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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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Masons Hosting Breakfast Saturday

Mechanicsburg Masonic Lodge 392 will host an all-you-can-eat breakfast featuring eggs, bacon, sausage, fried potatoes, pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, all for \$7. The breakfast is Saturday, April 29, 6-11 a.m. The breakfast is open to the public.

KHS Rock for Riley Set for Friday, May 5

The Knightstown High School National Honor Society chapter will host its annual Rock for Riley fundraiser on Friday, May 5, 6-11:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission is \$5 and all proceeds benefit Riley Children's Hospital. Feature acts include Spectrum, Valley Wine & Spirit, Sexist Alexis, Cost of Attrition, 87 Southbound and Denomination X.

Charlottesville UMC Dinner April 29

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.

Greensboro UMC Blood Drive May 20

Greensboro United Methodist Church will host the Indiana Blood Center's Bloodmobile for a blood drive on Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Appointments are not required. Call 765-686-5207 for more info.

K-town Providing Free Dumpster

The town of Knightstown will provide a free dumpster for town residents. Now through May 1, a dumpster will be located at the Knightstown Street Dept. parking lot, located near the north end of Sunset Park Lake. The property can be accessed via U.S. 40. The dumpster is for general litter clean-up. No tires, paints, furniture, electronics or appliances will be accepted. The dumpster is provided with the help of the Henry County Community Foundation and the town.

Local FFA Plants Idea of KHS Greenhouse

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

If efforts to secure grant funding are successful, Knightstown High School could see a greenhouse constructed adjacent to the school building as early as this fall.

Bridgette Wanhainen, the KHS ag teacher and FFA sponsor, briefed the Charles A. Beard School Board at its April 18 meeting on the greenhouse she would like to have built at the school. While she said an application for a \$10,000 grant from Tractor Supply was recently denied, she said is also seeking a \$25,000 grant from Monsanto, which she said is giving away more than \$2 million in grants to rural schools.

If the Monsanto grant is awarded, Wanhainen said she would like to use that money and other funding she's able to secure to have a 24-foot by 36-foot greenhouse built. She said a \$50,000 figure is a "rough estimate" and that it might actually only cost \$25,000-\$30,000 for the greenhouse structure and controls.

Having a greenhouse, Wanhainen told the board, would provide students with practical hands-on experience that could help better prepare those who plan seek jobs in plant science or horticulture. She said having a greenhouse could also allow KHS to offer horticulture and botany classes, and diversify the ad curriculum beyond animal science, agribusiness and ag mechanics.

High school students wouldn't be the only ones to benefit from a greenhouse, Wanhainen explained. She said CAB's elementary and intermediate school students would also be able attend educational workshops organized by KHS students, and FFA members would host "Home Gardening" educational programs for members of the community.

Wanhainen said she hopes to find out no later than August if the school will be getting the grant from Monsanto. If it does, and if the school board ultimately approves the greenhouse project, construction could start in August and be complete by mid-October.

In addition to the greenhouse, Wanhainen also presented the board with information on a garden that KHS students were starting to install at the school that week, in an open area to the west of the rear ag doors. She said fresh produce from the garden could be sold to the community during the spring and summer, encouraging healthy food choices and local spending, and would allow the ag program to offer new horticulture and botany courses. Produce from the garden will also be used by the KHS cafeteria and the school's consumer and family science classes.

In other business at last week's board meeting, Superintendent Jed Behny announced that Julie Lewman, a first grade teacher at Knightstown Elementary School, had been selected as CAB's Teacher

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Consultant Advises K-town Sewer Rates Should Rise Again

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

As the town Knightstown continues its efforts to seek and secure funding for a multi-million dollar wastewater utility improvement project, local utility customers could see their sewer rates and charges increase for the second time in just over two years.

Christina De Witt of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, an Indianapolis firm that serves as rate consultants for the town's utilities, presented a preliminary rate study for the sewer utility last week at the council's April 20 monthly meeting. Depending on how the town ends up financing the wastewater utility project, she said her firm had projected that the town may need to raise its sewer rates and charges 19 percent, 23 percent, 36 percent or 42 percent.

According to the Umbaugh rate study, the average monthly sewer bill for Knightstown customers, based on 4,000 gallons of usage, is currently \$51.62. A 19-percent increase would raise that amount to \$61.42, while the 23-percent, 36-percent and 42-percent hikes would, respectively, push these monthly bills to \$63.50, \$70.19 and \$73.30.

The town council last approved an increase in rates and charges for the sewer utility in April 2015. Under that 43-percent hike, the average monthly sewer bill for 4,000 gallons of usage rose from \$15.52, from \$36.10 to \$51.62.

How much of an increase will be needed this time, De Witt explained, will depend on how the town ends up financing its wastewater utility improvement project, which is expect to cost more than \$5 million. The best scenario for the town and its utility customers will be if the town is able secure a \$600,000 grant from the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs to compliment low-interest federal loans through U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development, although the town's prospects for getting the OCRA grant are in question.

At last week's meeting, Council President Sarah Ward revealed the town would not be eligible to apply for the OCRA grant this spring, as had been hoped. She did not explain if this was due to the town being ineligible because of unfavorable income survey results; because the income survey had not been completed; or the result of some other factor, such as not receiving paperwork on the project from Rural Development that needed to be submitted with the grant application.

According to Umbaugh's preliminary rate study, if the town were to get the OCRA grant and combine that with Rural Development financing, only a 19-percent increase in rates and charges would be needed. Should the town decide to go forward with just the Rural Development loans and no OCRA grant, the increase needed would be 23-percent.

Two other financing scenarios that De Witt also included in the rate study looked at getting loans from the state's revolving fund (SRF) instead of Rural Development. If SRF financing is combined with an

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Town Council Exempts Two from Moratorium

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council voted last week to give the local school corporation and a local business permission to proceed with projects that otherwise would have been delayed under a temporary moratorium on commercial development in place since last fall.

With one member absent, the council's other four members voted unanimously at their April 20 monthly meeting to approve requests for exemptions to the moratorium from the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. and Van Hoy Oil. The votes clear the way for roof repairs at Knightstown Elementary School and construction of a baseball diamond at Knightstown High School, and will allow Van Hoy Oil to replace fuel tanks and other equipment at its South Jefferson street location and relocate its bulk plant operation to that site.

The moratorium, which "immediately suspended and abated" all "pending petitions or applications for commercial building permits or requests for rezoning or special exceptions," has been in place since approved by a resolu-

tion of the council last October. Originally, it was to have lasted six months or until the council formally adopted an amended zoning code, whichever came first, but the council voted last month to extend it up to an additional four months.

The resolution passed last October did include a provision allowing the council to "consider a short-term suspension or early termination" of the moratorium. However, it appears the two votes the council took at last week's meeting granting exemptions to CAB and Van Hoy Oil did not comply with what the moratorium resolution requires.

The first apparent misstep by the council was its consideration of the two exemption requests during last week's regular monthly meeting. According to the resolution, if the council is going to consider approving a short-term suspension or early termination of the moratorium, this needs to be done during a special meeting.

The resolution also clearly states that a short-term suspension or early termination of the moratorium is only appropriate "in the

event of an emergency." While CAB Superintendent Jed Behny and Jeff Van Hoy both described their projects to the council as "time sensitive" at last week's meeting, it is not clear that those concerns rise to the level of an emergency justifying a short-term suspension or early termination of the moratorium.

Behny told the council that CAB wanted to have the KES roof work done this summer while students are on break. As for the KHS ball diamond, he said it was important for work to start as soon as possible so that it can be ready for use next spring.

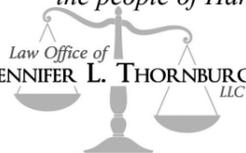
Noting that CAB gets its fuel from his company, Van Hoy said his replacement of fuel tanks was time sensitive because he wanted to have the work done before the next school year begins. As for moving his bulk plant from its current location on West Warrick Street to the South Jefferson Street location, paperwork he provided the council noted this move would allow his business "to operate more efficiently and ensure that the area is secure."

Finally, there is a question as to whether the See Exemptions, Page 16



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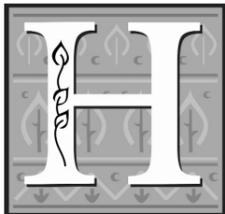
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OCRA grant, the report said a 36-percent increase in rates and charges would be needed, and the figure would be 42 percent if the town financed through SRF with no OCRA grant.

"This is all an estimate," De Witt told the council of the figures in the preliminary rate study. "Obviously, things can change." She added, though, that she didn't expect there to be much difference with the figures that would appear in a final rate study.

Before the council approves an increase in sewer rates and charges, it will need to decide how it plans to finance the wastewater utility improvement project. Two big decisions that will need to be made are whether to delay the project to allow the town to apply for the OCRA grant again in a few months, and whether to finance through Rural Development, which allows loans to be paid back over 40 years, or through SRF, which has 20-year and 30-year payback options.

Once the council decides on financing, it will then need to have Umbaugh prepare a final rate study for the utility and have the town's attorney draft an ordinance approving the rate increase. After introducing the ordinance, the council will need to hold a public hearing on the proposed increase before it can adopt the ordinance and put the higher rates and charges in effect.

In another sewer utility-related matter, the council voted 3-1 at last week's meeting to spend up to \$20,000 to try to repair an ultraviolet (UV) disinfecting system at the town's wastewater treatment plant, with Ward casting the lone dissenting vote. The council then voted 4-0 to table three quotes it had received on a new UV system that

came in at \$163,900, \$164,900 and \$169,285, figures the town's engineer on the sewer project, Dan Wright of FPBH Inc., said were "substantially higher than ... originally discussed." The council's fifth member, Roger Hammer, missed last week's meeting.

De Witt also advised the council that the town's application to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for a 39.6-percent increase in rates and charges for customers of the town's water utility is still pending. The council voted last May to approve a resolution directing Umbaugh to file an application with the IURC seeking this increase and that paperwork was filed last August.

According to De Witt, the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor, the state agency that looks out for the interests of utility customers in matters pending before the IURC, had countered the town's application with a response advocating an increase of about half of what the town is seeking. She said the town filed a rebuttal to the OUC's response urging the IURC to approve an increase just "slightly lower" than what the town originally sought.

Beth Huffman, the town's clerk-treasurer, said the town had paid Umbaugh about \$18,000 for its work on the town's request for an increase in water rates and charges.

"That's an expense that I'm horrified by that we shouldn't have to pay as a community," Huffman said. "It's really a waste of our taxpayer dollars and our ratepayers' dollars."

Ward said she thought the town should look into opting out of the IURC's jurisdiction, which would free the town council to set its own rates and charges for the town's

water and electric utilities. The town's wastewater utility is not currently under the IURC's jurisdiction.

Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, told the council that opting out of the IURC would require the council to introduce an ordinance to that effect. He said copies of the proposed ordinance would need to be sent to the IURC and to all of the town's utility customers at least 30 days before public hearing. If, after the hearing, the council proceeds to adopt the ordinance, Morelock said it would take effect 60 days later unless there is a successful remonstrance effort that would force the council to have the issue placed on the ballot for a public referendum.

At the council's request, Morelock said he would draft an ordinance for them to consider that, if approved, would withdraw the town's water and electric utilities from the IURC. Without the oversight of the IURC, any increases in rates and charges would simply have to be approved by the town council through the adoption of amended rate ordinances.

Opting out of the IURC would also allow the town council to act more quickly when rate increases are needed, and would also be less expensive for the town. While the town would still need to have rate studies done before the council acts to raise utility rates and charges, it would not have to pay Umbaugh to prepare and file applications and other paperwork with the IURC.

*DNR Says Baby
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Every spring, kind-hearted Hoosiers "rescue" a seemingly abandoned baby wild animal and try to care for it.

Don't do it. This time of year, thousands of animals are born in the wild. With the spread of suburban areas into their natural habitats, young animals are increasingly born near humans, who might sometimes discover them without an adult animal nearby.

"Most baby animals are not abandoned," said Michelle Cain, wildlife information specialist with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "Many animals leave their young alone when searching for food and come back to them throughout the day."

Picking up a baby wild animal poses risks to the animal and to humans.

The best response to encountering a baby wild animal is to leave it alone.

State laws prohibit keeping protected wild animals without a permit. Most wild animals are protected by law and cannot be kept. Federal laws also prohibit possession of migratory birds, including songbirds, raptors and waterfowl.

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Franklin P. Jones

Three Pay Raises Given by Town

The Knightstown Town Council voted last week to grant raises to three town department heads that have, since December, been sharing duties performed by the town's former works manager.

Acting on a recommendation from Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman, the council approved a revised salary ordinance that will give \$3 an hour raises to Randy Anderson, Brian Lane and Bob Reed, who head up the town's water, street and electric departments, respectively. The council also approved one-time bonuses of \$1,560 for each of these three to compensate them for the extra work they've done since December, when

works manager Rick Tarr resigned after a little less than six months on the job.

Referring to the salary and perks that had gone with the works manager position, Huffman said the town was seeing "huge savings" by not filling it. Tarr had been earning \$52,000 a year, while his predecessor, Greg Neice, who was fired earlier in 2016, had earned more than \$57,000 during his final year with the town.

The council also voted at last week's meeting to promote Tim Apollos to an assistant department head for the town's electric utility. Huffman said this promotion will increase his hourly wage by a dollar.

Park Board Meeting Tonight at Town Hall

The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board has rescheduled its April monthly meeting, which was supposed to have been held last night, for tonight.

According to board member Jan McGuire, one of the board's other members, Jacob Hart, is currently

on vacation, and Board Vice President Bruce Brown would have been unable to attend last night. With one of the board's five seats still vacant from a resignation last December, that would have left them one shy of the three members needed for a quorum that the Open

Door Law requires to meet and conduct official business.

Tonight's meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the back meeting room of Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., which is accessible from the building's west side. The meeting is open to the public.

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Wild animal rehabilitation permits are issued to qualified individuals who take in sick or injured wild animals with the intent of releasing them back into the wild.

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Choosing Happiness Is Often All It Takes

Whether they're wise or foolish, we very rarely heed other people's advice or insights, including those of physicians who warn us about salt, exercise and weight!

This story bears repeating: When our friend and former colleague Helen Ernestes was in her 90s, Johnny, her beloved husband of many years, was terminally ill with lung cancer. One morning, she walked across the rain-slick driveway to get in her car and go visit him at Community East Hospital, which was five minutes away. She slipped and fell, broke her hip and was hospitalized. Alas, John died that day, and she could not even attend his funeral. She did not openly mourn, but said only with no dramatics, "Johnny was my best friend."

She had such good health that she had never even had a regular doctor until she broke her hip. She outlived all of her relatives with the exception of two nephews.

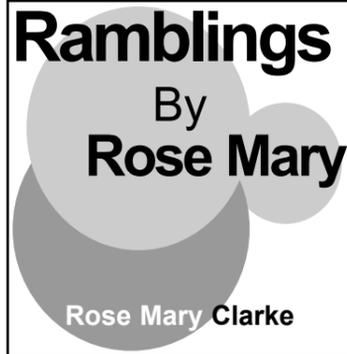
Growing old themselves, they urged her to move into assisted living in Zionsville to be near them.

She booked a night or two at the facility to make sure she would like it. Within six weeks, she selected the furniture that she wanted to keep, sold her home and moved away from Irvington and her beloved Irvington Presbyterian Church.

I tried to call her, but didn't

reach her for a few months. "I'm so busy that I'm not in my room very much," she said. "In fact, I have an exercise class in half an hour." I asked if she were happy there. Her response merits repeating: "Of course I'm happy. If you decide to be happy, you will be happy."

My wise nephew, John Jones,



with whom I carry on a continuing dialogue either in person when we occasionally breakfast together at Lincoln Square in Irvington or correspond via e-mail, sent this comment about what Helen said:

"A shared laugh, watching a grandson climb trees, yesterday's Easter egg hunt in our yard, family dinners and so much more. What makes us happy changes as we age. Many years ago a Payday candy bar and an orange Nehi soda defined happiness. Now my definition of happiness is a bit more complex, but also very attainable.

Life is what it is and happiness is where you decide it is."

It takes wisdom and tenacity to overcome a tragedy such as Helen suffered, but we could all do it if we focused on the sweetness of life. Sometimes my declining energy, physical weakness and the loss of what once was and will never be again depress me. For example, I know that I shall never again stride vigorously up a path next to a rushing brook in my beloved Teton Mountains or visit Paris and Florence again. Instead, I must learn to focus on what is here for me.

As King Solomon said in his lovely song, "The time of the singing of birds is come." One time I saw dozens and dozens of robins in a yard and mentioned it to Bill's niece, Candy. She wrote back, "We have the same thing happen in our yard. It's wonderful. You know, it takes very little to make me happy."

I understand that. When I opened the front door yesterday I heard a wren singing. The return of the wren personifies my mother, who loved to hear them, and brings me joy. The little creature was perched on a feeder three feet in front of the greenhouse window, and we could see his throat swell and vibrate as he sang.

Oh glory, glory, glory! I must stop typing and look! Dozens of

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When Left to Their Own Devices, People Selfish

Families out for dinner on a weekend evening sometimes don't look at each other much. As everyone knows, it's hard to actually avoid looking at those one is facing at the dinner table. But, clearly, some families manage to look at one another very little.

I was going to end that last sentence with a coy "strange as that may sound."

But, we all know it's not that strange anymore. Smart phones are hijacking dinner table conversations worldwide, and it has been going on for some time now, sadly.

I'm not without a little guilt in this smart phone phenomenon myself. But, I try to mind my manners. I think it's rude to mess about on one's phone while engaged in a conversation, let alone over the dinner table - part of a shrinking minority though I may be.

And I purposely use the word *phenomenon* to describe the rise of smart phones and other portable electric devices. Because, to me, it is a bit of a curiosity, if not a genuine mystery.

Like I said, I often use my own phone for work and personal matters. I take pictures with my phone and text people. I read news on it and keep notes about songs I like, etc. I want to be clear that I'm a part of this phenomenon as much as anyone else.

So my observations come from within this trend and not as outsider who's maybe shunning the technology. Rather, I'm coming at it as a critical user of the tech in question.

What stumps me - and I've said this before - is what, exactly, are we finding on these devices that's so darned interesting? Is it truly more important than talking to our families or driving a car safely on the road?

I've looked at a lot of stuff on my phone and I've fielded messages and questions about this and that

over the years. The Internet is the Internet - *anything* can be found there. But, very little of it is actually essential - at least not as essential as family.

And these messages we're constantly batting back and forth - what do they really say? Are the messages so critical as to warrant ignoring your child at her birthday party? Looking down at your phone as your two-ton truck crosses the center line on a state highway ... is it news of a national emergency? Or is it a trivial text from a friend that has little meaning?

What on earth is so damned important that you'd risk yours or someone else's life? Worse yet, how does it make your three-year-old feel when you only look up from your phone to see what he's crying about?

What's so freakin' important, people? Wait. Don't try to explain.

I've figured it out.

We're the ones who are so damned important. Our self-absorbed, narcissistic, insular egos are constantly stroked and stimulated by these *terribly important* texts that light up our phones, reminding us that somebody, somewhere thinks we're special.

These clever little devices have convinced many of us that we've made it; we don't need to stoop to the level of communicating verbally anymore.

Modern snobs and those too aloof to care about the rest of the world don't walk with their noses in the air like they once did. Now they walk with their noses in their phones. Now anyone can be a snob.

I've got news for you, folks. You're not *that* important. There's a time and a place for these mostly insignificant little messages - and it's *not* when you're at the dinner table with your family or behind the wheel of your car. There's a world full of real, talking people out here, folks. Wake up.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Terrorist: "A person who uses unlawful violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in pursuit of political aims."

Rebecca Baker, wife of Commissioner Butch Baker, who holds a political office, posted, among other things, "As a commissioner's wife, some people have conducted themselves as hostile terrorists in our community." The responsible wind people she was referring to have no political gains and aren't hostile terrorists - just simply trying to protect themselves. I do not know how much research she has done, but I and many others have done countless research from every source imaginable and have visited other counties and talked to other people.

Nordex/Apex was first discussed at the March 13, 2013, commissioners' meeting, but apparently had been discussed before in an unannounced meeting. There is no notice or minutes, just a comment from Kim Cronk. Mrs. Baker's comment that the wind companies were all approved and completed in 2012 is in error. All three current commissioners were in office and started the process in 2013.

It has not been reported what happened at the commissioners' meeting. Mr. Yanos was not accused of benefiting from the wind companies or signing a contract. He was simply asked why he could not understand why there was such distrust. He was presented with an e-mail, a map showing a proposed location of a turbine on his wife's land and an employees' handbook. He instructed Rachel White, in direct conflict with the handbook, to ask why he did not have a finalized wind lease.

Yes, Mrs. Baker, elected officials are taxpayers. It is my understanding that you draw a full-time paycheck from the county with overtime pay. Those are fully funded by the taxpayers, along with your husband's salary, health insurance and, I believe, a pension. Seems you get a much better return on your taxes than I do.

Judy Walker
New Castle

Dear Editor,

I am writing this to the uninformed who believe that wind industry or "wind farms" are a good replacement for our increasing use of electricity. I will not elaborate the fact they are not good replacements for other sources of energy we currently are using, cannot sustain themselves, the health issues documented by qualified doctors, that earthworms are not found in the areas of wind turbines (very important to having good soil); or the fact that as many as four wind developers are looking to develop our county. I will leave that to the reader to research.

What I would like to address is that many places that have wind turbine are also having problems with tainted water wells. This is not just for a short period, but an ongoing problem: undrinkable dark water. If used to bath in or wash cloths, some are experiencing sores.

Water is that life source nothing can exist long without. If you cannot drink your water, wash your bodies or clothes, give it to your livestock or pets, swim in it, water your house plants, gardens, etc., how long do you think you can continue to reside in that area of tainted water? Our water aquifers are close to the surface; a wind turbine may go down as far as 30 feet. Think on that.

I am not sure we have all the facts needed to consider allowing an industry such as wind into our counties. Once we disturb our aquifers and the vibrating is continuous to the point that it is always agitated, we will not be able to turn back to the times of good water.

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BITS & PIECES

◆The May 13 Justin Steinwachs Memorial Car Show has **non-food vendor space** available on the Public Square. Contact Jan McGuire at 317-509-4039 for additional information.

◆Mechanicsburg Masonic Lodge 392 will host an **all-you-can-eat breakfast** featuring eggs, bacon, sausage, fried potatoes, pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, all for \$7. The breakfast is Saturday, April 29, 6-11 a.m.

◆Greensboro United Methodist Church will host the Indiana Blood Center's Bloodmobile for a **blood drive** on Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Appointments are not required and those who plan to donate should bring valid photo ID. For more information, call Roxie Dalton at 765-686-5207.

◆The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board is sponsoring a **string art class** for adults at the Sunset Park shelter house from 6-8:30 p.m. on May 4, June 1 and June 15. Cost is \$5 per class and participants should bring a hammer and needle nose pliers. To reserve a spot, or for more information, call park board member Jan McGuire at 317-509-4039.

◆Dedication of the first **Little Free Library** will be held Saturday, April 29, on the Public Square at 4 p.m. Local author Susan Sparks, a KHS graduate, will speak and KES staff will be portraying *The Cat in the Hat* characters. The event will take place rain or shine. Those who plan to attend may bring a book to donate. There will be free refreshments and drawings for books.

◆Almighty Blessings Christian Preschool, 111 S. Jefferson St., Knightstown, is hosting an **open house and registration event** on Thursday, April 27, 6-7:30 p.m. Parents can meet the teachers, ask questions and tour the school. There is a \$25 registration fee for new students. For more information, call Tiffany at 765-667-9077.

◆The Knightstown High School National Honor Society chapter will host its annual **Rock for Riley fundraiser** on Friday, May 5, 6-11:30 p.m. in the school auditori-

um. Admission is \$5 and all proceeds benefit Riley Children's Hospital. Feature acts include Spectrum, Valley Wine & Spirit, Sexist Alexis, Cost of Attrition, 87 Southbound and Denomination X.

◆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.

◆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. This event, a benefit for the Henry Henley Library, will also feature a bake sale, lunch, townwide yard sales, and art contest with cash prizes. More information can be found on the group's Facebook page.

◆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.

◆The Shirley Octagon House is open for **free tours**, by chance or appointment. To get a free tour by appointment, call 765-738-6736 or 812-583-0030.

◆The Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy will host its third annual **5k Run/Walk** on Sunday, April 30, at 2 p.m. Registration starts at 1 p.m. Those who preregister prior to April 20 (cost is \$25) get a T-shirt. A silent auction, bake sale and cadet color guard presentation are included in the day's events. The academy is located at 10892 N. St. Rd. 140, Knightstown. Call Abbey Smith at 765-345-1007 for more information.

◆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.

◆The Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy will host its inaugural **golf outing** on Saturday, May 13, at Royal Hylands Golf Club, 7629 S. Greensboro Pike, Knightstown. Cost is \$75 per person and includes lunch. Call Doug Tompkins at 317--340-0925 for more information.

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

◆The **Historic Knightstown museum**, located on the Public Square at 22 N. Washington St., has new hours. The museum's new hours, beginning May 5-6, are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 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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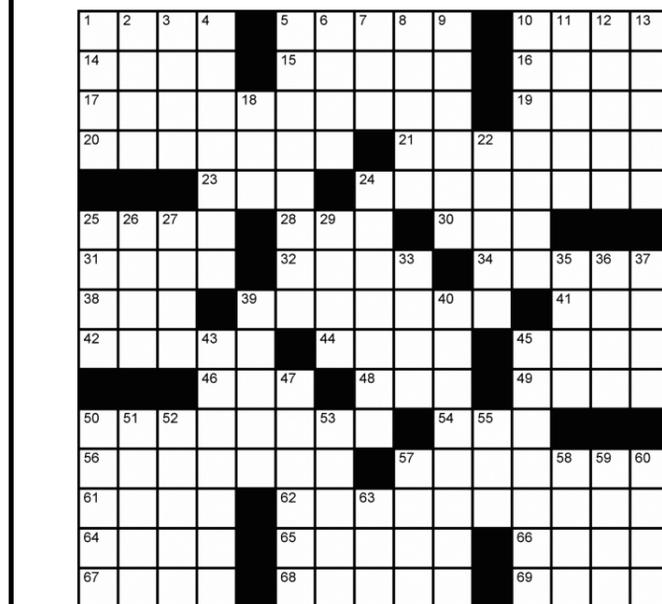
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Citing Her Positive Interaction with Students and Other Traits, CAB Names Lewman Teacher of Year

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

For her 34 years of work as a first grade teacher at Knightstown Elementary School (KES), Julie Lewman was recently named the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp's Teacher of the Year.

"I'm both honored and surprised to be named Teacher of the Year," Lewman said. "I am honored because teaching is what I love doing, and being recognized for that is gratifying. I'm fortunate that I teach for a supportive administration and school board. I've always felt respected for the work I do. I am surprised because all the teachers in the corporation are deserving. I'm blessed to work with a dedicated staff and cooperative parents. We truly put our kids first!"

The Teacher of the Year award is a sort of official confirmation of the lifelong calling Lewman has felt toward a career as a teacher.

"Teaching is something that I've always wanted to do, as long as I can remember. I've always enjoyed school and helping people. And I was lucky to have special teachers as role models along the way. I never entertained the idea of being anything else," she said.

Lewman's skill as a teacher particularly lies in her ability to positively interact and connect with her young students, which was recognized by parents and staff alike.

"Mrs. Lewman is an outstanding educator," said Danielle Carmichael, principal of KES. "Her level of dedication to her students and the school is amazing. She goes above and beyond to show others she cares, and we are proud to have her at KES."

This enduring talent for building strong student-teacher relationships is key to Lewman's method of teaching. According to Lewman, she tries to treat the children in her class as if they were her own.

"Parents send me their children with the expectation that they are going to be cared for and educated," said Lewman. "Education is important, but

my top priority is caring for my kids! I want them to come to school every day to an environment that is inviting and safe. I want them to know they can depend on me and that I'll always be there for them. I want to instill in them the love of learning. If they enjoy learning, then they will learn."

Jed Behny, superintendent of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp, is especially proud to have a teacher of Lewman's caliber as part of the elementary school faculty.

"Julie Lewman is a wonderful example of how positive interaction with students can lead to lifelong connections. She is a tireless worker and is continuously looking for ways to improve her craft," said Behny. "She has mastered the ability to create a non-threatening learning environment that allows students to reach for the stars. Charles A. Beard Memorial Schools is extremely lucky to have Julie Lewman, and I've been lucky to work alongside her and to consider her a friend."

Lewman herself credits support from both the school administration and the community as part of the reason she has had such success as a teacher, providing her the flexibility she needs to educate her class as best she can.

"I want everyone to know what this community and school means to me. I have such a passion for teaching," she said. "I feel so lucky every day to be able to do what I do! Our school is such a fun place to be, and it's a pleasure to see those smiling faces coming through my door every morning!"

Lewman lives in Pendleton with her husband, Jim, a fellow KHS graduate. She is originally from Knightstown, attended Carthage Elementary School and later graduated from Knightstown High School.

"This is my hometown," she said. "I will always be a Knightstown Panther! This community has been good to me and I'm grateful to be a part of it. I'm very proud to be a teacher in this corporation and in this community."



Lewman (center) poses with Carmichael (left) and Behny. (Photo submitted)

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Apr. 26 – Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle
Wed., Apr. 26 – Knightstown-Wayne Township Fired Board meeting, 7 p.m., at fire sta-

tion, 30 S. Washington St.
Thurs., Apr. 27 – Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

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fluffy flamingo-pink clouds are floating in the azure sky. Last week and again this week, we watched a monochromatic sunset that was brilliant orange from south to north. What an inexpensive pleasure!

Dorothy learned in *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* that happiness is in your own back yard. I must patiently watch for it, recognize it and savor it. wclarke@comcast.net

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FOLKWAYS

Library Changing Card System

New Castle-Henry County Public Library will begin using new library cards on May 3. The Evergreen Indiana cards will provide cardholders with access to libraries across the state and easier access to electronic books. Leading up to the transition, the library will close at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 28. The library will reopen from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April

29, with limited services available. From Sunday, April 30, through Tuesday, May 2, the library will be closed. Catalog services will not be accessible online.

All library borrowers will need to obtain a new library card starting Wednesday, May 3. A bonus sign-up kiosk will be available on May 3, but borrowers can visit the library any time following May 3

to receive a new card.

Each new Evergreen account will have a wallet card and a key tag card. There is no charge for the new card. If a borrower's account is up-to-date, the borrower simply needs to bring in the existing card. If the card has expired, the borrower will need to bring photo identification or a piece of official mail

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Norma Reece Hosts Extension Homemakers

The April 18 meeting of the Town and Country Homemakers Club, hosted by Norma Reece, was held at the Tour of Italy restaurant in Greenfield.

Along with the meal, members enjoyed wonderful desserts provided by Kathryn Waits and Easter treats from Reece. Nine members responded to roll call with spring cleaning tips, with "Let someone else do it!" being the most popular.

Sandra Van Hoy's cultural report highlighted the state tree of Indiana, the tulip tree, also known as the yellow poplar. An act of the Indiana General Assembly on March 3, 1931, officially adopted the tree as the state tree. The tree attains an average height of 80 to 120 feet, and once dominated the great forests in pioneer days of Indiana. Its distinctive, bell-shaped, yellow blossoms and distinctive size and shape make it a popular tree in landscaping. The white wood of the poplar tree is

used for furniture, toys and musical instruments.

Facts about heart healthy olive oil were presented in Waits's health and safety report. Facts, such as proper storage methods, differences between virgin and extra-virgin oil, nutrition benefits, and the meaning of the variations in color were covered.

Achievement Day certificates given to 50-year members, and the 50-year club certificate, were displayed.

Members attending the president's luncheon agreed it was very well done. Achievement Day donations to the men's guest house were very good. Suggestions for additional possibilities for donations will be welcomed by the county

committee.

Dates to be aware of include open exhibit July 16-19 and the area retreat Aug. 28-29 at Lake Placid (includes massages, manicures, pedicures, massages, and makeup).

There is a new Facebook page up and a blog post will occur every Wednesday.

The summer outing will be June 20. Waits will be hostess for the May meeting.

In Reece's lesson on the health benefits of laughter, members were shown that laughter really is the best medicine. It reduces stress, is good for circulation, good for heart health, increases oxygen supply, and helps to cope with all situations.

Arts and Crafts Fair Saturday, May 6

The Riley Wranglers Square Dance Club will host its 33rd annual Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, May 6. The event will be held at the Hancock County 4-H

Fairgrounds, 620 N. Apple St., Greenfield, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The event features over 100 booths, live local entertainment, food, free parking and free entry.

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Charles A. Beard Memorial Schools will receive sealed responses on or before 3:00 pm EST on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

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Responses or questions should be addressed to Jody McMahl, Director of Food Services, at Charles A. Beard Memorial Schools via mail at, 8139 S. US 40, Knightstown, IN 46148, phone 765.345.2432, or email at jmcmahe@cabeard.k12.in.us.

All responses shall be submitted on the Service Provider's Response Form as outlined in the General Terms and Conditions, including properly executed Debarment Certification, Lobbying Activities and Non-Collusion Affidavit. Responses must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Food Service Third Party Purchasing Service."

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON PROPOSED CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Be advised that the Board of Commissioners of Henry County, Indiana is considering reestablishing a Cumulative Capital Development Fund pursuant to Indiana Code 36-9-14.5-1, et.seq. The Cumulative Capital Development Fund may be used for all uses and purposes permitted by Indiana Code 36-9-14.5-2.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on May 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the former Circuit Court courtroom, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, Indiana, on the proposed Cumulative Capital Development Fund. The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within Henry County and will not exceed \$.0333 per \$ 100 of assessed valuation beginning with taxes due and payable during 2018. The proposal to re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

If the Board of Commissioners adopts an Ordinance reestablishing a Cumulative Capital Development Fund, Henry County will publish notice of the adoption within thirty (30) days following the date the Ordinance adopting Cumulative Capital Development Fund is approved.

Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, fifty (50) or more taxpayers in Henry County may file a petition with the County Auditor setting forth their objections to the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. The objections must be filed no later than noon on the thirtieth (30th) day following publication of the Notice of Adoption. Dated this 12th day of April, 2017.

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KHS Graduate Brady Hall Joins Society of Collegiate Scholars



Knightstown High School graduate Brady Hall, son of Neil and Kelly Hall, has joined the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Hall was invited to join the society, America's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first-year and second-year students, earlier this month.

A freshman at Purdue University with an, as yet, undeclared major, Hall carried a 4.0 grade point average this year.

Wallace Completes Courses

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DAR American Essay Winners and Good Citizens Honored

On April 8, the monthly meeting of the Major Hugh Dinwiddie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Knightstown honored the DAR Good Citizens and American history essay contest winners at Historic Knightstown on the Public Square. Hostesses were Amelia Wyatt and Darlene Petry.

Regent Denise Akers welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. She then introduced Petry and Vikkie Witham, chairpersons of the Indiana DAR American History Essay Contest Committee. Witham explained the purpose of the American History essays for grades 5-8 and the Christopher Columbus essays for grades 9-12. The essay contests were established by the national Daughters of the American Revolution to encourage young people to think and write creatively about the nation's history and people. She then introduced a teacher who was very helpful in getting the information to the students, Kathleen Weiland. There were 22 essay applicants.

The American History Essay Contest was to honor America's national parks, which were established in 1916 - 100 years ago. The title was "Celebrating a Century: America's National Parks." Each student was to write a journal pretending to visit one of the 58 national parks; identify its location; why it was established; and what makes it a national treasure. One winner was Dylan Weddle, a seventh grader at Knightstown Intermediate School. Weddle chose Yellowstone National Park.

Also winning was Jordan Weddle, a sixth grader at Knightstown Intermediate School. Jordan also won third place in the

Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest. He will be honored at a luncheon and awards ceremony at the Marriott East in Indianapolis on Sunday, May 21.

Dylan and Jordan are brothers. Their parents are Ron Jr. and Katrina Weddle. Their guests were their English teacher, Weiland; their grandparents, Marion and Kathy Adkins; and their great-grandmother, Maxine Clark.

There was one winner in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest, Olivia Meeker, a sophomore at Tri Junior-Senior High School. The Columbus essay contest is sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Italian American Foundation to honor Columbus. The title this year was "What Would Have Been Technology's Impact on the Voyage of Christopher Columbus?" Olivia's parents are Jeffrey Meeker and Christine Marsee. Her guests were her father and her grandmother, Carole Closser.

Petry presented each essay winner a certificate and a monetary award.

Then Akers introduced Good Citizen Chairperson Wyatt. The Good Citizen Award is given to a senior chosen by his/her peers, teachers and principal. They are

chosen for grade point average, extracurricular activities, community service activities and a written essay chosen by the National Daughters of the American

Walters, and Tri Junior-Senior High School's Mikayla McKellar, who was with her guardians, Robert and Connie Caudill.

Wyatt presented the Good Citizen certificates, Good Citizen pins and a monetary award to both girls.

McKellar's guests were Connie Caudill and Mikayla's sister, Hannah McKellar. Mikayla is valedictorian of the Tri senior class. She has a grade point average of 4.07. She is a Henry County Lilly Scholar finalist, a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, and also a National Honor Society member. She is a delegate to the 2017 Business Professionals of American Leadership Conference in Orlando, Fla. Additionally, McKellar is a member of the academic team, student council, band, jazz band, the Henry County Community Band, 4-H, a tutor and an archery champion. She will attend Ball State University and wants to be a math teacher.

Brayden Walters is a senior at Knightstown High School. Her guests were her parents and her sister, Brynlee Walters. She is president of the National Honor Society, vice president of student council, on the academic team, and in history and French clubs.



American History essay winners are (l-r) Jordan Weddle and Dylan Weddle. Christopher Columbus essay winner Olivia Meeker is on the right. (Photo submitted)



Brayden Walters (left) and McKayla McKellar pose with their Good Citizen certificates. (Photo submitted)

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She is active in sports and plays on the soccer team, the gymnastics team, and participates in track and field. She plans to attend the University of Tennessee in Nashville.

After pictures, everyone enjoyed cupcakes and drinks provided by the hostesses.

With the program finished, Akers called the meeting to order with 10 members present, and one guest, Frankie Mauck. The meeting was opened in ritualistic order with the help of Chaplain Louise Baldock.

Sherrig Rigney gave the National Defender Report. She detailed the history of the U.S. Coast Guard and finished with famous quotes about liberty and freedom.

The group was reminded that the state conference is next month, May 19-21.

The 100th Anniversary of World War I was discussed. Barbara Lacy read an article from the "Dear Abby" column. It described a historical place in California that wants letters from soldiers of WWI.

Katie Lewman gave a "Woman's Minute." She told about Balto, the sled dog, diphtheria and the Iditarod. She also explained how in northwest Alaska they needed medicine for the diphtheria, but it was March and the trains and ships could not get to them. She said that's when the sled dogs came to the rescue and how one special dog did more than others.

A motion to adjourn was made and ended the meeting. The next meeting will be May 6 at 12 p.m. at Ponderosa Steakhouse in Greenfield. The program will be on the American flag and will be presented by Barbara Lacy.

Kennard Council Meeting Behind Closed Doors

The Kennard Town Council has scheduled a private meeting for next week.

According to notice issued by the town, the council will hold a closed-door executive session at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 5, at Kennard Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is so the council can discuss strategy with respect to the purchase or lease of real property by the town.

The Banner asked Teresa Hester, the town's clerk-treasurer, if she would identify the land the town is considering purchasing or leasing and the purpose to which the land would be put. She declined to provide these details.

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CAB Board Approves Trio of KHS Coaching Assignments

The Charles A. Beard School Board voted last week to approve a trio of coaching assignments.

Board members approved Knightstown Intermediate School gym teacher Dusty Magee at their April 18 monthly meeting as coach of the Knightstown High School boys golf team. They also approved Brianna Bordeau as a volunteer girls tennis coach and Emily Sander as a volunteer coach for the KIS track team, with all three coaching assignments taking effect immediately.

In related news, the school board also accepted resignations from two KHS coaches at last week's meeting. Terry West will not be returning as coach of the KHS girls basketball team next year, and Chelsea Morgan is stepping down as the school's varsity cheerleading coach.

In his notice of resignation, dated March 22, West told CAB Athletic Director Matt Martin that he was resigning "to seek other opportunities more suited to (his) personality and vision." He said he felt he had "left the program in an improved state" from where it was when he took over.

Morgan's notice of resignation, dated March 20 and also addressed to Martin, indicated that her departure resulted from the demands of her job with the Department of Child Services. She said the DCS position, which she took at the end of last summer, had "made it harder than expected" to fulfill her coaching obligations.

In two other non-athletic-related personnel matters, the school board also accepted resignations at last week's meeting from Kodi Hall, a health assistant/secretary at Knightstown Elementary School, and from bus aide Tabitha Sparks.

In her notice of resignation, dated April 17, Hall said she felt "it is in (the) best interest of (her) family to seek other employment opportunities." Sparks' notice of resignation, dated March 24, simply gave two weeks notice but otherwise offered no reason for her departure.

State Police Warn of Growing Dangers of 'Meth Trash'

Spring time and warm temperatures bring out folks hiking, biking and mushroom hunting along rural roads here in central Indiana. Every spring the Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Section likes to remind the public to watch for unattended backpacks and gym bags that may contain toxic meth trash.

Recently, Drug Enforcement Agency-trained "Meth Suppression See Meth, Page 15

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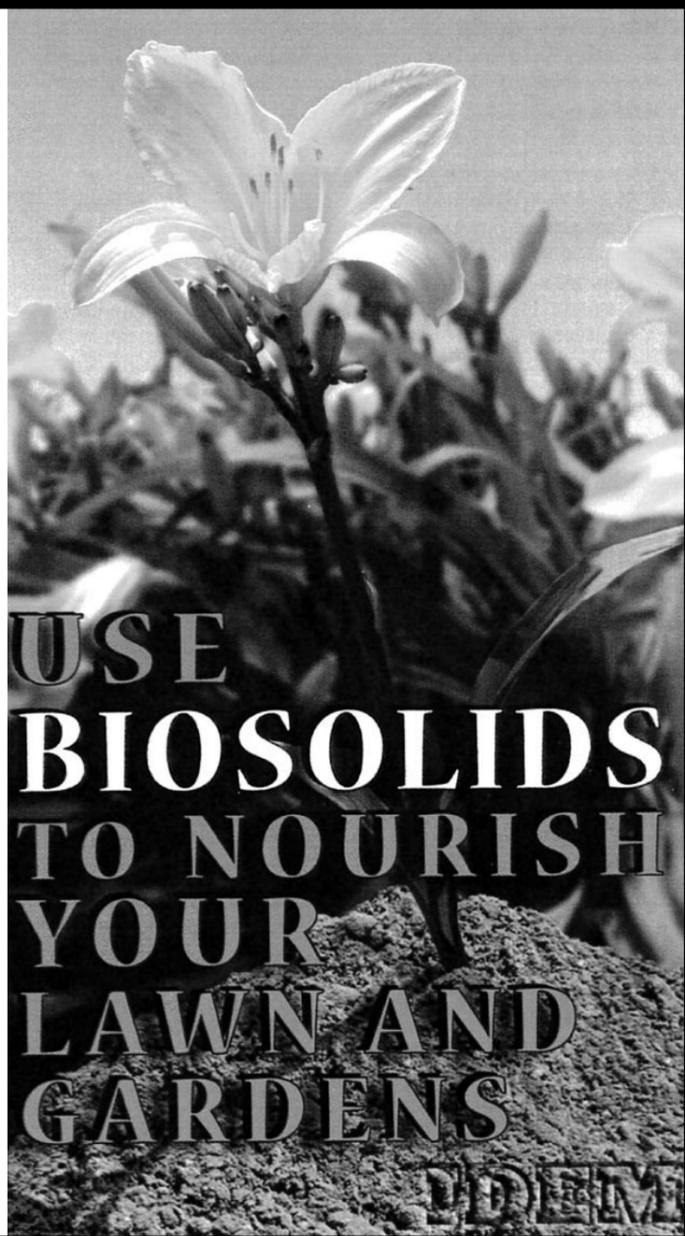
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LOCAL SPORTS

Knightstown Softball Team Gets Several Big Wins in Past 10 Days

Lady Panthers Whip Blue River Valley

Things looked pretty rosy after the first inning for Bret Mann's Knightstown varsity softball team on the road April 15 at Blue River Valley. The Lady Panthers scored 11 runs in that first inning and went on to whip the Lady Vikings 21-4 in five innings.

The KHS girls pounded out 16 hits for 19 RBIs, including two home runs, a triple and six doubles.

After going up 11-0 at the end of the first, Knightstown went on to score four runs in the second inning and three more in the top of the third before Blue River was able to get on the board with their only runs in the bottom of the third. KHS scored three more in the fourth.

Sophomore Jess Butler had four RBIs with a single and her first home run of the year. Sammi Eaks smacked a three-RBI home run, her second homer of the season.

Kiley Breece had two doubles and a single for two RBIs. Georgee Lawhorne hit a double and two singles for one RBI. Vivian Goodpaster also hit two doubles with one RBI.

Kaitlyn Jackson hit a triple and a single for one RBI. Carmen Cleek collected two RBIs on a double. Courtney Carlton and Trindie Newby each hit an RBI-single. Makenna Leisure hit a sacrifice fly for one RBI and Silvia Panizutti knocked in two runs.

Lawhorne got the pitching start and the win but only threw one inning. She gave up one hit and struck out one batter.

Carlton pitched the second inning and struck out two of the three batters she faced. Newby took over the mound for the final three innings. She allowed two hits and four runs with one strike out and two walks.

The Lady Panthers were aggressive as usual on the baserunning. Breece had two stolen bases while Robyn Clark and Butler had one stolen base each.

Union County Dashes Lady Panthers' Spirit with Late Rally

Knightsdown nearly grabbed another road win at Union County April 17 but the home team rallied in the final innings to squeeze out a 6-5 win over the Lady Panthers.

KHS allowed the Lady Patriots to score a run in each of the first three innings but were scoreless until the top of the fourth inning when they scored two to draw within two of UC. The Lady Panthers scored three more in the sixth inning to take a 5-3 lead. But, Union County scored again in the bottom of the sixth to pull within one. KHS was unable to score in the seventh and the Lady Patriots rallied to score two and get the 6-5 win.

Goodpaster and Eaks dominated at the plate for KHS. Goodpaster hit two home runs and a single while Eaks hit a home run and a triple for three RBIs. Butler had two base hits with Clark and Newby each adding a single. Breece, Cleek, Leisure and Newby also had a sacrifice hit.

Lawhorne threw all seven innings, facing 32 batters. She struck out five batters and walked five. She gave up nine hits and six runs.

KHS Girls Overpower Rushville

The Lady Panthers were in control from the start against Rushville April 19 at a Sunset Park ball field and went on to take a 12-5 victory from the class 3A team.

Eaks smashed a home run in the first inning to give Knightstown a 1-0 lead at the end of the first. KHS got their offense fired up in the second inning, scoring five runs to go up 6-0.

Rushville finally got on the board in the top of the fourth with three runs but the Lady Panthers answered with two more runs in the back half of the fourth to push up their lead to



The fans cheer as Sammi Eaks rounds third base heading for a short celebration with teammates at the plate after hitting her second home run against Rushville April 19. Her two homers put her at five home runs for the year. (Stacy Cox photo)



Senior Georgee Lawhorne has stepped up to take on a big part of her team's defense this season. This is her first year to serve as the team's main pitcher. (Stacy Cox photo)

8-3. The Lady Lions scored two in the top of the sixth. KHS responded with four runs, including another home run by Eaks, her fifth of the season.

Knightsdown had 18 hits in the game. In addition to Eaks' homers that resulted in three RBIs, Lawhorne hit two doubles for two RBIs and Cleek hit three singles for one RBI.

Clark pounded a double over the Rushville outfielders and added a single for two RBIs. Carlton hit a two RBI-single and Butler collected an RBI with one of her two singles in the game.

Breece, Goodpaster and Jackson each had two base hits and Newby added an RBI.

Lawhorne pitched the entire game and was backed up by a tough defense including five big catches by Clark in the outfield and solid fielding from the infield. Lawhorne struck out two batters and walked five, giving up eight hits and five runs.

The win over Lincoln moved the Lady Panthers' record to 4-2.

Lady Panthers Beat Cowan in Doubleheader

Cowan's varsity softball team was no match for the Lady Panthers. In a doubleheader on April 22 at Cowan, Knightstown defeated the --- 11-1 in the first game and 18-5 in the second game.

After jumping out to a 2-1 lead after the first inning, the Lady Panthers blew the game open with five runs in the top of the second to take a 7-1 lead. Cowan's first inning run would be its only while KHS scored three more in the fourth and one in the fifth to take the run-rule game.

Lawhorne hit her first home run of the season in the morning game and added a double and single for four RBIs. Goodpaster had two doubles and Clark hit a triple and a double for one RBI. Butler and Eaks came through with RBI-singles. Breece's two base hits yielded one RBI and Newby knocked in two runs on one hit. Jackson also had a base hit.

The girls were also active after they reached base and hustled for five stolen bases. Eaks had two stolen bases while Breece, Clark and Newby grabbed one base on a steal.

Lawhorne was the lone pitcher for the Knightstown and gave up five hits and one run with six strikeouts and two walks.

In the afternoon game, Knightstown again took the early lead and lit up the scoreboard in the second. The Lady Panthers scored four runs in the first inning but allowed Cowan to put two runs on the board in the bottom of the first.

In response, Knightstown caught fire and pounded out several hits to score eight runs in the second inning to give them a 12-2 lead at the end of the second. KHS scored four more in the top of the third with Cowan coming back to score two in the bottom of the fifth.

The Lady Panthers added to its big lead in the fourth with two runs and Cowan scored again in the bottom of the fourth. Knightstown held on for the 18-5 win.

Butler smacked her second home run this season and also had a double and sacrifice fly for five RBIs in the game. Cleek hit a triple, double and single in the game.

Lawhorne pitched the entire game and was backed up by a tough defense including five big catches by Clark in the outfield and solid fielding from the infield. Lawhorne struck out two batters and walked five, giving up eight hits and five runs.

Carlton threw all five inning for the Lady Panthers with five strikeouts and no walks. She allowed seven hits and five runs.

Following the two wins at the Cowan doubleheader, the Lady Panthers' record moved to 8-3 on the season.



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LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Titan Softball Team Continuing to Challenge Bigger Schools

Tri's varsity softball team is having another stellar year under head coach Bryan Peggs.

The Lady Titans are ranked sixth in the latest class 1A polls, carrying an 8-2 record with their only losses coming to class 2A ranked teams Northeastern and Eastern Hancock.

Tri Girls Wipeout Blue River Valley, 23-0

The season started off with a monster win, 23-0, on the road Blue River Valley March 23. The girls had 10 hits and 10 RBIs in the game, led by a double and two singles for three RBIs by junior Lauren Bouslog and two doubles for three RBIs from sophomore Kaley Harrison. Destiny Taylor got two base hits, Peyton Moore hit a two-RBI single while Breanna Reece and Abi Busby each added a hit.

Moore pitched a complete game, allowing just two hits and striking out 10 batters.

Lady Titans Don't Allow a Run from Randolph Southern in Home Doubleheader

The Lady Titans continued to dominate at the plate and from the mound in a doubleheader against Randolph Southern at home April 8. Tri won the morning game 13-0 and the afternoon game 11-0.

In the first game, Moore again gave up only two hits in the four and a half innings she pitched while striking out seven batters.

Moore helped her cause with a triple and a single for two RBIs and Taylor knocked two doubles for one RBI.

Kierstyn Conyers hit two singles for two RBIs and Kelsey Ryan Donald's single drove in two runs. Bouslog and Busby each hit two singles and had one RBI. Kirsten Falck also hit an RBI-single.

The Lady Titans had 12 total hits in the game and drew five walks.

In the second game, the Lady Titans finished off the Lady Rebels in four and a half innings again, 11-0.

Reece pitched the complete game and backed up by tough defense, she gave up only one hit. She struck out three batters and walked two.

Bailey Coffman pounded a solo home run and Falck led the team with three RBIs on three base hits. Taylor knocked a triple and a single while Bouslog hit a double and two singles for one RBI. Busby had two RBIs on two hits.

Tri also got singles from Conyers, Moore, Reece, Jesse Spong and Taylor Craft.

The Lady Titans were aggressive on the bases too with four stolen bases, two by Moore and one from Bouslog and Spong.

Wapahani Scores First Runs Against Lady Titans

In three games, the Lady Titans had accumulated a 47-0 record against their opponents. Wapahani would give the Tri girls their first tense game but in the end, the Lady Titans prevailed with a 12-11 win at home April 11.

Both teams scored two in the first inning then Wapahani set the Lady Titans back on their heels with five runs in the second and two more in the top of the third to go up 9-2. Tri cut down their deficit with four

runs in the bottom of the third to put the score at 9-6.

Tri held the Lady Raiders scoreless in the fourth and then scored two runs in the bottom of that inning to pull within one run. Wapahani responded with two runs in the fifth and held Tri in check in the bottom of the inning to push its lead to 11-8.

But, Tri wasn't going down so easy. They held tough on defense, preventing Wapahani from scoring again in the sixth and the seventh. The Lady Titans scored a run in the sixth and, down 9-11, rallied big in the bottom of the seventh to score three runs and get the 12-11 victory.

Moore got the start on the mound for Tri and pitched the first two innings, allowing four hits and seven runs with one strikeout.

Reece threw the last five innings, striking out two and walking three. She gave up 10 hits and four runs.

Moore and Falck each hit a home run of the season, the first of the season for both girls. Falck also hit a double and a single while Moore added two base hits for an additional RBI.

Conyers had a double and two singles with one RBI. Taylor pounded out a double and a single. Harrison hit two singles for two RBIs. Donald had two RBIs with one base hit and Coffman hit an RBI-single. Bouslog added a base hit and Busby drew three walks.

Lady Titans Split with Eastern Hancock

After suffering their first loss two days earlier, the Lady Titans faced another class 2A team, sixth-ranked Eastern Hancock, in a doubleheader April 15 at EH.

In an exciting, and exhausting, nine-inning morning game, the Lady Titans defeated the Lady Royals 6-4. It was the first time in Tri softball history that they had beaten Eastern Hancock.

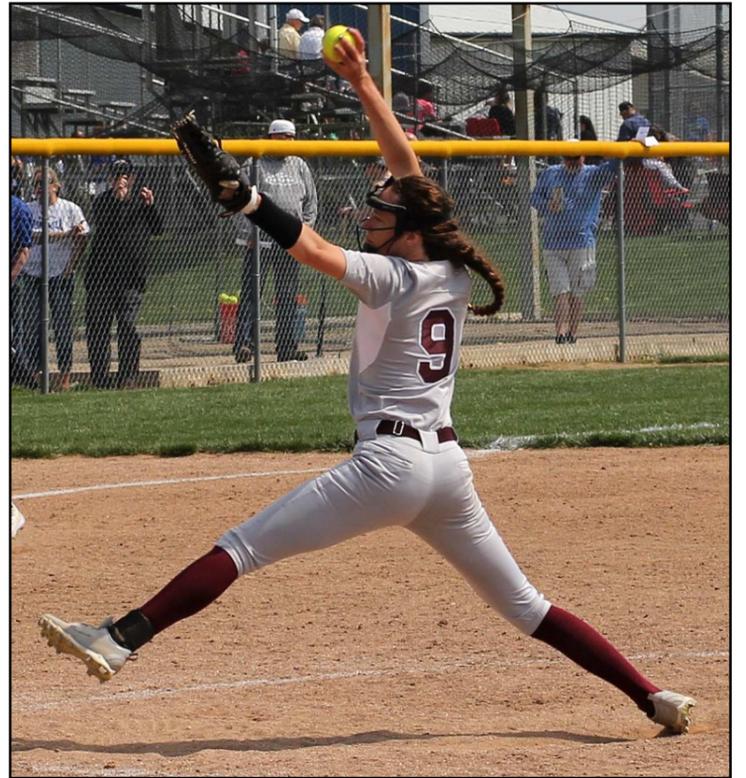
Moore had a huge game on the mound for Tri, striking out 11 Royal batters. She walked just two while giving up four hits and four runs. Moore also helped her cause at the plate with four base hits and one RBI with one stolen base.

Taylor also had four hits, including a double. Harrison hit a two-run homer and Bouslog hit an RBI-double. Falck had two base hits and two RBIs. Donald added a base hit and sacrifice hit. Bouslog and Spong also had sacrifice hits.

The Lady Titans were not as fortunate in the afternoon game. Eastern Hancock regrouped between the two games of the doubleheader and bounced back to win the second game 10-6, giving Tri its second loss of the season.

Tri used three girls on the mound during the game. Reece got the start and threw for three innings. She struck out one batter and walked one while giving up two hits and three runs. Taylor pitched the next three innings, collecting four strikeouts and one walk while allowing five hits and seven runs. She was relieved by Taylor Craft for the final out of the sixth.

Moore smacked a home run and Harrison hit a double and single. Donald led the team with three hits and one RBI. Taylor had two base hits for one RBI. Zoie Prince hit an RBI-double and Reece had base hit and one RBI.



Junior Peyton Moore has been a powerhouse on the mound for Tri's varsity softball team this season. (Stacy Cox photo)



The Lady Titans should have been all smiles after defeating Eastern Hancock in the first game of their April 15 doubleheader. It was the first time in Tri's history they had beaten the Lady Royals but after nine innings, the girls were ready for a break. (Stacy Cox photo)

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Knightstown Baseball Team Gets 19-9 Win at Northeastern



Eastern Hancock's Jake Barton got tangled up with Knightstown's Alex Brading during one of their games April 15. The Royals and Panthers split the doubleheader with the Royals winning game one 6-3 and the Panthers took game two 6-5. (Stacy Cox photo)

After falling for the first time in five years to the Royals in the front end of a doubleheader April 15, Knightstown's varsity baseball team bounced back in game two to carry an early lead to a 6-5 win.

The Panthers got on the board first with two runs in the second inning and Eastern Hancock answered with a run in the bottom of the inning. The Royals took the lead in the bottom of the fourth with two runs to go up 3-2. Knightstown came back in the top of the fifth with four runs. Several walked batters in the last inning put two more runs on the board for the Royals but the Panthers were able to hold on for the win.

KHS had 12 hits in the game while holding EH to just four hits, lead by the pitching of Kaunner Cleek. He pitched five innings and struck out 11 batters and walked five while allowing four hits and three runs.

Levi Back relieved Cleek to pitch in the sixth but struggled to find the umpire's strike zone. He struck out one batter and walked. Though he did not give up any hits, the Royals scored two runs off him.

Owen Wiles was brought in to finish off the seventh inning. He faced two batters and struck out one of them.

As he did in the morning game, Tyler Burton led the Panthers at the plate with two doubles and a single. Alex Brading and Bruce Nichols each hit a double and a single for one RBI apiece.

Jose Olivo got two base hits. Bryan Newby and Back hit RBI-singles and Wiles added a base hit.

Easton Fields got the start on the mound for the Royals. He pitched four innings, allowing six hits and two runs. He struck out one batter and walked two.

Addison True was brought in to pitch the last three innings. He walked one batter and gave up six hits and four runs, picking up the pitching loss.

Andrew Knoblock led the Royals at the plate with a home run and a double for four RBIs.

True and Levi Majority had the Royals' only other hits.

Following the doubleheader, the Panthers' record moved to 4-2 and the Royals' record went to 4-3.

Panthers Thump Northeastern 19-9 on the Road

The Panthers improved their spirits with a huge 19-9 victory over Northeastern on the road April 18.

After getting down 2-3 after the first inning, Knightstown's bats got hot in the second and third innings. The Panthers scored four runs in the second and five more in the third to take a 11-3 lead.

Northeastern scored two runs in the bottom of third to put the score at 11-5. Both teams scored three runs in the fourth inning and went scoreless in the fifth to move the score to 14-8.

The Panthers again got hot in the sixth and scored five runs to push their lead out to 19-8. The Knights mustered one run in the bottom of the sixth, but not enough to prevent the run-rule win by Knightstown.

Olivo got the start on the mound for the Panthers. He struck out six of the 15 batters he faced in the three innings he pitched. He also walked five batters while giving up six hits and six runs.

Back threw for two innings and gave up two runs with two strikeouts and two walks. Isaac McRoberts pitched one inning for the Panthers. He struck out one batter, allowed one hit and one run.

Burton continued to pound the ball, hitting a home run, a double and two singles for five RBIs.

McRoberts hit a double and three singles for two RBIs.

Nichols had three base hits and two RBIs. Brading smashed a triple and double for one RBI. Cleek hit a double and single for three RBIs.

Olivo had two base hits and two RBIs and Connor Brockman had also had two base hits. Wiles added a single.

The win improved the Panthers' record to 5-2.



The Panthers try to keep their energy and enthusiasm up in the second game of the doubleheader with Eastern Hancock on April 15. Knightstown won the second game 6-5. (Stacy Cox photo)

Area High School Sports Schedule for Apr. 26-May 3

Note: Schedule subject to change due to inclement weather, rescheduling or postponements

VARSITY BASEBALL

- ◆Apr. 26 - Eastern Hancock away at Blue River Valley, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 27 - Eastern Hancock away at Heritage Christian School, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 27 - Knightstown at home vs. Greenfield Central, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 27 - Tri away at North Decatur, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 29 - Knightstown away at Wapahani Invite, 9 a.m.
- ◆Apr. 29 - Tri away at Northeastern, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 1 - Eastern Hancock away at Greenfield-Central, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 1 - Knightstown at home vs. Tri, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆May 1 - Tri away at Knightstown, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆May 2 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Randolph Southern, 6 p.m.
- ◆May 2 - Knightstown home vs. Daleville, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 2 - Tri away at Monroe Central, 5 p.m.

- ◆May 1 - Eastern Hancock away at Southwestern, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 1 - Knightstown away at Triton Central, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 1 - Tri at home vs. Winchester Community, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 2 - Tri away at Union County, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 3 - Eastern Hancock away at Frankton, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 3 - Knightstown away at North Decatur, 4:30 p.m.

VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

- ◆Apr. 26 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Pendleton Heights, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 26 - Knightstown at home vs. Greenfield Central, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 27 - Knightstown at home vs. Winchester Community, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 27 - Tri at home vs. Northeastern, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 28 - Eastern Hancock away at Northeastern, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 29 - Tri away at Rushville Invitational, 8 a.m.
- ◆May 1 - Eastern Hancock away at Knightstown, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 1 - Knightstown at home vs. Eastern Hancock, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 2 - Eastern Hancock away at Morristown, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 3 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Muncie Burris, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 3 - Knightstown away at Lapel, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 3 - Tri away at Centerville, 4:30 p.m.

VARSITY CO-ED TRACK & FIELD

- ◆Apr. 27 - Eastern Hancock hosting Eastern Hancock Invitational, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 28 - Knightstown away at Northeastern Invite, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 28 - Tri away at Northeastern, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 2 - Knightstown at home for Henry County Meet, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆May 2 - Tri away at Knightstown for Henry County Meet, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆May 3 - Eastern Hancock away at Mt. Vernon for Hancock County Meet, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 3 - Tri away at Northeastern for 3-way with Union Co., 5 p.m.

VARSITY BOYS GOLF

- ◆Apr. 27 - Eastern Hancock vs. Cambridge City Lincoln, Winding Branch, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 27 - Knightstown vs. Memorial Park Golf Course, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 27 - Tri vs. Knightstown, Memorial Park Golf Course, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 29 - Knightstown at Henry County Meet, Memorial Park Golf Course, 12 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 29 - Tri at Henry County Meet, Memorial Park Golf Course, 10:30 a.m.
- ◆May 2 - Eastern Hancock at Hancock County Meet, Hawk's Tail of Greenfield, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆May 2 - Knightstown vs. Connersville /Shelbyville, Bear Chase Golf Club, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 2 - Tri vs. Shenandoah, Valley View Golf Course, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆May 3 - Tri vs. Centerville, Memorial Park Golf Course, 4:30 p.m.

VARSITY SOFTBALL

- ◆Apr. 26 - Eastern Hancock away at Wes-Del, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 27 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Triton Central, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 27 - Tri at home vs. Hagerstown, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 28 - Knightstown at home vs. Franklin County, 5 p.m.
- ◆Apr. 29 - Tri at home vs. Morristown, 1 p.m.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Royal Track Teams Finish Second at Shelbyville, Small School Invite

Shelbyville Wins Home Event, EH Second

Eastern Hancock boys and girls varsity track teams, along with Triton Central's, competed against Shelbyville April 13.

The EH boys team placed second with 60 points behind Shelbyville's 80 points. Triton Central boys posted 26 points.

The EH girls team also finished in second place. The Lady Royals earned 54 points. Shelbyville girls took first with 60 and Triton Central got 49 points.

The Royals' individual results for each of the events are below.

GIRLS RESULTS

- 100 meter dash**
2nd - Kayla Fancher, 13.41
4th - Aly Spaulding, 14.06
- 200 meter run**
3rd - Kayla Fancher, 29.10
- 400 meter run**
1st - Taylor Stine, 1:04.59
- 800 meter run**
3rd - Taylor Stine, 2:51.56
4th - Annie Floyd, 2:53.34
- 1600 meter run**
2nd - Lainey Effing, 6:19.06
4th - Annie Floyd, 6:36.31
- 3200 meter run**
2nd - Liberty Durham, 14:38.81
3rd - Grace McCartney, 15:24.9
4th - Makla Law, 15:29.66

- 100 meter hurdles**
3rd - Hannah Gates, 18.57
4th - Whitney Bishop, 19.06

- 300 meter hurdles**
3rd - Whitney Bishop, 58.6
4th - Daly Pelger, 1:04.72

- 4 x 400 meter relay**
2nd - Lexi Lewman, Kayla Fancher, Lainey Effing, Taylor Stine, 4:42.35

- 4 x 800 meter relay**
1st - Taylor Stine, Liberty Durham, Annie Floyd, Lainey Effing, 11:25.97

- Shot put**
2nd - Bailey Allen, 32' 5"

- Discus**
2nd - Emily Wilson, 90' 2"
3rd - Bailey Allen, 84' 7.5"

- High jump**
2nd - Daly Pelger, 4' 4"

- Long jump**
3rd - Lexi Lewman, 14' 4"

BOYS RESULTS

- 100 meter dash**
1st - Devyn Brinson, 11.10

- 200 meter run**
4th - Blayze Sarber, 24.74

- 400 meter run**
3rd - Blayze Sarber, 54.69

- 800 meter run**
3rd - Corbin Jennings, 2:16.22

- 1600 meter run**
1st - Skyler Schroepe, 5:12.40
2nd - Corbin Jennings, 5:21.25

- 3200 meter run**
1st - Skyler Schroepe, 10:49.54
3rd - Will Huffman, 11:25.73
4th - Nick Edwards, 12:03.8

110 meter hurdles

- 1st - Jayson Bowers, 16.68
3rd - Luke Splater, 19.12

300 meter hurdles

- 2nd - Jayson Bowers, 44.1
3rd - Devyn Brinson, 44.4

4 x 400 meter relay

- 2nd - Devyn Brinson, Jayson Bowers, Chase Settergren, Blayze Sarber, 3:49.78

4 x 800 meter relay

- 2nd - Corbin Jennings, Riley Settergren, Connor Bennett, Skyler Schroepe, 9:39.26

Shot put

- 1st - Reece Burkhart, 47' 5"
2nd - Jared Boaz, 43' 6"

Discus

- 1st - Reece Burkhart, 129' 5"
3rd - Jared Boaz, 111' 0"

High jump

- 4th - Luke Splater, 5' 6"



Eastern Hancock defeated Knightstown and Wapahani on Tuesday evening in a three-way meet at Knightstown High School. Full results will be posted in next week's issue. (Stacy Cox photo)

Royals Second Behind Wapahani at Small School Invite

Both Eastern Hancock boys and girls varsity track teams finished second at the April 15 Small School Invitational at Randolph Southern.

Seven teams competed at the meet. Wapahani finished first in both boys and girls team totals with 101.5 points for the boys and 95 points to top the girls' meet.

Eastern Hancock scored 97 points for second in the boys meet and 91 points in the girls meet.

Other schools participating in the invitational included the host school and Cambridge City Lincoln, Union City, Cowan and Wisdom Builders.

The Royals' individual results for each of the events are below.

GIRLS RESULTS

- 100 meter dash**
2nd - Kayla Fancher, 13.69
4th - Lexi Lewman, 14.16

- 200 meter run**
3rd - Kayla Fancher, 29.4

- 400 meter run**
1st - Taylor Stine, 01:04.5
4th - Carissa Wicker, 01:14.6

- 800 meter run**
3rd - Lainey Effing, 02:51.5
6th - Taylor Stine, 02:55.9

- 1600 meter run**
5th - Lainey Effing, 06:10.6
7th - Annie Floyd, 06:33.6

- 3200 meter run**
4th - Liberty Durham, 14:53.1
5th - Annie Floyd, 15:57.8

- 100 meter hurdles**
2nd - Whitney Bishop, 19.31
3rd - Daly Pelger, 19.43

- 300 meter hurdles**
4th - Whitney Bishop, 59.87
7th - Daly Pelger, 01:08.6

- 4 x 100 meter relay**
2nd - Kayla Fancher, Katie Janes, Aly Spaulding, Whitney Bishop, 55.66

- 4 x 400 meter relay**
2nd - Kayla Fancher, Taylor Stine, Aly Spaulding, Lainey Effing, 04:47.0

4 x 800 meter relay

- 2nd - Taylor Stine, Liberty Durham, Annie Floyd, Lainey Effing, 11:06.9

- Shot put**
2nd - Bailey Allen, 32' 09.25"
7th - Megan Marcum, 28' 04.75"

- Discus**
5th - Emily Wilson, 89' 06"
9th - Bailey Allen, 66' 07"

- High jump**
3rd - Daly Pelger, 4' 04"

- Long jump**
1st - Lexi Lewman, 14' 10.75"
3rd - Aly Spaulding, 13' 09.5"

BOYS RESULTS

- 100 meter dash**
2nd - Devyn Brinson, 11.56
5th - Kyle Moore, 12.11

- 200 meter run**
5th - Blayze Sarber, 25.97
6th - Kyle Moore, 26.4

- 400 meter run**
1st - Blayze Sarber, 54.95
8th - Chase Settergren, 01:00.5

- 800 meter run**
2nd - Skyler Schroepe, 02:12.5
6th - Corbin Jennings, 02:19.5

- 1600 meter run**
3rd - Skyler Schroepe, 04:58.8
6th - Corbin Jennings, 05:07.0

3200 meter run

- 4th - Skyler Schroepe, 11:24.5
9th - Nick Edwards, 12:19.4

- 110 meter hurdles**
3rd - Jayson Bowers, 17.32
6th - Luke Splater, 20.04

- 300 meter hurdles**
1st - Devyn Brinson, 45.02
2nd - Jayson Bowers, 45.34

- 4 x 100 meter relay**
1st - Blayze Sarber, Kyle Moore, Chase Settergren, Devyn Brinson, 47.26

- 4 x 400 meter relay**
1st - Devyn Brinson, Jayson Bowers, Chase Settergren, Blayze Sarber, 03:50.0

- 4 x 800 meter relay**
2nd - Corbin Jennings, Nick Edwards, Connor Bennett, Skyler Schroepe, 09:21.6

- Shot put**
1st - Reece Burkhart, 47' 04.00"
6th - Avery Spurling, 35' 07.25"

- Discus**
1st - Reece Burkhart, 131' 04"
9th - Avery Spurling, 89' 06"

- High jump**
4th - Luke Splater, 5' 02"

- Long jump**
5th - Jayson Bowers, 17' 02"
7th - Kyle Moore, 16' 03.5"

Titan Boys Track Third at Lincoln

Tri's varsity boys track team placed third at a three-way meet with Northeastern at Cambridge City Lincoln.

Lincoln earned first place with 80 points and Northeastern scored 55. Tri had 17 points.

Nick Wilson took first place for Tri and Parker Smeltzer was third in the 100-meter dash.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Wilson, Smeltzer, Hunter Nuzzi and Seth Butler finished second.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Griffin Jessup, Bryan Piper, Rodrigo Tenorio and Nuzzi placed third.

Nuzzi also earned a third-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles.

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CAB, from Page 1

of the Year for the current school year. He said Lewman, who was presented her award earlier that day, was not able to attend that night's meeting because it was her daughter's birthday, but said she planned to attend the board's May meeting, where she will be recognized by the board.

KES Principal Danielle Carmichael gave a brief presentation to the board at last week's meeting on administration of this year's ISTEP-Plus exam to CAB students. She said the format of this year's test is not very different from last year's.

Behny also provided the board with an update on roof repairs at KES and construction of a baseball diamond at KHS. He said all materials for the KES roof have been ordered, with work expected to begin as soon as school lets out for the summer, and told the board that work on the ball diamond could start as soon as next week.

In other business at last week's meeting, the CAB School Board:

- *approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$838,954.38, with \$343,377.65 of that for prewritten claims, \$199,341.66 for current claims and \$296,235.07 for payroll;

- *OK'd on second reading changes to a district policy dealing with student records;

- *authorized Behny to advertise a job posting for a social worker for CAB;

- *voted to place a half-page sponsorship ad in the KHS yearbook;

- *approved 1-7 p.m. on July 17 and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. July 18 at KHS for school registration for the 2017-2018 school year; and

- *gave special recognition to KHS students Cooper Davis, Candice Wyatt and Jeremy Stoten for individual accomplishments and awards they have received.

More information about the April 18 CAB School Board meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at CAB's central office, 8139 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, during normal business hours.

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Knightstown junior Owen Wiles was effective on the pitcher's mound during the Blue River Valley game on April 12. (Stacy Cox photo)

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Letters, from Page 4

Writing this has made me thirsty. I think I will go get a cold clear glass of water.

The truth shall make you free.

**Victoria Foley
Knightstown**

Dear Editor,

Small scale entrepreneurship is a proven strategy to revitalize rural communities. Owning one's own business can create genuine opportunity across rural America with the support of a modest public investment.

The importance of entrepreneurship is particularly profound in the most rural areas. Our analysis of economic conditions in the farm and ranch counties of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska and the Dakotas found that nearly 60 percent of job growth in the 1990s came from people creating their own job by starting a small non farm business.

Small entrepreneurship is the one development strategy that consistently works in these communities. This strategy also has the capacity to bring back young people – including those who earn a college degree. Our surveys of rural youth in northeast Nebraska found that half would like to someday own their own farm or business. That opportunity has the potential to draw them back to rural America.

Meth, from Page 9

Troopers" from the Pendleton District held their annual "Ditch Walk," where they walked along country roads in Delaware County recovering dangerous meth trash. Troopers found a variety of meth trash ranging from drink bottles with white residue, to bottles with toxic liquids as well as used and discarded syringes. They found around 15 discarded "one pot" Meth labs.

Pendleton District Meth Suppression Trooper Rich Clay wants to remind the public to be vigilant while participating in outdoor activities. "If you're out mushroom hunting or fishing, or if your civic group is out cleaning up a roadside, beware!"

"Things to watch for are discarded backpacks or gym bags; liquid filled plastic drink bottles with

Small business development helps rural people acquire assets and create wealth. That is essential. Asset and wealth-building through home ownership, business ownership and enhanced education lead to important long-term psychological and social effects that cannot be achieved by simply increasing income.

Businesses and houses bond one to a place and help to build sustainable communities. A commitment to rural asset- and wealth-building strategies can lead to stronger individuals, families and communities.

Small business are also very philanthropic. In a 2015 survey, an estimate of nearly half of all small businesses gave to charity with 90 percent of donations supporting local causes.

As part of National Small Business Week, April 30 to May 6, the Small Business Administration will offer free webinars. Find out more at <https://www.sba.gov/nsbw/webinars>.

**Rhea Landholm
Center for Rural Affairs**

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone who came to the open house or sent cards. I really appreciate it!

**Phil Jackson
Knightstown**

white residue; a large amount of discarded coffee filters; discarded liquid drain opener bottles or camp fuel cans. If you encounter any of these items, don't disturb them. Call us and let us check it out"

Anyone with information about illegal drug use is encouraged to call the Pendleton Post at 1-800-527-4752, or the Indiana State Police Drug Tip Line at 1-800-453-4756. Tips can be made and kept anonymous. The Indiana Meth Investigation System or IMIS, can also take tips on meth labs. Just go to www.meth.in.gov and click on the "Report Suspected Meth Activity" Link.

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Alert: I-70 Lane Closures for Bridge Repairs This Week

Milestone Contractors set construction zone signs this week and began work Monday night on the I-70 bridge over Six Mile Creek, which is located near mile 112 west of the Hancock-Henry county line and State Road 109 (Exit 115).

Replacing the eastbound and westbound I-70 bridges over Six Mile Creek is part of a larger \$7.2 million contract to replace or maintain and preserve seven interstate bridges in Hancock and Henry counties.

Overnight right-lane closures on I-70 began Monday (April 24) night between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Mounds' Native Plant Sale May 13

Decorate your property with Indiana plants and wildflowers this year with help from the ninth annual Friends of Mounds State Park native plant sale, May 13.

The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the park visitor's center lawn. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Mounds State Park group, which supports the park financially and through volunteerism.

Plants vary in price, with most being less than \$10. There will be at least 80 different species available. Plants are available

while supplies last, so get there early.

Plants include black cohosh, bergamot, Northern sea oats, big bluestem, New Jersey tea, Virginia bluebells and bloodroot.

For more details about specific plants, or for questions about the sale, call 765-649-8128.

The event is free, though standard park entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle apply.

Mounds State Park is located at 4306 Mounds Rd., Anderson.

Sweeping Change in Store for State's Notaries Public

The largest group of public officials in the state of Indiana will soon see big changes in how they are commissioned for public office. Indiana is updating its notary laws to provide better protections for notaries and their clients.

A notary public is a public officer of the state, authorized by law to certify documents, take affidavits, and administer oaths. Currently, notaries must live in Indiana, acquire a \$5,000 bond and are limited to a \$2 fee for services. To bring Indiana's notary laws in to the 21st century and in line with the rest of the nation, the governor has just signed a new notary law that will take effect July 1, 2018.

"The ability to get documents notarized can have a significant impact on an individual's ability to do business," said Secretary of State Connie Lawson. "Many transactions such as purchasing a home or car require notarized documents. This new law will open up opportunities for additional notaries while ensuring integrity and oversight."

The new law will increase security for notaries and their clients by raising the bond requirement to \$25,000. The average settlement against a notary is \$18,000. By raising the bond, notaries will be able to cover expenses that may occur as a result of an improper notarization and clients will be able to recover for damages due to fraudulent acts. The Secretary of State's office, which issues notary commissions, will keep electronic copies of bonds. Currently, no proof of bonding is required. Notaries are simply required to say they have a bond or list a piece of property owned by someone other than the notary as collateral. These practices will be eliminated under the new law, with proof of bonding required.

Many notaries are required to travel to notarize documents. They are only allowed to charge \$2 for their services even though on many occasions it costs the notary more than \$2 in gas to get to their destination. The new law allows notaries to charge travel expenses at the federal mileage rate, plus up to \$10 for notary services.

It is common practice for many businesses to have someone in the

office commissioned as a notary. This has been a problem in border areas of the state. Many of these businesses employ individuals who live out of the state. These employees were automatically disqualified from being an Indiana notary due to their residence. To eliminate this inconvenience, Indiana will allow individuals primarily employed in the state of Indiana to become Indiana notaries.

To ensure all notaries understand their role and the upcoming changes, educational requirements will be introduced for all notaries. Currently, applicants must take a short test prior to receiving their commission, although unlimited guesses are allowed. Under the new law, the test will be expanded and notaries will be required to take an educational course every two years during their commission. This course will refresh a notary's knowledge of their responsibilities and help reduce the number of errors.

All notaries public commissioned under existing law will be grandfathered in for the duration of their current commission. For instance, if a notary has posted a freehold bond worth \$5,000 and their commission does not expire until 2022, they will be allowed to keep their current bond until they renew their commission, at which point they will renew under the new bond requirements. No existing commissions will be revoked and notaries will not need to make adjustments until their existing commission expires.

About Notaries Public

A notary public is a public officer of the state, authorized by law to certify documents, take affidavits, and administer oaths. Notarization is important as an attestation that the signature or signatures on a document have been witnessed, and the parties identified by an impartial public official. Because transactions may be between virtual strangers, notarization serves to protect all parties by assuring their identities. Notaries are expected to be impartial, unbiased and without a financial interest in the agreements they notarize. A notary public is appointed for an eight year term, and their jurisdiction is statewide.

Hancock-Henry county line and State Road 109 (Exit 115).

Two lanes in each direction will be shifted while temporary pavement is constructed in the median that will be used for crossing one lane of traffic across the median during subsequent phases of construction.

During construction of each (eastbound and westbound) 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.

Two lanes will be maintained in both directions except for overnight lane closures between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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.

Starting in late May, two lanes of traffic in each direction will be temporarily shifted to the left, toward the median, until later this summer while construction takes place on the right half of the bridges. The second phase, which is scheduled to begin in August, will shift both lanes toward the right shoulders as work is completed on the median side of the bridges.

Two lanes will be maintained in both directions of I-70 except for overnight lane closures between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Interchange ramps at State Road 9 are expected to remain open with the exception of some weekend closures starting at 9 p.m. on Friday until 6 a.m. on Monday.

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.

Work is scheduled to begin in June. Two lanes will be maintained in both directions except for overnight lane closures between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. and during 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 starting on or after May 15 for about two months 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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resolution that established the moratorium permits the council to exempt individual parties and projects from the moratorium, as was done with the two votes at last week's meeting. While its plain language says the council can approve a short-term suspension or early termination of the moratorium if it determines during a special meeting that there is an emergency, that does not appear to be the effect of last week's votes.

If the moratorium had been suspended or terminated early, it would no longer be in effect, which would benefit anyone wanting to pursue commercial development activities that had been barred while the moratorium was in place. By contrast, the two votes taken by the council last week did not suspend or terminate the moratorium early, but, instead, left the moratorium in place and fully applicable -

to everyone except CAB and Van Hoy Oil with respect to these particular projects.

The Banner reached out to Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, with questions about whether the council's votes exempting CAB and Van Hoy Oil from the moratorium were consistent with what the moratorium resolution, which he drafted, allows the council to do. He declined to comment on the council's votes or answer the newspaper's questions.

The Banner also reached out to members of the town council and the town's clerk-treasurer to see if they thought last week's votes were consistent with the requirements of the moratorium resolution. Council President Sarah Ward was the only town official to respond.

Asked whether she felt CAB and Van Hoy Oil were both facing

emergencies that justified exempting them from the moratorium, Ward said she felt both had presented "legitimate concerns" about the timing of their projects. While the council's consideration of these requests should have occurred during a special meeting, she said that following last week's three-and-a-half hour meeting, she didn't anticipate the scheduling of a special meeting to reconsider the requests.

While Ward conceded the moratorium resolution could have, perhaps, been better written, she said she didn't see anything wrong with granting exemptions to individual parties while leaving the moratorium in place for others. If the council were to suspend the moratorium or end it early for everyone, she said there would be "no point to having the moratorium in the first place."

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