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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

## Henry Co. Farmers Market Meeting Set

The 2017 Henry County Farmers Market call out meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1202 Church St., New Castle. For more information, email hcfarmersmarket@gmail.com or send a text message to 765-610-7527.

## CAB Kindergarten Round-up April 18-19

Kindergarten Round-up at Knightstown Elementary School will take place Tuesday, April 18, noon-7 p.m. and Wednesday, April 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Parents can begin scheduling appointments for their children, who must be five years old by Aug. 1, by calling the school at 345-2151. Appointments take about one hour each. Knightstown Elementary School has full-day kindergarten. Parents should bring each child's birth certificate and immunization record.

## Local Head Start Still Has Openings

The Knightstown Head Start program, located at the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy, still has openings for age-eligible children for this school year. The program is also taking applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Call 765-529-4403 for more info.

## HOPE Initiative to Meet at High School

The Henry County HOPE Initiative will meet to discuss Henry County Memorial Park on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 4-6:30 p.m., in the Knightstown High School auditorium, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40. The purpose of the meeting, which is open to the public, is to discuss the park's future. A previous meeting saw discussion of park facilities, 4-H buildings and the possibility of new equipment.

## Master Gardener School April 29

The Madison County Master Gardener Assoc. will host Indiana Garden School V on Saturday, April 29, at the Madison Co. 4-H Fairgrounds building, 512 E. 4th St., Alexandria. The event is open to the public. Call 765-282-0100 for more information.

## Appeals Court Ruling Reverses County Court

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Indiana Court of Appeals gave a huge victory last week to a Colorado man suing the town of Knightstown and a Muncie business over alleged mishandling of the razing of an East Main Street building in 2013.

A three-judge Court of Appeals unanimously ruled last Thursday that a Henry County court erred last year when it granted summary judgment in the town's favor on two counts of the lawsuit. Last week's ruling also affirmed the lower court's ruling favoring the plaintiff on a third count and, giving the town one small victory, reversed the lower court's decision for the plaintiff on a fourth count.

Plaintiff Dudley Wainscott, Woodland Park, Colo., who owns the property in Knightstown known as the "Old Lodge" building at 34-38 E. Main St., sued the town in February 2015. His lawsuit alleges missteps in how the town and Shroyer Bros., a Muncie-based company the town hired, handled the spring 2013 demolition of a neighboring building at 32 E. Main St. that had formerly housed Hopkins Furniture and, more recently, The Bullet Hole gun shop.

Wainscott alleges the town and Shroyer Bros. failed to make repairs to a common wall the razed building shared with his property, and said that failure led to mold damage in his building. He also claimed the town and Shroyer Bros. created a nuisance by not properly containing and removing asbestos and vacuum tubes containing mercury in the building that was demolished before work began.

The trial court granted summary judgment in the town's favor last February with respect to two of the counts raised in Wainscott's complaint for damages. The lower court ruled that Wainscott's claims for negligence and breach of an equitable duty were barred because Wainscott had failed to file a proper notice of tort claim with the town before filing his lawsuit, as state statute requires.

In Indiana, persons wishing to sue a governmental entity for an alleged wrong committed against them generally have 180 days from the date of the incident that injured them to file a notice of tort claim. While Wainscott had sent written correspondence about this matter to the town with the 180 days of the demolition, the lower court judge said it had not put the town on notice that Wainscott intended to bring legal action against the town and was, therefore, "missing a crucial element."

In the 18-page Court of Appeals opinion issued last week, Justice Michael Barnes said the lower court got this part of its ruling wrong.

"Our courts have held that a liberal application of the requirements of the (tort claim) notice statute is proper in order to avoid denying plaintiffs an opportunity to bring a claim where the purpose of the statute has been satisfied," Barnes wrote.

Wainscott's letter to the town, Barnes noted, contained just about all of the information normally required to be included in a notice of tort claim. The only issue, he said, was whether it included "Wainscott's intent to assert a claim," and he and fellow Justices Patricia Riley and Mark Bailey concluded that it did.

"The letter gave the town an opportunity to promptly investigate the issues, determine its liability, and prepare a defense," Barnes wrote for the Court of Appeals. "Although the letter did not specifically state that it was a tort claims notice or state that Wainscott would be filing legal action, it clearly stated that the town had damaged Wainscott's property and set out the items that the town needed to correct. We conclude that ... Wainscott substantially complied with the (tort claim notice requirements) because the April 2013 letter adequately informed the town of Wainscott's intent to make a claim."

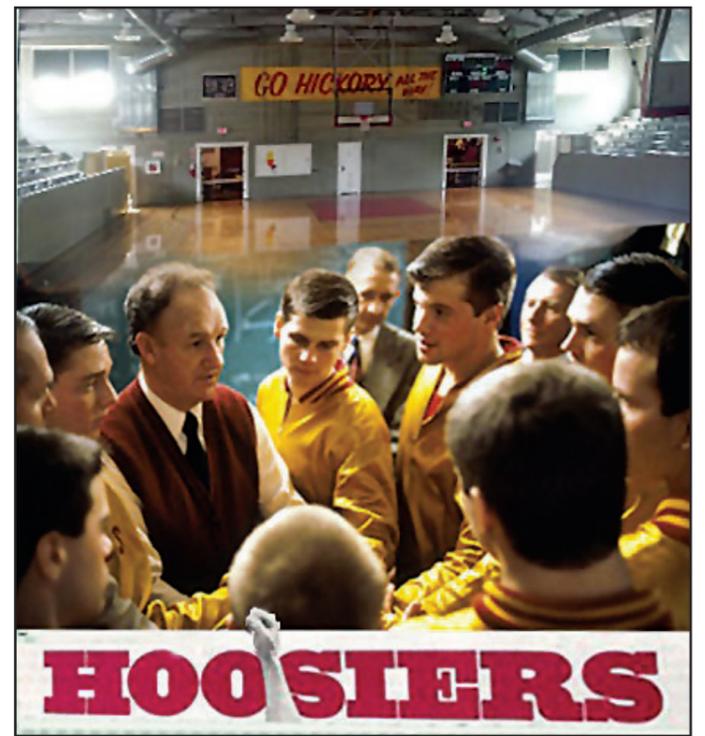
On appeal, the town's legal counsel had argued that the lower court erred when it granted summary judgment for Wainscott on his nuisance claim on the basis that a notice of tort claim was not required for that type of claim. While the Court of Appeals did not decide whether tort

**"Our courts have held that a liberal application of the requirements of the (tort claim) notice statute is proper in order to avoid denying plaintiffs an opportunity to bring a claim where the purpose of the statute has been satisfied."**

- Justice Michael Barnes

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## Nearly 300 Votes Decide Main Street Mural Design



Voters overwhelmingly chose this design, #3, for Knightstown's imminent Main Street mural, sponsored by Beautify Knightstown, Inc.

Nearly 300 votes were cast to decide the design for a mural on Main Street in Knightstown. Voters overwhelmingly chose Design #3 (above).

Design #1 received 21 votes; Design #2 garnered 65 votes and the winner, Design #3, drew 175 votes, according to Linda Lashbrook of Beautify Knightstown.

Lashbrook said many voters stated that this draft was their

favorite design concept, as it portrayed so much of the Hoosier Gym as well as the Hickory team.

Muralist Pamela Bliss is prepared to begin painting immediately and plans for the final product to be ready for mounting at 106 E. Main St. in late spring or early summer. Due to the nature of the facade, the mural will be painted on metal panels and installed upon completion.

## Park Board Cancels Meeting

The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board has canceled the monthly meeting it had scheduled for 7:45 p.m. this evening at the Sunset Park shelter house. Park board member Jan McGuire told The Banner the shelter house was being used by another group tonight and that the park board's

meeting would be rescheduled. Because it could be set and held prior to next week's issue of The Banner, persons interested in attending the park board meeting are urged to contact Knightstown Town Hall for information about the date and time of the rescheduled meeting.

## K-town Council Delays Vote on Revised Comprehensive Plan

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

With two of its members absent, the Knightstown Town Council delayed a vote last week on revisions to the town's comprehensive plan that had been approved by the town's plan commission earlier this month.

The Knightstown Plan Commission voted during a special meeting on Feb. 6 to approve the revised comprehensive plan and

forward it to the town council with a recommendation that it adopt a resolution approving the changes. The revised plan cannot take effect until the town council passes a resolution approving it.

The town council had been expected to consider passage of a resolution approving the revised plan last week, at its Feb. 16 monthly meeting. That, however, did not happen.

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# OBITUARIES

**Barbara Jean Weidner**  
December 2, 1940 - February 17, 2017



Barbara Jean Weidner, 76, of Knightstown passed away Friday, Feb. 17, 2017, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born Dec. 2, 1940, in Henry County, a daughter of the late Clifford and Mary (O'Neal) McCorkle.

Barbara was an avid Pacers fan, enjoyed gardening and growing flowers in the springtime, fishing and trips to the casino with her BFF. She had at one time been employed by Western Electric and was a teacher's aide at the Carthage Elementary School for 14 years.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 56 years, Richard Weidner of Knightstown; four children, Mark (Cindy) Weidner of Shelbyville, Darrell (Penny) Weidner of Carthage, Gary (Michele) Weidner of Knightstown and Steve Weidner of Carthage; five grandchildren, Brandon (Kristen) Weidner of Shelbyville, Kyle Weidner of Indianapolis, Jarrett Weidner of Knightstown and Kiera and Tyler Weidner, both of Knightstown; a sister, Mary Lou (Raymond) Pickering of Big Canoe, Ga.; and a brother-in-law, Ronald (Lynn) Weidner of Winchester, Ohio.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, David McCorkle.

Services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation is from 11 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday. Memorial contribution may be given to the Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Ste. 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Condolences and memories of Barbara may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

**Bette J. Kopp**  
May 10, 1922 - February 15, 2017



Bette J. Kopp, 94, of Knightstown, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, at Hancock Regional Hospital. She was born May 10, 1922, in New Castle, a daughter of John Paul and Hattie (Fleming) Cooper.

Bette was valedictorian of the class of 1940 at Knightstown High School, where she was a cheerleader, played in the band and was an active member of the alumni association. She had been a member of Knightstown United Methodist Church and a choir member for over 50 years. She worked at Citizens National Bank and retired from Bank One. Bette was a member of Tri Kappa and loved playing bridge with her bridge club. She enjoyed vacationing in Pigeon Forge with her late husband, Alvin. She loved spending time with her family, especially with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a family person all the way.

She is survived by two children, Jack (Leah) Kopp of Bradenton, Fla., and Jerry (Stacy) Kopp of Knightstown; seven grandchildren, Eric (Aimee) Kopp of Louisville, Ky., Jason (Christy) Kopp of Knightstown, Jennifer McGee of Bradenton, Fla., Eliza Aguilar of Wannamaker, Forrest (Kelly) Plank of Greenfield, Matthew (Xanthe) Kopp of Anderson and Kendra (Brad) Groce of Straughn; 12 great-grandchildren, Vanessa Plank (companion, Jaylan Marburgh) of Wannamaker, Jackson Plank of Wannamaker, Quincy and Jalyn Kopp of Knightstown, Vincent Plank of Bradenton, FL, Dianna and Nate Kopp of Louisville, Payton Plank of Greenfield, Olivia and Ivan Kopp of Anderson, Kenley and Klay Groce of Straughn; and two nieces.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin E. Kopp; and a sister, Lillian Danner.

Services were Feb. 20 at Knightstown United Methodist Church with Pastors Brian Campbell and Curt Hunt officiating. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation was prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Knightstown United Methodist Church, 27 S. Jefferson St., Knightstown, IN 46148. Condolences and memories of Bette may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

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**Arnold R. Turpin**  
April 22, 1922 - February 15, 2017



Arnold R. Turpin, 94, of Greensboro, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, at Stonebrooke Rehabilitation Center in New Castle. He was born April 22, 1922, in Somerset, Ky. to the late Alonzo and Nancy Pearl (Sutherland) Turpin.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Arnold co-owned and operated J J & T Trucking Company, from which he retired after 38 years of service in the trucking industry. He also was employed by Turpin Electric for 20 years, carried mail, worked at Everett Kings Sawmill, was operations manager for Cresco Lines (Indiana division), and also served as terminal manager for McClain Dray Lines in Richmond and Connersville. Arnold attended Greensboro Church of the Nazarene and was a member of Knightstown American Legion Post 152. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arnold is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eva Coleen (Lee) Turpin, whom he married in 1952; five sons, Joseph A. (Beth) Turpin, of Greenfield; Jon B. (Linda) Turpin of Cambridge City, George Scott (Beth) Turpin of Seymour, Stephen (Liz) Turpin of Etowah, N.C., and James (Laura) Turpin of Greensboro; two daughters, Debra (Pat) Fausset of Shirley and Lee Annette (Danny) Douglas of New Castle; 19 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Ford of Indianapolis and Opal Lindley of Anderson; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd Turpin and Cameron Paul Turpin; a grandson, Andrew Robert Turpin; five brothers-in-law, James Ford, Darrell House, Bill Lindley, Carl Stonerock, and Donnie Wallace; and a sister-in-law, Doris Wallace.

Funeral services were Feb. 18 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle with Rev. Gene Bennett and Pastor Danny Douglas officiating. Burial will follow at Hicksite Cemetery in Greensboro. Visitation was Feb. 17. Memorial contribution may be sent to National Kidney Foundation, 911 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240. You may share a condolence or memory of Arnold at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

**Dorothy Marie (Nelson) Van Duyn**  
July 27, 1939 - February 15, 2017

Dorothy Marie (Nelson) Van Duyn, 77, of Knightstown, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, at Sugar Creek following a long illness and now is with Jesus. She was born July 27, 1939, in Ogden the daughter of Alvie and Hazel (Montgomery) Roberts.

She had a generous spirit and enjoyed spoiling her grandchildren.

She is survived by a son, Chris Nelson of Knightstown; two grandchildren, Tori (Vince) Reilly and John Christopher Nelson, both of Knightstown; three siblings, Tom (Sharon) Roberts of Carthage, Donna Roberts of Carthage and Virginia Stearns of Knightstown; and a former daughter-in-law, Tammy Nelson of Knightstown.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, John W. Nelson; her second husband, Larry Van Duyn; and four siblings, Margaret Roberts, June Roberts, Marjorie Clay and Rusty Roberts.

Visitation was Feb. 17 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. The funeral was Feb. 18 at the funeral home with David Bonne officiating. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery, beside a good friend, Loren Arnold. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E 91st St. Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46209-4830. Condolences and memories of Dorothy may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

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**Henry County Farmers Market**  
**Call Out Meeting March 23**

The 2017 Henry County Farmers Market call out meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1202 Church St., New Castle. For more information, email [hcfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:hcfarmersmarket@gmail.com) or send a text message to 765-610-7527. "We pride ourselves in having a Market built on integrity, honesty and transparency," organizers of the Henry County Farmers Market said in a press release. "Henry County has one of the most successful markets and loyal customers in east central Indiana! Please join us!"

**County HOPE Initiative Meeting at KHS to Discuss Future of Memorial Park**

The Henry County HOPE Initiative will meet to discuss Henry County Memorial Park on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 4-6:30 p.m., in the Knightstown High School auditorium, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40.

The purpose of the meeting, which is open to the public, is to discuss the park's future and possible improvements.

*Carthage Council Meeting Closed*

The Carthage Town Council plans to meet behind closed doors Tuesday evening.

Notice provided to The Banner on Monday afternoon indicates the council has scheduled a private executive session for 6 p.m. on Feb. 28. The reason for this meeting, which is not open to the public, is so the council can discuss employee job performance evaluations.

The council previously agreed at its Feb. 13 monthly meeting to have council members Ashley Davis and John Hancock conduct town employee evaluations next month, immediately following the council's March 13 meeting.

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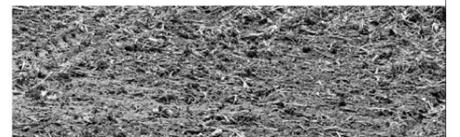
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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## Beware of Phone, Internet Scammers

My nephew and I frequently say, "In our day ..." when we compare today with yesteryear. Here's one thing that's different: We certainly had con artists who'd sell people bad real estate deals or fake fur coats. However, the art of the scam has reached a whole new level. I don't think the word existed back then. Nowadays our vocabulary includes "scam, scammer and scammed."

In our day, telemarketing and voice mail didn't exist. Long distance calls were expensive and billed by the minute. My frugal mother watched the clock and would say, "Well, this is costing me money, and I'd better get off the phone."

Those irritating "robocalls" didn't exist back then, thank God.

The Internet and e-mail barely existed 20 years ago. Now-adays you can bank online, register your credit card number at Amazon and other organizations and pay bills via Internet banking.

This is all fertile territory for crooks. I'm repeating personal stories about scams and adding new ones because I hope that people will take warning. When I was having a problem with my Amazon Kindle I asked the Internet for something like "Amazon Kindle support telephone #." An ever-so-polite man with a slight foreign accent answered. "How can I help

you, ma'am?" I explained my problem, saying that I was just an old lady who didn't always understand technology. (Duh, duh, duh! - Stupid, stupid, stupid Rose Mary!)

"No problem, ma'am. Just turn on your computer." Suddenly he was going through lists of files. "Oh ma'am, this is serious! You're



infected with the Trojan virus. We can fix that at a moderate cost." Wisely, I said, "Give me your number and I'll call you back."

Bill said, "You'd better call Key Computers." I gave technician Russ the number. He said, "This is a scam. In fact, I was in a client's home recently when they tried it on him." That experience taught me always to type the official name for an organization - such as "Amazon.com" - so that you get the authentic website rather than a scammer.

Shortly before Christmas, a fel-

low called. "Grandma, I need help. I was in a wreck. It was a DUI, and I need to post bond." "I'm having a hard time understanding you." "That's because my mouth was messed up." "Which grandson are you?" "Grandma!" he replied in a stricken voice as if saying, "How could you?" "What is your name?" ... "I have no grandson by that name. How dare you be so dishonest and frighten me so at Christmastime?" I was saying, "You'd better get right with Jesus," when he hung up on me. Actually, the same guy called me last year with a different story.

I ain't that dumb!  
In any case, I absolutely wouldn't post bond even for my husband or real grandsons if they were involved in drunk driving. Let 'em sit in jail! One of the acquaintances of a Knightstown friend prided herself on being "sharp," but was hit by the same scam and sent several thousand dollars.

A gruff-sounding man calls from the IRS. "You owe taxes and will be fined or arrested if you don't pay immediately." An IRS official said on the news, "We never telephone people. We send mail." They also warned on the news to hang up if someone calls and says, "Can you hear me?" To give even a little information helps scammers.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm pleased to announce that Advanced Disposal, CGS Services Inc. and Sisters Sanitation LLC have joined forces. During this transition period, our customers should expect no interruptions or changes in service. In addition, the drivers and team members you all know and love will remain the same.

CGS Services Inc. has proudly served the area since 1946, and we decided that joining forces with Advanced Disposal would be the best way we could continue in our tradition of providing customers with high-value, top-quality service on which you can depend. It was those same principles that aligned with the culture at Advanced Disposal. Yes, we may be larger, but we are delivering the same customer-focused service with the same team members that also live in our neighborhoods. Additionally, I'll continue to manage day-to-day operations as the general manager.

Altogether, our team is committed to investing in our community to help keep it clean and green, and we look forward to serving you for years to come. Thank you again for your support. If you have any questions, please contact our team by calling 765-763-6258.

Jordan Caldwell, general manager  
CGS Services Inc.

Dear Editor,

Ensuring Indiana students receive a high-quality education is a main concern of mine each session, but it's also my priority to make sure our educational programs are being utilized.

One bill I authored, Senate Bill 224, would require the Indiana Department of Education and the Family and Social Services Administration to conduct a survey to determine how many four-year-old Indiana students were enrolled in prekindergarten during the 2015-2016 school year.

Right now, Indiana is unsure how many students are enrolled in the state's prekindergarten categories. These include Head Start, Child Care and Development Fund vouchers, On My Way preschool, Early Matching Grant preschool, special education, church and private preschools, and the online pilot UPSTART program in Floyd County.

Currently, state and federal pre-K programs are funded at a total of more than \$427 million each year.

Later this session, however, lawmakers will adopt a new state budget, and one area of interest is adding more funds to these pre-K programs.

Before voting on this topic, however, I wanted to give my constituents the opportunity to voice their opinions. I conducted two surveys, one online and one by mail, and out of the 2,132 people surveyed in my district, only 7 percent said state funding for preschool programs should be expanded.

Having taken these surveys very seriously, I voted against Senate Bill 276 in the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, which would expand the On My Way prekindergarten pilot program. The bill would also make a \$22 million appropriation to the pre-K pilot program fund from the state's general fund in 2017 and 2018.

We need to know more about the pre-K program before we expand it. My bill is moving through the Indiana General Assembly right now, and

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## Thanks for Sharing! Anyone Else Care to Share?

Knightstown's most transparent, reliable and proactive civic organization, Beautify Knightstown Inc., recently chalked up two more big wins in their efforts to reinvigorate the community.

One of the group's leaders, Linda Lashbrook, stopped by The Banner office last Monday. She dropped off a copy of the freshly published *Knightstown Area Directory*, which features a variety of information on dozens of local businesses, groups, churches and other data.

This is a great tool for anyone living or working in Knightstown. The 16-page, glossy booklet is well-designed, easy to read and has a lot of practical value. The Banner is proud to be included therein.

Congratulations to Beautify Knightstown and thanks to Mitchell-Fleming Printing for helping offset printing costs.

A few months back, Lashbrook and Beautify Knightstown disclosed their financial holdings. It was the second consecutive year they've done that - an anomaly in Knightstown's vast stable of nonprofit organizations.

Local folks should remember which groups actively disclose their finances and which ones don't. Additionally, they should ask questions about why other groups fail to disclose their finances. To me, any fundraising organization that seeks and acquires nonprofit status should willingly, and enthusiastically divulge their finances - not just to their board members or family, but to the public.

If they are unwilling to engage in disclosure, or if they become angry or irritated when such questions are asked, one must really wonder why. Because, if everything is on the up-and-up, why the hard feelings and reluctance? Why conceal the finances of organizations that are said

to be so benevolent? Certainly, no youth organizations or groups that operate town-owned property can hide their financial books from the public, right? Why would they want to? After all, these are trustworthy people operating these groups for sure, right?

That question might leave some of you wondering. But, let me put your mind at ease; Beautify Knightstown is one local nonprofit that does, *in fact*, quell any questions and satisfy all scrutiny by simply divulging their assets. That's refreshing - and unusual for Knightstown.

BKI, of course, is not the only area group that conducts legitimate nonprofit business while actively engaging in public disclosure. To my knowledge, the local sororities follow their bylaws fastidiously, as do local churches. Likewise, area Scouting organizations willingly divulge their finances.

On the school side of things, KHS Athletic Director Matt Martin has done a tremendous job of bringing school and booster club finances back in line after a lot of past confusion and problems.

Legit news organizations like The Banner appreciate this transparency and willingness to do the right thing by answering simple questions about nonprofit fundraising. To us, it's all about what happens to the money donated or otherwise paid by hardworking people - people who believe their money is going to honest, responsible people who employ that money honestly.

But, as we often see, that is not always the case. Sometimes the ill-intentioned are put in charge of honorable things. We shall see if Knightstown's nonprofits are willing to share their fundamental financial data. We're going to see who will share and who will *not* - and if not ... why not.

Stay tuned.



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# BITS & PIECES

◆**The Minister's Quartet** will perform at First Baptist Church of Knightstown on Saturday, Feb. 25, 6-7:30 p.m. The church is located at 210 E. Jackson St. The event is open to the public and a freewill offering will be accepted to help offset the group's travel expenses.

◆**The 2017 Henry County Farmers Market** call out meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1202 Church St., New Castle. For more information, email [hcfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:hcfarmersmarket@gmail.com) or send a text message to 765-610-7527.

◆**Kindergarten Round-up** at Knightstown Elementary School will take place Tuesday, April 18, noon-7 p.m. and Wednesday, April 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Parents can begin scheduling appointments for their children, who must be five years old by Aug. 1, by calling the school at 345-2151. Appointments take about one hour each. Knightstown Elementary School has full-day kindergarten. Parents should bring each child's birth certificate and immunization record.

◆**The Indiana Women's Education Foundation (IWEF)** has **scholarships** available to women returning to higher education. Seven scholarships are available. Applications are online at the IWEF website, or by contacting Barb Mofield at [bmfief@centurylink.net](mailto:bmfief@centurylink.net) or 317-442-2620. Application deadline is today, Feb. 15. Scholarships will be presented in Fort Wayne on April 8.

◆**Knightstown Business and Professional Women Scholarship** forms are available in the KHS guidance office. Deadline for their return is March 15. Any graduating KHS senior girl, who will be attending a college or technical school in an undergraduate program, may apply. Knightstown BPW also sponsors a scholarship for a graduating senior girl attending Eastern Hancock, Tri, Rushville or home school. Applications are available at the respective high schools. Deadline is March 15.

◆**The Isabelle Sigler Memorial Psi Iota Xi Scholarship** forms are available in

the KHS guidance office. Deadline for their return is March 15. Any deserving and needy KHS graduate or current senior, who will be attending college or technical school in an undergraduate program, may apply.

◆**Local Girl Scouts** are now taking orders for **Girl Scout cookies**. 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. Those who want to order cookies but don't have a Girl Scout contact may contact Barb Mofield at 317-442-2620.

◆**The ninth annual Justin Steinwachs Memorial Car Show** will take place on Saturday, May 13, on Knightstown's Public Square. For more information, e-mail [darlind49@yahoo.com](mailto:darlind49@yahoo.com)

◆**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.

◆**The Knightstown Head Start** program, located at the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy, still has openings for age-eligible children for this school year. The program is also taking applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Call 765-529-4403 for more info.

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**After 23 Years, Westrich Family Ready to Sell Shirley Hardware Store, but Not Stock of Memories**

by Logan Cox  
for The Banner

After 23 years of service, Dennis and Linda Westrich are retiring from the Shirley Hardware Store on Main Street. At the end of this month, the Westriches will close the store and be added to history as the most recent owners and operators of this well-established local business.

There has been a hardware store in Shirley since the early 20th Century. The original was owned by P.K. May, who also ran the hardware store in Wilkinson around the same time. After May, Walter Woods became the hardware dealer, then Carl Casperson, and then Eddie Huffman even later on.

The Huffmans sold the store to Wayne and Betty Brumfield in 1962. After purchasing several buildings across the street from the original store, the Brumfields officially relocated their business to the other side in 1966, where it has remained ever since. Star Financial Bank now stands where the old building once was.

Linda and Dennis have operated the hardware store since December 1993. Though Dennis is from Noblesville, Linda has lived in Shirley all her life.

"When we got married, I lived in Noblesville. I decided, since her two daughters were in high school, that I would move to Shirley. I fell in love with the place, invested in it," said Dennis. "I'm pretty involved with everything that goes on in the community."

Those who stop into the store became accustomed to the Westriches friendly, gracious nature, and their willingness to interact with customers and other townsfolk.

They ran Shirley Hardware as a family business, with children and grandchildren raised in and around the store. Linda's daughters Patricia "Trish" Mercer, Jennifer Burton, and Kristi Heath all operated the business at various points over the years. Trish's children, Taylor and Kelsey, and Jennifer's, Aubrie and Robert (BJ), all grew up within the hardware store's casual work environment.

"We have been blessed by a lot of good people who have come through the doors. We've even had some thank you cards for running the hardware store for so many years and being the kind of people we are, I guess. It's kind of embarrassing, but I'm glad they felt like that," said Linda. "Like, the feeling that they could just come in and talk anytime they wanted to. People are gonna miss that. And I will miss being up there on Main Street, seeing what's going on, talking to people."

As a former resident of Shirley, this writer can relate. There were many days I could walk over and spend time at the hardware store. It was a sort of public sanctuary, where one could browse their vast selection of movies, listen to the adults chat, play with the Westrich kids, or just walk the rows of equipment and supplies, breathing in the smell of the

actual hardware and the building itself.

Apparently, I'm not alone in feeling this way. Citizens from Shirley and surrounding areas have openly expressed their appreciation for the Westriches and their community presence, leaving heartfelt comments on the Shirley, Indiana Facebook page.

"Thank you, Shirley Hardware for your many years of supplying our community with your services, whether that was a gallon of paint, nuts and bolts, movie rentals, a quick wise word of encouragement or prayer, a hug," said Ashley Coomer. "A true family business! You will be greatly missed."

As Trisha Hardy-Atkins stated, "I remember going here as a kid nearly every weekend, excited to pick out movies to rent with my parents."

Matt Heath, husband to Kristi, has an especially personal connection to the store. "I met my wife there. Even had our first date there,"

he said.

"Thank you, Dennis and Linda, for all you have done for our small town," said Terri Wilson. "You truly put your heart and soul into making Shirley a better place! Enjoy retirement."

Dennis and Linda have always been active members of their community, contributing volunteer work for the town church, the Shirley Historical Society, and the famous Octagon House, among other local venues.

Dennis worked for many years at Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc. in Noblesville. Last month, he retired from there as well.

Prior to running the hardware store, Linda worked at a local factory, Shirley Foods, Inc., which manufactured tortillas and taco shells.

Now that they are entering retirement, Linda and Dennis are eager to make more time for themselves and their loved ones. They have bought a camper and intend to do some traveling around the country.

Shirley Hardware will close after Feb. 28. There are people interested in buying the store, though the Westriches would like to keep the details private for now.

"We're trying to sell it as the hardware store," said Dennis. "The building and all the hardware that goes with it. I get my stuff, they walk in and I walk out, just like I did 23 years ago."

Unfortunately, movie rentals at the hardware store will more than likely be a thing of the past. Any DVDs or VHS tapes that the Westrich family doesn't keep for their own collection, they will sell.

"The Brumfields were closing it 23 years ago," Linda said about the hardware store. "We saw a sign in the window and we went and bought it. We ran it for 23 years, and maybe someone else has seen the sign, and maybe they're gonna run it another 23 years. You just never know."



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- Wed., Feb. 22 – Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle
- Wed., Feb. 22 – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle
- Wed., Feb. 22 – Knightstown-Wayne

- Township Fired Board meeting, 7 p.m., at fire station, 30 S. Washington St.
- Thurs., Feb. 23 – Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Rose Mary, from Page 4

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# FOLKWAYS

## Henry County Health's BirthCare Center Rated Above Average Nationally, Locally

Henry Community Health's BirthCare Center is ranked above both the national and state averages in a national survey of infant feeding practices in maternity care settings. The Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) Survey was conducted by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Henry Community Health received a 93 in the recently released benchmark report. Their score was above the average of 88 for the nation, 90 for Indiana and 91 for similar sized facilities, according to a press release.

The survey was conducted in 2015 and produces a quality score based on best practices in infant feeding care including skin-to-skin contact, breastfeeding and other similar information related to infant health.

Henry Community Health is one of only 13 Indiana hospitals currently accredited as a Baby Friendly Hospital by Baby-Friendly USA.

"We are proud of this achievement as the importance of breastfeeding and mother/baby bonding cannot be over emphasized," said Tina Abrams, director of the Women and Children's Unit and BirthCare Center. "Breastfeeding is healthier for both mothers and babies, and as our breastfeeding rates continue to increase, our community as a whole becomes healthier."

### Breastfeeding Support Provided

The BirthCare Center encourages and support new mothers to breastfeed in many ways including:

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\*help in breastfeeding provided by a certified lactation specialist after delivery and for outpatient visits after mothers return home;

\*phone follow-up after you go home; and

\*infant Feeding Support Group the second Monday and fourth Tuesday of the month.

For more information on any of these programs contact the BirthCare Center at 765-521-1116

### Pediatric Hospitalists Offer Expanded Services

Board-certified pediatric hospitalists, who work only in the hospital, are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to attend high risk deliveries, and care for newborns and for children admitted to the women and children's Unit. They also are available for consultation for infants and children seen in the emergency department.

The pediatric hospitalists have significant experience, knowl-

edge and training regarding the needs of newborns and hospitalized children, according to the press release. The hospitalists know how to care for infants and children in a way that is comfortable and reassuring for parents and the child. They also can facilitate the transfer to a tertiary hospital if specialized care not provided at Henry Community Health is needed.

As members of New Castle Pediatrics, they are part of the Henry Community Health team working with staff in the women and children's unit and coordinating care with the pediatricians at New Castle Pediatrics, family medicine physicians at New Castle Family & Internal Medicine and other primary care physicians as needed.

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## Henry County School Choirs Part of Thursday's Choral Festival

The New Castle Choirs will host both the Henry County Choral Festival and "Heartland Sings" for a concert on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in Bundy Auditorium. Admission is \$3. All Henry County schools, plus Homeschool Habitat association, will be participating in this event. The theme for the concert is the many struggles in life and how courage and bravery can overcome hardships. This event marks the first time all county choirs have sung together in many years.

"Heartland Sings" is a company of professional vocal artists based in Fort Wayne. Founded by Maestro Robert Nance, the group consists of five full-time artists that create many diverse performances and educational programs. These artists worked with each Henry County choir in a workshop previously this month.

The concert will begin with New Castle all-men's choir, "Acafellas," singing *Who are the Brave* and *Blow Ye Winds*. The women's choir, "Vocal Revolution," will sing *A Joyful Song* and *Bright Morning Stars are Rising*. "Chamber Singers," the advanced women's choir will sing *I Shall Not Live in Vain* and *Evening*.

The first act of the concert will close with the advanced mixed choir, "Chorale," presenting *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*. This is a dramatic musical memorial to the 15,000 children who passed through the concentration camp in Terezin on their journey to Auschwitz during World War II.

"Heartland Sings" will perform songs from many different genres. Then the combined men from all the choirs will be directed by John Doty in a song entitled, *Keep Your Lamps*. A variety of other songs will be performed by the various choirs.

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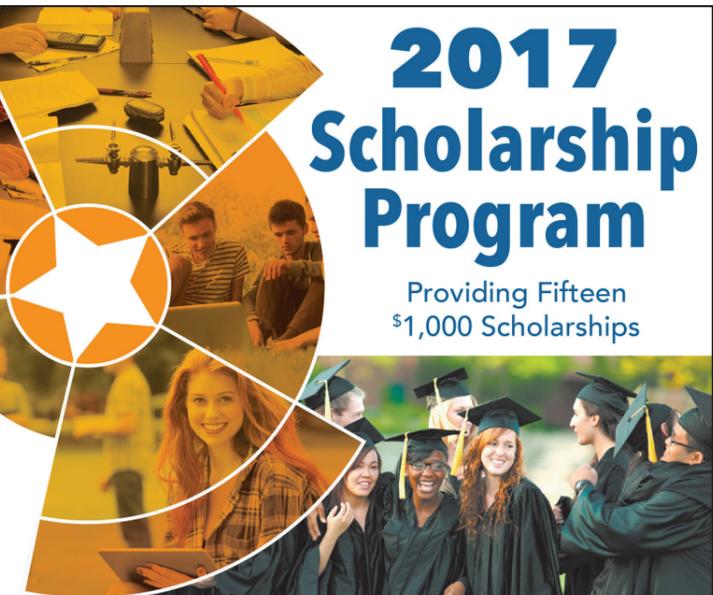
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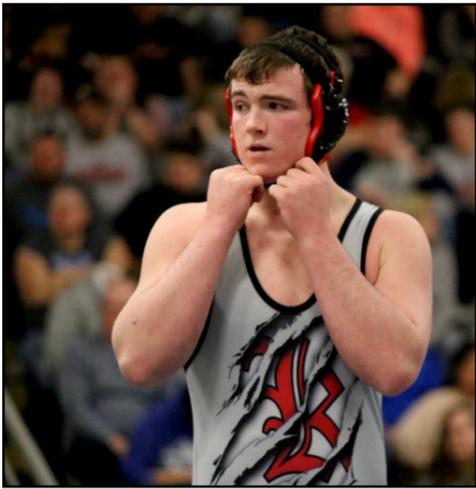


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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Three Knightstown Wrestlers Recognized for Academics



Knightstown wrestlers Garrett Thomas (above), Michael Weiland (below left) and Jon Simmons (below right) were recognized for academic achievements recently. (Photos by Mika Baker, courtesy of the Knightstown Yearbook staff)

Three Knightstown wrestlers were recently recognized by the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association (IHSWCA) for their academic success.

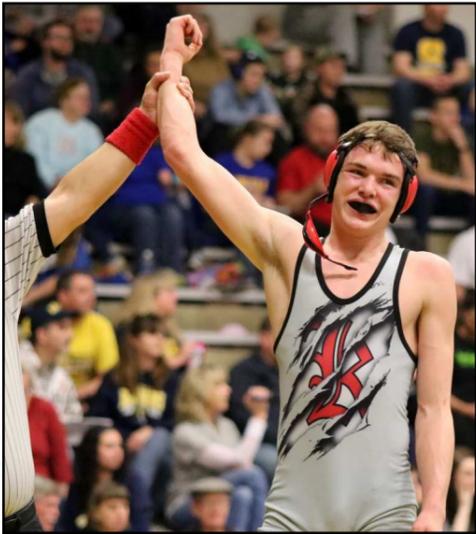
Junior Garrett Thomas, who went to semistate this year and finished with a 35-5 record this year, was named first team Academic All-State.

Thomas is the son of Joe and Christy Thomas of Knightstown. Besides wrestling, he is also on the football and track teams and participates in 4H, History Club, French Club and FCA. He plans to continue his education after high school to study physical therapy.

"Wrestling has taught me a lot of things, taught me never to give up, always work hard, and how to be responsible as an athlete and a student," said Thomas. "The coaches teach us how to be a great person when we grow up, and how to be a responsible adult in life."

Jon Simmons, also a junior, made the honorable mention academic team. He went to semistate this year as well, finishing with a 34-6 record. He's the son of Matt Simmons and Jill Plank of Shirley. He also play football and plans to pursue a career as an emergency medical technician (EMT) following graduation from high school. Simmons said, "The best wrestling experience ever was beating Tri High last year to win county for the team."

Michael Weiland is also a junior and the son of Jeff and Ann Weiland of Knightstown. He went to regionals this year and finished there with a season record of 18-21. Weiland said wrestling is a "fun experience" but he especially excels at cross country and is a member of the National Honor Society.



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## Panthers Get Back-to-Back Wins

Knightstown's boys basketball team fell to Greenfield-Central and North Decatur before getting back-to-back wins over Southwestern Shelby and Waldron recently.

On Feb. 9, the Panthers were at home against the Cougars where they fell 42-47.

Knightstown led throughout the first half, going up 11-8 after the first quarter and taking a 20-16 lead into halftime. Despite a slow third quarter where they were outscored 8-12, the Panthers and Cougars were tied at 28 after three quarters. But, Greenfield came up strong in the final quarter, outpacing Knightstown 19-14 in the final minutes to get the win.

Daniel Rayburn led the Panthers with 11 points and five rebounds.

Trevor Cook scored five points while Jose Olivo led the team on the boards with eight rebounds to go along with his two points, four assists and three steals.

Dylan Hiner hit a bucket and had three rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Chase Burton also scored two points with one assist.

Tucker Personett grabbed four rebounds and made an assist and Lane Parker added an assist.

On Feb. 11, the Panthers traveled to North Decatur where they were trounced by the Chargers 72-45.

Knightstown fell behind 7-10 after the first quarter before both teams shot lights out in the second quarter. The Panthers' second quarter performance was nearly as much as the other three quarters combined. They scored 21 in the second but North Decatur had its best quarter too with 28 to take a 38-28 halftime lead.

The Panthers scored just eight points in the third quarter and nine in the fourth while the Chargers kept up the scoring onslaught with 15 and 19 in the last two quarters to get the easy win.

Rayburn again led the Panthers with 16 points, five rebounds,

three assists and two steals.

Dylan Hiner came up big with 14 points, three rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Personett scored six points and had one rebound, one assist and two steals.

Cook knocked down two field goals, Burton hit 3-pointer and Matt Kemerly was good for one bucket. Burton, Cook, Kemerly and Jack Fort each got a rebound too.

Olivo again led the team on the boards with seven rebounds and added three assists.

The Panthers got a morale boost on Feb. 14 with their second win of the season against Southwestern Shelby, prevailing at home 45-44.

Knightstown led 18-17 at half-time but Southwestern outpaced them 12-10 in the third to take the lead 39-38. But the Panthers came up big in the fourth quarter with 17 points to edge out the Spartans for the win.

Rayburn had his highest-scoring game of the year with 23 points and added five rebounds and three assists.

Hiner posted another solid game with 14 points, seven rebounds and two assists.

Personett hit one 3-pointer and pulled down seven rebounds.

Chase Burton also scored three points and got a rebound and an assist.

Lane Parker hit one field goal with three rebounds and two assists.

Dallas Edwards pulled down five rebounds and made three assists while Olivo also had five rebounds with one assist.

Kemerly and Austin Campton each grabbed one rebound.

The Panthers followed their win over Southwestern with another win at home Feb. 17 against Waldron. Knightstown scored its highest point total of the year, by far, with a 76-62 win over the Mohawks.

The Panthers came out strong

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## EH Coach Spaulding Gets His 200th Win

Eastern Hancock head coach Aaron Spaulding logged his 200th career win against Blue River Valley Feb. 14 when the Royals edged out the Vikings 60-57 at home.

Spaulding, who also serves as Eastern Hancock schools' athletic director, has been the boys head coach for 18 seasons, since 1999, with a total record at EH of 200-196.

In the game against Blue River, the Royals started strong as they often do, taking a 16-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Vikings got their offense going in the second quarter, outpacing the Royals 16-12 to tighten up the score to 28-24 with EH taking the lead into the locker room.

The Royals came out of the break and played two solid quarters in the second half, outscoring the Vikings 16-13 in the third and holding off a fourth quarter rally by BRV to get the 60-57 victory.

Addison True continued his explosive play with 21 points, nine rebounds, four assists, six steals, one block and five deflections.

Duncan Cherry posted 10 points, two rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Tyler Blattner had eight points and one assist while Brycen Napier returned to action to give the team seven points, five steals, five deflections, one rebound, three assists and a rebound. He also took one charge.

A.J. Muegge hit two field goals and a free throw and grabbed a rebound and a steal.

Jacob Eischen also sank to buckets and pulled down six rebounds.

Tyler Castle drained a 3-pointer and had two rebounds, one assist and one block.

Peyton Gray added a bucket and one rebound.

The victory put Spaulding's Royals at 12-8 on the year.

## Eastern Hancock Boys Trounce Tri 60-36

Eastern Hancock boys basketball team blew out Tri 60-36 in their Feb. 2 matchup.

The Royals turned a 16-10 first quarter lead into a 37-19 lead by halftime. Eastern's offense quieted down in the second half but Tri never could get anything going offensively and the Royals outscored them 23-17 in the last half to seal the victory.

Addison True led the effort for the Royals with 26 points, nine rebounds, three assists, three steals, a block and two deflections.

Brycen Napier finished with 12 points, three rebounds, four assists, two steals and six deflections.

Duncan Cherry had 11 points, three rebounds, three assists and one deflection.

Jacob Eischen hit two field goals and got two rebounds, four steals and one block.

A.J. Muegge scored three

points and had six rebounds and one assist.

Tyler Blattner knocked down one bucket and got one rebound, one steal and one deflection.

Luke Splater also scored two points while Tyler Castle pulled down six rebounds.

For the Titans, Mason Phelps led the way with eight points, five rebounds, two assists, one block and one deflection.

Alex Melton scored seven points and had six rebounds, one assist, two steals and a deflection.

David O'Neill also scored seven points with one assist and a steal.

Kyler Burchett had six points, two rebounds and two steals.

Carson Cox got five points, two rebounds, one steal and two charges.

Seth Butler scored three points and grabbed four rebounds while Austin Stroud also pulled in four

rebounds with one assist and one charge.

Following the win, the Royals improve to 10-6 while the loss dropped the Titans' season record to 6-11.

## Royals Get Big Win Over N. Decatur

Following a 43-52 loss to Lapel on Feb. 4, Eastern Hancock's boys basketball team bounced back in a big way in their next game.

Despite their second highest scorer Bryce Napier not playing, the Royals posted their third-highest point total of the season Feb. 7 at Triton Central where they defeated the Tigers 76-75.

Eastern Hancock was on fire from the start, taking a 23-15 lead after the first. But, the Tiger put the squeeze on the Royals in the second quarter while cranking up its own offense to take a 39-33 halftime lead.

The Royals retook the lead in the third, outscoring the Tigers 22-13 to go up 55-52. The two teams traded baskets throughout the final period with the Tigers putting up 23 points while the Panthers hung tough with 21 points to get the one-point win.

Addison True led the Royals with 22 points, eight rebounds, six assists, four steals and four deflections.

True was aided by 19 points by both Tyler Blattner and Duncan Cherry, who combined for eight of the 11 Royal 3-pointers. Blattner also had five rebounds and one steal while Cherry got a rebound, an assist and two deflections.

A.J. Muegge finished with nine points, five rebounds, four assists and one steal. Jacob Eischen had seven points, five rebounds, four assists, one steal and two deflections. Tyler Castle added one rebound and one charge.

The win pushed up the Royals' season record to 11-7.

## Titans Fall to Northeastern, Seton

After their loss on the road to Eastern Hancock Feb. 2, a long break was not kind to Tri's varsity boys basketball team. The Titans suffered a 43-83 loss to Northeastern on Feb. 11 and fell 49-62 to Seton Catholic on Feb. 14, both on the road.

In their matchup against Northeastern, a super slow start doomed the Titans. The Knights took a commanding 19-4 lead at

the end of the first quarter and stretched that out to a 34-17 lead by halftime.

Northeastern's offense was on fire in the second half. They outscored the Titans 26-12 in the third quarter and 23-14 in fourth quarter to get the huge 40-point win.

David O'Neill led the Titans with 13 points, four rebounds, two

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## Boys Basketball Sectionals Start Feb. 28

### Sectional 42 at Triton Central (class 2A)

Knightstown and Eastern Hancock will be joined by Shenandoah, Irvington Preparatory Academy, Indianapolis Howe and host school Triton Central for class 2A sectional 42 of the state tourney next week.

The Royals will take on Irvington Prep in the first game of the sectional Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m.

The second game of the first round follows about 7:30 p.m. when class 2A's sixth-ranked team, Indianapolis Howe, faces Triton Central.

Class 2A's 11th-ranked Shenandoah will enjoy a first round bye as they wait to compete against the winner of the Eastern Hancock and Irvington Prep game in a semifinal game on Friday, Mar. 3 at 6 p.m.

Knightstown also received a first round bye and will take on the winner of the Howe/Triton Central game in the second semifinal game following the first at 7:30 p.m. Mar. 3. The winners of the two semifinal games fight for the sectional title Saturday evening, Mar. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

### Sectional 56 at Blue River Valley (class 1A)

Tri will travel to Blue River Valley along with Union (Modoc), Randolph Southern, Union City and Seton Catholic for class 1A sectional 56 next Tuesday.

Union and Randolph Southern face-off in the first game of the opening round Feb. 28 at 6 p.m.

Tri then takes on the host school at 7:30 p.m. in the second game of the first round.

Union City, who has a first round bye, plays the winner of the Union and Randolph Southern game on in the first semifinal game Friday, Mar. 3 at 6 p.m.

Seton Catholic also has a first round bye and faces the winner of the Tri and Blue River game in the second semifinal game at 7:30 p.m.

The winners of the two semifinal games fight for the sectional title Saturday evening, Mar. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Shirley Civil Town, Hancock County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2016

	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash & Inv. Bal. Jan. 1, 2016	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv. Bal. Dec. 31, 2016
Governmental Activities	101	GENERAL FUND	\$8,497.99	\$445,554.79	\$440,889.31	\$13,163.47
	102	LEVY EXCESS	\$697.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$697.38
	201	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$112,000.22	\$55,412.94	\$68,218.30	\$99,194.86
	202	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$47,419.08	\$10,550.02	\$3,400.00	\$54,569.10
	232	POLICE GRANT FUND	\$11,187.00	\$4,000.00	\$15,187.00	\$0.00
	233	LOCAL LAW ENF. CONT. ED.	\$481.48	\$2,966.42	\$1,410.16	\$2,037.74
	235	CANINE FUND	\$2,904.74	\$12,432.00	\$7,322.77	\$8,013.97
	242	RIVERBOARD	\$35,271.34	\$4,916.68	\$12,504.45	\$27,683.57
	245	RAINY DAY	\$9,167.66	\$15,828.59	\$0.00	\$24,996.25
	257	SEA 67 SPECIAL LOIT DIST.	\$0.00	\$47,485.75	\$0.00	\$47,485.75
	301	PUBLIC SAFETY LOIT	\$30,577.45	\$39,387.00	\$28,650.07	\$41,314.38
	401	CUM. CAP. IMP. - CIG. TAX	\$2,084.74	\$3,234.48	\$0.00	\$5,319.22
	402	CUM. CAP. DEVELOPMENT	\$14,697.77	\$2,476.05	\$500.68	\$16,673.14
	444	COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV. INCOME TAX (CEDIT)	\$22,214.44	\$14,998.00	\$0.00	\$37,212.44
Wastewater Utility	445	DONATION - HANCOCK CO. COMM. FOUNDATION	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,821.73	\$5,178.27
	605	WATER UTILITY RESERVE	\$6,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,400.00
	806	PAYROLL	\$1,900.26	\$284,923.24	\$283,900.59	\$2,922.91
	606	SEWAGE UTILITY OPERATING	\$32,536.31	\$173,115.65	\$109,370.51	\$96,281.45
	607	SEWAGE UTL. BOND & INT.	\$7,609.44	\$291,498.21	\$30,333.50	\$268,774.15
	608	SEWAGE UTL. DEPRECIATION	\$127,487.07	\$80.13	\$0.00	\$127,567.20
	609	SEWAGE UTL. CONST.	\$27,077.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,077.55
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	612	WW SRF DEBT SERVICE	\$352,654.53	\$21.86	\$317,498.49	\$35,177.90
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## Panthers, from Page 8

to take a 23-12 first quarter lead. KHS put 24 more on the board in the second quarter to go up 47-27 at halftime.

Knightstown lost some of their first half momentum in the second half, getting outscored in third and fourth quarters. But, their built-up first half lead carried them to the win.

Several Panthers had huge games against the Mohawks. Rayburn led KHS with 22 points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Hiner had big night with 20 points, four rebounds

and two assists.

Burton finished with 13 points, two rebounds, two assists and four steals and Personett scored nine points.

Olivo dominated on the board with 15 rebounds and added six points, three assists and two steals.

Cook posted four points and four rebounds while Parker hit a field goal and got two rebounds.

Kemerly added three rebounds.

The recent action moved the Panthers' season record to 3-17.

## Titans, from Page 9

assists, one steal and one deflection.

Gage Rowe finished with seven points, two rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Alex Melton sank three field goals for six points and led the Titans on the board with seven rebounds. He also made one assist.

Masen Phelps had five points, two rebounds and a block. Carson Cox got four points and six rebounds.

Bradyn Ellis also scored four points and grabbed two rebounds and one steal. Zach Smith hit a 3-pointer and got a rebound, one assist, one steal and a deflection.

Elijah Davis was good on one free throw and had a rebound.

Eric Bilby got four rebounds, one assist and a block.

Austin Stroud grabbed two

rebounds and made one deflection.

Kyler Burchett had two rebounds, one assist and one steal and Seth Butler added one block.

In their Feb. 14 game against Seton Catholic, the Titans posted a solid first half effort with 27 points. But, the Cardinals' second quarter performance put them in control of the game with a 34-27 lead.

Seton put 10 more on the board in the third while Tri added nine points to put the score at 44-36. The Cardinals finished strong with 18 points in the final period and held the Titans to 13 points to get the 62-49 win.

Phelps led the Titans with 12 points, five rebounds, two assists, one steal, four blocks and one deflection.

O'Neill finished with 10 points,

three rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Melton gave a strong effort for the Titans with eight points and eight rebounds.

Cox dominated the boards with 12 rebounds and added six points, one assist, one deflection and two charges.

Stroud also scored six points and had three rebound and four assists.

Nick Wilson had four points, two rebounds, three assists and two deflections.

Burchett drained a 3-pointer and made one deflection.

Rowe had an assist and one deflection while Smith stole the ball once and Davis made one block.

The two losses dropped the Titans to 6-13 on the season.

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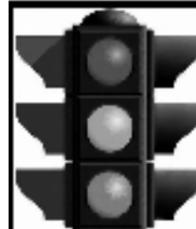
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## Appeals Court, from Page 1

claim notices are required for nuisance claims, it said that since it determined Wainscott's letter to the town qualified as a legally sufficient notice of tort claim, the lower court's ruling favoring Wainscott on this count was correct.

Last week's Court of Appeals ruling was not a total loss for the town. The justices did reverse the lower court's summary judgment ruling for Wainscott on his breach of contract claim.

Wainscott's lawsuit alleges Clyde South, president of the Knightstown Town Council at the time, had told him during the council's April 18, 2013, meeting that the town would fix any damage caused to his building by the demolition. The lower court said there was a "question of fact" as to whether there was a valid contract and whether South had authority to bind the town by his comments, making summary judgment on that count improper.

The Court of Appeals determined that, as a matter of law, Wainscott could not show that all of the elements of legally enforceable contract were present.

"The only evidence of an alleged contract is South's statement, which is memorialized in the minutes of the town council meeting, that 'if the town did anything to cause damage to his building, that we would fix the problem,'" Barnes wrote. "This vague statement simply cannot establish the necessary elements of a contract. There is no indication that Wainscott accepted the alleged offer, no evidence of a meeting of the minds of the terms of the contract, and no evidence of consideration. As a result, we conclude that the trial court erred when it denied the town's motion for summary judgment on Wainscott's breach of contract claim."

The Banner reached out to legal counsel for Wainscott and the town for comment on last week's ruling. The town's attorney declined to comment, but Fred Emhart, one of Wainscott's lawyers, did respond.

"As soon as the appellate process is over, which hopefully will be within weeks, we intend to work hard to seek justice for our client," Emhart said. "It is a shame that the Old Lodge has been damaged by the demolition project next door. We intend to seek all relief necessary to make this beautiful Knightstown building habitable again."

If unhappy with any part of the Court of Appeals ruling, the parties have 30 days from last Thursday to either ask the Court of Appeals for a rehearing, or to petition the Indiana Supreme Court to grant transfer and review the case. If rehearing is sought first, the parties would also have another 30 days to file a petition for transfer after a ruling is issued on the rehearing request.

council's resolution, if it passes one, can also be to reject the plan or propose further changes.

Should the council reject the revised plan or propose amendments to it, the plan, along with a written statement of the reasons for its rejection or amendment, will be returned to the Knightstown Plan Commission for further consideration. The plan commission would then have 60 days to consider the matter and file a follow-up report with the town council.

If the plan commission approves any amendments proposed by the town council, the revised comprehensive plan, as amended, will become final. Should the plan commission disapprove of the town council's rejection or amendment of the plan, the town council's action will become final only upon passage of another resolution to that effect by the town council. The town council's action in rejecting or amending the plan would also become final if the plan commission were to fail to file a report with the town council within 60 days, or any extension of time granted by the council.

Copies of a draft of the revised comprehensive plan are on file at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., and the Knightstown Public Library, and are available for inspection and copying during normal business hours. A copy is also available on The Banner's website, www.thebanneronline.com.

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if passed, we would know the number of children being served by private- and government-funded pre-K. At that point, legislators would be able to make a more informed decision.

## Connections, from Page 3

a tool for education, preparing students for success after graduation. Studies have shown that 74 percent of teachers say that technology motivates students to learn, while 73 percent claim technology helps them (teachers) respond to a variety of learning styles. Teachers at INCA are able to work with individual students to build their education around their learning styles and needs.

"The goal is to prepare our students for their professional lives after graduation," said Melissa Brown, principal at Indiana Connections Academy. "Our online model allows students to use technology as a tool to learn and work similarly to how many professionals are currently doing in their careers."

Students attending the schools login to their computers from the comfort of their home, to par-

## Delay, from Page 1

"I have some concerns," Council President Sarah Ward said of the plan. Besides missing periods and apostrophes, she expressed concerns about other needed corrections and pointed out that identifying information for two members of a steering committee that worked over several months making proposed revisions to the plan appeared to be switched.

Kevin Knott, the council's vice president, suggested the council set a deadline of March 9 for a corrected copy of the proposed revised plan to be sent to council members, with a vote planned for the

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participate in online classes and meet with teachers and their peers. The flexible learning model allows students to complete assignments wherever they have an Internet connection and during times that work best for their schedule.

"This learning model best reflects the flexibility in workplaces today," said Brown. "Our students' work environment closely resembles many work-from-home models we are seeing more frequently around the world. This environment encourages our students to learn more about responsibility for their work, how to manage their time and how to effectively communicate when they need support."

To learn more about virtual education, visit INCA at www.indianconnectionsacademy.com.

council's March 16 monthly meeting. Council member Mitch Roland joined Knott and Ward for a 3-0 vote passing a motion to that effect; council members Valerie Trump and Roger Hammer were absent.

"It's going to take more than that motion to get this done," Ward said after the vote. "... I'm tired of it."

When it takes this matter up again at the March 16 meeting, the council will not be obligated to approve the revised plan in its present form. In fact, state statute says that besides approving the plan, the

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## Upcoming

# Events

### Balance Clinic Screening March 16



The Balance Clinic at HealthRidge emphasizes practical strategies to improve balance, reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels. A free Balance Screening on March 16 at HealthRidge can assess your balance and fall risk and evaluate who can participate in the next Clinic that begins April 10. While the screening is free, the eight-week Clinic is \$75 and no insurance is filed. Contact HealthRidge at 521.1216 to register for the free screening.

### Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Is March 9

Henry Community Health, ICAP Women's Clinic and IU Health Ball Cancer Center at Forest Ridge are sponsoring free breast and cervical cancer screenings Thursday, March 9 at the Cancer Center.

- If you are between the ages of 21 & 64.
- If you are uninsured or underinsured.
- If you have not had a pap test in the last 12 months or a total hysterectomy.
- You are eligible to participate in this event which will be held from 5:30 to 7 pm.

### APPOINTMENTS ARE LIMITED Call for your appointment or information 529.4403

If you are unable to keep your appointment, please call to cancel. The free screening includes a pap test, HPV for those who are eligible, and a clinical breast exam.

## AFFAIRS OF THE HEART

### Ready - Set - GO RED!

The doors will open at 5 pm for the 9th Annual Affairs of the Heart sponsored by Henry Community Health and St. Vincent Heart Center Thursday, February 23 at First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Everyone is invited to the Women's Fair that will be jam-packed with both familiar and new vendors. Be sure to collect your Affairs of the Heart shoulder bag distributed by members of Altrusa Club of New Castle to carry all your treats.

### What's In Store?

Of course there will be health screenings and educational offerings as well as products and volunteer opportunities from many area women entrepreneurs and non-profit organizations. And, you won't want to miss what's available in the Fellowship Hall. Temptations, Noble Roman's, Glen Oaks and Stonebrook will have snack samples to enjoy while you watch demonstrations by Henry County YMCA and musical entertainment by Soundstorm DJ Diane Hess.

### Pay It Forward: Food Drive for Local Pantries

Entrance is free, but the steering committee is asking attendees to bring something with them to share with area food pantries.

Paper goods, toiletries and all hygiene products along with soaps and detergents of all types, always are needed along with traditional food items. God's Grain Bin and Christian Love Help Center will be on hand to take your generous donations.

### Guest Speakers Announced

Head into the sanctuary at 6:30 pm for the final segment where our guest speakers will be Cindy Gerritsen and Susan Julian.

Cindy Gerritsen is an RN and Certified Diabetes Educator. She works at St. Vincent Heart Center, Indianapolis, and has been working with cardiac



patients for more than 30 years. The mother of two and a grandmother is passionate about helping people learn all they can about diabetes and heart disease.

Since people with diabetes are more likely to develop heart disease, good control of their diabetes is essential. And just as important is the need for people at risk of diabetes to be tested as many people are unaware of their condition and undiagnosed. Some of the risk factors for diabetes or prediabetes are age, weight and family history.

Susan Julian is a Certified Nurse Practitioner with 30 years' experience as an RN. She recently completed courses at the Institute of Functional Medicine and soon will receive her certification from there. Susan's studies concentrated on the functional medicine approach that is more systems oriented and engages both patient and practitioner in a therapeutic partnership.



Functional medicine shifts from a traditional disease-centered focus to a more patient-centered approach looking at interactions among genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors that

can influence long-term health and chronic disease. Susan is very passionate about helping people who want to maintain wellness and prevent illness as well as helping those who are not well to regain wholeness.

### Lots of Door Prizes and an Evening Well Spent

More than 100 door prizes will be given away before, during and after the guest speakers all provided by the sponsors and vendors. Assisting with steering committee duties are:

Leslie Cowan, Kris Larson and Ricci Atchison,  
Henry Community Health;

Diane Hess,  
HCH Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation;  
Sherry Jones, Donna Peavler and Carri Stigall,  
Henry Community Health Medical Group;

Cathy Kendall,  
Henry County Heart Society;  
Kimberly Kilgore and Brittany Riggs,  
Henry County United Fund;

Beverly Matthews and Michelle Leonard,  
Henry County Community Foundation;  
Misty Swain,  
Stonebrooke Rehabilitation Center and Suites;

Christy Whipple, Studio C Marketing;  
Kelsay Smith, Henry County YMCA;  
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and Lisa Pittman, NASH-FM 102.5.

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