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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

## Farmers Market Meeting Thursday

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.

## Eastern Hancock Enrollment April 13

Eastern Hancock Elementary School will host kindergarten round-up on Thursday, April 13, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Call the elementary office at 317-467-0056 to schedule an appointment. EHES will be on spring break the week of March 20-27. The school office will reopen on April 3. Students must be 5 years old by Aug. 1, 2017. Parents will need to bring their child's birth certificate, shot record and a proof of residency on April 13.

## 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.

## KES Kindergarten Round-up April 18

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 one hour each. The school has full-day kindergarten. Parents should bring each child's birth certificate and immunization record.

## K-town Council Votes to Extend Development Ban

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council voted 4-1 last week to extend by up to four months a moratorium on commercial development that has been in effect since last fall.

The moratorium, first approved by a resolution passed by the council in October, was originally supposed to last six months, or until the council formally adopted an amended zoning code, whichever came first. While it had been hoped the the zoning code revisions would be done by the end of March, Council President Sarah Ward said last week, at the council's March 16 monthly meeting, that wouldn't be happening.

"They've hardly started," Ward said of the town's plan commission, which is working with a professional planning consultant and the town's attorney to start the process of revamping the town's zoning ordinance. "It isn't ready."

Despite saying she had received a lot of negative feedback about the moratorium, Ward said she thought it should be extended another four months to allow time for proposed revisions to the zoning ordinance to be finished. After council members Valerie Trump and Mitch Roland made and seconded, respectively, a motion to that effect, Council Vice President Kevin Knott suggested, and Trump and Roland agreed, that the motion be amended to require monthly progress reports on the zoning ordinance work.

"Hold on, because I'm concerned about this," council member Roger Hammer said before a vote was taken. "I think this is hindering development." He said he thought work on the zoning ordinance needed to be finished within 30 days, not four months.

"Do you have any clue what is involved in this process?" Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, asked Hammer, who admitted he did not. Morelock said Knightstown's current zoning ordinance is "antiquated" and has needed to be revised "for a long time," and said the process "is not quick."

"Let's do it right," Knott said.

Hammer again said he was concerned with how long things were taking. He said he didn't want to see people who want to do projects this summer unable to do them because the moratorium prevented them from getting required permits.

Ben Bowling, the town's building inspector, told the council he'd had a lot of people ask him about the moratorium. He said he thought it was causing hardship for some existing businesses in town that want or need to make improvements.

According to the original resolution adopted last October, any pending petitions or applications for commercial building permits or requests for rezoning or special exceptions "shall be immediately suspended and abated" until the moratorium is lifted. In the event of an emergency, however, the resolution authorized the council to convene a special meeting to "consider a short-term suspension or early termination" of the moratorium.

Knott asked Bowling whether any of the situations to which he referred would qualify as an emergency. Bowling said that needed roof repairs at Knightstown Elementary School might warrant such an exception.

"There's a process," Morelock said of what those who feel adversely affected the moratorium can do. "They just need to follow that process."

Ward, Knott, Trump and Roland voted in favor of extending the moratorium up to another four months, with monthly updates provided on the efforts to revise the town's zoning ordinance. Hammer cast the lone dissenting vote.

The Knightstown Plan Commission met Monday evening for its second meeting spent working its way through the town's zoning ordinance and discussing proposed changes. It appears that it will be mid-to-late April, at the earliest, before the group is finished reviewing the ordinance.

Before the plan commission votes on the proposed changes, it will need to hold a public hearing, which has not yet been scheduled. Once the hearing is held and the plan commission votes to certify the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance, it will be sent to the town council for that body to vote on it.

The council will be able to approve the plan commission's proposed revisions to the zoning ordinance, reject them or propose its own revisions. If either the second or third option are chosen, the matter will be sent back to the plan commission for further deliberations.

In a related matter, the town council voted unanimously at last week's council meeting to approve a resolution formally adopting a revised comprehensive plan for the town. The new comprehensive plan is on file at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., and available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours.

## Knightstown Still Unsure of Power Outage Cause



A Knightstown worker tries to restore power Friday.

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

Many Knightstown electric utility customers spent several hours without power Friday.

Bob Reed, department head for the town's electric utility, told The Banner the outage was the result of a wire shorting out on a utility pole located

in the first alley south of Main Street, just east of South Jefferson Street, behind MainSource Bank and MidCountry Media. While the exact cause is unknown, he said a mouse or some other small animal may have gotten into the riser that holds the wire on the pole and chewed through the wire's insulation.

Besides the time it took to track down and diagnose the problem, Reed said his department's repair efforts were further delayed because they had to borrow a special splicing kit from the city of Greenfield. He said wiring on the utility pole, which

he described as "busy," was reconfigured and that "it's probably better than it was" before the outage.

"It was unfortunate," Reed said of Friday's loss of electrical service, which affected all of Raysville, much of the east side of Knightstown, and customers situated along the alley where the affected utility pole is located. During his eight years with the electric utility, he said this was the first time the town had experienced a problem like this.

Gary Thoe, owner of MidCountry Media, told The Banner that his company has back-up generators to keep things running when outages strike. While he said he has ongoing concerns about whether the town has the money and equipment needed to keep things operating smoothly, he said he was impressed with the town's response.

"Once they figured out what the problem was, they worked

"I lost a lot of money, a lot of business that day. ... It'd be nice if the town would reimburse me, but you know they're not going to do that. ..."

- Virgil Cavaletto,  
local business owner

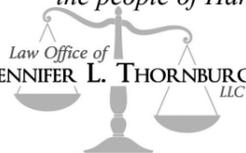
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# OBITUARIES

**Al Harris Wilson**  
**August 1, 1968 - March 20, 2017**

Al Harris Wilson, 48, passed away unexpectedly March 20, 2017, at his home in Springfield, Ohio. He was born Aug. 1, 1968, to Ned Wilson and Alta (Harmon) Milling at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. He was a 1987 graduate of Knightstown High School. He served in the U.S. Army and was previously employed by Wills Furniture, IPT, Sherry Labs and, most recently, Yamada North America in South Charleston, Ohio. Al was a fun-loving person, who was loved by many.

He is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Donna Wills Wilson; their three dogs, Reba, Simon and Minnie; his mother and stepfather, Alta and David Milling; his stepmother, Susie Wilson; two sisters, Alta Wilson and Nedra (Ricky) Bryce; a brother, Nick (Chris) Wilson; his inlaws, Billy and Sandy Wills and Diana and Tommy Conner; a brother-in-law, David (Tonia) Wills; two sisters-in-law, Suzee (Scott) Neal and Lynn Neal; four nephews, Jordan and Jeremy Wills, Chase Wilson and Zane Neal; a niece, Courtney Kilgore; and a good friend from work, Mammado Dialo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ned Wilson; and a nephew, Bryant Neal.

A celebration of life service will take place at a later date.

**Marcus Nelson Ellis**  
**July 10, 1922 - March 18, 2017**



Marcus Nelson Ellis passed away Saturday, March 18, 2017. He was born July 10, 1922, in Henry County, near Knightstown, to Frank and Pansy (Davis) Ellis, both deceased. He was married to his beloved wife, Dorothy Evelyn Ellis, for over 69 years.

Marc graduated from Mays High School in 1940 and attended Cincinnati Bible College until the beginning of WW II. He enlisted in the aviation cadet program and became a B24 pilot, flying with the 15th AAF 459 +BG in Italy. He graduated from Ball State University in 1947. He taught industrial education and coached at Morristown, Mays, Rushville and Knightstown (where he was named teacher of the year in 1970) for 30 years.

Marc was a member of Center Christian Church, where he served as an elder and teacher, for over 60 years. He served as trustee of Center Township for 12 years.

Marc was a life member of the Optimist Club, a member of the Lions Club, VFW, American Legion and Rush County Honor Guard. As a member of the Rush County Veterans Foundation, he designed the Veterans Memorial Bridge in North Veterans Park in Rushville, as well as designing a veterans memorial in East Hill Cemetery. He designed many buildings, including the gazebo on Knightstown's Public Square and the bell tower at Center Christian Church. He was scout master of Troop 26 for 10 years. He loved his family and community. He gave many hours to community service using his many skills. Marc also owned and operated Raintree Airport during the '70s on their family farm in northern Rush County.

Marcus is survived by three children, Gregory (Elsi) Ellis of Washington, and Jenny Beth Kimberly and Anna (Keith) Welch, both of Carthage; a grandson L. Marc (Megan) Harris; and a great-granddaughter, Temple Dorothy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; two sisters, Olive Mattox and Frances Morgan; and a brother, Claude Ellis.

Services were March 20 at Center Christian Church. There was a time of fellowship for family and friends in the fellowship hall. The service to celebrate the life of Marcus Nelson Ellis took place in the worship center. There was no graveside service although military honors were given to conclude the service.

Deacons and elders of Center Christian Church were in charge of the service with the oversight of Burns Funeral Home of Milroy. Darryl Denney, minister of Center Christian Church, officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Center Christian Church.

**Bonnie Lou Buckles**  
**September 26, 1923 - March 16, 2017**



Bonnie Lou Buckles, 93, of Carthage, passed away Thursday, March 16, 2017, at her residence. She was born Sept. 26, 1923, in Hancock County, the daughter of Charles Walter and Ethel (Miller) Lowry.

Bonnie came to Knightstown when she was 20 years old from Madison. She was a photographer almost her entire life and owned and operated Bonnie Buckles Studios at her home. She volunteered at Knightstown High School for 10 years, was a Brownie, Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout den mother for many years. She enjoyed doing crafts and belonged to the local writers club. Bonnie taught Sunday School at Knightstown Friends Church for 15 years. She maintained a lifelong association with the Dawn Bible Students Association. Bonnie was known in the community for her public speaking at local organizations on topics such as herbs and various subjects of the Bible. She also would dress in costume as different women of the Bible and tell the Bible story associated with her character. A connoisseur of costume jewelry, Bonnie was known for her collection and hours could be spent viewing.

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She is survived by her two children, Linda Lashbrook of Carthage and Tom (Janet) Buckles of Carthage; three grandchildren, Ryan Lashbrook of Anderson, Dr. Tiffany Wills (Stephen) Grant of New Orleans, La., and Tyler Wills of Carthage; and two great-grandchildren, Brock Lashbrook of Carthage and Amelie Grant of New Orleans.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Buckles.

Visitation was March 20 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Services were also March 20 with Bro. John Trzeciak officiating. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the Dawn Bible Students Association, 199 Railroad Ave., East Rutherford, NJ 07073. Condolences and memories of Bonnie may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

# K-town Sewer Plant Repair Delayed

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The replacement of the ultraviolet (UV) disinfecting system at the town of Knightstown's wastewater treatment plant has been delayed due to confusion between town officials and the engineering firm working with the town on improvements to the plant.

Council members had voted at their Feb. 16 monthly meeting to give Dan Wright, an engineer with FPBH Inc., the North Vernon-based firm working with the town on a wastewater utility improvement project, permission to seek bids for a new UV system. He told the council he hoped the council would be ready to select a vendor for the equipment, which is expected to cost around \$100,000, at its March 16 meeting.

That didn't happen. When advertising for bids, state statute requires legal notice to be published in the local newspaper at least twice, one week apart, with the second publication taking place at least seven days prior to the opening of the bids. The Banner contacted Wright earlier this month to check on the status of the legal notice after not receiving one from him or the town.

Wright told The Banner that he asked the council for permission to get price quotes on the equipment, not advertise for bids, because the equipment's cost would be less than the \$150,000 threshold amount that would require seeking bids. Simply getting quotes, he explained, would not require publication of a legal notice.

The Banner went back and reviewed the audio recording of the Feb. 16 meeting. On it, Wright was clearly heard telling the council more than once that he wanted their

permission to get bids, not quotes, on the new UV system. In fact, not once was anything said at that meeting about getting quotes instead of bids, and the council's vote was to give Wright permission to advertise for bids.

Last week, at the council's March 16 monthly meeting, Wright

told the council that he wants to proceed with getting quotes, not bids, for the new UV system. He said he had contacted the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to notify the agency that the town will be out of compliance for a short time and will not

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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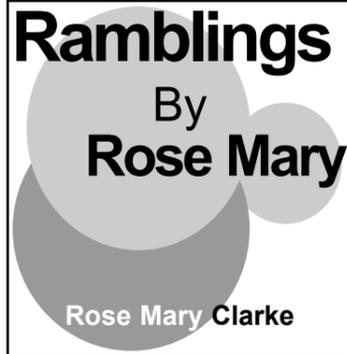
*"Come gather 'round people  
Wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters  
Around you have grown  
And accept it that soon  
You'll be drenched to the bone  
If your time to you  
Is worth savin'  
Then you better start swimmin'  
Or you'll sink like a stone  
For the times they are a-changin'...  
Your sons and your daughters  
Are beyond your command  
Your old road is  
Rapidly agin'...  
The slow one now  
Will later be fast  
As the present now  
Will later be past...  
For the times they are a-changin'."*

Bob Dylan wrote *The Times They Are A-changin'* in 1964. Bruce Springsteen, Simon and Garfunkel and Peter, Paul and Mary also recorded it. Cluck, cluck, cluck! Would you believe that Dylan won the 2016 Nobel Prize for Literature? Actually, he deserved it more that some who have received it. Song writers are fine poets who express complex ideas with an economy of words.

Family life was different in nephew John's and my day. People stayed and worked all their lives near where they were raised. Many Knightstown people worked at Chrysler in New Castle or at places such as Western Electric in

Indianapolis. Today, many people move to jobs in other states.

Nowadays, the chicken-every-Sunday-at-Mom's is a thing of the past. One of my friends said that the response was tepid when she suggested that her children who live in Indianapolis bring their families once a month for Sunday



dinner that she would cook. "I understand perfectly," she said. "Both couples work, and weekends are the only time they have to catch up."

Shakespeare wrote, "Youth must be served."

Indeed, the times they are a-changin'. Chris, one of our twin grandsons, and his wife, Tasha, sold their Cincinnati home that they've owned for only a few years and moved last week - along with our first great-grandbaby - to Grand Rapids. GE will permit him to work from home, and her

employer will do the same. (That's a huge benefit of computers.)

Tony, the other twin, enjoys the European lifestyle and culture. He's transferring to a GE facility in Zurich, Switzerland, and will be moving in a few weeks. I hate to see them go so far away, but I'm thrilled about their new beginnings.

Grandma will likely not cook pancakes or standing rib roast and Yorkshire pudding for them in the foreseeable future as she has done since they were little boys.

Perhaps it's time for me to accept the inevitability of change. Only Vicki and Tom will be here with us for Easter dinner this year. Thus, I have suggested we go out for a lovely brunch somewhere.

The world is changing at a mind-boggling rate, but some things do not change. This morning, there was a fine tracery of frozen water drops on the greenhouse window through which the huge, intensely golden moon that was sinking into the West was shining. I think that the smell of fresh coffee is one of the grandest aromas. I savored the scent when I opened a bag of delicious Goalie coffee and drank my first cup while watching the moon.

Oh how fortunate I am to experience even the minor joys of being alive. The world has been going to

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Of course, last week's front page article about the park meeting got my attention. I was hoping for news about the splash pad or an update about the roof, or how long is it going to take them to spend that money they got for the mower, or maybe why the valve for the splash pad wasn't brought up (has it been a year now?), and oh yeah, is the one bathroom going to be able to be used since it's in line with the splash pad? Or should you wait until the very day is upon you?

Perhaps I need to go to read the meeting minutes because I could not attend the meeting. I was ill, but your meeting was changed several times and places last month, which is becoming a pattern.

As far as the open door policy, that is also a thing that's become a pattern for the park board. I remember that happening from when I first got on the board; they said they just have to do that on occasion and they did. Good for you, Jeff (Eakins), for pointing out the fact that they just need to follow the rules because there seems to be a lot going on that's not right.

Ms. Neal claims she is suffering from all the negativity - it's your job (and the board's) to be responsible. It's your attitude that makes it negative or positive. It's your choice. To solve a problem you have to first admit that there is one.

Just a reminder that near 98 percent of all the people I've spoken to do not want the splash pad to be closed for the entire season. Please, try and find some solution.

People tend to forget who gave them something, but they're a lot better at remembering who took it away.

Belinda Grigsby  
Knightstown

Dear Editor,

In the late 1980s, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration created a pilot program in three Indiana counties to aid the elderly and disabled - the Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled (CHOICE).

The goal of the program was to give senior citizens and those with disabilities the support they needed to live independently, rather than in care facilities. Some of the benefits CHOICE provided were in-home aides, meal delivery and medical supplies.

By 1992, all 92 counties in Indiana adopted the program, and it is still utilized today.

To be eligible for CHOICE, individuals must be an Indiana resident, disabled or age 60 or older, ineligible for Medicaid, with total assets under \$500,000, and unable to perform at least two everyday activities because of an impairment.

Many people who qualify have taken advantage of the program. According to the most recent data, 6,741 Indiana citizens received assistance in 2015 alone.

While CHOICE has helped many people remain independent, lawmakers created House Bill 1287 this legislative session to improve the program. HB 1287 would change eligibility guidelines by assessing people's individual needs, not just evaluating their ability to perform everyday activities.

If passed, even more elderly and disabled individuals would be able to continue living in their homes.

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## Bad RR Crossings or Silly Sign - Not Both

"CAUTION: ROUGH RAILROAD CROSSING!"

That's what CKS Railroad owner Tom Allison should put on his West Main Street sign.

Instead of imploring the President to somehow "fix" his failed business, Allison should fix his ridiculously broken railroad crossings. Better yet, he should completely remove them.

Repairing or removing the crossings would "fix" a situation for Knightstown residents - and any other person who happens to drive through Knightstown on U.S. 40. Let's face it: Knightstown streets need all the help they can get. Those railroad crossings are not helping, but hurting this town. Allison's inflammatory sign isn't helping Knightstown either.

But, like I've said before, he's entitled to his little tantrum of a sign, which clearly whispers a hint of his political leanings.

On the other hand, the condition of the railroad crossings and his care of them shouts volumes about why things may have gone the way they did at CKS Railroad.

Blaming others for one's failure is at best a childish practice. But, in previous iterations, Allison's sign quite pointedly assigned blame for the railroad's failure to former President Barack Obama. Now it's apparently up to Trump to "fix it."

Nonsense.

The only things in need of fixing are those crossings. Fixing those would benefit more people and ease the flow of traffic into surviving businesses like Speedway and the Hancock Regional Hospital clinic.

In trying to find someone to finger for this predicament, I could locate no other logical suspect than Allison himself. Those crossings aren't the town's responsibility; they're his problem.

I'm sure some will disagree with that statement, and I might not blame them for doing so. Because, really, those washboard-like crossings aren't just Allison's problem; they are a problem for anyone who drives a car here.

Allison's sign is a real thumb in Knightstown's eye. Though he has reportedly agreed to take it down, he has so far proven unwilling to do that. The sign, just like those dilapidated and crumbling crossings, remains.

If I had a Twitter account, I'd say something like, "Allison refuses to take down his huge sign. Terrible and disgraceful! Knightstown's decades of support meant nothing. Sad!"

Is that too many characters?

Maybe. But, who cares? This isn't Twitter; it's The Banner. We have as many characters as we need to make our points.

And my point is this: If Allison, by the town leaders' own complicity, is allowed to let his property continue deteriorating, posing a greater and greater risk to town residents with each passing day, then what difference does the sign really make?

I mean, the condition of the crossings themselves is a kind of sign in and of itself. And that sign seems to say, "This town doesn't mind letting things deteriorate. We are powerless in upholding community standards."

But, I don't really think that's how they feel - at least not this new bunch on the town council.

Yet, we drive our expensive and fragile vehicles over these incredibly bumpy, slow-my-car-to-a-crawl railroad crossings every single day and have for years.

I have broad shoulders; I can take one or the other - the sign alone, or just the rough crossings.

But, being asked to accept the sign and the cratered crossings is just absurd. Something's got to give.



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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](mailto:hcfarmersmarket@gmail.com) or send a text message to 765-610-7527.

◆The Charlottesville Lions Club will host its annual **spring fish fry** on Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Charlottesville Lions Community Building. Drive-thru and carry-out orders will be available. Proceeds from the event benefit local scholarships, building maintenance and other Lions Club programs.

◆Eastern Hancock Elementary School will host **kindergarten round-up** on Thursday, April 13, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Call the elementary office at 317-467-0056 to schedule an appointment. EHES will be on spring break the week of March 20-27. The school office will reopen on April 3. Students must be 5 years old by Aug. 1, 2017. Parents will need to bring their child's birth certificate, shot record and a proof of residency on April 13.

◆Greensboro United Methodist Church will host a **blood drive** on Saturday, March 25, 9 a.m.-noon. No appointments are required, but donors must bring photo identification. For more information, call 765-686-5207.

◆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](http://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.

◆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 [lnashbrook@gmail.com](mailto:lnashbrook@gmail.com).

◆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.

◆**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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# Military Vets Hall of Fame Calling for Nominations

The Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame (IMVHOF) is calling for nominations for its fourth class of veteran honorees. The not-for-profit organization honors Hoosier veterans for service during and after active duty. To date, the IMVHOF has recognized 46 men and women for their outstanding military and civilian service.

Up to 15 veterans will be honored for military service achievements and/or community contributions. To be eligible, a nominee must meet any one of these criteria:

- \*Born in Indiana
  - \*Entered military service in Indiana
  - \*Lived in Indiana for a minimum of eight years
- All branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, all ages, living or deceased, and males and females will be con-

sidered equally. The induction ceremony will take place on Nov. 3 at The Garrison at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Lawrence.

The complete nomination packet and criteria can be found at [imvhof.com/nominate/](http://imvhof.com/nominate/). Nominations will be accepted through end of day, Aug. 1.

The Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame (IMVHOF) broke ground on a permanent building on Sept. 11, 2016, on ground near the American Legion's Department of Indiana Headquarters in Lawrence. The building will pay tribute to all five branches of the military services and recognize veterans who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. The IMVHOF has partnered with Indiana credit unions to raise funds for construction and plans to

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# For Former Knightstown Resident Jami LaFord Helping People is Part of Life and Career

by Logan Cox  
for The Banner

"I wish I could pinpoint exactly when I realized I had a passion for 'helping people', for lack of a better term. It's just something I've always felt," said Jami LaFord, a former Knightstown resident. "I grew up surrounded by incredibly caring people, so I guess it just rubbed off on me."

LaFord graduated from Greenfield-Central High School in 2013. Since then, she has been diligently working to apply her sense of compassion in a way that has meaning for both herself and the world. Her chosen field is social work, an academic and practice-based professional discipline that seeks to facilitate the welfare of communities, individuals, families and groups.

Most notably, she excels at interacting with children.

"I started working with children my freshman year at Ball State, when I became a mentor for College Mentors for Kids," she said. "I was paired with a fifth grade little girl named Morghan. Morghan and I had an immediate connection, and she inspired me to apply for a leadership position within College Mentors. I ended up becoming president for the next two years, which opened many doors for me."

During her freshman year of college, LaFord began a job at Janelle Kramer Daycares in Muncie. Her performance there gave her good standing with her employer, coworkers, kids and their parents.

"I worked there for three years, and many of my coworkers became lifelong friends," said LaFord.

The job at the daycare center eventually led LaFord on a brief but significant journey to Central America, where she and others did their part to aid under-resourced people in Nicaragua.

"One of my coworkers, who is also a social work major, is the reason I could go to Nicaragua," LaFord explained. "She was the Public Health Brigade president in an organization called Global Brigades. We spent a week in Nicaragua at the beginning of January."



While there, LaFord helped to build sanitary units for families. This included a toilet, a shower, a place for their clothes to be washed, as well as a septic tank. At the same time, LaFord built memorable friendships with the local children, too.

"I think the most amazing part about this process was the fact that the families were working alongside us the entire time," she said, "Even the children."

She recently left the daycare center to work at Henry Community Health in New Castle. There and in college, she continues to broaden her knowledge base.

"Since being at Henry Community Health," said LaFord, "I have realized how much I enjoy being a part of the medical setting."

LaFord also intends to keep pursuing her dream of becoming a social worker. And she is already making great progress in achieving that goal.

"I was recently accepted into the Accelerated Advanced Standing Program at IUPUI to get my master's in social work," she said. "I'm concentrating in health, and I would like to work at a hospital as a social worker when I graduate. With this program, I will graduate in May of 2018."

Although she is originally from Greenfield, LaFord and her family had moved to Kennard when she was in the third grade, and moved away from the Knightstown area during her sophomore year at Knightstown High School. Even then, her friendly nature and bright personality were not easily overlooked. These intrinsic traits appear to still be guiding her well along her current path.

"I came into Ball State as a criminal justice major, because I wanted to be a juvenile probation officer. But I quickly realized that wasn't for me. I switched to elementary education, but realized that also wasn't for me. I finally met with an advisor, discovered social work, and haven't looked back since," said LaFord. "The professors I have had along the way have helped me realize that I am exactly where I am supposed to be."

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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Wed., Mar. 22** – Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

**Wed., Mar. 22** – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

**Wed., Mar. 22** – Knightstown-Wayne Township Fired Board meeting, 7 p.m., at fire station, 30 S. Washington St.

**Thurs., Mar. 23** – Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

**Thurs., Mar. 30** – Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

**Tues., Mar. 28** – Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

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hell in a handbasket for eons, and humankind has been waging war for countless ages and shows no sign of stopping, but I am still here. It's up to me to extract as much pleasure as possible from each day of my existence.

I take seriously what Henry David Thoreau wrote in

*Walden*: "I wished to live deliberately ... and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear ... I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life."

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IN THE HENRY CIRCUIT COURT 1  
CASE NO. 33C01-1703-MI-000028

VS.  
KIRBY SMITH; TERESA L. SMITH; HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA; BIG BLUE RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT; AND TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES CLAIMING A SUBSTANTIAL PROPERTY INTEREST IN 21 NORTH HARRISON ST., KNIGHTSTOWN, INDIANA 46148  
Defendants

### NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE DEFENDANTS NAMED:

Kirby Smith; Teresa L. Smith; Henry County, Indiana; Big Blue River Conservancy District; and all Interested Parties Claiming a Substantial Property Interest in 21 North Harrison Street, Knightstown, Indiana 46148.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the above-named court. The nature of the suit against you is: an action to quiet title. The summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendants whose whereabouts are unknown:

Kirby Smith; Teresa L. Smith; Henry County, Indiana; Big Blue River Conservancy District; and all Interested Parties Claiming a Substantial Property Interest in 21 North Harrison Street, Knightstown, Indiana 46148.

In addition to the above-named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiffs arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

The plaintiff request that the Court declare him the owner of the following described real estate located in Knightstown, Indiana, to-wit: 50-feet off of the entire South end of Lot 4 Block 17 in the Northwestern Addition to the Town of Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana.

Common address: 21 North Harrison Street, Knightstown, IN 46148  
Parcel No.: 020-06609-00 (#33-16-33-232-264.000-030)

If you contest the plaintiffs' claim as owners or wish to assert an interest in this real estate, you must respond to the plaintiffs' complaint.

You must answer the complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 10th day of May, 2017, (the same being thirty (30) days after the final publication), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiffs have demanded.

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# FOLKWAYS

## Dinwiddie DAR Chapter Has High Tea in Richmond

The Major Hugh Dinwiddie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution had a high tea at the Tin Cup in Richmond on March 4 for their monthly meeting, hosted by Katie Lewman.

There were 10 members and two guests, Jill Fitzhugh and Karen Campbell, Lewman's sister, attending. The group had a delightful tea with two kinds of hot tea, cucumber water, two kinds of sandwiches, tarts and more.

The meeting opened in ritualistic form with Denise Akers, regent, and Louise Baldock, chaplain. The financial report was given by Dianne Taylor. Betty Foster was

secretary pro tem.

The National Defense, regent's message and state regent's message were shared. Ann T. Dillon, president general, talked of the New Members and New Horizons training classes on line. She reminded members that March is women's history month, and the Continental Congress will be June 28-July 2. The National Defender was about the Coast Guard and Fort McHenry National Monument.

Darlene Petry reported that Lewman, Akers, and herself had attended a meeting with the Kikthawenund Chapter on Feb. 25 in Pendleton. Janice Bolinger, hon-

orary state regent, was there giving a report on the Madonna of the Trail campaign. Petry updated the group on the Madonna's condition. The Madonna of the Trail is a DAR statue in Glen Miller Park in Richmond. There are 12 of these statues in the United States.

Lewman gave a school report. She passed around the information on the schools' websites and told whether or not they have an e-newsletter. She shared the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School newsletter for February.

Akers reported that the chapter's community service hours for Service to America totaled 411 for last year.

Amelia Wyatt gave an update on two new potential members.

Baldock reported that she has sent three get well cards out recently from the chapter.

Petry gave a report on the history essay contestants. Twenty-two students entered from two schools. There were two first place winners in the American history essay contest. One of the contestant received third place in the state contest. There was one winner for the Christopher Columbus contest. The winners will be honored at the

next meeting.

The state conference dinner will be May 21.

After the meeting was adjourned, the group played Jeopardy with "America and medicine 200 years ago" as the subject. Lewman did an excellent job of making the game like Jeopardy. It was a lot of fun and educational.

The next meeting will be at the Historic Knightown Inc. building, 22 N. Washington St. Hostesses will be Amelia Wyatt and Petry. It will be at 1:30 p.m. on April 8.

## Progressive Irish Music Duo 'Celtica' to Perform Live March 30 at County Library in New Castle

The band Celtica will present a progressive and engaging musical experience at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library. The concert is part of the Noteworthy Performances series, sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Celtica is led by founder Tammera Lane and guitarist Tim Dooley. The group uses vocals, keyboard, hammered dulcimer, and percussion to create a unique and inspirational sound. The band recently released the

CD "Celtic Fire," featuring several upbeat tunes.

There is no cost for the concert, thanks to Friends of the Library. Friends will accept donations for future events at this performance. The next Noteworthy concert is June 22 and features Bing Futch, a high-energy folk artist who performed in last year's series.

For more information about New Castle-Henry County Public Library's events and services, visit [www.nhcpl.org](http://www.nhcpl.org) and follow the library on Facebook and Twitter.

## Psi Iota Xi Teams with Schwan's

Psi Iota Xi, Gamma Eta Chapter, of Knightstown is conducting a fundraiser in conjunction with Schwan's Home Delivery Service.

The sorority will receive 20 percent of proceeds on Schwan's orders placed now through April 20. When customers use the sorority's fundraiser identification number, those orders are credited to Psi Iota Xi. Additionally, the sorority will receive 40 percent of proceeds from purchased e-certificates during the campaign.

To place an order, supporters can visit [www.schwans.com](http://www.schwans.com). Follow prompts on the checkout page and enter #31440 or PIX Knightstown 2017 in the Fundraiser Campaign field. Telephone orders to Schwan's may also be made by calling 1-855-870-7208. The campaign number (#31440) may also be given to the Schwan's telephone customer service representative.

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tary, the organization strives to publically emphasize the honor brought to the state of Indiana and the nation by the sacrifice of Indiana military veterans and their families.

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real hard at it, continuously, until everything was resolved," Thoe said. Another local business owner, Virgil Cavaletto, said his business, Pic N Save Market, located just east of town, was without power from about 10 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. last Friday. He was not as impressed as Thoe with the town's response. "I lost a lot of money, a lot of business that day," Cavaletto said. "... It'd be nice if the town would reimburse me, but you know they're not going to do that. ... I feel like I need to send them a bill or something." After looking at the utility pole where the wire short occurred, Cavaletto said he felt the blame for the problem belonged to the town. He said that, to him, it looked like there were too many wires on the one pole.

In another electric utility-related matter, the Knightstown Town Council heard a local citizen's complaint at last Thursday's regular monthly town council meeting about recent electric bills. Shirley Richardson said that despite her best efforts to keep electric costs down this winter, bills had been much higher than she had expected. Richardson told the council that when she divided her electric bill by the amount of usage, she came up with a different billing rate for each of the past several months. She asked why the rate seems to be changing month-to-month.

Beth Huffman, the town's clerk-treasurer, explained that the town purchases its electric power from the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, a wholesale provider of electricity to 60 municipalities in Indiana and one in Ohio. While the town has a set rate for electric customers, she said the town is also required to apply a "usage" or "tracking" factor to determine customers' final rates.

Council President Sarah Ward told Richardson that she and other council members are sensitive to the fact that the town has many senior citizens and others who are on fixed incomes. However, she added that electric rates have to be high enough to allow the town to pay what it owes IMPA.

Huffman said the council has previously talked about the possibility of withdrawing from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the state agency that oversees the setting of rates for many local utilities. However, she said she was not sure what effect, if any, that would have on local electric rates. Council Vice President Kevin Knott said he thought that would be an issue worth looking into further.

Council member Roger Hammer asked Huffman whether there had been some meters that were misread during the latest billing cycle. Huffman said that there had been, and that this was the result of an employee who made errors reading meters.

Huffman said her office has internal procedures designed to try to catch mistakes before bills are sent out to customers. She also said that use of remote meter-reading devices would cut down on mistakes made by employees. In the meantime, she said anyone who believes there has been an error in the reading of their water or electric meters should contact the town and request that they be reread.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA  
VOTING AND VOTE TABULATING SYSTEM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Henry County Election Board is seeking bids for qualified providers of a new voting and vote tabulating system. Responses will be evaluated on the basis of the quality of the proposed equipment and system, the usability of the proposed equipment and system, the service and warranty applicable to the equipment and system, the experience of the vendor and the feedback of other counties or governmental entities with the vendor and the proposed equipment and system, price, and other proposed terms of purchase. All criteria shall be weighed equally. All responses should be secured in a sealed envelope and mailed or hand delivered to the Henry County Voter Registration Office, 1215 Race Street, Suite 130/PO Box B, New Castle, IN 47362 to be received no later than 4:00 p.m. April 6, 2017. Henry County may engage in discussions with responsible offerors, who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, following the receipt of proposals. During the discussions, Henry County may request offerors to provide a "best and final" offer, as described in Indiana Code 5-22-9-6.

Henry County is considering an initial purchase to have sufficient equipment to process approximately 32,000 voters at no less than 12 Vote Centers and 2 Satellite locations throughout Henry County. This should not be construed as a commitment to purchase in this volume and vendors should be aware that this number could be higher or lower depending upon unit costs. Vendors should consider providing both a purchase option and a leasing option for the equipment and should breakdown costs based on an individual unit. Proposed prices should be good until December 31, 2017.

Prior to final evaluation and decision by Henry County, the Board and other persons deemed reasonably necessary by Henry County, may require Bidders to provide evidence of the proposed voting and vote tabulating systems' functionalities by means of a system demonstration.

Henry County reserves the right to add, delete, or modify terms and conditions during contract negotiations; all of which must be mutually agreed upon by the County and the Bidder.

Henry County shall make payments based on a negotiated payment schedule. Each billing must consist of an invoice and progress report. Henry County may choose to make advanced payments to the Bidder before the contract is completed.

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is intended to allow Henry County to select a new voting and vote tabulation system from the Bidders responding to this RFP. The new system must include equipment, software and services and must meet the standards set forth by Henry County and shall be certified by the EAC and the State of Indiana. Each Bidder must warrant the equipment and systems will be certified by the State of Indiana Election Commission throughout the term of the warranty and will at all times be lawful for use in elections in Indiana throughout the term of the warranty, and for a period of no less than twelve (12) years after the date of delivery. In the event that any of the equipment and systems is not able to be lawfully used in elections in Indiana during the term of the warranty, the Bidder must, at the Bidder's sole expense, make all necessary modifications to the equipment or systems or supply any necessary replacement equipment or systems to render the equipment or systems lawful for use. Henry County will not waive incidental or consequential damages for a breach of warranty and its remedies will not be limited.

The new system must include the following items along with any other components the Bidder and Henry County deem necessary:

- All hardware needed at each Election Day Vote Center and all early voting sites.
- An Election management system.
- An Election reporting system.

Services required for the length of the contract shall include: Installation of all equipment, acceptance testing, L&A testing, project management, Election Day support, maintenance, technical support, upgrades, election staff and poll worker training, hardware, software and firmware documentation, warranty and all Election coding and ballot printing services as needed.

The first anticipated use for the new equipment will be the May 2018 Primary election. All equipment must be newly manufactured. The proposal must include all hardware, firmware, software, computers, printers, cables, operating system software, training & training manuals, user manuals, maintenance manuals and technical support required to provide a fully functional voting system. Safeguards against tampering and damage must be provided.

Each Bidder shall provide a list of five (5) customer references for which the Bidder has implemented voting systems within the past 5 years. The references must include the contact name, phone number, e-mail and type of system along with the year it was implemented for each reference.

Each Bidder shall have the internal infrastructure to support and maintain the system including certified repair and replacement parts for the next twelve (12) years.

If a Bidder submits a proposal which includes work, services or goods supplied by a subcontractor, the Bidder must include the subcontractor's complete, name, address and type of work, services or goods the subcontractor shall be providing. The Bidder is solely responsible for adherence by any subcontractor to all provisions of the contract.

The award will be subject to entering into one or more contracts that are reasonably acceptable to Henry County. The contractor or contractors must provide for application of Indiana law, venue for any dispute in the Henry County, Indiana Circuit Courts and shall not limit Henry County's remedies for a breach of the agreement of any applicable express or implied warranty. (3/15, 3/22)

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Kyler Schaetzle Named National Football Foundation Prestigious Scholar-Athlete

Knightstown High School senior Kyle Schaetzle has been named as a scholar-athlete by the National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame for the Central Indiana Chapter.

The NFF Central Indiana Chapter consists of 140 high schools with boundaries west to Terre Haute, east to Richmond, north to Muncie and Lafayette and south to Bedford. There are five NFF chapters in Indiana but the Central Indiana Chapter is the largest.

The standards are extremely high to be considered for the award with only 16 student-athletes selected this year for the honor.

Schaetzle is the second Knightstown student to be chosen to receive the scholar-athlete award in the Central Indiana Chapter's 23-year history. In 2015, Derek Heim was one of 16 chosen for the award, the first student-athlete to be chosen for the award.

All scholar-athletes are listed in the records at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

Scholar-athletes are chosen by a committee within each chapter from nominations submitted by the player's coach. The chapter makes their decision based 60 percent on the athlete's academic, citizenship and leadership abilities. The other 40 percent is based on their football statistics.

NFF Central Indiana Chapter president Geoff Bradley told The Banner back in 2015 that Andrew Luck won the same award when he was in high school. Scholar-athlete awards are also given out by NFF to

college players. Peyton Manning and Drew Brees are just two players who were given the award when they were in college.

Schaetzle and his family are invited to participate in the 23rd Annual National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete Banquet, which will be held at the Indianapolis Colts Pavilion in Indianapolis Apr. 22. Each scholar-athlete is presented with large trophy with the bust of a football player, resembling the Heisman trophy. The chapter also has a specific amount of scholarship money to distribute to the scholar-athletes, but the amount given to the young men is need-based and not all the scholar-athletes will receive scholarship money. For example, scholar-athletes who have already been offered full-ride athletic or academic scholarships will not receive any NFF chapter scholarship funds.



Kyler Schaetzle

Schaetzle has a 4.321 grade point average and plans on majoring in engineering at Depauw University after he graduates this spring.

He has served as the Panther football team's main kicker for the past three seasons. He converted 78 of 95 attempts after touchdowns and made 3-of-4 field goal attempts.

Besides football, Schaetzle has also competed on the soccer team, is a class officer and a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club and History Club. He is the son of Tom and Amy Schaetzle of Knightstown.

## Mild Weather Could Benefit Fish - and Fishing

If the mild winter weather this year carries over through spring and summer, fish populations in northeast Indiana lakes could benefit.

DNR biologists say weather has a big impact on lake temperatures, oxygen levels and water clarity—key factors that determine how much habitat is available for fish.

"Our data show that more habitat and better habitat is present when overall conditions are warmer and drier," said Jed Pearson, DNR fisheries biologist. "Less habitat is present in colder, wetter years."

Habitat includes the space fish have to swim and forage in, and

areas where temperature and oxygen are more to their liking.

Based on a nine-year study of summer habitat conditions at Crooked Lake, north of Columbia City, the depth where fish can live varies as much as 30 percent from year to year.

In an average year, suitable habitat extends from the surface down to 24 feet. Below 24 feet oxygen levels drop too low for fish to breathe.

During 2012, a warm and dry year, habitat was present down to 28 feet. In contrast, fish were confined to the top 21 feet of water in 2014, a cool, wet year.

"These variations can also affect where fishermen find fish,"

Pearson said.

Each summer, most area lakes stratify into three layers: a surface warm-water layer, a middle cool-water layer, and a bottom cold-water layer.

Water is a great insulator, so once these layers set up in spring they usually persist through summer. Oxygen levels, however, can vary within these layers depending on the amount of sunlight, water clarity and abundance of aquatic plants.

At Crooked Lake, the warm-water layer typically extends from the surface down to 18 feet. This is where anglers usually catch bluegills and bass. Plenty of oxygen is always available.

The cool-water layer is narrow—  
**See Fish, page 10**

## Area High School Sports Schedule for Mar. 22-29

Note: Schedule subject to change due to inclement weather.

### VARSITY BASEBALL

- ◆Mar. 23 - Knightstown at home vs. Heritage Christian, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Mar. 29 - Knightstown away at South Decatur, 5 p.m.

### VARSITY SOFTBALL

- ◆Mar. 22 - Tri away at Seton Catholic, 5 p.m.
- ◆Mar. 23 - Knightstown away at Blackford, 5 p.m.
- ◆Mar. 23 - Tri away at Blue River Valley, 4:45 p.m.
- ◆Mar. 29 - Knightstown at home vs. South Decatur, 5 p.m.

### VARSITY CO-ED TRACK & FIELD

- ◆Mar. 11 - Eastern Hancock away at Anderson University for Jay County Invite, 3 p.m.
- ◆Mar. 21 - Tri away at Blue River Valley for 3-way with Union, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Mar. 22 - Eastern Hancock away at Sheridan for 3-way with Hamilton Heights, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Mar. 23 - Knightstown at home vs. Shenandoah/Indiana Math & Science, 4:30 p.m.

## Eastern Hancock Sports Physical Night Apr. 4

Eastern Hancock will hold its annual Methodist Sports Medicine athletic physical night Tuesday, Apr. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

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## Fish, from Page 9

er and sets up between 18 and 20 feet where water temperatures range from 68-73 degrees, which is where perch typically hang out.

The bottom habitat layer usually sits between 20 and 24 feet deep. It is where the lake's ciscoes, a native fish species related to trout, can be found.

The cold-water layer at Crooked Lake was thickest in 2010, 2012 and 2016 but virtually disappeared in 2014.

In some years, as conditions deteriorate, cisco die-offs have occurred when the fish were unable to find cold water with enough oxygen.

In addition to studying habitat at Crooked Lake, Pearson is looking at data from two other lakes: Adams Lake in LaGrange County and Waubee Lake in Kosciusko County.

"We're seeing the same sort of variation in each," he said. "All three lakes had more habitat in 2012, the warm, dry year, and less habitat in 2014, the cold, wet year. All three followed a similar pattern in other years."

So if the warm weather conditions continue, barring any heavy rains, 2017 could be a very good year for fish—and fishing.

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HENRY, SS: JAMES S. JESSUP AND ANDREA JESSUP, Plaintiffs,

IN THE HENRY CIRCUIT COURT 1 CASE NO. 33C01-1703-PL-000014

VS. KNIGHTSTOWN LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, KNIGHTSTOWN LAKE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, KNIGHTSTOWN LAKE, BIG BLUE RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, HENRY COUNTY AUDITOR, AND ALL OTHERS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN 6088 WEST COUNTY ROAD 875 SOUTH, KNIGHTSTOWN, INDIANA AND LAND IMMEDIATELY NORTH THEREOF, ADJACENT THERETO, AND SOUTH OF BUCK CREEK Defendants

### NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE DEFENDANTS NAMED: Knightstown Lake Property Owner's Association Knightstown Lake Homeowner's Association Knightstown Lake

And all other known and unknown defendants

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the above-named court. The nature of the suit against you is: an action to quiet title.

The summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendants whose whereabouts are unknown:

Knightstown Lake Property Owner's Association Knightstown Lake Homeowner's Association Knightstown Lake

In addition to the above-named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiffs arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

The plaintiffs request that the Court declare them the owners of the following described real estate located in Knightstown, Indiana, to-wit:

Parcel 1 - Lots 5664, 5665, 5667, 5668, 5669, 5670, 5671 and 5672 in the plat designated and delineated on Map "Four" Knightstown Lake, located in Wayne Township, Henry County, State of Indiana, and filed in the Recorder's Office of Henry County, Indiana, in plat book of Knightstown Lake on page 183-4 on May 31st, 1929, Except, 10 feet of uniform width off of the east side of the above described lot 5672; and

Parcel 2 - A part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 16 North, Range 9 East, in Henry County, Indiana, being described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 5664 in Knightstown Lake, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book of Knightstown Lake on page 183-184 on May 31, 1929 in the Office of the Recorder of Henry County, Indiana; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East (assumed bearing) along the East line of Lots 5658, 5657, 5656 in said plat and the Northerly extension thereof a distance of 66 feet, more or less to the top of bank of Buck Creek; thence Southeasterly along said top of bank a distance of 180 feet, more or less, to the Northerly extension of the East line of the West half of Lot 5672 in said plat; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 16 feet, more or less along the said Northerly extension to the North line of said Lot 5672; thence North 73 degrees 18 minutes 03 seconds West a distance of 31.32 feet along the North line Lot 5672 and 5671 to the Northwest corner of Lot 5671; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along the North line of Lot 5670, 5669, 5668, 5667, 5666, 5665 and 5664 a distance of 140.00 feet to the Beginning Point, containing 0.15 acres, more or less.

Common address: 6088 W. Co. Rd. 875 South, Knightstown, IN 46148 Parcel Nos. 014-10347-00

If you contest the plaintiffs' claim as owners or wish to assert an interest in this real estate, you must respond to the plaintiffs' complaint.

You must answer the complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 17th day of May, 2017, (the same being thirty (30) days after the final publication), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiffs have demanded.

JAMES S. JESSUP AND ANDREA JESSUP  
By: David L. Copenhaver #3369-67

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(3/22, 3/29, 4/5)

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## Letters, from Page 4

Right now, HB 1287 is moving through the Indiana General Assembly. It passed the House of Representatives unanimously and the Senate by a vote of 28-20. The House will now consider changes made to the bill by the Senate.

While the bill's outcome is still unknown, I encourage you to learn more about CHOICE if you or a family member are eligible. To receive more information, contact the following agency depending on your county.

\*Decatur County: Thrive Alliance, 1531 13th St. Suite G900, Columbus, IN 47201 - 812-372-6918

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If you have questions, comments or concerns about this topic or others, contact my office by email at Senator.Leising@iga.in.gov or by phone at 800-382-9467.

Sen. Jean Leising  
(R-Oldeberg)

## Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to some of the recent letters in regards to the Flatrock wind project.

The first thing that kind of blew me away was the full page ad on how this farmer would now be sustainable for years to come, how so? The wind from the turbines double his production? Sarcasm. We all know it has to do with the lease.

No problem with that, but it's just like the solar scam pitch to CAB the board was ready to rubber stamp.

Citizens need to ask a lot more questions. My parents live next to these, the noise, not so bad, slight whirring noise.

The problem I have is the money, these are so

heavily subsidized and we the taxpayers paid for it. So shouldn't our rates be lower?

Of course not, Its a publicly traded company that utilizes global warming mandates to make money off of something taxpayers funded. Each one of these is listed as a separate LLC for lawsuit purposes.

Ask them what is the PTC (production tax credit) credit going rate is 23cents a megawatt taxpayer subsidized.

What is the PPA Production Power Agreements, and contractual prices for megawatt?

Steam Turbines still have to be on standby when there is no wind so the carbon footprint, isn't what you think, they are still emitting CO2.

But if you buy RECs, you can still pollute the same, as long as its from these solar/wind suppliers of RECs selling them on the open market.

The same company says, they decommission them in 20 years. This is where the hosing comes in. The wording needs to be changed to dismantling. The owner is now responsible for it. You wont be able to use it for your own purpose because of SB309, nor could you afford the inverters or transformers, then there's the FAA approval on the red light on top, not like you can just put a wind sock on it.

If you've ever seen these, they also have to be turned which takes electricity or the shafts will warp.

In Michigan Nextera went to the TBA, and got approved an accelerated depreciation, and is now In a lawsuit to get the tax money back. So these little towns are looking at paying a few hundred k back? Does spiceland or Ktown have that in the bank?

Nov. 26, 2016 Newly elected officials imposed a 1 year moratorium on future building. Dec 7,2016 Nextera then filed a lawsuit requesting all voice mail, text, emails of all the newly elected officials who imposed the moratorium study.

starting to see a pattern here?

So they come to an agreement of production versus value....Production is 25-30% less then what they claim, crankcase heaters, baseload cycling, motors to adjust the pitch for speed, heated blades, braking, and electricity to turn them when its still outside. So they'll hose them buy using net production instead of

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gross for taxing purposes, but the sales pitch is always gross production.

May 5th, 2016 a 400 footer owned by Exelon self destructed because of bad pitch seals, know how far a 500 footer can throw a chunk of metal? Farther then the current minimum.

You want to see who is in favor of SB309, check your representatives campaign donation list.

Not trying to take away from the Banner, but this info can be verified by the tuscolareporter.com in Michigan.

Citizens need to wake up and ask more questions especially to their representatives.

Ralph Hecht  
Knightstown

# Crews to Begin Repairing Local Bridges Over I-70

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has awarded a \$7.2 million construction contract to Milestone Contractors for bridge deck replacement, rehabilitation or overlays on seven bridges on Interstate 70 in Hancock and Henry counties.

Construction is planned to begin this spring, and all work on the contract is expected to be complete by November. Specific dates and traffic restrictions will be announced after project schedules are submitted by contractors.

The speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph through the interstate work zones and reduced further to 45 mph when workers are present and lights are flashing.

## Rebuilding two bridges over Six Mile Creek

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over Six Mile Creek, which is located near mile 112 west of the Hancock-Henry county line and State Road 109 (Exit 115).

During construction of each bridge, one lane of that direction of traffic will be temporarily shifted across the median to share the other side of the interstate with the opposing direction of traffic separated by concrete barriers. The other lane will remain on the side of the interstate under construction and shifted to one half of the bridge as each structure is rebuilt one half at a time.

One lane may be closed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. At least one lane will remain open in each direction.

## Rehabilitating two bridges over Brandywine Creek

Milestone will repair and preserve twin I-70 bridges over Brandywine Creek, which is

located just east of State Road 9 (Exit 104) in Hancock County.

Two lanes of traffic will be temporarily shifted in two phases of construction for each bridge. One phase will shift both lanes toward the median and the other phase will shift both lanes toward the right shoulders as work is completed one half at a time.

Two lanes will be maintained in both directions except for overnight lane closures between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. All interchange ramps at State Road 9 (Exit 104) are expected to remain open.

## Overlaying two bridges over Montgomery Creek

Milestone will repair and preserve twin I-70 bridges over Montgomery Creek, which is located just east of State Road 109 (Exit 115) in Henry County.

Two lanes will be maintained in both directions except for some weekends, when one lane may be closed for concrete work starting at 9 p.m. on Friday until 6 a.m. on Monday.

Interchange ramps are expected to remain open with the exception of the State Road 109 entrance ramp to eastbound I-70, which may be closed starting at 9 p.m. on Friday until 6 a.m. on Monday for concrete work in the eastbound right lane.

## Bridge deck overlay on Hancock County Road 850 East

Milestone will close the Hancock County Road 850 East bridge over I-70 to apply a modified concrete overlay to the bridge deck. During the closure, county road traffic will be detoured to cross the interstate using County Road 600 East via County Roads 250 and 300 North.

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The council voted unanimously at last week's meeting to give Wright permission to get price quotes on the new UV system.

The price quotes will be opened and reviewed by Wright, Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beeth Huffman and one council

member on Friday, March 31.

In related matters, Wright advised the council that a preliminary engineering report his firm completed for the town's proposed wastewater utility improvement project was recently approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development. That agency is expected to fund, through a low-interest loan, most of the project, which is expected to cost around \$5.2 million.

Amy Miller of Cornerstone Grants Management reported during a public hearing held at the start of last week's meeting that the town is still hoping to get a \$600,000 grant for the sewer project from the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs. To be eligible, a random income survey being conducted in town must show that at least 51 percent of the town's households qualify as low-to-moderate income.

"Right now, we're not quite there yet," Miller told the council and citizens attending last week's meeting.

Miller said that the town also needs to obtain a document called a "letter of conditions" from the USDAORD before it can submit its application for the OCRA grant, which is due April 7. Should the town be unable to meet that deadline, she said it could apply for the fall grant cycle, provided that the income survey results don't disqualify the town.

More information about the March 16 Knightstown Town Council meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes from that proceeding. Those public records should be available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.



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