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OBITUARIES

Beverly L. Luellen
March 10, 1942 - December 24, 2016



Beverly L. Luellen, 74, of Wilkinson, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016, at the Ellison House in Greenfield. She was born March 10, 1942, in New Castle, the daughter of the late Herschell and Lavon (Snider) Hammond.

She graduated from Cadiz High School in 1961. Beverly retired from Metals Technology in Shirley as a supervisor after 32 years of service. She was a member of Kennard Baptist Church and The Red Hat Society. Her love was spending time with family, grandchildren and friends.

Survivors include a daughter, Paula (Julio) Garcia of Wilkinson; a son, Brian (Alison) Ellison of Wilkinson; a daughter-in-law, Kim Ellison of Shirley; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sondra Brunson of Greenfield and Evelyn Luellen of Wilkinson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard Luellen; son, Jeff Ellison; and two brothers-in-laws, John Brunson and Harold Luellen

Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 30, at 11 a.m. at Condo and Son Funeral Home in Wilkinson with Pastor Brent Weaver officiating. Burial will follow at McCray Cemetery in Wilkinson. Friends may call at the Funeral Home on Thursday, Dec. 29, from 4-8 p.m. Online condolences can be made at www.condoandson.com

Betty Lou Loyd

June 7, 1927 - December 23, 2016



Betty Lou Loyd, 89, of Spiceland, went to be with the Lord on Friday, Dec. 23, 2016, at Glen Oaks Health Campus, following an extended illness. She was born June 7, 1927, in Henry County, a daughter of the late Norbert Joseph and Nova Grace (Brown) Vogel.

A 1945 graduate of Knightstown High School, Betty worked as a secretary at several places over the years, including Bostich Staple Co. and Mayflower in Indianapolis. She was also bookkeeper and librarian at Agape Learning Center in New Castle, worked in the children's department at the New Castle/Henry County Public Library and, most recently, enjoyed volunteering at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield. She enjoyed sewing and reading, and was the primary caregiver for her grandmother and her mother. She most enjoyed spending time with family, especially her children and grandchildren.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 68 years, Ralph Loyd of Spiceland, whom she married Sept. 4, 1948; five children, Michael Loyd (Diana Jenkins), of Jeffersonville, Mark (Doris) Loyd of New Paris, Ohio, Debbie (Mike) Denny of New Castle, Cheri (Bill) Vengley of Pismo Beach, Calif., and David Loyd (Shanna Neely) of Spiceland; five grandchildren, Jodi Herr (Rusty Poore), Kati (Nathaniel) Carter, Jarrod (Genna) Borrer, Andy (Casey) Denny and Paul (Cynthia) Denny; six great-grandchildren, Garrett McDonald, Lauren McDonald, Zoe Unger, Quinn Borrer, Tobias Denny, Jubilee Denny; one great-great grandchild, Nova Kern; a brother, Norman (Rosalie) Vogel of Battlefield, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Wanda Findora and Norberta Urenda; and a brother, Roy "Jim" Vogel.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle. Services will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 29 at the funeral home with Rev. Charles McDonald officiating. Burial will follow in East Hill Cemetery in Arlington. Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Ste. 100, Indianapolis, IN 46209-4830. You may share a condolence or memory of Betty at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Phyllis R. Cooney

October 13, 1918 - December 22, 2016



Phyllis R. Cooney, 98, of Knightstown, passed away Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016, at Glen Oaks Health Campus. She was born Oct. 13, 1918, in Rossville, to the late Floyd and Margaret Ann (Lyons) Shafer.

A 1936 graduate of Knightstown High School, she was a longtime member of Knightstown United Methodist Church, and was very active in the Eastern Star and White Shrine. During World War II, she worked at Eli Lilly, making penicillin. Very active in Henry County politics, she was a mainstay in the Republican Party. Among the hobbies she enjoyed were quilting and knitting, but she most enjoyed family gatherings, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She participated in several county clubs and organizations, including Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Knightstown American Legion Post 152 Auxiliary. She may best be remembered in the Knightstown community as co-owner with her husband, Joe, of the Henley Studio, which they operated for over 30 years.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her son, Darrel Cooney (Vickie Akers) of New Castle; her daughter, Rheta (Tom) Eversman of Jonesboro; one granddaughter, Cynthia Anne (Robert) Lenz of New Castle; four great-grandchildren, Leslie Lenz, Tiffany Owens, Misty Lenz and Cassidy Cooney; three great-great-grandchildren, Robert Huesman, Alexis Smith and Logan Owens; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joseph C. Cooney in 2005; a brother, John Shafer; three sisters, Mary June Kelly, Geneva Denton and Savannah Coffman; and a grandson, Scott Cooney in 2015.

Services were Dec. 26 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Rev. Danny Tompkins

officiating. Visitation was Dec. 26 at the funeral home. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Knightstown American Legion, Knightstown United Methodist Church or the Knightstown Public Library. You may share a condolence or memory of Phyllis at www.hinsey-brown.com.

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Albert Pike

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K-town Legal Fees Climbing 25% in 2017

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The town of Knightstown's basic legal fees for 2017 will be at least 25 percent higher than they were for this year.

Members of the Knightstown Town Council voted unanimously at their Dec. 15 monthly meeting to renew the town's legal services contract with Gregg Morelock and his Greenfield-based firm, Brand & Morelock. The contract calls for the town to pay a flat fee retainer of \$3,125 a month, up from the \$2,500 a month it had paid Morelock and his firm for most of 2015 and all of 2016.

"That's a lot of money," Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman told council members, "but I can tell you we use these legal services."

The monthly retainer does not cover all legal representation that Morelock and other members of his firm might provide to the town. For example, for any work associated with litigation, the town would be required to pay at a rate of \$185 per hour, \$10 more than he charged in 2016. Also, for work associated with the issuance of bonds, bond anticipation notes or other forms of indebtedness, Morelock's firm would be paid 1 percent of the face amount of the indebtedness.

The council also voted at the Dec. 15 meeting to approve a legal services contract

with Indianapolis law firm Barnes & Thornburg for work related to issuance of bonds that will help finance a proposed sewer improvement project expected to cost over \$5 million. Legal fees for Barnes & Thornburg are not expected to exceed \$22,500, with no more than 80 percent paid until financing for the project has been secured.

In a related matter, Dan Wright of FPBH Inc., the Noth Vernon engineering firm working with the town on the sewer project, told the council his firm will be working with the town to apply for a grant from the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs. He said the grant, if awarded, could be worth \$500,000-\$700,000, with the balance of the project paid for with financing through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development.

"We want to be proactive anyway we can ... to minimize the financial impact on consumers," Wright said.

Wright also advised the council that the town will need to have a new income survey

done to determine whether it qualifies for the OCRA grant. He and Huffman both stressed that it is very important for citizens who are contacted about the income survey to cooperate and fill them out and return them promptly. They also said good public attendance at a hearing scheduled for Jan. 19 will be important as well.

The council voted to approve a contract for grant administration services with Amy Miller and Cornerstone Grant Management with respect to the OCRA grant, and approved an agreement for the income survey. A tentative time line for the project also received council approval.

In other business at the Dec. 15 meeting, the council:

*voted to reappoint Connie Caudill to another term on the Knightstown Public Library Board;

*approved Bob Reed, head of the town's electric department, as the town's representative to the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, the wholesale provider of electrical power to the town's utility;

*voted to renew its animal control contract with the New Castle-Henry County Animal Shelter at the same \$4,813 annual rate it paid for 2016;

*OK'd payment of monthly claims totaling \$180,709.50, plus a \$66,935.35 semi-annual payment on sewer bonds from an earlier project and \$37,101 payment in lieu of taxes for the town's sewer and electric utilities;

*approved a new salary ordinance setting pay levels for town employees and officials for 2017;

*tabled until its January meeting further consideration of adoption of a drug testing policy; and

*was advised that a public hearing will need to be held at the January meeting with respect to a request the town will be making to the state seeking approval for an additional appropriation to purchase a mini-excavator for use at Glen Cove Cemetery.

More information about the Dec. 15 Knightstown Town Council meeting can be found in the minutes and memoranda of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.

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Park Board Eyes Expense Cuts Amid Dwindling Cash

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Unless it is able to come up with ways to increase revenue, the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board could find itself facing some tough financial decisions in 2017 as it looks for ways to cut expenses.

Park board member Jacob Hart presented a detailed financial analysis at the board's Dec. 7 monthly meeting that projects a dwindling cash balance over the next three years unless changes are made. Hart, a certified public accountant who is one of two new members to join the park board in recent months, used financial data obtained from the town's clerk-treasurer, Beth Huffman, in preparing his projections.

Based on the numbers he got from Huffman, Hart said the park board is currently operating at a net

loss. While the board began the year with a cash balance of \$44,180, he said its revenue through the end of October had only been \$23,387, while its expenses had been \$33,206.

"Obviously, we're running in the negative here," Hart said. He attributed this situation, mainly, to low revenue and high utility expenses for the splash pad water attraction at Sunset Park.

Hart presented three different scenarios showing how the park board's finances would look if splash pad expenses were reduced 25 percent, 50 percent or 75 percent. While all three levels of reduction would be sufficient to keep the park board in the black through the end of 2019, he said he thought more would need to be done.

"It's a Band-Aid solution," Hart

said. "... We really need to explore long-term how do we raise revenue."

If splash pad expenses are not cut at all, Hart projected that the park board's cash balance could be down to about \$20,000 at the end

of 2017. By the end of 2018, this balance could be down to just over \$5,400, and be more than \$9,700 in the red at the end of 2019.

With a 25-percent reduction in splash pad expenses, Hart

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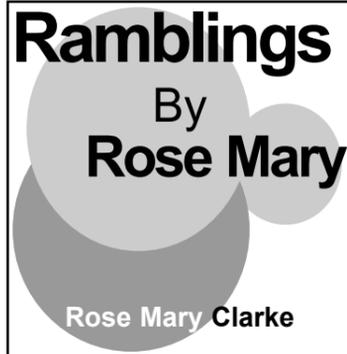
"It is Christmas! I love Christmas. I am not a big fan of winter, but I love Christmas. I love everything about it: the smell of the fir tree, candles in the window, carolers singing, and a fire burning in the fireplace. Well, in truth we have an artificial tree, candles are dangerous, we don't have a fireplace, and I have never seen a caroler outside our door; but if you put a cinnamon stick and a few cloves in warm apple juice it smells nice and you can settle in and watch Christmas Vacation."

The above was the beginning of the Christmas letter sent by Sandy Kendall, whose husband, Dan, is the moderator of a book discussion group. Friend Jana and I always enjoy Sandy's Christmas letters. She is a talented writer who has written two novels.

Henry David Thoreau wrote that it was no wonder that Alexander the Great carried his copy of *The Iliad* in a golden casket when he travelled and that books are the choicest of relics and the fitting inheritance of nations.

Thoreau was one of the best wordsmiths whom America has ever produced. His prose was polished to a gleaming luster - clear, concise and thought-driven. It is harder to write "short" than it is to write "long" - a lesson that Tom Mayhill, the former Publisher of The Banner taught me many years ago when I worked at the newspa-

per. To meet the space constraints of a newspaper, I spend several hours a week, editing, revising and deleting words, although I do not consider myself in any way Thoreau's equal. I understand that he was driven to write. A day without writing is an unhappy start to the day for me. No one knows



what it means to me to have my writing published.

"I am you, and you are me." Good writing resonates with readers and summons forth their memories and thoughts about their own lives. People piggyback on the experiences of others. The aroma of cinnamon that Sandy writes about comes from Christmas baking in our house.

While Vicki and Tom were here, we watched *White Christmas*, which is our favorite Christmas movie. Can anyone equal Bing Crosby's poignant rendition of "I'll be Home for

Christmas?" We also love Crosby's "Going My Way" and "Meet Me in Saint Louis," in which the incomparable Judy Garland sings "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

Christmas tree memories: Friend Bill Vrabel asserts that owners of artificial trees also have tree memories. When he and Jean were dating he called her and said, "The tree that I bought is horrible!" "I'll come over and see if I can help." He hadn't loosened and arranged the branches.

One of Bill's nieces wrote that their family threw tinsel on the tree. One year, her four-year-old sister jumped up into the air when she flung tinsel at the tree. Unfortunately her nightie was short so that her bare bottom was exposed every time she jumped. Her siblings delight, much to her chagrin, in showing the tape that their father made.

Then there's the story of the \$400 Christmas tree. One of friend Jana's daughters and her son-in-law paid over a hundred dollars at a tree farm for a tree that had already been cut. It promptly shed its needles so badly that they went out and bought an expensive artificial tree. Their vacuum cleaner became so clogged with needles from the old tree that they had to buy a new one.

As I write this, I am in the
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you Knightstown Banner for portraying a fair and accurate account of activities in our town during the past week. The Indianapolis *Star* (for whom I worked as a reporter many years ago) got it wrong. The "Big Smoke" erroneously reported that the plaintiff was asking for monetary damages. Later, CBS and numerous other so-called news agencies picked up that same erroneous report and ran with it. They called no one to ascertain the facts. They made no corrections.

That's bad journalism.

Facebook and other social media sites parroted the news, of course, further embellishing the incident with more untruths and divisiveness. Many accounts from across the country - by both professional news agencies and social-media "pundits" - were patently untrue and juvenile in their vindictiveness.

I hope our community learned something: big media corporations (such as Gannett Corporation which owns the Big Smoke) don't care about Knightstown. Not even enough to get their story correct. Other lazy main-stream-media outfits don't care - they just piggy-back onto false accounts.

And news wise, social media is garbage.

In this day of "post fact," there are a handful of reliable news agencies. Instead of constantly haranguing the Knightstown Banner, maybe we - as a community - should realize we're fortunate to have a quality newspaper.

Eric C. Rodenberg
Knightstown

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to the citizens of Knightstown for standing up to the ACLU and the removal of their cross from the town's Christmas tree. My next Internet move is to search for homes for sale in Knightstown. I want to live where people have the courage of their convictions.

Linda Wilson
Columbus, N.C.

Dear Editor,

First, as you can tell, I am not a resident of Knightstown, but I have followed the story of the Christmas tree cross with great interest. It bothers me greatly that one person's grinchiness outweighs so many people's Christmas spirits. I know that the township made the choice to take down the cross because of financial reasons. Last week I was discussing this even with my sister, who lives in Lebanon. She told me that Lebanon had similar discussions about their nativity scene. Lebanon put it to a vote. They put it on the ballot and the community voted to keep their nativity scene each Christmas on the courthouse lawn. I think with all I hear on the news here in Evansville the residents should be able to decide what goes at the top of the tree. All the residents, not one.

Karen Chinn
Evansville

Dear Editor,

We heard about the removal of the cross on top of your cities Christmas tree on Fox News, just because one person complained. What is this world coming to? This person or persons should have been told if

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Go On and Try It; You Might Like It!

As my waistline can attest, I enjoy eating. I've always been a bit of a gourmet, always willing to try different foods and drinks, even as a young kid.

A conversation at my parents' house on Christmas day reminded me of a funny incident at my mother's parents' house near Marion.

Grandma and Grandpa Cole were among the kindest people to ever walk this planet, and their generosity was matched only by their great sense of humor. Like with many families, our family gatherings usually involved a good deal of food.

One summer, unbeknownst to me, my grandparents decided to bake a green tomato pie. Grandma was a tremendous cook and the pie, to me, looked just like an apple pie, complete with latticed crust. At a glance, the green tomatoes, to my 8-year-old eyes, appeared as delicious, green Granny Smith apples.

With that almost ever-present ornery twinkle in his eye, Grandpa asked if I'd like to try a piece of that pie. Never one to shun a slice, I gladly accepted. A fat slab was cut and I didn't think a thing of it, as I forked up a big bite and stuck it in.

In that tiny moment, I kind of got a sneaking suspicion that I'd been had. My youthful instincts caught on when it seemed the whole room - my parents, aunts, uncles cousins - held their breath.

Then the flavor hit me. I thought Grandma had either bought rotten apples or lost her ability to make pie. I couldn't see it, of course, but the look on my face apparently registered shock. Grandpa busted out laughing as my confused brain struggled to process this radical new culinary experience.

For a few sputtering seconds, the laughter commingled with the green tomato flavor, creating a hilarious and humiliating mishmash of sweet and sour pie sprinkled generously with that "I've been had!" feeling.

They knew I'd try the pie, of course, and their plot sailed through flawlessly. My uncles guffawed and my cousins snickered. My adventurous eating habits had lured me into a practical joke. But, I laughed, too! It was funny after all!

Like a baby trying fresh lemon or a dill pickle for the first time, everyone lined up to watch me try the green tomato pie, the idea for which I still struggle to understand.

People like weird food. My father-in-law, for example, likes fried green tomatoes. And he's been known to put potato chips on his sandwiches, an arrangement I've tried and sometimes enjoy. (Barbecue chips are the best!)

I think fried cabbage is a strange delicacy. It's good, but weird. Turkey balls are odd for sure. Some people haul mushrooms out of the woods and eat 'em like there's no tomorrow. But, sprinkle mushrooms on a pizza and watch them run for their lives. One man's fungus is another man's mold.

My family looks at me like I'm crazy when I put sardines on crackers, or suggest a peanut butter sandwich with dill pickle slices. Grandma once told me she liked peanut butter and onion sandwiches.

Different strokes for different folks, I guess. It doesn't mean they're wrong or bad because they like foods different from our own. It might mean they're sick, of course. Or, they're about to be sick.

The green tomato pie didn't make me sick. Grandpa's stomach hurt from laughing so hard, though.



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◆Knightstown American Legion Post 152, 224 E. Main St., will host a **New Year's Eve party** on Saturday, Dec. 31. Dinner, which includes prime rib, butterfly shrimp, baked potato, side salad and dessert, will be served 5-8:30 p.m. The Tom Martin Band will perform at 9 p.m. The event is open to the public. Call 345-5227 for more information.

◆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 Jan McGuire at 317-509-4039.

◆Bicentennial **Hoosier Gym T-shirts** are now available to order from Beautify Knightstown, Inc. in gray or gold with the official bicentennial logo. Sizes small through XL are \$20; 2X through 5X are \$22. To order, call 765-445-2328; go to Facebook at Knightstown ... It's a Beauty; or visit 12 E. Main St, Knightstown. Celebrate *Hoosiers* 30th anniversary and Indiana's 200th birthday. Proceeds go to the *Hoosiers* movie themed mural project.

◆The Shirley Octagon House is open for **free tours** by chance or appointment. To get a free tour, stop by Shirley Hardware and one will be arranged. To schedule an appointment for a tour, call 812-583-0030 or 765-737-6856.

◆The **Historic Knightstown museum**, located on the Public Square at 22 N. Washington St., has new hours. The museum's current hours, in effect now, are 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (sometimes longer) each Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. For more information, or to schedule a museum visit by appointment, call David Steele at 765-345-7585. Family and individual HKI memberships are \$20 and \$15, respectively. Membership payments may be mailed to HKI at P.O. Box 74, Knightstown, IN 46148.

◆**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets weekly, on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym (enter on East side). Meetings will continue each Tuesday at the same

time and location. For more info, call 765-571-1662.

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



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Jane Austen

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2016 Profiles Full of Positive Success Stories and Successful Local People; 2017 Ready for More

by Logan Cox
 for The Banner

Another year is at its end. Now I, the humble author of these weekly fluff pieces, get to take a look back at some of the people whose stories were featured in the Banner throughout the year 2016.

As always, these people hail from Knightstown, or otherwise have some other loose connection to the town. Either way, a place like Knightstown is not solely defined by its points of interest, such as the Hoosier Gym, the Elias Henshaw House, or the Knightstown Academy. It is ultimately the ordinary citizens that provide the most lasting impression.

We began the year covering people who have made admirable strides in life.

This includes Steve and Lori Engles, who moved to New Zealand along with their children to serve as missionaries.

John Walters II, who went on to become head coach of Knightstown Junior High School after remaining active in school athletics for years.

Then Jessica Goodman, a 2013 graduate of KHS and an honored recipient of a prestigious scholarship after excelling in journalism at IUPUI, in addition to traveling abroad in India and Brazil.

However, the primary subjects of 2016 were our local public servants, paid or volunteer.

Months of work were dedicated to covering the volunteers that compose the Knightstown/Wayne Township Fire Department. With the aid of fire chief Bob Schaeffer, I was able to speak to every member, from longtime veterans and senior officers such as Mel Matlock, Eric McDaniel, and Ric Hall, to the younger generation of firefighters such as Layne Olsheske, Dakota Smucker or Ethan Paul. Respect for the work and a sense of brotherhood are the two threads which tie these brave individuals together.

Following the firefighters, we began work on members of the Southwest District Ambulance Service. There is Craig Denney, whose passion for

the medical field led him to be the new chief of Southwest. Or Jason Sutton, a lieutenant at Southwest as well as a volunteer firefighter for the town of Kennard. And Vickie Rhodes, the secretary/treasurer and one of Southwest's original charter members who has been there from the start.

Some people devote time to both the ambulance service and Knightstown's fire department, like Mike Biehl, Wes Smoot, Ervin Olsheske, and Elizabeth Magee, a captain at Southwest.

We also got to cover Duane Booth, Knightstown's new police chief who spoke of plans to make the police department a more active part of the community.

And elementary school teacher Mindy Conklin was honored for her 40 years of service to the Charles A. Beard school district.

There are those who pursue their own ambitions, like Lauren Campbell-Kong, an owner and founder of BrainBox Ltd., or Tamra

Ross Haltom, the sole owner of Ross Construction LLC.

Then there are those who reach out for help and the generosity of others, often to make some sort of difference. There is Derek Bertrand, who made a GoFundMe account to help support his father, Steve Zimmerman. Or Whitney Durbin, a fourth grade teacher at Mays Community Academy, who began a project to raise funds for exercise balls for her growing classroom.

So, while 2016 may have been a year full of controversy, turmoil and disappointment to some, this writer remains hopeful. Because there are still people making do with what they have, trying to live peacefully, seeking to improve themselves, or striving to make the world a better place for those around them.

They are people who continue to live their lives as fully as they can and, in doing so, breathe life into the communities they call home. And for now I will go on telling their stories in the year 2017, continuing with the remaining members of Southwest Ambulance Service.

A Review of People Profiles from 2016

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threes of baking, baking, baking.

Bill and I are traditionalists about Christmas food as are friend Jana's family. One time she said, "I think I'll fix something different this year." Her children said, "We don't want something different. We want

what we always have." This year I was smart. I dropped a couple of kinds of cookies from my cookie repertoire and made three big batches of chocolate chips. That fixed 'em!

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Healthy Eating Class Available at Hospital

The Healthy Eating Every Day (HEED) classes offered by Henry Community Health are designed for anyone who wants to make lifestyle changes to their eating habits. The class gives you the tools and support you need to make these changes and actually learn

how to make them permanent.

Healthy Eating Every Day is a behavior change program by Human Kinetics and The Cooper Institute that helps people improve their quality of life through better eating. This evidence-based course is built on the curriculum tested in

The Cooper Institute's Lifestyle Nutrition Study.

Healthy Eating Every Day differs from other nutrition education programs because it does the following: Participants focus on learning and practicing behavior change skills, such as goal setting, self-monitoring, social support and relapse prevention, which support healthy eating habits.

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Cassey Hancock on Dean's List

Cassey Hancock, a Carthage native, qualified for the Fall 2016 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 30 percent of Belmont's 7,700 students quali-

fied for the Fall 2016 Dean's List. Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns said, "This achievement for the fall semester indicates that these students have placed a high priority on their work at Belmont and have invested time and energy in their studies."

Finances, from Page 3

projected that the park board could finish 2017 with \$24,600. At the end of 2018, this balance could be down to a little over \$14,500, with a balance of nearly \$4,200 estimated for the end of 2019.

With a 50-percent reduction in splash pad costs, the park board's cash balance at the end of next year could be about \$29,100. Year-end balances for 2018 and 2019 would be projected to be a little under \$23,700 and a little over \$18,100, respectively.

Finally, if the park board is able to cut splash pad expenses by 75-percent, the cash balance at the end of 2017 could be about \$33,600. At the end of 2018, Hart estimated this figure to be a little more than \$32,800, while the year-end projection for 2019 would be about \$32,000.

The biggest expenses for the splash pad are the water and sewer bills, which, this year, totaled about \$15,000. While state statute requires the park board to pay the full amount of the sewer bill, the Knightstown Town Council could, if it so desired, authorize payment of all or some of the water portion of the splash pad's utility bills from the town's General Fund, giving the park board's budget a break. The town council has rejected past requests that it do this.

The park board had initially submitted a proposed budget for 2017 that totaled over \$90,000, which would have been plenty to cover the splash pad expenses. However, before Huffman turned in the town's budget to the state, she reduced, at the urging of officials from the state's Department of Local Government Finance, the park board's portion of the budget to a little under \$50,000.

Star, from Page 1

allows people of other faiths to display their religious symbols, the private owner of the display is clearly identified and the town maintains a neutral role and doesn't endorse one religion over another.

Doug Barger told the council that he felt the "small town feel and traditional values" that had motivated him and his family to move to Knightstown seven years ago are facing an "immediate threat" from the ACLU. He said that "removing the cross permanently is not acceptable."

Aaron Magee told the council he wanted to thank Tompkins for filing the lawsuit because he thought it had brought the town together. He said Christians "have the right to fight back for what (they) believe in" and told the council that Knightstown and the country both need Christ.

Later in the meeting, Morelock presented the council with a draft of a resolution calling for removal of the cross and that, as a matter of policy, would have prevented its placement on the tree in the future. While passage of the resolution would have led to dismissal of the lawsuit, council members bowed to public sentiment and voted unanimously to table the resolution.

The council then voted 4-1 to direct Morelock to consult with the Christian Law Association from Mason, Ohio, to see if they could assist the town in negotiating a settlement with the ACLU that allowed the cross to be returned to the tree. Ward cast the lone dissenting vote, expressing concern that such a settlement would open the door for people of other faiths - she specifically mentioned Buddhists and Satanists - to also display symbols of their religions on the town square as well.

With the council opting not to pass the resolution, the ACLU filed a brief with the court the next day making its legal arguments for why it believes having the cross on the tree violates the Constitution. Attorneys for the town and the ACLU had a status conference by telephone on Dec. 20 that resulted in the ACLU withdrawing its request for a preliminary injunction and led to the cross being returned to the tree in its lower, less prominent position.

While the cross ended up back on the tree and Christmas has now come and gone, the legal controversy is still not resolved. The court has scheduled another telephonic status conference for Friday, Jan. 27, to determine whether or a settlement has been reached or if the ACLU still intends to seek a ruling on its request for a permanent injunction.

Warrants, from Page 1

temporary special education aide at KES; and

*set the board's annual organizational meeting for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10, in the media center at KHS, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40.

More information about the Dec. 13 meeting of the CAB School Board can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at CAB's central office, 8139 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, during normal business hours.



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LOCAL SPORTS

Paige Halcomb Recognized for Academic Excellence

Knights- town High School senior Paige Halcomb was recently named to the 2016 Volleyball Academic All-State Honorable Mention team by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association.

Halcomb, who is 11th in her class with a 3.92 grade point average, is an active member of the school's National Honor Society and the student council.

In addition to her dedication on the court and in the classroom, Halcomb also participates each year in the Henry County Day of Caring, collects goods for the Blue River Community Harvest and Knightstown Cheer Guild.

At KHS, she is a member of the Art Club, History Club and French Club. She has also helped plan the school's homecoming events.

Halcomb played all four years on the Lady Panthers'



Paige Halcomb

volleyball team. In those four seasons, she posted 344 digs, 617 serve receptions, 62 aces, seven kills and 71 points.

Besides her time on the volleyball court, Halcomb has also been a KHS cheerleader for three years and was awarded the squad's mental attitude award.

Knights- town Wrestlers Go 2-2, Finish 7th at State Team Duals in Fort Wayne

Last Thursday, the Knightstown Volunteer Fire Department escorted the Panther wrestling team bus out of town with fans cheering as the team headed to Fort Wayne for the team state duals.

The eighth-ranked Panthers defeated Fountain Central 45-25 in their first round of pool play.

KHS was down 15-25 when junior Garrett Thomas (220-lb. class) won by pin for six points then junior Burias Wisner pinned his opponent in the 285-lb. class to give the Panthers a 27-25 lead.

Sophomore David Peck (106-lb. class) followed Wisner's win by pinning his challenger, junior Thomas Sollars (113-lb. class) won by forfeit and freshman Nick Walsh in the 120-lb. class sealed the victory for the Panthers with a pin.

The morning started off for the Panthers with junior Jacob Hanna (126-lb. class) winning by forfeit and junior Bruce Nichols (132-lb. class) taking the 11-4 decision to give KHS the 9-0 lead. Fountain Central won the next two matches to go up 10-9.

Sophomore Evan Nolen (152-lb. class) put the Panthers back in the lead, 15-10, with a pin over his opponent. The Mustangs then won the next four matches to go up 25-15 before the Panthers rallied for wins in their last five matches.

After winning their first round of pool play, Knightstown's wrestlers fell 18-60 to class 1A's second-ranked Prairie Heights in the final round of pool play. Prairie Heights would go on later in the day to win the class 1A title.

Knights- town had just three wins against Prairie Heights. Thomas and Wisner remained undefeated on the day after winning their matches by pin. Junior Jon Simmons (170-lb class), put the first points on the board for Knightstown with six on a pin of his Prairie

Heights opponent.

The Panthers' second place finish in their pool earlier in the day, Knightstown lost a close match against fifth-ranked North Posey in the opening round of the seeded tournament. The Panthers were competing for fifth place in the tourney but were ultimately edged out by North Posey 38-35.

North Posey started off winning the first four bouts to take the early 20-0 lead. Knightstown then won the next five matchups. Simmons defeated his opponent 17-2 for five points. Senior Zach Clark (182-lb class) added three points with an 8-2 decision over his opponent then freshman Aiden Orcutt's win by forfeit in the 195-lb class got six more for the Panthers.

Thomas kept his undefeated status on the day with a win by pin for six points. Wisner also stayed undefeated with a 3-2 decision. Walsh and Nichols both pinned their opponents to round it out for the KHS but North Posey was able to hang on for the 38-35 win.

The Panthers then moved to the matchup against Central Noble High School where they pulled out a 42-39 win. KHS was down 37-39 when junior Tylor Strawmyer (138-lb class) pinned his opponent in the final matchup of the day for the Panthers.

Central Noble won the first three matches then Simmons got six points on an injury default by his opponent. Clark pinned his challenger as did Orcutt to bring the Panthers within three, 12-15.

Thomas and Wisner again pinned their opponents to maintain their undefeated 4-0 performance on the day. Sophomore David Peck (106-lb class) got a win by forfeit to push the Panthers ahead 36-15.

Central Noble then rallied with four straight pins to retake the lead 39-36 before Strawmyer secured seventh place for Knightstown with his pin victory.

KHS Girls Whip Arlington, Fall to Southwestern Shelby

Knights- town's varsity girls basketball team whipped Indianapolis Arlington 66-48 on the road Dec. 3.

The Lady Panthers dominated early, taking an 18-6 at the end of the first quarter. Arlington found some life in the second quarter and hung with the Lady Panthers, both scoring 16.

Knights- town had another huge offensive effort in the third quarter with 20 points while holding the Lady Golden Knights to just six points again to go up 54-28.

Arlington rallied in a big way in the fourth quarter, scoring 20 but Knightstown added 12 to its total to prevail 66-48.

The Lady Panthers were able to play 14 players in the lopsided game. Senior Lori Thomas led Knightstown with 19 points with Sidney Vise adding 15 points.

Silvia Panizutti scored 11 points and Kaitlyn Jackson had nine points for the Lady Panthers.

Carmen Cleek and Katie Clark each scored three points while Jessica Butler, Alexis Howard and Allyson Hauk each scored two points.

Other individual results for the game were not made available.

On Dec. 6, the Lady Panthers were defeated 52-39 at home by Southwestern Shelby.

Knights- town was up 9-6 after the first quarter but the Lady Spartans took over the lead by halftime with a 16-9 second quarter effort to go up 22-18.

The Lady Panthers were sluggish coming out of the break and were outscored 10-5 in the third quarter, allowing the Lady Spartans to increase their lead to 32-23.

The KHS girls had their best quarter of the night to finish out, scoring 16. But, Southwestern also posted its best offensive effort in the fourth quarter with 20 points to take the 52-39 victory.

Hauk led the Lady Panthers with 15 points and one rebound.

Vise had seven points, nine rebounds and three assists.

Thomas finished with seven points, six rebounds, one steal and one deflection.

Butler had six points, six rebounds, two steals and two deflections.

Cleek finished with four points, six rebounds, four steals and two deflections.

Panizutti added two rebounds, four assists, one block and one deflection.

With the win over Arlington and the loss to Southwestern, the Lady Panthers' season record moved to 4-5.

Tri Boys Whip Cowan 57-41 at Home

Tri's varsity boys basketball team whipped Cowan 57-40 at home Dec. 15.

The Titans took an early 9-8 lead after the first quarter and outscored the Blackhawks 15-12 in the second quarter to go up 24-20 at the half.

Tri added another 15 in the third quarter while holding Cowan to 11 to push the score to 39-31 to start the fourth.

The Titans finished the game with their best quarter offensively, scoring 18 in the fourth while

holding the Blackhawks to 12 to get the 57-43 victory.

Masen Phelps led the Titans with 13 points, six rebounds, three assists, one steal and one deflection.

Carson Cox scored 12 points and led the Titans on the boards with eight rebounds. He added one assist, three steals and two deflections.

Nick Wilson finished with 11 points, five rebounds, two assists, two steals and one deflection.

David O'Neill had nine points,

one rebound and one assist.

Elijah Davis hit three buckets and made two assists while dominating defensively with three steals, four deflections and seven rebounds.

Alex Melton also scored six points and got six rebounds, one block and one deflection.

Austin Stroud contributed three assists, three steals and one deflection and Eric Bilby made a block.

The win moved the Titans' season record to 4-2.

Titans Lose Close One at Union City

The Titans' varsity basketball team were unable to hold off a fourth-quarter rally by host Union City Dec. 22 to fall 50-53.

Tri kicked off the game with a 16-point first quarter performance while holding the Indians to 13. But, the Titan offense slowed down in the second quarter, yielding them just nine points while the Indians put another 13 points on the board to take a 26-25 lead at half.

After an 11-10 third quarter, the score was all tied up at 36. The Indians dug in for their best effort of the night, scoring 17 points to Tri's 14 for the three-point victory.

Nick Wilson posted his first double-double of the season, finishing with 17 points and 10 rebounds. He

also had five assists, two steals and two deflections.

Carson Cox had another great game with 12 points, eight rebounds, two assists and three blocks.

Alex Melton produced a solid effort with 12 points, six rebounds, one assist and one deflection.

Elijah Davis scored three points and grabbed five rebounds.

Masen Phelps finished with three points, four rebounds, one assist, one block and three deflections.

Austin Stroud had three points, one rebound and one assist.

Eric Bilby got one rebound, one steal and one deflection. David O'Neill added one assist, one steal and one deflection.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Royals Defeat Panthers 56-51

Eastern Hancock's varsity boys basketball team held on to defeat Knightstown 56-51 on their home court in the annual rivalry game Dec. 16.

The Royals took an early lead and never looked back. Eastern Hancock jumped out to a 12-7 lead after the first quarter but Knightstown outscored them 17-14 in the second quarter to make it a two-point contest 26-24 at halftime.

The Panthers allowed the Royals to extend their lead in the third quarter, with EH topping KHS 15-10 to take a 41-34.

Knightstown rallied in the final period with 17 points but Eastern Hancock maintained its offense effort with 15 points to hold on for the 56-51 victory.

Knightstown's Tucker Personett led all scorers with 18 points and had two rebounds and one steal.

Dylan Hiner was also hot for KHS with 17 points, five rebounds, two assists, two steals. Daniel Rayburn had 10 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Jose Olivo hit two buckets and led the Panthers on the boards with seven rebounds and added an assist and one steal.

Lane Parker scored two points and had two rebounds while Chase Burton, Dallas Edwards and Jack Fort each had one rebound for Knightstown.

Brycen Napier led the Royals scoring with 14 points and had three rebounds, three assists, two steals and one deflection with one charge taken.

Addison True had his second straight double-double finishing with 12 points and 11 rebounds for EH. He also dished out five assists, stole the ball once and made three deflections.

A.J. Muegge also scored in double figures for the Royals. He had 11 points, two rebounds, three assists, two steals, one deflection and took a charge.

Duncan Cherry drained three 3-pointers for Eastern Hancock and grabbed one rebound and a steal.

Jacob Eischen had seven points, five rebounds, one assist and one block while Tyler Blattner hit a 3-pointer and pulled down two rebounds for the Royals.

The loss was sixth for the young Panthers squad, who are still trying to get its first win this season. The win moved the Royals to 3-3 on the season.

Lady Royals Top Lady Panthers 62-49

Despite playing a solid game, Knightstown's varsity girls basketball team fell 49-62 to rival Eastern Hancock in the front end of the doubleheader with the boys varsity teams Dec. 16 at KHS.

The Lady Royals took the early 17-13 lead after the first quarter and never allowed the Lady Panthers to outscore them in any quarter.

EH added another 13 points to its score in the second quarter while holding KHS to 11 to take a 30-24 lead into halftime.

The Lady Royals pushed their lead out to 44-34 after a 14-10 third quarter. Both teams posted their best offensive efforts in the final period with EH coming out on top 18-15 to get the 62-49 win.

Both teams had three girls in double figures.

Eastern Hancock's Emily Carlton led all scorers with 19 and lead on the boards as well with

nine rebounds. She added one assist, five steals and two deflections.

Haley Best had 14 points, one rebound, two assists and one steal.

Leah Ferguson scored 10 points and got eight rebounds, one assist and one block for EH.

Peyton West had six points, four rebounds, three assists, two steals and one deflection.

Bailey Allen posted five points, four rebounds, two assists and one deflection.

Liberty Durham hit two buckets and had one rebound, four assists, four steals and one deflection.

Jenna Smith knocked in one field goal and got six rebounds, one block and two deflections.

Alexis Lewman also sank a bucket, grabbed three rebounds and two steals with two assists.

Kaysi Gilbert added one rebound and one deflection and

Skyla Smith had a rebound for Eastern Hancock.

For the Lady Panthers, Silvia Panizzutti led the way with 14 points, four rebounds and one assist.

Carmen Cleek scored 13 points and had two rebounds, two assists, one steal and four deflections.

Jessica Butler finished with 10 points, seven rebounds and one block.

Lori Thomas contributed six points, eight rebounds, three assists, seven steals and two deflections.

Kaitlyn Jackson was 2-for-2 for four points with one rebound, one assist and one steal.

Sidney Vise hit a bucket and had eight rebounds, two assists, one steal and one block.

The win moved the Lady Royals to 8-3 on the season while the loss dropped the Lady Panthers to 4-7.

EH Holds On Through 59-point Fourth Quarter to Defeat North Decatur 71-70

A crazy high-scoring fourth quarter by the Eastern Hancock and North Decatur varsity boys basketball teams ended with the Royals squeaking out a one-point 71-70 victory at home Dec. 21.

The two teams were all tied up at 13 after the first period but 17-8 second quarter effort had helped Eastern Hancock take a 30-21 lead at the half.

The Royals continued to dominate in the third quarter, pushing their lead to 47-35.

The Chargers caught fire in the fourth quarter, doubling their score with an incredible 35 points.

The Royals answered the Chargers super-charged offense with their best quarter of the night too, scoring 24 points, to hold on for the one-point 71-70 win.

Eastern Hancock drained 10 three-pointers in the game and were 17-for-20 at the charity line, producing their best offensive performance of the season.

Brycen Napier led the Royals with 19 points, a majority of his points coming at the free throw line where he was 10-of-12. He grabbed three rebounds and made two assists, four steals and five deflections.

Addison True had 18 points and was a perfect 6-of-6 from the line. True led the Royals in rebounds with six and in assists with three. He also dominated defensively with five steals and seven deflections.

Duncan Cherry posted his best game of the year. He was 4-of-6 from behind the arc and 2-of-2

from the field for 16 points. He added three rebounds, one assist and one deflection.

A.J. Muegge knocked down three shots from behind the arc for nine points and had two rebounds, two assists, four steals and one deflection.

Peyton Gray hit two buckets and got two rebounds, one assist and one block.

Jacob Eischen finished with three points, two rebounds, one assist and was huge on defense with three blocks and two deflections.

Tyler Castle scored a bucket and had one assist and a steal while Tyler Blattner added one rebound and two assists.

The victory improved Eastern Hancock's season record to 4-3.

Knightstown 7th Grade Boys Win Blue River Holiday Invitational



Knightstown seventh grade boys basketball team won the Blue River Holiday Invitational Dec. 17. The young Panthers defeated Cambridge City Lincoln 38-19 in their first game of the tourney. The win advanced the Panthers to the championship game against host school Blue River. The two teams fought hard through regulation and forced an overtime period where the Panthers prevailed 46-43. Dylan Murphy-Dixon scored 17 and Cordell Lucas had 10 points in the championship to lead the Panthers' offensive effort. Levi Jones and Owen Newkirk both made clutch free throws to force overtime. Devon Settles, Connor Pyle, Kyle Johnson, Carson Smith, JD Blankenship and Kevin Kieninger also contributed to the Panthers' tourney victory. (Photo provided)

Area High School Sports Schedule for Dec. 28-Jan. 4

BOYS BASKETBALL - JV & Varsity

- ◆Dec. 28 - Tri at home vs. Wes-Del, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 30 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Cambridge City Lincoln, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 2 - Knightstown at home vs. Indiana Math & Science Academy West, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL - JV & Varsity

- ◆Dec. 29 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Lapel, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 30 - Knightstown away at Triton Central, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 30 - Tri hosting Tri Holiday Tournament, 10 a.m.

SWIMMING - Varsity

- ◆Jan. 3 - Eastern Hancock away at Indian Creek with Cardinal Ritter and Scaccia, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING - Varsity

- ◆Dec. 28 - Tri away at Mooresville Invite, 9 a.m.
- ◆Jan. 4 - Knightstown JV away at Muncie Central Duals, 5 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 4 - Tri hosting Henry County Tournament, 6 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 4 - Knightstown away at Tri for Henry County Tournament, 6 p.m.
- ◆Dec. 29 - Eastern Hancock away at Connersville Spartan Classic, 9 a.m.
- ◆Dec. 30 - Eastern Hancock away at Connersville Spartan Classic, 8:30 a.m.

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KPD Officer Van Hoy Finds More Than \$100K in Cash During Traffic Accident Investigation

A Knightstown police officer discovered a large amount of cash during a investigation of an accident, according a news release from the Knightstown Police Department on Dec. 21.

The report stated that on Dec. 15, Officer Jeffrey Van Hoy, of the Knightstown Police Department was dispatched to a traffic accident with possible injuries in the area of I-70 and SR 109, in Henry County, Indiana. When Officer Van Hoy arrived at the scene, on the SR 109 overpass at I-70, he determined that there were no injuries to the occupants of either of the two vehicles involved.

The driver of the 2007 GMC Yukon, was identified as Annette Powell, 34, of Chicago, Illinois. She appeared to be impaired, and both Powell and her passenger in the Yukon were secured in the patrol car by Officer Van Hoy, who then approached the Yukon, where he noticed an odor that he believed to be marijuana. Officer Van Hoy requested a K-9 officer to the scene to assist him in investigating the matter. Shirley Town Marshal, Brian Pryor arrived on the scene with his K-9 and conducted a search of the exterior of the Yukon. Upon completion of the search, Officer Van Hoy was informed that the K-9 had detected a presence of narcotics in and around the vehicle.

With probable cause, Officer Van Hoy and Indiana State Trooper Justin Beamon searched the interior of the vehicle to verify the presence of illegal narcotics. During the search, Officer Van Hoy located a vacuum sealed plastic bag containing an unknown value of 20, 50, and 100 dollar bills in U.S. currency. Officers exited the vehicle without opening or removing the vacuum sealed bag of U.S. currency, and Officer Van Hoy determined that a search warrant was needed to continue any further search.

An agent with Homeland Security was contacted, and request was made that they assist with further investigation. The occupants of the Yukon, along with the Yukon, were taken to the Knightstown Police Department for further investigation. Powell was later charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

Henry County Prosecutor Joe Bergacs was contacted and informed of the investigation, and advised the officers to remove the sealed bag of US Currency and place it in the Knightstown Police Department Evidence Room for safe keeping.

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On December 19, 2016, a search warrant was obtained from Henry County Circuit Court 2. An officer from the Knightstown Police Department and an agent from Homeland Security served the search warrant on the 2007 GMC Yukon. During the search of the interior of the vehicle, the following items were located; a small amount of marijuana and two vacuum sealed packages containing an unknown value of 20-dollar bills and 100-dollar bills in U.S. Currency.

The evidence recovered was transported to the Knightstown Police Department, where all three vacuum sealed bags of U.S. currency were turned over to the agent with Homeland Security for further processing.

On December 20, 2016, Officer Van Hoy met with the Homeland Security Agent at their processing location in Indianapolis, Indiana, where the contents of the three vacuum-sealed packages of U.S. currency were counted. The value of the U.S. currency contained in the bags was \$101,520.

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OBITUARIES

**Sharon Personett
June 6, 1938 - December 16, 2016**

Sharon Personett, 78, of Seymour, passed away at 4:46 pm on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, at Schneck Medical Center in Seymour.

She was born June 6, 1938, in Seymour, the daughter of the late Charlie and Ruth (Weekly) Manuel. She married Paul Personett on Nov. 10, 1956, in Hartsville, Tenn.

Sharon was a member of Central Christian Church for over 60 years. She graduated from Shields High School in 1956 and worked as the secretary/treasurer at Crown Supply for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years; their three children, Greg (Deena) Personett, Tony (Diane) Personett and Brian (Gina) Personett; five grandchildren, Katie (Chris) Hopkins, Cameron "Mitchel" Personett, Logan Personett, Tucker Personett and Paige Personett; and two great-grandchildren, Aslynn and Avery Hopkins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandson, Nicholas Personett.

Funeral services were Dec. 21 with Rev. Kit Bogan officiating. Burial followed at Riverview Cemetery.

Friends and family gathered at Voss Chapel Dec. 20 and Dec. 21.

Memorial checks may be written to Central Christian Church Building Fund or Camp Riley in memory of Nicholas through Voss & Sons Funeral and Crematory Service in Seymour.

A complete obituary may be viewed on the funeral home website at www.vossfuneralservice.com.

**Ewell K. Barnes
November 29, 1951 - December 18, 2016**

Ewell K. Barnes, 65, of Shirley, passed away Sunday evening, Dec. 11, at his home. He was born Nov. 29, 1951, a son of Herschel and Freya (Whitely) Barnes.

He is survived by two sons, Gregg (Carrie) Barnes of Nineveh and Luke (Mel) Barnes of Ft. Benning, Ga.; five grandchildren, Gregory, Kaitlyn, Hoya and Freya Barnes and Emilie Barnes; and two sisters, Donita Barnes of New Castle and Bonita Harry of Connerville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Brenda (Cadwallader) Barnes, and an infant sister.

A memorial gathering took place Dec. 17 at Ewell's residence in Shirley. All friends and family were invited to attend. Arrangements were entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. You may share a memory or condolence of Ewell at www.hinsey-brown.com.

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they can get even 100 signatures then and only then it would go before the city council and voted on. Your mayor or whoever ordered it down should be replaced.

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Healthy, from Page 7

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Class Schedule

Classes are held at Forest Ridge in the main level conference room by Rehabilitation Services

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Thursdays: Jan. 5-April 6, 8:30-10 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m.

Fridays: Jan. 6- April 7, 7:30-9 a.m. and 10:30-12 p.m.

1:30-3 pm support group

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OBITUARIES

Maurice Deryl "Buster" Souder Jr. Sept. 27, 1950 - December 21, 2016



Maurice Deryl "Buster" Souder, Jr., of Carthage, passed away on Dec. 21, 2016, at his home. Deryl was born in New Castle on Sept. 27, 1950, to Maurice Deryl Souder, Sr. and Kathleen Orme.

Deryl was raised from infancy by his paternal grandmother, Ruth Souder. He spent his entire life in the Carthage area. He attended school in Carthage, graduating from Carthage High School in 1968. He was a quiet, polite child who was used to being alone. He played clarinet in the school band and was the school projectionist.

At the age of 10 he began his welding career by experimenting with some welding equipment he had been given. It became his career later in his life. He started working at age 15 in his father's service station and wrecker service in Greenfield.

His adult life and career was very diversified and filled to the brim. He worked at Roll Coater, farmed and was a heavy equipment operator, a demolition expert, and a licensed explosive expert. He worked at the Carthage Paper Mill for 35 years as an outside contractor, performing duties which included general maintenance, welding and operating heavy equipment. Knightstown, Carthage, Charlottesville and surrounding towns have seen his expertise in sewer projects, pond digging, cemetery plots opened, foundations prepared, bridges torn down and railroad tracks removed.

He worked for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on the track safety crew for 33 years, earning 33 silver badges for his dedication and service to the Speedway. He had the opportunity to meet and drive many of the car drivers around the track, including Mario Andretti. He met Chuck Yeager during one of the races and was very proud of the work gloves he autographed.

He worked for the Conrail and Indiana Railroad companies, located in Indianapolis, for 15 years doing contractor work including cleaning up derailed trains, installing new switches, removing old and installing new rails around central Indiana.

He has been a licensed, certified welder, millwright and industrial maintenance man for the past 40 years, as owner of Souder Welding. He was an elite breed of welder and he traveled extensively doing his work. Some of his work includes the original orangutan exhibit at the Indianapolis Zoo and building the flag pole that flies high over Indianapolis on the One America Bank building. He also removed a bank vault from the 14th floor at the Bank of America Tower in Indianapolis and he built the black security fence surrounding the Indianapolis Indians' home, including the structures holding the TVs in the dugouts, much of the railing, and the structures for the food service area. He was especially proud of the railroad track he built at Fastenal in Indianapolis and the senior citizens building remodel in Connersville.

He was an avid hunter, traveling extensively throughout the United States hunting prairie dogs, badgers, moose, elk, bears and hunting locally for deer and coyote. He thoroughly enjoyed riding in Wisconsin on the trails in his Polaris.

He owned jumping mules and performed at many state fairs with his mules. He designed some of the jumping equipment used by the state fair for their contests. He raced Novas and Chevilles at Raceway Park in Indianapolis and the Muncie Dragstrip, winning many of the contests. He also enjoyed flying his ultralight.

He continued to own mules and donkeys, many of which are rescue animals. He loved his "kids," as he called them, including eight mules and four donkeys of various sizes, colors, personalities and temperaments. Recently, he was especially proud of his big draft mule. He was an amazing kind, gentle and caring individual who couldn't and wouldn't turn any animal or human away. Whenever anyone called in need, he answered, no matter what.

He will be so missed by his dogs, Harlow, Maggie, Pablo, and Barn Cat. Stripes and Speck were so special to him and they will miss him greatly. He loved to travel and visited Las Vegas, Alaska and Yellowstone with his special love and companion, Nadine Henry, and new friends Gary and Deb Hutton in the last two years. He wanted to hunt alligators and wild boar in Florida and visit Disney Land in January 2017. His dearest unfulfilled travel wish was a visit to South Africa in 2017.

This obituary is a celebration of Deryl's incredibly unique, fun, busy and remarkable life. His intelligence and what he knew of this world was amazing. He was a beautiful creature made from God's handiwork and was a superbly unique, gentle man. There will never be another like him as God broke his mold. He lived his life to the limit and cherished every moment. He will be so sadly missed by Nadine, his brother Mike, nephew Jared, the new extended family he gained when he met Nadine, his dear friends Jason Hammons, Bill Jordan, Dennis Ison, and his extensive family of friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Maurice Deryl Souder, Sr., his loving caregiver and Grandmother Ruth Souder, and his mother Kathleen Orme McJunkin. He is survived by his love and significant other, Nadine Henry, brother Mike Souder, special nephew Jared Souder, sister Kathleen Zahos and husband, three nephews and nieces, and his extended Hutchison-Henry family.

Visitation was at Heritage Funeral Home, 34 W.Main St., Knightstown, Indiana 46148 on Dec. 27.

Celebration of life services, conducted by Rev. Marcus Dennis at the Walnut Ridge Friends Church, 8056 W. 900-N, Carthage, are Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m. Visitation prior to services start at noon at the church. Burial will be in Walnut Ridge Family Cemetery, located directly across from the church.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com.

Phillip Dale Orem June 28, 1946 - December 19, 2016



Phillip Dale Orem, 70, of Knightstown, passed away Monday, Dec. 19, 2016, at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield.

He was born June 28, 1946, in Kokomo, the son of the late Joseph Merrick and Thresa LaVonne (Unger) Orem.

Phil was a graduate of Russiaville High School in 1964 and of Purdue University in 1970. At Purdue, he earned a doctor of veterinary medicine degree. He served the surrounding community for 46 years with his knowledge and love of animals. He married Diana Burton, the love of his life, on Sept. 7, 1968. He was a member of Center Christian Church of Mays, before joining The First Baptist Church of New Castle. Phil also served on the Rush County Public Health Board for several years, enjoyed working with large and small animals over the years, and was a sports fan, cheering for Purdue in basketball and football, as well as the Colts and Pacers.

Survivors include s son, Patrick Orem, of Pittsburgh, Penn.; four daughters, Philana Dee Orem of Knightstown, Anjanetta Marie (Brian) Oricoli of Pickerington, Ohio, Alicia Mae Orem of Madison, Wis., and Autumn Dalynn (Joseph) Paul of West Harrison; two grandchildren, AJ and Bellamarie Oricoli; and two brothers, David and Charlie Orem, both of Russiaville.

He is preceded in death by his parents; hiw wife, Diana in 2013; and a sister, Patricia Orem Zell.

Funeral service were Friday, Dec. 23, at First Baptist Church in New Castle with Pastor Jerry Ingalls officiating. Friends called Dec. 22 at First Baptist Church in New Castle. Burial

took place Dec. 28 at South Mound Cemetery in New Castle. Arrangements were entrusted to Condo & Son Funeral Home in Wilkinson.

Ruth Lenora (Lamon) Campton June 9, 1922 - December 17, 2016



Ruth Lenora (Lamon) Campton, age 94, of Knightstown, passed away Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, at Country Home Manor in Charlottesville. Ruth was born June 9, 1922, the daughter of the late Chester and Martha (Riley) Campton.

Ruth was a cook for Head Start of Knightstown for 16 years. She was an avid antique collector who loved her grandchildren and family. Ruth was a member of Greensboro Nazarene Church.

Survivors include her two sons, Joseph (Linda) Campton of Greenfield and David (Linda) Campton of Shirley; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ora Campton; four brothers; and two sisters.

A funeral service was held Dec. 22 at Condo and Son Funeral Home in Wilkinson with Pastor Randy Badgley officiating. Friends called prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial took place at Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown.

Online condolences can be made at www.condoandson.com. Memorial donations can be made to the First Baptist Church, 709 S. Memorial Dr., New Castle, IN 47362.

Frank J. "Buster" Hayes March 12, 1928 - December 17, 2016



Frank J. "Buster" Hayes, 88, of New Castle passed away Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, at Henry Community Health. He was born March 12, 1928, in Mauckport, a son of the late Jerome Hayes and Thelma Fern (Best) Tinkle.

He owned and operated Buster's Cement Products, Hayes Landfill and Big B Rubbish Removal in New Castle. In his early years, he owned several service stations in New Castle. Buster was a former member of the New Castle Elks Lodge. He was a life member of the NRA, where he competed in pistol competitions. He was a pilot and owned his own plane. He enjoyed tinkering with antique cars and spending time with his family. Buster was a great story teller and loved to dance.

Survivors include four children, Connie Hayes of Medford, Oreg., Terri (Chuck) Thomas of New Lisbon, Randy (Beverly) Hayes of New Castle and Steve (Terri) Hayes of New Castle; a daughter-in-law, Mary Lou Hayes of Knightstown; his companion, Mildred "Millie" Hoelscher of New Castle; 10 grandchildren: Autumn (Paul) Walker, Ian Hayes, Crystal (Aaron) Fawver, Jesse Hayes, Sarah (Danni) Thomas, Hannah (Chad) Powers, Ariel Riezenman, Adam Riezenman, Chad (Rachael) Hayes and Stacy (Collin) McGrady; and several great- and grand nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son, Larry Hayes; and his former wife, Vivian Hayes.

Services were Dec. 22 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle with Pastor Jerry Ingalls officiating. Burial followed in South Mound Cemetery, West Lawn Addition. Friends called Dec. 28 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the Henry County Humane Society, 11 Midway Dr., New Castle, IN 47362. You may share a memory or condolence of Buster www.hinsey-brown.com.

Barry L. Gurley June 27, 1956 - December 16, 2016



Barry L. Gurley, 60, of Knightstown, passed away unexpectedly Friday, Dec. 16. He was born June 27, 1956, in New Castle, a son of the late Gerald and Ruby (Lee) Gurley.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Barry was stationed in Germany for three years. He loved working in his garage with his son, building things for his sisters, and was always doing something for other people. Most of all, he loved spoiling his grandchildren. A member of the Knightstown American Legion Post 152, he was employed at T.S.Tech in New Castle.

He is survived by his wife, Leanna Gurley of Knightstown, whom he married Aug. 20, 1983; a daughter, Amanda Gurley of New Castle; a son, Joe (Mikka) Gurley of Carthage; a grandson, Grayson Joslin of New Castle; two granddaughters, Macie and Josie Gurley, both of Carthage; three sisters, Geraldine Brown of Waldron, Etheleen (Pete) Swango of Shelbyville and Carolyn Austin of Shelbyville; a brother, Richard (Therese) Gurley of Cookeville, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Tandra Gurley.

Visitation was Dec. 19 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Funeral services were Dec. 20 at the funeral home, with visitation an hour prior to the service. Burial followed in Walnut Ridge Cemetery near Carthage. Memorial contributions may be given to Wheeler Mission Ministries, 205 E. New York St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. You may share a condolence or memory of Barry at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Tamara Jo "Tammy" Saunders August 3, 1958 - December 18, 2016

Tamara Jo "Tammy" Saunders, 58, of Knightstown and Charlottesville, passed away unexpectedly on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016, at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield.

She was born Aug. 3, 1958, in Greenfield, a daughter of the late Patricia (Helms) and James Mosley.

Tammy was a graduate of Eastern Hancock High School. On Jan. 16, 1981, Tammy married the love of her life, Charley Saunders, and together they enjoyed 35 years of marriage until his death on March 19. She worked at the Greenfield and New Castle Pizza Kings and had just celebrated 25 years of employment there. She and her husband, Charley, owned many businesses over the years, including Saunders Auction in Rushville, Edna's Corner Restaurant in Charlottesville, The Tape Place video rental and Tammy's Pizza in Carthage. For many years they had a booth at Glass Cupboard Antiques in Knightstown. Tammy greatly enjoyed spending time with her family.

Those left to cherish Tammy's memory include her son, Josh (wife, Misty) Brinson of Rushville; her daughter, Trilby (Saunders) Whitham (partner, Kim Hagan) of Franklin; eight grandchildren, Noah, Gabriella, Cody, Katilyn, Wyatt, Damien, Destiny and Brittany; five sisters and brothers, Brenda (husband, Rich) Elsamiller, Terry (wife, Linda) Helms, Michael (wife, Nycol) Mosley, Lenora (husband, Tom) Conley and Jeff (wife, Katie) Mosley; five brothers-in-law, Wayne (wife, Trisha) Saunders, Reece (wife, Joan) Saunders, David Saunders, Jim (wife, Kelly) Saunders and Elmer (wife, Carla) Roy; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Charley Saunders, and a brother-in-law, Danny Saunders.

Funeral services were Dec. 23 at Heritage Funeral Care with Pastor George Huff officiating. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery. The family will received friends on Dec. 23.

Memorial contributions may be offered to St. Vincent Heart Hospital with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com.

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