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Knightstown, IN

## Car Show Moves to Knightstown

The ninth annual Justin Steinwachs Memorial Car Show will take place on Saturday, May 13, on Knightstown's Public Square. This year's show is being held in conjunction with Beautify Knightstown, Inc. For more information, e-mail darlind49@yahoo.com.

## CAB Honoring Two Retiring Teachers

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp, together with the Classroom Teachers Association, are honoring two retiring teachers on Wednesday, May 17, from 3:15-5 p.m. in the Knightstown High School cafeteria. Fourth grade teacher Sandra Stohry and Family and Consumer Science teacher Nancy Watson are retiring.

## Church of God Hosting The Rydells

Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host The Rydells for the church's monthly singing. The Rydells will perform Saturday, May 20, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to a night filled with free gospel singing and fellowship. Call 317-936-5849 or 765-345-7442 for more information.

## 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.

## Wrestling Under the Stars II May 20

The Central Wrestling Federation will present Wrestling Under the Stars II on Saturday, May 20, at the Sunset Park baseball fields operated by Knightstown Youth Sports, Inc. Bell time 8:15 p.m. Gates open at 7:45 p.m. Advance tickets are \$7. Tickets will be \$9 at the gate. Proceeds benefit Knightstown Youth Sports Inc. For more info call 765-491-8144. Scheduled to appear are Jim Carmichael, Guy Lombardo, Shawn Cook and Billy Bart. Those who attend should bring lawn chairs.

# Savings on Street Lights May Yield More Funds for Continued Carthage Upgrades

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

Meeting for the first time in nearly two months, a shorthanded Carthage Town Council had to delay the start of Monday's monthly meeting nearly 20 minutes while two council members waited for a third to arrive.

Council President Bill Davis and John Hancock were the only two of the council's five members present at 6 p.m., the meeting's posted starting time. Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan said Vice President Rachael Brown had to work late and member Ashley Davis had a family commitment, and both would be missing the meeting.

Bill Davis said the council's fifth member, Kelly Land, had called to say he had been stuck in traffic, but was on his way. Land arrived at approximately 6:20 p.m., giving the council the third member required to have a quorum needed for the council to meet and conduct official business.

Prior to Monday, the last time the council had met was for its March 13 monthly meeting. The council's April 10 meeting was canceled due to a medical issue that would have prevented McMahan from attending.

With just three members present, every action taken by the council at Monday's meeting had to be approved by a unanimous vote. The first vote taken Monday was to approve an agreement with Duke Energy for the installation of 10 new street lights in the downtown area.

Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town on planning and development issues,

including the downtown improvement project of which the street lights are a part - presented the Duke agreement to the council. He said the \$29,445.28 cost for 10 12-foot tall lights was about \$10,000 less than expected, and said he thought the monthly fee of \$37.55 per light would, as a result of the more economical LED

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fixtures, end up costing the town less than it pays for the older street lights that will be replaced.

Kieser shared with the council illustrations provided by Duke that showed where the new lights would be installed and the areas that would be illuminated. He said the planned locations for the lights left few "dead spots" that weren't lit.

"It does a pretty good job of covering the entire road," Kieser said. "... It's got very good coverage, better than what's there now."

Davis asked Kieser whether the town would be able to keep the old street lights that are being replaced, and relocate them to areas near the town park that are currently not well lit. Kieser said that since the old lights are owned by Duke, it would be up to them to decide what to do with them.

With less being spent on the lights than had been anticipated, Kieser said that could free up money for use on other parts of the downtown improvement project. Some of those funds, he said, could be used for two additional handicap accessible curb ramps he said are needed, bringing the total to eight instead of six.

Besides the new street lights and curb ramps, the downtown improvement project is also expected to include new trash receptacles, planters, benches and bike racks. These improvements are being paid for with an \$89,000 Rural Business Development Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development, a \$6,000 grant from the Rush County Community Foundation and another \$8,700 in town funds.

The council also voted at Monday's meeting to approve a one-year contract with Kieser Consulting that Kieser described as a "catch-all, on-call" agreement for engineering services the town may need. Under the agreement, which Kieser said does not include "special projects," the town would pay Kieser Consulting at a rate of \$85 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000 for the year.

Kieser said he or a coworker would be attending a meeting with Indiana Department of Transportation officials in Greenfield next week, where they will learn more about possible state assistance for road repairs. Last year, he said the Crossroads Community Grants program required municipalities to match state funds dollar-for-dollar, but that funding this year may only require a 20-percent local match. He said he hoped to have more to report on this at next month's council meeting.

## K-town Pushing for IURC Withdrawal

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

If the Knightstown Town Council is successful in its efforts to withdraw the town's electric and water utilities from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's jurisdiction, it will be joining the ranks of many of other Indiana municipalities.

The IURC is a state administrative agency that regulates electric, natural gas, telecommunications, steam, water and sewer utilities, which may be investor-owned, municipal, not-for-profit or cooperative utilities, or operate as water conservancy districts. The IURC does not oversee municipal sewer utilities.

According to the agency's website, the IURC regulates various aspects of the public utilities' business, including rates, financing, bonding, environmental compliance plans and service territories. The IURC has regulatory oversight concerning construction projects and acquisition of additional plants and equipment, and the agency has authority to initiate investigations of all utilities' rates and practices.

As reported in the April 26 issue of The Banner, the town council directed town attorney Gregg Morelock at its April 20 meeting to prepare an ordinance that would withdraw the town's water and electric utilities from the IURC. Copies of the proposed ordinance were sent out to utility customers earlier this month with their billing statements.

For the town, the advantage of withdrawing from the IURC would be that increases in rates and charges could be enacted more quickly and, in all likelihood, less expensively. For example, the town filed paperwork seeking an increase in water rates and charges with the IURC last August, and, nearly nine months

later, the request is still pending, waiting for the IURC to issue a ruling.

Also, as Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman pointed out at the April 20 meeting, the town's latest effort to raise its water rates and charges has been expensive. Huffman told the council and public at that night's meeting that the town had paid about \$18,000 to H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, the Indianapolis accounting firm hired to work as the town's rate consultant on this matter.

If Knightstown opts out of the IURC, decisions about increases in rates and charges will no longer have to be approved by the IURC. Instead, increases would only need to have the approval of the town council.

The IURC's website lists municipalities that have opted to withdraw from their agency's jurisdiction, and those that have not yet done so. The latter group, which includes Knightstown, appears to be represent a dwindling minority.

According to the IURC's figures, 67 municipal electric utilities have withdrawn from the IURC, while Knightstown is one of only nine municipal electric utilities remaining under the IURC's jurisdiction. As for municipal water utilities, 365 have withdrawn from the IURC, leaving just Knightstown and 27 others still under the agency's purview.

Until the town successfully opts out of the IURC, that state agency will be in charge of approving increases in rates and charges paid by utility customers. Also, when the town seeks increases, utility customers also get the benefit of having their interests represented by the Office of the Utility Consumer

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## Carthage Spring Blast Event Rescheduled for May 27

The Future of Carthage organization has rescheduled its Bridges, Bikes and Books Spring Blast event, originally set to take place Saturday, May 6. Inclement weather caused the event's postponement.

However, the fundraising event has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 27.

Included in the event is a bicycle ride featuring visits to at least one, but as many as three historic Rush County covered bridges. Registration is \$25 and includes a T-shirt. Sign-in begins at 8 a.m. at Carthage Community Church.

Also, at 9 a.m. a story time for kids, along with games, will take place at the Henry Henley Public Library. Town-wide yard sales are slated, and Homemakers-on-the-Go Extension Homemakers Club will host a bake sale.

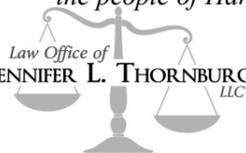
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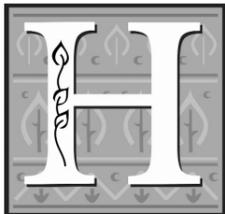
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### Dylan Gage Hiner September 18, 1999 - May 4, 2017



Dylan Gage Hiner, 17, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, May 4, 2017. He was born Sept. 18, 1999, in Lawrenceburg, a son of Kevin and Donna (York) Hiner. Basketball was Dylan's passion. A sophomore at Knightstown High School, Dylan started on the varsity basketball team there for the past two years. Many hours were spent practicing at the Hoosier Gym, Kinnaman's and the Knightstown High School gym, referred to as his "three home courts." He also proudly played on the AAU team Indiana Flame, which he very much enjoyed. Dylan was confident and had a focused vision that he would someday play for the NBA, and he worked every day to make it a reality. It was also stated, "When the lights went out, Dylan never stopped practicing."

Selfless, giving, happy, full of life, always smiling, and family-oriented were descriptive words shared about Dylan. Terrified of bugs and spiders, Dylan took up fishing about six months ago, which he very much enjoyed.

Dylan lived his life for others, and was very close to his family, which includes his parents, Kevin and Donna (York) Hiner of Knightstown; a brother, Cameron (Mary) Hiner of Knightstown; two sisters, Natosha (Drew) Smith of New Castle and Megan (Joe) Haase of Knightstown; his maternal grandparents, Dorvin and Martha York of Spiceland; his maternal great-grandmother, Colene Catron of Spiceland; his paternal grandparents, Ray (Penny) Hiner of Kennard and Phyllis (John) Ulam of Anderson; three nephews, Ayden and Bronson Hiner, and Easton Smith; several aunts, uncles and cousins, including John and Nikki Walters, and Brayden, Brynlee and Keelan Walters, to whom Dylan was very close.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandfather, Oral Catron; and his paternal great-grandparents, Ralph and Irene Riggs and Richard Hiner.

Visitation was May 8 at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown. The funeral service was May 9 in the Knightstown High School gymnasium with Pastor Curt Hunt and John Walters officiating. Private burial services took place May 10 at Glen Cove Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Memorial contributions may be given to the Dylan Gage Hiner Memorial Fund, c/o Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, 7355 S. State Road 109, Knightstown, IN 46148. You may share a memory or condolence of Dylan at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

### Joseph N. Wyatt July 27, 1956 - May 4, 2017



Joseph N. Wyatt, age 60, of Greenfield, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 27, 1956, in Rushville, to the late Wilmer and Clara (Haines) Wyatt.

Joseph graduated from Greenfield Central High School in 1974 and would continue his education at Ball State University. Joseph spent his career working as a millwright for Allison Transmission. He married the love of his life Patricia (Privett) Wyatt on Nov. 26, 1993. Joseph was a parishioner of St. Michael Catholic Church in Greenfield, and a member of the UAW Local #933. He enjoyed music, sports, especially the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs, but most of all he cherished spending time with his family and friends.

Surviving Joseph is his wife, Patricia Wyatt of Greenfield; a brother, Marc (Karen) Wyatt of Greenfield; and two sisters, Laura (John) Collins of Fairmount and Susan (Patrick) Gillespie of Danville.

Preceding Joseph in death are his parents listed above.

Friends visited May 8 at Stillinger Family Funeral Home, Pasco Chapel in Greenfield. A mass of Christian burial was held May 9 at St. Michael Catholic Church, 519 Jefferson Blvd., Greenfield, IN 46140. Burial followed the Mass at Philadelphia Church Cemetery in Greenfield. Memorial Contributions in memory of Joseph may be sent to the IU Simon Cancer Center, 535 Barnhill Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

### Lowell D. "LD" Spears August 20, 1939 - May 3, 2017



Lowell D. "LD" Spears, 77, of Wilkinson, passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at his residence. He was born Aug. 20, 1939, in Maple Valley, to the late Ernest and Ruby (Phillips) Spears.

LD graduated from Knightstown High School in 1957 and retired from Guide Lamp in Anderson. He was an avid sports fan who loved IU basketball, Colts football and NASCAR. He was also a "diehard" Democrat and a MOPAR fanatic. In the summertime, he'd generally be seen in his bibs out in his garage, where he loved to tinker. He also loved visiting with friends and family, enjoying a cocktail or two.

He is survived by his sister, Carolyn Pierce of Wilkinson; three children, Tanya Stromme of Orleans, Shawn Spears of Knightstown and Kelly (husband, Scotty) Seybert of Shirley; two grandsons, Nick Stromme of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Thomas Spears of Greenfield; a special companion and "The World's Best Caregiver," Vivian Grizzell of Wilkinson; and several nieces and nephews. He was like a father figure to many.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn (Madison) Spears; two brothers, Donald Spears of Carrollton, Ohio, and Ronald Frank Spears of Greenfield; and two sisters, Jeri Zimmerman and Jean Colip, both of Wilkinson.

Memorial Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at Condo & Son Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. until time of services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Stroke Association, or to the Hancock Regional Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.condoandson.com](http://www.condoandson.com).

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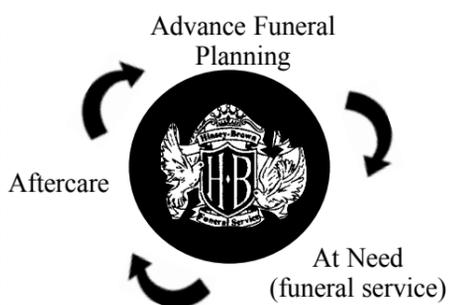
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# Former Kennard Clerk-Treasurer's Sentence Shrinks

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

It turns out that the leniency a federal judge showed a former Kennard Clerk-Treasurer accused of stealing more than \$80,000 from the town during her three years in office was even greater than originally thought.

The Banner reported in last week's issue that Karen Stanley, 49, avoided a prison sentence and was, instead, given three years of probation after pleading guilty to a single count of wire fraud. After noticing a discrepancy in court records, the newspaper has since confirmed that Stanley's term of probation is, in fact, only two years.

Following the April 25 hearing at which Stanley pleaded guilty and was sentenced, the court prepared and posted an entry that stated Stanley was sentenced to three years of probation. The Banner had relied on the information in that court entry for the story that appeared in last week's issue.

Last Thursday, the court entered a more detailed judgment of conviction that listed the term of probation as two years. Responding to questions about the difference in the two court documents, Tiffany Preston, the assistant U.S. District

Attorney working on the case, and Courtroom Deputy Lana Harves both confirmed that Stanley's sentence called for two years of probation, not three.

As previously reported in The Banner, Stanley was indicted in April 2016 on three counts of wire fraud and was alleged to have "falsely presented in Kennard's payroll system that she was entitled to a salary in the amount of \$33,000 per year" - double her \$16,500 annual salary. Federal prosecutors also alleged she had "presented falsified expense reports that included the unauthorized payroll amounts" to the Kennard Town Council at that body's monthly meetings.

According to the indictment, at least 58 paychecks containing unauthorized payments, drawn on

the town's bank account at the Star Financial Bank in Shirley, were deposited in a personal checking account Stanley maintained at Huntington Bank in Columbus, Ohio. The three wire fraud charges filed against Stanley were related to a \$1,192.37 payment of town funds deposited into her bank account in Ohio in December 2012, and two similar incidents that occurred in May and August 2013.

Pursuant to the terms of an agreement approved by U.S. District Court Judge Sarah Evans Barker during the April 25 hearing, Stanley pleaded guilty to the wire fraud count related to the December 2012 overpayment. In exchange for her guilty plea, prosecutors agreed to dismiss the other two wire fraud counts.

Normally, each count of wire fraud carries a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 and three years of supervised release following any term of imprisonment. However, Preston told The Banner last week that federal sentencing guidelines only called for 10-16 months of incarceration, at the most, for Stanley.

The government, according to Preston, asked the court to sentence Stanley to 10 months in prison, while Stanley's attorney urged the

court to place his client on probation. Barker went with the recommendation of Stanley's legal counsel.

During the first three months of her probation, Stanley will serve weekends "in intermittent confinement." Preston said this part of Stanley's probation will be served in a residential reentry center like one run by Volunteers of America in Indianapolis.

After the first three months of probation, Stanley will serve the  
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## Banner Corrects Photo Caption

The caption for a photograph that appeared on Page 6 of last week's Banner incorrectly listed Wayne Township resident John Swartz as a member of Beautify Knightstown Inc. Swartz, who built BKI's "little free library," is not a member of the group. The Banner regrets its error and any confusion or inconvenience it may have caused.

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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## Ruth Kelly Gard Wallace - A Great Mom

*"You may have tangible wealth untold, caskets of gold.*

*Richer than me you can never be - I had a mother who read to me."* - Strickland Gillian, *The Reading Mother*

I'll return to my columns about aging after Mother's Day. Two years ago, Eric Cox, publisher of The Banner wrote a loving essay entitled, "Nice Try, But My Mom's the Best!" He said, "Many will disagree and claim that their moms are best, but I know better."

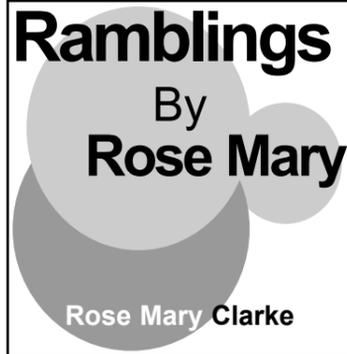
Sorry, Eric, you're wrong. Here's the story of Ruth Kelly Gard Wallace:

Born in 1899, when she finished the 8th grade, my skinflint grandfather - himself a teacher! - told Mother she'd have to earn her living, so she kept house for a physician and married when she was 16. She often said, "To me, Heaven will be where I'll sit at the feet of great scholars and get the education that I never had."

My father being too proud to accept government relief, my family went hungry during the Depression. Mother felt that two of the seven babies that she carried were stillborn because she was so malnourished. After Daddy became blind, she worked as a floral designer at the Knightstown Greenhouse, where women were paid far less than the men. She supplemented her meager income by

babysitting to help me attend college.

After Daddy's death, she married my stepfather and was never poor again. When Edgar died, she resumed her frugal habits so she could leave "a little something" to her children. Mother was generous with others and donated heavily to



charities, but she could make a dime squeak. She dearly loved bacon, but she'd cut a pound crosswise into three parts, use one for bean seasoning and eat the other short slices only two at a time. "Mother," we'd say, "You can afford to eat a pound of bacon every day!"

A devout Christian fundamentalist Catholic, she continued to grow spiritually until her death at 87. "You know, those two gay men who live behind me? I didn't approve of gays. I changed my mind after I broke my hip, and they

brought me casseroles, checked on me and did shopping and chores for me. I have seen the error and sinfulness of my ways. Christ accepts everyone, and where he leads, I must follow." Above all, she despised racial prejudice. "People will be mighty surprised - yes, mighty surprised - when they get to Heaven and perhaps discover that God is black."

Her love of literature was fueled by old Granny, who read to her and my uncles by the hour, as Mother did with me. This woman with only an 8th grade education read voraciously - Christie, Conan Doyle, Dumas, Dickens, Hemingway, Hugo, Ayn Rand, Steinbeck, Wilde ...

She could recite reams of poetry. Her favorite was written by Lee Hunt, a friend of Keats and Shelly. It portrayed Ibrahim Ben Adhem, an 8th century Sufi Muslim prince, who received a warning from God. He gave up his throne, became a wandering mystic and earned his keep. Hearing her recite the poem from the time I was a child shaped my beliefs.

About Ben Adhem awoke one night and saw an angel writing in a golden book. He asked, "What writest thou?" The vision raised its head and answered in sweet accord, "The names of those who love the Lord."

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## Publisher Says Maureen Cox Best Mom Ever

Say what you will, Rose Mary!

I'm sure your mother was a kind and generous woman, as so many mothers are.

However, I have more evidence that suggests *my* mother is *the* Top Mom.

I have, for much of my life, been a sort of rebel. (Shocking, I know.) In high school, I had multi-colored hair and wore ripped clothing. Mom didn't care. Her unconditional love was so rooted in family that I don't think she ever even saw what I was wearing, or what my hair looked like. She only saw me. Just me.

Oh sure, she and my dad probably snickered privately, and maybe sometimes publicly, about my appearance. But, that never led them to treat me any differently than if I'd been in a Little League uniform.

Her pride didn't stem from my outward appearance, but my inward self. She raised me after all. And no matter what ghastly get-up I might've donned on a given day, she showered her love on me as if I were her newborn son back in the winter of '69.

These traits may seem common to most mothers. But, as everyone knows, only our *own* moms possess those certain characteristics that make them special.

Rose Mary's mom read to her classic literature and worked hard to supplement the family's income. My mother did likewise, though times weren't quite as tough, and the literature not quite as, well, classic.

Nevertheless, in order to make ends meet, my mom went to work for an interior designer on the south side of Indy, where I grew up. She sewed and provided other support for the decorator. But, even while she was hard at work, mom thought of ways to include my brother Chris and I in her day.

We grew up very close to a public pool at Perry Park. But, mom's employer had a large home with an in-ground swimming pool. On some summer days, she'd take us to work with her, where we were allowed to swim and have lunch while mom worked.

At the end of the day, we all went home together and waited for dad to get home. Those are some fond memories.

Vacations were another area in which mom showed her strength and her great love for us. My dad liked to tent camp quite a bit when we were kids. We traveled all over the west, camping in tents at mostly primitive campgrounds. Later, we graduated to a pop-up Coleman camper.

But, for a time, we tent-camped, which was no light-hearted matter for a suburban mother of two. Most of the time, it really wasn't any big deal. The weather was great, if not a little cold.

Sometimes, however, the weather would turn nasty, with thunderstorms battering our tent in the wee hours. That probably scared the daylights out of mom. But, we never knew it. She hung right in there, holding us close, never forgetting what was most important.

Driving those narrow mountain roads still gives her a fright, even just talking about it. Dad got a real reputation as a daredevil as he guided us safely, but precariously, through very remote alpine passes and squeazy little tunnels.

Yes, mom hung in there through all that and more. Her gentle, loving exterior sometimes belies the tough, resilient woman within. I'm sure I gave her many of the gray hairs on her aging head.

Silver-haired or not, the gleam in her eye - the same one my late grandpa, her father, had - is still there every time we pull into their driveway.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am neither a Democrat nor a Republican. I am not a candidate - or wish to be one - for any public office. I am merely a voter.

But, as a voter in Indiana's 6th District - as all of you are - I feel it is my right (and duty) to call out public officials who do not have the interests of our communities in mind when they vote.

Luke Messer, our representative in the 6th District, advocated and voted to kill Obamacare. I addressed several phone calls and emails to his office, and received nothing of substance regarding his logical/ethical thoughts on de-constructing Obamacare. I am no advocate of Obamacare. It has many faults. But, it was an existing policy to build upon.

On Messer's website, he makes little mention of his reasons for advocating the American Health Care Act, only that "this bill keeps protections for those with pre-existing conditions."

I don't believe that. But, for now, I will let Messer have that point, in that much controversy surrounds that issue. I do know this is a large issue in Indiana where 30 percent of Hoosiers under age 65 have pre-existing conditions (yes, folks we are rated among Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas and the other poorest states in the Union, topping the list of states with pre-existing issues, according to the non-partisan Kaiser Family Foundation.)

I do know that Messer "threw we senior Hoosiers under the bus" when he voted "yes" for this bill that allows insurance companies to raise premiums for those over 50 years old. And that's not a matter of "will it happen;" it's a matter of "when."

A minimum of 24 million people could lose their health insurance. The future of Medicaid and Medicare are now in doubt. And millionaires will get an average annual tax cut of \$50,000.

These are the "bare bones" of the American Health Care Act as I understand it, written nearly an hour after the measure passed. I am sure much more will become publicly known.

But, the question remains: Just who does our Representative Luke Messer represent? It's not Indiana District 6.

Eric C. Rodenberg  
Knightstown

Dear Editor,

"The truth is, failing to plan, simply means planning to fail. It is difficult to name any successful individual, organization, corporation or community that doesn't plan for the future." Ed McMahon, Senior Resident Fellow, Urban Land Institute

Henry County is creating a new comprehensive plan. Your input and time are needed. Please attend the Public Open House at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown on May 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The success of a community depends on the presence of an active and civically engaged business community. I believe Henry County has both. The planning process represents another opportunity for the business community along with residents to help guide the future direction of Henry County. Your involvement as a business owner or manager is in your best interest. A thriving and growing community is good for residents and business. It addresses the triple bottom line: People, Profit and Sustainability.

Let's be real for a moment. Take the rose colored glasses off. Henry County (and much of Indiana) is struggling. Look at the data. Population

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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.

◆The Central Wrestling Federation will present **Wrestling Under the Stars II** on Saturday, May 20, at the Sunset Park baseball fields operated by Knightstown Youth Sports, Inc. Bell time 8:15 p.m. Gates open at 7:45 p.m. Advance tickets are \$7. Tickets will be \$9 at the gate. Proceeds benefit Knightstown Youth Sports Inc. For more info call 765-491-8144. Scheduled to appear are Jim Carmichael, Guy Lombardo, Shawn Cook and Billy Bart. Those who attend are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

◆Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host **The Rydells** for the church's monthly singing. The Rydells will perform Saturday, May 20, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to a night filled with gospel singing and fellowship. Call 317-936-5849 or 765-345-7442 for more information.

◆The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp, together with the Classroom Teachers Association, are honoring **two retiring teachers** on Wednesday, May 17, from 3:15-5 p.m. in the Knightstown High School cafeteria. Fourth grade teacher Sandra Stohry and Family and Consumer Science teacher Nancy Watson are retiring after many years of service.

◆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.

◆The Future of Carthage group is preparing its **Bridges, Bikes and Books Spring Blast**, a community event scheduled for Saturday, May 27. 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, town-wide yard sales, and art contest with cash prizes. More information can be found on the group's Facebook page.

◆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.

◆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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**Thomas Henry Huxley**

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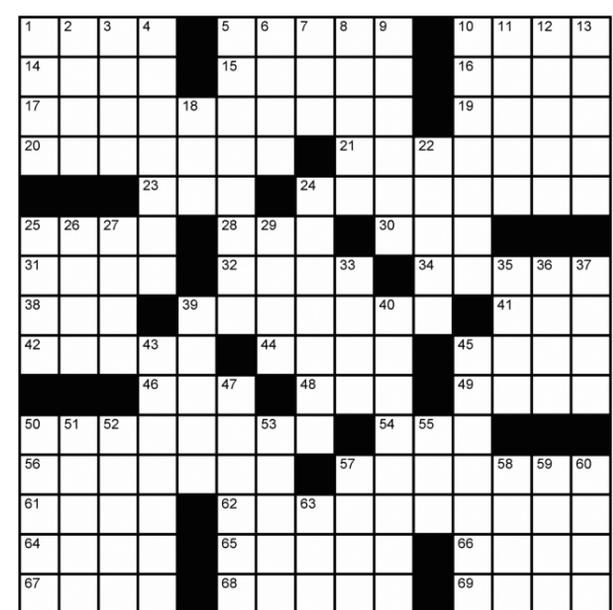
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## Knightstown Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Hall Still Enjoys Team Atmosphere and Coworkers at Town Hall

by Logan Cox

Lisa Hall has helped serve the community for more than a decade. Since July of 2016, she has been working as Knightstown's deputy clerk-treasurer and office manager for Knightstown utilities.

"I do the payroll. I do the public notices for the town - anything that Beth needs help with," Hall said, referring to Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman.

Though she's only been in her current position for about a year, Hall's service to the town truly began in 2006.

"When I first started with the town was back in 2006, and I worked for the town court," she said. "They closed the court down in 2011. And then I came back as the town works manager's assistant. I worked out of the cemetery. I did all the stuff for the cemetery at that point. I did that until last year, and then I took over in the office. And I also took over the position of deputy-clerk treasurer."

Hall looks back on her times at the Knightstown Town Court fondly.

"It's just amazing the people that you meet in that line of work," said Hall. "I've always worked with the public. And then later, I went in as the works manager's assistant and started working at the cemetery also."

Hall continues tending to her cemetery duties to this day, despite not being as close to Glen Cove as she once was.

"I still take care of the cemetery," she said. "When they closed the cemetery office out there, everything moved over here with me at the town hall. But it works out; I still enjoy doing that part of the job too. It's pretty neat."

As with her work with the town court, Hall felt good about her cemetery work because she was doing

what she could to aid those who had fallen on difficult times.

"You just do your best to help them out in their time of need," Hall said.

She worked at Knightstown Meats and Catering for eight or nine years prior to her service to the town. While she enjoyed working there, Hall admits that she took the job because it offered health insurance that she and her family needed.

"My husband had passed away, and you have to do what you have to do to keep going," she said. "But I had to have health insurance, and so I had to take a job elsewhere that could provide that for me."

Hall's father, Hayden Butler, was Knightstown Town Court Judge for many years. This, understandably, acted as an influence for the work she is currently doing.

"I loved to listen to his stories about things that would happen in court. And once you get into that and hear some of the people's stories ..." she said. "Listening to these people that came into court - some of it is funny, some of it can bring you

to tears. I just loved my job. I still do. I mean, I love my job now. It gets stressful at times, but I love it. I've got a great group of girls here with me. We work as a team, and everything goes well."

Although she's lived in Knightstown all her life, Hall attended Tri High School, where she graduated in 1980.

She still lives in Knightstown with her husband, Ric Hall, a Knightstown volunteer firefighter and ambulance driver.

Hall has three children: a son, Taylor, and two daughters, Trista and Shelby. She also has four grandchildren.



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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Wed., May 10** - Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

**Wed., May 10** - Henry Co. Hearing on Proposed Cumulative Capital Development Fund, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

**Wed., May 10** - Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

**Wed., May 10** - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

**Wed., May 11** - Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 6 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

**Wed., May 11** - Rush Co. Board of Zoning

Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

**Thurs., May 11** - Hancock Co. Planning Commission tech committee meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

**Thurs., May 11** - Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

**Mon., May 15** - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

**Tues., May 16** - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

### Rose Mary, from Page 4

"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so," Replied the Angel. Abou spoke more low, But cheerily still and said, "I pray thee, then, Write me as one who loves his fellow men."

The angel wrote and vanished. The next night it came again with a great wakening light, and showed

the names whom love of God had blessed. And, lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

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## OBITUARIES

### Sara Beth Tompkins

June 21, 1980 - May 7, 2017

Sara Beth Tompkins, 36, of Knightstown, passed away Sunday, May 7, 2017. She was born June 21, 1980, in Greenfield, a daughter of Joseph and Judy (Chew) Tompkins.



Sara was a 1998 graduate of Knightstown High School and was formerly employed at McDonald's in New Castle and Knightstown. She had also been employed at Citizens State Bank in Knightstown. Sara had been a Girl Scout and enjoyed crafting,

drawing and music.

She is survived by a daughter, Hope Reann Sharp, of Knightstown; her parents, Joseph and Judy Tompkins of Knightstown; two brothers, Lance Tompkins and Joe Tompkins, both of Knightstown; a sister, Jenny (Wayne) Dick of Carthage; two aunts, Diane McRoberts of Knightstown and Janet (Joe) Herron of Carthage; an uncle, Dan (Melinda) Tompkins of Kennard; a niece, Clarissa Tompkins of Knightstown; a nephew, Carlie Dick of Carthage; her companion, Todd Sharp of Muncie; several cousins; and her loving dog, Daisy.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, George and Phyllis Chew; her paternal grandparents, Carlie and Dolly Tompkins; and two uncles, Wayne and Deryl Chew.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Bishop Dan Tompkins officiating. Friends may call from 5-7 p.m. prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sara Beth Tompkins Memorial Fund c/o Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, 7355 S State Road 109, Knightstown, IN 46148 or [www.gofundme.com/judys-reprieve](http://www.gofundme.com/judys-reprieve). Condolences and memories of Sara may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

## A Look Back



Banner supporter Jeannie Dickerson, who in the past has supplied the newspaper with vintage photos, again dropped off some old pictures depicting scenes from this area's past. While some of the names hand-written on the back of this photo are difficult to read, several bits are clearly legible. This is a photo of seventh graders at Central School, which was long ago razed, but once resided on State Road 109 near Grant City Road. Pictured in the first row (l-r) are Helen Stevens Simmons, Edna Magee, Virginia Renfro, Beulah Wood, Lois Womack and Iris Jessup. In the second row (l-r) are Carl Deck, Calvin Riley (or Oaks), Lester Meredith, George Thompson, Jr. Craig (Luther) and Joe Morris. In the back row are (l-r) Gene Burton, Wendell Dellinger, Richard Peters, Joe Morris and Sam White. The last boy on the right in the top row is a subject of uncertainty. Beneath a question mark near the space where that name would go, three names are listed. It's possible that the unidentified boy is John Eastman, Max Foster or Dale Sipes. No other information was provided.

## Citizen of the Year Nominees Sought!

The annual Citizen of the Year Award is based on service rendered other than an individual's regular paid duties. The volunteer work should be of assistance to individuals and organizations in need. The annual Citizen of the Year Award will be selected for services performed last year as well as prior years.

Nominee's name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the Nominee's accomplishments on a separate sheet.

The Knightstown Chamber of Commerce Annual Citizen of the Year Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Sugarbakers. Nominations must be returned to the Chamber Office at P.O. Box 44, Knightstown, IN 46148. **Deadline for Nominations is May 16, 2016.**

### LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA } SS: IN THE HENRY CIRCUIT COURT  
COUNTY OF HENRY } DIVISION I 2017 TERM  
IN THE MATTER OF THE } CAUSE NO: 33C01-1705-EU-000051  
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF: }  
U.G. NEAL, Deceased. }

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
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# Family, Students, Community Find Comfort in Overwhelming Compassion and Support After Tragic Death of Dylan Hiner

By Stacy Cox  
General Manager / Sports Editor

Over the 18 years our family has published The Banner, there have been far too many tragic incidents that have taken the lives of people in our area. Last Thursday, May 4, the Knightstown community was devastated when news of the sudden death of 17-year-old Dylan Hiner quickly spread.

Dylan was traveling on State Road 38 near Pendleton in the late afternoon when his car allegedly crossed the center line and struck another car head-on.

In my mind, Dylan is still just that young boy, having fun at the gym while older kids played. We have snapped photos of so many kids over the years or written up youth sports stories and we just take for granted we'll be doing so again the next year and the one after that until they graduate. The Banner (Eric Cox) was there taking photos when Dylan's older brother Cameron was playing, along with Panther head coach Dusty Magee. He was doing the same during the years that Dylan's sisters were playing. And, perhaps his large family is what drew the attention of hundreds of people on social media in the immediate hours after the news broke of Dylan's death and over the following days. This family of athletes, of genuinely all-around nice people who hundreds of us have watched play or played against or shared a friendship the past 15 years, now have to endure such a devastating loss.

As soon as C.A.B. Memorial School superintendent Jediah Behny called us at home early Thursday evening to tell us the terrible news, we knew this would hit the community hard. The Hiner kids' names had been in The Banner for nearly the entire time our family has published the paper and knowing how large and close their extended family was, there was no doubt the sudden loss of Dylan would be especially tough to bear.

When these tragic events happened in decades earlier, we have shared the grieving in traditional ways, mostly at the funeral home when the appropriate time came. There was little traditional this time. Of course, family is most uniquely impacted and then close friends, but what happened Thursday evening and then on Friday was pretty incredible.

One Knightstown student said late Thursday on social media, "let's all wear red tomorrow in honor of Dylan" and within a half hour, the Twitter accounts of student groups from Eastern Hancock, Tri, Greenfield-Central and other nearby schools were telling students at their schools to wear red also to show support for the Knightstown community. Fellow Knightstown students, were sharing their disbelief, their sadness, their grief. The high school opened up soon after Behny called and hundreds of people came to the school to be together, to grieve together. Condolences poured in from everywhere - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, email and phone calls. And, this support made a huge impact on Dylan's family and friends trying to cope.

"I believe the support is the only thing that has helped us get through it so far to this point," said Nikki Walters, Dylan's aunt. Her husband, John Walters, officiated part of the services held Tuesday afternoon at the Knightstown High School gym along with Pastor Curt Hunt.

Knightstown Athletic Director Matt Martin was also blown away by the incredible concern and support.

"As the events of this past week have unfolded, it has left me almost speechless at all the support given from surrounding schools," said Martin. "From schools wearing red and black on Friday, to their love on social media, to their student-athletes showing up at the viewing at the Hoosier Gym and tonight at the high school wearing their respective schools uniforms, it shows us what kind of both student-athletes we have, no matter what their jerseys say on the front."

Dylan's love of basketball has been widely-reported. He was the top scorer on Knightstown's varsity team last season as a sophomore, averaging 13 points a game, and head coach Dusty Magee was looking forward to building up the program with Dylan as a team leader.



This is how many people remember Dylan Hiner, hanging out at the basketball gym with a big smile on his face. Above, Hiner goofs around with some friends on the sidelines before the Knightstown boys varsity basketball game at New Castle on Jan. 9, 2009. (Eric Cox photo)



Dylan Hiner was the Panthers' top scorer last year as a sophomore and was well-known as a diehard basketball fan who spent time on the court every moment he could. (Photos courtesy of the Knightstown High School yearbook staff)



Numerous graphic designs and art pieces popped up online to honor Dylan Hiner following his sudden death in a collision May 4. Knightstown High School art department head James Jahrsdoerfer contributed this painting above (original color version can be seen on Twitter or in our online version of this issue).

ward to building up the program with Dylan as a team leader. "He was a fun kid to be around with a lot of talent and potential," said Magee. "It was a pleasure coaching him and being around him for the three years I knew him on the basketball court. Things will not be the same for Knightstown basketball next season but I know our kids are tough and will continue to work hard in hopes of carrying on Dylan's legacy."

But, as talented as Dylan was, as all his siblings were, I think there was something much more about him and his family that drew over 1100 people to pay respects at his visitation held at the Hoosier Gym, one of his favorite places to play. There was something more that motivated the community and those in surrounding areas to raise nearly \$14,000 for his family at a GoFundMe page, to join in one last standing ovation at the KHS gym for his service Tuesday and then follow in a caravan behind a "champion's bus" through town, escorted by a fire truck, past the Hoosier Gym one last time. He, and perhaps his family as well, have been a special influence on the lives of others.

His aunt Nikki Walters said Dylan was a donor so he will keep on giving to others, as he always liked to do.

"We just want to make sure the community knows how thankful we are for everything, condolences, donations, food," said Walters. "Our family is starting a scholarship in Dylan's name to be presented each year to a graduating senior. We are all broken and devastated but want to keep what he stood for alive through us. We have made all decisions through this tragic event as one unit and will continue to do so. The generous outpouring of support has been overwhelming. We appreciate it all so much."

Walters also expressed the family's appreciation to the school corporation, the Hoosier Gym, Knightstown fire department and police for the escort through town following the services.

Social media has a bad reputation but being able to express the emotional pain people were feeling and know others understood and shared the same feelings was a powerful thing to watch the past few days, especially with the high school kids. No adults were telling them to reach out, to show these signs of sincere concern and it was impressive to know these young people can recognize how fragile and special life can be.



Knightstown students met outside the high school Friday morning dressed in red to mourn the death of their friend and fellow student Dylan Hiner. They found out a bit later that students from other nearby schools did the same. Above, students from Eastern Hancock gathered in their red and black clothes to show support for the Knightstown community. Aaron Riley shared the photo with The Banner Friday afternoon on Twitter with the message "don't forget you have family over here that love and support you." Greenfield-Central students also dressed in red and joined together in their gym for a photo to show their support that was shared online. Messages were posted all over social media sites from student groups, athletic departments and individuals expressing sadness and sympathy for Hiner's family and friends.

# KHS Softball Team Moves Record to 11-4

## Lady Panthers Come up with Win Over Centerville

Knightstown's varsity softball team was able to find the resources with the team's top hitter, senior Vivian Goodpaster, to pull out a win over Centerville at home April 24. Goodpaster was injured during the second game of a doubleheader at Cowan April 22 and was still nursing a sprained foot.

The Lady Panthers got on the board first with a run in the bottom of the first. Centerville scored their only two runs in the top of the third. Knightstown answered with two runs of their own in the back end of the third inning.

KHS scored another run in the fourth, two more in the fifth inning and secured the game with three more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Courtney Carlton pitched the entire game with four strikeouts and three walks while giving up just three hits and two runs.

The KHS girls were super aggressive on the bases, stealing 10 bases during the game, including four stolen bases by Robyn Clark, three for Carmen Cleek, two for George Lawhorne and one for Jess Butler.

The Lady Panthers had 13 hits in the game. Sammi Eaks hit a triple and two singles for two RBIs.

Clark had two base hits as did Kiley Breece and Butler, who both also knocked in two runs. Butler also put down a sacrifice hit.

Carlton hit an RBI triple while Lawhorne, Cleek and Trinidie Newby each had a base hit. Newby also got a sacrifice hit.

## Top-ten Ranked Shenandoah Beats Knightstown 5-2

The following day, April 25, the Lady Panthers traveled the short distance to Shenandoah High School where they suffered their fourth loss of the season to the top-ten-ranked Lady Raiders.

The two rivals were scoreless until Shenandoah put one run on the board in the bottom of the fourth. Neither team got on the board in the fifth. Knightstown tied it up at 1-all but Shenandoah pounded out four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

The Lady Panthers were able to score one more run in the top of the seventh but couldn't pull out the win.

Carlton again pitched a complete game. She struck out one batter and walked one while allowing seven hits and five runs.

Carlton did her part offensively as well by leading the Lady Panthers at the plate. She posted a double and two singles with one RBI.

Butler and Kaitlyn Jackson each smacked a triple while Breece hit an RBI-double. Goodpaster followed Jackson's seventh inning triple with a single. Eeks' sacrifice hit earned her an RBI.

## Lightning Cancels KHS versus Franklin County Game

After getting all warmed up on Friday, April 28 for their big face-off at home against the talented 14-2 Franklin County team, a big storm rolled in and lightning canceled the game before it even started. Due to the lateness of the season, it's unlikely the game will be rescheduled.

## Lady Panthers Whip North Decatur on the Road 17-2

Knightstown was again on the road at North Decatur May 3 where they whipped the Lady Chargers in five innings 17-2.

The Lady Panthers were the ones in charge from the start, especially at the plate where they connected for 19 hits in the game. The scored three runs in the first inning then blew the game wide open in the second inning with seven runs to go up 10-0.

In the third, KHS scored three runs and put two more on the board in the top of the fourth and also in the top of the fifth to put the score at 17-0. The Lady Charges managed two runs in the bottom of the fifth, but came up short to stop the run-rule ending.

Lawhorne threw all five innings for the Lady Panthers. She struck out two batters and walked two others while giving up four hits and two runs.

Eaks was back in prime form, smashing her sixth home run of the season and also adding a double, a single and a sacrifice hit for five RBIs.

Clark hit a triple and two singles for one RBI. Goodpaster also nailed a triple and a single to collect two RBIs.

Cleek smacked a double and two singles to knock in two runs. Lawhorne also had two RBIs on off her three singles.

Breece and Butler each hit a double and a single. Breece also had a sacrifice hit. Her efforts yielded two RBIs and Butler had one RBI. Carlton added a two-RBI double.

"This was a great team win and great to see a lot of batting practice finally give the results that these girls are capable of," said coach Bret Mann. "The whole lineup had quality at-bats, and good mental approaches at the plate, and that's rewarding to see as the season progresses."

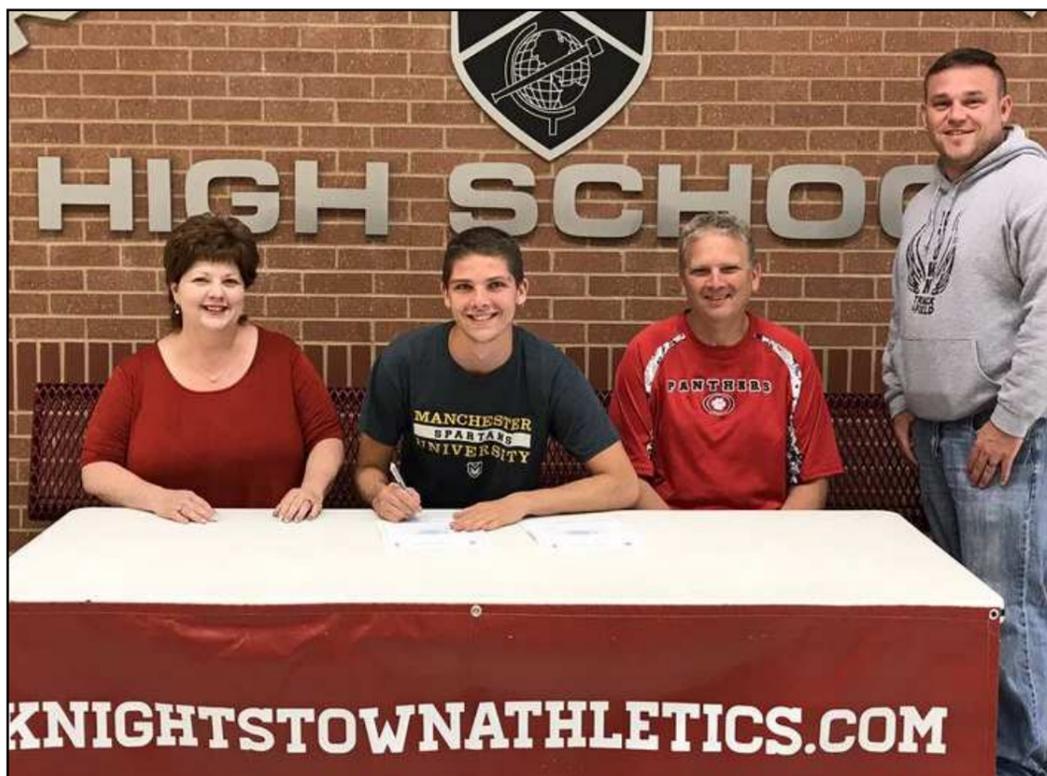
## Despite Heavy Hearts, KHS Girls Prevail Over Hagerstown 10-0

The Lady Panthers were still reeling from the tragic death a few days earlier of their classmate Dylan Hiner, the younger brother of assistant coach Tosha Smith, when they traveled to Hagerstown Monday, May 8.

Prior to the game, the Hagerstown team presented Knightstown's girls with signed softball in Hiner's honor. The Lady Panthers were all wearing bows in their hair with Hiner's basketball number 15 and DH written

See KHS Girls, page 10

# J.T. Butler Signs with Manchester



Knightstown senior J.T. Butler recently signed a letter of intent to compete on the track and field team at Manchester University in northern Indiana. He was joined at the signing by his parents, Diane and Greg Butler, as well as KHS boys track coach Jared Evans. Butler competed in the 800-meter run and the 4x800-meter relay all four years. He was added to the team's 4x400-meter relay group in 2015 as a sophomore and has competed in that relay event since then. (Photo courtesy of Knightstown Athletic Department)

# Panthers Fall to Greenfield, Beat Rushville, Daleville

## Panthers Top Rushville 10-9 on the Road

After falling to New Castle at home the day before, Knightstown's varsity baseball team bounced back with a win over class 2A Rushville on the road.

Jose Olivo got the start on the mound for the Panthers and pitched into the fifth inning when he was relieved by Isaac McRoberts.

Olivo struck out seven batters and walked two while allowing seven hits and seven runs. McRoberts struck out one batter and gave up three hits and two runs.

McRoberts also continued to pound the ball at the plate, collecting three RBIs on a triple and double.

Owen Wiles led the team with a double and two singles for three RBIs. Tyler Burton had a two-RBI single. Bruce Nichols and Connor Brockman each hit an RBI-single and Bryan Newby added a base hit.

## Knightstown Falls To Greenfield-Central

It was a tough day all around for the Panthers at home April 26 against class 4A Greenfield-Central. An accidental overthrow by Greenfield's shortstop hit an unsuspecting Jose Olivo while he was in the dugout and broke his jaw in two places.

Things didn't end up improving for the Panthers. The Cougars got off to an early lead, scoring one in the first inning and another run in the second before Knightstown's Kaunner Cleek smacked a two-run homer, his first the season, to tie the game in the bottom of the third.

That would be all for the Panthers. The two teams were scoreless in the fourth and fifth innings. Greenfield took the lead in the top of the sixth with a run then scored two more in the top of the seventh to take the 5-2 win.

The Panther had just four hits in the game. Other than Cleek's home run, the Panthers got hits from Newby, McRoberts and Brockman.

Wiles got the start on the mound for the Panthers and threw for five innings. He struck out five batters and walked none while giving up just three hits and two runs.

Levi Back pitched the last two innings and allowed five hits and three runs.

## Panthers Beat Daleville 4-3

With a win over Tri the day before (story in the May 3 issue), the Panthers were back in action at home May 2 against a tough Daleville team.

Knightstown held Daleville scoreless through the first four innings. The Panthers were the first on the board with two runs in the third and scored another run in the fourth inning.

Daleville posted a big inning in the fifth, scoring their only runs to tie the game at three.

Neither team scored in the sixth. After preventing the Broncos from scoring in the top of the seventh, the Panthers rallied to score the winning run in the bottom of seventh.

Cleek got the pitching start for the Panthers. He struck out seven batters and walked six while allowing two hits and three runs. Freshman Matthew Craft came in for Cleek midway through the fifth inning. He walked a batter and gave up on hit but no runs.

McRoberts hit a double and single for two RBIs. Newby also had a double and a single with one RBI. Burton hit an RBI-double and Alex Brading and Nichols added a single apiece.

The Panthers' season record improved to 9-4 after the recent action.

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## Area High School Sports Schedule for May 10-17

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

### VARSITY BASEBALL

- ◆May 10 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. South Decatur, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 11 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Hagerstown, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 11 - Knightstown at home vs. Centerville, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 11 - Tri at home vs. Union County, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 13 - Eastern Hancock away at Mooresville Tournament, 10 a.m.
- ◆May 13 - Knightstown away at Lapel (doubleheader), 10 a.m.
- ◆May 13 - Tri away at Winchester Community, 10 a.m.
- ◆May 15 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Northeastern, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 15 - Knightstown away at Union County, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 15 - Tri away at Randolph Southern, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 16 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Frankton, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 17 - Knightstown at home vs. Wapahani, 5 p.m.

### VARSITY BOYS GOLF

- ◆May 10 - Knightstown vs. Wes-Del, Royal Hylands Golf Club, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆May 11 - Knightstown vs. Morristown, Royal Hylands Golf Club, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 11 - Tri vs. New Castle, Westwood Golf Club, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆May 12 - Tri vs. Winchester Community, Winchester Golf Club, 4:45 p.m.
- ◆May 16 - Knightstown vs. Eastern Hancock, Royal Hylands Golf Club, 4:30 p.m.

- ◆May 16 - Tri vs. Union County, Memorial Park Golf Course, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 17 - Knightstown vs. Blue River/Hagerstown, Hartley Hills Country Club, 5 p.m.

### VARSITY SOFTBALL

- ◆May 10 - Knightstown away at Union City, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 11 - Knightstown at home vs. Wes-Del, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 11 - Tri at home vs. Wes-Del, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 13 - Eastern Hancock at Blackford Invite, 11 a.m.
- ◆May 13 - Eastern Hancock away at Mooresville Tournament, 10 a.m.
- ◆May 13 - Knightstown away at Lapel (doubleheader), 10 a.m.
- ◆May 13 - Tri at home vs. Centerville (DH), 10 a.m.
- ◆May 15 - Eastern Hancock away at Hagerstown, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 15 - Knightstown away at Tri, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆May 15 - Tri at home vs. Knightstown, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆May 16 - Knightstown at home vs. Anderson Prep. Academy, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 17 - Eastern Hancock away at Anderson, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 17 - Tri away at Union City, 5 p.m.

### VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

- ◆May 10 - Tri away at Lapel, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆May 11 - Knightstown away at Cambridge City Lincoln, 4:30 p.m.

- ◆May 13 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. EH Invitational, 9 a.m.
- ◆May 13 - Knightstown away at Eastern Hancock Invitational, 9 a.m.
- ◆May 13 - Tri away at Northeastern for first round of Tri-Eastern Conference tourney, 8:30 a.m.
- ◆May 15 - Eastern Hancock away at Greenfield-Central, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 15 - Knightstown away at Morristown, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 15 - Tri hosting Tri-Eastern Conference tourney championship game, Tri H.S., 5 p.m.

### VARSITY CO-ED TRACK & FIELD

- ◆May 11 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Indiana Deaf School, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 11 - Knightstown at home vs. North Decatur/Union, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 11 - Tri away at Winchester for Tri-Eastern Conference Meet, 5 p.m.
- ◆May 16 - Knightstown, Eastern Hancock away at Pendleton Heights for Girls Track Sectional, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 16 - Tri away at Connersville for Girls Track Sectional, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 18 - Knightstown, Eastern Hancock away at Mt. Vernon for Boys Track Sectional, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆May 18 - Tri away at Connersville for Boys Track Sectional, 5:30 p.m.

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on the bows.

The two teams then got on with their game. After going scoreless in the first inning, Jackson made a diving catch in left field to shut out the Lady Tigers in bottom of the first.

Knightstown's bats came alive in the second inning. They scored six runs in the second and then four more runs in the top of the fourth while holding Hagerstown scoreless to get the run-rule 10-0 win.

Carlton pitched four innings with two walks and two hits allowed. Lawhorne threw the fifth inning and struck out one batter with no hits given up.

Lawhorne and Eaks each hit a two-RBI double. Jackson and Butler got two base hits apiece while Goodpaster added one single. Clark had two sacrifice hits that brought home one run.

Mann said after the game had ended, "Both teams joined together at the pitchers' circle for a prayer for Dylan Hiner and his family, led by senior Panther, Sammi Eaks."

Mann added, "I'm so proud of the girls, battling through this adversity, and becoming an even stronger, cohesive family through it. The rest of our season is dedicated to Dylan, Tasha and the whole family."

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growth is stagnant (or declining) and we're older than the state. Generational poverty has hit our community hard. The Indiana Youth Institute reports 20.6 percent of Henry County children live in poverty. Hamilton County has the lowest rate at 5.2 percent and our northern neighbor Delaware County is the highest with 31.2 percent children living in poverty.

Our reality suggests there is little room for status quo thinking.

A comprehensive plan builds on the community assets, confirms community values, establishes a clear vision for the future and creates a living document to help facilitate desirable outcomes. Topics included in a plan are: land use, housing/neighborhood revitalization, economic development, education and workforce development, community services and transportation.

The plan is a strategic guide for private development projects along with public projects. It is a method for all members of the community to be engaged in creating a roadmap for the future that

meets the unique needs and values of the local community. In short, it is Henry County's business plan.

Every plan needs a vision. In 2013, the New Castle Henry County Chamber convened community stakeholders to create a community vision:

"Henry County is becoming East Central Indiana's premier community for education, commerce, agriculture, and family opportunities. Come home to an engaged and invested community where unified leadership encourages innovation to sustain an excellent quality of life."

Are you invested? Are you engaged? Henry County needs you. Change is inevitable; the direction is not. This planning process and subsequent execution is critically important for the future of our community. For more information, please visit <http://www.henrycountycmplplan.com/> and attend the open house on May 17. All are welcome.

**Corey Murphy, president  
New Castle-Henry County  
Economic Development Corp.**

Shrinkage, from Page 3

next two months on home detention. According to the court's detailed judgment, Stanley will be restricted to her home at all times during these two months "except for employment, education, religious services, medical, substance abuse or mental health treatment, attorney visits, court-ordered obligations or other activities ... pre-approved by the probation officer."

Finally, in her sixth month of probation, Stanley will be required to perform eight hours of community service per week for a period of one month. She is also required to pay restitution in a total amount of \$89,412.27 and a \$100 special assessment fee.

According to the court's judgment, Stanley was given credit for a \$4,000 payment that was to have been made the day of her sentencing, leaving

\$75,318.24 in restitution to pay to the town of Kennard. Once restitution to the town is satisfied, Stanley is then ordered to pay \$14,094.03 to CNA Surety; the judgment does not explain whether that amount is to cover the costs of the State Board of Accounts' investigation, which totaled close to \$14,000, or if it's for something else.

While Stanley received a light sentence from the federal court judge, she could still find herself facing criminal charges at the county level. Henry County Prosecutor Joe Bergacs told The Banner he has not ruled out charging Stanley with theft and/or official misconduct for the crimes she committed while Kennard Clerk-Treasurer. He said he planned to review her case and make a decision soon.

IURC, from Page 1

Counselor, a state agency that tries to make sure rates and charges OK'd by the IURC are no higher than necessary.

For example, in the town's current efforts to raise its water rates and charges, the town initially asked the IURC to approve a 39.6-percent increase. The OUCC has countered the town's request, however, with its own calculations and maintains that an increase of only 18.2 percent is needed. The

town has since lowered its request to 38.7 percent, and both sides are still waiting for the IURC to rule.

In the past, the OUCC has successfully helped Knightstown utility customers avoid large increases requested by the town. For example, in 2014, the town requested a 9.6-percent increase in electric rates and charges, but the IURC ended up siding with the OUCC and only approved a

5.8-percent increase. Similarly, in 2008, when the town sought its last water rate increase, the IURC again went with the 43.84-percent increase suggested by the OUCC instead of the 47.8-percent hike the town was seeking.

If the town council passes the ordinance withdrawing from the IURC at its June 15 meeting, it will take effect 60 days. See IURC, Page 12

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# USPS Customers Invited to Help Carriers 'Stamp Out Hunger'

On Saturday, May 13, the National Association of Letter Carriers, the United States Postal Service and other partners are asking the community of Knightstown to Stamp Out Hunger. This is the 25th anniversary of the food drive, which has grown into a national effort that provides assistance to the millions of Americans struggling to help put food on the table. The Stamp Out Hunger food

drive, held on the second Saturday in May, has become the nation's largest single-day food drive. In 2016, generous Americans donated 80.1 million pounds of food, feeding millions of people. This was the 13th consecutive year of at least 70 million pounds collected by letter carriers, bringing the grand total to 1.5 billion pounds of food collected, since the Food Drive began in 1993.

"We're proud to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the food drive," said local Postmaster Sabrina Evans. "We're asking residents for their support to help make this another successful year. It's easy to make a donation: simply leave a bag of nonperishable food items by the mailbox to help your neighbors in need."

The need for food assistance exists in every community in

America. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 50 million Americans are food insecure, meaning they live at risk of hunger. Perhaps most alarming is the fact that nearly 16 million children in America are struggling with hunger. Additionally, close to 5

million seniors face choices between paying rent, utilities, and having nutritious food.

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## 'Together We Learn' Now in School Libraries Courtesy of ARIES Program



Shenandoah High School students Maryah Boling (left) and Garrett Goyette assist Librarian Colette Huxford in assembling gift book bags for areas schools and libraries. (Photo submitted)

"Together We Learn" is a project of ARIES of Henry County, which reaches all school libraries and public libraries in Henry County.

The objective of "Together We Learn" is to provide materials related to substance abuse which teaches children and adults related skills for solving problems, coping, social competence, autonomy and a sense of self and future.

Colette Huxford, a Shenandoah schools librarian, took a major role in this project by helping to select books to enhance learning opportunities, increase students' knowledge on substance abuse and motivate student and family communication. The books target students living in addictive homes; students who have contact with other students living in addictive homes; students who may be tempted to use or have used drugs; or the individual who just wants to learn more about the timely issues in the citizens' lives.

The U.S. Department of Education suggests that prevention and coping efforts begin in grades K-3. Students today face many of these issues on an everyday basis, according to ARIES Director Olene Veach.

Seventeen school libraries and three public libraries in Henry County will benefit from this project, according to Veach. The locations include Knightstown Elementary School, Knightstown Intermediate School, Knightstown High School, Tri Elementary School, Tri Jr.-Sr. High School and the Knightstown Public Library.

Huxford utilized Shenandoah students in selecting the books, labeling them, and sorting them into packages for each library. Over 140 books were distributed to libraries on May 4 by Butch Baker and Todd Thalls, members of the ARIES board.

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nonperishable food items such as canned soup, canned vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, rice or cereal next to their mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 13. Letter carriers will collect these food donations as they deliver the mail and take them to local food banks.

For more information about the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive, visit [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org) and [www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive](http://www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive).

**IURC, from Page 11**

days after its adoption, unless a petition is received requesting that town voters be allowed to decide the issue. The petition must be signed by at least the number of registered town voters required to place a candidate on the ballot, which, according to county election officials, is a relatively small number, likely fewer than 20.

In the event that a proper petition is received, the town's utilities will remain in the IURC if a majority of voters vote against removal. If a majority vote to leave the IURC, then the town's utilities will no longer be overseen by that agency.

Anyone with questions about the town's efforts to withdraw from the IURC should contact Knightstown Town Hall at 765-345-5977.

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