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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

Shirley Christmas Tree Walk Dec. 9-10

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 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.

Free Organ Concert Sunday in K-town

Knightstown Bethel Presbyterian Church will present an organ concert on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. The featured organists are Celia Burns, Robin Richey, Kathryn Waits, and Chris Wilson. There is no charge for this concert. This is simply a gift from the organists and the church to the community.

BKI 'Final Chance' Sale this Saturday

Beautiful Knightstown, Inc. is holding a final chance event to purchase new gifts, sale items, baked goods and newly added items on Saturday, Dec. 10 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at 104 E. Main St. (old Citizens Bank building). The "Bank Bazaar Blowout Sale" proceeds will benefit the *Hoosiers* movie themed mural project.

Legion Auxiliary Cookie Walk Dec. 10

Knightstown American Legion Post 152 Auxiliary will be having their annual Cookie Walk at the American Legion, 224 E. Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The event features homemade cookies for sale.

Carthage Church Hosting Santa Store

Carthage Community Church will host its 33rd annual Santa's Community Store on Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The church is located in the former Carthage Elementary School. Lunch will be provided and there is no charge for the gently used items. Donations are still being accepted. Call 765-565-6721 for more information.

Town Works Manager Resigns

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Knightstown's works manager abruptly resigned last week after less than six months on the job.

Rick Tarr, who was hired as the town's new works manager on June 23 and started work July 11, turned in a letter of resignation last Thursday. Knightstown Town Council President Sarah Ward informed The Banner of this development on Friday.

When contacted Monday, Tarr had little to say about his resignation, but he did confirm he did not resign to take a job elsewhere. He said his departure was prompted by "differences of opinion," though he declined to say with whom he had these differences or elaborate further on the circumstances underlying his decision.

The Knightstown Town Council's five members voted unanimously at a special meeting in June to hire Tarr, and he began work in early July. Tarr replaced Works Manager Greg Neice, who had been fired in March for failing to "perform his job duties as required."

Over the past couple of months, the Knightstown Town Council has met privately in executive session a few times to receive information about alleged misconduct on the part of one or more town employees. Ward declined to say whether Tarr had been the sub-

ject of any or all of these executive sessions.

Like Tarr, Ward also did not go into details about what led to the work's manager abrupt decision to step down. She did, however, say the resignation had been suggested by the town's attorney, Gregg Morelock, and the council's two-person utility committee that consists of her and fellow council member Valerie Trump.

The Banner requested a copy of Tarr's resignation letter on Monday. Acting on the advice of Morelock, the town refused to provide this public record.

Deputy Clerk Lisa Hall told The Banner that Morelock advised her the resignation letter is a "confidential" record that the town could not release. This legal advice was not correct.

Under the state's Access to Public Records Act, most everything in a public employee's personnel file is a discretionary record that can be released if the public agency where the employee works opts for disclosure. In a follow-up e-mail with The Banner, Morelock acknowledged that the resignation letter is a discretionary record, but said his advice to town officials is that they should never release public records they are not required to disclose.

In the past, The Banner has not had any problems obtaining copies of resignation letters from the town when town employees have stepped down. Ward

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K-town Park Board Special Meeting Tonight

The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board is holding a special meeting tonight.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. in the shelter house at Sunset Park. According to official notice provided by the park board, the meeting has been called to deal with ongoing work to replace the shelter house roof.

The park board had originally hoped to meet last night. However,

despite announcing tentative plans for a Dec. 6 meeting when they last met on Nov. 22, notice for the meeting was not issued until Monday morning - too late to lawfully meet any earlier than Wednesday morning.

Under the state's Open Door Law, all governing bodies are required to provide a minimum of 48 hours notice before their meetings, excluding weekends and holidays. In order to meet on Dec. 6,

the park board would have needed to issue its meeting notice by 7 p.m. last Friday, at the latest, which it failed to do.

The Banner spoke with park board members Jan McGuire and President Suzee Neal Monday morning about the inadequate meeting notice issued that morning. Following these discussions, a revised notice rescheduling the meeting for tonight was issued, satisfying the ODL's 48-hour requirement.

County Library's Christmas Open House Saturday

New Castle-Henry County Public Library hosts its annual Christmas Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 10. All activities are free and open to the public. Throughout the day, the Henry County Train Group will display electric trains near the audiovisual desk on the upper level.

Performances in the auditorium begin at 10 a.m. with local ballet students presenting a preview of the

Nutcracker Ballet which will be performed with the Muncie Ballet later this month. At 11 a.m., the Raintree Children's Choir will share holiday classics from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Silly Safaris presents a reindeer show at noon in the auditorium. The program stars Candy Cane Chris the elf with a live reindeer and other animals of the North Pole.

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CKS Railroad Owner Says No Deal with Enthusiast

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The local owner of the now defunct CKS Railroad isn't optimistic about a Fountaintown man's dreams to purchase the railroad and extend its lines to Rushville and Greenfield.

Tom Allison, who owned and operated CKS for 27 years before closing down at the end of August 2013, read a front-page story Sunday in the county's daily newspaper about Adam Bass' plans for CKS. Bass, as The Banner had noted two issues ago, briefly addressed the Knightstown Town Council about the railroad at the council's Nov. 17 monthly meeting.

Bass told the town council that he wants to reopen CKS, and expand its destinations to include Rushville and Greenfield. He said his goal would be bring tourists to Knightstown and these other communities.

"I have brand new, fresh ideas," Bass said at the Nov. 17 meeting. "... I think the railroad should run again. ... There are always ways to improve things."

Bass said he planned to work on a proposal for the business over the next three months, and would then return to brief the council on details once that's completed. He said a nonprofit organization would likely be formed to purchase and operate the railroad, and that the business would be maintained "through federal grants."

Council members asked Bass what he wanted from them. He said the Rush County Commissioners are "on board" with his plan and that

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OBITUARIES

Carolyn Finley
August 5, 1941 - December 2, 2016



Carolyn Finley, 75, of Knightstown, passed away Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, at Brandywine Living Center in Greenfield. She was born Aug. 5, 1941, in Anderson, to the late Noah Parson and Edna Mae (Henry) Arthur.

Carol worked in customer service and retired from Bob Evans in Greenfield. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, music and most of all, Carol loved animals. She was a proud supporter of ASPCA and St. Jude Children's Hospital, and she was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints.

Carol is survived by her two children, Catherine Johns and Larry E. Birl; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three siblings, LaDonna (Bill) Martin, Teresa J. (Ronald) Hardman and Raymond E. (Shirley) Arthur; and several neices and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Noah and Edna Arthur.

Services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, P. O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX. You may express condolences or share a memory of Carol at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Ernest "Ernie" J. Cavaletto
April 14, 1940 - November 30, 2016



Ernest "Ernie" J. Cavaletto, 76, of Knightstown, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016, at his residence. He was born April 14, 1940, in Clinton, a son of Ernest and Lena (Bugni) Cavaletto Sr.

He owned and operated Ernie's Market for over 50 years and had also been a local farmer for several years. Ernie was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church. He enjoyed wintering in Palm Harbor, Fla.

He is survived by his companion, Joelene Neal of Knightstown; his former wife, Irma Greene of Morristown; four sons, David Cavaletto of Long Island, N.Y., Michael (Amanda) Cavaletto of Greenwood, James Cavaletto of Morristown and William Cavaletto of Arlington; three daughters, Marsha Isaacs of Florida, Sheri Heck of Morristown and Joyanna Lash of Shelbyville; 11 grandchildren: Grant Jr. and Devon Isaacs, Alyson Geyer, Tyler and Alex Heck, Jesse, Kristin, Landon, Wyatt, Colton and Aiden Cavaletto; five great-grandchildren, Leah, Kennedy and Parker Geyer and Alice and Kaylee Isaacs; two brothers, Virgil Cavaletto of Knightstown and David Cavaletto of Greenfield; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank and John Cavaletto.

Visitation was Dec. 4 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, where a rosary service was also held. The funeral mass was Dec. 5 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Knightstown with Father John Hall officiating. Burial was in Glen Cove Cemetery. Condolences and memories of Ernie may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Verna M. Lessing
August 25, 1921 - November 29, 2016



Verna M. Lessing, 95, a long time Carthage area resident, passed away Nov. 29, 2016, in Greenfield. Verna was born Aug. 25, 1921, in Owsley Co., Ky., to Emerson and Nellie (Manious) Halcomb. She married Bruce Wyatt in 1939 and she was married to John W. "Jack" Lessing on March 9, 1970. He preceded her in death on Oct. 27, 1990. She spent her early life in the Laurel/Metamora areas and had lived in Carthage since 1972.

Verna worked at various restaurants and factories. She began selling Mary Kay products in 1984 and did very well with the company, receiving many awards for her efforts. She was a member of Community Baptist Church in Raysville. Verna was a gifted seamstress and cook. She was a big influence on her grandchildren, teaching them several valuable life lessons and to trust in Jesus.

She is survived by her three daughters, Doris Jean Wyatt of Greenfield, Judy Mehler of West Chester, Penn., and Janet (Richard) McCorkle of Carthage; her three sons, Robert (Wanda) Wyatt of Rushville, Carl "Chet" (Jill) Wyatt of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Ronald (Kay) Wyatt of Kokomo; a brother, Robert (Peggy) Halcomb of Hagerstown; four sisters, Winnie Wyatt of Metamora, Mattie Corn of Rushville, Myrtle Diewert of Clarksburg and Lorrene Peters of Laurel; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Verna was preceded in death by a son, Rufus Emerson "Brownie" Wyatt; three sisters; five brothers; and a son-in-law, Jack Mehler.

Services were Dec. 4 at Moster Mortuary in Rushville with Pastor Danny Shelton presiding. Friends visited at the mortuary Dec. 4. Burial took place in Maple Grove Cemetery in Brookville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Baptist Church in Raysville.

Blood Donors Will Earn Red Cross T-shirt

Donors of all blood types are needed this holiday season to help ensure a sufficient supply for hospital patients. To encourage donations, all those who come to donate Dec. 22 through Jan. 8 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcross-blood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to save time when donating.

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From now through December 2nd, stop in and pick up a free Christmas stocking to decorate and stuff with Christmas cheer. Return the stocking by December 9th and we will ship it to a hero overseas! To all the veterans who have served this great country, we offer our sincere thanks!



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Court Slates Pretrial Conference

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

A federal court in Indianapolis has scheduled a pretrial conference for early next month to learn more about a Shirley woman's lawsuit against the town, its town marshal, town council president and other officers of the town police department.

The plaintiff, Cynthia Jackson-Watson, filed her complaint Sept. 23 in Indianapolis in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Her lawsuit – filed pro se, without representation by an attorney – levels several allegations against Brian Pryor, who replaced Mike Harris as the town marshal this past summer.

In an order issued last Thursday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Matthew Brookman scheduled a pretrial conference for 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3. This proceeding will take place telephonically rather than in open court.

"One of the first things that the Court will ask the Plaintiff to do at the conference is to briefly explain what the lawsuit is about," Brookman said in the order. "That means the Plaintiff must be prepared to tell the Court what ... her case is about and how each Defendant was involved."

After the plaintiff's presentation, the defendants will then be asked to explain their defenses to the court. Then, all parties will be asked whether there is any reason the court should not enter orders setting dates

for the parties to exchange lists of witnesses and evidence and comply with requirements regarding discovery and other pretrial matters.

Jackson-Watson alleges that Pryor sexually harassed, intimidated, stalked and slandered her, and also claims he provided false information about her to a state agency. She alleges another Shirley officer, Josh Miller, falsely arrested her at her home on a charge of resisting arrest, and maintains that Shirley Town Council President Dennis Denny and the town's attorney, Tracy Newhouse, did not respond to a formal complaint she filed with respect to these incidents.

The lawsuit seeks monetary damages to compensate Jackson-Watson for "mental anguish," for being imprisoned in her home, medical costs for her family and court costs. She also indicates she would like criminal charges brought against Pryor for intimidation, stalking, sexual harassment and false informing to state agencies, and that she wants to see Pryor lose his job as town marshal.

Due to her limited finances, the court granted Jackson-Watson permission to proceed in forma pauperis, and waived the regular fee associated with filing a lawsuit in federal district court. In late October, Jackson-Watson filed a motion asking the court to appoint pro bono legal counsel to represent her at no cost, but the court, while saying it may rule otherwise at a later point in

the proceedings, denied the request for now.

Kirk Horn, a Carmel-based attorney representing Pryor, filed an answer to Jackson-Watson's lawsuit on his client's behalf on Nov. 23. In this court filing, Horn said Pryor "denies all allegations" made in Jackson-Watson's complaint, and raised 19 affirmative defenses that he said should bar any judgment in favor of the plaintiff.

Initially, Horn, an attorney provided through the town's insurance carrier, had also entered his appearance in the case on behalf of Denny, the town and other officers of the Shirley Police Department. However, after Indianapolis-based attorney Kyle Jones entered his appearance for those defendants in late October, Horn withdrew as their legal counsel.

On Nov. 18, Jones filed a motion asking for more time to file an answer to the lawsuit for his clients. The court agreed to give these defendants an extra 28 days, up to and including Dec. 27, to file an answer to Jackson-Watson's lawsuit.

Pryor, who declined to discuss the case when previously contacted by The Banner, has, through his attorney, asked that this case be set for a jury trial. At this point, the court has not set a trial date, and the Dec. 1 order issued by Brookman indicated that a trial date will only be scheduled if the case is not resolved by settlement or some pretrial motion or other ruling.

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Greenfield officials "welcomed (him) with open arms," and that he would like Knightstown's support as well. The council took no vote that night or expressed any support or opposition for what Bass wants to do.

Monday afternoon, Allison told The Banner that he doesn't consider Bass a serious contender for purchasing his business. Allison said Bass, with whom he had previously met and shown the railroad, told him he is presently unemployed and collects disability payments from Social Security.

Allison also said he doesn't believe extending the railroad to

Rushville and Greenfield is a viable option. He said he had gone to Rushville earlier in the day to advise local officials there that he has not agreed to sell CKS to Bass. Allison told The Banner he is not

interested in selling CKS to Bass or anyone else who intends to rely on federal grant money to operate and maintain it – something he avoided during the years he ran the railroad.

RCCF Seeking Organizations for CIRCLe Fund Grants

The Rush County Community Foundation recently issued a press release about its CIRCLe Fund and grant associated with it.

"There are two sides to philanthropy: generous donors who care about their community and the organization and people they are trying to help," the press release said. "The generous donors of Rush County Community Foundation's CIRCLe Fund are eager to award funding to an organization serving Rush County and Rush County residents and are asking the question, 'Can we help your organization?'"

RCCF's CIRCLe Fund is searching for applicants for its fifth grant. The CIRCLe is interested in innovative programs or projects that are responsive to community needs, partnerships, and collaborative efforts. Their intent is to award one grant for \$12,000 in order to have the greatest impact on our community. Applications for less than \$5,000 will not be considered.

Applications are available at the RCCF office at 117 N. Main St., or on the RCCF website: www.rushcountyfoundation.org. Applications should be turned into the RCCF office, and the application deadline is 4 p.m. on Jan. 30.

Organizations must be located in or provide service to residents within Rush County, Indiana. Generally grants will be awarded to tax-exempt organizations classified as 501(c)(3) charities. Questions concerning the grant application should be directed to Cindy Taff 765-932-2872.

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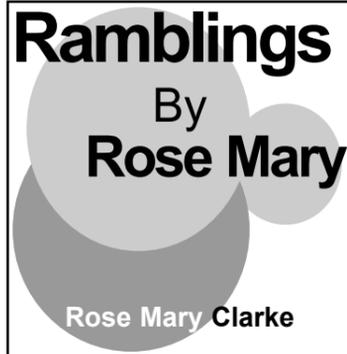
"We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear; And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear ..."

I've grown sentimental in my elder years. My eyes misted over when I opened Granny's little sewing box that's filled with reminders of a past and my family's people who will never return.

Undoubtedly, my great grandmothers Kelly and Black would have known the hymn written by John Fawcett that's quoted above. Their ancestors pioneered land near Michigantown, which is a little village a few miles from Frankfort. We've gone several times to the little cemetery located on a knoll above a soybean field on the what was once the Kelly farm and to the cemetery south of Michigantown.

These country graveyards show my ancestors' uncomplicated faith. Several tombstones on the farm have a hand with its index finger pointing upward. They believed in the words of the old hymn and did not doubt whether they were bound. I love the inscription on the tombstone of Granny's mother, my great-grandmother Melissa Black, that says, "Asleep in Jesus." The table upon which she kept her Bible in her bedroom is next to our bed.

The large Kelly family lived near one another and developed warm ties that bound them together. They shared the burdens of farm life without modern appliances and indoor plumbing. I'm sure that many tears were shed by the women who bore many children who didn't survive.



There were no shopping malls, television, computer games or cinemas to amuse them. Their socializing came from direct, face-to-face contact with their families and their neighbors, rather than from texting on fancy telephones and the cyber "friendships" of social media.

My mother recalled that after noon dinner Great-grandmother Kelly and Grandpa's sisters reset the table, made fresh coffee and laid out homemade cake, cookies and pie to serve to relatives and neighbors who frequently stopped by to visit in the afternoon. What a

difference that is from today's hectic pace where no one would think of just dropping in without calling first.

When I was a girl I knew Mother's people - her aunt, uncles and cousins - from both sides of her family and where they lived. Now, they are gone; and I don't know where their descendants are.

A major regret of my life is that I haven't kept in better touch with my nephews and nieces and that I am not acquainted with their children. Alas, I am too soon old, too late smart. My siblings are all deceased, and I counted nearly a dozen nieces, nephews and their children who have passed away in recent years.

Bill's sister Joyce's mantra was, "My cup is never half empty; it's always half full." I would do well to dwell on this optimistic view of life rather than on what is lost and on the things that I cannot change. They say, "Count your blessings!" Among my chief blessings is my nephew, John Jones. John is only seven years younger than I. We grew up together, and he is more like a brother to me than a nephew. We get together for breakfast every few weeks, take trips down memory lane and discuss myriad matters.

Things aren't supposed to be important, but sometimes they represent people and fond

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped make our Thanksgiving dinner such a big success. The Knightstown American Legion family appreciates the support of the community. We are proud to live in a community where this type of annual event is possible and we are especially proud to live in a country where we have the freedom to do so. From the cooking of the food, to the serving and then the clean up, we had a great team of repeat volunteers, and it was done in a very efficient and productive manner.

Again, thank you all.

Darren Haines, commander

American Legion Post 152

Joni Tabor, president

American Legion Post 152 Auxiliary

Brad Evans, commander

American Legion Post 152 SAL

Steve Brooks, chairman

American Legion Post 152 Board of Trustees

Dear Editor,

Wind company facts:

1. Built by traveling construction companies. There is no equipment or individual with training in Henry County that could construct a turbine and its appurtenances. Wind turbine company quote: Maintenance is undertaken from a small van every three months. The turbines are monitored remotely via telephone line. If an issue, it is conveyed to the operating company via telephone line. They send their repair crew.

2. No buyer for electric. If there were, it does not stay here; goes to the grid; utilities buy off the grid. Per a knowledgeable person, bills would probably triple.

3. No good way to store electricity. The manufacturing/transportation of batteries used to store electricity contributes to global warming. Batteries have a short life span. Electricity deteriorates in storage. 500' turbines need consistent wind blowing at 27 mph. If the wind falls below that power production falls; wind speed too high, the turbine has to be shut down.

4. Weights: Blades more than 42T; tower more than 220T; gearbox more than 56T; concrete base approximately 4,200,000# of concrete/rebar buried 6½ feet deep or more, 40-50 feet across; blade length approximately 145'-165', blade tip speed approximately 157 mph; blade breakage one in 100 (Larwood 2005); proposed height 500'; proposed setback 1250' from foundation. 16' wide permanent access roads will be built. Tons of stone, construction equipment and cement trucks will be travelling our roads. Some roads will have to be widened, curves straightened, to carry the loads. Think of the shear tonnage and size of this travelling our roads for 1-1½ years.

5. Buildings are required to house the meeting point for cables from each turbine; main cables run underground to substations. Turbines are high voltage electrical devices with large moving parts. Access to the land around the turbines is usually restricted even to the landowners.

Judy Walker

New Castle

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Not Much 'Mainstream' About The Banner

Using the term media as a catch-all for news organization is like using a king-size down comforter to warm your feet. It's just too darned big.

Media, of course, doesn't just refer to cable news networks. Media is a very broad term that encompasses an enormous variety of printed and electronic words, symbols, broadcasts and other art.

For example, watercolor paintings are a type of media. Screenprinted T-shirts are media. Subway graffiti is media. Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel painting is media. Likewise, an airplane pulling a printed banner over a football stadium is media.

Webster defines media as "all the means of communication." So, when people use that term, they aren't just referring to news organizations. Whether they know it or not, they're also referring to Morse Code, smoke signals and Ouija boards. All are means of communication.

The pond gets even more murky when the term "mainstream media" is bandied about. Everyone seems to hate it, but they all seem to watch or listen to it. Puzzling.

The Banner is definitely media. But, we're not really mainstream. We're not part of a big corporation. And we don't operate for Wall Street's benefit. We exist so area taxpayers can keep tabs on their government - the original intent of journalism.

Some try to make that seem like a really bad thing. They decry our scrutiny as divisive and mean-spirited. It's true: we sometimes act rather mercilessly as we try to get to the bottom of government matters. We offer no apology for that. It's what we're supposed to do. The Banner tries to be a watchdog - a dog that often barks, and sometimes bites.

It's also true that The Banner is a "micromedia" news organization, one with limited resources. It's a tiny weekly newspaper, but one that enjoys loyal readership. Maybe it's the photos they like, or the obituaries. However, it might be the unflinching government coverage we offer. Our readers know we don't pal around with local elected officials. We keep our relationships professional and genuinely try to be fair and impartial in our coverage.

Upsetting the government with inconvenient or difficult questions is secondary to pleasing the taxpayers who finance that government, at least here at The Banner.

This is very, very different from the current daily newspaper landscape in Indiana. So many are owned by large corporations aimed at but one simple goal: making money.

Everything is secondary to that concern. Irritating elected officials takes a back seat to keeping the peace

with fluffy, relatively meaningless news coverage. Rocking the boat with the local government means they might not continue getting all those legal notices and other little perks that come with being the friend of government, rather than its judicious adversary.

Call me crazy, but that's just not how I run this business. I'm sure it's to my great financial detriment that I continue on this course.

Yet, money isn't really why I got into journalism. I also don't have any shareholders to keep happy with ever-rising dividends.

Maybe I should be more profit-motivated. Maybe I should worry more about the money. But, if that means co-opting The Banner's principled reporting and selling our loyal readers down the river ... forget it.



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BITS & PIECES

◆Knightstown Bethel Presbyterian Church will present an **organ concert** on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. The featured organists are Celia Burns, Robin Richey, Kathryn Waits, and Chris Wilson. There is no charge for this concert. This is simply a gift from the organists and the church to the community. Music will be performed on the church's historic pipe organ.

◆**Santa** is coming to Lewisville! He will be at the Houston Brick on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. There will be cookies, hot chocolate and every child will get a treat bag.

◆**Santa** is also coming to Dunreith! He will be there Saturday, Dec. 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Dunreith Community Building.

◆Beautify Knightstown, Inc. is holding a final chance event to purchase **new gifts, sale items, baked goods** and newly added items on Saturday, Dec. 10 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at 104 E. Main St. (old Citizens Bank building). The "Bank Bazaar Blowout Sale" proceeds will benefit the *Hoosiers* movie themed mural project.

◆The Shirley Fire Department is **collecting toys** to give to area families. The fire department is coordinating with Eastern Hancock schools and the Knightstown Cheer Guild. All new toys will be delivered to the schools and Cheer Guild for distribution. Collection boxes are located at Shirley Town Hall, Star Financial Bank in Shirley, Wilkinson Dollar General,

Wilkinson Church of Christ, Wilkinson Insurance and Tennant Chiropractic Clinic. The boxes will be picked up on Dec. 19. For more information, call 765-738-6590.

◆Knightstown American Legion Post 152 Auxiliary will be having their annual **Cookie Walk** at the American Legion, 224 E. Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

◆Carthage Community Church will host its 33rd annual **Santa's Community Store** on Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The church is located in the former Carthage Elementary School. Lunch will be provided and there is no charge for the gently used items. Donations are still being accepted. Call 765-565-6721 for more information.

◆St. Rose Catholic Church,

Knightstown, will present a **live nativity scene** from 5-8 p.m. at the church, 8144 W. U.S. Hwy 40, located directly across from Knightstown High School. The public is invited to stop and visit at the manger scene and parents are welcome to take photos of their children at the scene. This is the 16th year the nativity scene has been presented at St. Rose.

◆Raysville Friends Church, 9219 S. Meridian St., will host its annual **Christmas candlelight service** on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. Pastor Michael Jay will deliver the message and Robin Richey and Marilyn Wicker will serve as organist and pianist, respectively. The public is invited to attend.

◆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. 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 feature 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 murals on the bridge abutments located in Raysville. For information call Jeff Ray at 765-524-1753. or

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

On or about December 31, 2016, the Town of Carthage intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning program. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development planning project that will include the following activities: Comprehensive Plan. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$40,000.00. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons is \$21,192.00. The Town proposes to expend an estimated \$4,500.00 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from cash from the Town's EDIT Fund.

The Town of Carthage will hold a public hearing on December 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall. The Town Hall is located at 6 West First Street, Carthage, Indiana 4611. The public hearing is to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Linda McMahan, Clerk Treasurer at (765) 565-6580 no later than December 9, 2014 every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of December 12, 2016, at the Town Hall, in Carthage, Indiana 46050. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Linda McMahan, Clerk Treasurer, no later than December 9, 2016, in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by the Town of Carthage and is available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Amy Miller, Cornerstone Grants Management, Inc. at 317-384-1748 or write to: Town of Carthage, 6 West First Street, Carthage, Indiana 46115.

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Mays Community Academy's Whitney Durbin Uses Stability Balls to Help Students Concentrate

by Logan Cox
 for The Banner

Mays Community Academy teacher Whitney Durbin has helmed a project that will hopefully provide her fourth grade class of 20 students with at least 10 new stability balls.

Durbin is employing stability balls as a flexible means of improving her students' work environment. After supplying her class with 11, one for each kid, she found that the freedom of movement allowed the children to concentrate better.

"In my room," she said. "I want all kids to learn, move and play in their least restricted environment, and to have that, many children need the opportunity to move at their seat."

A stability ball is a soft elastic ball that is approximately 14 to 34 inches in diameter and used for a wide range of exercises, from physical therapy to athletic training. They are known by a variety of other names as well, including exercise balls and Swiss balls.

"Other teachers use wiggle seats, and bouncing bands but no other classes use the balls," said Durbin. "I am on DonorsChoose in an effort to get grants and funding to buy more balls so more of my students can use the balls, and so I can share them with others that can benefit."

DonorsChoose is a nonprofit organization that allows individuals to directly donate to public school classrooms.

Durbin confessed the use of stability balls was not her idea originally, but was brought to her attention by a parent.

"I had a parent last year with a very active child, who was struggling to find ways to have her child adapt to a classroom without medicine, and thought that moving was the key," she explained. "After talking to her and trying things like wiggle seats and chair bands, it was clear he needed more."

"After research and learning about the benefits of stability balls, I spoke with her," Durbin said. "But, I did not have enough money to get stability balls for class." Ultimately the parent financed all the balls.

Now that her class has grown from 11 kids to 20 this year and some of the stability balls have been worn down, not all of Durbin's students have the chance to use the balls every day. This is why she is currently raising funds in her Stability Balls for All project, the total sum of which will allow Durbin to acquire enough for every student in her class again.

"I use the balls as an incentive in the morning," she explained. "Those that come to class, get morning work finished and do their morning procedures first get first choice of a ball. I have noticed that students without hyperactivity issues don't gravitate toward the balls like their peers with extra energy. The ones with extra energy get a chance to wiggle and move (within reason) without restrictions."

According to Durbin, the stability ball project has been well-received by both students and parents so far.

"I have had many parents interested in trying the stability balls with their children," said Durbin.

"Most of the parents I have from my class have heard 'your child constantly moves' as if it is a bad thing. These balls provide a chance for the children to channel their movement into forward momentum."

Although she hasn't been a teacher a long time, Durbin's passion for the work is evident in her history and her continued drive to help others learn and improve.

"I have been a classroom teacher for two years," she said. "Prior to that I had the chance to be an aide, complete a maternity leave, and sub as a teacher while waiting for a classroom of my own."

Durbin graduated from Rushville Consolidated High School in 2007. She also graduated from Indiana University East in 2012, where she studied elementary education.

"I am 27 with a son, Brady, and another (Huxley) on the way," said Durbin. "I am married and lucky enough to be married to a custodian at the school, Drew, who is very understanding and copes with the long hours that teaching creates."

While she currently lives in Connorsville with her family, Durbin was raised in Mays and attended Mays Elementary School as a child.



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Rose Mary, from Page 4

memories. Mother's most cherished possession was her china doll named "Phoebe," who was given to her when she was a little girl. I'm sure that Phoebe's head is at least a hundred years old. Mother gave her to my beloved niece, Dee, as a wedding gift. After Dee's untimely death, Dee's and John's sister, Sharon, took

Phoebe. Sharon is like my little sister and loaned me Granny's sewing basket. She has passed Phoebe on to Vicki. It comforts me to imagine that some distant day a thing that symbolizes my darling mother may be passed on to a great-granddaughter.
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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Dec. 7 - Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall

Thurs., Dec. 8 - Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Dec. 8 - Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Mon., Dec. 12 - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103,

Rushville
Mon., Dec. 12 - Carthage Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Carthage Town Hall

Tues., Dec. 13 - Knightstown Public Library Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., at library

Tues., Dec. 13 - South Henry School Corp. board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 13 - Rush Co. Historic Board meeting, 7 p.m., Historical Museum, 619

N. Perkins St., Rushville
Wed., Dec. 14 - Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Dec. 14 - Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., Dec. 14 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle (*discussing wind farm*)

Wed., Dec. 14 - Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 6 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., Dec. 14 - Rush Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Thurs., Dec. 15 - Henry Co. Planning Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

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Beautify Knightstown Encourages Operation Gratitude Participation

Beautify Knightstown Inc. (BKI), a local nonprofit organization aimed at improving the community, is encouraging community members to write to a deployed troop, veteran, new recruit, or first responder to express thanks for their service, commitment and bravery.

"Writing a letter is a meaningful way for Americans to show support for all who serve," said BKI member Linda Lashbrook.

"We suggest that you start with 'Dear hero, patriot, brave one, service member or veteran,' or create a greeting of your own," said Lashbrook. "Please do not use greetings such as 'Dear soldier, marine, sailor' as it cannot be guaranteed those letters will be placed in packages going to that service."

BKI offered the following tips for creating a holiday greeting.

*Share a little about yourself. Two paragraphs or more would be nice. One or more paragraphs that express thanks for their service, dedication, sacrifice, hard work, and/or time away from home. And one or more paragraphs about yourself, your work, interesting stories, sports, music, movies, etc.



*You may send multiple copies of the same letter and can either hand write the same letter over and over, or use your printer to make copies. However, writers are encouraged hand sign each copy in non-black ink to make letters feel more personal.

*Adults may include contact information (mail or email) so the letter recipient can reply. Children: first names only and no addresses. Consider drawing or painting a picture instead of a letter and add a note to kids' drawings with their age (size limit of 8 1/2" x 11" and no glitter allowed).

Operation Gratitude (www.operationgratitude.com) is a year-round operation that sends over 200,000 care packages each year. Service members report that, of all the items included in these packages, the most cherished are the personal letters of appreciation.

If writing more than one letter, writers are asked to put all loose artwork and letters in a large envelope or box - not individual envelopes - and ship to: Operation Gratitude, 21100 Lassen St., Chatsworth, CA 91311.

Santa Grants Brighten Faces



Pictured above (l-r) are Santa Grant letter writer Patty Broyles, Big Brothers/Big Sisters' Ashley Huffman, YMCA Executive Director Chris Williams and HCCF Program Director Katina Reedy. In the photo at right, pictured (l-r) are HCCF President Beverly Matthews, Santa Grant letter writer Patty Broyles, Carrie Barrett of New Castle Main Street and HCCF Program Director Katina Reedy. (Photos submitted)

The Henry County Community Foundation recently concluded its fourth annual "Santa Grant" program by awarding \$665 "Santa Grants" to three area nonprofit organizations.

Individuals were invited to write letters to "Santa" and send them to the HCCF, explaining how their nonprofit organization or school program makes a difference

in Henry County and why it should receive a grant. At the HCCF Board of Directors' November meeting, Big Brothers Big Sisters, New Castle Main Street, and the Henry County YMCA were selected as this year's grant recipients.

"Thanks to all the worthy organizations in our community and excellent volunteers who are

helping build a stronger community for all of us," HCCF Executive Director Beverly Matthews said in a press release.

The Santa Grants were paid out of the HCCF's Unrestricted Fund for Community Grants. For more information about the HCCF, visit their website at www.henrycounty-cf.org or call 765-529-2235.

Evan Adams Makes Dean's List

The University of Northwestern Ohio recently listed Evan P. Adams of Wilkinson on its dean's list for the October session in the College of Applied Technologies. Full-time students must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or better to be named to the dean's list.

Rush County Community Foundation Offering Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 school year are now available at the Rush County Community Foundation [RCCF]. Applications, instructions and cover pages are available at the RCCF office, or online at www.rushcountyfoundation.org/scholarships. Scholarships are available for Rush County residents intending to begin or continue coursework in post-secondary education within the 2017 calendar year.

In order to be considered for RCCF scholarships, students must submit a completed application packet, which includes:

*One original and two copies of the 2017-2018 RCCF scholarship application

*One original and two copies of the student's current, official transcript

*A signed cover page for each scholarship in which the student intends to apply

*Any required documentation identified for the particular scholarship(s), as listed on the scholarship fund's cover page. This might include a letter of recommendation, explanation of program of study, etc.

In addition to submitting the application packet, students applying to RCCF scholarships must submit financial information to Indiana College Costs Estimator at www.indianacollegecosts.org. Indiana College Cost Estimators is an online platform that provides

college and financial aid information to prospective families. Once again, Rush County students applying for local scholarships must utilize this web-based tool to enter household and financial information. This program is a free service available to all Rush County families, thanks to a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., Independent Colleges of Indiana, and the Rush County Community Foundation.

Completed application packets for each scholarship to which the student applies may be submitted the guidance departments of Rushville Consolidated High School and Knightstown High School, or to the Rush County Community Foundation office. Deadline for submitting financials to Indiana College Costs Estimator and the application packet for all local scholarship funds held at the foundation is 4 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15.

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Kennard Official Who Stole \$80k Facing Only One Charge

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Recently filed court documents reveal Karen Stanley, the former Kennard clerk-treasurer accused of stealing more than \$80,000 from the town during her three years in office, has agreed to plead guilty to a single count of wire fraud.

Stanley, who served as Kennard Clerk-Treasurer from August 2012 until she abruptly resigned in late October 2015, was indicted by a federal grand jury last April on three counts of wire fraud. She is alleged to have "devised, intended to devise, and participated in a scheme to defraud Kennard, and to obtain money and property from Kennard by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by concealment of material facts."

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

As a result, Stanley is alleged to have received \$80,160 in unauthorized payments during her three years in office. The indictment goes on to say that at least 58 pay-

checks containing unauthorized payments, drawn on the town's bank account at the Star Financial Bank in Shirley, were deposited in a personal checking account Stanley maintained at Huntington Bank in Columbus, Ohio.

On Nov. 15, Stanley and her legal counsel, Indianapolis attorney Mario Garcia, both signed a Petition to Enter Plea of Guilty and Plea Agreement. Two days later, the document was signed by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany McCormick and Winfield Ong, chief of the U.S. Attorney's Criminal Division, and it was filed the day after that with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

If the agreement is accepted by the court, Stanley will plead guilty to one count of wire fraud with respect to \$1,192.37 in town funds paid to her bank account in Ohio in December 2012. The other two wire fraud counts, related to similar incidents in May and August 2013, will be dropped, and she will not face any federal charges for the other 55 instances of overpayment for which she was never charged.

Each count of wire fraud carries a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 and three years of supervised release following any term of imprisonment. While the tendered plea agreement does not include a specific agreed upon sentence, the U.S. Attorney "has agreed to recommend a sentence at the

low end" of the federal sentencing guidelines, and Stanley's attorney may argue for even less than that.

According to the plea agreement, Stanley's offense is more serious than it might ordinarily be because it involved more than \$40,000, and because, as an elected official, she abused a position of trust. While the base level for a wire fraud offense is six under the sentencing guidelines, these two factors combine to increase the offense level to 14.

While she would only be pleading guilty to a single count of wire fraud, the proposed plea agreement states that Stanley would be responsible for paying \$80,160 in restitution to the town of Kennard. The agreement says this amount "shall be paid by the time of sentencing," and that if not paid within six months of when she enters her guilty plea, the government shall utilize civil forfeiture proceedings in an effort to recover property that can be used to satisfy the restitution order.

According to the indictment, the government intends to pursue forfeiture of any property "derived from proceeds traceable" to the unauthorized overpayments. If such property is not able to be located, the government could seek forfeiture of other "substitute property," as permitted by federal statute.

Stanley's case was initially scheduled for a jury trial on June 27, but, at the request of her attorney, that date was continued and

reset for Sept. 26. After Garcia filed another motion for continuance in August, Stanley's trial was rescheduled for Dec. 12, but, with the filing of the tendered plea agreement, that trial date has been vacated. Once a presentence investigation report has been completed by the court's probation officers, the court will schedule a hearing on Stanley's petition to enter a plea of guilty and for sentencing.

The federal case against Stanley was prompted by the results of a special investigation conducted by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. In addition to the salary overpayments, the SBOA said in its special investigation report that Stanley should also be required to pay a little over \$9,250 in unpaid taxes and penalties and nearly \$14,000 to cover the cost of the SBOA's investigation.

Henry County Prosecutor Joe Bergacs previously told The Banner he has not ruled out also charging Stanley with theft and official misconduct with respect to the crimes she committed while Kennard Clerk-Treasurer. However, he said he plans to wait to see how the federal case against Stanley ends up before deciding whether to pursue the state charges.

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

Indiana Earns High Marks for Website, Cybersecurity

The Center for Digital Government has recognized the state of Indiana's excellence in two areas - its website, IN.gov, and the Indiana Information Sharing and Analysis Center, a cybersecurity venture.

The Best of the Web awards are given by the CDG to websites based on innovation, functionality, productivity and performance. IN.gov, which offers more than 500 online services - including 37 just added over the last year - earned high honors for the third straight year, finishing in fifth place.

IN.gov's online services help citizens save time and money by reducing the frequency with which they must make trips to state offices, Chief Information Officer Dewand Neely, who leads the Indiana Office of Technology, noted in a press release.

"IOT helps agencies simplify the process for Hoosiers

conducting business with the state," Neely said.

This year, the CDG named the IN-ISAC one of several recipients of its 2016 Digital Government Achievement Awards (DGAA). IN-ISAC helps citizens and government entities keep information and computer systems safe and secure in a cost-effective manner.

Through its Security Operations Center in West Lafayette, IN-ISAC provides real-time network monitoring, vulnerability identification and threat warnings to state agencies. It also serves local government and schools.

At cybersecurity.in.gov, IN-ISAC provides information for citizens about avoiding cyber threats such as ransomware, identity theft and spam. To keep them informed, IN-ISAC posts news stories about cybersecurity throughout each week. Videos, provided by Indiana

University, are posted on such topics as how passwords are stolen.

As a multi-agency initiative, IN-ISAC reduces the overall cost of cybersecurity through the centralization of resources, leveraging of large-scale purchasing, improved prevention efforts and faster containment of threats. It focuses on the sharing of threat information and collaboration on strategies.

Another key feature of the IN-ISAC is an innovative partnership between IOT and Purdue University. IN-ISAC trains and employs students at the SOC through hands-on job experience with real threats and cutting-edge technical products.

"This is a tremendous honor for the IN-ISAC to earn this recognition less than a year after its launch," said Nick Sturgeon, IN-ISAC manager.

Secretary of State Says 58 Percent of Registered Voters Cast Ballots

Secretary of State Connie Lawson has announced that 58 percent or 2,807,676 of Indiana's 4.8 million registered voters cast a vote in the Nov. 8 General Election. The complete 2016 General Election Turnout and Absentee Chart with voter statistics for each county can be viewed online at

http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2016_General_Election_Turnout.pdf. The report was compiled by the Secretary of State's office using voter data gathered in Indiana's 92 counties.

"Early voting reached a record high of 33 percent this year," said Lawson. "Hoosiers

continue to take advantage of the options counties and the state have provided to make voting easier."

In 2008, early voting was at 24 percent and in 2012, it was at 22 percent.

Candidates and issues continue to drive turnout in elections. Voter turnout in 2016 is compa-

ble to 2008. In 2008, 62 percent of registered Hoosiers voted in the general election. In 2012, 58 percent of Hoosiers voted in the general election. This year was a record setting year with 2,807,676 Hoosiers casting a ballot, more than in 2008 and 2012. Decatur, LaGrange and

Whitley counties had the highest turnout in the state. All three reached 71 percent turnout. They were followed by Hendricks, Vermillion and Wells counties at 70 percent.

Turnout statistics for previous elections can be found online at <http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2983.htm>.

Speedway Hiring Hundreds of New Workers

Speedway LLC (Speedway), the nation's second-largest chain of company-owned and -operated convenience stores, with approximately 2,770 stores in 22 states, is looking to hire more than 200 employees in Indianapolis and surrounding areas.

Speedway is seeking to fill leadership positions, including shift leader trainees and co-manager trainees. A variety of full-time field positions also are available, including customer service representatives, who primarily serve customers, and food service specialists, who help maintain food and beverage programs.

Speedway will hold open interviews in dozens of store locations on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The full list of locations can be found at speedway.com.

Full-time Speedway employees have the option

to elect health, dental, and vision coverage immediately upon enrollment. In addition, all Speedway employees enjoy the added benefit of a company-funded retirement plan as well as a 401k plan. Speedway matches 117 percent, up to the first 6 percent of an employee's 401k contributions. This benefit is available immediately to all part-time and full-time employees. Participants are considered to be vested immediately and will see the company match deposited into their 401k accounts on a weekly basis. Speedway also offers flexible schedules, monthly bonuses and tuition reimbursement for all positions.

Interested candidates should plan to attend the open interviews in person. Those unable to attend can complete an application at speedway.com or visit the nearest Speedway location for job information.

Leising Appointed to Senate Agriculture Committee

State Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg) has been appointed by Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne) to serve as chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture for the 120th General Assembly.

"I am honored and excited to continue serving as the Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture," Leising said. "As someone who represents a rural district, I know the importance of agriculture in our

communities and as a part of our state and local economies. I look forward to the testimony and discussions that will take place in all of the committees I am assigned to as we address important issues and solutions for the state of Indiana."

Leising will also serve as the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and as a member of the Senate Committees on Commerce and Technology; Education and Career

Development; Health and Provider Services; and Utilities.

Committee hearings can be viewed online by visiting www.in.gov/iga. Schedules and meeting agendas can also be found on this site.

The 2017 legislative session ceremonially began Tuesday, Nov. 22, with Organization Day. Legislators will reconvene Jan. 3 and, by law, must conclude the 2017 session by April 29.

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Santa Claus arrived via fire truck Saturday evening in Carthage. Eager kids lined up to see him.



Future of Carthage volunteer Kathy Gibson (left) holds the box containing the switch that lights the town Christmas tree. Nine-year-old Kyler Davis (right) of Carthage was chosen to throw the switch. With Davis his his younger brother, Karter (center), and his mother, Carthage Town Council member Ashley Davis.



A crowd of about 100 people gathers to watch the Carthage town Christmas tree light up Saturday.



Carthage Town Councilman and Carthage Community Church member Bill Davis (left) sings a Christmas song.

Sam Erwin (right photo, at left) and Kaden Humphrey share a laugh while waiting for Santa to arrive Saturday evening.

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A Holly Jolly Carthage Christmas

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Eight-year-old Ruthie Brown of Carthage writes a letter to Santa in the Carthage Community Center, where food was available and live music, featuring local musicians, brightened the atmosphere.



Stella (center) and Lexi Butler of Carthage sing a Christmas carol as Adam Chew (left) holds the microphone.



LOCAL SPORTS

Indiana Basketball HOF Announces 56th Induction Class

(New Castle) - Including three members of state championship teams, two members of NCAA national champion teams, four with noted coaching careers, multiple NCAA All-Americans, a basketball historian, a coach /astronomer and two players joining elite company in first year eligibility induction, the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame proudly announces their 56th men's induction class.

Of note, Alan Henderson and Glenn Robinson are inducted in their first year eligible (26 years after high school graduation), joining a select group of just nine players previously inducted into the Hall in their first year of eligibility (Steve Alford, Damon Bailey, Kent Benson, Larry Bird, Dave Colescott, Kyle Macy, George McGinnis, Rick Mount and Oscar Robertson).

Edward "Jingles" Engelhart is noted for his playing and coaching career. The leading scorer on the Washington Hatchets' 1930 state championship team and their 1929 state finalist squad as well, Engelhart was a two-time 1st team all-state selection teaming with fellow HOF inductee Dave DeJernett and HOF coach Burl Friddle to guide the Hatchets to a 31-1 record his senior year. A four-year starter at Central Normal College in Danville, he twice earned Indiana Collegiate all-state honors. Over his high school and college playing career, his teams were 130-29 (.818). A 23-year coach and 20-year athletic director at Merrillville High School, Engelhart won 307 games as coach from 1937 - 1960. His teams recorded 17 consecutive winning seasons and in 1957, Merrillville High School named their basketball facility Engelhart Gymnasium. Following retirement as a teacher and athletic director in 1972, he died in 1987.

Bill Hampton was a part of one of Indiana's all-time great high school basketball teams and dynasties. A senior starter on Crispus Attucks' 30-1 1955 state championship squad under HOF coach Ray Crowe, Hampton earned all-sectional, all-regional and all-state honors amongst a cast of three other teammates who are also Indiana Basketball HOF inductees (Oscar Robertson, Willie Merriweather and Bill Scott). Over his junior and senior seasons, Attucks was 51-5 with Hampton in the starting lineup. A two-time all-conference player at Indiana Central College, he averaged 18.1 points per game in 1956-57 for the NAIA Regional Champions, scoring 20 or more points in nine of 20 games. Employed with the Marion County Sheriff's department for 11 years, a district regional manager in insurance as well as owner of Hampton Janitorial Service, he is retired and resides in Indianapolis.

Alan Henderson is recognized for one of the greatest all-around careers in Indiana basketball history. Setting numerous records in his career at Brebeuf Preparatory, he averaged 27.4 points and 15.4 rebounds per game as a senior, leading Brebeuf to a state runner-up finish and earning Henderson 1st team All-American honors. Totalling 2,419 career points, he graduated as the all-time leading scorer in Marion County history

and 5th in IHSAA history. In a record-breaking career at Indiana University, he set the career blocks record (213) and remains the program's all-time leading rebounder (1,091). He is the only player in IU history to rank in the top five in career points (1,979), rebounds, blocks and steals (148), was named a 1995 NCAA All-American and was selected as one of 15 players on IU's All-Century Team. A 1995 1st round NBA Draft pick of the Atlanta Hawks, he played 12 seasons in the NBA and was named the 1998 NBA Most Improved Player. Since his NBA retirement in 2007, he now resides in Indianapolis.

Phil Isenbarger averaged 19.8 points and 18 rebounds per game as a senior at Muncie North High School, earning a scholarship to Indiana University. Under HOF coach Myron Dickerson, Isenbarger led the Titans to a 57-11 stretch in three seasons, including sectional and conference championships and earning all-conference and all-state honors. A four-year player at Indiana University, he was a part of two Big Ten Conference champions, three NCAA tournament teams, the 1979 NIT tournament champions and was a senior co-captain of the Hoosiers' 1981 NCAA National Champion squad. Heavily involved in coaching youth sports beyond his playing career, he has been a recipient of the Lionel Dubay Award for contributions to Zionsville youth sports and has served as an assistant boys and girls basketball coach at Zionsville High School for over 20 years. A partner at Bingham Greenebaum Doll Law Firm in Indianapolis, he resides in Zionsville.

Jim Lyttle was a remarkable multi-sport athlete who left his mark in Southeastern Indiana. A four-sport athlete at North Dearborn High School (now East Central H.S.), he totaled a school-record 1,072 career points, leading

the Vikings to a 57-13 record and the first three sectional championships in school history in his three seasons. He was named all-conference, all-sectional and all-regional each three times, while also earning widespread acclaim in baseball. A scholarship to Florida State University presented an opportunity to play basketball and baseball - he averaged 14.1 points as a freshman and 12.4 points as a sophomore - scoring in double figures in 20 of 26 games - before earning 1st team All-American baseball honors and being selected by the New York Yankees' with the 10th pick in the 1st round of the 1966 amateur draft. He played eight seasons in Major League Baseball followed by seven seasons of professional baseball in Japan. His coaching career included coaching basketball at Boca Academy in Florida, along with numerous baseball coaching stops, including Florida Atlantic University. He resides in Boca Raton, Florida.

From a long line of basketball greats in Grant County, Herb McPherson was a standout at Mississinewa High School and beyond. Scoring 1,736 points for a career scoring average of 21.2 points per game, he set a Grant County record with 697 career field goals made and remains the 3rd leading scorer in county history. A four-year player for the Indians, McPherson averaged 28.8 points per game as a senior. Continuing to showcase his scoring prowess at Murray State University, he was a three-time team MVP who totaled 1,513 points in three varsity seasons. Averaging more than 21 points per game as a junior and senior, he set a single-game school record with 44 points during his junior campaign. Named to the Kentucky College All-Star team, he was MVP in both games against the Indiana squad, scoring a combined 54 points. McPherson was a 5th

round pick of the 1967 NBA Draft to the San Diego Rockets. His coaching career included head coaching stints at Mississinewa and North Posey high schools and varsity assistant at Marion High School. Retired, he lives in Marion.

Bob Reinhart emerged from small-town Southern Indiana to make a lifelong impact in basketball at the high school, college and professional levels. A point guard for Dale High School (now a part of Heritage Hills H.S.), Reinhart led the team in assists and was the 2nd leading scorer (to fellow Indiana Basketball HOF inductee, Roger Kaiser) for the Golden Aces' 1956 and 1957 sectional champions. A member of teams that were 54-12, Reinhart was named twice all-conference, twice all-sectional and twice all-regional. A two-sport athlete at Indiana University, he played basketball under Branch McCracken before excelling as a member of the Hoosiers' baseball program - he was captain of the 1961 team that set the best single-season winning percentage in program history. His coaching career included a stop at Oakland City H.S. (now Wood Memorial H.S.) before a path to greatness in Georgia. As head coach at Decatur H.S. in suburban Atlanta from 1970-84, his teams were 305-63 (.829), winning three state championships and twice more finishing as state runner-up. Among over 23 Coach of the Year honors, he was named Georgia high school Coach of the Year three times. In 1984, he jumped from Decatur to a spot on the Atlanta Hawks bench under Mike Fratello, before taking over the head coaching position at Georgia State University in 1986. Leading Georgia State from 1986-1993, he became the winningest coach in school history and led them to an appearance in the 1991 NCAA Tournament. Since 1993, he has been an NBA scout for six teams,

EH Volleyball Club Evaluations, Tryouts Dec. 11

The Lady Royal Volleyball Club (LRVBC) tryouts and evaluations is Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Eastern Hancock High School gym.

LRVBC is open to all area volleyball players who love volleyball, want to extend their play, are interested in working hard and improving their skills.

Evaluations for ages 10u, 12u and 14u/15u will be from 1-3 p.m.

The 16u and 17u evaluations will be held from 3-5 p.m.

Please contact Cory Rainbolt for more information by email to coryrainbolt@easternhancock.org.

currently with the Miami Heat since 2008. He resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

Steve Risley set numerous career records at Lawrence Central to become part of an NCAA National Championship team. Averaging a double-double over three years at L.C., he averaged 24.4 points and 12.4 rebounds for their sectional champions as a junior and averaged 24.5 points and 12.1 rebounds as a senior, leading the Bears to a regional championship, in addition to two Marion County titles. In all, his 1,690 points and 1,172 rebounds were school records, in addition to records for steals and blocked shots. Following selection as a 1977 Indiana All-Star, he enrolled at Indiana University, where he was part of two Big Ten Conference champions, three NCAA tournament teams, the 1979 NIT champions and 1981 NCAA National Championship team. Following a

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LOCAL SPORTS

KHS Baseball Players, Coach's Son Making Plans for Next June



Several Knightstown baseball players spent some time last Friday night during the Panther boys varsity basketball game with the son of KHS head baseball coach Daren Hardesty. The younger Hardesty was born just five days after the Panthers' loss at the semi-state game last June. One can only imagine what his future birthday parties will be like, but Victory Field would make a fine place to celebrate it. Pictured are (front, l-r) Kaunner Cleek, little Bridger Hardesty being held by Tyler Burton and (back, l-r) Kaleb Buchanan, Kyle Mattix and Mason Carmichael. (Photo provided.)

Royals Beat New Palestine, Southwestern Addison True's 10 Steals Breaks School's Single Game Record

Despite a slow start for Eastern Hancock's varsity boys basketball team in its first home game of the season Nov. 26 against county rival New Palestine, the Royals were able to rally in the second half to get its first win, 61-51.

New Palestine had the Royals back on its heels in the first half, outscoring EH 13-7 in the first quarter and 15-14 in the second quarter to take a 28-21 lead into halftime.

With the help of the home crowd, the second half was all Royals. EH topped the Dragons 20-9 in the third quarter then put another 20 points on the board in the final period while holding New Pal to 14 to get the win.

Addison True led the Royals with 24 points, six rebounds, four assists, two steals and three deflections.

Brycen Napier also had a great game with 18 points, eight rebounds, three assists, three steals and two deflections.

Tyler Blattner had six points while A.J. Muegge hit a 3-pointer, two free throws and got three

rebounds, one steal and one deflection.

Jacob Eischen scored four points and got four rebounds, two assists, one steal, two blocks and one deflection.

Duncan Cherry also scored four points and had four rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Eastern Hancock's victory over New Palestine moved the Royals' record to 1-1.

EH Beats Southwestern 60-33

Eastern Hancock's varsity boys basketball team were on fire to start against Southwestern Shelby at home Dec. 2. The Royals carried their early lead to a 60-33 win.

EH held the Spartans to just one point in the first quarter while scoring 19 points. The second quarter was tighter but the Royals' 10-8 effort put them up 29-9 at halftime.

Southwestern had its best showing in the third quarter, outscoring the Royals 15-11 but the Royals finished strong with 20 points in the fourth quarter to give

them the 60-33 victory.

Addison True came up with 10 steals, breaking the school's record for most steals in a game. He also posted his first double-double of the game. True scored 19 points and had seven deflections, four rebounds and two assists.

Brycen Napier went 7-for-11 for 20 points and had one rebound, two assists, four steals, one block and four deflections.

A.J. Muegge finished with nine points, three rebounds and two steals.

Tyler Blattner had five points, three rebounds, one assist and three steals.

Duncan Cherry got five points, one rebound, two assists, two steals and two deflections.

Jacob Eischen scored a bucket and got four rebounds, two assists, one steal, one block and four deflections.

Tyler Castle came up with one rebound and two assists. Peyton Gray added one rebound.

The win over Southwestern improved the EH's record to 2-1.

EH Boys Open Season with Loss at Centerville

Eastern Hancock's varsity boys basketball team kicked off its season with a 69-56 loss on the road Nov. 23 at Centerville.

Things looked good for the Royals in the first half. EH took an eight-point lead, 18-10, at the end of the first period. They outscored the Bulldogs 14-10 in the second to take a 32-20 halftime lead.

But, Centerville came out of the break on fire, putting up 28 points on the board while holding the Royals to 11.

Now with the 48-43 lead, the Bulldogs would not let up and held the Royals to 13 as they dropped in 21 more to give them the 69-56 season opening victory.

Brycen Napier led the Royals with 19 points, two rebounds, two

assists, one steal and five deflections.

A.J. Muegge had 10 points, two rebounds, one assist, one steal and two deflections.

Addison True led the team in rebounding with seven and had seven points, two assists, two steals and two deflections.

Duncan Cherry finished with nine points, one rebound, one assist and two steals.

Tyler Blattner had six points, three rebounds and one steal.

Jacob Eischen contributed five points, two rebounds, three assists, one steal and one deflection.

Tyler Castle grabbed two rebounds while Peyton Gray got one steal and one deflection.

Knightstown Girls 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.

North Decatur Bests KHS Girls

Knightstown's varsity girls basketball team fell to North Decatur 48-66 at home Nov. 26.

The Lady Panthers had a great first quarter and were up 18-10 to start the second quarter.

The Lady Chargers outscored KHS 17-13 in the second quarter, allowing the Lady Panthers to take a 31-27 lead into halftime.

But, Knightstown's offense crumbled in the second half. North Decatur topped KHS 13-9 in the third quarter then blew them away, 26-8, in the fourth quarter to get the 66-48 win.

Silvia Panizzutti led the Lady Panthers with 15 points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal. Sidney Vise finished with 10 points, three rebounds, three assists, three deflections and one steal.

Allyson Hauk had eight points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals. Lori Thomas posted six points, four rebounds, one assist, three deflections and three steals.

Carmen Cleek got five points, one rebound, two assists, one deflection and one steal. Jessica Butler added four points, five rebounds, two deflections and one steal. Kaitlyn Jackson had two assists, one steal and two deflections.

The loss to moved the Lady Panthers' season record to 2-4.

Lady Royals Beat Lady Raiders 50-35

Eastern Hancock's girls varsity and junior varsity basketball teams split with Shenandoah at home Nov. 22.

The Lady Royals varsity squad topped the Lady Raiders 50-35 while Shenandoah's JV girls edged out the JV Lady Royals 34-27.

In the varsity matchup, EH jumped out in front early, taking an 11-6 lead after one. The Lady Royals scored 11 more in the second quarter to take a 22-16 lead into halftime.

Eastern Hancock had an even better second half. They outscored Shenandoah 12-10 in the third quarter to give them a 34-26 lead after three. Then they finished even stronger, topping the Lady Raiders 16-9 in the fourth quarter to give them the 15-point victory.

Hailey Best led the Lady Royals with 17 points, one rebound and one assist.

Emiley Carlton finished with 10 points, five rebounds, two assists, three steals, one block and four deflections. Jenna Smith scored nine points and had eight rebounds. See Lady Royals, Page 14

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Lady Titans Beat Hagerstown at Home, Fall on the Road at Winchester Community

Tri's varsity girls basketball team followed up their 22-point season opener victory over Blue River Valley with a win at home.

The Lady Titans defeated Hagerstown 38-29 on Nov. 15. Tri took their 10-6 first quarter lead out to 20-10 by half. That first half edge would make all the difference.

Hagerstown outscored Tri by one in the third quarter, 9-8, and ran even in the fourth quarter with both teams scoring 10 each. Tri held on for the 38-29 victory.

Payton Moore led the Lady Titans with 17 points, including five 3-pointers, five rebounds, four steals and three blocks.

Addy Edwards had another strong game with 11 points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Karlee Winkhart scored seven points and added three rebounds, three assists and one steal.

Kennington Appleby sank three free throws and got five rebounds, three assists and took one charge.

Breanna Reece contributed three rebounds, one assist and one steal while Lauren Bouslog added two rebounds and one assist.

The Lady Titans traveled to Winchester Community Nov. 18 where they were trounced 62-35 in their first loss of the season.

Tri had its best scoring effort in the first quarter but the team's 13 points were far behind Winchester's 22 points.

The Lady Golden Falcons added 18 more in the second quarter while holding the Lady Titans to just four points to take a 40-17 halftime lead.

Tri picked up the defense in the second half, holding the Lady Falcons to 11 points in the third quarter and 11 in the fourth.

But the Lady Titans couldn't get much going offensively, scoring just seven points in the third and 11 in the fourth quarter to fall 35-62 to Winchester.

Only three Lady Titans scored in the game.

Edwards topped Tri's scorers with 13 points and had four rebounds, one assist, two steals and one block.

Moore had 12 points, five rebounds, one steal and one block.

Karlee Winkhart was the only other Titan scorer with 10 points and got two rebounds and three assists.

Reece pulled down seven rebounds and made one assist. Appleby grabbed three rebounds, four assists and one steal. Bouslog got two rebounds and Auburn Harvey made one assist.

The Lady Titans moved to 2-1 on the season following the Hagerstown and Winchester games.

LOCAL SPORTS

Knightstown Boys Lose Three More

Knightstown's varsity boys' basketball team suffered three more losses this past week.

The Panthers fell 47-54 to Irvington Preparatory Academy at home Nov. 29.

Though the Panthers started off slow, ending the first quarter down seven, 10-17. They bounced back in the second quarter to score 18 and hold Irvington Prep to 10 points, giving the Panthers a 28-27 lead at half.

KHS lost its momentum in the third quarter. IPA outscored them 11-7 to go up 38-35 to start the final period. The Panthers were unable to hold Irvington down in the fourth quarter and were outscored 16-12 to suffer the 47-54 loss.

The Panthers were led by two sophomores, Dylan Hiner and Jose Olivo.

Hiner had a huge game, scoring 28 points and grabbing four boards.

Olivo had 11 points, three rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Tucker Personett finished with six points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Daniel Rayburn hit a bucket and had five rebounds, six assists and two steals.

Lane Parker had four rebounds and Jack Fort pulled in two rebounds while Matt Kemerly added one rebound and one assist.

On Dec. 2, the Panthers were again at home where they were trounced 30 points by Union County, 72-42.

A terrible showing in the initial period put the Panthers in a big hole, down 4-16. Though KHS performed better the rest of the game, they were outscored in every quarter.

The Patriots topped the Panthers 17-13 in the second quarter to take a 33-17 halftime lead.

UC outpaced KHS 16-13 in the third then kicked up the offense in the final period to outscore the Panthers 23-12 to take the 72-42 road victory.

Hiner again led the Panthers with 11 points and one rebound.

Personett had nine points, three rebounds and one assist.

Rayburn finished with seven points, three rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Matt Kemerly contributed four points and six rebounds.

Jose Olivo pulled down six rebounds and had three points, five assists and two steals.

Dallas Edwards and Chase Burton each sank a 3-pointer while Burton also got one rebound.

Fort added two points and one rebound.

Trevor Cook and Cameron Jones each made one steal.

The Panthers' weekend got

worse when they suffered a 46-point loss to Hagerstown on the road Dec. 3.

KHS had one good quarter but struggled to get any type of offense going the rest of the game. The Panthers were outscored 19-6 in the first quarter.

They had their best performance in the second quarter but it was also the highest-scoring quarter for the Tigers who came up with 23 points to Knightstown's 17.

Down 23-42, the Panthers needed a spark to get going in the second half. But, Knightstown was outscored 20-4 in the third quarter and 17-6 in the fourth quarter to fall 33-79 to Hagerstown.

Hiner scored 10 points and Kemerly grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Panthers in scoring and on the boards.

Rayburn got nine points, one rebound and two assists.

Olivo had five points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Tucker Personett also scored five points and pulled down six rebounds.

Dallas Edwards hit a 3-pointer and got one rebound.

Austin Campton sank a free throw, Fort had two rebounds and Braden Burton had one rebound.

The three losses dropped the Panthers' season record to 0-4.

Royals Go to 2-2 After Loss to Howe

After two straight wins at home, the Eastern Hancock varsity boys basketball team got stung on its own turf with a 25-point defeat, 60-85, by the Indianapolis Howe Hornets Dec. 3.

The Royals' effort was strong but the Hornets were flying high, outscoring EH 20-13 in the first quarter and 24-11 in the second quarter to enjoy a 44-24 halftime lead.

EH came back from the break to top the Hornets 15-13 in the third quarter

The two teams finished up the game scoring a combined 49 points in the fourth quarter. Howe lit it up with 28 points while the Royals had their best period with 21 points.

Both Addison True and Brycen Napier scored 20

points in the game while Duncan Cherry scored 11.

True also had six rebounds, three assists, three steals and one block.

Napier added two rebounds, four steals and five deflections while Cherry pulled in six rebounds and had one assist and one deflection.

A.J. Muegge had two buckets, two rebounds, one assist and a deflection.

Tyler Blattner posted three points, five rebounds and one steal.

Jacob Eischen grabbed four rebounds and hit one bucket.

Peyton Gray added one rebound and one assist.

The loss to Howe dropped Eastern Hancock's record to 2-2 on the season.

Lincoln Tops Tri Girls

Tri's varsity girls' basketball team lost on the road for the second straight day to Cambridge City Lincoln, 41-51, on Nov. 29.

The Lady Titans took the early lead, going up 14-12 at the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Golden Eagles outpaced Tri in the second quarter 14-11 to take a 26-25 lead at halftime.

The Lady Titans were unable to get much going offensively in the third quarter, allowing the Lady Eagles to go up 39-30 to start the final period.

Lincoln was able to keep up its attack in the fourth to come away with the 10-point victory, 51-41.

Three Lady Titans scored in double digits. Payton Moore finished with 11 points, nine

rebounds, three blocks and two steals.

Karlee Winkhart also scored 11 points and had two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Addy Edwards posted 10 points, four rebounds and two steals.

Kennington Appleby had four points, three assists, three steals and one block.

Lauren Bouslog hit one bucket and had one rebound, three assists and one steal.

Kaley Harrison sank a 3-pointer while Breanna Reece had one rebound and one assist.

Auburn Harvey also made an assist.

The loss dropped the Tri girls' record to 3-3.

Area High School Sports Schedule for Dec. 7-14

BOYS BASKETBALL

Junior Varsity & Varsity

- ◆Dec. 9 - Knightstown away at Cambridge City Lincoln, 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 9 - Tri away at Shenandoah, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 9 - Eastern Hancock away at Northeastern, 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 10 - Tri away at Union, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Junior Varsity & Varsity

- ◆Dec. 7 - Tri at home vs. Randolph Southern, 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 8 - Knightstown at home vs. Blue River, 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 9 - Tri away at Shenandoah, 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 13 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Lapel, 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 14 - Tri at home vs. Union County, 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING - Varsity

- ◆Dec. 8 - Eastern Hancock at Shelbyville with Batesville, 6 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 10 - Eastern Hancock hosting Eastern Hancock Invite, 9 a.m.

WRESTLING - Varsity

- ◆Dec. 7 - Tri at home vs. Monroe Central, 6 p.m.
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Tri's varsity boys basketball team topped county rival Blue River Valley 63-53 at home Dec. 2.

Both teams were hot in the first quarter with Tri edging out Blue River 18-16 at the end of the first quarter.

The Titans were able to increase their lead to 32-26 at halftime, outscoring the Vikings 14-10 in the second.

Blue River rallied in the third to outscore Tri 17-13 to cut its deficit to just two points.

With the score at 45-43, the Titans rose to the challenge to top the Vikings 18-10 in the fourth and secure the 63-53 victory.

Carson Cox had a monster game, scoring 17 points and pulling in 14 rebounds. He also made one steal and one deflection.

Nick Wilson also scored 17 points and had six rebounds, one steal with two deflections.

Elijah Davis finished with 11 points, eight rebounds, two assists, two steals and one deflection.

Alex Melton had seven points, three rebounds, three assists and one block.

Masen Phelps scored five points and got three rebounds, three assists and three blocks.

Austin Stroud posted five points, one rebound, three assists, two steals and three blocks.

Eric Bilby had four rebounds, one assist and two deflections.

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Hall of Fame, from Page 11

professional career in Italy, he served in the office of then- U.S. Senator Dan Quayle, followed by a 24-year career with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. He lives in Fishers.

Earning induction in his first year of eligibility, Glenn Robinson is an Indiana high school and college legend with a lengthy pro career. The 1991 Indiana Mr. Basketball after leading Gary Roosevelt to a state championship victory, he was a two-year 1st team all-state selection after scoring 1,710 career points (21.6 career HS ppg). Scoring another 1,706 points in just two seasons at Purdue University, he set the Big Ten single-season scoring record with 1,030 points leading the Boilers to the NCAA Elite Eight as a sophomore (30.3 ppg), leading to unanimous selection as 1994 Big Ten Player of the Year and being named 1994 NCAA National Player of the Year as winner of the Naismith Award, Wooden Award and USBWA Player of the Year honors. The #1 draft pick of the 1994 NBA Draft to the Milwaukee Bucks, Robinson scored over 14,000 points in an 11-year career with four franchises. The 2nd all-time leading scorer in Milwaukee Bucks team history (behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar), he was also a member of the 2005 World Champion San Antonio Spurs. Retired, he lives in Roswell, Georgia.

Dave Sanders set scoring records in Central Indiana, first at Sheridan High School and later at Butler University. Playing under HOF coach Larry Hobbs, Sanders led the Blackhawks to a sectional championship his junior year and followed it up as the Hamilton County scoring champ his senior year, averaging 24.2 points and 13.9 rebounds per game. Along the way, he set the school single-game scoring record of 36 points. At Butler, he averaged 15.4 points and 7.9 rebounds as a junior and capped his career with averages of 20.6 points and 8.9 rebounds as a senior, setting Butler records for single-season scoring (536) and single-season field goals made (228) and totaling 1,103 career points with the Bulldogs. In 2003, he was inducted into the Butler Athletics Hall of Fame. Receiving a PhD in Organic Chemistry from Ohio State University, he rose to become Associate Vice President of Research and Development at Great Lakes Chemical Corporation in a 35-year career there.

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and one block. Leah Ferguson got eight points, three rebounds and two assists.

Peyton West had five rebounds, two assists and one steal. Liberty Durham scored four points and had six rebounds with one assist and one block. Alexis Lewman added two points and two steals.

In the junior varsity game, the EH team took the early 8-6 lead after the first quarter but fell behind in the second quarter to end the half down 12-16.

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with Cloverdale High School basketball. A 1957 graduate of Patricksburg High School (now Owen Valley H.S.), he served in the U.S. Navy before enrolling as a student at Indiana State University. Hired as JV coach at Cloverdale in 1964, he was on staff with HOF coach Jim Miller for their 1965 regional champion and 1966 state finalist teams before taking over the program in 1967. Over a 17-year span, his teams established consistent success, winning 256 games, seven sectional championships, one regional title and five 20+ win seasons. He led his team to the 1982 Hall of Fame Classic and coached Indiana All-Stars Rick Ford and Chad Tucker. An agent with State Farm Insurance for 23 years, he has been recognized by Indiana State University as a recipient of their "Coaching Alumnus of the Year" award and in 2015, Cloverdale named their floor "Tucker Court". Retired, he resides in Cloverdale.

Matt Waddell filled up the stat sheets at Tipton High School before helping the Purdue Boilermakers to two Big Ten titles. Setting 12 school records at Tipton under HOF coach Larry Angle - including 1,677 career points, 674 assists, 576 rebounds and 332 steals - he averaged 32.2 points, 9.3 rebounds and 7.0 assists as a senior, leading to selection as a 1990 Indiana All-Star. A starter for Purdue's 1994 and 1995 Big Ten champions and their 1994 NCAA Elite Eight squad, he scored 1,170 career points and ranks among the leaders in program history in assists (460), steals (124), three-point field goals (109) and percentage (40.2%), and free throw percentage (82.6%). Employed with Eli Lilly & Company, he resides in Carmel.

The recipient of this year's Indiana Pacers Silver Medal award, which includes Hall of Fame induction, is former Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame executive director, Ron Newlin. The Silver Medal - given to someone for outstanding contribution to Indiana high school basketball other than as an Indiana high school basketball player or coach - is presented to Newlin, who served as executive director of the HOF from 1987 through 1995. His most public involvement during his tenure came as the organization constructed and opened their current museum in New Castle in June 1990. The project was heavily influenced by Newlin and his background, previously having served as assistant director at the Indiana State Museum. Newlin also oversaw a \$1.7 million statewide

capital campaign to help fund construction of the museum, as well as grow the organization's membership and donor base and create its' Indiana Basketball History quarterly magazine, before departing the organization five years after the museum's opening. A sophomore at Akron High School during its' 1974 sectional championship season, he graduated from Tippecanoe Valley High School in 1976 following consolidation. He holds a degree in history from Ball State University. Employed with Bloomerang, a start-up fund-raising software company, he resides in Indianapolis.

Edwin Hubble receives the Centennial Award, created to recognize those who contributed to Indiana high school basketball more than 100 years ago. As the coach at New Albany High School, he led the team to an undefeated regular season in 1913-14 and deep into the state tournament. Trouncing their opponents in the regular season, they thrashed rivals like Jeffersonville (40-3), Scottsburg (100-5), Salem (38-8) and Lexington (KY) (50-12), before bowing out in the quarterfinals of the 32-team state finals in Bloomington. A noted athlete himself, he was highly regarded at Wheaton Central (IL) H.S., where he graduated in 1906 and at the University of Chicago, where he was a member of their 1908 mythical national championship basketball team. His coaching tenure at New Albany came early in his career, before excelling in science. A Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and earning a PhD in Astronomy at the University of Chicago, he made numerous discoveries and contributions to astronomy from the Mount Wilson Observatory in California before his death in 1953. Renowned and respected for his contributions to astronomy, he was the namesake of the Hubble Telescope launched into space in 1990.

The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 56th annual Men's Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

The day's events will include a reception at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame museum in New Castle that afternoon with a banquet that evening at the Primo Banquet Hall in Indianapolis.

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Works, from Page 1

seemed puzzled by Morelock's admonition not to release Tarr's letter and said she felt the letter's contents were fairly innocuous and that it was "just a very simple, straight forward resignation."

At the time of the vote hiring Tarr, the council did not set his annual salary, but, instead, gave Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman permission to negotiate Tarr's pay level. Morelock told council members at that meeting that they would still need to vote to approve whatever salary amount Huffman worked out with Tarr, but the council never did this at any subsequent meetings.

It wasn't until two months later, during the council's Aug. 25 monthly meeting, that Huffman publicly revealed for the first time - in response to a question from The Banner - that Tarr's salary was \$52,000. The council took no action that night to affirm that salary amount or any other terms of employment.

Documentation from Tarr's personnel file that Hall provided Tuesday morning included a June 24 memo authored by Ward that showed Tarr's salary as being \$50,000. When questioned about this discrepancy with the figure Huffman gave at the Aug. 25 meeting, Hall confirmed that Tarr's salary was \$52,000 and said the amount on Ward's memo must have been a typo.

Another interesting piece of information included

at the bottom of the June 24 memo is the revelation that Tarr was to receive one week's vacation to be used during his first six months of employment. Tarr opted to take this vacation time after turning in his resignation letter last week, making this Friday his official last day.

The week's vacation afforded to Tarr is not consistent with the town's personnel policy manual, which says town employees earn 1.25 days of vacation time every three months. Again, just as the council had never voted to approve the amount of Tarr's salary, they had also not taken any vote to approve deviating from the town's personnel policies with respect to vacation time.

When asked Tuesday morning about Tarr being given vacation time that normally would take an employee a year to earn, Ward said that it had simply been part of the agreement reached with Tarr when he was hired. She said the failure of the council to vote to approve Tarr's salary and to give him vacation privileges earlier than allowed by town personnel policies had simply been an oversight on the council's part.

The council has not scheduled a special meeting to address the works manager vacancy. The council's next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. in the council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St.

Scholarship, from Page 7

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Open House, from Page 1

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Santa Claus will be walking through the library and visiting with guests. Friends of the Library will serve refreshments in the Ratcliffe Room from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The day's scheduled activities conclude at 1:15 p.m. with the library staff reading The Night Before Christmas next to the large fireplace on the upper level. Featured readers are Lynn Thomas, Jessica Dupke and Krystal Stanich.

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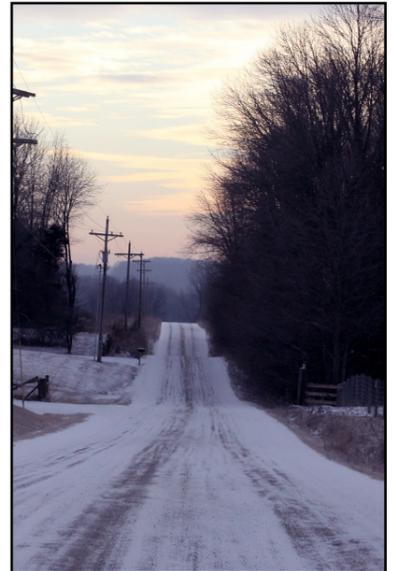
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