad, which I personally loved. While I don't agree with his silly sign on Main Street, I think he has every right to do it ... just like I have every right to publish this article.

Mr. Allison, you're welcome to keep your sign. You obviously have something very important to say.

But, you're making a louder statement about yourself when you let your property fall into disrepair, marring an otherwise beautiful town.

The railroad's time has come to an end in Knightstown. It's time to get on the right track and rid town streets of those bumpy, unsightly crossings.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The first president's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation still speaks to America:

"We are thankful... for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge...." - George Washington, 1789

The same year George Washington wrote these words, the Bill of Rights was introduced. Those first amendments to our Constitution are the bedrock for the individual liberties we all enjoy as Americans: your rights to religious liberty, free speech and assembly, a free press and privacy. These and other freedoms are essential to a functioning democracy.

The American Civil Liberties Union, using the Constitution as a shield and a sword, has been protecting Americans' rights for close to 100 years. We have worked with and battled public officials of all parties to ensure that our country makes good on its founding premise as the land of the free, regardless of who you are, who you love or where you or your ancestors came from.

We hope all our new public servants will reexamine their campaign rhetoric in light of the power and responsibilities of the offices to which they have been elected. The ACLU's analysis of some of President-elect Donald Trump's campaign promises can be found at <https://medium.com/aclu-election2016>. Should he try to enact or carry out any unconstitutional actions, we will be ready to challenge those actions in court.

At the Thanksgiving table, I will give thanks for living in a great country that, by its nature, aspires to be better. We are blessed with a Constitution that gives us the mechanisms with which to govern ourselves and the values to guide us through that difficult process: fairness, equality, and freedom. It has held America together for more than 200 years.

With your help, the ACLU will be vigilant, challenging our leaders at every level of government, to keep the awesome promises and potential of the Constitution. Happy Thanksgiving.

Jane Henegar, executive director  
American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana

Dear Editor,

We miss you.

Sheila Jenkins: Nov. 27, 1952 - Oct. 19, 2016

I would like to thank all of her friends and to everyone she worked with at the Knightstown Police Department for the past 25 years - and to everyone who helped me take care of her. (We love you.)

Wayne Jenkins and grandkids Cayla and Connor Judd

Dear Editor,

This letter is written to voice my alarm concerning the proposed industrial wind power plants for Henry County. My grandparents loved to take drives around the county to enjoy the beauty and quiet. As one who worked in a family business for almost 50 years, economic development has always been welcome. However, there is a very real and permanent threat to losing all of this.

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The Banner values reader opinions and welcomes letters to the editor. To be considered for publication, letters must be signed by the author and contain a phone number and address for verification purposes. The Banner does not guarantee the veracity of factual assertions contained in letters to the editor, and their publication should in no way be construed as the newspaper's endorsement of the letters' contents. The opinions represented in letters to the editor, as well as any misstatement of fact therein, are solely those of the letters' authors. Letters to the editor may be edited, and, ideally, should be no more than 300 words in length.

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# BITS & PIECES

◆ Beautify Knightstown Inc will host the **BKI Bank Bazaar** in the old Citizens Bank building, located at 104 E. Main St., during Shop Small Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free hot chocolate and "Elf Ears" will be available while the public shops local crafters' hand made gifts and stocking stuffers. Proceeds go toward the *Hoosiers* themed mural.

◆ The Henry County Historical Society, 606 S. 14th St., New Castle, will host its **Christmas Open House** on Saturday, Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m. There will be music and food in the museum, an 1870 home once occupied by Civil War General William Grose. The event is free and open to the public. Tours will be available.

◆ The Central Wrestling Federation is hosting its **Thanksgiving Bash 2016** at Carthage Community Church on Saturday, Nov. 26. Doors open at 6 p.m. Those who attend are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation (Canned fruit is needed.). Tickets are available at Knightstown Toys & Treasures, 39 N. Washington St. For more information, call 765-491-8144.

◆ The Walnut Ridge Friends are hosting their annual **Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Carthage Community Center on Main Street, Carthage, in conjunction with A Holly Jolly Carthage Christmas, sponsored by the Future of Carthage Committee.

◆ Knightstown American Legion Post 152, 224 E. Main St., hosts its **"Stars and Stripes" raffle** weekly. The jackpot is currently at \$2,100. Jackpot drawing every Saturday at 5 p.m. It is open to the public.

◆ The town of Knightstown and the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce will host the fifth annual **Small Town Christmas** and Shop Small Saturday on Nov. 26 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The event will feature a Christmas tree lighting, a parade and carriage rides.

◆ The Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House, 400 S. Railroad St., Shirley will host its ninth annual **Christmas Tree Walk** the first and second weekends of December. The walk will be open Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, 4-8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, 4-8 p.m. There will be a decorated Christmas tree in every room. There is no charge for the tour. However, food will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting continued upgrades to the octagon house. Food offerings the first weekend include soup, sandwiches, desserts and drinks. The second weekend features a chicken and noodle dinner, desserts and drinks.

◆ The Knightstown Department of Parks and Recreation will host an **adult painting class** at the Sunset Park shelter house on 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.

◆ 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.

◆ **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 812-583-0030 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

## Family Friendly



**The Knightstown Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) presented a plaque to Dimitris Andriopoulos, owner of the Gas Grill, located at the intersection of 1-70 and S.R. 109. The plaque recognized the owner for his "commitment to a family-friendly environment created by excluding alcoholic products from the menu." Pictured (l-r) are Carolyn Poer, local WCTU president and state recording secretary; Virginia Taylor, local promotion director; Sarah Ward, state and national WCTU president; Andriopoulos; and Lloyd Hosman, honorary WCTU member. (Photo submitted)**

765-345-7585. Family and individual HKI memberships are \$20 and \$15, respectively. Membership payments may be mailed to HKI at P.O. Box 74, Knightstown, IN 46148.

◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**

meets weekly, on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym (enter on East side). Meetings will continue each Tuesday at the same time and location. For more info, call 765-571-1132 or 765-571-1662.

◆ The **Parish Clothes Closet**, located in the basement of Bethel Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Franklin St., Knightstown, is open the last Thursday of each month from 5-7 p.m.

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**Southwest District Ambulance Service Lieutenant Jason Sutton Continues Family Legacy of Service**

by Logan Cox  
 for The Banner

For the past five years, Jason Sutton has dedicated his time to being active in the field of emergency services. He is currently a volunteer EMT and lieutenant at Southwest District Ambulance Service (SDAS), in addition to his years as a volunteer firefighter in Kennard.

Of course, his history with public service and volunteer work goes even further back than his time at SDAS.

"It's something I've been interested in for awhile ... pretty much since high school," said Sutton. "My family - my grandfather, my dad and uncle - had been volunteer firefighters in Shirley."

Sutton's father and uncle, Vaughn Sutton and Ken Kaufman, had each served for several years as Shirley town firefighters. His grandfather, Ralph Kaufman, had even been chief of Shirley's fire department for many years.

They made a great impression on young Sutton, as a result.

"So I've always looked up to them and was hoping that one day I could be a firefighter. I'm also on the fire department here in Kennard," he said.

Having originally sought to be a firefighter, Sutton eventually found that learning more about the work of emergency medical services (EMS) would be a great asset, since EMS and firefighting are so closely entwined.

As he explained, "It just kind of grew into that.

You know, in the fire service now there is a lot of ... medical work. EMS is a big part of it. So I kind of went that way, sort of got interested in it and liked it."

Now he is in an ambulance as much as he is a fire truck, dividing his time between his firefighting at the Kennard Volunteer Fire Department and EMS work at Southwest Ambulance Service in Knightstown.

"I do both," said Sutton. "I live here in Kennard so I'm still on the fire department in town. And I spend quite a bit of time down in Knightstown working with Southwest."

He is personally very happy to be doing what he is doing, providing a service so he can give back to the area he's known all his life.

"I'm proud of it," he said. "You know, helping out the community that I grew up in and was raised in. Helping people that I've known since I was a little kid who are still living around here. Knowing that I

can help them and make a difference, that's really important to me."

Though he continues to live in Kennard with his wife and children now, Sutton originally grew up in Shirley.

Sutton attended school first at Kennard then Knightstown. Graduating from Knightstown High School in 1992, he later studied business administration at Ball State University. He educated himself in EMS work at the Tri-County Training Academy.



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**Gov. Pence Directs State Agencies to Act on Drug-related Recommendations for State**

Gov. Mike Pence has directed state agencies to act on recommendations provided at a recent meeting of the Governor's Task Force on Drug Enforcement, Treatment, and Prevention.

At the Sept. 20 meeting, two action items were discussed and accepted for recommendation to the governor. Two days later, Pence took the following actions:

- \*directed the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to implement a central repository naloxone distribution program for first responders should Indiana experience increased numbers of overdoses that would deplete local responders' supplies; and
- \*directed the Professional

Licensing Agency (PLA) to begin implementing a pilot program, the INSPECT Integration Initiative, to allow for the integration of INSPECT data with hospital patient records. The purpose of this program is to improve hospital physicians' access to prescribing patterns for patients. INSPECT is the Indiana Scheduled Prescription Electronic Collection and Tracking Program, a program within the PLA. The INSPECT Integration Initiative is one of the recommendations within the Indiana Guidelines for Opioid Prescribing in the Emergency Department.

"I deeply appreciate the important work of the Task Force, and this most recent round of recom-

mendations illustrates again the value these men and women bring to our battle against the scourge of drug addiction," Pence said in a press release. "I remain confident that as we act with purpose to end drug abuse, we can make a true, lasting and positive difference in the lives of fellow Hoosiers."

The next meeting of the Governor's Task Force on Drug Enforcement, Treatment, and Prevention is Monday, December 5. For additional information about the task force, including a list of resources, post-meeting recordings, minutes, presentation materials, and upcoming agendas, visit [www.drugtaskforce.in.gov](http://www.drugtaskforce.in.gov).

Rose Mary, from Page 4

no-no, but she told me, "I decided to hell with convention and intended to dye it black. Instead, it came out purple, and I had to wear a hat everywhere I went

for several months." Yep, that was my granny! [wclarke@comcast.net](mailto:wclarke@comcast.net)

**MEETINGS CALENDAR**

**Wed., Nov. 23** - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle  
**Thurs., Nov. 24** - Government offices closed in

observance of Thanksgiving  
**Fri., Nov. 25** - Government offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving

**Mon., Nov. 28** - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

**Tues., Nov. 29** - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

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# FOLKWAYS

## Rush Comm. Foundation Hosts 'Grand Idea' Gala

On the evening of Nov. 5, the Rush County Community Foundation hosted A Grand Idea Gala at the Root Building to celebrate the Foundation's 25th Anniversary.

The 200 current and former employees, members of the board of directors, committee members, grant recipients, and donors present enjoyed dinner provided by Lori's Catering, entertainment from the brass quintet CB5 (members Rick Williams, Lori Dickerson, Les Miller, TR Campbell, and Rick Lesh), and fellowship with those that have been important to the Foundation's history and success.

Alisa Winters, foundation executive director, and Phillip Morgan, Rush County Community Foundation's 2016 board president, began the evening by welcoming those in attendance.

Winters thanked the volunteers, donors, and nonprofit organizations that have enabled the Rush County Community Foundation's contributions to Rush County. "Your generosity has enabled \$9.5 million worth of impact in Rush County. These dollars have provided grant funding to further the charitable work of our much-needed nonprofit agencies. These dollars have provided amenities and resources our entire community can enjoy. These dollars have provided a more affordable education for our graduates. And most importantly, these dollars have provided hope and a brighter future for the residents of our community," she said.

Morgan thanked the committee members, board members, staff, Youth in Philanthropy members, and sponsors that made the evening's celebration possible.

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Morgan also recognized donors that have contributed at a level that has qualified them to be pictured on the Donor Wall or Wall of Honor in the foundation office. He gave special recognition to two couples that represent the most recent additions, Bill and Debbie Herdrich and Ken and Charlotte Brashaber.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Grand Idea Grant, a \$25,000 grant that would make a profound impact on the community. President-elect Bob Bridges awarded Rush County Community Assistance the Grand Idea Grant, stating, "Tonight's recipient organization requested funds that could improve the overall health of the families that utilize their services. This \$25,000 grant will provide for the purchase of needed coolers, refrigerators and the electric infra-

## Christmas Care



Members of Greensboro United Methodist Church took time recently to assemble some care packages - shoeboxes full of goods that get sent overseas for Christmas. This is a mission process that the congregation has worked on all year. Last Sunday, members of the church got together to pack the boxes. They were able to pack 65 boxes. (Photo submitted)

structure to support them. This comprehensive equipment will allow the addition of year-round nutritious fruits and vegetables to their food selection. Increasing healthy food consumption will help combat the prevalent health factors of obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure. Thirty-three percent of all clients served are children, ages zero to 17."

"The foundation believes that making healthy and nourishing foods accessible to this

segment of our population could alter the future of their families, and ultimately, could make a dramatic difference in the future health of our community," a press release from the foundation said.

In addition to the Grand Idea Grant presentation, RCCF also awarded its one-millionth dollar in unrestricted grant funding via the community grants program that evening.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF BIDS

The Henry County Highway Department will receive sealed bids for a new "plow ready" single or tandem axle dump truck. All bids shall include spec sheet, price and availability. Minimum GVRW 33,000 lbs. Bids will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. (local time) December 14, 2016. Mailing address: Henry County Commissioners, Courthouse, 101 S Main St. New Castle, IN 47362. For further information contact 765-520-0314.

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## Bob Witham Appointed to Henry County Circuit Court 1

Vice President-elect Governor Mike Pence Monday appointed Judge Bob Witham as the new Henry County Circuit Court 1 Judge.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to appoint Judge Bob Witham to the Henry County Circuit Court 1," said Vice President-elect Governor Mike Pence. "Judge Witham has long served the Circuit Court with distinction, garnering the respect of his colleagues and peers."

Witham currently serves as the judge for Henry County Circuit Court 3, where he has served since 2003. Previously, he was the deputy prosecuting attorney for Henry County, and has also worked at a private law firm in New Castle.



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# State Trails Advisory Board Members Sought

The DNR is seeking nominations for five openings on the state's Trails Advisory Board (TAB).

The openings are for representatives of the following trail-user or interest groups: environmental groups, hikers, mountain bikers, trail support groups and users with disabilities.

Nominees should be involved with a local or statewide trails-oriented organization. If selected to be on the board, members are expected to serve a three-year term starting March 1, and attend quarterly meetings.

TAB meetings are held on the first Thursday of March, September and December, and the last Thursday in June. All meetings start at 3 p.m., and locations vary throughout the state.

The 15-member voluntary TAB advises DNR director Cam Clark on trails-related issues. Members are also encouraged to report on news from their user groups and

share pertinent trail information with their constituents.

Nominations will be accepted by the DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation from Dec. 1-30.

Having a TAB is required for Indiana to receive funding from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. The state distributes \$1.2 million in RTP grant funding to acquire and develop multi-use trails for both motorized and non-motorized use.

Additional information about the TAB and nomination information is at [dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4094.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4094.htm).

For more information, contact Amy Marisavljevic at [amarisavljevic@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:amarisavljevic@dnr.IN.gov), (317) 232-4067; or by mail at DNR Outdoor Recreation, 402 W. Washington St., Room W271, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2782.

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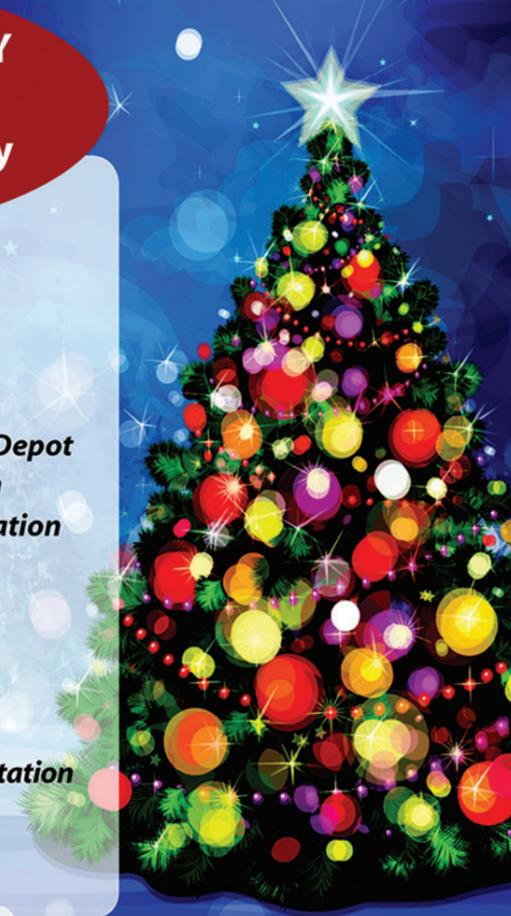


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# CAB School Board Approves \$300 Bonuses for Nearly All Employees

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

With the school district's finances on the uptick, the Charles A. Beard School Board voted unanimously last week to approve \$300 year-end bonuses for nearly all CAB employees.

"Our year-end cash balance is continuing to move in the right direction," Superintendent Jed Behny said at the board's Nov. 15 monthly meeting. According to a financial report prepared by Treasurer/Business Manager Stephanie Madison that was included in the packet of meeting materials provided to the board members, CAB is projected to have a cash balance of a little over \$875,000 at the end of December.

Another monthly report in the packet prepared by Madison compared CAB's cash balance at the end of October for this year with the two preceding years. At more than \$1.2 million, this year's balance was more than double what it was for 2015 and 2014.

Behny told board members the one-time stipend will go to all CAB employees, except him, who were not deemed "ineffective or

needs improvement" during 2015-2016 job performance evaluations. He said the total cost of the bonuses, which will be paid out Friday, Dec. 16 - not a regular payday - will be just under \$60,000.

After voting 7-0 to pass a resolution authorizing the bonuses, the board unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the board and the local classroom teachers association (CTA). Board President Wade Beatty said the MOU was needed because the current teachers contract did not include payment of these bonuses.

The MOU notes that CAB's finances "have been found to exceed expectations and provided for a higher-than-anticipated cash flow." This was described in the agreement as a "highly unusual" event that "could not be reasonably anticipated" when the board was bargaining with the CTA on the 2016-2017 teachers contract.

Behny gave much of the credit for the turnaround in CAB's finances to Madison, and he and several board members thanked her for her efforts.

"Without her and all her

hard work, (these bonuses) simply would not be possible," Behny said.

In another employee compensation-related matter, the board also voted 7-0 last week to approve changes to how compensation is determined for noncertified staff members. The new plan will set pay ranges for employees by category, and give the superintendent authority to make adjustments based on consideration of a variety of factors.

Behny told the board that the new compensation plan will be "more performance-based." Also, he said it will provide needed flexibility that will make CAB more competitive when hiring new employees, and make it easier to retain good employees.

Factors that would be considered when setting or adjusting an employee's pay, Behny said, would include job evaluation results, CAB's current personnel needs, the employee's past job experience and continuing education. The maximum amount of pay increases available to employees, within the compensation range for their respective job categories, would be 8 percent, though

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are needed now.

"We need to have permits in hand before they'll agree to lock us in on their calendar," Behny said of the contractors who would be doing the work. He also asked about what would happen if changes to the town's zoning code are not finished by the time the moratorium is set to expire in April.

"Oh, it'll be done in six months," said Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town on planning issues, that has been hired to review and assist with the revision of the town's zoning ordinance. KCG is currently helping with updating the town's comprehensive plan, and, once that's done, Kieser said work will start on the zoning code.

Council President Sarah Ward said the roof work at KES might be deemed an emergency, but the council took no action to declare it so or suspend the moratorium to allow issuance of a permit for those repairs. Morelock gave Behny his contact information and told him to have the engineering firm overseeing the two CAB projects to give him a call to discuss the moratorium.

In other business at last week's meeting, the council:

\*received information and training from Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman on the need for enhanced internal controls with respect to town finances;

\*approved monthly claims totaling \$170,278.32, with \$131,400.25 representing the cost of the electricity the town purchases and provides to customers of the town's elec-

## Antibiotics, from Page 2

sure you ask your healthcare provider if an antibiotic is necessary. If so, remember these important tips:

\*When you are prescribed an antibiotic, take it exactly as the doctor tells you.

\*Complete the prescribed course, even if you are feeling better. If treatment stops too soon, some bacteria may survive and re-infect you.

\*Get rid of any unused medication. Many pharmacies offer prescription take-back days or provide envelopes that can be used to mail unused medications to environmentally safe disposal facilities.

\*Do not share your antibiotics with others or take other people's antibiotics. Antibiotics can cause serious, and even life-threatening allergic reactions in some people.

State health officials are collaborating with several partners, including the Indiana Hospital Association, Indiana University Hospitals and Butler

tric utility;

\*heard a brief presentation from Adam Bass of Fountain Town, who hopes to purchase the CKS Railroad from Tom Allison, with the assistance of federal grants, and reopen the business and extend rail lines to Rushville and Greenfield;

\*gave Huffman permission to spend up to \$1,000 to cover addition expenses for roof repairs for a building at Glen Cove Cemetery;

\*OK's purchase of a 2015 John Deere mini excavator from West Side Tractor for \$46,500;

\*approved a legal services contract and agreement for financial services related to a proposed wastewater utility improvement project for which the town is trying to secure funding;

\*authorized the Hoosier Gym Community Center, the local nonprofit group that leases the Hoosier Gym from the town and oversees its operation, to replace two more heating and cooling units at the gym at an estimated cost of \$15,000-\$20,000;

\*approved promotion of Cyndi Spurlock to a full-time dispatcher position at the Knightstown Police Department; and

\*accepted a \$3,152 bid from Smith's Carpet & Furniture, Spiceland, for new flooring for the KPD.

More information about the Nov. 17 monthly meeting of the Knightstown Town Council may be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall.

University, on a project to educate healthcare providers and their patients about the dangers of overprescribing and overusing antibiotics. The project includes an education booth at the Indianapolis Colts game against the Tennessee Titans on Nov. 20.

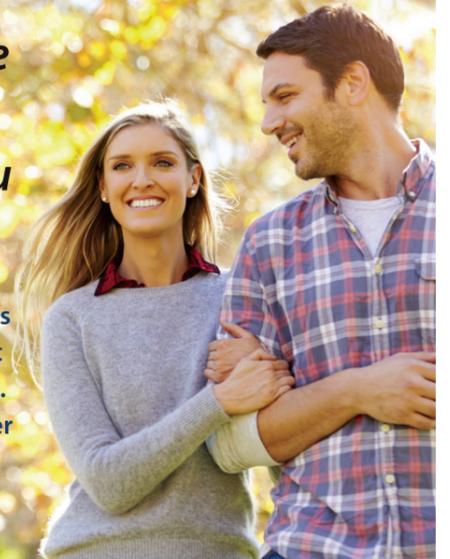
"I think the booth is a great way to get out there and educate the public about what antibiotic resistance is and the harm it can cause," said Kristen Nichols, an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Butler University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and an infectious disease pharmacist at Riley Hospital for Children. "It is crucial to have this conversation, and not just when patients feel they need an antibiotic. Outreach like this allows us to inform people proactively."

To learn more about appropriate use of antibiotics, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/getsmart/week/>.

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# A Look Back



Knightstown Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Award winners from 1982.

## LifeStream Services Seeks Area Residents' Help in Adding Cheer for Seniors at Holidays

LifeStream Services is asking for area residents' help in brightening up the holidays for seniors in need in East Central Indiana. AngelWish is LifeStream's annual campaign to spread holiday cheer to isolated seniors and those with disabilities. The program coordinates doorstep delivery of packages of food, personal care items, practical necessities, and gifts.

Last year alone, LifeStream delivered gift bags to 922 senior citizens who are often forgotten during the holidays. This is the 15th year AngelWish has brought the holiday spirit to seven counties which include Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, and Randolph.

Donations will be accepted through Thursday, Dec. 8. There are three ways to participate including donating items, giving cash donations for items to be purchased, and volunteering to help prepare packages and deliver items.

A. Donate items: The hundreds of low-

income seniors that LifeStream serve are in need of basic necessities. These items can include: peanut butter, tuna, canned vegetables, soups, bath soap, hand lotion, shampoo, deodorant, denture cleaner, hand sanitizer, dish washing liquid, toilet paper, etc.

There are donation drop-off locations in the seven counties that LifeStream serves. These locations include the following:

### Henry County

1. Heritage House, 1023 N. 20th St., New Castle, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
2. Fred's Pharmacy, 320 S. Main St., New Castle, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
3. Forest Ridge, 2200 Forest Ridge Parkway, New Castle, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
4. Henry County United Fund, 1201 Race St. #103, New Castle, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
5. LifeStream Services, 2204 S. 14th St.,

New Castle, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

6. Miller's Merry Manor, 981 Beechwood Ave., Middletown, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Monetary donations: With every \$25 donation, a senior will receive a gift bag and a special gift of their choice. This special donation is needed to make a senior's holiday brighter. Checks should be made payable to LifeStream Services and mailed to P.O. Box 308, Yorktown, IN 47396-0308.

Volunteering for gift delivery: Show a senior how much you care by personally delivering a gift bag to his or her door. The best part? You'll get to see the smile of someone who is deeply grateful.

Those interested in volunteering or have questions concerning donations for AngelWish may call Laura Bray, LifeStream's volunteer services administrator, at 765-759-1121 ext. 136 or 1-800-589-1121 or email lbray@lifestream-inc.org.

## Alliance for a Healthier Indiana Announces Improvement Plan

Recently the Alliance for a Healthier Indiana, a coalition of health care professionals, advocates, community and business leaders from across the state, announced its formation to work toward improving the health status of Indiana.

"The health of Hoosiers is not something that we can afford to take lightly," said Bryan Mills, CEO of Community Health Network. "Having healthy citizens is vital to the state's economy and to our quality of life. We recognize that Indiana faces some important health challenges. It is going to require a focused plan of action

and the support of state legislators, hospitals, the business community and all Hoosiers to significantly move the needle."

The alliance is made up of organizations representing diverse interests across the state. Members include the Indiana Hospital Association, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Indiana State Medical Association and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana. Additional partners will be announced as the coalition grows. The Alliance for a Healthier Indiana will take on pressing Hoosier health issues, including opioid abuse, obesity, infant mor-

tality and tobacco use.

"The health status of our state directly correlates with the health of our economy," said Mills. "An unhealthy workforce impacts Indiana's ability to attract quality businesses, increases health care costs and harms Indiana's national reputation."

Indiana is ranked 41st in the nation for the overall health of its citizens. It is below average in 25 of 34 measures and ranks among the worst in the nation in the following categories according to America's Health Rankings' report:

\* 35th worst in drug deaths

\*36th worst in infant mortality

\*44th worst in percentage of smokers

\*44th worst in obesity

\*48th worst in public health funding

In 2017, the alliance will focus primarily on tobacco use as the leading cause of preventable death in Indiana.

"Tobacco use is a pressing challenge in Indiana, where nearly 23 percent of the population smokes and 4,100 young Hoosiers across the state start smoking each year," said Mills.

Tobacco costs Indiana \$6 billion annually.

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Behny clarified that he was not suggesting that 8-percent pay raises become the norm.

Behny also advised the board that three bids had been received for tax anticipation warrants CAB will issue in order to borrow \$645,000 for the district's Transportation (\$221,000), Capital Projects (\$219,000), General (\$154,000) and Bus Replacement (\$51,000) funds. While the district had planned on an interest rate of a little over 2 percent, Behny said the low bidder's proposed rate was 1.85 percent. This, he said, will amount

to about \$20,000 less interest on the borrowed funds, which will have to be paid back with property tax revenue by the end of 2017.

The board also approved payment of monthly claims at last week's meeting totaling \$507,403.89. Of that amount, \$326,506.28 was for prepaid claims, \$55,799.91 was for current claims and \$125,097.70 was for payroll.

In other business, the board:

\*heard a brief update from Behny on litigation involving CAB;

\*received reports from CAB principals on student assessment efforts and results at their respective schools;

\*OK'd a \$1,600 payment for a 2-year-old yellow Labrador retriever therapy dog that could start working in the district as early as next month;

\*approved on first reading changes to board policies dealing with student assessment, employment of extracurricular activity personnel and training for coaches;

\*accepted a resignation from CAB teacher Kristen Crawford

from her position as the school board's appointee to the Knightstown Public Library Board, and appointed Janice Barton to replace Crawford and finish her four-year term;

\*approved Kay Sprinkle as sponsor for the Knightstown High School chess team, Josh Griggs as an assistant coach for the KHS boys varsity basketball team, Mark Bertram as a bus driver and Kathy Brinker as a substitute cafeteria worker, and OK'd a maternity leave request for KHS attendance secretary Sarah Sparks;

## Donated Deer Help Feed State's Hungry Population

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry recently reminded all hunters and landowners about the deer donation program.

"After you've filled your freezer," the organization said in a press release, "Please help us to feed those in need within your community by donating to the Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry's 'Meat' the need program.

Hunters must take their deer to a local meat processor or butcher shop and instruct them to donate it to the Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry program.

"To date, we have 90 participating meat processors working in 85 counties in Indiana (go to [www.HoosiersFeedingtheHungry.org](http://www.HoosiersFeedingtheHungry.org) to find a processor.). We will pay the processing fees and the meat will be given to local hunger relief agencies."

According to the press release, approximately, one in four Hoosier households (that have children) report an inability to be able to afford enough food to feed their family. Over 30 percent of Hoosiers, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry said, regularly have to choose between paying bills or buying food.

"Protein, the top nutrient that is vital to brain and body development in children and young adults, is also the hardest commodity for food banks to obtain," they organizations said. "Make someone's holiday - donate a deer today!"

## DNR Offering Gift Ideas for Christmastime

Already thinking about Christmas gifts to buy for the outdoor lovers on your list this year? The DNR can help, with bargain packages available for purchase online at [InnsGifts.com](http://InnsGifts.com).

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The gift pack includes a 2017 resident Annual Entrance Permit, a one-year subscription to Outdoor Indiana magazine, and one of two \$65 gift card options. New this year is the option to choose between a \$65 State Park Camp gift card or a \$65 Inns gift card. In past years, the gift pack gift card applied only to inns.

The buyer saves \$31 over the regular price of the items purchased separately.

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\*received an update on KHS's affiliation with a new athletic conference; and

\*recognized Grace Good, a third grader at Knightstown Elementary, for recently winning a "recyclable scarecrow" contest sponsored by Summit Lake State Park.

More information about the Nov. 15 CAB School Board meeting can be found in the memorandum and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at CAB's central office, 8139 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## KHS Wrestlers Win Third Straight Batesville Invite

*Panthers Ranked 10th in Early Season Polls; Start Season 5-0 Again*

Knightstown's varsity wrestling team went 5-0 for the third straight year to win the six-school Batesville Invitational last Saturday.

When the Panthers won the invitational in 2014, they had overcome a 13-year drought, with their last Batesville Invite title won in 2001.

Despite losing several of its top-performing wrestlers to graduation, preseason polls at Indiana Mat have Knightstown at 10th in class 1A rankings.

The Panthers kicked off the day Saturday by defeating class 2A Brown County 51-28.

KHS followed with a huge win over class 3A Shelbyville 64-18.

The Panthers then shut out class 2A Scottsburg 84-0 and whipped the host school, class 2A Batesville, 51-27.

Knightstown ended the day with another solid win, 57-21, over class 1A Southwestern (Hanover).

Going undefeated at the



**Class 1A's 10th-ranked Knightstown Panthers varsity wrestling team pose after winning their third straight title at the Batesville Invitational last Saturday. (Photo courtesy of Chris Duncan)**

Batesville Invite for Knightstown were Thomas Sollars (113-lbs), Alex Brading (160-lbs), Jon Simmons (170-lbs), Zach Clark (182-lbs) and Burias Wisner (HWT). All were 5-0 on the day.

Four Panthers went 4-1 at the tourney including Nic Walsh (120-lbs), Tylor Strawmyer (132-lbs),

Connor Brockman (195-lbs) and Garrett Thomas (220-lbs).

David Peck (106-lbs), Michael Weiland (138-lbs) and Collin Ferree (145-lbs) were each 3-2 at the tourney.

Jacob Hanna (126-lbs) finished 2-3 and Evan Nolen (152-lbs) was 1-4 to round out the Panther roster.

The Panthers, along with Eastern Hancock, are in action again Nov. 26 in Liberty for the Union County Invitational.

It will be the first meet of the season for the Royals who were ranked one spot ahead of the Panthers at ninth in preseason polls.

*Lady Panthers Hosting Breakfast with Santa Dec. 10*

Knightstown's girls basketball team is hosting a Breakfast with Santa event Saturday, Dec. 10 from 8-11 a.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Enjoy warm pancakes and have your photo taken with Santa.

Cost for the breakfast and photo with Santa is \$5.

## KHS Joins Tri-Eastern Conference

Knightstown High School athletes will begin competing as part of a new athletic conference at the start of next school year.

Principal Steve Wherry and Athletic Director Matt Martin announced that KHS will be joining the Tri Eastern Conference starting with the 2017-2018 school year at the Nov. 15 monthly meeting of the Charles A. Beard School Board. The conference, which Wherry said is sometimes called the "I-70 Conference," also includes Winchester, Cambridge City, Union City, Hagerstown, Tri, Union County, Centerville and Northeastern schools.

"It was an obvious and easy choice for us," Wherry told school board members. He noted that KHS already plays some of these teams, and said the travel demands on student athletes should be somewhat lessened as a result of scheduling changes.

Martin told the board he thought the new conference affiliation would result in increased recognition for KHS athletes. After having spent a year not affiliated with other schools, he said KHS teams will again have an opportunity to vie for conference bragging rights against rival schools that are often similar size.

"It gives them something to play for other than sectionals and county," Martin said.

## KHS Girls Varsity Loses Overtime Game to Centerville

*Sophomore Jessica Butler Gets Double-Double with 12 Points, 14 Rebounds*

Knightstown varsity girls basketball team fell 41-49 in overtime on the road at Centerville Nov. 19.

The Lady Panthers could not get their offense going for three quarters, then rallied with 22 points in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime.

KHS went down early, scoring just three points in the first quarter while allowing Centerville to score 12.

The Lady Panthers outscored the Lady Bulldogs 9-7 in the second quarter but went into halftime down 12-19.

KHS' third quarter was much like the first with the team scoring only three points. The Lady Bulldogs put eight more on the board to

take a 27-15 lead to start the fourth.

Knightstown caught fire in the final period, scoring 22 points while holding Centerville to 10 points, tying the game up at 37 and sending the game into overtime.

But, the flame died out for the Lady Panthers in overtime. Centerville outscored KHS 12-4 in overtime to get the 49-41 victory.

The Lady Panthers were without their top scorer, senior Silvia Panizzutti.

Sophomore Jessica Butler dominated the Lady Panthers effort with 12 points, 14 points and two deflections.

Sidney Vise finished with nine points, seven rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Lori Thomas had eight points, seven

rebounds, one assist, one steal and two deflections.

Allyson Hauk posted five points, three rebounds and one deflection. Maggie Smith had four points, one rebound and one assist.

Carmen Cleek scored three points and five rebounds, two assists, two steals and two deflections.

Kaitlyn Jackson had one rebound, one assist, two steals and one deflection.

Alexis Howard came up with three rebounds while Makenna Leisure got two rebounds and Elizabeth Moore had one rebound.

The loss dropped the Lady Panthers' season record to 2-2.

## Lady Panthers Enjoy an Afternoon at the Hall of Fame



**Knightstown's girls basketball team took some time off from practice and their game schedule Nov. 16 to visit Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle. (Photo provided)**

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## JV Lady Panthers Edge Out Centerville 34-32

Knightstown's junior varsity girls basketball team added another win to its record Nov. 19 when they edged out Centerville 34-32.

The JV Lady Panthers jumped out to an early 11-5 lead after the first quarter then extended it to 20-11 by halftime.

Centerville outpaced Knightstown in the third quarter, 14-13, to cut KHS' lead 33-25. The Lady Panthers nearly lost the game in the final period, scoring just one free throw, but ultimately the Lady Panther defense held strong to give KHS the 34-32 win.

Elizabeth Moore led the way for the Lady Panthers with 11 points, five rebounds, three steals and three deflections.

Emma-Kate Moore finished with nine points, one rebound, two assists, two steals and one deflection.

Alexis Howard had six points, one rebound, three steals and three deflections.

Makenna Leisure drained a 3-pointer and grabbed three rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Katie Clark scored three points and had one rebound, two assists, four steals and seven deflections.

Kaitlyn McIntyre hit one bucket and pulled down four rebounds.

Maggie Smith added one rebound, two assists and one deflection.

The JV Lady Panthers are 3-2 on the season following the win.

# LOCAL SPORTS

## Eastern Hancock Varsity Girls Pound Irvington Prep Academy, Union County

Eastern Hancock varsity girls basketball team had two huge back-to-back wins last week.

On Nov. 18, the Lady Royals demolished Irvington Preparatory Academy 75-30 at home.

EH took a 27-2 lead after the first quarter and by halftime, they had gone up 48-11.

The second half was a bit better for IPA. They outscored the Lady Royals 14-12 in the third but the Lady Royals blew them away 15-5 in the final period to get the 45-point victory.

Four Royals scored in double figures, led by Jenna Smith with 11 points, five rebounds, one steal, two blocks and two deflections.

Liberty Durham had 10 points, three rebounds, three assists, five steals and two deflections.

Haley Best scored 10 points and added two assists and one steal.

Emiley Carlton got 10 points and one assist.

Leah Ferguson finished with nine points, two rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Alexis Lewman had eight points, three rebounds, four steals and two deflections.

Peyton West scored four points and got six rebounds and five assists.

Megan Bever had four points and two rebounds.

Kayla Fancher made three points and one rebound.

Alyson Spaulding had two points, one rebound, one assist and one steal.

Skyla Smith contributed two points, five rebounds

and one deflection.

The following day, the Lady Royals traveled to Union County where they took another big win, toppling the Lady Patriots 53-31.

The game started off fairly even with the Lady Royals taking a three point lead, 14-11, after the first period.

But Eastern Hancock dominated the next two quarters, outscoring Union County 20-5 in the second quarter and 13-9 in the third.

Both teams scored six points each in the fourth quarter.

Haley Best led the Lady Panthers with 15 points, two rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Liberty Durham had 14 points, four rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Emiley Carlton scored 12 points and had seven rebounds and one assist.

Leah Ferguson got six points, two rebounds, two assists, one steal and one deflection.

Jenna Smith added four points, five rebounds, one assist and one block.

Peyton West hit a bucket and had three rebounds and one assist.

Skyla Smith grabbed three rebounds and two steals while Alexis Lewman got one rebound and two assists.

The two wins pushed up the Lady Royals' season record to 4-2.

## 16-pointer Taken on Keesling Property



Mike Imel of Knightstown killed his first buck recently, a 16-pointer taken near Knightstown. Imel, son-in-law of Doc and Patti Keesling, shot the deer on Keesling's property with a 12-gauge shotgun. The local hunter said it was the first buck he's ever taken. (Photo provided)

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## Area High School Sports Schedule for Nov. 23-30

### Boys Basketball -

#### Junior Varsity & Varsity

◆Nov. 23 - Knightstown varsity only away at Tri, 7:30 p.m.

◆Nov. 23 - Tri varsity only at home vs. Knightstown, 7:30 p.m.

◆Nov. 23 - Eastern Hancock away at Centerville, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

◆Nov. 26 - Tri at home vs. Wapahani, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

◆Nov. 26 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. New Palestine, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

◆Nov. 29 - Knightstown (varsity only) at home vs. Irvington Preparatory Academy, 7:30 p.m.

### Girls Basketball -

#### Junior Varsity & Varsity

◆Nov. 23 - Knightstown varsity only away at Tri, 6 p.m.

◆Nov. 23 - Tri varsity only at home vs. Knightstown, 6 p.m.

◆Nov. 26 - Knightstown at home vs. North

Decatur, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

◆Nov. 28 - Tri away at Liberty Christian, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

◆Nov. 29 - Knightstown varsity only at home vs. Irvington Preparatory Academy, 6 p.m.

◆Nov. 29 - Tri away at Cambridge City Lincoln, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

◆Nov. 29 - Eastern Hancock away at Southwestern Shelby, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### Swimming - Varsity

◆None scheduled

### Wrestling - Varsity

◆Nov. 26 - Knightstown away at Union County Invite, 9 a.m.

◆Nov. 26 - Eastern Hancock away at Union County Invite, 9 a.m.

◆Nov. 30 - Knightstown at home vs. Cambridge City Lincoln, 6 p.m.

◆Nov. 30 - Eastern Hancock away at Lapel, 6 p.m.




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To be eligible, an athlete must be seven years removed from com-

petition; coaches five years; and teams 10 years.

Nominations are due to the EH athletic director's office by the end of school on Dec. 12.

The 2017 Hall of Fame class will be recognized at halftime of the EH-Union County boys varsity basketball game on Jan. 14.

For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit [ehathletics.org](http://ehathletics.org), or contact Greg Hall at [gghall58@gmail.com](mailto:gghall58@gmail.com).

### DNR, from Page 10

Orders ship within three to five business days. Orders received by Dec. 11 will ship by Dec. 18. The offer is available through Dec. 31.

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### Letters, from Page 4

In 2009, the average height of a wind turbine was 300 feet. Technology has increased the height to over 500 feet. These 50-story turbines are almost half the height of a World Trade Center tower. The setbacks created in the 2009 Wind Energy Conversion Systems ordinance no longer preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the public.

Here are what some county officials feel are reasonable setbacks for the health, safety and general welfare of the public.

- Clinton: Wind farms are banned
- Delaware: Two-year moratorium
- Rush: Changed to 2,300 feet from the property line
- Noble: Setback of 3,690 feet from the property line and a 40 dBA limit 1,000 feet from the turbine
- Tipton: Changed to 2,640 from any residence
- Whitley: A minimum of 2,640, or 6.5 times the height of the turbine at the highest point, from nonparticipating property lines

Howard: Changed to 2,000 feet from nearest occupied building and sound not to exceed 40 dBA. As a side note, Kokomo is completing a solar farm on a brown field in their city that will produce seven megawatts of power.

Henry County residents recently received a wind farm brochure stating that property values are unaffected by wind farms. May I respectfully suggest watching the video *Realities of Wind Energy* by David and Stephanie Hulthen? The developer eventually bought their home as the Hulthens could no longer stand the constant noise nor the shadow flickering. The industrial turbine was 1,400 from their home. The ordinance for Henry County should include an agreement where the developers agree to pur-

chase properties near the turbines at the price the properties would have appraised at before the turbines were built up to 36 months from when the turbines start operating so that non participating property owners have the option to move.

The Caithness Wind Farm website keeps track of all reported accidents/incidents concerning wind turbines. It is estimated that about 90 percent are not reported as there are no regulation requirement. Fires, ice throw, blade throw or turbine collapses are very real. Putting turbines close to homes, schools, businesses and schools may endanger the health and safety of the people in Henry County.

While I appreciate the opportunity the landowners who signed contracts may have, this will be a blight on our landscape and an end to economic development around our towns and the county as a whole. As the industrial wind energy information notes, these are "tax avoidance farms," where up to 65 percent of the turbine costs are funded by our tax dollars. Wind turbine economics have very few winners. Henry County residents will not be beneficiaries of the power generated from these industrial turbines.

Federal agencies own or lease 360,000 buildings consisting of over 1.2 billion square feet. Solar installed on these buildings would generate more than 24 billion kilowatt hours of power annually. From a business and security standpoint, this makes far better use of our tax dollars. Let's keep economic and job growth the goals of our officials. Let's work with landowners and our local utilities to generate our own renewable power that stays in Henry County.

David Gratner  
Sulphur Springs

Dear Editor,

Thank you to Historic Knightstown, Inc. for sponsoring a clean-up day at Glen Cove Cemetery. We appreciate the efforts of all who participated.

Glen Cove Cemetery Advisory Board

Dear Editor,

To the citizens of Knightstown – I am dismayed to learn how some of our citizens are treating our town employees. In an effort to give a little relief to our senior citizens, I asked that the truck that should be able to pick up leaves be prepared for that task. I was assured emphatically that the truck was ready. When the employees tried to use it, leaf disaster occurred. I am very sorry but our employees were not to blame.

They followed orders. Next time you see one of our workers, stop and say thanks.

Sarah F. Ward  
Town Council President

### Schaeffer, from Page 1

totaling \$1,218.43. This included two months of Ninestar billing for TV and Internet service (\$427.48), a new air horn and one-valve solenoid for one of the trucks (\$103.35), two six-inch leather shields (\$125.60) and four five-gallon containers of foam agent (\$562).

Fire Board and Wayne Township Board member Jeff Van Hoy asked about a fire hydrant on South Washington Street that has been out of commission for at least six months still needs to be repaired. Board member Mitch Roland, who also sits on the Knightstown Town Council, said that Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman said it would be fixed.

"It's tagged out of service," Schaeffer told board member Sarah Ward, who is also president of the Knightstown Town Council and said she had been unaware the hydrant wasn't working. "The fire department wasn't notified."

"It's the first I've heard of it," Ward said. "If you can't fix it, the only option you have is to replace it," Schaeffer said.

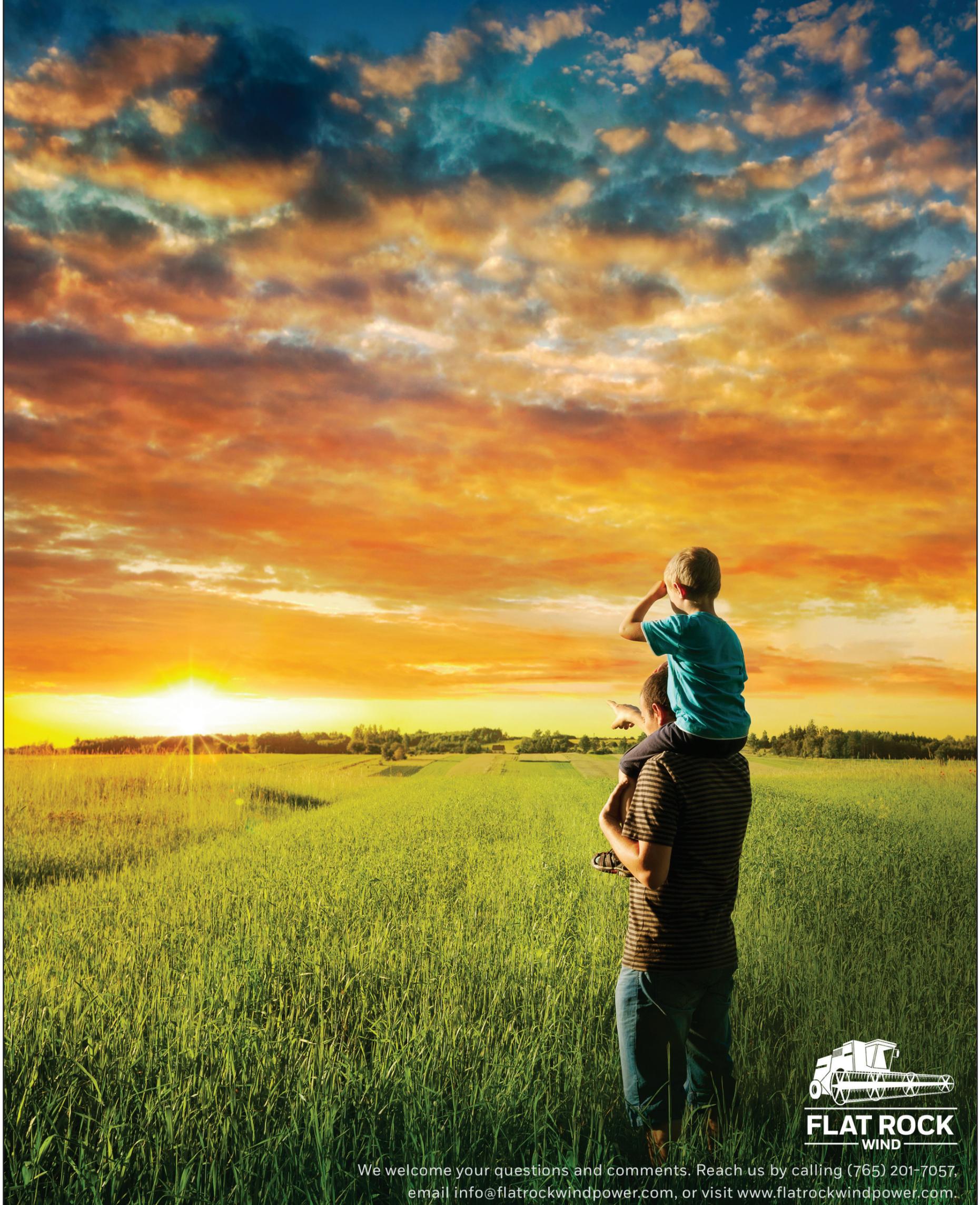
"Why are we paying for something that doesn't work?" Van Hoy asked, noting that the fire department pays a rental fee to the town for use of the fire hydrants.

Ward told Schaeffer and other members of the fire board that she would look into this issue.

The next meeting of the fire board is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. in the back meeting room of the fire station, 30 S. Washington St. The fire board's meetings are open to the public.

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