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Knightstown, IN

## Crime Watch Hog Roast April 22

Knightstown Neighborhood Crime Watch will host its annual hog roast on Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym. Proceeds from the event, which will feature food and live entertainment, benefit the nonprofit crime watch organization.

## Carthage Lions' Breakfast Saturday

The Carthage Lions Club will host its annual spring pancake and sausage breakfast, featuring all-you-can-eat biscuits and gravy, on Saturday, April 8, 6:30-11 a.m. at the Carthage Community Center. A freewill offering will be accepted with proceeds benefiting Lions Club projects.

## 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.

## Park Board Considers Splash Pad Options

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

Members of the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board learned last week that they may be able to get state approval to make changes to the splash pad at Sunset Park that could substantially reduce utility costs for the water attraction.

Harold Brown, a representative of Spear Corp., the Roachville-based company from which the town purchased the splash pad, said the park board could seek permission from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to bypass sending used water to the town's wastewater treatment plant. Monthly sewer bills comprise the largest part of the splash pad's utility costs, which, according to the board, ran close to \$15,000 last year and prompted the board to vote in January to close the splash pad for the 2017 season due to the high cost of operation.

As alternatives to sending water to the sewer plant, Brown said IDEM can approve discharging the water on the surface of the ground or into a stream. He said other states routinely allow things like this and, while not as common in Indiana, he said state Health Department regulations make it clear that IDEM can permit them.

Before splash pad water could be discharged onto the surface or into a stream, Brown said it would first be necessary to dechlorinate the water. However, he said that process is not very expensive.

Another option, which Brown said would cost much more, would be to install a water recirculating system that would make it un-

necessary to send water from the splash pad to the wastewater treatment plant. He estimated that it would cost \$30,000-\$50,000 to add that feature to the splash pad.

The splash pad could also be equipped, Brown explained, with a card reader or a machine that takes tokens. These systems, which could run \$1,500-\$3,500, would require park visitors to pay to use the splash pad, and those proceeds could be used to help offset utility bills.

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Local citizen Greg Bryze, who was responsible for inviting Brown to last week's meeting and has urged finding a way to have splash pad users pay for that privilege, said closure of splash pad could have a big impact on local youth.

"Kids do remember when you take things away," Bryze said.

Park Board President Suzee Neal said she didn't favor charging people to use the splash pad.

"There are children in this community who have nothing," Neal said. "... They have very little, and I don't want to exclude someone due to their financial status."

Neal said that her top priority right now is finding a way to replace old playground equipment that is in disrepair. She said closure of the

splash pad was something the park board had voted to do on a "month-to-month" basis, although that was not how the park board's closure vote was explained in January.

At the Jan. 24 monthly meeting, the park board voted to approve "temporary" closure of the splash pad. Immediately after that vote, the board clarified that "temporary" meant the splash pad would be closed for the 2017 season. Despite Neal's assertion at last week's meeting that this issue was being reviewed month-to-month, no follow-up vote on the splash pad closure was taken at the Feb. 28 meeting or at last week's meeting.

Neal asked Board Vice President Bruce Brown, who works for the town's water department, to ask the town's wastewater treatment plant operator to contact IDEM to inquire about getting permission to discharge the splash pad's water on the surface or into a stream. Brown said he would report back what he finds out during a special park board meeting set for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, at the shelter house.

"We're looking for compromise," Neal said. "... We have to do something to have responsible spending. ... That's our end goal."

Park board member Jacob Hart said there are a lot of issues at the park besides the splash pad that require the board's attention. While he said he would like to see the splash pad opened this year, he said there are other priorities to address first.

"It's just not the right thing to do," Hart said of opening the splash pad as things are presently situated. "You don't pay for something you can't afford."

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## Knightstown Budget Approved as Submitted

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The town of Knightstown was expected to take in more than \$19,000 from the sale of surplus equipment recently approved by the Knightstown Town Council.

Acting on a recommendation from Beth Huffman, the town's clerk-treasurer, the town council's five members voted unanimously at their March 16 monthly meeting to accept the high bids received for the sale of nine several surplus items. The accepted bids totaled \$19,395.50.

The items sold, sale prices and purchasers were:

- \*1997 Ford F-150 truck - \$400 to Tommy Grider;
- \*scrap metal - \$107 to Ronald Roberts;
- \*2001 Dodge dump truck - \$400 to Jordan VanHoy;
- \*2003 Ford Crown Victoria - \$107 to Ronald Roberts;
- \*1988 Ford L8000 dump truck - \$3,610 to Ed Yanos;
- \*2001 Ford boom truck - \$8,100 to Ed Yanos;
- \*1995 MAC VacAll - \$3,610 to Ed Yanos;
- \*riding mower - \$301.50 to Perry Kingery; and
- \*Onan generator - \$2,760 to Ed Yanos.

"We did not sell everything that we advertised," Huffman told the council. "... But, certainly, this is more than we anticipated."

In other financial matters, Huffman reported that the town had recently received its order from the state approving the town's 2017 budget. She said the approved budget was "exactly as we submitted it," and, while the General Fund's budget was lower than 2016's, she said there were "no surprises."

With this year's budget now approved, Council President Sarah Ward asked Huffman if there were funds to replace a fire hydrant on South Washington Street that hasn't worked for more than a year. Huffman said the town's water utility doesn't have money to do that right now, noting that the utility still has to repay \$30,000 it borrowed from the town's electric utility in early 2016. Calling this "a very expensive" project - Randy Anderson, head of the water department, estimated it would cost \$15,000-\$18,000 to replace the hydrant - Huffman said the town would-

n't have money for this before a pending water rate increase is approved.

Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, suggested that town officials contact the Wayne Township Trustee to see if the township has any money it could use to help pay for replacement of the hydrant. The township is in charge of providing fire protection for the entire township, including within town limits, and the local fire department is overseen by a joint town-township board.

**The council also approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$188,433.85 at the March 16 meeting. Of that amount, Huffman said \$154,022.05 was for the electrical power the town purchases wholesale from the Indiana Municipal Power Agency and then turns around and sells to local utility customers.**

Ward asked Huffman about the delay in getting state approval of the town's requested water rate increase, which, if OK'd by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, would see local rates and charges go up nearly 40 percent. Huffman said the IURC had asked the town to submit a plan for switching out old water meters with newer models that can be read remotely with a handheld electronic device, and that she did this two weeks earlier.

"We moved fast to get them what they wanted and it's out of our hands," Huffman said.

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Huffman told the council proposed changes to the town's salary ordinance with respect to pay for the three department heads who now share the duties of the town work's manager position - which has been vacant since December - would have to wait until the April meeting. She said she wanted to have a chance to first meet with these employees to discuss this matter before asking the council to amend the salary ordinance.

In other business at the March 16 meeting, the council: \*voted to appoint Vice President Kevin Knott and council member Roger Hammer to a committee that will work with Huffman on details of a drug testing policy for town employees;

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# OBITUARIES

**Robert "Bob" T. Mench**  
**July 23, 1939 - March 29, 2017**



Robert "Bob" T. Mench, 77, Wilkinson, passed away Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at the Ellison House in Greenfield. He was born July 23, 1939, in Indianapolis, the son of Edward and Lois (Jackson) Mench.

Bob graduated from Charlottesville High School in 1957 and lived in Hancock County all of his life. He attended Purdue University, completed a bachelor's degree in business at Southern Illinois University and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a member of Willow Branch United Methodist Church. Bob had a lifetime passion for polled Hereford cattle and was supportive of 4-H and FFA throughout Indiana, helping numerous young people by sharing his passion and knowledge of the livestock industry. He also owned Robert T. Mench Insurance Agency and Real Estate office in Shirley for 20 years. Bob was an avid supporter of Eastern Hancock sports. His grandchildren were the apple of his eye and he never missed a livestock show or ballgame they were in. He loved talking to friends on the phone for hours and never met a person he could not offer some kind of advice.

He is survived by his wife, Lana Mench of Wilkinson; two sons, Thomas David (Jessica) Mench of Shirley and Andrew John (Heidi) Mench of Canton, Ill.; four grandchildren, Morgan Anne and Megan Elizabeth Mench, Ayden Thomas and Marlee Jo Mench; and several very close friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an aunt, Merremae Leavelle.

Visitation was April 2 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Services were April 3 with Pastor David Huff officiating. Burial followed in McCray Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bob Mench 4-H Scholarship, 312 E Main St, Greenfield, IN 46140. Condolences and memories of Bob may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

**William Richard Barger III**  
March 28, 2017

## Former Clerk-Treasurer's Sentencing April 25

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

A former Kennard clerk-treasurer accused of stealing more than \$80,000 from the town during her three years in office is expected to appear in federal court later this month to plead guilty and be sentenced for a single count of wire fraud.

A court hearing for Karen Stanley, the town's clerk-treasurer from August 2012 until her abrupt resignation in late October 2015, is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25. At that time, if it accepts the plea agreement Stanley and her attorney signed in November, the court will impose a sentence that could include up to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 and three years of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

As previously reported in The Banner, Stanley was indicted by a federal grand jury last April on three counts of wire fraud. She is alleged to have "devised, intended to devise, and participated in a scheme to defraud Kennard, and to obtain money and property from Kennard by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by concealment of material facts."

The indictment, a copy of which is available on The Banner's website, alleges Stanley "falsely presented in Kennard's payroll system that she was entitled to a salary in the amount of \$33,000 per year," double her \$16,500 annual salary. The document says Stanley "presented falsified expense reports that included the unauthorized payroll amounts" to the Kennard Town Council at that body's monthly meetings.

As a result, Stanley is alleged to have received \$80,160 in unauthorized payments during her three

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## Grief Support Workshop

The Grief Support Workshop will take place at Senior Living at Forest Ridge, 2800 Forest Ridge Pkwy., New Castle. The workshop will be at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, starting March 28 through Tuesday, May 2. As a service to our community, this workshop is free and open to the public. Wanda Jones and Allen Collier will facilitate the meetings.

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## PBS Meeting in Council Chambers

A special town meeting to learn more about a Muncie-based Public Broadcasting Service TV program's plans to feature Knightstown in an upcoming episode will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Knightstown Town Council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St., not at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., as was reported in last week's issue of The Banner. WIPB-TV, a PBS affiliate, will showcase Knightstown on its *Now Entering* ... program, which featured Portland and Pendleton in its first two episodes. For more information, call 800-252-9472, or visit WIPB online at [www.wipb.org](http://www.wipb.org).



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# Park Playground May See Change

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board continues to gather information about possible options for replacing aged playground equipment at Sunset Park.

Last week, at their March 28 monthly meeting, park board members heard a presentation from Eric McDaniel, a sales consultant for Kinetic Recreation, a playground equipment supplier based in McCordsville. A month earlier, a similar presentation had been made to the board by another Hancock County-based company, Greenfield's NVB Playgrounds Inc.

McDaniel, who also serves as chief of the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department, told the board some that, in his opinion, some of the older playground equipment at the park presented immediate hazards and should be immediately removed. He estimated that Kinetic Recreation could remove the old equipment - a dome structure and four rides mounted on large springs - and install a double-bay swing set and new wood mulch for \$12,000-\$14,000.

While replacing the structure that features a couple of slides could cost as much as \$30,000, McDaniel said his company could do some rehab work on it for about \$5,000. However, that figure would not include replacing the larger slide, which he said has a big crack in it; replacing that, if a replacement can be found, could add another another \$3,000-\$5,000 to the total cost, he said.

Suzee Neal, president of the park board, told McDaniel the board is "totally grant dependent" in terms of being able to address playground needs. She suggested the park board hold a special meet-

ing on April 11 to try to finalize a plan, which could be submitted in support of two grant applications that will be turned in next month seeking funding for playground work.

Knightstown Town Council Vice President Kevin Knott, who serves as the council's liaison to the park board, asked Neal whether the park board would consider asking Wayne Township government officials to help pay for new playground equipment. Neal said if efforts to obtain grants don't succeed, the park board will likely turn to the township with such a request.

"We've got to do something," Neal said.

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

- \*approved a new contract with Greg Bryze, who does cleaning at the park shelter house, increasing

the amount paid to him annually from \$2,850 to \$3,443.75;

- \*voted to withhold the shelter house rental deposit paid by Paul Greenwalt, Greenfield, who used the shelter house on March 18, for accessing the shelter house before his rental term started and for, as Bryze told the board, leaving the shelter house "a mess";

- \*agreed to purchase two gallons of paint for local Girl Scouts who, as part of a service project, will repaint two old military cannons located at the park;

- \*approved a bid from Turf-Pro Evergreen Lawn & Landscape for mowing at the park for \$220 per mow and waived a requirement that the bid be signed;

- \*voted to have the park board sponsor a string art class offered by park board member Jan McGuire from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the first and  
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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## Fond Memories of Youth Bear Repeating

"To every thing there is a season." - The Bible - "Ecclesiastes"

As I write this, it isn't light yet, but a cardinal is loudly whistling a proclamation of spring out in our backyard. "Wheat, wheat, wheat! Cheer, cheer, cheer, cheer, cheer!" Spring arrived early. Alas, extreme cold blasted the fat buds of our magnolia tree that is taller than our house so that we shall have no blossoms this year. The crocuses, daffodils and hyacinths started blooming several weeks ago.

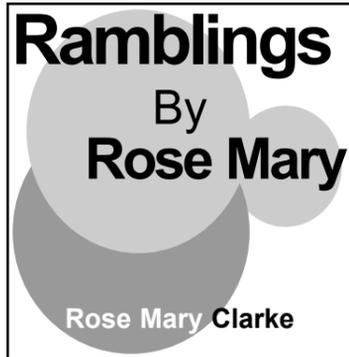
The bloodroot is in bloom - way early! It's the essence of memories of my mother when we dug up the original plant in a woods nearly 70 years ago. She gave it to Bill to plant in our yard at 312 N. Ritter, and it grew to about a foot in diameter. A few years after we moved to our current home, Mrs. Bittlemeier gave me a start from it.

I try not to dwell too often in the past. However, as I approach my 80th year - ohmygod! - I can't avoid the reality that most of my life consists of the past. Several of my readers say that they enjoy the nostalgia pieces. Judy, an acquaintance at Irvington Methodist, where Bill is a member, told him that she hopes I write many more of the current set of columns that are entitled, "Now, in our day ..."

Bonnie (Keesling) Manche of Knightstown, the sister of my high school chums, Clara and Darleen,

wrote many years ago, "I like your columns because they help us remember."

Pam Otto, the daughter-in-law of our beloved friend, Phyllis, said, "Tom and I hope you keep writing about your memories." "Oh dear," I said. "I've written so much about the past, that I've used it all up, and



I try not to repeat myself." "That doesn't make any difference since we can't remember what you wrote anyway!" Since even I can't remember exactly what I wrote years ago, that makes sense.

I think that acquaintances are often more connected with each other by their past than they are by the present. They may no longer know the details of each other's lives, but it gives them warm fuzzies to walk bygone paths and revisit the happy times of their collective memory. Even if they've never met each other, those who

grew up in the same era and culture retain similar memories of their childhoods.

Judy, Pam, Tom and Bonnie hear different voices in their minds' ears and see different faces in their minds' eyes, but partake in the same nostalgia as they tread together the golden path of the springtime of their lives. Nephew John Jones, Sarah Ward and Wanda Frazier Smith are the go-to people of my early youth:

"Red rover, red rover. I send Sarah over."

"Eleanor, you may take three dishpan steps."

"Miss Newby, that wasn't fair!" (Our beloved fifth grade teacher, Lucinda Newby umpired the girls' softball game out in the schoolyard.)

"Over the can with John!" We played kick-the-can out in Carey Street. One day, Mardella (Anderson) Spears and I collided, banged our heads together and fell down as we ran in to base. Crying, Mardella crawled to the back door to seek solace from my mother while I crawled to the front door.

Skipping rope to the refrain of "Down in the valley where the green grass grows - there sits Wanda, sweet as a rose. Along comes ... and kisses her on the cheek. How many kisses will she get this week? One, two, three ..."

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We look around and see many things that are wrong, and to do or say nothing is wrong, too. We have been blessed as a community to have had a bank that cared about its community and employees. To have employees that gave so much to the customer and community. I watched the manager and staff work way beyond banking hours to head up projects that benefited our community.

When you walked in they knew your name and your family, and I was always made to feel safe and secure. Now those two words "safe and secure" are important. After all we are entrusting them with our financial future - our hard earned money!

To see what happened this past week to these gals left me feeling quite the opposite. I no longer feel safe and secure there. They were left with not even the opportunity to clean out their belongings. All their years and expertise meant nothing.

I don't know about anyone else, but my hard earned money is leaving.

Barbara Meade  
Spiceland

Dear Editor,

Right now, there is a widespread opioid epidemic in the United States. More and more people are battling a drug addiction, impacting not just individuals but families and communities as well.

For example, drug overdoses are now the No. 1 cause of accident-related deaths in Indiana and the United States, according to the most recent data.

Illegal drugs, while a factor, are not solely responsible for this issue. Prescription opioids are also to blame. Doctors prescribe opioids, or pain relievers, for patients suffering from cancer, recovering from surgeries or managing chronic pain, but many are becoming addicted. In fact, addiction to painkillers is often what drives people to use heroin - an illegal drug that is cheaper and often more dangerous than prescription opioids.

A point of further concern is that the number of opioid doses prescribed by doctors is increasing, even in some areas of Senate District 42.

Listed below are the number of doses prescribed in 2015 by county.

Decatur: 2,933,283; Fayette: 4,202,253; Franklin: 1,970,552; Henry: 9,202,134; Ripley: 2,407,486; Rush: 2,361,663; Shelby: 4,206,122.

Prescription opioid addiction is adding to Indiana's drug crimes. According to the most recent data, Indiana led the nation in pharmacy robberies in 2015.

Lawmakers have authored a number of bills to address the drug epidemic this session. Senate Enrolled Act 226 would put a limit on the number of prescription opioids doctors could prescribe children and adults using these medications for the first time.

I supported SEA 226 when it passed the Senate in February. If it becomes a law, I am hopeful it will help curb the drug crisis in our state.

As your senator, I value your opinion on this issue. Please contact my office by email at [Senator.Leising@iga.in.gov](mailto:Senator.Leising@iga.in.gov) or by phone at 800-382-9467 if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Sen. Jean Leising  
(R-Oldenburg)

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## Who Could Be Dealing All These Painkillers?

Wow! Could that be right?

Henry County doctors prescribed twice as many prescription painkiller doses in 2015 than any other county in our region?

Could that be right?

The numbers in Sen. Jean Leising's letter to the editor (at right) are patently astonishing. Just two years ago, local doctors prescribed nearly 10 million painkillers or opioids. The next highest count is Shelby County with about 4.2 million doses prescribed.

Incredible!

There's probably a better way to put it, but why is the count so "high" in Henry County? Why are Henry County residents in so much pain?

I'm sure there are many "official" reasons for this. When Big Business is involved the excuses flow like a river of molten gold.

The obvious reason, of course, won't be discussed. But, I'll let you in on the secret: it's about money.

I know this will shock some of you, but pharmaceutical companies and doctors often view their enterprises as money-making businesses, aimed at both aiding humanity and making a gob of money doing it. So, it's no wonder they prescribe so many of these very expensive medicines, whose addictive properties keep customers coming back for more.

So hooked are these victims of over-prescribed painkillers that, when they can no longer obtain them legally, they turn to alternate means. Going hand-in-hand with this massive glut of prescribed opioids is Indiana's dubious distinction of leading the nation in pharmacy robberies, according to Leising.

These addicts are vigorously pursued by law enforcement. The small time dealers and everyday users are the subjects of all manner of raids, arrests, stake-

outs, surveillance, etc., at the hands of law enforcement. Meanwhile, the big time dealers (pharmaceutical companies and their dealing doctors) are pretty much left alone, enjoying a kind of corporate immunity.

Really, there are only a couple of sources for these harmful opioids - the companies that make them and the doctors who prescribe them. So, how can it be so hard to get a grip on this problem?

That's easy. America treats this problem like a kid would treat his own case of the flu. He wipes his nose and covers his mouth when he coughs, but he doesn't know enough to go after the source of the illness and not just the symptoms. If he knew better, the kid might try to eradicate the flu virus from his body.

America isn't a little kid, however. Wise adults - maybe too wise - know that people aren't manufacturing these pills at home like meth. They're getting them from the never-ending source of pain-killing pills: Big Pharma and their dealers - physicians.

These drug companies are the source of the problem. They smooth it over nicely, though, offering hundreds of millions of dollars in donations to community foundations and other nonprofit organizations throughout our nation and world. Yes, their profits are soaring like ... like ... like America's massive, crippling opioid problem.

Our courts are clogged with these cases. Police have to risk their lives every day to combat the problem. Unsuspecting citizens - citizens who wouldn't ordinarily have a drug problem - are often trapped in addiction after minor surgeries or injuries.

Meanwhile, Big Pharma and irresponsible doctors are laughing it up on luxurious golf courses without a care in the world, while America wallows in addiction.



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# BITS & PIECES

◆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.

◆Gospel singers **Larry Waters & Lifeboat** will perform at Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., on Saturday, April 22, at 6 p.m. The concert is open to the public. Call 317-936-5849 or 765-345-7442 for more information.

◆Charlottesville United Methodist Church will hold its annual **chicken and noodle dinner** from 4:30-7 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, at the Charlottesville Lions Club on East CR 25-N. The dinner, available for a freewill offering, will also include green beans, mashed potatoes, salads, rolls, homemade pies and cakes and drinks.

◆Knightstown Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., will host **Palm Sunday services** on April 9 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited. Good Friday services will take place at 7 p.m. April 14. The service will feature a message, choir singing and hymns. The Easter Sunday service on April 16 begins at 10:30 a.m. and features a message, choir singing, hymns and guest vocal soloists.

◆The Future of Carthage group is preparing its **Bridges, Bikes and Books Spring Blast**, a community event scheduled for Saturday, May 6. The event will feature a covered

bridge bicycle tour, featuring two ride lengths, 14 miles and 42 miles. The 14-mile route includes one historic Rush County covered bridge, while the 42-mile route tours three covered bridges. Registration fee is \$25. More information can be found on the group's Facebook page.

◆The Carthage Lions Club will host its annual **spring pancake and sausage breakfast**, featuring all-you-can-eat biscuits and gravy, on Saturday, April 8, 6:30-11 a.m. at the Carthage Community Center. A freewill offering will be accepted with proceeds benefiting Lions Club projects. The club is also seeking donations of used eye glasses, which will be given to Lions International. The public is invited.

◆The 2017 **Henry County Child Fair** will be held on Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the New Castle/Henry County Public Library on 15th Street in New Castle. This is a celebration for children of all ages and their families to explore the resources available to them in our county. Over 20 booths will have information on their individual programs for families. There will be door prizes drawn during the event. The event is free and open to all families with children.

◆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. 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.

◆Helping Hands For Freedom will be hosting **Freedom Fest** April 8 at American Legion Post 70, 1125 Miller Ave., Shelbyville. The event, which begins at 6 p.m., is a family friendly, all ages event and will feature three musical acts, an auction, vendors and a special military presentation. Admission is a \$5 donation at the door and all proceeds go to aid military families. HHFF assists families of the fallen, wounded and deployed and was confounded by retired Army Staff Sgt. Patrick Shannon, a two time Purple Heart recipient and a Bronze Star recipient.

◆MainSource Bank, 120 E. Main St., Knightstown, is hosting **free document shredding** through April 28. The shredding is being offered free, courtesy of the bank. The public is invited.

◆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.

◆Knightstown Neighborhood **Crime Watch** will host its annual hog roast on Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym. Proceeds from the event, which will feature food and live entertainment, benefit the nonprofit crime watch organizations.

◆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.

◆Knightstown Neighborhood Crime Watch will host its monthly **public meeting** on Monday, April 10, at 6 p.m. in the Hoosier Gym's east classrooms.

◆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.

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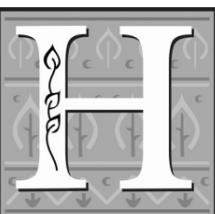
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# Fundraising Aimed at Retiring Loan on FFA Leadership Center

As part of a pay it forward campaign, Farm Credit Mid-America, a long-time Indiana FFA partner and agriculture lender, pledged up to \$25,000 in matching funds to the Indiana FFA Foundation and is challenging businesses, FFA alumni and others to follow their lead. The goal of the campaign is to retire an original loan on the Indiana FFA Leadership Center in Trafalgar and aims to raise \$25,000 by June 20.

"FFA lays the foundation of a dynamic generation of agriculture leaders and supports developing skills that benefit the agricultural industry and our communities," said Tom Sloma of Farm Credit Mid-America. Since the first camp was held in 1974, an estimated 100,000 FFA members have taken advantage of the unique FFA leadership center. With the Indiana FFA

Foundation investing close to \$500,000 in facility capital projects and improvements, the center has been a place of growth and stability for FFA members across the state.

"For over 40 years, Indiana FFA members have been blessed to inherit such a remarkable place to call home," said Lisa Chaudion, executive director of the Indiana FFA Foundation. "Generations of leaders have been shaped and inspired by the leadership center, and we are excited about the opportunities it will offer our youth in the future."

Funds raised will also be used to build the Give Hope Annuity, which was created to help with future capital projects of the Indiana FFA Leadership Center.

To donate, call Lisa Chaudion at 317-878-4178 or email her at lchaudion@inffa.org.

# Longtime Town Employee Rick Taylor Now Working to Improve Sewer Plant's Capacity

by Logan Cox  
for The Banner

Rick Taylor has spent over 30 years working for the town of Knightstown. In 1986, he became a member of the street department, but was transferred to Knightstown wastewater treatment plant in 1989.

"In June of 1992, I got my class two license," Taylor said. "It took me three years to go from just a regular worker here to getting licensed and qualified to run a class two plant, be it here or anywhere in the state."

As operator of the wastewater treatment plant, Taylor is responsible for a wide variety of maintenance. He also has to make sure the plant's quality is approved by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Environmental Protection Agency.

"I make sure the system is maintained - that we don't have any blockages," he said. "Dealing with Vectren or anyone like that ... we have sewer locations, lines for our laterals. The main thing I have to do pertains to IDEM, on my permit ... testing to make sure our treated wastewater runs to the rivers. If any other department is shorthanded or need our help, we can help them."

Originally, Taylor had worked under Richard Grizzell, who had been the former head of the wastewater plant.

"I learned a lot off of Richard and now, since I run it, I can see all of the stress he'd have from time to time, dealing with IDEM or EPA. There's not a lot of problems with the townspeople," said Taylor. "They have the concept that as long as their drains are going fine, they're all right. But, when they stop, they understand there's more to it than everything flowing right."

The town is in the process of trying to get a loan and grant money to upgrade the wastewater plant, to improve infrastructure and manholes. Since Vectren began installing gas mains throughout Knightstown, they were able to survey the sewer system, giving the wastewater plant a better understanding of where everything is.

One of the projects Taylor had planned was the realignment of the town's sewer mains.

"When you get high rains and the ground table rises, you get water seeping into the joints of your mains," explained Taylor.

In working with Vectren, it's been discovered that only one or two block sections may be in need of realigning, while the rest are in good condition. Taylor feels the problem now has to do with the

town's manholes.

"And I've got all this information from Miller Pipeline," he said. "They just gave it to me and it's free. So I've got a lot of information now that I've never had before."

Taylor notes that this new information can be just as beneficial for homeowners as it can for the town itself, which he can relay to anyone interested.

"So the maintenance of our system is not as bad as I thought it was," said Taylor. "I thought I may have had roots trying to grow in our mains, but actually they're coming from other sources. So it's things that we can look at now and take care of, it's nothing that's going to be a big problem."

The planned improvements will not be as invasive on Knightstown's infrastructure as previously thought, with upgrades going to the manholes and lateral maintenance work. This is in addition to the gas mains Vectren put in. It also provided the street department with new maps

outlining the town's storm drains.

"When we get our loans and we get our plant updated," he said, "we'll have the most up to date class two wastewater facility in the state."

Taylor enjoys helping people who call or come in needing assistance, and is willing to troubleshoot if he can. Thanks to his knowledge of the town's infrastructure, he is able to provide ideas that will often help people save both time and money.

"But that's the way I always felt," said Taylor. "I was taught from Richard that you work for the public, they don't work for you. We're here to serve them. So that's what I do and have always done."

He feels the same could be said of the other town department heads as well.

"That's part of the job I feel is rewarding, when I can show people and explain to them, and they go away with a different outlook on the town and the way we function. And they understand more," he said.

Overall, Taylor believes in being open to the community and willing to help answer any questions they may have. He also believes that people should attend local meetings and stay informed in order to better understand the inner workings of their town.

"I think that's the biggest key to a municipality working right," Taylor said, "having the communication with the public."

Taylor graduated from Knightstown High School in 1981. He's always lived around or near Knightstown, now residing in the town of Shirley.



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STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF HENRY, SS:  
BRUCE E. BROWN,  
Plaintiff,

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

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

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  
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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Wed., Apr. 5** – Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall

**Thurs., Apr. 6** – Henry Co. Planning Technical Review Board meeting, 9 a.m., office building conference room, first floor, New Castle

**Thurs., Apr. 6** – Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

**Sat., Apr. 8** – Wilkinson Town Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Wilkinson Town Hall

**Mon., Apr. 10** – Carthage Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Carthage Town Hall

**Mon., Apr. 10** – Eastern Hancock School Board meeting, 7 p.m., corporation office

**Tues., Apr. 11** – Henry Co. Memorial Park Comprehensive Planning session, 6:30 p.m., Hope Building, 14th and Broad streets, New Castle

**Tues., Apr. 11** – Knightstown Public Library Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., at library

**Rose Mary, from Page 4**

Tappy-on-the-icebox with Rex Mattix, Billy Vanduy and the Forbes kids: "I'll draw the circle, now who'll put the dot?"

In my mind's ear, I hear still the swoosh of the jump rope and the clank of the tin can as it rolls down the street, the thudding of running feet and youthful voices. In my mind's eye, my buddies are forever young. Sounds and people of our childhood: There was our Eden!

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**Tues., Apr. 11** – South Henry School Corp. board meeting, 7 p.m.

**Wed., Apr. 12** – Henry Co. Work Session meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

**Wed., Apr. 12** – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

**Wed., Apr. 12** – Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

**Wed., Apr. 12** – Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

**Wed., Apr. 12** – Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 6 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

**Wed., Apr. 12** – Rush Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

# FOLKWAYS

## Knightsdown BPW Members Install District 2 Leaders at Local Meeting



Knightsdown BPW installs district and local officers at a recent meeting (Photo submitted)

The Indiana Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. of Knightsdown (BPW) had its March meeting on March 20 with Shannon Dawson as hostess. Knightsdown BPW President Barbara Mofield presided.

Knightsdown BPW will have the salad luncheon for senior girls and their guests on April 30 with Tri Kappa and Psi Iota Xi in the Knightsdown High School Cafeteria.

Several scholarship applications were received for the two scholarships BPW will be giving to a Knightsdown senior girl and an area high school senior girl.

Knightsdown BPW and Rush County Players will present the Mystery Dinner on Saturday, April 22, for youth. *The Secret Ones* will premier at 1 p.m. Cost for each youth is \$5. An adult Mystery Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 22, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 23. *The Sour Grapes of Wrath* will start at 2 p.m. Cost is \$20 for each adult. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 17.

The BPW state convention will be held April 7-8 at a Fort Wayne hotel with Tina Williams, a Knightsdown BPW member, as 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's years. Each local group needs to take two baskets for the Saturday night auction; Knightsdown BPW will have a basket featuring wines from all over the world, and a second basket will feature items from Knightsdown. Each member attending is to take a pound item for the pound auction.

The District 2 spring meeting was March 11 with Connersville as host.

Officers for 2017-2018 for District 2 were installed. The new officers include District 2 Director

## Henry County Historical Society Hosting Bob Jenkins on April 6

Voice of Indy 500 and NASCAR

Bob Jenkins, the voice of the Indy 500 and NASCAR, will be at the Henry County Historical Society on Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. to share stories from his long career.

This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$15 and limited seating is still available. Call the Museum at 765-529-4028 or stop by to pick up tickets at the Henry County Historical Society, 606 S. 14th St. in New Castle.



Barbara Mofield, Knightsdown BPW President and Assistant District Director Mary Richardson, Connersville BPW Secretary Bonnie Mayfield, Winchester BPW Treasurer Jackie Woolard, Knightsdown BPW State Nominating Committee Member Penny Sitler, and Knightsdown BPW Alternate State Nominating Committee Member, Vickie Reeves, Fortville BPW.

Knightsdown BPW made a donation to Raintree Habitat for Humanity's Spiceland project. A donation was made to the Knightsdown High School prom. Donations for the Indiana Women's Education Foundation's pig contest were collected, with

the winner to be selected at the state convention.

Dawson presented an interesting program on the shows where she works. She works as a broadcast journalist and producer at "Indiana Lawmakers" with Jon Schwantes, "No Limits" with John Krull, "Inside Indiana Business" with Gerry Dick, and "Weekend Gardener," and she writes in the e-newsletter *INpower*.

The next meeting will be April 17 at 6:30 p.m. with Penny Sitler as hostess. An election of officers for 2017-2018 for Knightsdown BPW will be held. Women in the community are invited to attend any local meeting on the third Monday of each month.

## Several KES Student Recognized

Knightsdown Elementary School recently held a Character Counts convocation for students. The focus was on responsibility.

Responsibility essay readers included Kaydenca Baker, Gage Broady, Ayden Hiner, Kenzie King, Lilly Loveall and Levi Sparks.

Select students were recognized for exhibiting good character traits. They include the following.

### Kindergarten

Mrs. Lykens: Landen Cook, Allana Phipps; Mrs. McDonald: Baylor Clements, Katie Holliday; Miss Shryock: Ashton Gorman, Trent Smalley; Mrs. Spooner: Isabella Stelzel, Ella Vise

### First Grade

Mrs. Childress: Breanna Hamilton, Hayden Rogers; Mrs. Evans: Leah Amburgey, Wyatt Halcomb; Mrs. Hamilton: Cotter Fletcher, Hailie Jett; Mrs. Lewman: Lena Dotson, Libby Wilkinson

### Second Grade

Miss Haines: Evie Berrier, Aaliyah Penn; Miss Selvidge: Anza Milner, Makenzie Smith; Mrs. Wyatt: Kylin Enterkin, Chris Roland

### Third Grade

Mrs. Crawford: Kinzie King, Anna Roberson, Sophie Williams-Swedarsky; Mrs. Fortune: Foxx Adams, Amara Decker; Mrs. Hunt: Gage Broady, Levi Sparks; Miss Veach: Kaylee

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### Bus Awards

Bus 2: Jordyne Kent, Konner Kent, Kooper Kent; Bus 3: Ray Byers, Landon McColley; Bus 5: Domynic Jones, Ava Vise; Bus 9: Bella Bowling, Kuhryssa Paugh; Bus 15: Sydney Bennett, Bella Haley; Bus 22: Evie Berrier, Gustavo Hernandez

Car Rider Award: Catherine Martin

Breakfast Buddy Award: Carson Harris, Chris Roland

\$20 Scholastic Book Winners: kindergarten: Taylor Sparks; first grade: Kiera Weidner; second grade: Makenzie Smith; third grade: Ava Vise

### Panther Prizes

Kindergarten: Jagger Cole, Josh Johnson; first grade: Sarah Waymire, Toni Ritchie; second grade: Jackson Smith, Chris Roland; third grade: Alarie Riley, Dakota Pierce



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# Knightstown Softball Team Starts Season in Big Way



Senior Vivian Goodpaster (above) smashed a home run, two doubles and a single, tallying five RBIs, in Knightstown softball team's season opening 17-3 win over South Decatur Mar. 29. (Stacy Cox photos)

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## Lady Panthers Pound Out 21 Hits in 17-3 Opening Win

**By Stacy Cox  
General Manager/Sports Editor**

Knightstown's varsity softball team relentlessly pounded the ball for four straight innings to whip South Decatur 17-3 in the Lady Panthers' season opener Mar. 29 at home.

The Lady Cougars got on the board early with a run in the first inning but Knightstown dominated from that point on. The Lady Panthers had 21 hits with only one walk in just four innings and it sounded like it, with their veteran players going after every pitch aggressively then running the bases in the same fashion.

By the time the bottom of the fourth came up, KHS was holding a 13-1 lead. They scored four more runs quickly and head coach Bret Mann instructed his team to let up.

"No coach or team likes that to happen to them and I have a lot of respect for their coach," Mann said after the game. "I never want to tell my players to not try when they're at the plate. But, when they got on base, we told them to just take off early so they'd be called out and we didn't run up the score."

Mann was relaxed and deservedly feeling good about how his team played, especially considering the limited outside practice time they've had. He was also relieved to see things go well on the pitcher's mound.

"We've got a lot of experience everywhere except on the mound," said Mann. The team lost Haley Fowler and Maddie Lyall to graduation last year. The two combined to pitch all but nine innings last sea-

son and had pitched at the varsity level for the past three seasons. "Pitching was the one area where we had some concern but Georgee had a good day."

Senior Georgee Lawhorne worked hard in the off-season to step into the main pitching role for the Lady Panthers. Lawhorne pitched just two innings as a freshman and one inning as a junior.

But, no one would have guessed that last Wednesday. After shaking off the one run scored on her in the first inning, Lawhorne showed her upperclassman experience with a commanding performance the rest of the game.

In the four innings Lawhorne was on the mound, she faced 16 batters and gave up just one run on two hits with five strikeouts and one walk.

Carmen Cleek, another senior with a ton of experience everywhere except at the one spot, got a chance on the mound in the top of the fifth. She faced seven batters, struck out one and walked three while allowing one hit, resulting in two runs scored.

Lawhorne and Cleek were backed up by solid defense on the field. The Lady Panthers had just one error while putting out 15.

Mann named senior Sammi Eaks as player of the game, stating it was a "tough decision when a lot of players played well, and Sammi and Vivian Goodpaster had phenomenal games, but I don't think Sammi has received this award before and it was more than deserved. She went 4-4 at the plate with a triple, a home run, and three RBIs. She crushed the ball every time she made contact. She has worked hard her whole career and this off-season to be better and it was awesome to see her get immediate results."

Goodpaster, another senior, smashed a home run, two doubles and a single for five RBIs with four runs scored.

Sophomore Jess Butler knocked in three runs on two hits, including a double. She scored once.

Lawhorne helped her cause with two hits and two RBIs, scoring three runs.

**See KHS Girls, page 10**

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# Panthers' Baseball Team Opens Season with a 10-3 Road Win

**By Stacy Cox  
General Manager/Sports Editor**  
Knightstown's varsity baseball team kicked off the 2017 season with a 10-3 win on the road at South Decatur Mar. 29.

The game got off to a slow start with the two teams scoreless in the first two innings.

Then, the Panthers put four runs on the scoreboard in the top of the third. The Cougars came back with two runs in the bottom of the inning to put the score at 4-2.

KHS scored two runs in the fourth and three more in the top of the fifth inning. South Decatur scored again in the bottom of the fifth but were still down 9-3.

The Panthers got another runner across the plate in the sixth and then held on for the 10-3 win.

Junior Tyler Burton got the start on the mound and pitched three innings for the Panthers before turning things over to sophomore Jose Olivo who pitched the next three innings. Junior Levi Back pitched the final inning.

Burton faced 14 batters and struck out four with two walks. He gave up two runs on two hits. Olivo came up against 10 batters and struck out four with one walk. He gave up one run. Back faced three batters with two strikeouts and one walk.

In addition to leading the team on the mound, Burton had a good day at the plate too. He hit a dou-

ble and three singles for one RBI and one run scored. His hustle also yielded two stolen bases.

Isaac McRoberts started his last year as a Panther by smashing a two-run home run and had one stolen base.

Back hit a double and single with one RBI.

Olivo had two base hits with one RBI and scored once.

Bryan Newby, another senior, got on base twice with a base hit and a walk.

Owen Wiles knocked a double, was walked once and got on base another time on a Cougar error. He scored twice.

Dakota Locker also hit a double and later scored a run.

Connor Brockman reached base after getting hit by a pitch and hit fielder's choice for one RBI. He scored once.

Alex Brading was walked once and scored a run.

Jack Fort also had a base hit and Kyle Mattix scored a run.

Head coach Daren Hardesty said it was a "good start for our guys. We have a lot of guys with little-to-no varsity experience so I was happy with the way they competed on defense and at the plate. Our pitching gave up four walks but still held South Decatur to only two hits."

The Panthers have a long break before they are back in action on April 10 when they travel to Waldron.

## Area High School Sports Schedule for Apr. 5-12

### VARSITY BASEBALL

- ◆Apr. 6 - Eastern Hancock away at Indpls. Cardinal Ritter, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 8 - Eastern Hancock away at Shenandoah, 10 a.m.
- ◆Apr. 10 - Knightstown away at Waldron, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 10 - Tri away at Seton Catholic, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 11 - Tri away at Centerville, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 12 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Indpls. Lutheran, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 12 - Knightstown at home vs. Blue River Valley, 5 p.m.

- ◆Apr. 11 - Knightstown away at Eastern Hancock, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 11 - Tri at home vs. Wapahani, 5 p.m.

### VARSITY BOYS GOLF

- ◆Apr. 6 - Eastern Hancock vs. Greenfield-Central, Royal Hylands Golf Club, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 11 - Tri vs. Northeastern, Highland Lake Golf Course, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 12 - Knightstown vs. Rushville, Antler Pointe Golf Club, 4:30 p.m.

### VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

- ◆Apr. 5 - Knightstown away at Shenandoah, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 6 - Eastern Hancock away at Cambridge City Lincoln, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 10 - Eastern Hancock away at Southwestern, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 10 - Knightstown at home vs. Seton Catholic, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 11 - Tri away at Hagerstown, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 12 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. New Castle, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 12 - Knightstown at home vs. Hagerstown, 4:30 p.m.

### VARSITY CO-ED TRACK & FIELD

- ◆Apr. 6 - Eastern Hancock away at South Decatur for 3-Way North Decatur, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 10 - Tri away at Cambridge City Lincoln, 4:30 p.m.

## Josiah Jackson Strikes Out 14 in Tri's Opener

**By Stacy Cox  
General Manager/Sports Editor**  
Junior Josiah Jackson struck out 14 batters and gave up one hit and one run in the Tri varsity baseball team's season opener at Morristown. The Titans won the Apr. 3 game 3-1.

The Titans scored a run in the first inning and another in the fifth. They held the Yellow Jackets scoreless through six innings. Tri put another run on the board at the top of the seventh and allowed a run by Morristown in the bottom of that inning.

Jackson pitched all seven innings and faced 22 batters with no walks. He also had a base hit and two stolen bases.

Bradyn Ellis had two hits and one RBI. He scored one the Titans' runs.

Dillon Stevens had two base hits and Chris Blake reached base twice on walks. Gage Rowe was hit by a pitch and reached base another time on a Jacket error. He had a stolen base and scored the Titans' other two runs.

The Titans will host Seton Catholic on April 10.

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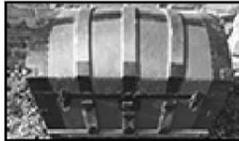
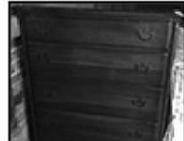
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### KHS Girls, from Page 8

Senior Robyn Clark hit a double and a single, had the team's only walk and scored once.

Junior Dharma Holder and freshman Trinidie Newby each hit RBI-doubles and scored once.

Cleek had an RBI-single and scored a run.

Senior Kiley Breece, junior Makenna Leisure and sophomore Kaitlyn Jackson each had a base hit and scored a run. Junior Courtney Carlton also got a hit.

The Lady Panthers take their 1-0 record to Southwestern Shelby for their second game Apr. 4.

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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

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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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## Letters, from Page 4

Dear Editor,

I guess it must have been around 75 years ago this spring when my older brother, Tommy, and I walked almost two miles to visit Tommy's close friend, Norman Leisure, Al Leisure's grandson whom he raised.

We would always go there, not to hear the famous 500-mile race, but to have our own bug races. On a long, flat board we would line up our choice bugs. Their pinching bugs would run sideways and off the board. This time I had a tumble bug. My tumble bug was slow, but walked in a straight line. She didn't smell so good, but always won.

It was sitting there that I watched Al's old dog, Tag, lay on his side and dream he was chasing rabbits. That old dog would bark in his sleep and run fast, never waking up. I'd just keep quiet, watch the dog and listen to old Al Leisure.

Al said, as a young man, he walked in his sleep. He said one time he woke up and he was walking down this dirt road. There was a full moon, so he just kept walking, trying to figure out where he was. Finally he saw a tree stump with an ax stuck in it. He realized that was his grandpa's ax, as they had been cutting firewood for the coming winter. So, Al said that he just went on to his grandpa's house and stayed there for sleep and breakfast.

Then old Al told about this nightmare dream that he had a few years later. His wife laughed as he told this on himself. They had a big, round table stored away in an upstairs attic. He woke up laying flat on his back. He didn't know how he got there on the

table, but any way that he turned, all he could feel was the edge of round table. What woke him up was the dream that doctors were starting to operate on him. When they started to cut him open, he woke up. He started yelling for help. His wife said at first she could not figure out where he was. When she realized where he was, she took her lamp and helped him get off that round table.

I never, ever sleep-walked myself. But, once I had a sleepwalker try and get in bed with me. It was back a few years ago when I made a living driving for the Amish folks of Milroy and a few other places.

I had taken a late trip from Milroy to eastern Ohio. We arrived at Sugar Creek around 11 p.m. The brother of the Milroy Amish talked to us out in the kitchen while his wife got an upstairs bed ready for me. She came back and told me usual bed was ready. I went upstairs and went to bed, but I was awakened by someone starting to get in bed with me. I said I was sorry if I had their bed, and that I would go down and sleep on the sofa. That person walked away, stopping in front of a window. I could see the outline of a tall, slender girl in front of the window. Then she came back and went downstairs.

At breakfast, I asked, "Was Mary sleeping in my bed?" Yes, was the answer, but her mom took her down to bed on the sofa. I said, "Next time don't forget to wake her up." After Mary used the bathroom, she went back to her bed. So we decided not to mention it to Mary the sleepwalker.

William O'Neal  
Shirley

## Splash, from Page 1

Bruce Brown said that before the splash pad opened several years ago, the park board had been misled about how much it would cost to run it. He said a representative of Friends of Sunset Park, a local nonprofit group that spearheaded and helped raise funds for

the splash pad project, had said operating costs would be less than \$100 a month.

"If it was only costing us \$100 a month, we wouldn't be sitting her having this discussion," Bruce Brown said.

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## Budget, from Page 1

\*OK'd a redesigned "little library" to be installed on the northwest corner of the raised portion of the town's public square;

\*learned from Rick Taylor, head of the town's wastewater utility, that the local American Legion post has not been making proper use of a grease trap in their kitchen, and directed Taylor to contact the county health department to report this;

\*approved the hiring of three part-time police dispatchers; and

\*expanded the area to be used for a local car show in May to include North Washington Street up to Carey Street, and a half block of Brown Street to the east and west of the town's public square.

More information about the March 16 Knightstown Town Council meeting can be found in the March 22 issue of The Banner and in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. The latter two items are public records that should be available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.

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**Sentence, from Page 2**

years in office. The indictment goes on to say that at least 58 paychecks containing unauthorized payments, drawn on the town's bank account at the Star Financial Bank in Shirley, were deposited in a personal checking account Stanley maintained at Huntington Bank in Columbus, Ohio.

On Nov. 15, Stanley and her legal counsel, Indianapolis attorney Mario Garcia, both signed a Petition to Enter Plea of Guilty and Plea Agreement. Two days later, the document was signed by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany McCormick and Winfield Ong, chief of the U.S. Attorney's Criminal Division, and on Nov. 18 it was filed with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

If the plea agreement is accepted by the court, Stanley will plead guilty to one count of wire fraud with respect to \$1,192.37 in town funds that were paid to her bank

account in Ohio in December 2012. The other two wire fraud counts, related to similar incidents in May and August 2013, will be dropped, and she will not face any federal charges for the other 55 instances of overpayment for which she was never charged.

The tendered plea agreement does not include a specific agreed upon sentence. However, the U.S. Attorney "has agreed to recommend a sentence at the low end" of the federal sentencing guidelines, and Stanley's attorney may argue for even less than that.

According to the plea agreement, Stanley's offense is more serious than it might ordinarily have been because it involved more than \$40,000, and because, as an elected official, she abused a position of trust. While the base level for a wire fraud offense is six under the sentencing guidelines, these two factors combined, the plea agreement states, to increase

the offense level to 14.

While she would only be pleading guilty to a single count of wire fraud, the proposed plea agreement states that Stanley would be responsible for paying \$80,160 in restitution to the town of Kennard. The agreement says this amount "shall be paid by the time of sentencing," and that if not paid within six months of when she enters her guilty plea, the government shall utilize civil forfeiture proceedings in an effort to recover property that can be used to satisfy the restitution order.

According to the indictment, the government intends to pursue forfeiture of any property "derived from proceeds traceable" to the unauthorized overpayments. If such property is not able to be located, the government could seek forfeiture of other "substitute property," as permitted by federal statute.

The federal case against Stanley

was prompted by the results of a special investigation conducted by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. In addition to the salary overpayments, the SBOA said in its special investigation report that Stanley should also be required to pay a little over \$9,250 in unpaid taxes and penalties and nearly \$14,000 to cover the cost of the SBOA's investigation.

Henry County Prosecutor Joe Bergacs previously told The Banner he has not ruled out also charging Stanley with theft and

official misconduct at the county level with respect to the crimes she committed while Kennard Clerk-Treasurer. However, he said he will wait to see how the federal case against Stanley ends up before deciding whether to pursue the state charges.

The Banner has made repeated attempts to contact Stanley for comment on the State Board of Accounts' investigation and her federal indictment. She has not returned any of the newspaper's calls.

**Playground, from Page 3**

third Thursday of each month at the shelter house;

\*OK'd continuing to rent the shelter house at a discounted rate to Terri Gorman for a cake decorating class on the second and fourth Thursday of each month;

\*approved having Knightstown High School National Honor Society students do volunteer work at the park on Friday, April 21; and

\*agreed to let Miller Pipeline use land off of South Washington Street that the park board hopes to Sunday develop into a canoe/kayak launch area to dump fill dirt the

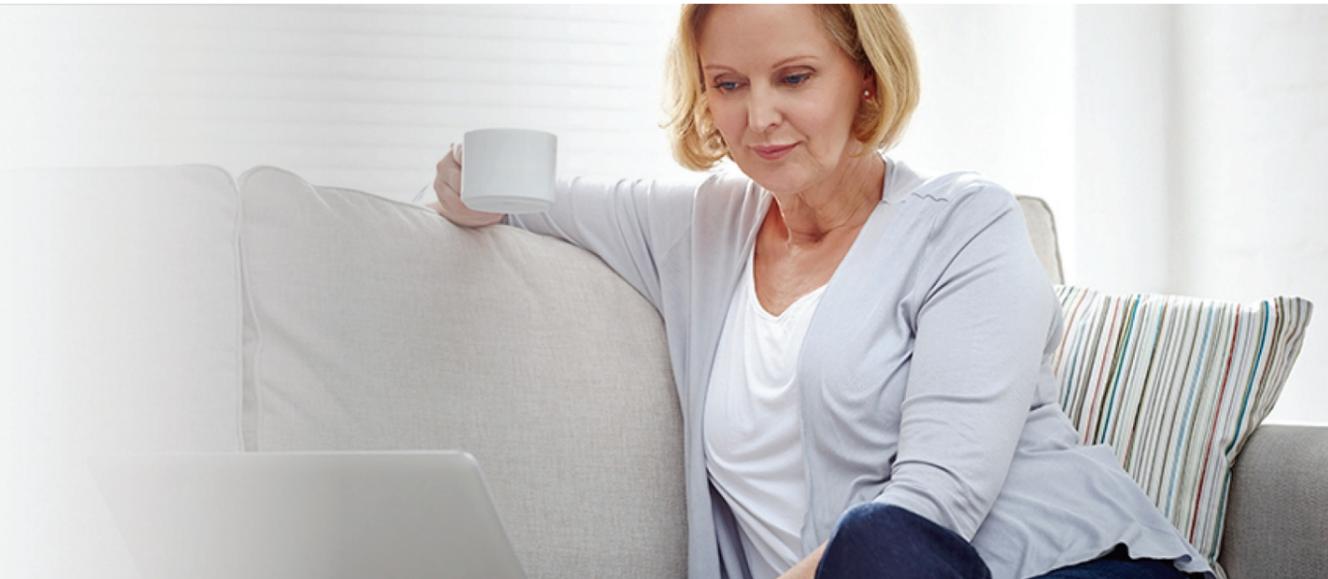
company excavates while replacing gas lines in town.

More information about the park board's March 28 monthly meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding, both public records that should be available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours. The park board plans to hold a special meeting at the shelter house at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, and its next regular monthly meeting is slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at the same location.

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