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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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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 hcfarmers-market@gmail.com or send a text message to 765-610-7527.

Mays Community Academy Enrolling

Mays Community Academy, 929 E. South St., Mays, is hosting open enrollment through Friday, March 24. The academy invites parents to visit the MCA campus to enroll students in grades K-6 for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information, call 765-645-5577 or visit www.mayscommunityacademy.com.

3-on-3 Basketball Leagues Forming

Carthage Community Church, 511 E. 2nd St., is organizing adult (18 and over) and youth 3-on-3 basketball leagues, which will play Sundays 2-4 p.m. throughout March. A championship will be held on Sunday, March 26. Cost is \$15 per team. Coed teams are welcome. Half-court games will be played in the church gymnasium, and teams must agree to rules of conduct. For more information, see Carthage Community Sports on Facebook.

Tri Elementary Enrolling April 24-25

Tri Elementary School will host kindergarten enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year Monday and Tuesday, April 24-25. Call the school at 765-987-7090, ext. 301, to register or to get more information.

Knightstown COC Hosting Event

The Knightstown Chamber of Commerce is holding a Business After Hours event at Citizens State Bank, 475 N. McCullum St., Knightstown, on Thursday, March 9, from 5:45-7 p.m. This event is open to all who might be interested in small business development. Those who are planning to attend must RSVP by March 6 to info@knightstown-chamber.org, or call Kevin Richey at 765-455-2328.

Town Taking Bids on New UV System at Wastewater Treatment Facility

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

While the town of Knightstown is still working to shore up financing for a major wastewater utility improvement project that is expected to cost over \$5 million, one costly repair at the town's sewer plant will not wait.

Dan Wright, an engineer with FPBH Inc., the North Vernon-based firm working with the town on the project, told Knightstown Town Council members at their Feb. 16 monthly meeting that the ultraviolet (UV) disinfecting system at the sewer plant - equipment that is used during warmer weather and that he said should normally be ready for use by early April - needs to be replaced.

While the UV system may be able to be repaired for about \$20,000, Wright said the equipment would not be compatible with improvements planned for the sewer plant as part of the project. He recommended the council go ahead and approve spending about \$100,000 to buy a new UV system that would be compatible, noting that the purchase would decrease the total project cost.

Council President Sarah Ward said she thought that "certainly seems the smarter way to go." Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman agreed.

"It's a gamble," Huffman said, "... but we're in a lose-lose situation almost." She said the town doesn't want to risk having costly fines levied against it by the state as a result of not having a properly functioning UV system at the sewer plant.

Wright told the council that he would like to have permission to advertise for bids for a new UV disinfecting system, and the council, with two members absent, voted 3-0 to approve his request. He said his hope would be to have bids returned in time for the council to select one at its March 16 meeting.

Because the new equipment would be unlikely to be installed and operational by the first of April, Wright said he would contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to request a little more time. He said he hoped everything would be finished by mid-April and that he

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Barnlight



Mild February weather has allowed several area farmers to move equipment and plow fields ahead of spring planting. Monday evening saw some activity at this farm, located near Kennard.

CAB School Board Receives Several Bids for Roof Repairs and New Baseball Field

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board has received bids for construction of a baseball diamond at Knightstown High School and roof repairs at Knightstown Elementary School, and is expected to select successful bidders at its March 21 meeting.

Martin Truesdell of Stair Associates, a Carmel-based engineering and architectural firm working with CAB on these projects, went over the bids at the school board's Feb. 21 monthly meeting. Five companies submitted bids for the KES roof work and there were three bidders for the KHS baseball diamond.

Brown's Roofing submitted the lowest bid for the work at KES, with their bid for the large portion constituting Area #1 being \$269,120. The other four bids for this area ranged from \$322,500 to \$464,000.

A second, smaller portion of the roof designated Area #2 received a bid of \$66,869 from Brown's, while the other company's bids were \$109,200 to \$128,000. Truesdell told the board that he thought CAB could forgo this work on the roof of the school's east wing for at least another five years "with minimal problems."

As for the KHS ball diamond, Newkirk Construction, a local company, had the lowest base bid at \$455,407.60, with the other two, Myers Construction Management and Runnebohm Construction, coming in at \$487,000 and \$514,600, respectively. While all three also submitted alternative bids that included installation of irrigation and field

subdrainage systems, Truesdell said, based on the school's experience with its softball diamond, he didn't think the subdrainage system would be needed.

Even with the addition of the irrigation system, Newkirk still had the lowest bid at \$482,907. Myers' bid with the irrigation system included was \$515,000, while Runnebohm's was \$536,100.

After going over the bids, Truesdell told the board his recommendation would be to go with Brown's for the KES roof work and Newkirk for the KHS ball diamond. However, he said there was a caveat with respect to both vendors.

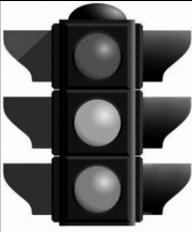
Truesdell said that a result of a law passed in 2015, contractors for projects like these now have to receive a "prequalification" certification from the state. Neither Brown's nor Newkirk, he said, had received this approval yet, but both have submitted paperwork to the state and he added that he expects the state to approve them.

Acting on a recommendation from Truesdell, the board voted to table the bids until the board's March 21 meeting to give Brown's and Newkirk time to get their prequalification certification from the state. Truesdell said it is hoped that work on the KES roof will begin in June, and that the KHS ball diamond work is commenced in time for spring and fall growing seasons, with the diamond ready for play in the spring of 2018.

These two projects are being paid for with the proceeds of a \$1.1 million bond issue the school board approved last fall that will be paid back over three

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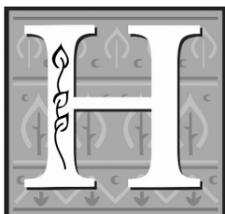
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OBITUARIES

James E. Richmond
 November 9, 1959 - February 25, 2017



James E. Richmond, 57, of Carthage, passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, at Hancock Regional Hospital. He was born Nov. 9, 1959, in Rushville to Bobby and Mertie (Dyer) Richmond.

James was a great woodworker and framer and had helped build many houses. He enjoyed NASCAR, George Jones, westerns, riding around town, Dallas Cowboys, but mostly spending time with his family and friends. James had worked at Richardson Lumber for many years. He later worked at Trautmann Hardwoods.

He is survived by his mother, Mertie Richmond of Carthage; five siblings, Rayburn Richmond of Carthage, Marketta (Ron) Richmond-Humes of Spiceland, Brenda Richmond of Woodville, Ohio, Shelle Richmond of Carthage and Joe (Jeri) Richmond of Carthage; five nieces and nephews, Brittney Schroeder, Joni Lawson, Anna Richmond, Robert Richmond and Bobby Richmond; three great-nieces, Khloe Schroeder, Ellie Lawson and Mallorie Graham; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Richmond.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Rev. Gene Bennett officiating. Burial will follow in Carthage Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Liver Foundation, 39 Broadway, Ste. 2700, New York, NY 10006 or with envelopes available at the funeral home. Condolences and memories of James may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Mary E. Miller
 Nov. 10, 1921 - Feb. 21, 2017



Mary E. Miller, 95, of Greenfield, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017 at Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation. She was born Nov. 10, 1921, in Greenfield the daughter of Charles L. and Rose Ann (Michaels) Andis.

Mary had lived in the Carthage area from the age of 17. She had been employed at Original Tractor Cab in Arlington and retired from Indiana Knitwear in Greenfield in 1983. She had been a member of Fletcher United Methodist Church in Carthage. Mary especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by three children, Gary (Carole) Miller of Greenfield, Carolyn "Sis" (Dick) Bonne of Greenfield and Dave Miller (Cathie Ream) of Carthage; nine grandchildren, John (Michelle) Miller, Melissa (Todd) Reynolds, Jama (Jim) Buttler, Dusty (Lena) Miller, Charmi (Marc) Bundy, Mike (Teresa) Bonne, David (Crystal) Bonne, Cindy (Eric) Lynch and Jess Miller; 21 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Miller; a son, Joe Miller; an infant daughter, Mary Ann Miller; a great-granddaughter, Brooke Buttler; a daughter-in-law, Verna Miller; four brothers, Wilbur, Earl, Ralph and Jesse Andis; and three sisters, Ada McCarter, Marie Katherman and Bess Mertz.

Visitation was Feb. 26 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. The funeral was Feb. 27 at the funeral home with Revs. David Bonne and Todd Reynolds officiating. Burial followed in Walnut Ridge Cemetery. Condolences and memories of Mary may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

John Joseph Butler
 February 20, 1943 - February 10, 2017

John Joseph Butler, 73, of Knightstown, passed away Feb. 10, 2017. John was born in Painesville, Ohio, on Feb. 20, 1943. At 19, John joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He became a launch and recovery technician and served from Feb. 1962 until Feb.



1968. He later became chief of security for Warren Township schools. He married Jean Michelle Denison on Dec. 8, 1962.

John was preceded in death by his father, John R. Butler.

He is survived by his wife, Jean of Knightstown; his mother, Beatrice Butler Hancock; three children, John R. (Angie) Butler, Joel L. (Melissa) Butler and Jeffrey A. (Steve) Butler; three grandchildren, Kaylie Jean, Nicholas Lawton and Andrew Joseph; a great-grandson, Ethan Riley; his brother, Richard (Shirley) Butler; and a sister, Judy (Penny) Davenport.

John will be dearly missed by family and friends.

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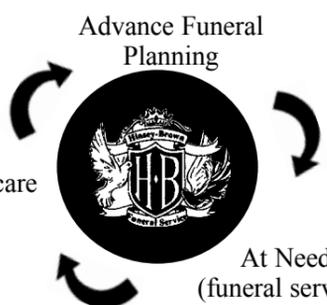
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Local Schools See Slight Drop in Recent Enrollment

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The number of students in the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. continues to decline, with the district's enrollment experiencing a little more than a 2-percent drop since the official count taken earlier this school year.

Superintendent Jed Behny told CAB School Board members at their Feb. 21 monthly meeting that CAB's second official student count - its average daily membership (ADM) - taken in early February, was 1,111 students, a decrease of 27 from the first count taken in September. He said there had actually been more than 70 students withdraw from CAB since the start of the school year - which he called "a huge number" for a district this size - but those losses were offset by over 50 new

enrollments.

Behny said it's important to try to understand why students leave CAB, and told the board that there are three basic categories in which the departures can be placed: those who leave because they prefer another district over CAB; those who move due to economic reasons; and social issues that may, for example, include child custody changes.

While the first category

accounted for most of the student losses four years ago, Behny told the board that less than 10 of those who left CAB this year did so for this reason. Instead, he said a "significant majority" of the withdrawals this school year were due to a variety of social issues, with economic reasons accounting for about 20 of the departures.

"This data is certainly not exact," Behny said. "... It changes

almost daily." To illustrate his point, he noted that as of the end of that day, CAB had five more students enrolled than it had on the count day earlier that month.

To address the problem of

diminishing enrollment, Behny told the board that CAB needs "to improve in the areas that we control." Minimizing enrollment losses, he said, is important for

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SAT, ACT Practice Tests Scheduled

New Castle-Henry County Public Library is offering free practice SAT and ACT tests to area students. The SAT practice test will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, and the ACT practice test will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, March 18.

These practice test feature the redesigned SAT and ACT format, and tests will be returned to Princeton Review. Princeton Review will prepare a free diagnostics report for each student. Registration is required for the practice tests. To register, visit www.nchcpl.org, and go to the Events tab. Contact Krystal Stanich at 765-575-4557 for more information.

EH Athletic Boosters Hosting Annual 3-on-3 Tournament

The Eastern Hancock Athletic Boosters will hold their annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Eastern Hancock schools on Saturday, March 18.

There will be five divisions of play each for boys and girls. There will also be A and B open divisions for those under age 35 and for those 35 and older.

Early registrations are due by March 12. Space permitting, registrations will also be accepted from 9-10 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information, including an entry form, visit the school websites at www.ehathletics.org or www.ehhoops.org, or contact Greg Hall at gghall58@gmail.com.

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Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, any individual interested in attending the hearing pertaining to the above described determination, should contact the Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer at 765-345-5977 and advise what, if any, accommodation is needed to enable an interested person to attend this public hearing.

This notice by way of publication is intended to inform the entity known as the Comain XIII Tax Lien Fund LLC, as recorded owner of the subject real estate, of the conduct of said hearing and the issues to be determined thereat. Interested persons desiring to present their views upon the proposal, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. Said hearing may be continued from time to time as may be necessary.

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If You Have to Ask, You'll Never Know ...

"Oh Casey would waltz with a strawberry blond

And the band played on ... His brain was so loaded, it nearly exploded ..." - a song from the 1890s

I don't know which is worse: to stare at my computer screen's tabula rasa (blank slate), trying to dredge up a topic or to have too many ideas.

My brain is so overloaded with possibilities that it's boggled. I shall continue some columns and write others about subjects that have recently popped up.

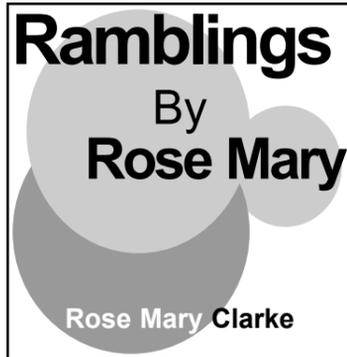
Fortunately, my dear publishers don't seem to mind when I bounce back and forth between topics. Life's journey frequently diverges into interesting memories or byways that pop up around each bend in the road.

During recent years, rapid, quantum changes have occurred in the way Americans live because of the Internet, social media and fancy telephones. It strikes me that many people are withdrawing into cocoons of virtual reality, rather than face-to-face contact and direct involvement outside their homes.

Facebook, the wonderful telephones and i-pads enable people to keep in touch and send photos of their activities through cyber space with the flick of a finger. You're never too old to learn. If you know how to type, buy a laptop and

install e-mail. It's easy, and it helps you keep in touch with friends and relatives.

I use the word processor for writing and the Internet for research, banking, making hotel reservations, etc. In addition to books, I have bought bras and many Christmas presents through



Amazon, and my annual fee for Amazon Prime includes free postage and delivery in 48 hours.

One of my grandsons and his wife gave me an i-pad for Christmas and dragged me more deeply into modern technology. I'm still exploring its many possibilities, such as FaceTime where we can see and hear Chris, Tasha and my baby great-granddaughter. I even pulled up pictures of hotels where we stayed in Paris. They set up a Scrabble game that I play with various people, which threatens to become addictive and gobble up

too much time.

However, all of these technological marvels require a serious investment of time. Membership in various organizations is declining, and it is becoming more and more difficult to find volunteers as people age or stay at home. Many organizations can't rely on donations and membership fees to stay afloat.

Who will do the work of philanthropic and community organizations and government in the future as volunteers age or withdraw? The wonderful Erma Bombeck wrote, "Volunteers are like yachts. If you have to ask their price, you can't afford one."

One of those volunteers, Linda Hudson, who was the manager of Irvington's beloved Benton House, is beyond price. She understands that hosting or attending events in this lovely, historic house is a unique experience that, usually, can only be found in the pages of history books or in museums with signs saying "Do not touch."

She has retired after many years during which she received only a modest honorarium for myriad, time-consuming responsibilities, including meeting with renters, placating nervous brides and checking on the house after events.

In the future, who will do the work of the Benton House?

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The Analog Kids May Have Played Outside More

Modern kids can barely conceive of a world without computers and smart phones, game systems, tablets and Internet-connected television.

Sometimes it's even hard for me to think of how we passed the time without these seemingly necessary modern trappings.

We didn't know any different, of course. Looking back, no generation knows what it's going without in terms of new technology. Certainly we can and did speculate on the future. But, it's never really real until we have the tech in our hands and homes.

In the late '70s and early '80s, cable TV was brand new. Recorded movies (beta and VHS) were just hitting the consumer markets. These things were so new, not everyone had them. Our methods of play were more, well, analog - meaning not digital.

Board games were still popular. For a few summers, a whole bunch of our time was spent playing a board game called Risk. A game of world domination, Risk took hours to play, especially with five or six players. Entire afternoons - and sometimes into the summer nights - saw us locked in heated battles, the dice tumbling and tumbling.

Those who have the temperament for old-school Risk were sometimes lured to another, newer game - Dungeons & Dragons, a fantasy role-playing game that was then just getting started.

D&D, as it's usually called, was also prone to protracted sessions, some lasting six hours or more. Some of us really dug it. It called on our powers of imagination and it allowed us to create our own worlds. I sometimes lament that, as an adult, it's so much more difficult now to harness those imaginative powers that were so vibrant and useful to us as children. It occurs to me that adulthood - and all the triumphs, trials and tribulations

it doles out - pretty much crowd out that colorful imagination we have as children. That's sad, I think.

Anyway, we played lots of D&D and a lot of other indoors games like Yahtzee, Uno, Monopoly, Scrabble, euchre and Battleship. We also built scale models of World War II bombers and Estes rocket kits.

Our time was also spent playing football, basketball and baseball outdoors or in local gymnasiums. A city swimming pool, Perry Park, was near my home. I and my buds would gather there, first with our moms, and later alone, as dudes. I learned to swim at Baxter YMCA and that place allowed us to swim indoors through the winter.

Between Cub Scouts and school and riding bicycles and whiffle ball tournaments and piano lessons and chores, I guess I didn't have time to worry about much else. We played hard and slept well.

Nowadays, for a variety of reasons, I don't sleep as well. This smart phone's partially to blame. It lights up in the middle of the night, waking me. It's stupid, but I check it way too often - for what, I do not know.

I love the convenience, not to mention the connectivity, these futuristic technological wonders offer. I really do. But, I can't help but thinking they are taking us away from some important things - not the least of which is our ability to communicate face-to-face.

Imaginative thought is another casualty, I think. These devices seem to steal the need or desire to postulate ideas on our own. Thousands of other people's ideas are a swipe away. Why bother?

I'm not saying my childhood and that era of tech is any better than today's; it's just different. In some ways, I'm glad my life spans two distinct technological paradigms - analog and digital.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have been following the news about how Donald Trump has been treating people who are in a poor state of affairs wanting to come into the United States.

I would not be surprised if he and his buddy Putin aren't planning on attacking them and then trying to blame it on Obama. Because Trump said on TV the other day that Obama was too soft on them,

I could also see Trump getting Putin to go along with him to attack China and then return favors to Putin for helping him.

Trump is used to getting his way with the people who work for him. And you can tell by looking at him and listening to him talk that he is a bully. And is used to getting his way. He thinks everyone should bow down to him. He wanted to be president so he could have more power over people. And if there was any kind of voter fraud, you can bet he was behind it.

He doesn't deserve to be president. He hasn't done anything to earn it. Trump tried pushing Mrs. Clinton around on the debates. He was rude to her too.

Some of these big shots in Washington D.C. better do something soon to put a stop to the reckless things he's trying to get away with before he starts World War Three.

There's an old saying you can fool some of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time. Thank you for listening. May God Bless America.

Virginia L. Peters
Kennard

Dear Editor,

Data compiled in the Indiana Youth Institute's (IYI) 2017 KIDS COUNT in Indiana Data Book reveals that, in many cases, Hoosier youth are not thriving. Instead, they are merely surviving. The Data Book shows Indiana's children are more likely to be victims of poverty and maltreatment than their peers nationally. In addition, Hoosier teens report higher levels of dating violence and suicidal ideation than in many other states. ...

The littlest Hoosiers are often the most vulnerable. The state's child abuse and neglect rate has risen steadily since 2011. In 2015, 17 out of every 1,000 Hoosier children were the victims of abuse or neglect. The data shows a stark and steady increase linked to cases involving parental substance abuse. More than half (52 percent) of the children removed by Indiana's Department of Child Services in 2016 were removed due to a parental substance issue. That rate is up from 48 percent in 2015, 43 percent in 2014 and 32 percent in 2013.

The state's child poverty rate is not improving as rapidly as the state's economy. One in five Hoosier kids still lives in poverty, with single-mother households facing the greatest hurdles. More than half (50.6 percent) of children in single-mother families live in poverty. That is more than twice as many as in single-father families (23.2 percent) and is higher than the national rate (46.0 percent) for single-mother households. Single mothers earn significantly less than what single fathers make and a larger portion of their income goes toward child care.

A survey of Indiana's high school students reveals many of them are involved in risky and potentially dangerous relationships. One in 10

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BITS & PIECES

◆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.

◆Carthage Community Church, 511 E. 2nd St., is organizing adult (18 and over) and youth **3-on-3 basketball leagues**, which will play Sundays 2-4 p.m. throughout March. A championship will be held on Sunday, March 26. Cost is \$15 per team. Coed teams are welcome. Half-court games will be played in the church gymnasium, and teams must agree to rules of conduct. For more information, see Carthage Community Sports on Facebook.

◆Mays Community Academy, 929 E. South St., Mays, is hosting **open enrollment** through Friday, March 24. The academy invites parents to visit the MCA campus to enroll students in grades K-6 for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information, call 765-645-5577 or visit www.mayscommunityacademy.com.

◆Tri Elementary School will host **kindergarten enrollment** for the 2017-2018 school year Monday and Tuesday, April 24-25. Call the school at 765-987-7090, ext. 301, to register or to get more information.

◆**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 Knightstown Chamber of Commerce is holding a **Business After Hours** event at Citizens State Bank, 475 N. McCullum St., Knightstown, on Thursday, March 9, from 5:45-7 p.m. This event is open to all who might be interested in small business development. Those who are planning to attend must RSVP by March 6 to info@knightstown-chamber.org, or call Kevin Richey at 765-455-2328.

◆Beautify Knightstown, Inc. offers a **welcome basket** to all new residents obtaining utilities via the Knightstown Utility Office. Any business, church or organization is encouraged to provide items for these baskets such as pens, cups, magnets, key chains, coupons, brochures and etc. To contribute or for more information contact Kathie Rummel at 317-345-9660 Linda Lashbrook at lnlashbrook@gmail.com.

◆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 bmfieled@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.

◆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.

◆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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Retired KHS Art Teacher Terry Dukeman Now Embracing Passion for Ceramics and Stoneware

by Logan Cox for The Banner

Though he retired from his longstanding job as a Knightstown High School art teacher in 2011, Terry Dukeman has not let the passion he has for his art fade away.

"I still do my pottery, and I teach classes occasionally in the evening at the Henry County Arts Center," said Dukeman. "I still do some outdoor shows and my Christmas show, stuff like that."

His work can be found in a few different art galleries, including the Artistry Annex in New Castle and as part of Dukeman Stoneware at Knightstown Custom Frame and Glass.

Prior to his retirement, Dukeman had worked as an art teacher in the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. for over 40 years.

"I started out at Carthage for three or four years. Then I went up to the middle school, high school, and then the new high school," he said. "I mean, it's not new now, but it was."

Through his time in the CAB schools, Dukeman became well-known among students and faculty for his merit as a teacher and as an artist.

"Always try and help people, as far as the artwork," Dukeman said, in regards to his teaching. "I always tell the kids, 'I assume everything you do is the best you can do.' And they rise to the occasion, you know. I've had some students who are architects now and designers. They're very successful, and I'm real proud of them."

Of course, he has been practicing his artistic talents for even longer than he's been a teacher. Dukeman remembers the times of trial and error

when he was still learning as a student.

"It's kind of funny. When I got my bachelor's degree, I took a ceramics class and I really didn't do very well in it. And after I got my bachelor's degree at Ball State, I went back to get my master's. That's when I got really interested and decided I'd like to try this. So then I got my master's in education with a specialization in ceramics," he said. "I've been a potter for probably about 45 years."

Dukeman's decision to embrace his passion has ultimately proven to be worth his while in the long run.

"I've won a lot of awards over the years. In 1999, I was picked to be one of the outstanding craftsmen in Indiana. I was picked by the governor of that time. I've taught adult classes, I've taught all different levels," said Dukeman. "So, you know, this is what I do."

In addition to pottery, Dukeman likes to draw and paint as well. He also coached boys and girls tennis during the 1970s.

Art has been a part of Dukeman's life since he was very young. It was something he learned and grew to love, thanks to his family.

"My mom's an artist, she paints. And I have a grandfather in Sweden who was an artist. I just always enjoyed that. And, as I got older, I took all the art classes I could. I knew I wanted to do something in art. So when I went to Ball State, I decided to go into teaching and still do art. I've tried to make it pretty much my life," he said. "And I feel real good about it."

Dukeman is originally from Merrillville, and graduated from Merrillville High School in 1967.

"It's the largest town in Indiana that's not a city," Dukeman noted.

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

- Wed., Mar. 1** – Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall
- Thurs., Mar. 2** – Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield
- Thurs., Mar. 2** – Henry Co. Planning Technical Review Board meeting, 9 a.m., office building conference room, first floor, New Castle
- Thurs., Mar. 2** – Henry Co. Memorial Park Comprehensive Planning session, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Park Smith Building, New Castle
- Sat., Mar. 4** – Shirley Town Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., Shirley Town Hall
- Sat., Mar. 4** – Wilkinson Town Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Wilkinson Town Hall
- Mon., Mar. 6** – Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville
- Mon., Mar. 6** – Greensboro Town Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Greensboro Community Center
- Tues., Mar. 7** – Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Rose Mary, from Page 4

Knightstown's Sarah Ward exemplifies a lifetime of volunteerism. She has been the local, state, national and international president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Her special interest is to reduce fetal alcohol syndrome. A talented musician, she is a devoted member of her church. She worked to help save the historic Knightstown Academy from being razed.

Currently, she is the President of the Knightstown Town Council. She and her fellow councilors constantly deal with difficult and sometimes contentious issues for very little recompense. Surely she is an outstanding citizen of this or any year. What will become of the town's government where citizens have a direct voice and role?

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Carthage Historic Preservation Commission Ready for Inaugural Meeting; Commissioned Formed in '15

The Carthage Historic Preservation Commission will hold its first meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St. The meeting is open to the public.

The commission was formed with passage of a resolution by the Carthage Town Council in October 2015. Last month, the town council finally approved appointment of the commission's five members: council member Ashley Davis and local citizens Kathy Gibson, Kathy Gross, Faith Green and Chris Ebbert.

Commission members, according to the resolution, must be town residents who "demonstrate a positive interest in historic preservation, possessing interest or

expertise in architecture, architectural history, historic preservation or closely related disciplines." The commission is required to meet a minimum of three times per year, and members receive no compensation for their service.

Of the commission's initial five members, the resolution passed in 2015 says three are to have terms of two years and the other two are to have terms of three years, with subsequent terms of three years for all members. At last month's meeting, the council did not designate which three members will start with two-year terms and which two will get the three-year terms.

K-town BPW Ready to Again Host Senior Girls Salad Bar

Indiana Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (BPW) Knightstown had its February meeting in Knightstown on Feb. 20 with Barbara Mofield as hostess. Mofield, Knightstown

BPW Knightstown president, led the meeting. Knightstown BPW will have the salad luncheon for senior girls and their guests on April 30 with Tri Kappa See BPW, Page 10

Liberty Township Trustee Charged with Eight Felonies

Recently, Indiana State Police Detective Ron Halbert arrested the Henry County Liberty Township trustee, at her home, on a multiple count felony and misdemeanor warrant for theft and official misconduct. The warrant was the result of a months-long investigation by Halbert and the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

initiated in early November 2016, after a State Board of Accounts audit found that Trustee Phyllis Shafer, 61, had allegedly overpaid herself approximately \$9,000 between the years of 2013 and 2015. After the audit and investigation was completed, it was turned over to Henry County Prosecutor Joe Bergacs for his review.

Prosecutor's Office review, a nine-count warrant was issued for Shafer for two counts of theft (Class D felony); three counts of theft (level 6 felony); one count of official misconduct (Class D felony); two counts of official misconduct (level 6 felony); and one count of theft (Class A misdemeanor).

Shafer was lodged in the Henry County Jail.

As a result of the Henry County

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The retail location will feature 26 indoor shooting ranges for pistols and rifles, classroom training, and educational courses on many related subjects. The store will open on Wednesday, March 8, and the range and classroom will open at a later date.

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Congratulations and Good Luck to Jaymie Moss on her new position at Royal Hylands Golf Club!

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LOCAL SPORTS

Knightstown JV Boys Win County Tourney over Tri



Knightstown's junior varsity boys basketball team capped their season with a Henry County title last weekend. The Panthers, led by top scorer Austin Campton with 10 points, defeated Blue River Valley 41-36 in the morning game Saturday then topped Tri 54-44 later that evening in the county championship game, led by the Jarred Porter with 15 points. The JV squad finished the season at 11-10. Pictured following their win are (front row, l-r) Devyn Schaeztle, Matthew Craft, Cameron Jones, Cooper Strawsma, James Lukens and (back row, l-r) Coach Joe Canary, Coach Josh Griggs, Jack Fort, Treavor Cook, Austin Campton, Dallas Edwards and Jarred Porter. (Photo provided)

Panthers Close Out Regular Season

Knightstown's varsity boys basketball team closed out its regular season with a loss at Frankton and another at home against South Decatur.

On Feb. 21, the Panthers smacked down hard at Frankton, class 2A's 17th-ranked team. The Eagles walloped the Panthers 81-37.

Frankton jumped out to an early 25-8 lead after the first quarter and then held the Panthers to just six points in the next period. The Eagles scored 16 in the second quarter to extend their lead to 41-14.

The second half was not nearly as bad as the first for the Panthers. But the Eagles performed nearly the same, outscoring the Panthers 24-11 in the third and 16-12 in the fourth to secure the 44-point victory.

Tucker Personett was top scorer for the Panthers with 14 points and added two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Daniel Rayburn recorded six points and two assists.

Chase Burton had five points and one rebound.

Lane Parker knocked down two baskets and pulled down three rebounds.

Jose Olivo scored three points and grabbed three rebounds and Trevor Cook drained a trey from long range.

Braden Burton hit a bucket and dished out one assist.

Matt Kemerly and Dylan Hiner each hauled in two rebounds.

On Feb. 21, the Panthers fell 60-70 to South Decatur at home.

A terrible first quarter doomed

an otherwise excellent game for this year's Panthers. The Cougars started strong and had a commanding 24-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Panthers came back and outscored the Cougars 16-13 in the second quarter. With the score at 37-24 to kick off the second half, the Panthers maintained its strong offense but were edged out 17-14 by the Cougars in the third. The Panthers rallied hard in the fourth quarter and scored 22 points but the Cougars added 16 more to its total and pull out the 70-60 win.

Senior Daniel Rayburn played all out for his final game in the Knightstown gym and posted a career-high 29 points along with five rebounds and three assists.

Hiner, who was held to zero points in the previous game, came up big against South Decatur with 20 points, five rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Cook drained two buckets and grabbed one rebound.

Personett hit one shot from long range for three points and had two rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Olivo knocked down one bucket, hauled down six rebounds, dished out four assists and stole the ball three times.

Parker also hit one bucket and grabbed three rebounds.

Chase Burton contributed three rebounds and a steal and Braden Burton added one rebound.

The young Panther squad, under new coach Dusty Magee, finished the regular season with a record of 3-19.

LEGAL NOTICE

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 OF EWELL K. BARNES,)
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NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Luke B. Barnes and Gregory A. Barnes, Co-Petitioners, on the 25th day of January, 2017, were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Unsupervised Estate of Ewell K. Barnes, who died on the 11th day of December, 2016.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claim will be forever barred.

Dated at New Castle, Indiana, this 1st day of February 2017.

/s/ Martin R. Shields

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Titans' Regular Season Ends at 7-15 with Hagerstown Loss

Tri's varsity boys basketball team finished its regular season action with a win and two losses last week.

On Feb. 17, the Titans fell 41-59 to Centerville at home.

Tri started off strong, taking a 14-12 lead at the end of the first quarter. But, Centerville held the Titans to just seven points in the second quarter and put 15 points on the board to take a 27-21 half-time lead.

The Bulldogs were on fire in the third period and outscored the Titans 19-13. The Dogs topped the Titans 13-7 in the fourth quarter to get the 18-point victory.

Alex Melton led the Titans with

14 points, four rebounds, one assist, one steal and one deflection.

David O'Neill posted 11 points, one rebound and one deflection.

Carson Cox knocked down three buckets and had four rebounds, one assist and two deflections.

Kyler Burchett had three points and one deflection and Seth Butler drained a shot from behind the arc.

Masen Phelps hit a bucket and got three rebounds, five assists, one steal and three deflections.

Nick Wilson scored a basket and had three rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Austin Stroud contributed four

rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Elijah Davis got one rebound, one assist, one block and one deflection.

Eric Bilby had one rebound and one steal and Gage Rowe made one deflection.

The next evening, the Titans traveled to Randolph Southern where they prevailed 51-47.

Randolph Southern took an early 18-11 lead after the first period. Both teams' offensive performance dwindled in the second quarter but the Rebels extended their lead by two more to go up 25-16 at the break.

Tri came roaring back in the second half, outscoring the Rebels 20-13 in the third to close the gap to 36-38 at the end of the third. The Titans kept up the intensity to outpace the Rebels 15-9 in the final period to get the 51-47 victory.

Wilson led the Titans with 13 points, eight rebounds, three assists, three steals and two deflections.

Melton posted his first double-double of the season with 12 points, 10 rebounds, one assist, one steal, one block and two deflections.

Cox scored nine points and had seven rebounds, one steal, one deflection and one charge.

Phelps finished with eight points, five rebounds, two assists, one steal, three blocks and one

See Titans, page 10

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

On or about April 7, 2017, the Town of Knightstown intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Wastewater/Drinking Water Program. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: Wastewater System Improvements Project. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$600,000.00. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons is \$306,000.00. The Town proposes to expend an estimated \$4,526,000.00 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from a loan through the USDA Rural Development Program.

The Town of Knightstown will hold a public hearing on March 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the town council's chambers located at 28 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148. The public hearing is to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Beth Karnes Huffman, Clerk Treasurer, at (765) 345-5977 no later than March 13, 2017. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of March 16, 2017, at the Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Beth Karnes Huffman, Clerk Treasurer, no later than March 14, 2017, in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by the Town of Knightstown and is available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Amy Miller, Cornerstone Grants Management, Inc., at 317-384-1748 or write to: Town of Knightstown, 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148-1277. (3/1)

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LOCAL SPORTS

Eastern Hancock Finishes Regular Season at 12-10

Eastern Hancock boys basketball team closed out its regular season with three losses against Morristown, Hauser and Hagerstown.

On Feb. 17, the Royals' fell 64-67 to Morristown. Eastern Hancock scored more in the third quarter than it did in the entire first half and that slow start would later matter. The Royals were down 20-31 at the half then came out of the break to outscore the Yellow Jackets 23-18 in the third and 21-18 in the fourth. Despite their second half explosion, it was not enough to blow back Morristown.

The Royals' top player, Addison True, posted a career-high 29 points in the game, including seven 3-pointers. He added six rebounds, three assists and three deflections.

Brycen Napier came in strong with 18 points, one rebound, three assists, two steals and three deflections with one charge taken.

Duncan Cherry had seven points, six rebounds, three assists, one steal and one block.

A.J. Muegge finished with six points, four rebounds and one assist.

Jacob Eischen hit a bucket and two free throws, adding a rebound, an assist, one steal, one block and three deflections.

Tyler Blattner pulled down two rebounds and dished out three assists.

On Feb. 21, the Royals were trounced 53-74 on the road at Hauser.

Again, the Royals struggled to get their offense humming. And, like the previous game, they scored more in the third quarter than they did in the first half.

The Jets went up 21-8 after the first quarter and by halftime had a 30-16 lead. The Royals bounced back with 19 in the third quarter but the Jets topped that with 23 and outscored the Royals again in the fourth 21-18 to get the big 21-point victory.

Napier led the Royal offense with 12 points, adding six rebounds, one assist, one steal and one deflection.

True scored 11 points with four assists, hauled in

nine rebounds and made five deflections and one steal.

Cherry contributed 11 points, five rebounds and one charge.

Muegge finished with 11 points, two steals and two deflections.

Eischen recorded three points, two rebounds and three assists.

Blattner canned one shot from behind the arc and made one deflection.

Tyler Castle drained one bucket and made three steals and two deflections.

Peyton Gray added one rebound and one block.

The Royals closed out its regular season action with a 52-61 loss at Hagerstown Feb. 24.

Hagerstown was solid from start to finish while the Royals again took some time to get going. The Tigers outscored the Royals 15-7 in the first quarter. EH got back in the game in the second with 16 points while holding the Tigers to 14 to tighten up the score 29-23.

But, the Royals couldn't get any closer. Hagerstown outscored them 16-14 in the third quarter and 16-15 in the fourth to get the 61-52 win.

True recorded his fifth double-double of the season with 21 points and 12 rebounds, adding two assists, three steals and four deflections.

Napier finished with nine points, two rebounds, three assists and one deflection.

Muegge had seven points, two rebounds, one block, one deflection and one charge.

Eischen recorded six points, eight rebounds, one assist and four blocks.

Cherry gave a strong effort with six points, seven rebounds, two assists, one steal and one deflection. Gray hit a bucket and grabbed a rebound.

Blattner drained one at the charity strip and added a rebound and one deflection.

Castle also pulled down one rebound.

The Royals finished the regular season with a 12-10 record.

Addison True Becomes Fifth Royal to Reach 1000-point Mark

Eastern Hancock's Addison True became the fifth player in Royal boys basketball history to score over 1000 points during his high school career.

True hit the 1000-points mark during the second-to-last game of the Royals' schedule on the road at Hauser Feb. 21. He added 21 more to his career total against Hagerstown three days later, with opportunities to add to that when sectionals start.

And, True will be wearing the Royal blue one more year.

The 5'10 junior guard has led the Royal offense since he accumulated 267 points during his freshman year.

Last season, True scored 371 points to again lead the Royals' scoring. He also led the team in both offensive (36) and defensive rebounds (127) for 163 total boards. He doubled the next best passer on the team with 70 assists and nearly tripled the number of steals of the next best on the team with 56 steals.

In addition to leading the Royals in scoring this year, True also leads the team in rebounding with 163, in assists with 66 and in steals with 61.



Next year True will try to challenge the record of Eastern Hancock's all-time career high scorer, 2011 graduate Dustin Smith, who tops the school's boys basketball scorers with 1444 points, playing all four years on the varsity.

The other three Royals who topped the 1000-points mark include class of 2003's Derek Harmon with 1415 points followed by Pete Hubert with 1210 and Richard O'Neal with 1123 points. Both Hubert and O'Neal graduated in 1976.

EH Adds New Age Groups to Annual 3-on-3 Tournament Mar. 18

Eastern Hancock Athletic Boosters are hosting their annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament Mar. 18.

Cost of participation is \$80 per team up until Mar. 12 and increase to \$90 after Mar. 12. Each team must have at least three players and no more than four players.

There will be 10 different age groups in boys/men divisions and five divisions in the girls/women divisions.

All games will be officiated by licensed, paid officials.

Check-in for all pre-registered participants is 9:30-10 a.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Those registering on the day of the tourney should arrive at 9 a.m. Birth certificates will be required to show proof of age. Admission for spectators is \$3 per person.

Interested persons can find the tournament registration form at the school's website, www.corp.easternhancock.org.

Questions may be directed to Greg Hall, email gghall58@gmail.com.

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Parent Spring Sports Meeting Mar. 14

The Knightstown Athletic Department will hold a meeting for parents of student-athletes in grades 7-12 who plan to play any spring sport.

The mandatory parent meeting is set for Tuesday, Mar. 14, at 7 p.m., in the high school cafeteria for athletes in junior high and high school track, softball, baseball, boys golf and girls tennis.

Following the athletic department's meeting, each sport will break off and hold their own meetings with parents.

If you attended the fall or winter sports meeting for parents, you do not need to attend the main parent meeting at 7 p.m.. However, parents are expected to attend the meetings for the individual sport meetings with coaches. Those meetings will start around 7:30 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS -- BROOKS DRIVE EXTENSION

Sealed bids will be received by HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, acting by and through the HENRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (hereinafter referred to as "the Owner"), at 101 S Main Street, New Castle, IN, 47362 until 6:00 PM local time, WEDNESDAY MARCH 22, 2017, for the construction of BROOKS DRIVE EXTENSION for HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA. Bids received by the time and date specified will then be publicly opened and read aloud.

THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF A LUMP SUM BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROADWAY INCLUDING MASS EARTHWORK, STORM SEWERS AND DETENTION AREAS, SUB-GRADE TREATMENT, BITUMINOUS BASE AND SURFACE, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND RELATED ITEMS.

After review and award of a contract, the Owner will provide a "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor. Contractor will then have 10 working days after said "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction and 120 days thereafter to achieve substantial completion and an additional 30 days to complete all work for this project, for a total of 160 days after issuance of "Notice to Proceed" to project closeout. Substantial completion date is therefore anticipated to be AUGUST 20, 2017 and final completion date is therefore anticipated to be SEPTEMBER 19, 2017, based on a Notice to Proceed and Contract approval by APRIL 12, 2017. Contractor will be assessed \$300.00 a day liquidated damages for any work remaining over and above either of the specified contract completion dates. Payment to be made on a standard monthly claim basis, with 10% retainage, and said retainage may be held up to three months after the successful completion of this contract. There is no retainage reduction for this project.

Copies of the Contract Documents are on file for review in the Office of the Owner (HENRY COUNTY AUDITOR, Courthouse, 101 S Main Street, New Castle, IN, 47362). Access to an ftp site with the Contract Documents in PDF format is available from the Engineer (FPBH, Inc., 72 HENRY STREET, P. O. Box 47, North Vernon, Indiana, 47265, 812-346-2045) for a nonrefundable fee of \$50.00 per set. Printed copies of the Contract Documents are available for a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per set. Additional sets may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per set. Partial sets will not be available. Only those plan holders registered through the Engineer will be allowed to submit a bid for the project.

There is no pre bid conference scheduled for this project.

Bids must be submitted on the forms in the Contract Documents and other conditions therein described must be met. Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA -- BROOKS DRIVE EXTENSION on the face of the envelope and display the name and address of the bidder. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in a sum equal to 10% of the amount of the bid unless otherwise specified, and a completed Non-Collusion Affidavit. Bid prices must be firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the bid opening date. Should a successful bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory contract within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance of his bid, the owner may declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as penalty. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum with an approved surety company. Said bond shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after date of final acceptance of the work.

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Titans, from Page 8

deflection. Stroud sank 4-of-5 shots at the free throw line and got two rebounds, two assists, two steals and one deflection.

O'Neill hit a bucket and had two rebounds, one assist and one deflection.

Burchett also knocked down one shot from the field and got two rebounds and a steal.

Rowe added one point, three rebounds and two assists.

On Feb. 21, the Titans closed out their regular season with a loss at home against Hagerstown 49-73.

Tri struggled to get its offense going in the first quarter, falling behind 13-5. The Titans recovered and outscored the Tigers 13-12 in the second to tighten up the score to 18-25 at halftime.

But, the Tigers shot lights out in the third quarter, putting 29 points on the board while holding the Titans to 13. Tri finished strong with 18 points in the final period but the Tigers continued

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ket and made two assists and one steal.

The Titans finished their regular season with a record of 7-15.

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BPW, from Page 7

and Psi Iota Xi.

The deadline for scholarship applications for INFBPW scholarships for high school girls is March 15.

Knightstown BPW and Rush County Players will present the "Mystery Dinner" on Saturday, April 22, for youth at 1 p.m. Cost for each youth is \$5. An adult "Mystery Dinner" will be held on the same date at 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m. Cost is \$20 for each adult.

BPW State Convention will be held April 7-8 at Fort Wayne Hotel with local member Tina Williams as BPW state president. On Friday night, a District 2 fundraiser, "Grand Slam Dinner and Dessert," will be held to raise funds to support President-elect Claudia Thornburg. Each local needs to take two baskets for the Saturday night auction. Knightstown BPW will have a basket, "Wines from All Over the World," and a second basket will be items from Knightstown. Each member attending is to take a pound item for the "pound auction."

Nominations are needed for 2017-2018 local officers. The slate will be presented in March and elections will take place at the April meeting.

The District 2 spring meeting will be March 11 in Knightstown at 11:30 a.m. The Connersville chapter will host. Each local group needs to provide two door prizes and each member needs to bring an item for the silent auction.

Kelley Millhoan will be on the Henry County Special Olympics board representing BPW Knightstown. The local chapter will sponsor two Special Olympics athletes for competition on May 20 at Rose-Hulman University. Members will bring caps and lids to the next meeting to help as a fundraiser for Special Olympics.

Mofield presented the program on Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc. The group sponsors the Youth of Achievement Award, with applications due March 15. The Youth of Achievement Award is presented to a student, male or female, in grades 9-12, based on volunteer/community activities - not on academics or athletics. Applications may be sent to Mofield, 510 E. Silver St., Knightstown, IN 46148.

The next meeting will be March 20 at SugarBakers at 6:30 p.m. with Shannon Dawson as hostess.

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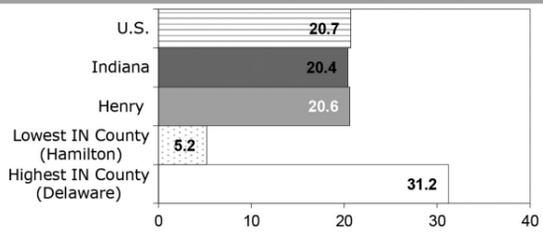
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Kids Count in Indiana 2017 Data Book

Henry County



Percentage of Children in Poverty: CY 2015



Child Population Under Age 18: CY 2015

	Total	Females	Males
White	9,887	4,758	5,129
Black	286	118	168
American Indian	20	10	10
Asian	63	36	27
Hispanic, of any rac	290	155	135
Total	10,546	5,077	5,469

Economic Well-Being

	2012	2013	2014	2015
% of Children in Poverty, Age 0-17 (CY)	22.6	23.8	21.8	20.6
% of Public School Students Receiving Free Lunches (SY)	40.5	41.6	42.0	42.9
% of Public School Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunches (SY)	9.4	8.9	8.1	8.5
Monthly Average # of Persons Issued Food Stamps (SFY)	8,058	8,065	8,055	7,516
Monthly Average # of Families Receiving TANF (SFY)	195	125	106	93
Annual Average Unemployment Rate (%) (CY)	10.0	8.8	6.9	10.6
Median Household Income (CY)	\$41,565	\$42,133	\$41,955	\$41,855
Per Capita Personal Income (CY)	\$31,340	\$32,264	\$32,800	\$33,589
% of Food Insecure Children	24.3	25.8	24.6	N.A.

Health

	2012	2013	2014	2015
# of Live Births (CY)	476	502	483	476
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females, Age 15-17 (CY)	11.7	12.3	8.2	9.3
% of Low Birthweight Babies (CY)	8.4	9.2	7.2	8.6
% of Mothers Who Received First Trimester Prenatal Care (CY)	78.6	78.3	75.2	76.9
% of Mothers Who Reported Smoking During Pregnancy (CY)	30.0	26.1	22.4	21.2
% of Live Births to Unmarried Parents (CY)	47.1	47.8	46.6	48.9
% of Children Under Age 19 Who Are Uninsured (CY)	8.7	8.4	7.4	6.9
# of Infant Deaths, Under Age 1 (CY)	2	5	5	4
# of Deaths, Ages 1-19 (CY)	L.N.E	6	L.N.E	3

Early Childhood

	2013	2014	2015	2016
# of Children Served by First Steps (SFY)	119	134	148	160
# of Licensed Child Care Centers (SFY)	1	1	1	1
# of Licensed Child Care Homes (SFY)	18	18	18	18
# of Registered Child Care Ministries (SFY)	4	3	3	2
# of Licensed Child Care Slots per 100 Children, Age 0-5 (SFY 2012-2015)	12.3	12.7	12.9	12.3
# of Children Receiving CCDF Child Care Vouchers (FFY)	133	114	117	132
Monthly Avg # of Children on Wait List for CCDF Vouchers (FFY)	7	9	33	10

N.A.: Not available; different data sources have different years of released data; L.N.E.: Low Number Event; Unstable number, less than 20 in the numerator

CY- Calendar Year: Jan 1 to Dec 31 FFY- Federal Fiscal Year: Oct 1 to Sept 30 SFY- State Fiscal Year: July 1 to June 30 SY- School Year: Fall Term to Summer Term

Looking for state level data? Check out the Data Book: www.iyi.org/databook

Letters, from Page 4

Hoosier high schoolers report they have been forced to have sexual intercourse at some point in their lives, ranking Indiana sixth in the survey. Across the board, Indiana has higher rates of teen dating violence than the national average. In one national survey of more than 30 states, Indiana ranked third highest for sexual dating violence among teens (12.6 percent). Additionally, ten percent of Hoosier high schoolers reports being intentionally physically hurt by someone they were dating.

The data shows that Hoosier teens struggle when it comes to suicide. In fact, suicide was the second-leading cause of death for Hoosiers ages 15-24 in 2014 and 2015. A national-level survey of more than 30 states ranked the state as third for high schoolers who have seriously considered suicide (19.8 percent), second for those who made a suicide plan (17.0 percent), 10th for students who actually attempted to take their own lives (9.9 percent) and ninth for high schoolers whose suicide attempts required professional medical attention. These issues are frequently linked to mental health problems, the most common of which is depression. In 2015, 29.3 percent of Hoosier

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high school students reported feeling so sad or hopeless that they stopped doing some of their normal activities for two or more weeks in a row. ...

The 2017 KIDS COUNT in Indiana Data Book from the Indiana Youth Institute compiles data from hundreds of national and statewide sources to paint a picture of what it's like to be a child in the Hoosier state. To download a copy of the Data Book, visit www.iyi.org/data and click on the KIDS COUNT Data Book link.

Leslie Wells

Media Relations Manager
Indiana Youth Institute

(Editor's note: A portion of Henry County's KIDS COUNT information can be seen at left)

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by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

For the second time in three months, the Knightstown Town Council has heard a brief presentation from a Fountaintown man who wants to purchase and reopen a local railroad business and build tourist rail lines that extend to Rushville and Greenfield.

Adam Bass, who first approached the council with his idea last November, had a more detailed presentation ready for the council's Feb. 16 monthly meeting. Unfortunately for Bass, he had not been placed on the council's agenda for the night and was relegated to addressing the council during the public comments portion of the meeting, which limited his speaking time.

"Tonight is a big night for your town," Bass told the council at the start of his remarks. He spoke about the importance of having

dreams and said development of tourist rail line that would be called the Hoosier Line Railroad would be a "first step toward a much better and brighter Knightstown."

Noting that the council likes to keep public comments brief, Council President Sarah Ward urged Bass to get to the point. "What is it you want from us?" she asked.

"Your approval," Bass said. Once a nonprofit organization has been formed, he said the group will attempt to raise money to purchase the CKS Railroad from Knightstown resident Tom Allison.

"Whatever deal you want to make with him has nothing to do with the council," Ward told Bass.

"He doesn't need your permission to deal with Mr. Allison," Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, told council members.

Council Vice President Kevin Knott told Bass that any deal for

the purchase of CKS Railroad would be between Bass and Allison, or between the nonprofit group he hopes to form and Allison. Knott also said he would want to see more detailed information and have more time to review the seven-and-a-half-page handout Bass provided council members before the start of that night's meeting.

Bass said he was worried that if something that doesn't happen soon, Allison's railroad will no longer be available.

"He's set in his way," Bass said of Allison, who also attended last week's council meeting. "It's either \$1.1 million or scrap. ... He's selling off equipment now, probably as we speak. ... He said if I could get close to \$1.1 million, he'd sell."

While Bass said it would take about \$1.1 million to purchase CKS Railroad from Allison, he said the total cost of the project, which envisions extending rail lines to Rushville and Greenfield, could be nearly \$4.7 million, or more. Bass said grants, donations and fundraising events could all play a part in covering start up and operating costs.

"Greenfield and Rushville are also waiting to hear how this goes," Bass said.

"We're not in a position to do anything about it," Ward said. She told Bass to check back with the council once he has raised the \$1.1 million needed to buy CKS Railroad. She asked him whether he thought he would be able to raise those funds locally.

"It's been done before," Bass said.

"If you can do it, great," Ward said, "but that's not council business."

Morelock told Bass that the

town is not in the position to be able to help him financially with the project. The only thing the town council could do, he said, would be to endorse his idea.

"Right now, I was just looking for their moral support," Bass said. "... Right now, (the railroad) is in jeopardy."

While Allison did not address the council during the Feb. 16 meeting, after it concluded, he was heard telling Ward he thought Bass' presentation was "nicely done, but not realistic."

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He and his wife lived in Knightstown for three years before she took a job in New Castle and they moved there, where they have lived since 1976.

"I have my own pottery studio here, my pottery kiln and all my equipment," he said. "So I do work out of my home."

Mr. Dukeman has attended professional workshops and he has held his own. He has traveled and met fellow potters from all around,

Last fall, after Bass made his first pitch to the town council, Allison told The Banner he didn't consider Bass to be a serious contender for purchasing his business and that he didn't think extending rail lines to Rushville and Greenfield was a viable option. He also said he was not interested in selling CKS to Bass or anyone else who intends to rely on federal grant money to operate and maintain it - something he avoided during the years he ran the railroad.

even in England.

"Working with different people, going to different workshops, I've met a lot of the famous potters of the world. And over the years, it's been a lot of fun. I have a lot of knowledge and I feel now is my time to share it with adults and kids who take classes," said Dukeman. "I feel it's our... I'm trying to think of the right word... our destiny to share what we know and help others pursue that."

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financial planning decisions.

The largest part of school corporation funding comes from the basic grant state tuition support payments that are based, in part, on school district enrollment figures. When districts lose students, the money the state provides for their General Funds drops.

CAB Treasurer/Business Manager Stephanie Madison told The Banner that as of Feb. 14, when CAB received its most recent basic grant distribution from the state, the per student value was \$5,947.62. With the loss of 27 students, that amounts to \$160,585.74 less in state funding.

Board President Wade Beatty asked Behny at last week's meet-

ing if he had detected any trends with respect to those students who voluntarily leave CAB to attend school elsewhere. Behny said he had not detected any trends and that students in this category leave for "a wide variety" of reasons, which could include conflicts with teachers.

"This is something that we will continue to watch as we work through our strategic planning," Behny said.

Last September, Behny had reported that CAB's ADM for the first semester's official count day had been 1,138. At that time, Behny attributed nearly all of that decrease to the difference between the sizes of the 2016 graduating class and the number of kindergartners this year.

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years. After deducting the cost of issuing the bonds and professional fees the consultant and legal counsel, about \$1,025,000 is expected to be available for the improvements.

If there are any funds left after the KES roof work and KHS ball diamond are completed, the district is expected to address parking lot repairs needed at KHS. That work is expected to cost around \$90,000.

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

*recognized Knightstown Intermediate School sixth grader Jordan Weddle for being a regional winner of the annual DAR essay contest, and for placing third in the statewide competition;

*recognized the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce, Just Around the Corner Massage Studio, Knightstown BPW, H & R Block and Tri Kappa for each donating \$100 to KES to help purchase snacks and items for after-school clubs;

*agreed to move toward "paperless" board meetings, with board members receiving laptop computers to use instead of printed-out board packets that sometimes contain well over 100 pages;

*heard a brief presentation from Treasurer/Business Manager Stephanie Madison on the 2017 budget order recently received from the state;

*approved payment of monthly claims totlaing

\$944,169.34;

*gave Madison permission to cancel five outstanding checks from 2014 that totaled just over \$15;

*approved a March 3-5 trip to West Lafayette for the KHS robotics team for a competition;

*OK'd on second reading revisions to two board policies dealing with letters of reference, and personal background checks and mandatory reporting of convictions, substantiated child abuse and arrests;

*approved five-year financing of \$528,426 at 3.48-percent interest for the leasing of five new 78-passenger buses and one wheelchair-accessible bus;

*gave permission for the KHS FFA to use \$1,321.86 of its extracurricular funds to purchase two laptop computers;

*dealt with several personnel matters; and

*appointed Mark Rozzell, Judy Neal and Claire Mercer to the Henry Henley Public Library Board in Carthage as part of that library's efforts to convert from a Class 2 to a Class 1 library.

More information about the Feb. 21 CAB School Board meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at CAB's central office, 8139 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, during normal business hours.

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thought IDEM would be agreeable if the town has "a plan in place and they know we're going to fix it."

In related business, Wright told the council that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development had approved the town's preliminary engineering report on the sewer project. He said paperwork has now been sent to Washington, D.C., for a final OK on financing through that agency.

Wright said the USDAORD will issue a "letter of conditions" that is needed for the town to apply for a \$600,000 grant from the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs. If awarded, the OCRA grant would decrease the amount of money the town will need to borrow from the USAORD for the project. The council also

voted at last week's meeting to give Wright permission to look into a "forgivable loan" through the State's Revolving Fund.

In other matters at the Feb. 16 meeting, the council also:

*approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$250,864.39;

*OK'd an annual fuel bid submitted by Van Hoy Oil that sets a fixed price of \$2.17 a gallon for unleaded fuel;

*received several bids for various items of surplus town property, and announced plans to act on the bids at the March 16 meeting;

*took no action on implementation of a drug testing policy for town employees due to two council members being absent;

*heard monthly department reports from Bob Reed, head of the town's electric department, who

updated the council on work being done by the utility, street and cemetery departments, and from Chief of Police Duane Booth; and

*approved closure of a portion of the alley just north of the Hoosier Gym from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, for the Knightstown Area Crime Watch's annual hog roast, and OK'd placement of a sign advertising the event on the south end of the town's public square.

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