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*"It is sobering to reflect that one of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the struggle for independence." - Charles A. Beard*

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**Knightstown, IN**

## Canoe the Big Blue Saturday, June 3

Friends of the Big Blue River's annual Canoe the Big Blue River event will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3. Participants can discover the beauty of floating down Big Blue River from CR 350-W bridge to Knightstown. This is a free community event. Canoe and kayak owners can bring their own boats, or they may be rented from Daleville Canoe Country, which will have some on hand. But they must be reserved in advance by calling any of the numbers below. Kayak rental is \$16 and canoes are \$30. For more information, directions or to reserve a canoe/kayak call Amy Glaser at 465-8470, Kathy Rogers at 529-0081, Jeff Ray at 765-524-1753 or Shelia Marion at 520-7216.

## Ladies Golf League Forming Locally

A ladies golf league is forming at Royal Hylands Golf Club, 7629 S. Greensboro Pk., Knightstown. The league will play now through September. The league, which will serve as a booster for local high school girls golf programs, will also feature contests and other fun. The league is open to women of all abilities. For more information, call Elizabeth Kennedy at 317-501-8009 or Royal Hylands at 345-2123.

## Spring Blast This Saturday in Carthage

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, 15 miles and 33 miles. The 15-mile route includes one historic Rush County covered bridge, while the 33-mile route tours three covered bridges. Registration fee is \$25. Registration is at Carthage Community Church at 7:30 a.m. This event, a benefit for the Henry Henley Library, will also feature a bake sale sponsored by Homemakers on the Go, lunch and townwide yard sales. Organizers are hoping for good weather Saturday, as this event was originally slated for May 13. Inclement weather, however, forced the event's postponement. More information can be found on the group's Facebook page.

## Seven Local Girls Hoping for Jubilee Days Queen Tiara

*Contest is Wednesday, May 31, in KHS Auditorium; Event is Free and Open to Public*

						
						
<b>Fowler</b>	<b>G. Muncy</b>	<b>M. Muncy</b>	<b>C. Smith</b>	<b>M. Smith</b>	<b>S. Vise</b>	<b>Wineman</b>
<b>Cady</b>	<b>A. Lykens</b>	<b>P. Muncy</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>M. Lykens</b>	<b>E. Vise</b>	<b>Daugherty</b>
Eighteen-year-old <b>Mackinsy Fowler</b> is the daughter of Larry and Tina Fowler. Her princess candidate is seven-year-old <b>Aryanna Cady</b> , daughter of Samantha Guzman.	Seventeen-year-old <b>Grace Muncy</b> is the daughter of J.B. and Sally Muncy. Her princess candidate is seven-year-old <b>Amelia Lykens</b> , daughter of Adam and Jess Lykens.	Seventeen-year-old <b>Mary Muncy</b> is the daughter of Brett and Janis Muncy. Her princess candidate is seven-year-old <b>Piper Muncy</b> , daughter of J.B. and Sally Muncy.	Eighteen-year-old <b>Caitlyn Smith</b> is the daughter of Brian and Tracie Smith. Her princess candidate is four-year-old <b>Lillyanna Thomas</b> , daughter of Dylan & Elizabeth Thomas.	Sixteen-year-old <b>Maggie Smith</b> is the daughter of Teresa Smith. Her princess candidate is five-year-old <b>Madalea Lykens</b> , daughter of Adam and Jess Lykens.	Sixteen-year-old <b>Sidney Vise</b> is the daughter of Josh and Rebecca Vise. Her princess candidate is six-year-old <b>Ella Vise</b> , daughter of Josh and Rebecca Vise.	Seventeen-year-old <b>Lauren Wineman</b> is the daughter of Darrell and Dawn Wineman. Her princess candidate is six-year-old <b>Sophia Daugherty</b> , daughter of Megan Showalter.
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## Gerald Leonard Named 2017 Citizen of the Year



Gerald Leonard has been selected as the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year.

Leonard is a life-long resident of the Knightstown community. He was born in Grant City and is a 1965 graduate of Knightstown High School. From 1966 to 1968 Gerald served in the United States Army and is a Vietnam veteran.

Over the years he has been employed by many businesses in Knightstown: Citizens National Bank, Rody's Department Store, Knightstown Elevator Inc., Johnson & Dudley Real Estate, Rice Ford Sales, and Tom True Auto Sales. In April 2015 Leonard retired from Draper Inc. He is currently employed part-time at Heritage Funeral Care of Knightstown and Sproles Family Funeral Home of New Castle.

Leonard is a member of Knightstown United Methodist Church where he has served in various positions and is now a member of the worship committee. He is treasurer of Golden Rule Masonic Lodge No. 16 of Knightstown and is in his 13th year as a member of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. School Board, where he serves as secretary.

In addition, Leonard is a member of the Knightstown American Legion Post 152, the CAB Community Involvement Committee, and the Knightstown Alumni Association, and is a board member of Main Street Knightstown.

Previously, Leonard was a board member of the Knightstown Alumni Association and the New Castle Career Center. He has volunteered with the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay, the Knightstown Cheer Guild and the Knightstown Food Pantry.

He has been married to Susan for almost 46 years. They have two children, Michelle Leonard of Knightstown and Aaron (wife, Aubrey) Leonard of Zionsville. They are, also, the grandparents of Lauren Congdon of Knightstown.

## IMPA Pressing Town for \$100,000 Substation Upgrade Payment

**by Jeff Eakins for The Banner**

More than a year after the town received the final four invoices for upgrades to the town's electric substation on the west side of town, Knightstown officials are still delaying payment of more than \$100,000.

Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman first briefed Knightstown Town Council members on this matter last July. At that time, she said representatives from the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, supplier of the town's electric power, and IMPA Service Corp., an IMPA-offshoot that oversaw the work at the substation, didn't have documentation for all of the additional charges included in the final four invoices. She said IMPA and ISC claimed that Greg Neice, the town's former works manager who was fired in March 2016, had orally agreed to pay more than the original agreed-upon amount.

The town council had voted in November 2015 to OK spending \$75,523.12 to finish reconfiguration work at the substation that required construction of line extensions. Of the total amount, \$37,523.12 was to be for materials, with the balance going toward labor costs.

At the time of that vote, the town had already spent more than \$400,000 on the substation upgrades since green-lighting the project two

years earlier. While ISC had initially told the town work would be done by July 2015, the upgrades weren't completed until early 2016, more than six months behind schedule.

While the town had expected to pay \$38,000 in labor for the final work at the substation, Huffman told the council last July that the town had been billed more than \$100,000. She said IMPA and ISC officials told her the labor costs

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were higher than expected because town employees had not helped with the work as much as had been anticipated.

Huffman advised the council last July that she told IMPA and ISC she would not pay any more than the council had previously approved without them first coming before the council to explain the overages. While both companies told her they planned to have someone attend the council's Aug. 25, 2016, meeting, that didn't happen.

After nearly eight months passed, IMPA representatives did attend the town council's April

20 monthly meeting, but the unpaid invoices for work on the substation were not discussed. Finally, last week, at the council's May 18 monthly meeting, IMPA was ready to talk about this matter.

Frank Smardo, a senior vice president at IMPA, told the council there had been "significant scope creep" with respect to work at the substation. While he acknowledged that additional work on the project was "not very well documented" in all instances, he said IMPA and ISC were confident that the town was billed the right amount.

According to documentation Huffman provided to The Banner, the four invoices ISC sent the town in January, February, March and April of 2016 totaled \$135,981.71. With credit for payment of \$32,515.17 for the January 2016 invoice, the outstanding balance is \$103,466.54.

Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, asked Smardo how much of the amount owed was the result of change orders, and Smardo said about \$85,000. Morelock said council approval is normally needed to authorize overages and noted change orders on local government projects are usually limited to no more than 20-percent of the total contract price.

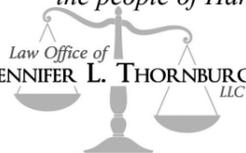
Council Vice President Kevin Knott asked  
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# OBITUARIES

**Stanton Davis**  
**December 29, 1942 - May 22, 2017**



Stanton Davis, 74, a long time Rush County area resident, passed away May 22, 2017, at his home. He was born Dec. 29, 1942, in New Castle to the late Everett and Martha (Newhouse) Davis. Stanton spent his early life in Knightstown and graduated in 1961 from Knightstown High School. He married Arlene (Gordon) on Sept. 5, 1964.

Stanton retired in 2005 from Ford Motor Company in Indianapolis, where he was a heavy equipment operator, after 44 years. He was a member and elder of the Raleigh Christian Church. Stanton was a 50-plus year member of the Masonic Lodge F&AM, the York Rite Bodies, Order of the Eastern Star and he served on the Rush County Veterans Honor Guard.

In addition to his wife, Arlene, of Rush County, he is survived by two sons, Derek (wife, Donita) Davis and Gordon (wife, Bilinna) Davis, all of Rushville; a brother, Ronnie Lee (wife, Mari) Davis; a sister, Cynthia (husband, Jeffrey) Huffman; 10 grandchildren, Jessica Infield, Joshua Blevins, Stephen Davis, Molly Davis, Jordan Davis, Delaney Davis, Mackenzie Davis, Brett (Megan) Davis, Stephanie Philpot and Monica (William) Farthing; and eight great-grandchildren.

Stanton was preceded in death by a son, Richard S. Davis, in 2009.

There will be no public services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Raleigh Christian Church. Moster Mortuary, Rushville, is entrusted with arrangements.

**Joan Leaser Vogel**  
**December 3, 1931 - May 16, 2017**

Joan Leaser Vogel, 85, passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at The Waters of New Castle. She was born Dec. 3, 1931 in New Burlington, Ohio, to the late Byron and Hattie (Inwood) Leaser.

After graduation from Knightstown High School, she married Roy "Jim" Vogel. Joan spent her life as a loving mother and wife. She adored her family, especially her four grandsons. Joan was a faithful member of Foursquare Gospel Church for many years.

She is survived by a son, J.B. Vogel (wife, Mindy) of Mays; a daughter, Janell Wardlow (husband, David) of New Castle; four grandsons, Greg Vogel of Greenfield, Doug Vogel of Rushville, Joel Wardlow and Alex Wardlow, both of New Castle; two sisters, Nancy White (husband, Marvin) of Bradenton, Fla., and Gail Lindsay (husband, Larry) of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF ORDER TO REPAIR OR REHABILITATE UNSAFE BUILDING  
NOTICE OF HEARING PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 36-7-9-7**

To: David Scroggham, Arlene Scroggham and any other person or entity with a substantial interest in the premises located at 112 S. Madison St., Knightstown, Indiana 46148.

You are hereby provided notice that the premises located at 112 S. Madison St., Knightstown, Indiana, in which you have a substantial interest, constitutes an unsafe structure under the Code of Ordinances of Knightstown, Indiana, and particularly pursuant to Ordinance No. 082516 and Indiana Code 36-7-9 et seq. Pursuant to the authority granted under the Unsafe Building Ordinance and Indiana Code 36-7-9 you previously received an Order from the Town of Knightstown, Indiana, to repair or rehabilitate the subject property in order to bring it into compliance with standards for building conditions and/or maintenance required for human habitation, occupancy or use and to do so within 10 days of your receipt of that Notice. You are now also notified of a hearing regarding this Order. In accordance with the Unsafe Building Ordinance and the requirements of state statute, a hearing has been scheduled for the 15th day of June, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knightstown Town Council chambers located at 28 S. Washington St., Knightstown, Indiana 46148. At that hearing you, and/or any other person with a substantial interest in the property which is the subject of this Order, may appear in person or by counsel. Each such person appearing at the hearing is entitled to address the evidence which will be presented in support of this Order and to present evidence and argument in opposition to this Order pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-9-7. At this hearing, the Knightstown Town Council, acting as the hearing authority, will take action to affirm, rescind, or modify this Order. The Town Council, as hearing authority, is also entitled to impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 if it finds that there has been a willful failure to comply with the Order. The Town Council will maintain jurisdiction over the subject property after the hearing for purpose of imposing a penalty at a later time. In the event the hearing authority affirms this Order and you do not take the required action within the prescribed period of time, the Knightstown Board of Zoning Appeals, as enforcement authority, may institute a civil action to enforce the Order and costs incurred by the Town may be charged as a lien against the property. In the event you transfer this property, or any substantial interest in this property, you are required to supply full information regarding this Order to the person or entity who takes or agrees to take an interest in the property prior to the transfer. In addition, you are required to supply the Knightstown Building Inspector with written notification of the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity taking a substantial interest in the property along with a copy of the legal instrument under which the transfer or agreement to transfer is accomplished. Further information about the Town of Knightstown Unsafe Building Ordinance is available from the Knightstown Building Commissioner, Benjamin Bowling, who may be reached at 765-345-5977.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Huffman, Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Knightstown

(5/24)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-9.1, you're hereby notified that on June 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held regarding the removal of the electric and water utilities from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. The meeting will be held in the Knightstown Town Council Chambers located 28 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148. Anyone wishing to attend who requires special accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Lisa Hall at 765-345-5977 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# Hydrant Source of Huge Leak

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

With the recent discovery of a large water leak on the south side of town, the Knightstown Town Council voted last week to approve the repair of a fire hydrant on South Washington Street that hasn't worked for more than a year.

Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman told council members at their May 18 monthly meeting that Randy Anderson, head of the town's water department, had discovered the hydrant was leaking beneath the surface. She said it was believed the leak could be responsible for the loss of 25,000-30,000 gallons of water a day.

"I think we ought to get it fixed," Council Vice President Kevin said after noting that the town could lose at least 750,000 gallons of water in a month's time. "I think we have a problem that's only going to get worse."

Huffman initially expressed concern that the town's water utility might not have enough money in its operating fund to fully cover the repair. Should that be the case, she said the water utility may be forced to borrow money from one of the town's other utilities, as it did last year when it borrowed \$30,000 from the electric utility - money that still has yet to be paid back.

Diane Wright, a part-time town bookkeeper who takes notes at town council meetings, noted that the water utility's depreciation fund has about \$18,000 in it. Huffman said she had forgotten about that money, which partially came from the sale of unneeded equipment earlier this year, and confirmed that it could be used for the repair.

Knott made and council member Valerie Trump seconded a motion to authorize spending up to \$13,280

to get the hydrant fixed. With support from Council President Sarah Ward and Mitch Roland, the motion passed 4-0. The council's fifth member, Roger Hammer, was absent that night.

Speaking to The Banner Tuesday morning, Anderson said the leak had been discovered a few weeks ago. While he acknowledged that the loss of 25,000-30,000 gallons of water a day "sounds like a lot" to the average person, he said a valve on the hydrant is partially turned off, preventing the problem from being much larger than it is.

"Hopefully, we'll get this taken care of in the next couple of weeks," Anderson said.

In other utility-related matters, the council also voted at last week's meeting to approve an engineering

contract with FPBH Inc., a North Vernon-based firm working with the town on a sewer utility improvement project. The council's approval of the agreement - the specific terms of which were not revealed during the meeting - was contingent on review of the document by town attorney Gregg Morelock and the addressing of any concerns Morelock has with it.

Acting on a recommendation from Huffman, the council also voted at last week's meeting to approve a new policy dealing with after-hours/call-in utility work by town employees. Huffman said the policy change should keep in check the amount of overtime pay for these employees and allow them to better organize their workdays.

The new policy says that town  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation, Henry County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at KHS Media Center, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, IN, at 6:45 p.m., on the 20th day of June, 2017.

Fund Name: Rainy Day	AMOUNT
Major Budget Classification: Capital Outlays	\$70,000
TOTAL for Rainy Day Fund:	\$70,000

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated 5/17/17

Stephanie L. Madison, Fiscal Officer  
Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp.  
(5/24)

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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## Too Often We Refuse We Might Really Need

One of my friends had always wanted to see India's Taj Mahal. She didn't want to attempt it on her own as she's my age, so she paid the expenses of an acquaintance to accompany her. Her friend grew up in India, speaks the language and knows about the food. In addition to seeing the glorious palace, my friend went for an elephant ride and saw a snake charmer.

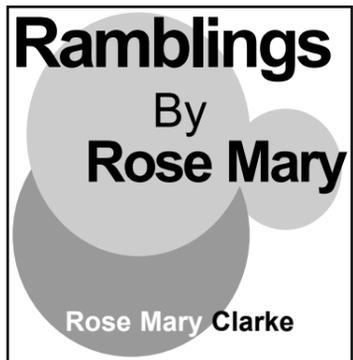
It's difficult for people to seek or accept help. Perhaps they feel as if they're relinquishing some of their independence. Also, most of us are too bound up in self-image. We don't want to appear fragile, incapable or over the hill.

People who are too pushy about helping are irritating. I asked the clerk at the drug store cash register where a product was located. She told me the aisle number and then insisted on accompanying me, although I assured her that I needed no help. "Here it is," she said in an ever so helpful tone. "Yes," I snapped. "I know how to read."

People like to help because it makes them feel good and perhaps a little superior. One day, Bill stopped to drop me off at Community Hospital. As usual, I fiddled and diddled with my purse, unfastening my seatbelt, opening the door and sticking my legs outside the door. A lady watching from the other side of the drive called, "Oh, let me come and help you." "No

thanks!" Eek! She was sitting in a wheelchair! That was certainly a wake-up call!

People of all ages labor away at chores that they detest, rather than have someone else do them. For example, I hated the dull, repetitive chore of dusting. However, we enjoy a clean house.



Yippee! No more dusting! One of the smartest things we've done was to forego spending so much on Christmas gifts for each other and hire a cleaning service once a month. It's worth making a few sacrifices for. It isn't cheap, but if we could afford it, I'd hire Merry Maids twice a month. Hiring help makes sense even for you younger people.

Now someone else gets down on her knees to scrub the kitchen floor and the floors of our bathrooms. Come to think of it, it's been several years since I scrubbed

a floor on my tender, creaky old knees. Recently, we were looking for Ms Kitty Pusscatkin who hid when she saw her carrying case when we were going to take her to the vet. "Look under the beds," Bill said. It's so hard to get up after being down on my knees that I crawled from the spare room down the hall to our bedroom so I wouldn't have to get up twice.

Another smart idea: Bill uses a big state-of-the-art vacuum cleaner to clean the carpet, and I clean the tiled kitchen floor. It wore me out just to push that heavy thing from the laundry area down the hall to the kitchen. Vicki helped me shop for a smaller sweeper like she and Tom use. We found one on sale at Wal-Mart. It's only a foot wide, so light that I can carry it, and has the same attachments as the big cleaner.

We haven't taken advantage of this yet, but we shall look into it when it becomes helpful. Kroger offers a service where you order your groceries via the Internet. They assemble them, and all you have to do is pick them up at the door.

Too often - at any age - we bind ourselves to time-gobbling chores. Instead of doing what we think we have to do, we should seek ways to husband the precious time of our lives and our energy so that we can do what we want to do.

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## More Cycling (Eye Roll) Notes from Publisher

\*It's not even June yet, but an incredibly mild winter has left me with nearly 1,000 miles on my bike.

\*Last Friday was national Bike to Work Day. I participated.

\*A farmer on a tractor pulling a planter ran me off the road on Grant City Road last Wednesday. He was looking backward and didn't see me coming. I dove down into someone's yard and stayed upright. He didn't see me ... or the bird.

\*A large white dog impressed me with his running ability Monday morning. He looked too big to keep up with me. But, I looked back and there he was, in a dead sprint right off my rear wheel. I asked him if he could run and chew at the same time. He didn't answer.

\*More and more people are bicycling, it seems. Fewer cars is always good. But, the ones who are still driving seem more interested in their phones than the roads. I know it's important crap they're texting each other, too.

"What are u doing 2night?"

"Nothing. u?"

"Oh. Want 2 weave a basket?"

"I can't. I have 2 scrape this cyclist off my windshield then go 2 car wash."

I'd tell these texting motorists to pull their heads out of their asses, but they probably couldn't hear me.

\*It rained early Friday morning. My new Santini rain jacket, which I got on clearance for \$5, was just waiting for this opportunity. I donned it and headed out. It didn't rain a drop in 10 miles. The jacket's interior, however, was soaked with sweat.

\*The warmer it gets, the less clothing I have to put on in the morning. That time is saved, but spent again

as I try to cool off and stop sweating when I get to the office. I overheat if I keep the warm cycling clothes on too long. Once layered up, I have to get on the bike and into the cold weather in order to maintain proper body temperature. Otherwise, I start sweating - bad.

\*Yes, more people are riding bikes now. I see them on county roads and in small towns. Little kids are always on bikes, it seems. Makes me wonder how long it'll be before they come up with a video game or a smart phone app to replace actual bike riding.

\*Someone asked me recently if I ever ride my bike at night. "I would," I said, "But, Henry County roads are too bad. I have a bright headlight. However, it's not bright enough to illuminate the bottoms of some of these county road potholes. And I'm not much of a spelunker anyway."

\*I saw a guy on an electric bike the other day. Pretty neat. He was cruising around 21 mph, and I didn't immediately notice he was on a motorized bike. I just thought to myself, "This old guy is a bad ass!" But, as he got closer, I saw he wasn't working hard enough to carry that speed. There's nothing wrong with riding an e-bike. Just don't pretend you're *not* riding an e-bike! (And stay off the mountain bike trails!)

\*Am I ever afraid I'll get hit by a car? I get asked that frequently and, yes, I'm afraid.

I never ask if motorists fear getting hit by a cyclist. I know the answer.

\*Seems rather basic, but I still see people riding their bikes against traffic or walking/running with traffic. It's the opposite, people. Bikes ride *with* traffic. Pedestrians and runners go *against* traffic.

\*It's illegal for more than two cyclists to ride abreast. It's also a bit obscene.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As we approach Memorial Day, it once again offers to us a time to reflect on our deceased war veterans, especially those of World War I, who fought to "make the world safe for democracy" 100 years ago.

Returning home after the war's end on Nov. 11, 1918, the "doughboys" were honored with the dedication of a park, Veterans Memorial Park, in 1919, and again in 1929 when the War Mothers of Henry County saw the culmination of their campaign to honor their "boys" with the dedication of the Spirit of the American Doughboy memorial in that park.

The statute of an American infantryman (doughboy) dressed in full combat gear, in the process of throwing a hand grenade, has stood for almost 88 years, enduring the elements and souvenir seekers, all the while bearing allegiance to the memory of Henry County's World War I veterans, even as the passage of their lives and time has diminished that memory.

As we now look to the centennial of the end of World War I, we need to fully restore the memory of their service and sacrifice by restoring the Doughboy, and relocating him to a more prominent position in the park. I cannot think of a better way to honor the end of World War I than to rededicate this monument on Nov. 11, 2018, in celebration of our heroes, and to remind ourselves why we became the greatest nation on earth - because they went "over there."

Steven A. Peckinpough, retired U.S. Army Master Sgt.  
Middletown

Dear Editor,

Since the drought in 2012, Indiana has been working to clarify water policy in a way that ensures clean, safe drinking water for all Hoosiers while protecting our manufacturing and agricultural economy.

Over the last four years, Indiana has taken careful steps to guarantee that any change in policy on water supplies and infrastructure is backed by valid data and information. In 2012, the General Assembly passed legislation that directed the state to collect data on how utilities planned for changes in water supply.

In 2015, there was a survey of water utilities in the largest 15 communities, along with five smaller systems, that found near unanimous interest in planning for the future and knowing more about the growing withdrawals of neighboring water users.

After the catastrophe in Flint, Michigan, the state conducted another survey that included almost every community water system in the state. The purpose was to understand how each one invested in replacement of aging infrastructure and how well each system understood water losses due to leaking, aging infrastructure.

The results were staggering.

The 2016 survey found that the need for infrastructure vastly outpaces investments. Collectively, we need more than \$2.3 billion to begin replacing the aging pipes, treatment plants and fire hydrants that treat and deliver water in our communities. Further, after that initial replacement, using basic assumptions about how fast pipelines and plants depreciate, the utilities across the state need more than \$800 million per year in new funding. This same survey showed that small systems are both more expensive to operate and less resilient to the changes that are affecting health and safety.

This year, while no funding was dedicated to water infrastructure, the legislature was active in addressing water policy. In anticipation of a federal infrastructure bill, legislation was passed to set up an infrastructure

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## Retiring FACS Teacher Nancy Watson Capping 25-Year Career at Knightstown High School

by Logan Cox

After over 25 years of work as a Knightstown High School teacher, Nancy Watson will be retiring this year. She was honored by the Charles A. Beard School Corp and Classroom Teachers Association last Wednesday, alongside retiring KIS teacher Sandra Stohry.

"I had always wanted to be a teacher, as far back as I can remember!" Watson said.

She originally thought of becoming a gym teacher, but her love of Home Economics (now called Family and Consumer Science) classes in high school led her to go in that direction instead.

"I enjoyed the interaction with the other students," she explained. "... the fun ways of learning things, and learning life skills."

Though she had been a stay-at-home mom for a time, doing clothing alterations out of her home, Watson went on to become Knightstown High School's Family and Consumer Science teacher in 1992.

"I really do enjoy working with kids, teenagers especially. I love seeing their enthusiasm and the pride on their faces when they have really accomplished something. I appreciate the feedback from former students about how they still use the skills I taught them," said Watson. "Kids have a lot of energy. They need it focused on positive, helpful things!"

Now that she is retiring, Watson has gained an even greater appreciation for her students and fellow faculty members she has known throughout her time at KHS.

"I do look back at how the students and the curriculums have changed over the years," she said. "I think back about the students in past years and

things that happened in the classroom. And I think about all the great people I have worked with and the conversations we've had."

Sadly, Watson's retirement party last week was overshadowed by an unexpected death in her family.

"I was retiring to care for my mother, who needed more help to stay in her home. Then she passed away on May 5th," said Watson.

In the wake of this loss, Watson and her husband plan to camp and spend time with their family over the summer. Following this, she intends to find a part-time job, hopefully around October.

"When my husband retires, we plan to tour the U.S. with our camper," she said. "We may become campground hosts during the winter months, out west. We are hoping to have more time to camp, boat, ride horses, ride motorcycles, fish and be with family."

Though she has been a teacher at KHS for many years, Watson lives in Mt. Summit, rather than Knightstown.

"When I was hired at KHS, I didn't really plan to stay here. I lived in Muncie at that time," said Watson. "But I fell in love with the school atmosphere and the students! My husband still works in Muncie. So we found a place midway between our works."

Originally from Burlington, N.C., she graduated from Walter M. Williams High School in 1975. Watson attended college at Elon University, as well as Ball State University, after starting her family. She graduated from Ball State in 1991.

"It has been my pleasure to be a part of the KHS family for all these years," she said. "I will miss teaching."



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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Wed., May 24** - Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board meeting, 7 p.m., at fire station, 30 S. Washington St.

**Wed., May 24** - Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

**Wed., May 24** - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

**Thurs., May 25** - Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

**Mon., May 29** - All government offices closed for Memorial Day

**Tues., May 30** - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

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P.S. Eric, you cannot confuse me with facts. I know beyond any doubt that my mom was the best!

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## Eaks Earns Girl Scout Gold Award



Samantha "Sammi" Eaks has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a girl can earn in Girl Scouting. Eaks will receive her award during Girl Scouts of Central Indiana's Girls of Distinction ceremony held on Saturday, June 17, at the Marriott in Indianapolis.

Eaks collaborated with Healthy Communities of Henry County, Kids Inc. and local businesses on her Girl Scout Gold

Award project. After receiving grant funding, Eaks was able to transform an abandoned railroad into a walking trail and recreational area complete with playground equipment, log seats, and a butterfly patch along the Old National Heritage Trail. Once the project was completed, Eaks coordinated a Super Hero walk to make sure the community knew about the new trail.

Eaks will graduate from Knightstown High School this spring. She plans to study criminal justice at Indiana University South Bend. She is the daughter of Stephanie and Ronn Pritchett

and Leslie and Jon Eaks.

### About the Girl Scout Gold Award

Since 1916, Girl Scouts have been making meaningful, sustainable change in their communities and around the world. The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn, acknowledges the power behind each recipient's dedication to not only empowering and bettering herself, but also to making the world a better place for others. These young women are courageous leaders and visionary change makers. They are our future, and it looks bright!

## Smartphone Photography Subject of Workshop

Learn to take photographs with your smartphone using the soft, natural light provided by the "Golden Hour" at Summit Lake State Park on June 3.

The "Golden Hour" Smartphone Photography Workshop starts at 7 p.m. The "Golden Hour" is a period before sunset when daylight is softer than when the sun is higher in the sky.

Participants will learn to use their smartphones to photograph landscapes, portraits, still lifes and perform macro photography. After an hour of instruction, participants will shoot photographs throughout the park.

James Moriarty of Moriarty Media is teaching the workshop.

Registration costs \$10 and is limited to 10 people. Register at moriartymedia.com. Participants will receive admission to the park, a bound color printed handout and a box of photographic clip-on lenses for smartphones.

At a second workshop on Oct. 7, participants will have the chance to review each other's work.

The workshop is a signature project of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission and is made possible, in part, with support from the Indiana Arts Commission and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Summit Lake State Park is located at 5993 N. Messick Road, New Castle.

## 'Needy Meds' Aimed at Assisting Patients with High Cost of Necessary Medications

Needy Meds is a community program sponsored by Henry County Health to provide short-term prescription assistance to patients who usually are either uninsured or underinsured and cannot afford their medication. These patients may be waiting to have their insurance application approved, recently unemployed with no insurance, have extremely high deductibles or be a Medicare patient in the doughnut hole.

"We are very grateful for this \$14,000 donation from the Henry County Hospital Foundation which will help fund our 2017 prescription assistance program," said Dana Weaver, clinical coordinator for Henry County Health who heads the Needy Meds program.

"In 2016 we helped 155 individuals providing nearly \$18,000 in financial assistance with an average of \$115 per person," commented Weaver. "In 2016 we also received a donation from the

Foundation as well as an allocation from Henry County United Fund and the Henry County Hospital Auxiliary."

Referrals come from hospital and physician office staff, Department of Family Resources and ClaimAid, a free Henry County Health program that helps residents enroll in Medicaid, HIP 2.0 and the Accountable Care health insurance plan, and other sources. Henry County Health's Care Coordination staff also assist patients to get connected to other resources such as programs through pharmaceutical companies when possible.

Needy Meds helps patients in many ways. According to Weaver they have helped provide assistance to patients who are discharged from the hospital but can't afford medications they need to continue their recovery.

"One individual I remember in particular needed help getting

prescriptions filled as they were not yet eligible for insurance coverage through their new employer," Weaver explained. "Providing assistance through Needy Meds may have assisted them in avoiding missing work during their probationary period."

"Another individual we were able to assist was newly diagnosed with diabetes," Weaver continued. "Not only were they overwhelmed with learning to manage their chronic condition, they were also concerned with the cost of medication and supplies. Needy Meds was able to help with the initial expense."

The Henry County Hospital Foundation funded this donation through proceeds from its 2016 Gala. Other donations made from the Gala include \$14,000 donations to the ICAP Women's Clinic and the YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program.

## A Look Back



Looking northwest at the intersection of Main and Washington streets. Notice the phone booth beside the gazebo.

## Literary Club Meeting June 14

The Nameless Creek Literary Club will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, at the home of Mary Muegge.

The program, "Bring Your Own Book," will be led by Karen Campbell. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite book to participate in this program. Readers should be familiar with the contents of their books. However, they should also "be creative - the more reading material included, the more fun!"

Devotions will be led by Muegge.

The response to roll call will be "What was your grandmother's first name?"

The Nameless Creek Literary Club was organized Oct. 13, 1919. The purpose of this club is self-improvement featuring a variety of interests special to women. It is associated with the Federation of Women's Clubs. For more information, contact Judy Brown at 936-5704.

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# K-town Plan Commission Meeting Monday

After being forced to cancel a meeting last week due to not having enough members present, the Knightstown Plan Commission is hoping to get back on track this coming Monday.

The commission is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. that night to continue reviewing and discussing possible changes to the town's zoning code and other land use regulations. The meeting, which will be held in the back meeting room of Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., accessible from the building's west side, is open to the public.

Commission members have spent much of the five meetings they've held the past three months going over zoning and land use provisions from other communities pro-

vided by the town's attorney and a planning consultant working with the town. By looking at what other cities and towns have done, the goal is find ways to expand and improve upon Knightstown's zoning code, which was adopted nearly 30 years ago, and other town provisions dealing with land use.

At Monday's meeting, the plan commission is expected to discuss standards for signage. Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, has given plan commission members copies of the 15-page sign standards section from the zoning code for McCordsville, another municipality he represents, to consider using as a template for Knightstown.

The plan commission had to cancel its May 15 meeting when only three of its

seven members showed up, one short of what was needed. Under the state's Open Door Law (ODL), a majority of the commission's members - a quorum - must be present in order for the group to meet and take official action on matters of public business.

Just two weeks prior to that, a meeting that had tentatively been set for May 1 also had to be canceled, though not due to members being absent. That cancellation was due to the plan commission's failure to provide public notice advertising the date, time and location of the meeting at least 48 hours in advance, as required by the ODL.

Last month, the plan commission nearly had to cancel its April 17 meeting when it was again one member short of a quorum.

Eventually, one of the absentees was contacted by phone, and when he showed up 20 minutes past the scheduled start time, the meeting was finally able to get underway.

In addition to Monday's meeting, the plan commission has also scheduled one for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 19. That meeting will be held in the same location and is also open to the public.

Before the plan commission votes to recommend any changes to the town's zoning ordinance and land use regulations, it will need to schedule and hold a public hearing on the proposed revisions. If, after the hearing, the plan commission votes to certify the proposed changes, they will be sent to the Knightstown Town Council for that body's approval.

## County Library Summer Reading Program Kickoff June 3

The summer reading program at New Castle-Henry County Public Library officially begins with a free kickoff event for all ages from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 3. Featured activities include tours of the library's new bookmobile, a bounce house, music, games, and sno-cones. Participants can sign up for summer reading and learn more about summer activities happening at the library.

Friends of the Library sponsor the summer reading program, which is available both in the library and on the bookmobile. This year's theme is "Build a Better World".

The Children's Library is hosting Marvelous Mondays every week beginning June 5 at 2 p.m. Other weekly activities include Family Read, Eat, Create on Thursdays from 10

a.m. to noon and a summer lunch program, which will be from 12 to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, followed by drop-in crafts at 1 p.m. There will be an end-of-summer carnival from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 29. Children can attend events and read books to earn prizes and have a chance to win big prize baskets full of books and toys.

Teens can stop into TeenScape for a variety of activities happening at 4 p.m. on Thursdays throughout the summer. Visit [www.nchcpl.org/teens](http://www.nchcpl.org/teens) for details. The featured event for teens this summer will be TeenCon, happening from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 15. Reading books and attending events gives teens the opportunity to win weekly prizes and grand prizes of a

\$100 Visa gift card or 3D printing pen.

Ages 18 and up can participate in a variety of events scheduled primarily on Tuesdays at 6 pm. Event details can be found under the Events tab at [www.nchcpl.org](http://www.nchcpl.org). Adults can read and review books or attend events to win weekly prizes and grand prizes of an Amazon Fire HD8 or DeWalt drill.

Featured events for all ages include two Noteworthy Performances. Bing Futch will be in concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, and Sophia Joelle will perform at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 27. Noteworthy concerts are sponsored by Friends of the Library and take place in the library's auditorium.

For more information about New Castle-Henry County Public Library, visit [www.nchcpl.org](http://www.nchcpl.org).

## DNR Warns Against Planting More Ornamental Pear Trees

Ornamental pear trees, most commonly known as Bradford pears, have been a popular landscaping tree in Indiana for decades. So popular that they are crowding out native Indiana trees.

For that reason, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources encourages homeowners and landscapers to avoid planting such trees and to replace them when possible.

"Over time different varieties of pear have cross pollinated in our

urban areas, allowing them to rapidly spread into our natural resources," said Megan Abraham, director of the DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology.

Cultivated forms of this invasive species are most accurately known as *Pyrus calleryana* or Callery pear tree. Commonly available ornamental pear cultivars, all of which are invasive and should be avoided, include Bradford, New Bradford®,

Cleveland select, autumn blaze, Aristocrat®, capitol, Chanticleer®, and dozens more.

In addition to being invasive, these cultivars, which are known for their striking white flowers, typically don't last long. They are structurally weaker and more easily damaged by storms than native trees.

Carrie Tauscher, urban forestry coordinator with the DNR Division of Forestry, says that evi-

dence of the trees' rapid spread is easy to see.

"Just take a look for glossy leaved, egg-shaped trees in highway interchanges," Tauscher said. "It's common to find them in unmown areas under utility lines and in lots and fields initially cleared for construction that are then left fallow."

Stopping the spread of this invasive plant means selecting alternate trees for yards and forest-

ed property. The best tree to replace any invasive tree species is one that is native to a particular region.

If you are looking for an alternative flowering tree for Indiana, serviceberry trees, which have similar white blooms in the spring and fruits that attract wildlife, are one option. Eastern redbuds, which grow quickly, with eye-catching lavender flowers in the spring are another option.

### Banner Makes Crossword Correction

Last week's crossword, as some of you may have discovered, contained an error. When 62- and 65-across were correctly solved, the solution to 47-Down ended up having two letters transposed. The Banner apologizes for its error and any confusion or inconvenience it may have caused.

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### Cassey Hancock of Carthage Named to Dean's List at Belmont University

Cassey Hancock of Carthage qualified for the Spring 2017 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 30 percent of Belmont's 7,700 students qualified for the Spring 2017 Dean's List. Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns said, "This achievement for the spring semester indicates that these students have placed a high priority on their work at Belmont and have invested time and energy in their studies. It is our strong belief that consistent application in this manner will reap great benefits, which will equip them for a lifetime of learning and growing."

#### About Belmont University

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### Free Shooting Sports Experience Available June 10-11 at Ft. Harrison

The Ford Hoosier Outdoor Experience (Ford ODX) offers the chance for young and old to learn how to shoot targets with archery, crossbow and shotguns under the watchful eye of experts on June 10-11 at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis.

There will also be dozens of other outdoor activities to try, hands-on.

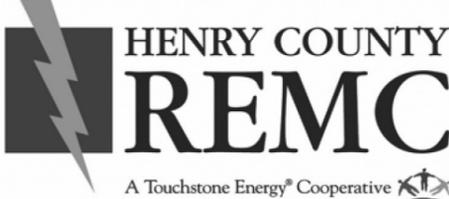
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Likely the largest free outdoor event in the state, the Ford ODX was last held in September 2015. That was the sixth annual. Each prior year's event was also held in September. This year's date is intentionally closer to the start of the traditional outdoor recreation season. The idea is to give participants plenty of follow-up time to

keep doing the activities they liked and develop them as hobbies. The reason for not having the event last year was the heavy schedule of State Parks Centennial activities.

As in previous years, parking, entry and all activities are free to participants of all ages. All equipment is provided. Participants are typically beginners or novices in activities such as fishing, horseback riding, mountain biking and many more.

Organizers request that you register in advance at [HoosierOutdoorExperience.com](http://HoosierOutdoorExperience.com) to participate. This helps them prepare. The website is also the place to learn about the other activities offered, check for updates, and get tips on how to make the most of your experience.



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# Three Teachers Resign from CAB Schools

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. has received notices of resignation from three of its teachers, including the district's 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year.

Superintendent Jed Behny advised CAB School Board members at their May 16 monthly meeting that Knightstown Elementary School Title I teacher Kristen Yoder, Knightstown Intermediate School language arts teacher Kathleen Weiland and KIS science teacher Tabatha Brown were all resigning. The resignations take effect May 26.

In her letter of resignation, Yoder, who has taught at CAB for seven years, told KES Principal Danielle Carmichael that she and

her family are moving out of state.

"The decision was a difficult one," Yoder wrote, "but it is one that is best for my family, and we are excited to begin our next adventure."

Weiland, a Knightstown High School graduate, did not indicate the reason for her departure in her resignation notice. Brown, however, CAB's Teacher of the Year last year, said her "early retirement/resignation" was prompted by the need to assist her elderly parents and a widowed aunt.

"Ideally, I would be available to help with my relatives and still remain in teaching in some facet," Brown, who has taught 14 years at CAB, wrote to KIS Principle Chad Gray. "I would like to be able to teach students in

the education programs a couple days or evenings a week, possibly at Ivy Tech or some other community college. I believe I have a great deal of valuable information to share with incoming teachers and a job such as this would be conducive to me being able to help my parents and work some too."

The school board also received notices of resignation at last week's meeting from Kelly Fields, an instructional assistant at KES, and Shelby Hall, a special education aide at KES. A request for maternity leave from KES kindergarten teacher Jessica Lykens was also approved by the school board.

Other personnel matters approved at last week's board meeting include changes in

assignment for KIS Title I teachers Karla Willis and Carissa Brammer, who will both be fourth grade teachers at the school next year. Also, KES special education aide Risa Louks will, effective immediately, take over as a medical assistant/secretary at the school.

In other personnel matters, the school board also voted at last week's meeting to consolidate two special education bus routes into one and to increase the daily compensation this route's driver from a little under \$100 to \$120. The board also OK'd increasing the hourly rate for extracurricular activity bus drivers from \$10 to \$12.

"I want to make sure that we stay competitive," Behny told board members. "Those routes aren't always easy to fill."

## Eastern Indiana U.S. Military Academy News Posted

Cpt. Nate LaMar, military academy liaison officer for East-Central and Southeastern Indiana, recently announced the following regarding area residents graduating from or soon entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

\*Joshua Crafton is son of Tim and Diane Crafton of Shelbyville. A member of Triton Central High School's Class of 2013, Crafton majored in Russian, with a systems engineering track (minor). He will graduate from West Point on May 27 and will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, as an infantry officer, with his first assignment at Ft. Bliss, Texas

\*Brendan Gill is the son of Richard and Shanna Gill of Muncie. A member of Delta High School's Class of 2013, Gill majored in chemical engineering, with a physics and nuclear engineering track (minor). He will graduate from West Point on May 27, and will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army,

as an infantry officer, with his first assignment at Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

\*Zachary Turner is the son of Tara and Ron Umberger of Frankton. A member of Frankton High School's Class of 2013, Turner majored in philosophy, with a systems engineering track (minor). He will graduate from West Point on May 27, and will also be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, as a military intelligence officer, with an initial Infantry branch detail, at Ft. Hood, Texas.

The following two area residents have been appointed to West Point, to which they will each report for cadet basic training on July 3:

\*Nathan Batta, son of Nicholas and Faith Batta of Batesville, Batesville High School Class of 2017. Nominated by U.S. Senators Dan Coats and Joe Donnelly and by U.S. Rep. Luke Messer.

\*Baker Howard, son of Tim and Sharon Howard of Westport, South

Decatur High School Class of 2016, and a 2017 graduate of Greystone Preparatory School (Kerrville, Tex.). Nominated by U.S. Rep. Luke Messer.

The following student will enter the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in June 2017:

\*Bradley Laughlin, son of Perle Laughlin and Mike Laughlin, Yorktown High School Class of 2017.

The following student will attend the weeklong Summer Leaders Experience at West Point in June:

\*Braedyn Stovall, son of JJ and Carolyn Stovall of Muncie, Currently a junior at Muncie Central High School.

The following three students will attend the Middle School STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Workshop at West Point May 30-June 2:

\*Alyssa Allen, daughter of  
See West Point, Page 16

## Gas Line Upgrades Continuing Along Knightstown Streets

Miller Pipeline's work replacing gas lines for Vectren has, for the most part, now moved to the south side of Knightstown, and is expected to continue for a few more weeks.

Randy Anderson, head of the town of Knightstown's water department, told The Banner on Tuesday morning that Miller Pipeline is starting to do work on a stretch of South Adams Street. Once that's done, he said the company will then turn its efforts to a section of West Jackson Street, with the hope of being finished with the project in another three weeks or so.

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# JUBILEE DAYS 2017

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**

- ◆ QUEEN & PRINCESS CONTEST – KHS Auditorium - 6:30 P.M.
- ◆ Non-profit Booth Open on Public Square
- ◆ Jessop Amusement Midway open at 5 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1**

- ◆ The Jessop Amusement Midway and non-profit booths open on the Public Square

American Legion Post 152 will host a parking lot party on Saturday, June 3, with a live band, Triple Dog Dare, starting at 7 p.m. The Legion will also host a veterans breakfast on Monday, March 29, starting at 8:30 a.m.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2**

- ◆ HOOSIERS ALL-STAR CLASSIC BASKETBALL GAME
- At the Hoosier Gym: Girls 6 p.m., Boys 8 p.m.
- ◆ The Jessop Amusement Midway and non-profit booths open on the Public Square

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**

- ◆ Beautiful Baby Contest - 10 a.m. on the north-east corner of the Public Square. Sponsored by Beautify Knightstown, Inc., and Knightstown Friends Church
- ◆ JUBILEE DAYS PARADE – 1 P.M.
- ◆ Immediately following parade: Legion Ladies Auxiliary will have a cake walk in the Legion parking lot. ◆ The Jessop Amusement Midway and non-profit booths open on the Public Square

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Panthers Win Henry County Title, Titans Runner-up

### McRoberts, Burton, Cleek Make All-County Team

By Stacy Cox  
General Manager/Sports Editor

After a weather cancellation Friday night bumped the Knightstown's Senior Day ceremony to Saturday morning, the team recognized Alex Brading, Isaac McRoberts, Dalton Moss and Bryan Newby along with their families prior to the start of the game.

It was a battle of the pitchers in morning game of the Henry County Baseball Tourney between Knightstown and Blue River Valley with 20 strikeouts between the teams' two pitchers.

Outside of the third inning when the Panthers scored three runs, the two teams were scoreless.

Kaunner Cleek threw a two-hitter for Knightstown, pitching all seven innings with 12 strikeouts and one walk.

Seth Webb pitched the entire game for Blue River, striking out eight Panthers and walking just two. He gave up three runs and three hits.

Cleek was also responsible for two of Knightstown's four hits.

With two outs in the bottom of the third, Bruce Nichols and Isaac McRoberts were walked and Tyler Burton's pop fly advanced them both when he reached base on a Viking error.

With bases loaded, Cleek steps into the batter's box and watches two balls go by before Nichols scores on a passed ball. McRoberts and Burton both advance as well.

Cleek then hits a line drive to center field, scoring both runners and advancing to second on a fumble by the outfielder.

The only other hits for the Panthers came from hard grounders to the outfield from Bryan Newby and Jose Olivo in the fourth inning and a single from Cleek in fifth.

The win advanced the Panthers to the championship game against Tri and the team packed up and traveled over to the Titans field for the afternoon game.

Because of the weather delays Friday night, the schools opted for no consolation game.

#### Panthers Defeat Tri 7-4 for the County Title

By the time the Titans and Panthers were ready to get the afternoon game underway, lightning and storms caused another delay. The skies finally cleared for the county title game around 2.

From the start there was more action than the morning game. Knightstown scored a run in the first inning and Tri answered with two runs to take a 2-1 lead after the first.

Both teams were scoreless in the second and Knightstown again came up empty in the third. Tri got their bats going in the bottom of the third, scoring two more runs to go up 4-1.

After nine innings of fairly quiet bats that day, the Panthers finally got their offense cranked up in the fourth and scored five runs to take their first lead since the top of the first.

Burton, who pitched a complete game against the Titans, held Tri scoreless for the rest of the game.

The Panthers scored another run in the top of the sixth and held on for the 7-4 win, bringing the Henry County Baseball bat back to Knightstown after it was won by Shenandoah last year.

Burton not only was tough on the mound but led the team at the plate as well. He struck out nine batters and walked two while giving up just two hits. On the other end, he had four hits, including a double, for



Kaunner Cleek struck out half the batters he faced - that's 12 strikeouts with just one walk - and gave up only two hits to lead the Panthers to a 3-0 win over Blue River Valley in the first round of the Henry County Tourney Saturday. Cleek's performance earned him a spot on the All-County team. (Stacy Cox photo)



Tyler Burton pitched all seven innings, leading the Panthers to another Henry County championship win, 7-4 over Tri, on Saturday afternoon. Burton also topped the team's offensive effort with a double and three singles against the Titans. Burton was named to the All-County team for his work. (Stacy Cox photo)



Isaac McRoberts, left, and Tyler Burton proudly show off the Henry County Baseball tourney bat after they reclaimed it Saturday with wins over Blue River Valley and Tri. McRoberts and Burton, along with Kaunner Cleek, were named to the All-County team for Knightstown. (Stacy Cox photo)

two RBIs and stole one base.

McRoberts hit two singles for one RBI. Cleek knocked in two runs on a base hit and Olivo had an RBI-single and a sacrifice hit. The Panthers also got hits from Jack Fort and Bruce Nichols. Owen Wiles added an RBI.

The two wins in the county tourney snapped a four-game losing streak for the Panthers, giving them a boost for sectional week. Knightstown plays Northeastern Tuesday, May 24, for the first game of sectional at Centerville.



Knightstown's four seniors - Dalton Moss, Alex Brading, Isaac McRoberts and Bryan Newby - line up behind home plate to receive pitches from the dads during Senior Day activities Saturday morning prior to the start of the Henry County Baseball Tourney. (Stacy Cox photo)

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Lady Titans Defeat Knightstown, Shenandoah to Win County Championship

**By Bryan Peggs**  
**Courtesy of Tri Athletic Dept.**  
 The Tri Lady Titan softball team won the first ever Henry County softball tourney by defeating Knightstown and Shenandoah respectively.

Tri never trailed on the day and had solid pitching performances from Payton Moore along with some outstanding defensive plays.

"Payton has had great defensive support all year and she does a nice job of keeping batters off balance," said co-coach Duke Falck.

In the morning game against Knightstown, Tri jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Tri lost the coin toss and Knightstown chose to be home team.

Destiny Taylor earned a lead off walk to start the game and was followed by a bunt single from Moore. After a fly out by Lauren Bouslog, Kirsten Falck singled to left field to drive in Taylor. Then Kierstyn Conyers stepped to the plate with two runners on and blasted a three run home run over the left field fence giving Tri a 4-0 lead.

Kaley Harrison then reached on a dropped by a fly ball by the left fielder. Breanna Reece then singled to left to move Harrison to second base. Abi Busby followed that hit up with a single of her own to drive in Harrison to give Tri a 5-0 lead after the top half of the first.

Knightstown answered with two runs of their own in the bottom of the frame. Vivian Goodpaster had a one out single and went to second on a pick off throw attempt to first. Sammi Eaks then hit a ball to short and the

throw was errant allowing Goodpaster to score and Eaks went to second. Then Butler stepped to the plate and singled in Eaks. That ended the scoring in the first inning.

In the second inning Tri was able to put another run on the board when with one out the speedy Moore got on base again with a bunt single. Bouslog then roped a line drive to right center field for a double scoring Moore all the way from first base. That ended the scoring until the top of the fourth when Tri struck for another run.

Bailey Coffman started the inning by hitting a single and was sacrificed to second by Moore after a pop out by Taylor. Then Bouslog drove her in with another double to center field scoring Coffman giving Tri a 6-2 lead. In the bottom of the fourth Knightstown's Carlton hit a solo home run to pull the Panthers with in three.

The Titans answered the Panthers in the top of the fifth with two more runs. Taylor Craft drew a lead off walk after coming into the game for Harrison due to an injury.

Jessie Spong then pinch ran for Craft after craft walked. Breanna Reece sacrificed Spong to second to put her in scoring position. Then freshman catcher Busby smacked a triple to right center field to score Spong. Coffman's single to left to score Busby putting Tri up 9-2.

Knightstown scored a run in the bottom of the 6th and Tri added another run in the top of the 7th to make the final score 10-5.

In the championship game Tri again was the visiting team by los-

ing the coin toss to the Raiders. Tri used two doubles to gain an early 1-0 lead. Taylor lead the game off with a double to right center field. The next two Titans were retired then Falck drove a double into the left center field gap giving the Titans and early lead. Shenandoah tied the game in the bottom of the frame when Kelsi Lawyer hit a two out triple down the right field line. Sami Deley hit a single scoring Lawyer.

That is the way the score stayed until the top of the 5th inning where the Titans broke the open with three runs.

In the top of the fifth, Coffman let off with a bunt single that she had to dance around to avoid hitting the ball. Taylor then sacrifice bunted Coffman to second base. After a ground out to the pitcher, Falck hit a single to score Coffman from second. Conyers singled to right and moved Falck to third. Harrison then doubled scoring Falck from third and giving Tri a 4-1 lead.

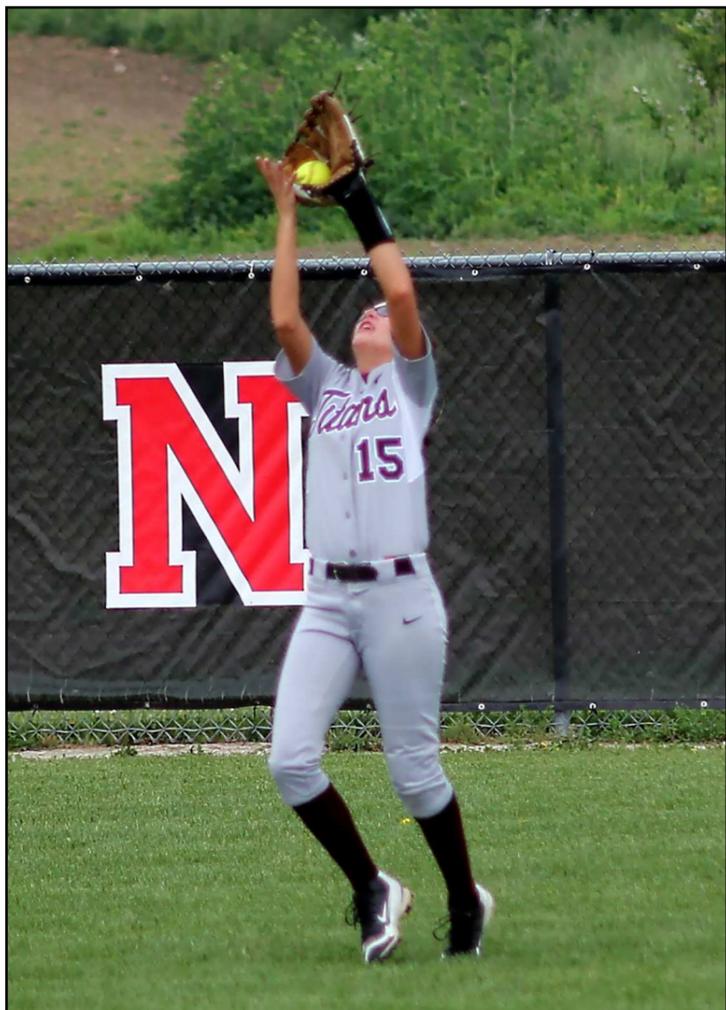
Moore and the Titan defense was able to hold the Raiders scoreless in the next two frames while extending their lead.

In the seventh, Tri added three more runs to put the game away. A Bouslog single and a Falck double put runners at second and third. Conyers grounded out to short to give the Raiders one out. Harrison then singled in Bouslog and Falck was drove in by a Reece single. Harrison scored the Titans final run on a wild pitch by the Raiders.

The Raiders scored another run on three consecutive singles by Conner, Williams, and Campbell. Tri is now 19-3 going into the sectional.



Tri's Kirsten Falck hustled to make a clutch catch in right field then threw to first base before the runner could get back. The double play couldn't have come at a better time. Knightstown's Courtney Carlton smacked a home run on the very next at-bat (below). The Lady Titans defeated the Lady Panthers 10-5 Saturday in the first round of the Henry County Tourney. Falck's performance Saturday earned her a spot on the All-County team. (Stacy Cox photo)



Tri's Bailey Coffman has been a reliable center fielder for the Lady Titans, often stopping the opponent's momentum with great catches to stop runners from scoring. Coffman's performance Saturday earned her a spot on the All-County team. (Stacy Cox photo)

### Knightstown Youth Volleyball Camp June 26-30

Knightstown head volleyball coach Shanna Smucker, her staff and her players will conduct a youth volleyball camp June 26-30 from 6-8 p.m. at the high school.

The five-day camp will focus on the development of skills necessary to be competitive in the sport of volleyball. Camp staff will be teaching drills that the high school program utilizes as well as providing a better understanding of the game. They will stress the importance of proper footwork and the proper way to perform skills such as serving, hitting, passing, setting and diving.

The younger groups will focus more on serving and passing techniques. The older groups will also have 3-on-3 opportunities and 6-on-6 scrimmage opportunities.

Cost of the five-day camp is \$30 for one child, \$45 for two siblings or \$60 for three siblings. Cost includes a t-shirt and is due with a completed registration form by June 8. Forms can be found online at the Knightstown Panthers Volleyball Facebook page or Panthers Volleyball Twitter page or they can be picked up at Knightstown Intermediate and Knightstown Elementary schools.

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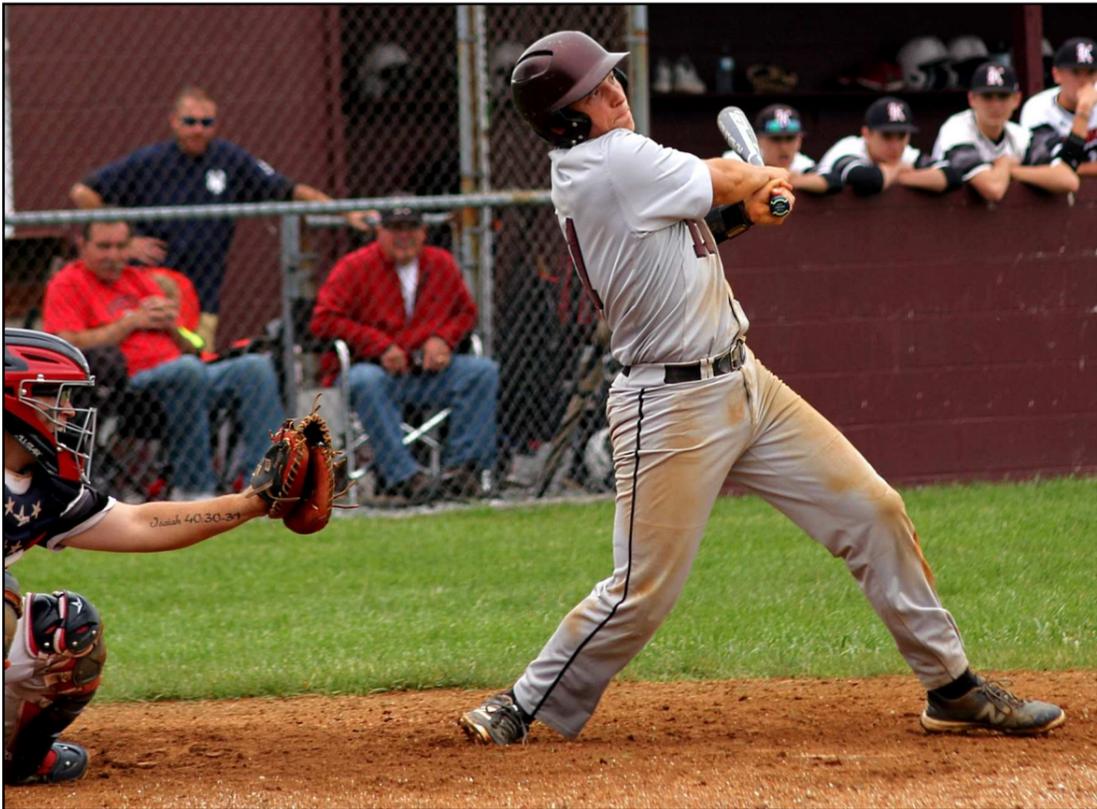
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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Titans Beat Shenandoah to Advance to County Title Game



Tri senior Eric Bilby smashes the ball to the fence early in the Henry County championship game Saturday, driving in a run. (Stacy Cox photo)



Drew Mondrush was able to come up with a steal when the Kaunner Cleek moved off the bag to grab the throw. Mondrush had a good day on the field and was named to the All-County team. (Stacy Cox photo)

By Stacy Cox

General Manager/Sports Editor

Tri's varsity baseball team found itself in a deep hole early in its first round game against Shenandoah in the Henry County Tourney Saturday morning.

The Raiders scored four runs in the first inning and four more in the second inning and held the Titans scoreless for the first three innings. But, that would be all the Raiders would get from its offense.

Things started looking up for the Titans in the top of the fourth. After Drew Mondrush and Eric Bilby are walked, Mason Rottinghaus hits a fly ball to center field to fill the bases. Another walk scores Mondrush then Shawn Melton hits a line drive to left field, bringing home Bilby.

A grounder from Dillon Stevens is fumbled by the Raider second baseman, scoring two more for the Titans. Melton, now on third, scores on an error and Chris Blake, who was brought in as a pinch runner for Stevens, advances to second.

Josiah Jackson nails a line drive to center field, knocking in Blake. Mondrush grounds out on the next at-bat with the Titans now down 6-8.

Both teams were scoreless in the fifth but the Titans were not done. Melton and Gage Rowe each reach base after their grounders were mishandled by the Raider offense. Blake smacks a shot to center field, scoring Melton and advancing Rowe to second. Jimmy Jeffries grounds out but moves Rowe into scoring position at third.

Jackson again comes through for the Titans with a double to left field, scoring Rowe and Blake, then advances to third on the throw to home. Jackson scores on an error before the end of the top of the sixth.

The Titans held on for the 10-8 win.

Mondrush got the start on the mound for the Titans. He threw for five innings and gave up seven hits and eight runs with four strikeouts

and four walks.

Jackson pitched the final two innings. He struck out four batters and walked two with no hits or runs allowed.

The win advanced the Titans to the county championship game against Knightstown.

### Tri Falls to KHS 7-4 in Championship Game

In the Titans match up against the Panthers, the team was able to get on the board early. The Titans scored two runs in the bottom of the first to take an early 2-1 lead.

Both teams were unable to score in the second and Tri held the Panthers scoreless again in the third before scoring two more runs in the bottom of the third to go up 4-1.

But the Panthers roared back in the fourth with five runs to take their first lead 5-4. The Titans were unable to score the rest of the game. Knightstown scored one more in the sixth inning and held tough for the 7-4 win and county title.

Jackson got the pitching start for the Titans. He threw for three innings, striking out six batters and walking two. He gave up two hits and one run.

Rottinghaus was brought in to pitch in the fourth and struggled to find the strike zone. He walked two batters and then the Panthers knocked a double and a single to scored five runs. Dillon Stevens was brought in to finish the inning and pitch the rest of the game. Stevens struck out two batters and gave up five hits and one run in his time on the mound.

Though Rottinghaus had trouble on the mound, he had no trouble at the plate, leading the Titans with a double and single for three RBIs. Bilby hit an RBI-double and Mondrush also had a base hit. Bradyn Ellis had a sacrifice hit that knocked in another run.

The Titans finish the regular season 10-14 and play Hagerstown in the first round of sectional 56 at Seton Catholic on Tuesday, May 24.

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## Youth Basketball Clinic May 29

Knightstown varsity basketball head coach Dusty Magee recently announced plans to hold a boys basketball clinic May 29 through June 1.

The Monday-Thursday clinic will take place at Knightstown Intermediate School with boys in kindergarten through third grade running from 9-10:30 a.m. and fourth through eighth graders from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost of the four-day clinic is \$40 per athlete, due by May 25. The cost includes a t-shirt and

awards for contest winners. Please include your child's name, grade (next school year) and the shirt size (youth or adult) along with your check made payable to Dusty Magee. Payments can be turned in to Coach Magee at KIS or Knightstown Elementary School.

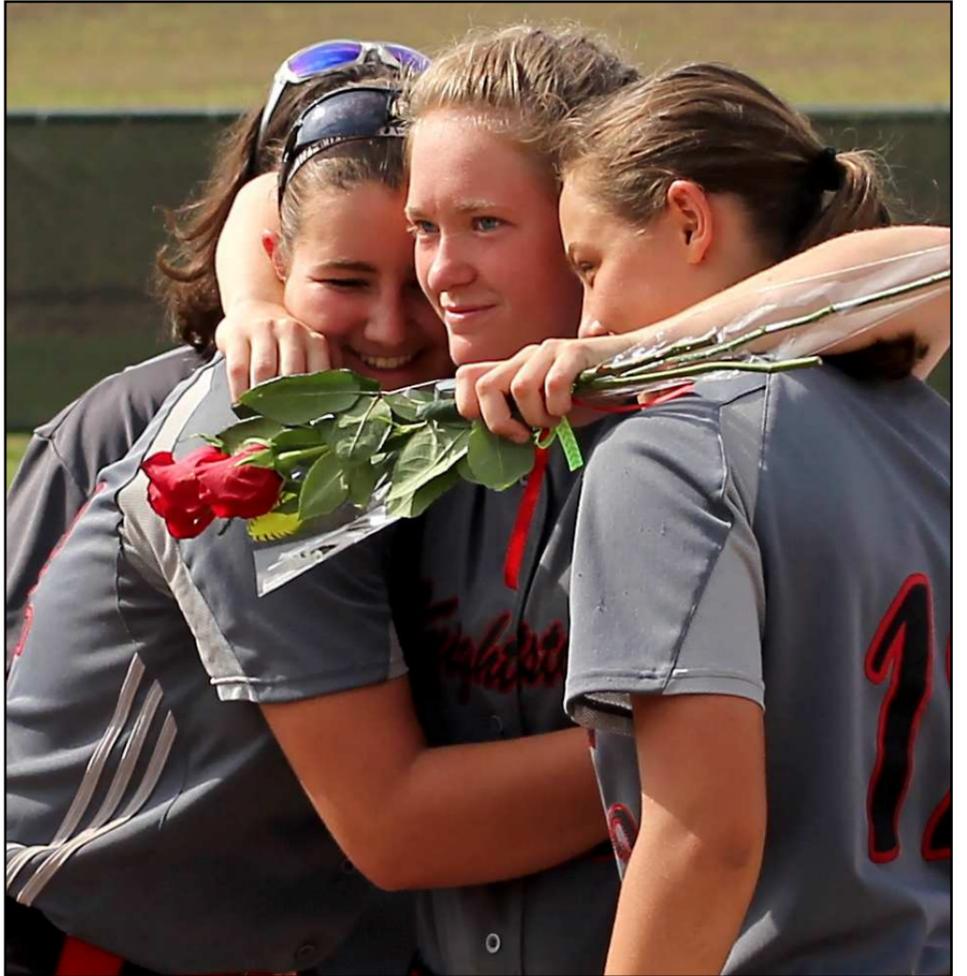
Sign-ups the first day of the clinic may be accepted.

"I hope to see all kids there to learn the fundamentals needed to become a champion," said Magee.

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# Knightstown Softball Honors Seven Seniors

*On Friday night, prior to the Lady Panthers game against New Castle, the rest of the team and parents took some time to recognize the seven seniors on the team - Kiley Breece, Robyn Clark, Sammi Eaks, Vivian Goodpaster, Georgee Lawhorne and Silvia Panizzutti*



Robyn Clark receives flowers and hugs from teammates Courtney Carlton and Kaitlyn Jackson during Knightstown Softball Senior Night. (Stacy Cox photo)



Sammi Eaks was enjoying every minute of the Senior Night ceremony with her parents. (Stacy Cox photo)



Silvia Panizzutti laughs as her teammates bring her gifts during Senior Night on May 19.



It was an emotional night for Vivian Goodpaster but her grandpa Darrell Goodpaster lightened the mood for her.



Senior Georgee Lawhorne gets a hug from coach Bret Mann after the seniors presented him with a special gift at Senior Night Friday evening.

Below the seven seniors line up to listen to the umpires instructions prior to the start of the game. (Stacy Cox photo)



Carmen Cleek is all smiles as she is escorted out by her parents during Senior Night on May 19. (Stacy Cox photo)

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## Softball Sectionals Taking Place This Week

### Lady Panthers at Union County for Sectional 41

Northeastern defeated host school Union County 10-0 in the opening game of the first round of class 2A's sectional 41 on Monday. In the second game of the first round, Hagerstown prevailed over Centerville 7-4. Union County finished the season 21-6. Centerville ends its season 6-13.

Northeastern (19-5) takes on Hagerstown (5-15) in the first semifinal game Tuesday night at 5 p.m. followed by the second semifinal game at about 7 p.m. between Knightstown and Winchester Community. Knightstown finished its regular season 14-8. Winchester is 2-12 on the season.

The winners of the two semifinal games meet for the sectional 41 championship game Wednesday, May 24, at 6 p.m.

### Lady Titans at Cambridge City Lincoln for Sectional 56

Seton Catholic clobbered Blue River Valley 22-4 in the first game of the opening round of class 1A's sectional 56 on Monday night. BRV finished the season 0-15. Seton is now 12-7.

The first round continues Tuesday night with Union

City (2-16) against Cambridge City Lincoln (9-10) at 5 p.m. followed by the game between Tri (20-3) and Union-Modoc (5-8) at 7:30 p.m.

Seton Catholic plays Randolph Southern Wednesday, May 24, at 5 p.m. in the first semifinal round game. That game will be followed by the game between first round winners at 7:30 p.m.

The winners of the two semifinal games compete for the sectional 56 title on Thursday, May 25, at 6 p.m.

### Lady Royals at Heritage Christian for Sectional 42

Triton Central beat Indianapolis Broad Ripple 25-1 in the first game of class 2A's sectional 42 first round action Monday night. Host school Heritage Christian whipped Irvington Preparatory Academy 15-5 in the second game of the first round

Triton Central (8-9) faces Heritage Christian (8-9) in the first semifinal game Tuesday night at 5 p.m. followed by the second semifinal game at around 7 p.m. between Eastern Hancock (18-6-1) Indianapolis Howe.

The winners of the two semifinal games play for the sectional 42 championship Wednesday, May 24, at 5:30 p.m.

## Baseball Sectionals This Week and Next

Note: Schedule subject to change due to inclement weather

### Knightstown at Centerville for Sectional 41

Knightstown (12-8) plays Northeastern (12-9) in the first round game of the sectional 41 at Centerville on Wednesday, May 24, at 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 25, at 5 p.m., Winchester Community (6-8) faces off against Union County (21-6) followed by the game between host school Centerville and the winner of the Knightstown/Northeastern game.

The winners of the two semifinal games play for the sectional 41 championship at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 29.

### Tri at Seton Catholic for Sectional 56

Randolph Southern (3-15) takes on host school Seton Catholic (10-13) in the first round game of class 1A's sectional 56 at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 24. Following that game, Tri (10-14) faces Hagerstown (18-3) at about 7 p.m.

The winners of the two first round games will compete in the first semifinal game at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 26, followed by the second semifinal game between Union City (8-11) and Blue River Valley (4-15) at around 7 p.m.

The winners of the two semifinal games will play for the sectional 56 championship game on Monday, May 29, at 5 p.m.

### Eastern Hancock at Triton Central for Sectional 42

Eastern Hancock (12-12) faces the host school Triton Central (9-11) in the opening game of class 2A's sectional 42 on Wednesday, May 24, at 5 p.m.

Following the Eastern Hancock game, Heritage Christian (15-4) and Irvington Preparatory Academy (4-11) compete at 7 p.m.

The winners of the two first round games will play in the first semifinal game on Wednesday, May 25, at 5 p.m. followed by the second semifinal game between Indianapolis Howe (1-7-1) and Indianapolis Broad Ripple(4-7) at 7 p.m.

The winners of the two semifinal games play for the sectional 42 championship at noon on Monday, May 29.

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assistance fund for utilities. The Indiana Finance Authority is directed to investigate the future needs of the utilities and determine their ability to provide water for growing populations. Another bill directs the state to set up a transboundary groundwater authority to avoid interstate conflict that has become a problem among neighboring states. Finally, legislation was passed to allow utilities to look further ahead when developing new supplies and, if needed, make it affordable to replace lead service lines so homeowners can be confident the water they drink is as pure as what comes from the water treatment plant.

All of these bills move the state in the right direction, but eventually we need to manage Indiana's water resources. That task is complicated by the fact that Indiana has more than 500 water utilities, but less than 100 of them are under the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

As a riparian state, users can withdraw what they need. On the other hand, it makes sense that the state provides information about growth rates in use and even how that use affects the various watersheds existing in Indiana. This will allow the many water users to adapt their behavior to the circumstance.

Protecting the economy means making sure that utilities manage our water resources together. Protecting agricultural production in the state means helping farmers see how often they can pump and how closely they can install new irrigation wells. We need experience tracking water use in watersheds to ensure Indiana can thrive.

The future of Indiana is bright. We have plenty of water, but we need to become better stewards as we seek to maximize the benefits of our regionally abundant water supplies.

Sen. Ed Charbonneau  
(R-Valparaiso)

Dear Editor,

Late in 2016, Memorial Park Board member Lis McDonnell, with board encouragement, contacted me, asking for some collaboration on behalf of the grand ol' Henry County Memorial Park. It didn't take any time to join them for conversation. Initial talk was around getting grants for playground equipment; expanded exponentially. In February 2017 the Commissioners and the Memorial Park Board asked

HOPE Initiative to lead community forums addressing multiple aspects of the park. HOPE agreed. Jerry Cash and I, HOPE board members, have served as the facilitators for this project which HOPE is giving to Henry County gratis.

We were charged to identify the assets of the park, as well as the areas in need of improvement, and to make recommendation from our findings on both "low-hanging fruit," things that can be quickly accomplished with little capital investment, and on large-ticket items, such as a new 4-H facility. We have talked dream and sustainability throughout the process. The discussion continues.

Not counting multiple park board meetings and a commissioners meeting, since February, Jerry and I hosted six meetings, beginning Feb. 16. We have three more to go, May 22, and June 1, both at the HOPE Building on Broad Street in New Castle, with a culminating meeting on June 19 at the Smith Building in the park. All meetings have been open to the public, with 126 different people coming to one or more meetings.

Eight committees formed out of forums have morphed into six: 1) ADA-compliant playground equipment, safe and inviting; 2) non-negotiables that must be attended if we are to be thought of as Memorial Park (ponds, lakes, trees, walking trails and monuments, of course); 3) amenities (appropriate restroom facilities and informative signage); 4) a comprehensive calendar committee, proactively keeping the community informed of park events; 5) The Henry County Saddle Club; and 6) 4-H facilities.

Wonderfully, a Friends of Memorial Park was born during this time and is thriving, already obtaining non-profit status, ready to serve the park in a myriad of ways. (If you come to any of the next meetings, please come prepared to take membership in this group.)

Two other committees dealt with marketing and tree nursery. The marketing folded into the Friends of Memorial Park group and the administration of the park board, and the tree nursery folded into the non-negotiables committee.

Every Henry County Commissioner, every Henry County Memorial Park Board member, the park superintendent, and several Henry County Council members have attended several, if not all, of the public meetings. And, every HOPE Initiative board member has made it to at least one meeting. EDC folks joined

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us, knowing the draw of amazing parks, for home-towners and potential employers. Henry County Community Foundation administrators came. The humane society director joined us, as did the YMCA director. Zoning commissioners have been there. Teachers and firemen came. Farmers were there. Public library employees, bankers, ministers, physicians, county employees, community advocates, volunteers par excellence, nature

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# Appeals Court Overturns Another Local Ruling

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

For the second time in just over a month, the Indiana Court of Appeals has reversed a lower court ruling made by a Henry County judge.

A three-judge panel of the Indiana Court of Appeals unanimously ruled last Friday that Henry Circuit Court 1 Judge Bob Witham erred last fall when he OK'd authorities' seizure of \$810 from a criminal defendant as part of civil forfeiture action. In the absence of a nexus between the money and the underlying criminal offense to which the defendant had pleaded guilty, the justices concluded that Witham's civil forfeiture order had been outside the letter and spirit of the law.

Edgar Gonzalez was a passenger in vehicle stopped in late January 2016 by a member of a multi-agency drug interdiction team patrolling Interstate 70 in Henry County, and heroin was found in the car and two female passengers had cocaine on them. While all four people who'd been in the vehicle would be charged with a felony

related to possession of a narcotic, only the driver and the two female passengers pleaded guilty to those charges; Gonzales, by contrast, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana and the state dismissed the felony drug charge originally filed against him.

Within days of Gonzalez' arrest, authorities filed a civil forfeiture action with respect to \$810 found on him at the time of his arrest. The forfeiture complaint alleged this money "had been furnished or was intended to be furnished in exchange for a violation of a criminal statute, or used to facilitate any violation of a criminal statute or is traceable as proceeds of the violation of a criminal statute."

On Nov. 23, Witham conducted a bench trial in Henry Circuit Court 1 on the forfeiture action. One week later, he entered a judgment of forfeiture in favor of the state, and Gonzalez appealed.

In his opinion for the Court of Appeals, Justice Mark Bailey notes that, because of the "significant and punitive characteristics," civil forfeitures "are not favored and should be enforced only in accordance with 'both the letter and spir-

it of the law.'" The state, he wrote, "must establish a nexus between the property and the commission of an offense" that reveals "more than an incidental or fortuitous connection between the property and the underlying offense."

Turning to Indiana's civil forfeiture statutes, Bailey explained that, because Gonzalez pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor possession of marijuana charge instead of a felony offense like the other three who'd been in the vehicle, there was no statutory presumption that the money found on him had been used or was to have been used to facilitate a crime. Instead, he said the state was required to prove this connection by a preponderance of the evidence - a much lower than the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard required in criminal cases.

"The record indicates that Gonzalez violated a criminal statute; he possessed marijuana," Bailey wrote. "However, the State did not produce any evidence that the cash found in Gonzalez's pants pocket was in any way connected to his commission of that crime. Instead, the State focused upon the acts giving rise to the convictions

of other persons, apparently under the theory that 'the underlying offense' connected to the currency was a conspiracy to deal narcotics."

Bailey noted that there was no evidence that Gonzalez had signed the contract for the rental vehicle in which he and the others were stopped or paid anything toward it. Also, he said the state had not presented evidence that Gonzalez knew about the heroin found in the car or the cocaine the women had on them.

"There is no evidence, physical or testimonial, that Gonzalez ever procured, touched, or used the contraband found in the vehicle," Bailey wrote. "In short, there is a lack of evidence that Gonzales was a coconspirator with the other vehicle occupants or that his money facilitated their offenses."

While the state wanted the trial court to infer that Gonzalez had been a coconspirator with the others based on his presence in the

vehicle, Bailey said his proximity to the contraband "does not go beyond that which would be merely 'incidental or fortuitous.'" With no established nexus between the money found on Gonzales and underlying offense, Bailey said Witham's order granting forfeiture of the funds was "outside the 'letter and spirit of the law'" and, as such, had to be reversed.

As reported in last week's issue of The Banner last week, the Court of Appeals also ruled last month that Henry Circuit Court 2 Judge Kit Crane erred last August when he ruled in favor of the New Castle Community School Corp. in a personal injury case. The Court of Appeals said Crane wrongly excluded an affidavit the plaintiff had provided from a doctor and had erred when he entered summary judgment in the school's favor. Attorneys for NCCSC have petitioned the Indiana Supreme Court to review the Court of Appeals ruling in that case.

## Carthage Preservation Commission Meeting Tonight

The Carthage Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled to meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Henry Henley Public Library, 102 N. Main St.

Tonight's meeting, which is open to the public, will be the third meeting the CHPC has had since March. The group plans to research historically significant landmarks in town and entertain requests to designate certain properties as such.

The Carthage Town Council had initially approved the appointment of five members to the CHPC, but two, it was later learned, were ineligible because they were not town residents, as state statute requires. The town council has not yet appointed anyone to fill either of these vacancies.

## Fish Identification Form Available

With more than 200 fish species in Indiana waters, anglers sometimes catch fish they can't immediately identify.

A new online tool through the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife can help. The Fish Identification Form allows the public to submit photos and information for free directly to fisheries biologists for help with identification.

The form is at [wildlife.IN.gov/9448.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/9448.htm).

The new tool will not only serve anglers but also benefit science. Information collected from the forms will help biologists track rare species and identify locations of invasive species.

When submitting photos, include: \*A picture of the entire fish with something in it to reference size (ruler, coin, hand). \*Close-ups of unique features of the fish.

Email photos to [fishid@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:fishid@dnr.IN.gov) in medium-size .jpeg file format. Videos should be .mp4, .wmv or .mov and less than 10 MB in size.

## Upgrade, from Page 1

Smardo and Joe Schmidt, ISC vice president and general manager, whether it was normal for them not to seek council approval for changes to scope of a project like this. Schmidt said IMPA and ISC have "a pretty close partnership" with municipalities for which they work and that it is "not atypical" to rely on a town employee to give the go-ahead on change orders.

Sarah Ward, the council's president, said she was concerned about unauthorized town employees OK'ing changes in the scope of the work that was being done.

"It was all work that was OK'd," Smardo told the council.

"It wasn't requested by the council," Ward replied.

Morelock told the council that Neice, the town's works manager at that time, had been designated by the town to work with IMPA and ISC on the substation project. He said it was not unreasonable for the two companies to feel they could rely on Neice's authorization of changes in the scope of the work.

Ward asked whether all of the additional work at the substation was actually needed. She said she wanted to know if the IMPA and ISC had sold the town a "Cadillac" version of substation upgrades when a more modest "Chevy" would have sufficed.

"I would say it was all needed," Schmidt said. "The upgrades were probably overdue."

Morelock said it was clear this issue was not going to be resolved that night. He suggested that Ward and council member Valerie Trump, who both serve as the council's utility committee, meet with IMPA and ISC representatives at his office to discuss this further and see if an agreement can be reached that can be brought back to the full council for its approval.

## Leak, from Page 3

workers will respond to work orders within one working day, unless an emergency demands a quicker response. For customers who have been disconnected for nonpayment, the policy says reconnection will not be done after hours unless there is an emergency.

Knott said he thought it would be helpful if the policy clarified what is or is not an emergency. Morelock, however, suggested leaving discretion to town utility workers to determine whether an emergency exists.

Finally, the new policy also specifically states that, absent an emergency, town employees are not to do any after-hours utility-related work at the home of another town employee or a current or past elected or appointed town official.

"That should never be happening," Huffman told the council, "but, unfortunately, sometimes it does."

The council also approved an amendment to the town's salary ordinance to correct an error in a change that had been approved in April. Huffman explained that one-time bonuses given to department heads Randy Anderson, Brian Lane and Bob Reed, who now share the duties of the town work's manager position, should have been \$1,560 net pay, not gross.

The revised salary ordinance also authorizes payment of \$3,000 annual incentives to the six full-time employees of the Knightstown Police Department. Proceeds from the town's portion of a local option income tax imposed by the county will be used to pay these incentives in quarterly installments.

More information about the May 18 monthly meeting of the Knightstown Town Council can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.

## West Point, from Page 9

Adam Asnicar and Jessica and Andrew Harry of Middletown. She is currently a sixth grader at Shenandoah Middle School.

\*Ali Brown, daughter of Jason Corio and Chrystyne Brown of Middletown. She is also currently a sixth grader at Shenandoah Middle School.

\*Bryce LaMar, son of Chris and Ruthie LaMar of Hagerstown. He is currently a sixth grader at Hagerstown Elementary School.

## Letters, from Page 15

lovers, residents around the park and from around the county ... grown-ups and children, all coming out of memories of the past and memories to be made.

And kudos to the area press that has done an excellent job keeping the park in the public eye. Pictures of 4-H, tree plantings, the Whippet races, Saddle Club shows ... and the meetings themselves. At every meeting, someone from the press has joined us: Knightstown's *Banner*, the *Middletown News* and the *Courier Times*.

Jerry and I are honored at the trust put in us by the commissioners and the Memorial Park board.

Just a giant thank you to all whose paths we have crossed in this journey thus far and those we have yet to meet.

I have worked, literally, on hundreds of projects over my long, blessed career. Nothing has brought more pleasure than this work around Memorial Park. Particularly in this regard: the stakeholders - people coming to these meetings because they love this park - well, these people are keeping their word. They are doing their homework, stepping up to the game, meeting deadlines, sharing skill, time and treasure - all for what can be true in a park they love. That is called momentum, motivation, vision.

Pick one or all; we are fortunate to be able to tell that story. Henry County Memorial Park turns 100 years old in 2020! We are all still madly in love with her!

**Cathy Hamilton, co-director  
HOPE Initiative**

## Dear Editor,

If you were born and raised in this community, worked, went to school or had neighbors, etc. then you know someone buried at Glen Cove. I have 25 plus family and so many acquaintances. It takes a lot of time to maintain such a large area. My little family of volunteers tries to help out. We recently had a project on the small rock garden and cleared the weeds, etc. Looks good now, not fancy, just cleared. We also clean headstones and remove old, old flowers.

Just out of curiosity I found where a neighbor from Third Street was buried so I could clean her stone. You see, her family are all gone. I was surprised when there was no stone for Cora Deem.

I would like to start a project to get her a stone. Problem No. 1: No money, but people are interested in giving. Problem No. 2: Her mother and father, Melissa and Ira, have no stone. The three are buried between Cora's brother Ed and Margaret Deem, her sister-in-law. Ed and Margaret each have a plot stone. Do you try and get all three one, or just one for Cora? Doesn't seem right not to include her parents when there's plenty of space. Maybe the local bank would allow me to set up an account to collect the money. I just need volunteers.

For those who did not know Cora, she was the telephone company operator - a large woman with jet black hair who wore bright red lipstick and black dresses and suede open-toe shoes. She walked three blocks to work at the phone company on Main Street, across from the library. Many nights after her shift ended, you might've seen her tottering down south Franklin Street. She probably weighed more than 300 pounds. She was kind, sweet and soft-spoken - all good qualities for her job.

I hope many will remember and help get this project going. I will be back on Facebook soon, but for now it's Carole Kelly Pitman, 765-529-7874. Maybe we could form a committee. Kevin Richey volunteered to be a co-helper with any funds we receive. Someone made sure the unknown man who drowned in a water trough has a marker and I think Cora should too. Whomever he was, he is buried in the old part near the Brick family tomb alongside the west edge at the woods.

There is a lot of history at Glen Cove and please come be a volunteer. It looks good, but we could all help out and make it better. I hope to have a collection canister at Kevin's cafe across from the library or at my address when the the total cost comes in.

**Carole E. Pitman  
New Castle**