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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

4-H Enrollment Night This Thursday

Henry County 4-H Enrollment Night is Thursday, Jan. 12, 4-7:30 p.m. at the Henry County Extension Office, 1201 Race St., New Castle, third floor. Parents can enroll children in any level of 4-H at that time, or enroll online at www.in.4honline.com. There is a \$15 fee for participation. For more information, call 765-529-5002 or stop by the office.

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Girl Scout Cookies Now Available

Local Girl Scouts are now taking orders for Girl Scout cookies. Orders will be delivered Feb. 1. After that, Scouts will be selling cookies at various booths throughout February and the first part of March. Cookies are \$4 per box, with some varieties costing \$5 per box. Cookie sale proceeds benefit a variety of activities for Girl Scouts. For more information, contact Scout Leader Barb Mofield at 317-442-2620.

Greensboro UMC Hosting Blood Drive

Greensboro United Methodist Church will host a blood drive on Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Those who plan to donate should bring photo identification. Call 765-686-5207 for more info.

Church of God Gospel Sing Jan. 21

Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host The Murray Family on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to hear this free gospel concert. For more information, call 345-7466.

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Carthage Council Keeps Last Year's Leadership

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Members of the Carthage Town Council voted unanimously during Monday's monthly meeting to keep the same leadership for this year that it had for 2016, though a change could come before year's end.

After council member Kelly Land nominated Bill Davis to continue as the council's president, Davis announced that his time on the council may be limited.

"I will accept the nomination, with the realization that mid-year or later we may put our house up (for sell), so I may be leaving in the fall or winter," Davis told the council. "I don't think that's been a secret that we've been looking at that."

Council member John Hancock seconded Land's motion and it passed 5-0. Next, a motion to retain Rachael Brown as the council's vice president, made and seconded by Hancock and Land, respectively, passed unanimously.

In other business at Monday's meeting, council members discussed part-time Carthage Town Marshal Danny Baker's personal use of a town police car. The issue first came up during Baker's monthly report to the council when Davis said he had received some complaints about this.

"Is that something you're doing or not doing?" Davis asked Baker.

"I just go to Knightstown and Charlottesville," Baker replied. "Once in a while I'll go to Greenfield to my doctor appointment if I'm working. Right now, I'm down a vehicle - I threw a belt the other day. ... It'll be back on the road tomorrow and I'll use the car less again."

Baker didn't stay for the rest of the council meeting, leaving shortly after he gave his report. His personal use of the town police car, however, came up again near the end of the meeting. Council member Ashley Davis said she thought the council needed to address this issue.

"I think that it should be more concrete, put on paper or some-

thing, because the amount of time that I have seen it out of town is more than ... I care for," Ashley Davis said.

"The only thing is, when you see it out of town, you have to know why," Bill Davis said, "because ... sometimes, for police business, it is permitted for him to use the car to drive to get supplies or guns, whatever."

"I just think there needs to be some better accountability," Ashley Davis said.

"He just said that he was on duty and drove a cop car to his doctor's appointment because his vehicle was down," Brown said, referring to Baker's response earlier in the meeting. "... Unless it was a doctor's appointment directly related to his accident that he had through the town ... then he should have had to reschedule (with) his doctor. It's not the town's responsibility to get him to that appointment."

"That's true," Bill Davis said. "So what kind of parameters do you set?"

"I don't know," Ashley Davis said. "That's why I'm bring it up ... so we can get some things in motion. I just think there needs to be some better accountability."

"Picking up grandkids from Eastern Hancock, and then (being) at their football games and stuff with grandkids in the car and hanging out - I mean he shouldn't be on town time for that," Brown said.

Adam Forrest, the town's attorney, told the council that he could draft a resolution that clearly spells out whatever policy the council wants to have regarding use of the town patrol cars. He said some towns allow their officers to drive the cars for personal use, while, at the other extreme, some don't even allow the cars to be driven home.

Bill Davis noted the council had previously given Baker permission to drive the patrol car home so that if he needed to respond to an incident while off-duty, he wouldn't have to drive to town to get the patrol car. Brown said she was OK with that arrangement if Baker is

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State Issues School Accountability Grades

The Indiana Department of Education school recently released accountability grades for the 2015-2016 school year.

Locally, two of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp.'s schools saw their grades drop from last year, while the third saw improvement. Knightstown High School and Knightstown Elementary School both received B's in the latest round of grades, after having received A's last year; Knightstown Intermediate School, which had received D's for two consecutive years, improved to a C this year.

Looking at Henry County's five high schools and three others in the area, Blue River Valley was the only one to show improvement, going from a C last year to a B this year. New Castle remained steady, receiving a B again, while six other schools - KHS (B), Eastern Hancock (B), Greenfield (B), Rushville (B), Shenandoah (B) and Tri (C) - each dropped one letter grade from last year.

"I want to thank Indiana's students, educators and families for their countless hours of work over the last academic year," outgoing Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz said in a press release. "This year, Indiana implemented a new student-centered school accountability system utilizing Indiana's new, more rigorous standards and assessments for the first time. For those reasons, the 2015-16 school year establishes a new baseline for school accountability grades in Indiana. Moving forward, the Department of Education will continue to support students, educators and schools with the important work of school improvement."

Five Years of Accountability Letter Grades for Charles A. Beard Schools

School	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Knightstown High Sch.	B	A	A	A	B
Knightstown Intermediate	C	D	D	C	C
Knightstown Elementary	B	A	A	A	D

*The source for the above data is the Indiana Dept. of Education.

Five Years of Accountability Letter Grades for Area High Schools

School District	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Blue River Valley*	B	C	C	C	C
Knightstown	B	A	A	A	B
Eastern Hancock	B	A	A	A	A
Greenfield Comm.	B	A	A	B	B
New Castle Comm.	B	B	B	B	C
Rushville Consolidated	B	A	A	A	A
Shenandoah	B	A	A	A	A
Tri*	C	B	B	B	B

*Both BRV and Tri are junior-senior high schools, and their grades above include all students in those schools, not just those in grades 9-12.

**The source for the above data is the Indiana Dept. of Education.

Henry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline Jan. 15

4-H is available to every child in Henry County. The program extends from third grade through 12th, and is provided through county, state and federal funding. This year's enrollment deadline is Jan. 15.

There is a \$15 program fee to join the program. Log on to www.in.4honline.com to enroll. For enrollment assistance, stop by the Extension Office, 1201 Race St., New Castle, third floor. Credit card payments are accepted online. Payment can also be made in the office.

There are over 50 projects available in 4-H. "Your child may want to show what he or she



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made at the 4-H fair," local 4-H leaders said. "They earn awards and ribbons for their projects." 4-H'ers in third, fourth and fifth grade have

an opportunity to attend a three-day camp filled with fun, learning about science, making new friends and recreation. There is also a three-day teen retreat for students in sixth through eighth.

Henry County also has Mini 4-H available for youth in kindergarten, first or second grades.

Children who would like to exhibit a project at the 4-H Fair in July may do so. Mini 4-H'ers also have an opportunity to participate in Mini Day Camp, a three-day event held at

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OBITUARIES

Peggy L. Williams
December 6, 1940 - January 6, 2017



Peggy L. Williams, 76, of Knightstown, passed away Jan. 6, 2017, at Community Hospital East in Indianapolis. She was born Dec. 6, 1940, in Rushville, the daughter of the late Earnest and Lila (Plank) McRoberts.

Peggy was a homemaker and a loving wife, who loved her grandchildren and mowing. She was a member of the Church of God in New Castle.

Survivors include her husband, Richard "Pete" Williams of Knightstown; two sons, Rodney (Paula) Williams of Rushville and Gary Williams of Knightstown; a brother, David (Ann) McRoberts of Muncie; a sister, Bonnie (Harold) Bailey of Niles, Mich.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Erma Elliott; and a brother, Earnest McRoberts Jr.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 12, at 12 p.m. at Condo and Son Funeral Home in Wilkinson with Pastor Chris Gammelo officiating. Burial will follow at Hicksite Cemetery in Greensboro. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., prior to the service.

Memorial donations can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 6069, Dept. 95, Indianapolis, In. 46206-6069. Online condolences can be made at www.condoandson.com

Connie Davidson
November 27, 1952 - December 26, 2016



Connie Davidson, 64, of Duncan, Okla., passed away Monday, Dec. 26., 2016, in Duncan. Connie was born Nov. 27, 1952, in Greenfield, to Wilbur and Leona Faye (Plank) Brooks. Connie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved garage sales, playing bingo and playing on her laptop. But, most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Connie married Edgar Allen Poe in May 1974 and he preceded her in death in 2004. She later married Wendell Davidson on May 15, 2009.

Connie is survived by her husband, Wendell; a son, Steven (wife, Tina) Poe of Duncan, Okla.; a daughter, Debra (husband, George) Dionne of Marlow, Okla.; a stepson, Wesley Davidson of Duncan; a stepdaughter, Michelle; 40 grandchildren, including Clayton Breeze, Dillon Breeze, Zach Dionne and Trey McNair; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edgar Allen Poe; and a great-grandson, Damion Alexander Davidson.

Funeral services were Dec. 30 at Patterson Avenue Baptist Church in Comanche, Okla., with Rev. Trent Young officiating. Interment followed at Fairlawn Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to the family care of Carter-Smart Funeral Directors in Duncan. Pallbearers were Donal Domm, Halston Mills, Tanner Mills, Donnie Laferr, Micah Laferr, Brayden Brackeen, Jeff Ferris and Wes Davidson.

Virginia Lee Stephens
September 11, 1936 - January 3, 2017

Farmers Offered Incentives to Practice Conservation

Indiana's agricultural producers who want to improve natural resources and address concerns on their land are encouraged to sign up for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Jane Hardisty, NRCS State Conservationist, announced that Jan. 20 will be the EQIP application deadline in Indiana. "While we are taking

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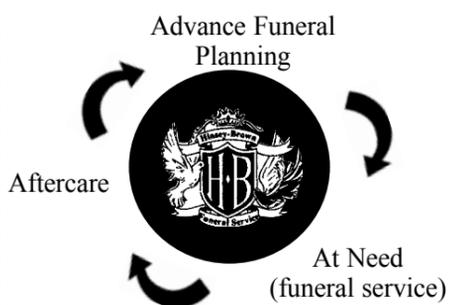
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Shirley Woman's Lawsuit May Get Tossed

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

A Shirley woman who filed a federal lawsuit against the town of Shirley, its town marshal, police department and town council president missed a pretrial conference last week and could, as result, see her case dismissed.

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 – alleges Town Marshal Brian Pryor sexually harassed, intimidated, stalked and slandered her, and also claims he provided false information about her to a state agency.

The lawsuit further alleges that another Shirley officer, Josh Miller, falsely arrested Jackson-Watson at her home on a charge of resisting arrest. She also maintains that Shirley Town Council President Dennis Denny and the town's attorney, Tracy Newhouse, did not respond to a formal com-

plaint she filed with respect to these incidents.

As The Banner reported in the Dec. 7 issue, U.S. Magistrate Judge Matthew Brookman issued an order on Dec. 1 that, among other things, scheduled a pretrial conference for 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3. Instructions on how to participate in the conference, which was to be conducted by telephone instead of in open court, were mailed to Jackson-Watson on Dec. 22.

Speaking to The Banner last Friday, Jackson-Watson said she did not realize that she had missed a pretrial conference earlier in the week. She said she never received Brookman's Dec. 1 scheduling order or the instructions for the pretrial conference that were mailed out three weeks later, although she did acknowledge receiving other correspondence from the court during December.

"I knew nothing about it," Jackson-Watson said. "... Until just now, this was the first I'd heard of

it." As a result of her failure to participate in last week's pretrial conference, Brookman issued an order giving Jackson-Watson 30 days to "show good cause, in writing," why she missed the proceeding. If she fails to do so, Brookman's order indicates her case may be dismissed "without prejudice" – meaning she wouldn't be barred from refileing it.

"I will be notifying them in writing immediately, because I never received that," Jackson-Watson told The Banner. "... Until I heard from you, I knew nothing about it."

One of the primary purposes of the initial pretrial conference is to give the parties to the litigation a chance to explain their respective positions on the issues raised in the lawsuit.

"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,"

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Bar Association Offering Free Legal Consultations

The Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA) will sponsor "Talk to a Lawyer Today," a pro bono program to provide free legal assistance to the underserved on Monday, Jan. 16, as an annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The program is an opportunity for attorneys statewide to offer free legal consultations to members of the general public who might not otherwise be able to afford the counsel of an attorney.

Established in 2002, "Talk to a Lawyer Today" is expected to have more than 200 attorneys providing 10- to 15-minute consultations to answer general questions and offer legal information for those who uti-

lize this service.

In addition to numerous walk-in site locations across the state, a statewide hotline for both English and Spanish-speaking callers will be available by calling 1-800-266-

2581 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For a comprehensive list of all of the walk-in site locations, as well as information about the hotlines, please visit www.inbar.org.

OBITUARIES

Donald Keith Loy

November 5, 1945 - January 9, 2017

Girl Scout Cookie Sales Benefit Scouting Activities

Local Girl Scouts are now taking orders for Girl Scout cookies. Orders will be delivered Feb. 1. After that, Scouts will be selling cookies at various booths throughout February and the first part of March.

This year's selection of cookies includes Thin Mints, Samoas, Do Si Dos, Trefoils, Savannah Smiles, Toffee Tastic (gluten free), and the newest cookie, S'mores, made with natural ingredients.

Cookies are \$4 per box, with some varieties costing \$5 per box. Cookie sale proceeds benefit a variety of activities for Girl Scouts. Those who want to order cookies but don't have a Girl Scout contact may contact Barb Mofield at 317-442-2620.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AFFECTED OF ADOPTION AND CONTENT OF RESOLUTION OF THE HENRY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION

Taxpayers of the Henry County Redevelopment District ("District"), and all other persons affected hereby, are notified that the Henry County Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), on March 22, 2012, adopted an amending declaratory resolution, as amended on August 2, 2012, November 5, 2012, August 7, 2014, September 9, 2014, March 16, 2015, and March 8, 2016 (collectively, as amended, "Declaratory Resolution"), establishing, expanding and consolidating the 2012 Consolidated Economic Development Area ("Original Area"), and the Declaratory Resolution was confirmed by amending confirmatory resolutions adopted on June 22, 2012, as amended on February 12, 2013, September 9, 2014, September 29, 2014, April 7, 2015 and April 20, 2016 (collectively, with the Declaratory Resolution, the "Area Resolution"). On November 29, 2016, the Commission adopted its Amending Declaratory Resolution ("Amending Declaratory Resolution"), amending the Area Resolution to: (i) expand the Original Area and the 170/S.R. 109 Allocation Area; (ii) add the property as set forth in bold type on Exhibit A of the Area Resolution to the acquisition list; and (iii) add the funding of programs under IC 36-7-25-7 to the Economic Development Plan.

The Amending Declaratory Resolution and supporting data, including a map of the Area, have been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the New Castle/Henry County Economic Development Corporation, 100 S. Main Street, Suite 203, New Castle, Indiana ("EDC Office").

Notice is further given that the Commission on January 24, 2017, at the hour of 12:00 p.m., local time, in the Community Center, Conference Room, 100 S. Main Street, New Castle, Indiana, will receive and hear remonstrances from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the Amending Declaratory Resolution. At the time fixed for hearing or at any time prior thereto any person interested in the proceedings may file a written remonstrance with the Secretary of the Commission in the EDC Office. At such hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will hear all persons interested in the proceedings and all remonstrances that have been filed. After considering this evidence, the Commission will take final action by either confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Amending Declaratory Resolution.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2017.

HENRY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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*"All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small,
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James Herriot used this hymn as the titles of his delightful books about his life as a veterinarian in Yorkshire.

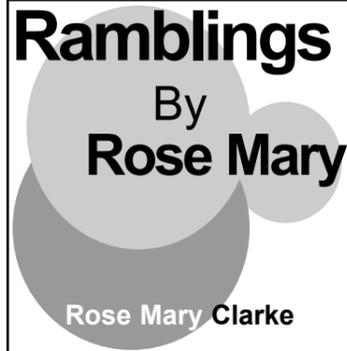
Here are some further adventures of Pusscatkin and Lilydog: As I wrote last week, Ms Kitty absolutely detests Lily. The Christmas card that we sent to Tom and Vicki had a cat rubbing its cheek against a dog with the caption, "Peace on Earth!" I wrote "Bet me!" beneath it.

"You got that right," says Pusscatkin, who has her hindquarters on my knees, front paws on the pullout table under the desk and chin resting on the edge of the keyboard. When we first had her I had to shut her out of the office - much to her loud lamentations and clawing at the door - because she walked on the keyboard. She hates closed doors, and we warn guests to make sure that our bathroom doors are securely latched as it is disconcerting when she pushes the door open and strolls nonchalantly in.

Wonderdog Lily never barks, obeys commands and doesn't make messes. She makes a loud noise by flapping her long, velvety ears when she needs to go out. At home, she's allowed on the furniture.

While Vicki and Tom were out one day, I found Lily sprawled out on our sofa. "What are you doing?"

I thundered. "Get off that couch!" Shocked by this rude awakening from a delicious snooze, she ran through the house and down the hall to our bedroom with me right behind her, shouting and loudly clapping my hands.



She ran to the far side of our bed where I found her trying to crawl under it, but all she could manage was her head. When Tom and Vicki returned I said, "I have given your dog claps." "What?" "What do you mean?" "I said, I gave Lily claps spelled with an 's'," and I told the story. Lily has not been near that couch since!

Dogs and cats both like warmth. Lily often snoozes between Bill's chair and a baseboard register. During cold weather Kitty likes to sleep on a towel that Bill put on the ceramic tile floor under a wall register. Thus, she's toasted nicely on both sides from the register above and the heat radiating from the floor.

Face it: Cats are not as obedient or teachable as dogs. Ms Kitty immediately became fond of a red velvet chair which shows cat hair. "I'm not going to let her take over that chair!" I exclaimed. We even tried putting coat hangers on it. Nothing worked. Having lost the battle, we clean it off when guests are coming.

I spent a weekend at an acquaintance's home. She had three pampered Siamese cats. After the table was set, she didn't seem to mind that a cat sat down on my plate. Eek! A cat's butt on my plate! Surreptitiously I switched plates, turning over the one I was to eat from. One time our fastidious friend, Phyllis, and I went to a friend's house for lunch. While everyone was chatting, we saw a cat up on the buffet, chomping away at the three-bean salad. I got up, and - whap! - the cat made a rapid descent. We did not partake of the salad!

Kitty tries to lie on the dining table when the sun comes in the greenhouse window, but I draw the line at the table. Bill got a squirt bottle which I use to spray her with water when I catch her. She runs when I even touch the bottle.

Here's a poem from a book about cats by Francesco Marciuliano that Jean and Bill gave me:

*"This is my chair
This is my couch
That is my bed*

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Dieting? Exercising? You Can Do It!

Local gym memberships remain strong and it's heartening to see so many people taking their health and fitness more seriously.

It takes a lot of will power to not just start an exercise regimen, but to stick with it long enough to see some of its benefits. They are real. But you must hang in there. Keep exercising and be patient!

For those of you who do get into it and stay in it, I salute you. It's tough to stick with it, and not everyone can do it. For years, I battled with the starts and stops so associated with a sudden desire to shed pounds and feel better. I'd start, then stop. I'd get frustrated after that and forget about it.

I've never dieted, per se - I always opted for exercise instead of better eating. I realized exercise is just much better, not only for my body, but my mind as well. Don't get me wrong; in my daily life, there's plenty of room for improved food choices. I eat like a 7-year-old sometimes. Unfortunately, I like a wide variety of food, ranging from the very healthy but not very tasty, to the extremely unhealthy but holy-cow-this-is-awesome!

I like *all* the food! Official recommendations as to which foods are actually good for us seem to change daily. But, I think, by now, we all have a pretty good sense of what constitutes healthy eating. If we're honest with ourselves, we can also accurately guess what healthy *quantities* of food are. I struggle with both quality and quantity.

Yet, my tendency to overeat often overrides reason, leading to an overabundance of calories, which manifest as fat rolls around my waistline. This, of course, is where the exercise is, theoretically, supposed to magically shrink these accumulations.

As anyone in their 40s can tell you, theories like this are often murky stabs in the dark that, when applied, can produce inexact results. Aging is accompanied by a slowing metabolism, meaning we burn fewer calories. Like a car motor with 300,000 miles on it, efficiency is a thing of its past.

Exercise *will* burn calories. But, will I exercise enough today to burn off the cinnamon rolls I ate last night? If not, what happens to the non-burned excess calories? Well, again, they accumulate under my belt and on my legs.

Skinny people who exercise and eat right call it "staying calorie-negative" - this process of daily burning more calories than one takes in. I like the way that sounds - so cut-and-dried, so simple and effective. "Stay calorie-negative! You'll lose weight," they say.

Yet, as we find, it's not quite that simple. All that exercise, all that suffering and sacrifice can be easily over-

matched by an offhand binge. Two donuts and I can kiss all that work goodbye. It's not *all* for naught, of course. The exercise benefits us in many other ways.

But, at the end of the day, if I want to lose weight, it's necessary to burn more calories than I consumed. That's why, to me, self-discipline is the single most important trait necessary to control one's weight.

I don't know everything about health and fitness, nor have I achieved my own fitness goals. I have a long way to go. But, I try to remind myself of what I think are important habits in this struggle to attain a healthier weight and a generally healthier overall feeling. This column is one way of doing that.

To all of you out there working toward fitness goals, I say good luck. It's tough, but you can do it!



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The 2017 legislative session is quickly approaching, with the Senate reconvening on Jan. 3.

As the General Assembly begins a new session, it will be important for me to stay connected with those of you in Senate District 42.

To keep constituents in Senate District 42 informed about what I am doing at the Statehouse, my office provides electronic newsletters. These newsletters cover a variety of topics and may highlight specific legislation, local events or updates about the General Assembly.

E-newsletters also offer convenient opportunities for you to reply with your input, which helps me better serve our district. Signing up to receive e-newsletters is a free and safe service, and all you need is an email address. My office never shares your email with anyone else.

Visit www.in.gov/s42 to sign-up to receive my electronic updates.

A trip to the Indiana Statehouse is another way for us to stay connected. The Statehouse in downtown Indianapolis is home to all three branches of state government, and it's also where my Senate office is located. The building is open for free public tours Monday through Saturday.

To schedule a tour, contact the Statehouse Tour Office at 317-233-5293. If you'd like to arrange to meet me, contact my office at 317-232-9493.

Throughout the upcoming months, I will be attending many committee meetings and Senate sessions.

Committees meet to review and revise bills before they can move to the full Senate. I have been appointed to serve as chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture as well 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 and Senate sessions can be viewed online by visiting www.in.gov/iga. Schedules and meeting agendas can also be found on this site.

I make it a priority to be accessible to those I serve in Senate District 42. Contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns you may have by email at Senator.Leising@iga.in.gov, by phone at 800-382-9467, or by mail at 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Sen. Jean Leising
(R-Oldenburg)

Dear Editor,

I've been wondering who it was that decided to put a cross on top of a Christmas tree to begin with. Most anyone that knows much about Christianity knows that the cross is about the death of Christ (Easter), not his birth.

The star of David - that the three wise men followed to the Christ child is more about his birth (Christmas). Thus, me and many others have always put a star at the top of our trees. A few, I know, prefer an angel, though. Personally, I thought it odd to put a cross on top of a Christmas tree anyway, as it made me think of Easter rather than Christmas.

T.J. Rollings
Knightstown

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◆**State Sen. Jean Leising** (R-Oldenburg) announced the Indiana Senate is now accepting applications for the **Page Program**. The 2017 Senate Page Program will run from Jan. 23 through mid-April. Serving as a page is considered an excused absence from school. For more information or to apply, visit www.indianasenaterepublicans.com/page-program.

◆**Greensboro United Methodist Church** will host a **blood drive** on Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Those who plan to donate should bring photo identification. Call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207 for more information.

◆**Local Girl Scouts** are now taking orders for **Girl Scout cookies**. Orders will be delivered Feb. 1. After that, Scouts will be selling cookies at various booths throughout February and the first part of March. Cookies are \$4 per box,

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◆**Knightsdown Church of God**, 405 North St., will host **The Murray Family** on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to hear this free gospel concert. For more information, call 345-7466.

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◆**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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Memorial Park. Youth have the chance to work on crafts and participate in recreation.

This year's 4-H enrollment deadline is Jan. 15.

Enrollment can be completed in any of the following ways:

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Henry County 4-H Enrollment Night is Thursday, Jan. 12, 4-7:30 p.m. at the extension office. For more information, call 765-529-5002 or stop by the office.

Kennard Getting New Curb Ramps Along with S.R. 234 Paving to Hancock Co. Line

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has awarded a \$2.5 million contract to patch and pave State Road 234 from State Road 38 to the Hancock County line.

E & B Paving will make full-depth repairs before removing two to four inches of existing pavement and then paving two new lifts of asphalt. New curb ramps will also be installed in the town of Kennard. A starting date will be announced after a project schedule is submitted by contractors. All work is expected to be complete by October.

The project will also install a Safety Edge along the two-lane rural highway. When a vehicle leaves the paved roadway and encounters a pavement-shoulder

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A Former Fireman, Ben Madison Now Focuses Efforts on Training at Local Ambulance Service

by Logan Cox
 for The Banner

Ben Madison's dedication to serving his community has led him to volunteer his time as both a firefighter in the past and an emergency medical technician (EMT) in the present. He has been a member of Southwest District Ambulance Service for almost nine years.

"Oh, I enjoy it," Madison said. "I've got my primary instructor certificate, so I can teach EMT classes and CPR. I like to teach, I like to do that kind of thing. And it just works out pretty well."

Ben is one of two training officers at Southwest, alongside Terri Hamilton.

As he explained, "Basically, the members vote. Every two years we do our election of officers. And the last two elections, they've voted me in as a training officer," he explained.

Though it was not something he ever expected, Madison quickly grew accustomed to being a student and then an instructor of emergency medical services (EMS).

"I've never wanted to be a teacher per se, but I'm pretty fascinated by EMS," said Madison. "So any chance or opportunity I have to help somebody else in the field, that's what I enjoy doing."

Assuming the position of an EMT came naturally to Madison, as he had previously served as a volunteer firefighter.

"I was on the Knightstown Fire Department for several years," he said. "And I noticed that with the

ambulance service being a volunteer service as well, it seemed like they had trouble, sometimes, staffing a truck or getting a crew together for any of those runs. So I joined Southwest as just a driver, and I really enjoyed it. That's when I decided to take an EMT class and become an EMT."

Madison eventually resigned from the fire department to focus primarily on the field of EMS.

"I just work with Southwest now, but I really enjoy the ambulance side of it more than the fire department side," said Madison.

Madison's wife, Stephanie, is also a volunteer and EMT at Southwest. Being able to work alongside his wife is another one of the joys he derives from the work.

"It's fun," he said. "We're both pretty busy people, and sometimes it's the only time we get to spend together."

Ben and Stephanie have three children, Cody, Alexis and Dawson Smith. Cody is currently serving in the U.S. Army. Alexis is attending Ball State University. And Dawson is currently a junior at Knightstown High School.

Outside of Southwest, Madison is the store manager at Gillman Home Center in New Castle.

He is originally from Mooreland, and attended Blue River Valley Junior-Senior High School. He has lived in Knightstown for 13 years.

"I just really enjoy it," Madison said of his volunteer service. "And it's been a pleasure to serve Knightstown as long as I have."



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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Jan. 11 - Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Jan. 11 - Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Tues., Jan. 11 - Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 6 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., Jan. 11 - Rush Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Thurs., Jan. 12 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission technical committee meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Jan. 12 - Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Mon., Jan. 16 - County government offices closed for Martin Luther King Day

Tues., Jan. 17 - Charles A. Beard Memorial School board meeting, 7 p.m., high school media center

Tues., Jan. 17 - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Jan. 18 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Jan. 19 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Jan. 19 - Henry Co. Planning Commission, monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Thurs., Jan. 19 - Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St.

Mon., Jan. 23 - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Tues., Jan. 24 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Jan. 25 - Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle

Wed., Jan. 25 - Knightstown-Wayne Township Fired Board meeting, 7 p.m., at fire station, 30 S. Washington St.

Thurs., Jan. 26 - Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., Jan. 31 - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

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Student Scholarships Abound

The Henry County Community Foundation recently announced the availability of more than 135 scholarships to high school and college students for the 2017-2018 school year. Interested students should visit www.henrycountycf.org to review the criteria and attachments for each scholarship. Deadline for scholarship submission is Friday, March 3, at 5 p.m.

A new scholarship this year is the Cancer Society of Henry County Scholarship, which will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a Henry County high school student in the spring. Students applying for the scholarship must be currently enrolled in one of the five county high schools of Blue River, Knightstown, New Castle, Shenandoah or Tri; be pursuing a post-secondary degree in the medical field (excluding dental, chiropractic and pharmaceutical majors); and average a 2.5 or higher GPA. Financial need of the student is considered and the scholarship is renewable.

Scholarships Available to Non-Traditional Students

Non-traditional students, those who have had a break in their education for a year or more, may not be as aware as newly graduated high school seniors of the scholarship opportunities that are available to them when pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree. The following scholarships are open to non-traditional students

through the Foundation:

The Mary Lovely Brumback Scholarship is available to Henry County residents pursuing a teaching degree and majoring in education. It is for students who have had an interruption in their education by sitting out for a year or more and have financial need.

The Irene Bovender Wade Hunley Memorial Scholarship is available to new graduates as well as non-traditional students from New Castle High School who demonstrate financial need and provide an essay noting the importance of hard work, honoring commitments, giving back to others, and the role faith plays in achieving happiness. Special consideration will be given to students attending beauty/cosmetology, studying piano or dance, member of New Castle First Baptist Church, worked at hospital or nursing home, swim team for four years in high school, or immediate family member in the military. The scholarship is renewable.

The Francis and Marian Mundell Scholarship is open to any Henry County residents who graduated from Shenandoah High School and who are pursuing a certificate or degree as a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse and attending as a part- or full-time student. Students must be non-traditional and 24 years of age or older in order to apply.

The Opportunities Unlimited

Scholarship is open to new graduates as well as non-traditional students who have financial need and are seeking certification, vocational, or two- or four-year degrees. Students can renew by re-applying.

The Ray Pavy Spirit Scholarship is available to both traditional and non-traditional college students who are attending the Danielson Learning Center or Henry County Ivy Tech, both in New Castle. Students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher, and pursue a two- or four-year degree. Students can reapply for aid with each semester.

To access the application and see individual scholarship requirements, visit the foundation website at www.henrycountycf.org. Applications are due to the Foundation by Friday, March 3, at 5 p.m.

"We are proud to help our Henry County high school students and residents further their education," the foundation said in a press release. "The number of scholarships available continue to grow each year because of the generosity of our donors."

For more information on the scholarship program, contact the Foundation office at 765-529-2235.

Local Company Changes Name

K&S Holdings, LLC recently announced it has changed its name to Pride Investment Partners, LLC, reflecting the company's growth in real estate and private equity investments.

Since 2012, K&S Holdings, now Pride Investment Partners, has operated out of Greenfield with a variety of investments throughout Indiana and Ohio, including investments in retail such as hotels, strip centers, retail stores and in real estate – both residential and commercial.

Pride Investment Partners, LLC is owned and operated by Stephanie White-Longworth and Keith White, the previous owners of GasAmerica Services, Inc. GasAmerica was a fourth generation company based in Hancock County and spanning almost 100 years of business. In addition to the management of 90 convenience stores, operations also included several restaurants, liquor stores, as well as JAS Trucking, which continues operations today headquartered in Greenfield.

Ciara Dellinger on Dean's List at IU Kokomo

Five hundred ninety full-time Indiana University Kokomo students earned dean's list honors for the fall 2016 semester. Dean's list students earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average (GPA) on a scale of 4.0, while carrying at least 12 credit hours throughout the grading period. Students are listed by hometown.

Knightstown: Ciara Diane Dellinger

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LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Titans Beat Blue River, Shenandoah to Win Henry County Title



Tri's Lady Titan varsity basketball team poses with their Henry County Tournament championship trophy following their wins over Blue River Valley in the first round of the tourney and Shenandoah in the title game. (Photo provided by Tri Athletic Department)

Titans Fall to Wes-Del

Tri's varsity boys basketball team fell to Wes-Del 49-58 at home Dec. 28.

The Titans let a 24-21 halftime lead to be wiped out by a four-point performance in the third quarter.

Down 28-36, Tri kicked its offense into high gear in the fourth, scoring 21 points, but the Warriors answered with 22 points in the final period to hold on for the 58-49 win.

David O'Neill led the Titans with 10 points and one steal.

Carson Cox finished with eight points, 10 rebounds, two assists, one deflection and took two charges.

Masen Phelps had eight points, five rebounds, two assists, two steals and three blocks.

Alex Melton drained two 3-pointers and had five rebounds, one assist, two steals, one block and one deflection.

Nick Wilson posted six points, one rebound, four assists and one steal.

Zach Smith hit a shot from behind the arc and grabbed a rebound.

Kyler Burchett knocked down a 3-pointer and Austin Stroud sank to free throws.

Elijah Davis had one bucket, four rebounds, two assists, two steals and two deflections.

Gage Rowe contributed one assist and one deflection while Eric Bilby pulled down one defensive board.

The loss dropped the Titans' season record to 5-4.

Tri's varsity girls basketball team took home another Henry County Tourney championship last weekend, defeating Blue River Valley and Shenandoah.

In the first round game Jan. 6 against the BRV, the Lady Titans' defense stifled the Lady Vikings, holding them to just seven points in the first half.

Tri built upon its 19-7 halftime lead by outscoring Blue River 14-8 in the third quarter and 11-6 in the final period to secure the win, 44-21.

Payton Moore provided a huge performance for the Lady Titans with 15 points, 16 rebounds, three steals and two blocks.

Kaley Harrison had nine points, one rebound, one assist and one steal.

Karlee Winkhart scored eight points and had two rebounds, one assist and three steals.

Addy Edwards finished with six points, four rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Kennsington Appleby hit two baskets and posted five rebounds, five assists and one steal.

Lauren Bouslog got two points, three rebounds, one steal and one block.

Breanna Reece grabbed three rebounds and a steal while Allison Kingery got two rebounds and Auburn Harvey made two steals.

The win over Blue River advanced the Lady Titans to the championship game against Shenandoah on Jan. 7 where they prevailed 43-28 to earn the county title.

Tri again applied the D throughout the game and weathered two sluggish quarters to get the win. The Lady Titans took a 13-6 lead after the first quarter but were outscored 9-8 in the second quarter.

With a 21-17 lead to start the second half, the Lady Titans were motivated coming out of the break to outpace Shenandoah 14-7 in the third. Tri's offense slowed again in the final period but their defense held the Lady Raiders to just six points to win the county championship.

Moore was again outstanding for Tri. After posting a double-double in the first round game against Blue River, she repeated that in the championship game. The junior had 17 points, 10 rebounds and two steals in her eighth double-double of the season.

Kennsington Appleby finished with 12 points, two rebounds and three assists.

Winkhart had nine points, three rebounds and one assist.

Edwards drained two buckets and got four rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Harvey sank a free throw and grabbed two rebounds.

Reece and Harrison each had two rebounds and one assist while Bouslog had two rebounds and one steal.

Makenna Hawk added one rebound and Bayleigh Appleby stole the ball one time.

The two wins improved the Lady Titans' season record to 10-5.

Tri Girls Beat Daleville, Fall to Ranked Sheridan in Lady Titan Holiday Classic

The Lady Titan varsity basketball team fell in the championship game of its own Lady Titan Holiday Classic tourney Dec. 30.

Tri trounced Daleville 61-36 in the first game of the tourney.

The Lady Titans took off from the beginning, taking a 24-5 led after the first quarter. Then, Tri's offense fell off, allowing Daleville back in the game after the Lady Broncos' 17-9 second quarter.

With a 33-22 lead, the Lady Titans still struggled to get going to start the second half. They outscored Daleville 9-6 in the third before catching fire again in the final quarter when they topped the Lady Broncos 19-8.

Payton Moore finished with another double-double, scoring 15 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. She also had three blocks and one steal.

Kennsington Appleby had 13 points, one rebound, three assists

and three steals.

Addy Edwards got nine points, one assist and six steals.

Karlee Winkhart posted seven points, four rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Lauren Bouslog, Kaley Harrison and Auburn Harvey each scored five points. Bouslog added two rebounds and four assists while Harrison had two rebounds, two assists and four steals. Harvey also had one rebound and one assist.

Breanna Reece hit a bucket and got two rebounds, one steal and one block.

In the championship game, the Lady Titans fell to class 2A's 16th-ranked Sheridan 50-45.

The Lady Blackhawks took a 15-10 lead after the first quarter but Tri edged closer by halftime with an 11-9 second quarter performance.

With a 24-21 lead, Sheridan

stretched out its lead with a 17-12 third quarter effort. Tri rallied in the final minutes and outscored the Lady Blackhawks 12-9 in the fourth but ultimately fell short.

The Lady Titans were led by Kennsington Appleby with 10 points, one rebound, two assists and one steal.

Moore had nine points, 13 rebounds and three steals.

Winkhart also had nine points with one rebound and one steal.

Edwards hit two 3-pointers and a free throw for seven points. She also got two rebounds, three assists and one block.

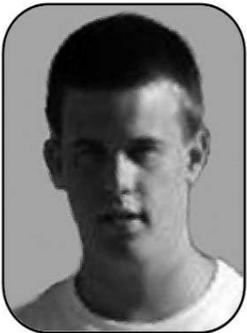
Harrison scored six points with one assist and one steal.

Reece got four points, six rebounds and four assist while Bouslog contributed one assist.

Following the win and loss at the holiday tourney, the Lady Titans moved to 8-5 on the season.

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The Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is launching Community Hunting Access Program (CHAP), a new program designed to increase hunting access and reduce conflicts with white-tailed deer in urban and municipal environments.

It was initially announced last week under the title Urban Deer HuntIN but has since been renamed due to other programs with similar names.

The Community Hunting Access Program will provide community partners financial and technical assistance to administer hunting programs in their communities.

Each community partner will determine where and when managed hunts occur and what hunters are able to participate.

Each managed hunt will be administered by a CHAP Coordinator. These coordinators will be contractors of DNR Fish & Wildlife and will be trained in hunting safety, deer biology, and public relations.

DNR Fish & Wildlife is seeking feedback from both interested community partners experiencing deer conflicts and from individuals interested in becoming a CHAP Coordinator.

Individuals interested in becoming a CHAP Coordinator must meet certain criteria to be considered. Qualifications include:

- 1) Any state-sponsored Hunter Education certification AND
- 2) One of the following: National Rifle Association (NRA) Hunter Instructors Clinic Program Certification, 4-H Shooting Sports

Instructor Certification, or any state-sponsored Hunter Education Instructor Program Certification

Communities already participating in urban deer management strategies are encouraged to send an attendee to CHAP Coordinator training for certification.

For communities considering deer management options, an Urban Deer Technical Guide is online at wildlife.IN.gov/files/fw-UrbanDeerTechnicalGuide.pdf.

For more information on the Community Hunting Access Program, contact your Urban or District Wildlife Biologist.

A map with contact information is at wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Royals Hold Off Lincoln

Eastern Hancock's varsity boys basketball team held on for big win over Cambridge City Lincoln 60-58 Dec. 30.

The Golden Eagles took the lead after an exciting 18-15 first quarter.

The Royals pulled within one, 25-26, by halftime then came out of the break fired up, outscoring Lincoln 19-14 in the third quarter to take a 44-40 lead.

Despite a valiant effort by the Golden Eagles in the final period, the Royals held tough for the 60-58 win.

Three Royals posted double-digit scoring led by Addison True with 20 points, eight rebounds, one assist, five steals and one

deflection.

Brycen Napier had 15 points, three rebounds, two assists, one steal and one deflection.

Duncan Cherry logged his first double-double this season with 12 points, 10 rebounds, three assists and one deflection.

A.J. Muegge had nine points, three rebounds, two assists and six steals.

Jacob Eischen hit a bucket and got four rebounds, two assists and one deflection.

Peyton Gray added one basket while Tyler Blattner finished with two rebounds, one assist, one steal and one deflection.

The victory improved the Royals' season record to 5-4.

KHS Boys Fall to Indiana Math & Science Academy

Knightstown's varsity boys basketball team was defeated 43-57 at home Jan. 2 by Indiana Math & Science Academy West.

The Knights turned a 17-14 first quarter performance into a 29-22 halftime lead. They continued to dominate the Panthers in the third quarter, going up 45-30.

The Panthers outscored the Knights 13-12 in the fourth quarter, but came up short of a victory.

Dylan Hiner led the Panthers with 14 points, three rebounds and two steals.

Daniel Rayburn also had a solid game for the Panthers with 13 points, three rebounds and one steal.

Tucker Personett finished with eight points, six rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Jose Olivo scored four points, grabbed six rebounds and five steals and made an assist.

Chase Burton hit one bucket and Cameron Jones sank two free throws and had one rebound.

Matt Kemerly led the Panthers on the boards with seven rebounds and led in passing with four assists.

Three other Panthers pounded the boards including Lane Parker with five rebounds, Jack Fort with three rebounds and Braden Burton with one rebound.

Knightstown's season record moved to 0-8.

EH Boys Smash Burriss

A huge third quarter made up for a super slow first half from Eastern Hancock's varsity boys basketball team Jan. 6 against Muncie Burriss. The Royals clobbered the Owls 50-31.

Neither team could get much going in the first half and Burriss was slightly better, taking a 16-13 halftime lead.

The break gave the Royals what they needed apparently as EH was on fire, scoring 25 points while holding the Owls to just six in the third quarter. A 12-9 fourth quarter carried the Royals to victory.

Addison True again led the Royals with 16 points, eight rebounds, four assists, two steals and one block.

A.J. Muegge finished with 12 points, three rebounds and three steals.

Duncan Cherry had another strong performance, posting 11 points, eight rebounds, one assist and four steals.

Tyler Castle had five points, one steal and one deflection.

Jacob Eischen was huge on the boards, pulling down eight

rebounds. He added four points, one assist, two steals and one deflection.

Tyler Blattner hit one bucket and had two rebounds, two steals and one deflection.

Skyler Schrope grabbed three rebounds while Luke Splater and Brady Stephens each got one rebound. Trey Bittinger added a steal.

The Royals are now 6-4.

Shenandoah Boys Beat Tri

The Titans' varsity basketball team was the first victim in Shenandoah's route to the Henry County Tourney title last weekend.

Tri was defeated by the Raiders 40-50 in the first round of the annual county tournament Jan. 5.

The Titans started out well and took a one-point lead, 12-11, at the end of the first quarter but their offense slowed down over the next two quarters.

By halftime, the Raiders were up 26-19 and outscored Tri again in the third quarter to take a 40-28 lead.

Tri outscored Shenandoah 12-10 in the final period but couldn't come its earlier deficit.

Carson Cox led the Titans with 14 points and six rebounds while David O'Neill finished with 11 points, three rebounds and one steal.

Alex Melton had six points, five rebounds and one assist. Nick Wilson also scored six points and had four rebounds, three assists, one steal and four deflections.

Masen Phelps posted three points, three rebounds, four assists, three blocks and one deflection.

Eric Bilby and Austin Stroud each pulled down two rebounds. Elijah Davis added one rebound and two assists.

The Titans go to 5-5 with loss.

Senior Daniel Rayburn Scores Career-High 18 to Lead KHS in Win over Tri

The Titans nearly doubled their score in a fourth quarter rally against Knightstown's varsity boys basketball of the consolation game of the Henry County Tourney last Saturday.

But the Panthers rose to the challenge and held on for their first win of the season, defeating the Titans 51-43.

The win comes with a bit of irony for Knightstown first-year head coach Dusty Magee, who suffered his first loss as a Panther coach at the hands of the Titans to start the season six weeks ago.

KHS once again had an up-and-down game and were down 7-10 to the Titans at the end of the first quarter.

Tri's offense collapsed and Knightstown whipped them 15-3 in the second period to take a 22-13 lead into the locker room at the break.

Both teams were slow to get going to start the second half and Tri was able to cut into the Panthers' lead, but only by a point. With the end of the third quarter, KHS still held a 30-22 lead.

The two teams then went on a shooting spree, scoring a combined 42 points in the final period. Tri put 21 points on the board, almost doubling their total of the previous three quarters. But, the 0-9 Panthers refused to give up and threw down 21 points of their own in the fourth to get the 51-43 victory.

A huge part of the Panthers' win was due to the effort by senior Daniel Rayburn who had a career-high 18 points, including 8-of-11 at the charity strip. He also had two rebounds, one assist and a steal.

Dylan Hiner finished with 14 points, three rebounds and one assist for the Panthers.

Tucker Personett provided seven points, six rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Jose Olivo scored five points and had four rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Chase Burton scored four points and made one steal.

Jack Fort pulled down four rebounds and sank a bucket and one free throw.

Matt Kemerly grabbed two rebounds and Lane Parker got one rebound.

The Titans were also led by an experienced senior. Carson Cox nabbed his third double-double of the season with 12 points and 15 rebounds, adding an assist.

Masen Phelps also had a big game for Tri, posting 12 points, three rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one deflection.

Alex Melton scored 11 points and got eight rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

Nick Wilson knocked down a bucket from long range and from inside the arc for five points and added four rebounds, four assists and a steal.

Brady Ellis hit a field goal and Elijah Davis sank a free throw and had one rebound and one block.

Austin Stroud grabbed four rebounds and made one assist and one deflection.

David O'Neill, Kyler Burchett and Jimmy Jeffries each pulled down one rebound. Jeffries also made an assist.

In the opening round of the county tourney, Knightstown had lost Blue River Valley and Tri fell to Shenandoah, the eventual county winner.

The win put the Panthers' season record at 1-9 while the loss moved the Titans to 5-6 on the year.

Blue River Whips KHS in County Tourney

Blue River Valley whipped Knightstown 73-50 in the first round of the varsity boys basketball Henry County Tourney Jan 5.

The Vikings were on fire from the start and by halftime had taken a 41-19 lead.

The Panthers stayed with Vikings though the rest of the game.

Both teams posted 16 points in the third quarter and BRV only outscored KHS by one point, 16-15, in the fourth quarter but cruised to victory on its first half cushion.

Dylan Hiner led the Panthers with 18 points, two rebounds and one assist.

Tucker Personett finished with 10 points, six rebounds and one steal.

Daniel Rayburn had seven

points, three rebounds and one steal.

Jose Olivo got five points, three rebounds, one assist and a steal.

Matt Kemerly contributed three points and three rebounds.

Lane Parker scored three points and made one steal.

Chase Burton hit one bucket and had one rebound, one assist and one steal.

Jack Fort knocked down one basket and had one rebound.

Cameron Jones also grabbed a rebound.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 0-9 on the season.

Area High School Sports Schedule for Jan. 11-18

BOYS BASKETBALL - JV & Varsity

- ◆Jan. 13 - Knightstown away at Centerville, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 13 - Tri away at Cambridge City Lincoln, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 13 - Eastern Hancock away at Waldron, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 14 - Knightstown away at Northeastern, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 14 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Union County, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL - JV & Varsity

- ◆Jan. 12 - Tri at home vs. Anderson Preparatory Academy, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 12 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Morristown, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 14 - Knightstown at home vs. Union County, 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 16 - Tri away at Union (Modoc), 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 17 - Knightstown at home vs. Cambridge City Lincoln, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING - Varsity

- ◆Jan. 12 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, 6 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 18 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Elwood, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING - Varsity

- ◆Jan. 11 - Tri away at Blue River Valley, 6 p.m.
- ◆Jan. 14 - Tri hosting Tri Super Duals, 9 a.m.
- ◆Jan. 14 - Eastern Hancock hosting Eastern Hancock Invite, starting at 9 a.m.
- ◆Jan. 16 - Knightstown at home vs. Batesville, 6:30 p.m.

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Ward, Knott Continue Knightstown Town Council Leadership

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Sarah Ward and Kevin Knott will continue their leadership roles on the Knightstown Town Council for 2017.

The council's five members voted unanimously during a brief meeting on Jan. 3 to reappoint Ward and Knott, respectively, as president and vice president for this year. Both served in the same capacity in 2016.

"We've had our ups and downs this year, but I felt that you've been very cooperative, and we've worked through," Ward told fellow council members. "And, no, I don't think we always have to have a five-zero vote, but I think when it's major issues, it's very important that we can reach a consensus, and I think we did that on major issues. And, so, I've appreciated working with all of you very much, and we'll hope for an even bigger, better year ahead - and at least not make some of the same mistakes as last year."

In other organizational matters, the council also voted to continue holding its regular monthly meetings the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. These meetings, which are open to the public, will be held in the council's chambers, located at 28 S. Washington St., just south of Knightstown Town Hall.

Local citizen Greg Bryze asked the council for an update on the litigation against the town over the the cross on the tree that was decorated for Christmas on the public square. Ward said town officials could not comment, adding, "Our self-restraint is amazing."

Bryze also asked the council later in the meeting whether a moratorium on commercial development the council passed in October is still in effect. Told that it is, he then asked how recent improvements to the roof of the shelter house at Sunset Park and to a building at Glen Cove Cemetery had been allowed.

Ward said Ben Bowling, the town's building inspector, advised that the town did not need to obtain permits for improvements to town-owned property. With respect to the shelter house roof, she noted that the roof was leaking, something which might be deemed an emergency, allowing the council to suspend the moratorium so needed work could be done.

Council member Roger Hammer reported that work on the town's revamped website was nearing completion. He said he hoped it would be ready by the council's Jan. 19 monthly meeting and that he hoped to be able to offer a public demonstration of it that night.

Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman said the sooner the new website is up and running, the better. She told the council that the town has been continuing to pay a monthly fee for the old website.

Huffman also gave an brief update on a sizable grant the town intends to seek to help pay for major improvements to the town's wastewater utility infrastructure. She said the deadline for the town to submit a letter of intent to the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs is Feb. 10, with the actual grant application due by April 7.

In another utility-related matter, Huffman said the town is still waiting for the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to rule on the town's request for a nearly 40-percent increase in rates and charges for water utility customers. She said she had recently received a third set of questions from the IURC seeking additional information from the town.

Near the end of last week's meeting, Ward announced that there is now a vacancy on the town's park board, created by the recent resignation of Ashley Lapham. Ward said she was still waiting to receive an official notification from the park board, but that she wanted to go ahead and make the announcement so the public would know.

State statute prohibits more than two of the park board's four regular members from being of the same political affiliation. Because Lapham was a Democrat and there are already two Republicans on the board, her replacement will need to be a non-Republican.

Anyone interested in filling this vacancy on the park board should mail or hand deliver a letter of interest to the Knightstown Town Council at 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148.

More information about the Jan. 3 special meeting of the Knightstown Town Council can be found in the memoranda and minutes 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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Letters, from Page 4

Dear Editor,

Republicans who control the Indiana Statehouse say fiscal restraint is in order but while they stress frugality they are also planning to increase infrastructure spending. And they want to increase taxes to pay for it. An increase in the gas tax, hiking vehicle registration and increasing tobacco taxes are all ideas that are being proposed. Indiana House Republicans on Wednesday released their legislative agenda, which includes a tax increase and increased user fees to pay for improving the state's roads. Their plan includes raising by 10 cents per gallon, and then indexing to inflation, the state's gasoline tax, special fuel tax, and motor carrier surcharge tax. It would also implement a \$15 annual infrastructure improvement fee on all vehicles registered in Indiana, and a \$150 per-year fee on electric vehicles.

It's a no-brainer that raising the gas tax will cost drivers more to fuel their way to deliver goods. Higher gas taxes, leading to higher gas prices will mean a higher cost on goods. This means increased financial pressure on middle to lower-income families if some Indiana legislators get their way with this increase in the gas tax.

An increase in gas taxes will hurt middle-income Americans the most. And they are the ones that have been hurt the most in the last several years. The middle class is practically extinct! Middle-income families make up roughly one-third of Americans. By increasing the gas tax, not only are you lessening the amount of money in their pockets, but the amount of

money being pumped into the economy is being lessened too. It's estimated that a 1 percent increase in gas prices takes \$1 billion out of consumers' pockets. That's \$1 billion dollars that could be spent on eating out, clothes, and leisure activities.

Is the government too deep in your pockets?

Some of our state legislators want more of your money under the pretext to fund infrastructure (road) improvements. Seriously? Increasing our gas tax? I challenge State Legislators to dig deeper to find another way. STOP going into our pockets.

In July of 2015 Governor Mike Pence was bragging about a \$210 million budget surplus. Where is that surplus? I'm asking for legislators to stop being puppets on strings and do the job you were hired to do, which is to represent your constituents.

Enough is enough.

Randy A. Howard
New Castle

Dear Editor,

At the Henry County Community Foundation, we believe education is the key to Hoosier success. As you may know, pre-K expansion is one of the top issues facing our legislature in 2017. Join us, The All IN 4 Pre-K campaign and a coalition of Hoosier families, pre-K providers, business leaders, and community advocates on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Indiana Statehouse to advocate for pre-K expansion! RSVP today at: http://www.allin4prek.com/pre_k_statehouse_day

For the past six months, the All IN 4 Pre-K campaign - of which we are a member - has laid the groundwork for a significant expansion of pre-K in Indiana to many more low-income families. Working with partners across the state, they have released a roadmap for expansion, commissioned a public opinion poll (showing 71 percent of Hoosiers support expansion) and engaged lawmakers, business leaders and community advocates at all levels in meaningful conversations and pre-K site visits.

Jan. 25 is our opportunity to help this issue gain critical visibility as the legislative session starts. The day will start from 10 a.m. to noon with a review of key messages and prep for lawmaker visits. After a complimentary lunch, a public rally for pre-K will be held with key lawmakers, families and advocates around 1 p.m.! Finally, the day will conclude with lawmaker visits, which will be scheduled in advance.

At the Henry County Community Foundation we know that success starts early, and all children need access to the life-changing benefits of pre-K. Please sign up (http://www.allin4prek.com/pre_k_statehouse_day) for this important advocacy day today and join many of your colleagues to rally for pre-K expansion!

Beverly Matthews, president
Henry County Community Foundation

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Quilt Guild Gives 16 Handmade Quilts to Community South Hospital

Common Threads Quilt Guild of Central Indiana, Inc. presented 16 quilts to the Needle Network Ladies of Community South Hospital. The quilts were distributed to all the patients in the hospital on Christmas Day.

Jean Broadbent from the Needle Network Ladies said, "I have the privilege of delivering the quilts on Christmas Day. These gifts are a great encouragement to those patients who are sick during the holidays. I want to thank everyone who so generously gave of their time and talent to make this gift possible!"

On Jan. 18 Claranna Roberts from Coffee Cup Quilting in Trafalgar will be speaking to Common Threads Quilt Guild on jelly rolls and precuts.

Common Threads meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church.

Upcoming guest speakers include Mary Strinka speaking on edge finishes on Feb. 15.

Wallen Performing at County Library

Singer-songwriter Brian Keith Wallen will share his blues-influenced acoustic music in the New Castle-Henry County Public Library auditorium at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19. This free concert is part of the Noteworthy Performances series presented by Friends of the Library. Friends will accept donations for future events at this concert.

Wallen combines storytelling with vocal and guitar music. Based in Richmond, he travels the country to perform and starts a European tour in May. Wallen won second place in the 2015 International Blues Challenge out of hundreds of artists from around the world.

Irish-inspired Celtica will perform in the next Noteworthy Concert on March 30. For more information about New Castle-Henry County Public Library's events and services, visit www.nchcpl.org.

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applications throughout the year, the first review of applications for funding will be for applications received by January 20. If more funds are available after this date, there will be another review for additional applications. I encourage producers with resource concerns to submit an application by the application deadline," Hardisty explains.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program available for agricultural producers. Through EQIP, NRCS will provide financial and technical assistance to install conservation practices that reduce soil erosion and sedimentation, improve water and air quality, and create wildlife habitat.

Many applicants have an interest in using funds to address soil erosion and water quality issues on their land; however, funds are also available for pasture and grazing land, confined livestock operations, organic producers, drainage water management, invasive plant control, and wildlife habitat improvement.

Also included in this sign up are the National Organic Initiative and the National On-Farm Energy Initiative, plus the following landscape conservation efforts: National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI), Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI), Western Lake Erie Basin Initiative (WLEB), Joint Chief's Landscape Restoration Initiative, Monarch Butterfly Habitat Development Initiative, Working Lands for Wildlife Initiative and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

Producers interested in EQIP should submit a signed application to the local NRCS field office. Applications submitted by Jan. 20 will be evaluated by NRCS staff for the funding period submitted. The staff will work with producers to determine eligibility for the program and complete worksheets and rankings in order for the applicant to compete for funding.

For more information about EQIP and other technical and financial assistance available through Indiana NRCS conservation programs, visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/programs/financial/eqip/> or contact your county's District Conservationist <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/contact/local/>.

Hancock County Schools Active in Fairbanks' Motivational Alcohol, Drug Prevention Program

A strategic community partnership is alerting more people to Fairbanks' adolescent PRIME for Life program in Hancock County.

PRIME for Life is an evidence-based motivational prevention, intervention and pretreatment program for people who may be making high-risk choices with alcohol and/or drugs and prescription medication.

Initially, Fairbanks' PRIME for Life in Hancock County – conducted at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield – started with just referrals from the Hancock County probation department. It was later added to Hancock County's System of Care, which also includes its school corporations and probation department along with the hospital and local physicians' offices.

"The idea is that no matter where a child's point of entry is, we can get him or her the services they need," said Holly Homan, LSW, LCAC, manager of preven-

tion at Fairbanks.

County school counselors are now referring students to the program too.

"We've grown every single month (since starting the program last May)," Homan said. "Clearly the community is supporting the program."

PRIME for Life is designed to alter drinking and drug-use behaviors by changing beliefs, attitudes, risk perceptions and motivations, and teaching how to reduce one's risk of alcohol- and drug-related problems.

"It's really addressing what your choices are and how to avoid developing addiction – what's safe and not safe and what happens to you every time you use," Homan said. "That way you can make better choices, especially teenagers."

She added it's not meant to be a lecture, but a discussion.

"It's a no-judgement zone. Our facilitators are good about just having a conversation."

Enrollment is now open for the next PRIME for Life class in Hancock County, which is Feb. 4 in the Robert C. Keen Classroom at Hancock Regional Hospital, 801 N. State St., Greenfield. The class meets 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first Saturday of each month through June and includes lunch and a family-involved component.

It's open to adolescents ages 13-18. Call 855-880-1217 to register.

Adolescent PRIME for Life classes are also available in Indianapolis, Hendricks County and Wayne County. Visit the website www.fairbanksd.org/program/substance-abuse-education for more information.

Fairbanks is a nonprofit organization that focuses on recovery from alcohol and drug problems. Since 1945, the organization has helped to improve the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities by offering hope and support through its programs and services.

Turn in a Poacher Program Aimed at Thieves

Turn in a Poacher, Inc. (TIP) is a non-profit conservation organization that protects Indiana fish and wildlife resources by increasing public support and involvement in bringing violators to justice.

A poacher is a thief who illegally steals wildlife that belongs to each Indiana citizen. Poachers rob licensed, ethical hunters and fishermen from recreational opportunities they bought through license fees. Estimates indicate that poachers kill as much fish and game as legitimate hunters and

fishermen.

2016 showed several hundred TIPS reported and several thousands of dollars paid out due cases were made from these calls.

"As conservation officers, we work for the ethical and responsible hunter. In an joint effort with sportsman and concerned private citizens we can eliminate the illegal taking of fish and wildlife" stated Indiana Conservation Officer Brandon Shoults.

Rewards are offered for information leading to the arrest of

either wildlife violators or persons involved in an environmental crime such as polluting.

Become a deterrent to poaching by calling the toll-free number or visiting the website and filling out a complaint form online. Callers will remain anonymous, if requested, and dispatchers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To report an incident or information about a wildlife crime, call 1-800-847-4367 (1-800-TIP-IDNR) or visit www.TIP.in.gov.

Planning Steering Committee Meeting Again This Thursday

The steering committee that has been working since last spring on reviewing and coming up with proposed changes to the town of Knightstown's comprehensive plan will meet Thursday evening to go over a draft of the revised plan.

The eight-person committee met numerous times between early May and late October, the meetings led by a representative from Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm hired with proceeds from a \$40,000 planning grant obtained from the state. The group, consisting of local citizens, town officials and business owners, sought to identify the town's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; sought citizen input through a couple of public meetings and a survey; and set short- and long-term planning objectives.

The comprehensive plan is intended to serve as guide to town officials and local citizens and businesses for planning and development issues. Town officials are hopeful that the revised comprehensive plan will put the town in a better position when it applies for federal and state grants.

Once the steering committee OK's the draft of the revised comprehensive plan, it will be sent to the Knightstown Plan Commission, which will need to hold a public hearing on the plan. If, after that hearing, the plan commission votes to recommend adoption of the revised plan, it will then go the Knightstown Town Council for its final approval.

Thursday's steering committee meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the back meeting room of Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St.

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Brookman said in the Dec. 1 scheduling 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 makes her presentation, the defendants will have an opportunity 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's lawsuit seeks monetary damages to compensate her for "mental anguish," for being imprisoned in her home, medical costs for her family and court costs. She also indicates in her complaint that 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.

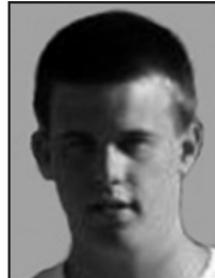
Due to her limited finances, the court granted Jackson-Watson permission to proceed in forma pauperis, and waived the regular fee associated with filing a lawsuit in federal district court. In late October, Jackson-Watson filed a motion asking the court to appoint pro bono legal counsel to represent 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.

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 pre-trial motion or other ruling.

Bryant Joseph Neal

Happy Heavenly Birthday, Bryant!



*We do not need a special day to bring you to mind
The days we do not think of you are very hard to find
Each morning when we awake we know that you are gone
And no one knows the heartache as we try to carry on
Our hearts still ache with sadness and secret tears still flow
What it meant to lose you no one will ever know
Our thoughts are always with you, your place no one can fill
In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still.*

**Love,
Dad, Mom and Zane**