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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 465-8479, Kathy Rogers at 520-0081, 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.

KHS Alumni Assoc. Banquet June 24

The Knightstown High School Alumni Association's annual reunion and banquet will take place Saturday, June 24, at Knightstown High School. Registration is 2-4:30 p.m. Seating starts at 4:30 p.m. for the 5 p.m. banquet. Cost of the dinner is \$14. Alumni association dues are \$5, and they benefit local scholarships. Checks may be made payable to the KHS Alumni Assoc., P.O. Box 121, Knightstown. The class of 1967 will be honored at the banquet, along with the classes of 1957, 1977 and 1992. For more information or to make reservations, contact Janice Barton at 345-2752.

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Supreme Court Denies Transfer of Case Involving Main St. Building in Knightstown

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Indiana Supreme Court will not vacate a lower court's ruling that favored a Colorado man who sued the town of Knightstown in 2015 over the alleged mishandling of the razing of an East Main Street building in 2013.

A brief one-page order issued last Thursday revealed that three of the Indiana Supreme Court's current justices, Chief Justice Loretta Rush, Steven David and Geoffrey Slaughter, voted to deny the town's petition requesting the case be transferred to the state's highest court. With this denial, a February ruling from the Indiana Court of Appeals, which mostly favored the plaintiff, was left standing.

The order issued by the Indiana Supreme Court last week was not unanimous. A fourth justice, Mark Massa, voted in favor of the town's transfer request, and the court's fifth justice, Robert Rucker, retired May 12, and that judicial vacancy has not yet been filled.

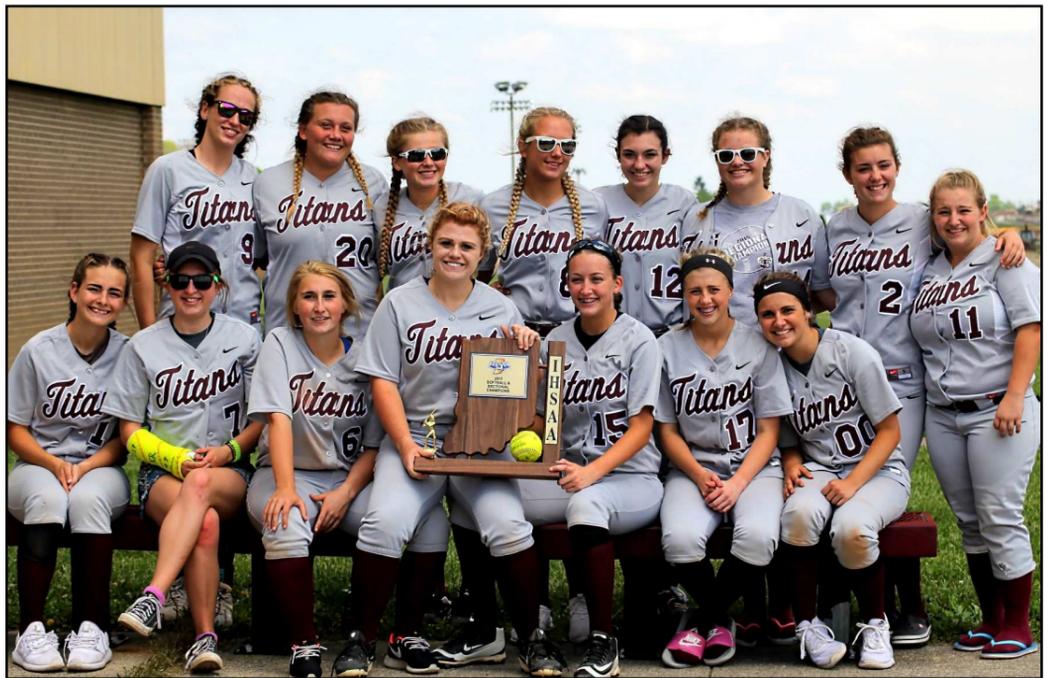
As previously reported in The Banner, a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals unanimously ruled that a Henry County trial court erred last year when it granted summary judgment in the town's favor on two counts of the plaintiff's lawsuit. The Court of Appeals also affirmed the lower court's ruling favoring the plaintiff on a third count, and, in one small victory for the town, reversed the lower court's decision against the town on a fourth count.

Plaintiff Dudley Wainscott, Woodland Park, Colo., who owns the property in Knightstown known as the "Old Lodge" building at 34-38 E. Main St., sued the town in February 2015. His lawsuit alleges missteps in how the town and Shroyer Bros., a Muncie-based company the town hired, handled the spring 2013 demolition of a neighboring building at 32 E. Main St. that had formerly housed Hopkins Furniture and, more recently, The Bullet Hole gun shop.

Wainscott alleges the town and Shroyer Bros. failed to make repairs to a common wall the razed building shared with his property, and said that failure led to mold damage in his building. He also claimed the town and Shroyer Bros. created a nuisance by not properly containing and removing asbestos and vacuum

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Four Straight



Tri High School's softball team won its fourth straight sectional title on Saturday with a 10-0 win over Randolph Southern in six innings. The Lady Titans were anchored by the impressive performance of Payton Moore on the mound. Moore pitched all three games of the sectional, facing 67 batters with only four hits and one run allowed over 20 innings pitched. Of those 67 batters, Moore struck out 30 of them and walked just one, capped by a no-hitter in the championship game. The Lady Titan team includes (front, l-r) Destiny Taylor, Kelsey Ryan Donald, Jessica Spong, Kirsten Falck, Bailey Coffman, Kaley Harrison, Abi Busby and (back, l-r) Payton Moore, Kierstyn Conyers, Lauren Bouslog, Breanna Reece, Hannah Frost, Zoie Prince, Kali Barber and Taylor Craft.

Splash Pad May Be as Dry as Park Funds

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

With no immediate solution in sight to its money woes, the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board voted again last week to reaffirm earlier decisions not to open the splash pad water attraction at Sunset Park this season.

With one member absent and one of the board's five seats vacant due to a resignation in late 2016, the board's other three members voted at their May 23 monthly meeting to keep the splash pad closed at least another month. This decision drew strong criticism at last week's meeting.

Wayne Township resident Courtney Grubbs encouraged the park board to forgo spending as much on other park renovations and repair projects so there would be money to operate the splash pad. According to figures provided by the park board at prior meetings, utility costs for the splash pad ran close to \$15,000 last year, with most of that being for the sewer portion of the bill.

"I feel like this town is against children," Grubbs told board members. She said she feels there is

very little for young children to do in town.

"Do you think we liked doing this?" Park Board President Suzee Neal asked Grubbs.

"I feel like you took it pretty lightly," Grubbs said of the board's decision not to open the splash pad this season, a vote that was first taken in January and then reaffirmed in late April and again at last week's meeting.

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"It's not what we want to do," Neal said of not opening the splash pad. "It's not the decision we want to make."

Having heard the park board

talk earlier in the meeting about efforts to obtain grants for new playground equipment, Grubbs asked whether the park board had thought about seeking grants to help pay for the splash pad's operation.

"No one's going to give you grant money to turn the water on," Neal said. With other things at Sunset Park also in need of repair, Neal told Grubbs the park board has decided to make some of those repairs first before addressing the splash pad.

Park board member Jan McGuire asked Grubbs how many park board or town council meetings she had attended. Grubbs said this was the first time she had attended a meeting for either body. "I didn't have an issue ... until they took (the splash pad) away," Grubbs said.

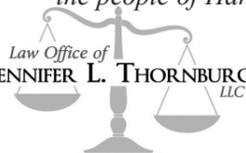
Knightstown Town Council Vice President Kevin Knott, who acts as the council's liaison to the park board, told Grubbs that the park board had to make a difficult decision. With utility costs for the splash pad being as high as they are, he said the park board simply

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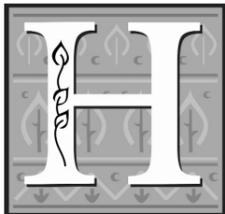
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OBITUARIES

Denise Smith
March 15, 1957 - May 23, 2017



Denise Smith, 60, of Mays, passed away peacefully by the ones she loved on May 23, 2017. She was born on March 15, 1957, in Rushville, to Melvin and Mary Kay (Morgan) McDaniel DeHaven. Denise was a 1975 graduate from Rushville Consolidated High School. She married Douglas Smith on July 30, 1978, and he survives.

Denise worked for 25 years at the Carthage paper mill and then went on to Mays Elementary School for seven years as the cafeteria manager. She was an avid Colts fan and loved crafting, sewing and baking.

Denise is survived by her loving husband, Douglas Smith, of Mays; her mother, Mary Kay (Morgan) McDaniel DeHaven of Mays; three children, Josh (Brooklyn) Smith of Greenfield, Shawna (Richard) Swincher of Knightstown, and Rashell Smith of Mays; five grandchildren; two brothers, Randy (Anita) McDaniel of Mays and Kevin (Kelly) McDaniel of Brownsburg. She is also survived by her uncle, Bob (Shirley) Morgan; an aunt, Janet Holloway; and nieces and nephews.

Denise is preceded in death by her loving father, Melvin McDaniel.

Services were Friday, May 26, at Center Christian Church, Knightstown, with Pastor Tony Augsburger presiding. Friends visited at the church May 26. Burial took place in Center Cemetery.

Robert F. Fields
May 25, 1939 - May 22, 2017



Robert F. Fields, age 77, of Greenfield, peacefully passed away in the home he was born in, with his loving wife and family by his side, on Monday, May 22, 2017.

He was born on May 25, 1939, in Hancock County, the son of Robert D. and Floe M. (Lowder) Fields. He graduated from Hancock Central in 1956. Bob married Lynn (Frazier) on Dec. 11, 1961, in Celina, Tenn.

He was the owner and operator of Fields Auto Parts since 1959. Bob was also the former president and co-owner of Anderson Speedway for 20 years. He was the first American Speed Association (ASA) champion and the first driver to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at Mt. Lawn Speedway in New Castle. He was also the winningest driver at Anderson Speedway and Mt. Lawn Speedway. Bob was a very giving and generous man who helped many in need. He and his wife enjoyed numerous Vegas get-aways.

Bob is survived by his wife, Lynn Fields of Greenfield; two sons, Bobby (Shelly) Fields and Rusty (Ramona) Fields, both of Greenfield; two daughters, Brandy (Keith) Wetli of Greenfield and Cindy (Bruce) Whitaker of Bloomington; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Rick Fields.

Visitation was May 25-26 at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. A funeral service was held May 26 at the mortuary. Pastor Lenell Jordan Sr. officiated. Burial followed at Simmons Cemetery in Wilkinson.

Memorial contributions may be made by mail to the Franciscan Health Indianapolis Cancer Center, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Ste. 101, Indianapolis, IN 46237, or envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

County BZA Hosting Public Hearing June 1

The Henry County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a regular meeting and public hearing on Thursday, June 1, at 7 p.m. in the Old Circuit Court Room of the Henry County Court House, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, to consider the following:

Case C: 2310 - An appeal has been filed by American Healthcare Services, Inc. requesting a variance to allow 90 senior living units versus the 39 units that would be permitted with the current lot size. The property is owned by M M Warren LLC of 640 U.S. Hwy. 36 E., New Castle, IN 47362. The property parcel numbers is: Parcel #007-85152-00 and is near 3637 S. St. Rd. 3 in Henry Township.

For special accommodations needed for disabled individuals planning to attend, contact 765-521-7074 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to make arrangements.

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"Emergencies have always been necessary to progress. It was darkness which produced the lamp. It was fog that produced the compass. It was hunger that drove us to exploration. And it took a depression to teach us the real value of a job."

Victor Hugo

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OBITUARIES

Carl E. Williams
 May 6, 1964 - May 27, 2017

Carl E. Williams, 53, of Rushville, passed away unexpectedly on the morning of Saturday, May 27, 2017, at Rushville Memorial Hospital.

He was born on May 6, 1964, in Rushville, a son of the late William J. "Bill" and Charlene (Hutchinson) Williams.

Carl grew up in Rushville and Homer. He worked for several years building race car trailers in Rushville and also worked on a farm. Carl loved racing thunder and stock cars at Mt. Lawn Speedway. He enjoyed fishing and especially spending time with his eight grandchildren.

Those left to cherish Carl's memory include his loving companion of 32 years, Loretta Hammond; four children, Matthew (wife, Sandra) Monroe, Linda (husband, Kelly) Ross, Jean (husband, David) Noble and Sue Hammond, all of Rushville; seven grandchildren, Jasmine, Kaden, Dominic, Isaiah, Hannah, Raelynn and Gavin; two sisters, Shirley Barngrover of Shelbyville and Joanna Hurst of Rushville; four brothers, Billy (companion, MaryJane) Williams, Bobby (companion, Bonnie) Williams, Johnny (wife, Suzette) Williams and Robin (companion, Connie) Williams, all of Rushville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A service to celebrate Carl's life will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 2, at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until the time of the service Friday at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com.

Town May Alter Park Board Requirements

by Jeff Eakins
 for The Banner

With the year nearly half over, the Knightstown Town Council and the town's park board are hopeful that a change to park board membership requirements will make it easier to fill a seat that has been vacant since late 2016.

Pursuant to state statute, municipal park boards like the town of Knightstown's have four regular members, and can also have one or two ex officio members. Of the four regular members, no more than two may be of the same political affiliation.

When park board member Ashley Lapham, a Democrat, resigned last November, the presence of two Republicans on the board meant Lapham's replacement had to be a non-Republican. The Knightstown Town Council, the body that appoints the park board's four regular members, claims to

have had no luck finding a non-Republican willing to serve on the board.

If a town council can't find persons willing to serve, another state statute allows the council to waive requirements that park board members be affiliated with a political party and/or that no more than two members be affiliated with the same party. The town council told its attorney, Gregg Morelock, at the council's May 18 monthly meeting that it would like to get rid of the political party affiliation require-

ments, and Morelock said he would research how this needs to be done.

The state statute that sets out the waiver procedure says it only takes a majority vote by the town council to waive the political party affiliation requirement or the restriction on having no more than two members from the same party on the park board. The council may take this action, the statute says, "only if the waiver is necessary due to the absence of persons who are willing

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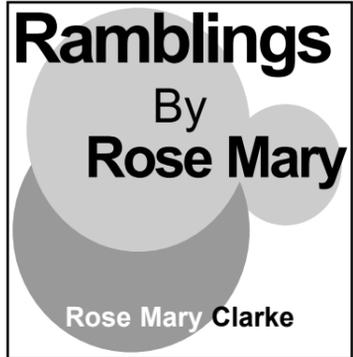
Image, image, image! People are so enslaved by image that some won't use walking aids. However, pride goeth before a fall. I use a cane when necessary and have an employee push me through airports in a wheelchair. I bought a rollator - a walker with a seat--a miracle that allows me to walk farther and to sit down when I'm tired when shopping or standing in line.

How often have you heard or said, "I'm sorry . . ." when conversing with people? No, you're not expressing regret for something you did. The implied ending to this sentence is, "What did you say?" How loud do you turn up the volume on the TV even though it drives others crazy? Do you miss part of the dialogue when you attend the theater? Do you pretend to hear what was said at a gathering by smiling or laughing when you didn't hear a word?

Hazel, the sister of my sister-in-law, was very hard of hearing. When it was suggested that she get a hearing aid she snapped, "I hear everything I want to hear!" That's a

rather common expression. I know a man who said that to his wife. She replied, "Well, how do you think that makes me feel?"

Why, why, why do people refuse to wear hearing aids? People have their teeth pulled and wear dentures. (Eek!) People stick glasses on their noses. For good-



ness sake, why would you not want to hear the wonderful sounds of words, music and the voices of your loved ones? Old Granny was both blind and deaf. She said that of the two, she'd rather be blind.

Modern, computerized hearing aids have improved vastly since my youth when our neighbor, Gertrude Scovell, wore them. Cords ran down from her ears to a battery in a pocket. She had to fid-

dle constantly with them to adjust the sound and deal with feedback.

Alas, when Vicki was little we thought that she wasn't hearing well and took her to a specialist who put tubes in her ears. Water got in and caused infections that damaged her ear drums and required surgery. She had to wear a hearing aid that we tried to hide under a headband and her hair. Today she wears a state-of-the-art, barely noticeable hearing aid.

If there are indications that your hearing is declining, get tested and invest in hearing aids if advised to do so. Be careful not to end up in the hands of a salesperson rather than a professional audiologist. Don't put it off too long because many people end up not wearing their hearing aids because they have become too set in their ways to adjust.

Several years ago, Bill said, "You need to get your hearing checked." I know that John Payne whose father was Vicki's specialist is honest. After he tested my hearing, he said, "Your hearing is on the edge, but still OK. It's up to you whether you get a hearing aid." Since I wasn't hearing all the dialogue at the theater, I got a hearing

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Legacy: Something handed down from one generation to the next.

Leaving a legacy means more than providing an inheritance for your children. For often, inheritances are squandered and forgotten. A legacy, on the other hand, means leaving behind a sense of family history, belonging and purpose generation after generation.

"It is up to us to live up to the legacy that was left for us and to leave a legacy that is worthy of our children and future generations." - Christine Gregoire

Our legacy started when the United States of America deeded a parcel of land to Joseph Conner in 1834. It began as 40 acres and eventually became 107 acres. It was basically passed down through generations. Deeded away usually because of death. Each person that passed it down left a legacy for the next generation. In 1935 or 1936, Roger and Mary Walker started on this land as tenant farmers. There has been a Walker on the farm continuously from that time. They passed a legacy to their children. We hope to pass that legacy on.

Some of the leased land for industrial wind turbines is legacy land. It is a shame that the ones that leased land don't appear to care that it was passed to them to be a caretaker with the hope of passing it on to the next generation. Other leased land is not legacy land, but could become so beginning now. Non-blighted land to be passed on to future generations.

"Our deep respect for the land and its harvest is the legacy of the generations of farmers who put food on our tables, preserved our landscape and inspired us with a powerful work ethic." - James H. Douglas.

Should the hard work to preserve our landscape and the powerful work ethics of the past generations fall to a failing industry and a blighted landscape? A lost legacy? Heart wrenching.

Judy Walker
New Castle

Dear Editor,

As of Wednesday evening, it is abundantly clear that Henry County has three Commissioners who are not representing the majority of their people. They proudly exhibit their personal dedication to promoting anything "wind" in the county, and they seem to have a renewed resolve to cover the county with these monstrosities.

Where are the people they represent? Who are the people they represent?

We noticed they like to be represented anonymously, as their advocate stated at last week's PC meeting.

One thing for sure - they are not the hundreds of people who take time out of their personal lives to attend meetings at the courthouse. Probably a hundred people attended last night, and practically begged the commissioners to table the request to extend another wind agreement - an agreement that doesn't expire until Dec. 31!

But, congratulations, Henry County. Your Commissioners decided to proactively accelerate that decision by seven months and extend that agreement right now in order to please another wind company. After all, that is the goal: approve anything "wind," no matter what evidence is provided to the contrary. It doesn't matter that federal tax credits regarding energy might be in jeopardy, that the WECS ordinance does not adequately protect the people, that these wind companies are in litigation in other counties and could fold overnight leaving Henry County holding the bag, that the planning commission has a "tabled" decision on the calendar, that

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Bowing to Big Boxes Bad for Business

Big box stores like Wal-Mart are killing Main Street USA.

This is nothing new and it's very apparent to anyone who's paid attention to rural American business districts over the last 30 years. Most of them have evaporated.

Small-town business districts that do survive are often beleaguered, their growth retarded by the all-in-one, one-stop-shop lure of large retailers.

A knee-jerk reaction might be to blame the retailers themselves for willfully stamping out mom-and-pop businesses across the land. Indeed, their loss-leader practices and volume buying power can be viewed as predatory in nature. They want *all* the business, and they purchase goods in such massive quantities that it allows them to sell them at deeper discounts than retailers who buy in smaller quantities.

But, after witnessing this phenomenon in other communities, it's clear that these big box businesses themselves shouldn't shoulder the entire blame. Sometimes, public officials are at least partially responsible for the slow deaths of business districts in their own communities.

I call it the Suit and Tie Syndrome, and it is particularly pervasive in rural areas. I've never sat in on backroom dealings between Wal-Mart-type executives and local officials. But, I suspect it goes something like this:

Excited and appreciative that such a large company would want to invest millions in their community, officials probably fall all over themselves trying to please and accommodate these corporate execs, likely in expensive suits, with ties, etc.

I believe elected officials get a bit star-struck in their dealings with such affluent types, and they end up kowtowing to them in a way that does not benefit the community.

The big boxes are subsequently allowed to build their stores a little outside of town, away from the existing district. They need plenty of land, they say, and the elected officials are only too happy to oblige their rezoning and variance requests. After all, this is a million-dollar investment! And they're really rich! And they chose us! So that means we're special and they *like* us! And they have our best interests in mind. Right.

What happens is this: They open their big store. It is chock-full of great deals - bargains that blow the local retailers out of the water. People forget about ol' Ed down at the hardware store and start shopping at the big box.

If that's not bad enough, the new store acts as a magnet for other big chain businesses. Pretty soon, the old business district is drying up, and a new business district has taken root out by the big box store. Most of the old business district traffic now circulates out there, away from town.

Some might say this is good and is actually expanding the community. Plus, the new big box donates goods and funds to local causes. And they employ a bunch of people. Those are good things; no question.

But, the net effect is that the old business district, like a vampire's victim, is at best anemic, and at worst, dead.

However, if local officials had initially insisted the new store be built closer to, if not within, the old business district, maybe some of that big box traffic would continue to buoy the existing businesses operated by our friends, family and neighbors.

It's also possible that, faced with the prospect of being forced to build in an area that doesn't suit them, the big box honchos may decide against building in that community altogether.

That would be a great deal for small retailers, but it's unlikely until officials stop bowing to the big boxes.



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BITS & PIECES

◆A free cognitive impairment support group will meet Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m. at Be Still and Heal Wellness, located at 4 E. Main St., Knightstown. Guest speaker will be Susan Julian NP, and she will discuss functional medicine. Call 317-402-2228 to register.

◆Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host its homecoming, featuring The Murray Family singers, on Sunday, June 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. A dinner, following the morning service, will be served at the church's fellowship hall, located at 199 W. Grant St. The Murray Family will perform again 2-4 p.m. at the church on North Street. For more information, call 317-936-5849 or 765-345-7442.

◆The Knightstown High School Alumni Association's annual reunion and banquet will take place Saturday, June 24, at Knightstown High School. Registration is 2-4:30 p.m. Seating starts at 4:30 p.m. for the 5 p.m. banquet. Cost of the dinner is \$14. Alumni association dues are \$5, and they benefit local scholarships. Checks may be made payable to the KHS Alumni Assoc., P.O. Box 121, Knightstown. The class of 1967 will be honored at the banquet, along with the classes of 1957, 1977 and 1992. For more information or to make reservations, con-

tact Janice Barton at 345-2752.

◆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.

◆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 465-8479, Kathy Rogers at 520-0081, Jeff Ray at 765-524-1753 or Shelia Marion at 520-7216.

◆The Children's Library at the New Castle-Henry County Public

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 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.

◆The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board is sponsoring a painting class for adults at the Sunset Park shelter house from 6-8:30 p.m. on June 15. Cost is \$5 per class. To reserve a spot, or for more information, call park board member Jan McGuire at 317-509-4039.

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

◆Beautify Knightstown, Inc. offers a welcome basket to all new

residents obtaining utilities via the Knightstown Utility Office. Any business, church or organization is encouraged to provide items for these baskets such as pens, cups, magnets, key chains, coupons, brochures and etc. To contribute or for more information contact Kathie Rummel at 317-345-9660 Linda Lashbrook at lnashbrook@gmail.com.

◆The Historic Knightstown museum, located on the Public Square at 22 N. Washington St., has new hours. The museum's new hours, beginning May 5-6, are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each Friday and

Saturday, or by appointment. For more information, or to schedule a museum visit by appointment, call David Steele at 765-345-7585.

◆Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly, on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym (enter on East side). Meetings will continue each Tuesday at the same time and location. For more info, call 765-571-1662.

◆The Parish Clothes Closet, located in the basement of Bethel Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Franklin St., Knightstown, is open the last Thursday of each month from 5-7 p.m.

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Contact: Contact Elizabeth Kennedy at 317-501-8009 if you're interested in participating or feel free to contact Royal Hylands at 345-2123.

League funds go towards the weekly contest and our local Girls Golf programs. Last year, we split our proceeds between Knightstown and Eastern Hancock Girls Golf programs. **Rules: We observe the general rules of the game with some adaptations.



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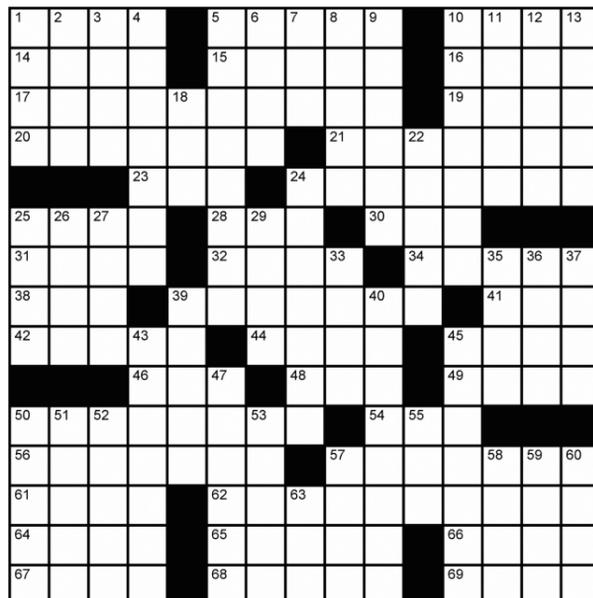
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Carthage Historic Preservation Commission Meets Again

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Historic Preservation Commission met briefly last Wednesday.

The meeting, which was held at the Henry Henley Public Library, 102 N. Main St., was the group's third meeting since its first in March. In addition to the commission's three members, the meeting was also attended by Jim Neal, a member of the library board, and Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town on planning and development issues.

Kieser provided commission members with a handout listing just over six dozen properties in town that were part of historic designation study completed by his firm. The document identifies the properties by address and includes their dates of construction, architectural styles, brief descriptions of the properties' use and ratings – outstanding (O), notable (N) or commendable (C).

According to the handout, Kieser's firm gave O ratings to four properties in town – the library,

houses at 204 and 206 N. Main St., and a church at 202 S. Main St. Four properties also received N designations – 9 E. Mill St. (Independent Order of Odd Fellows hall), 305 N. Main St. (residence) 305 N. Market St. (church/residential) and 201 S. Main St. (religion).

The oldest structure listed on the handout is a home at 206 N. Main St. that was built in 1845. Thirty-two of the properties listed were built before 1900, and four of those predate 1870.

Kieser told the commission that the properties listed on his handout, which he said will be sent to the state, are not identical to those identified as historically significant in a report done by Rush County nearly 30 years ago. He said the county's list, included in an "interim report" completed in the fall of 1988, "was not accurate," noting that some of those buildings have been razed since then and that others should not have been included.

Acting on Kieser's recommendation, the commission plans to issue its first plaque noting a
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Sandra Stohry Caps 40-year Teaching Career That Started in Southern Indiana's Switz City

by Logan Cox

"It is sad," said Sandra Stohry, a recently retired Knightstown Intermediate School teacher. "This has really been a hard thing to decide to do. Sort of gut-wrenching to think that I'm giving this up, because I love it. But it's... a different phase of my life that I'm entering. It's time to kick back a little bit."

On May 23, Stohry celebrated her retirement in the Knightstown High School cafeteria, alongside retiring KHS teacher Nancy Watson. The Classroom Teachers Association officially honored Stohry for over 40 years of service in the field of education.

According to Stohry, teaching has always been her occupation of choice. She's known this ever since she was in elementary school.

"I can remember back to when I was in the fourth grade. I had a male teacher, and he started the year by asking us to write on an index card what we wanted to be when we grew up. And I remember writing that I wanted to be a teacher," she said. "I always liked school. I loved my teachers, respected them and admired them. So I always had that in mind that I wanted to go into teaching."

Stohry has worked in five school buildings in the course of her career. She got her first teaching position at Central Elementary School in Switz City, where Stohry herself had graduated from high school.

"So, when I came back there as a teacher, I had the experience of working as a colleague with people who had been my high school teachers," she said.

She taught third grade from 1977 to 1981. During her fifth year, she taught kindergarten and was an administrative intern, each for half a day. From 1982 to 1990, she was the school's principal. Stohry also

worked as an acting junior/senior high school principal for two years.

During her final years there, Central School District underwent consolidation with two other districts, becoming White River Valley School Corporation. She was able to assist in the design of the new high school facility that her old building was being converted into.

"I had some say-so in the design of that building.

Not a lot, but some. Some of the ideas they used were mine," said Stohry. "I got to go back later on to see the building and take a tour. Every once in a while I could point at something and say 'That was my idea!' So that was pretty neat for me to get to go through that process."

After 13 years at Central, Stohry accepted a principal's position at Maple Park Elementary in Huntingburg, in the Southwest Dubois County School Corp. However, upon signing her contract, she was told that the superintendent had resigned the night before and that the corporation would be under state control due to financial difficulties.

"Being under state control, I had no money to spend at all," she said. "There were a lot of cuts made the second year with staffing. We lost the art program and the PE program. It wasn't a good place to be those two years for those reasons."

In 1992, Stohry went on to the Charles A. Beard School Corp. She began as Knightstown Elementary School's new principal before transferring to Carthage Elementary School as a teacher three years later. There, she taught first grade during her first year, fourth grade during her second, and third grade for 17 years after that.

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Thurs., June 1 – Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., June 1 – Henry Co. Planning Technical Review Board meeting, 9 a.m., office building conference room, first floor, New Castle

Thurs., June 1 – Henry Co. Memorial Park Comprehensive Planning session, 6:30 p.m., Hope Building, 14th and Broad streets, New Castle

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aid that fit inside my ear so that many people didn't even realize that I was wearing one. Bill also has a hearing aid.

Our friend, Phyllis, asked, "What's the name of your hearing aid person? I think I'm losing my hearing." John tested her and said, "Your hearing is fine." It turned out that her son-in-law told his children when

Sat., June 3 – Shirley Town Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., Shirley Town Hall

Sat., June 3 – Wilkinson Town Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Wilkinson Town Hall

Mon., June 5 – Greensboro Town Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Greensboro Community Center

Tues., June 6 – Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

they were visiting not to play the TV too loud. Phyllis thought that she was going deaf because she couldn't hear it!

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Dinwiddie DAR Chapter Meets in Greenfield

Ten members and one guest, Karen Long (Janet Johnson's daughter), attended a meeting of the Major Hugh Dinwiddie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Ponderosa Steak House in Greenfield on Saturday, May 6.

Regent Denise Akers thanked everyone for attending and gave the luncheon prayer. After a delicious smorgasbord lunch, the meeting was called to order in ritualistic form by Akers. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was made by Dianne Taylor to accept the minutes and it seconded by Linda Ashwill.

Akers passed literature around for all to read from DAR President General Ann Dillon regarding all the places she has been and will be going. Included therein was information about the National Conference in Washington, D.C. on June 28-July 2 of this year, and information about the spring luncheon invitation from the Anderson chapter. The Alexander Hamilton Chapter in Franklin is having the DAR Central East Conference on Aug. 12.

Akers stated she was going to the Memorial Service on Friday of the State Conference, which runs May 19-21st at the Marriott East, 7202 E. 21st St., Indianapolis. She will pick up the chapter packet and deliver the Scrapbook that Amelia Wyatt and Darlene Petry worked so hard on. It was brought to the group's attention that a grave marker emblem has been given to Carolyn Engleking's, a deceased

member's family. The family will contact the DAR when they are ready for a graveside service. Akers will reorder another emblem.

The group has a new member, Karen Campbell. She is Katie Lewman's sister and she became a member on May 5. The group now has 34 members.

The chapter's bylaws are being reviewed. The bylaws will be sent to all members to proofread. It was stated that the chapters have reworded the bylaws in regard to the yearly dues collected - stating annual chapter dues shall be set by membership of the chapter and is not to exceed \$4 per year, plus the amount required by national society and the Indiana DAR dues.

Also, the wording on the meetings was changed. New bylaws dictate that the regular meetings of the chapter shall be held on the first Friday or Saturday of each month from August to June, except the months of January and February, unless otherwise ordered by the chapter or executive board.

Discussion about the number of members at a meeting that makes a quorum took place. A member made a motion of having seven (7) members of the chapter as constituting a quorum. Also there would be no proxy voting. This motion was seconded by Ashwill. All members voted in favor of the change, and motion carried.

Akers announced that Louise Baldock had made arrangements for the August meeting to be held at the Benjamin Harrison Home

with the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter in Indianapolis.

Katie Lewman gave a "woman's minute" on cooling and heating. She spoke of exercise, work performance, environmental, and physiological attributes related to keeping cool.

Judy Martin gave the treasurer's report and stated again that the chapter now has 34 paid members, with Campbell just becoming a new member. Martin thanked Dianne Taylor for keeping the checkbook during her four months in Florida. A copy of the report was given to Ashwill, chapter secretary, for filing.

The chapter has been asked to decorate a bicycle again for Knightstown. The decorated bicycle will be placed on the town square with artificial flowers. Taylor volunteered to get the flowers and Akers will decorate it before Jubilee Days.

Johnson brought up the scholarship. Items were discussed and tabled until later. Johnson then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Taylor. The motion carried.

Barbara Lacy gave a program on different flags of the U.S. Taylor handed out literature on the American flag. Lacy gave a very informative program. She closed with a poem about the United States of America's flag, which has encountered many trials and tribulations.

The next meeting will be June 3 at 1 p.m., at B Moore Foods Co, 130 E. 2nd St., Rushville, with Ashwill as hostess.

Board Seeking Private Sponsors to Fund Park Upgrades

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board is looking for businesses that might be interested in purchasing corporate sponsorships to help bolster funding for Sunset Park.

Park board member Jacob Hart told members of the Knightstown Town Council about his proposal for the sponsorships at the council's May 18 monthly meeting. The park board briefly discussed the issue at its monthly meeting the following Tuesday, May 23.

The goal of the sponsorships is to generate additional revenue to make up for cuts to the park board's budget for 2017. Those cuts have made it difficult for the park board to come up with all the money it needs for repairs and desired renovations at Sunset Park, and led board members to vote not to open the park's splash pad this season due to the high utility costs.

Hart suggested setting four different sponsorship levels: \$5,000 (platinum); \$1,000 (gold); \$500 (silver); and \$100 (bronze). He said he was still looking into how much it would cost to have signs made for the sponsors, which would be displayed at the park.

Park Board President Suzee Neal made a motion to allow Hart to continue gathering information on the cost of signage for the sponsorships and to provide an update to the board at its June meeting. Board member Jan McGuire seconded the motion and it passed 3-0, with the board's fourth member, Vice President Bruce Brown, absent and the board's fifth seat still vacant from a resignation in late 2016.

In other business at last week's meeting, the park board voted to give Friends of the Blue River permission to access the river on June 3 from town-owned property on the south side of town. The park board has discussed creating a canoe and kayak launch area on this property for several years, but has not yet followed through with the project.

The park board also voted at last week's meeting to approve spending up to \$200 on beige paint for park picnic tables. Local Girl Scouts, who recently repainted a

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A Look Back



Jubilee Days parade, 1971

Blue River Community Harvest Closes Out with Big Donation



Blue River Community Harvest Chairperson Laura Albrecht (left) and Vice Chairperson Jennifer Cochrane (right) present RCCF Executive Director Alisa Winters a check for the Helen and Jim Ewing Fund.

Blue River Community Harvest, a food pantry located in Carthage, began in 2007 as an idea sparked by Robin Goodpaster at the Walnut Ridge Friends Meeting. The organization quickly expanded its capacity and outgrew the space in the meetinghouse. Expanded facility space on Carthage Pike increased available capacity, and the demand followed suit. For nine years, Blue River Community Harvest served clients in Rush and southern Henry counties.

In 2016, Blue River Community Harvest closed its doors permanently. Their substantial operation had outgrown their space, and a large and affordable location was unable to be found. Their nine years of service to the community impacted the lives of both those giving and receiving. Countless people and organizations contributed time, money, food and supplies throughout their years of service, supporting their fellow neighbors facing difficult times, according to the Rush County Community Foundation (RCCF)

Upon the closure of Blue River Community Harvest, board members Laura Albrecht (chairperson), Jennifer Cochrane (vice chairperson), Robert Cochrane (treasurer), Abbie Wehr (secretary), Robin Goodpaster (executive director), Roger Spence (at-large board member), Beth Spence (at-large board member), and Tim Wehr (at-large board member) considered their options for disbursing their remaining financial assets. After some discussion, the board agreed to donate the remaining funds to the Rush County Community Foundation's Helen and Jim Ewing Fund.

The Ewing Fund, established in 2014 by Jim Ewing in memory of his wife Helen, is a field-of-interest fund to provide grants to agencies that provide food for the needy and/or non-profit agencies serving Rush County elderly with essential needs and services. Blue River Community Harvest saw the fund as the perfect way to ensure that their organization's mission continue forever, despite ceasing operations.

"The Foundation is immensely grateful to Blue River Community Harvest's generosity," said Alisa Winters, RCCF executive director. "Their mission-driven service will continue exponentially because of their contribution to the Ewing Fund. Helen and Jim shared a passion for assisting those with basic needs, such as hunger, unmet. Jim entrusted his estate with the purpose of making a profound impact on the hungry and elderly in our community, and the contribution from Blue River Community Harvest will help to ensure that nonprofit agencies such as theirs serving our community's residents will have funding opportunities available - forever."

Abbigale Dodrill on Dean's List

Abbigale Dodrill has been named to the Dean's List at Ohio Christian University for the Spring 2017 Semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or better and be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours.

Zachariah Bishop on Dean's List

Zachariah Bishop of Charlottesville was named to the dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently completed spring 2017 semester. To qualify for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

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KIS Sixth Grader Jordan Weddle Honored for DAR History Essay



Indiana State Regent Lois Huntington (left) presents Jordan Weddle with his essay award as April Legler (right), state chairperson for the DAR American history essay contest looks on.

Jordan Weddle, a sixth grade student at Knightstown Intermediate School, was honored at the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution American History Awards Luncheon held at the Marriott East in Indianapolis on Sunday, May 21.

Weddle's winning essay was entitled "Celebrating a Century: America's National Parks." He chose Yosemite National Park for research.

There were 230 Indiana entries for fifth through eighth grade. Weddle's essay won third place at the state level for sixth graders. He was presented with a commemorative coin and a winner certificate by Daughters of the American Revolution Indiana State Regent Lois Huntington and Indiana State American History Chairwoman April Legler.

Attending the American History awards ceremony and luncheon were Jordan's parents, Ron Jr. and Katrina Weddle, and his brother, Dylan. Both Jordan and Dylan were first place winners of the local essay contest.

Representing the Dinwiddie Chapter at the DAR Indiana American History Awards Ceremony and Luncheon were Dianne Taylor, first vice regent; Vikkie Keesling Witham and Darlene Keesling Petry, cochairwomen of the American History Essay Contest and Awards program for the Major Hugh Dinwiddie Chapter.

KES Students Awarded

Knightstown Elementary School held its Character Counts convocation on May 25. The theme of the event was citizenship.

Kindergarten: Mrs. Lykens - Sam Davis, Makayla McGlothlin; Mrs. McDonald - Madalea Lykens, Bentley Kennedy; Miss Shryock - Bryce Faust, Haley Hedrick; Mrs. Spooner - Liam Armstrong, Ella Vise; first grade: Mrs. Childress - Kenton O'Hair, Kason Weaver; Mrs. Evans - Jovie Renie, Dylan Tompkins; Mrs. Hamilton - Catherine Martin, Jaelynn Ross; Mrs. Lewman - Brayden Raglin, Rylee Raglin; second grade: Miss Haines - Gabe Haley, Brayley Smoot; Mrs. James - Konner Kent, Kooper Kent; Mrs. Wyatt - Hudson McDonald, Alison Sutton; third grade: Mrs. Crawford - Domyne Jones, Kinzie King; Mrs. Fortune - Lexi Thomas, Kaleigh Williams; Mrs. Hunt - Anthony Conley, Hailie Roland; Miss Veach - Dylan Bonewits, Kaylee Hersberger

Bus Awards: Bus 2 - Lena Dotson, Libby Wilkinson; Bus 3 - Jonas Pruitt, Mason Smith; Bus 5 - Brooklynn McCoy, Caden Oldham; Bus 9 - Lily Drew, Hayden Gray; Bus 15 - Corey Cole, Kaleigh Williams; Bus 22 - Ary Cady, Lexi Thomas

Car Rider Awards: Nathan Owens, Lyla Trigg

Breakfast Buddy Award: Chris Roland

\$20 Scholastic Book Winners: Kindergarten - Ezra Gosser; First Grade - Emma Medlin; Second Grade - Konner Kent; Third Grade - Isaac Livesay

Panther Prizes: Kindergarten - Baylor Clements, Haley Hedrick; First Grade - Dylan Tompkins, Sedda Wagner; Second Grade - Kamren Holbrook, Kooper Kent; Third Grade - Amara Decker, Kaylee Hersberger

Principal Awards: Citizenship - Amelia Bonham and Levi Sparks; Respect - Bentley Kennedy and Jovie Renie; Caring - Kinzie King and Riley Logan; Trustworthiness - Haley Hedrick and Alison Sutton; Responsibility - Sophia Daugherty and Chris Roland; Fairness - Madalea Lykens and Aubrey Raglin; Perseverance - Zayden Little and Logan Maley

Speech Coloring Contest: (This May, KES celebrated Better Hearing and Speech Month with a coloring contest. The theme was "Communication: The Key to Connection." A winner was chosen from each grade level. Kindergarten - Shawna Knapp; First Grade - Ava Davidson; Second Grade - Alison Sutton; Third Grade - Hannah Erwin

Attendance (present every day): Lilly Drew, Laela Liming, Brayley Smoot

Two-time Super Readers: Amber Howell, Evan Darling, Ryan Specht, Zy Adams, Kasen Jessup, Isaiah Waymire, Tony Louks, Brooklyn Barker, Mason Smith, Anza Milner, Grace Good, Landon McColley, Domyne Jones, Catherine Martin, Gavin Jenkins and Olivia Aurs

Three-time Super Readers: Bryor Carmichael, Jacob Matney and Kinzie King

Four-time Super Readers: Corey Cole, Alison Sutton and Isaac Livesay

Five-time Super Readers: Lilly Loveall

Box Top Winners: Fourth Nine Weeks: first place - Aaliyah Penn (255 Box Tops); second place - Hudson McDonald (244 Box Tops); third place - Cameron Brewer (150 Box Tops); winning class - Miss Shryock (392 Box Tops); top winners - All Year: Eden Kissick (630 Box Tops); Bryor Carmichael (535 Box Tops); Hudson McDonald (446 Box Tops)

Recognition of Volunteers: PTO Officers: president - Melanie Scott (retiring); vice president - Mike Showalter; treasurer - Miki Cole; secretary - Amber Hibbert; volunteers: Ayrica Adams, Rachel Bettag, Pat Booher, Dan Dudley, Luwanda Hall-Lykens, Jerry and Sabrina Johnson, Katy Moran, Amanda Richardson and Nancy Shryock

IRead Perfect Score: third grade: Olivia Aurs, Cameron Brewer, Mackenna Cleek, Mikayla Harwood, Ayden Hiner, Hope Hochstedler, Braylon Johnson, Domyne Jones, Trevor Jones, Kinzie King, Isaac Livesay, Lilly Loveall, Jayden Mayhew, Landon McColley, Nathan Owens, Garrett Pierce, Catilyn

Reynolds, Hailie Roland, Jacob Specht, Lexi Thomas and Sophie Williams-Swedarsky

Poppy Coloring Contest Winners - American Legion: first place - Olivia Aurs; second place - Alexia Phipps; third place - Kaylee Hersberger

Classroom Awards - second and third grade: Miss Haines - second grade: Reading All A-All Year: Aryanna Cady; Reading A/B-All Year: Evelyn Berrier, J.T. Hanna, Kamren Holbrook, Jodie Riley, Ivan Rodriguez and Danny Wells; Math All A-All Year: Aryanna Cady; Math All A/B-All Year: Evelyn Berrier, J.T. Hanna, Kamren Holbrook, Kuhryssa Paugh and Jodie Riley; Most Improved: Reading - Evelyn Berrier; Math - Aaliyah Penn

Mrs. James - second grade: Reading All A-All Year: Zy Adams, Brooklyn Barker, Tony Louks, Gustavo Martinez, Jacob Matney, Mason Smith and Isaiah Waymire; Reading A/B-All Year: Lucas Amburgey, Emma Boden, Bryor Carmichael, Jaycie Cole, Adam Faust, Kasen Jessup, Koper Kent, Jonas Pruitt, Megan Richardson and Makenzie Smith; Math All A-All Year: Zy Adams, Bella Bowling, Bryor Carmichael, Lily Drew, Jordyne Kent, Tony Louks, Anza Milner, Mason Smith and Isaiah Waymire; Math All A/B-All Year: Lucas Amburgey, Brooklyn Barker, Jaycie Cole, Michael Combs, Malachi Dudley, Adam Faust, Kasen Jessup, Gustavo Martinez, Jacob Matney, Jonas Pruitt, Megan Richardson and Makenzie Smith; Most Improved: Reading - Kalen Holbrook; Math - Konner Kent

Mrs. Wyatt - second grade: Reading All A-All Year: Carson Bonham, Corey Cole, Alex Legrand, Gary Nolen, Chris Roland and Alison Sutton; Reading A/B-All Year: Skyler Clark, Toby Hunt, Gavin Jenkins, Hudson McDonald, Michael Mercer, Zach Smith, Lane Swindell and Jaydin Wiles; Math All A-All Year: Carson Bonham, Corey Cole, Toby Hunt, Gavin Jenkins, Alex Legrand, Hudson McDonald, Michael Mercer, Chris Roland and Alison Sutton; Math All A/B-All Year: Wyatt Ballard, Andrew Buchanan, Skyler Clark, Carter Gossett, Jewel Manning, Joseph More, Gary Nolen, Jackson Smith, Zach Smith and Lane Swindell; Most Improved: Reading - Andrew Buchanan; Math - Carter Gossett

Mrs. Crawford - third grade: Reading All A-All Year: Grace Good, Domyne Jones, Kinzie King, Isaac Livesay, Lilly Loveall and Sophie Williams-Swedarsky; Reading A/B-All Year: Olivia Aurs, Cameron Brewer, Ray Byers, Hannah Erwin, Ayden Hiner, Landon McColley, Nathan Owens, Ava Vise and Anna Roberson; Math All A-All Year: Hannah Erwin, Grace Good, Domyne Jones, Kinzie King, Isaac Livesay, Lilly Loveall, Anna Roberson and Sophie Williams-Swedarsky; Math All A/B-All Year: Olivia Aurs, Cameron Brewer, Ray Byers, Ayden Hiner, Hope Hochstedler, Landon McColley, Nathan Owens and Alexia Phipps; Most Improved: Reading - Anna Roberson; Math - Domyne Jones; Language - Tayven Shepperd; Overall - Tayven Shepperd; Citizenship - All Year: Olivia Aurs, Cameron Brewer, Hannah Erwin, Grace Good, Braylon Johnson, Domyne Jones, Kinzie King, Lilly Loveall, Alexia Phipps, Anna Roberson, Ava Vise, Alyssa Wells and Sophie Williams-Swedarsky

Mrs. Fortune - third grade: Reading All A-All Year: None; Reading All A/B-All Year: Mackenna Cleek, Jameson Crawford, Amara Decker, Camden Gorman, Mikayla Harwood, Jayden Mayhew, Caden Oldham, Garrett Pierce, Catilyn Reynolds, Lexi Thomas, Kaleigh Williams; Math All A-All Year: Amara Decker and Lexi Thomas; Math All A/B-All Year: Foxx Adams, Mackenna Cleek, Jameson Crawford, Camden Gorman, Mikayla Harwood, Caden Oldham and Catilyn Reynolds; Most Improved: Reading - Alerie Riley; Math - Jacob Specht; Language - Denny Weir, Overall-Bella Haley; Citizenship - All Year: Foxx Adams, Mackenna Cleek, Jameson Crawford, Amara Decker, Camden Gorman, Mikayla Harwood, Caden Oldham, Jayden Mayhew, Jacob Specht, Lexi

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Grant Will Allow IU Group to Test School Drinking Water

The Indiana Geological Survey (IGS), a research institute of Indiana University, has received a \$1.63 million grant from the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) to help sample drinking water in more than 700 public schools across Indiana.

During the next 18 months, the IGS will coordinate the voluntary sampling program with 120 WaterAudit, an Indiana-based water testing service, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the IFA, and individual schools. Teams of IGS Technical Assistance Providers, led by IGS research hydrologist Sally Letsinger, Ph.D., will travel throughout the state to collect samples from drinking fountains, sinks, and other fixtures that provide

drinking water across participating school campuses.

Laboratory measurements will compare results against the EPA lead action level. All data will be analyzed and summarized in a final report to the state.

"The Indiana Geological Survey is pleased to be able to support this important IFA water quality study," said IGS Director and State Geologist Todd A. Thompson. "Participating schools throughout the state should expect to see IGS personnel at their facilities starting early this summer to begin identifying fixtures for testing."

More information on this voluntary lead sampling program can be found on the IFA's website at <http://www.in.gov/ifa/2958.htm>.

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Summit Lake Youth Fishing Derby This Saturday, June 3

Summit Lake State Park will host its annual youth fishing derby on Saturday, June 3.

The derby runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the boat rental. A casting contest will start at 11:30 a.m.

The derby is open to children ages 16 and younger. Bait will be provided, and participants can borrow fishing equipment if they do not have their own.

Basic instruction also will be available for children who are new to fishing. Check-in closes at 10:30 a.m. A prize drawing for biggest fish will be held at noon.

Participation is free after paying the standard gate fee of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

Free fishing is also available for all visitors June 3 and 4 as part of Free Fishing Weekend. On these special days, Indiana residents who are age 18 and older can fish public waters without needing a fishing license or a trout stamp. For more information, call 765-766-5873. Summit Lake State Park is located at 5993 N. Messick Road, New Castle, IN 47362.

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Community Health Fair Marks 14 Years June 10 at YMCA

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Henry County Hospital Foundation Awards Grants To Three Community Programs ★★★★★★★★

Women who can't afford healthcare, residents who are at risk for developing diabetes and patients who need short-term assistance with expensive medicine will be helped through three grants recently awarded by the Henry County Hospital Foundation.

The YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program, Interlocal CAP Women's Clinic and Needy Meds each have received \$14,000 from the Foundation in support of their community programs. The Foundation funds these donations with money raised each year at their annual Gala.

Needy Meds is a community program sponsored by Henry Community Health to provide short-term prescription assistance to Henry Community Health patients who 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 a Medicare patient in the donut hole. For more information contact Dana Weaver, Clinical Coordinator, at dweaver@hcmhcares.org or call 765.521.1407.

The YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program helps those at high risk for diabetes adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles and reduce their chances of developing Type 2 diabetes. The program is based on the landmark Diabetes Prevention Program funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which showed that by eating healthier, increasing physical activity and losing a small amount of weight, a person with prediabetes can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes by 58%. For more information about the program visit www.henrycountymca.org. You also can contact Kelsay Smith, Director of Member Relations, at 765-529-3804 or by email at ksmith@henrycountymca.org.

The ICAP Women's Clinic plays an important role in our community as a safety net for women who often forgo their own care due to lack of insurance or extremely high deductibles if they are insured.

At the Women's Clinic nurse practitioners provide a variety of confidential exams for women 16 and older. They offer pap smears with cervical cancer screening and clinical breast exams. Free mammograms for women over 40 are conducted at Henry Community Health as part of

the ICAP/Henry Community Health Mammogram Assistance Program. Free pregnancy tests, a free prenatal vitamin program and low cost birth control also are offered. Referrals to area physicians and assistance in enrolling in HIP 2.0, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) also are provided. Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are on the rise throughout the U.S. and Henry County is no exception. The Women's Clinic also provides confidential exams and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) for both men and women. There is a \$10 fee for Clinic visits with the Nurse Practitioner and a low-cost fee for birth control at this time. There is no charge for breast health services such as exams or mammography, pregnancy tests and prenatal vitamins. **Appointments may be made Mon-Thurs from 8:30 am-4:30 pm by calling 765.529.4403 and asking for Nancy.**

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 16 | 9 am - 4 pm
Blood Drive
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Healthy Eating Every Day
14 Week Program
New Classes Starting
Forest Ridge Medical Pavilion
Conference Room | S30
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Free mammograms are available for uninsured and underinsured women 40 and older through the ICAP / Henry Community Health Mammogram Assistance Program. You also can schedule a breast exam at no charge at ICAP's Women's Clinic.

If further tests are needed because of a suspicious finding on the mammogram, these tests might also be paid for through the Mammogram Assistance Program.

And if you do need further tests, Tonya Wilson, RN, Imaging Breast Health Navigator at Henry Community Health will help schedule further tests and biopsies as quickly as possible, answer questions and provide education and counseling as to why the additional testing is needed.

For an appointment or information about the Mammogram Assistance Program call 765.529.4403 and ask for Nancy Lewis, RN, Women's Clinic Director.

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Using Cotton Swabs To Clean Ears Sending Children To Emergency Departments

Thousands of kids wind up in U.S. emergency rooms every year for ear injuries caused by cotton swabs. A new study published in the May 8 American Journal of Pediatrics estimates about 12,500 children are treated in emergency departments each year for injuries caused by cotton swabs.

"Cotton swabs can cause cuts in our ear canals, perforate our eardrums and dislocate our hearing bones. And any of these things could lead to hearing loss, dizziness, ringing or other symptoms of ear injury," explains Kenton Hilbish, MD, a board certified pediatrician with New Castle Pediatrics.

"It's particularly important not to give cotton swabs to your children as 77% of the injuries occurred when children were using cotton swabs by themselves," he continued. Parents using cotton swabs accounted for 16% of the injuries while 6% of the injuries were caused by a sibling using a cotton swab to clean a children's ear.

What You Should Know About Cleaning Your Ears

Ear canals are usually self-cleaning and don't need to be cleaned at home for either children or adults. Using a cotton tip applicator can push wax closer to the ear drum with a significant risk of causing minor to severe injury to the ear. Wiping away any excess wax when it comes to the outside of the ear is enough to keep it clean. If you are concerned about earwax or other ear problems, talk to a pediatrician, a primary care physician or a specialist.

Young Children Accounted For Most Injuries

About two-thirds of patients were younger than 8, and children under 3 accounted for 40 percent of all injuries, according to the report. Most of the injuries occurred while using cotton swabs to clean the ears (73 percent). The rest occurred while playing with cotton swabs (10 percent), or with children falling when they had cotton swabs in their ear (9 percent).

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OBITUARIES

Derek A. Roland
February 18, 1978 - May 28, 2017



Derek A. Roland, age 39, passed away Sunday, May 28, 2017. He was born Feb. 18, 1978, in Indianapolis, a son of Mark Alan Roland and Vera Elizabeth (Davisson) Woods.

Derek was a 1996 graduate of Knightstown High School. He received his bachelor's degree in accounting from IUPUI. He loved sports and was an avid fan of the Butler Bulldogs, IU, the Cincinnati Reds and the Chicago Bears. Derek loved spending time with his children and enjoyed coaching his son in Little League baseball. He loved his brother, Travis, whom he called "Little Piggy."

He is survived by his father, Mark (Mary) Roland of Greenfield; two children, Kendal Elizabeth and Will Hudson; two brothers, Joshua A. Roland (fiancé, Taylor Hof) of Carmel and Travis A. Roland of Greenfield; his grandparents, Manda Roland of Knightstown and Daisy Robinson of Greenfield; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother; his grandfather, Wilford Roland; and two cousins, Shane Loveall and Rob Mills.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 2, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service Knightstown Chapel with Pastor Ron Mills officiating. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, June 1. Memorial contributions may be made to the Derek Roland Memorial Fund, c/o Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, 7355 S. St. Rd. 109, Knightstown, IN 46148. Condolences and memories of Derek may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Jubilee Days Baby Contest Saturday

Jubilee Days Beautiful Baby Contest is Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m., at Knightstown Friends Church.

The contest is sponsored by Beautify Knightstown Inc. and Knightstown Friends Church.

The event is open to ages newborn through 18 months old.

No need to pre-register, just show up.

There are also no entry fees.

Door prizes donated by local area merchants.

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June 16th

AT KNIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

SCHEDULE

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2015-2017 vs. Current Varsity at 8:00 pm

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\$5 for fans

To sign up to play contact Coach Canary at jcanary@cabeard.k12.in.us

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.

Official Warning for Misconduct Given to Coaches in Basketball

Effective with the 2017-18 high school basketball season, play will be stopped and an official warning will be given to the head coach – and recorded in the scorebook – for misconduct by the coach or other bench personnel unless the offense is judged to be major, in which case a technical foul shall be assessed.

This new rule was one of the five changes recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Basketball Rules Committee at its April 10-12 meeting in Indianapolis. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

In addition to misconduct violations related to Rule 10-5, the head coach will be officially warned for the first violation of Rule 10-6-1 regarding the coaching box.

Rules 4-48-1 and 4-48-2 will both have a note stating that a warning is not required prior to calling a technical foul.

"Stopping play and making sure that the bench and the coach know that an official warning has been given sends a clear message to everyone in the gym and impacts the behavior of the coach, and in some cases the behavior of the opposing coach," said Theresia Wynns, NFHS director of sports and officials and liaison to the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee. "This change in behavior creates a better atmosphere and, many times, avoids the need to administer a technical foul."

In other changes, the rules committee approved enlarging the coaching box from 14 feet to 28 feet.

The coaching box now shall be bounded by a line drawn 28 feet from the end line toward the division line. A line drawn from the

sideline toward the team bench becomes the end of the coaching box toward the end line. State associations may alter the length and placement of the 28-foot coaching box.

"The committee thought the restriction of the (14-foot) coaching box limited the level of communication between the coach and players," Wynns said. "Allowing a coach freedom to move within the new box between the 28-foot mark and the end line provides a coach more access to his or her players."

Changes in Rules 3-4-1d and 3-4-4 regarding uniforms were approved by the committee, including restrictions on identifying names that can be placed in the allowable area of the jersey. Identifying names on uniforms must adhere to the following: school name, school nickname, school logo, player's name and/or abbreviation of the official school name. The panel in the shoulder area on the back of the jersey may be used for placing an identifying name as well.

The committee also approved a change in the way officials signal a foul against a player. After verbally informing the offender, the official shall use fingers on two hands to indicate to the scorer the number of the offender and the number of free throws.

"This change was made to minimize reporting errors that occur between the officials and the scorekeepers," Wynns said. "Two-handed reporting is easier for the scorekeepers to see and comprehend, and it is less confusing."

Basketball ranks third in popularity among both boys and girls at the high school level with 546,428 and 429,380 participants, respectively, according to the 2015-16 NFHS Athletics Participation Survey.

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So Close



Knightstown pitcher Kaunner Cleek fires the ball over to Jack Fort at first base in an attempt to throw out a runner during the Panthers sectional game against Northeastern last week. (Stacy Cox photo)

LOCAL SPORTS

Heartbreaker: Knightstown Softball Team Falls 4-5 in Sectional Championship

By Stacy Cox
General Manager/Sports Editor

The Lady Panthers' season came to an end Friday night in a heartbreaking loss, 4-5, to Northeastern in the sectional championship game at Union County High School.

The game got off to a great start for Knightstown. With Vivian Goodpaster and Georgee Lawhorne on base in the bottom of the first, Carmen Cleek smashed a home run with two outs to give the Lady Panthers a 3-0 lead.

That lead would hold for the next four innings.

Then, in the top of the fifth inning, Northeastern did the same. With two runners on, Northeastern's Sierra Gilmore hit a home run to tie the game up at three.

The Lady Panthers were unable to convert runners on base into runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Northeastern got their bats going again in the top

of the sixth, scoring two more runs to take a 5-3 lead.

Again, Knightstown was unable to score in the bottom of the sixth but played tough defense in the top of the seventh to hold the Lady Knights.

Knightstown plated one in the top of the seventh to bring the score to 4-5.

With two outs and runners on base, Cleek hit a grounder back to the pitcher who threw to first for the final out.

It was a heartbreaking game, with seven seniors playing their final game.

Some of the girls struggled at the plate. Besides Cleek's home run, she also had a single.

Courtney Carlton hit a double.

Lawhorne, Kiley Breece and Jess Butler each added a base hit.

Sammi Eaks had two sacrifice hits and Lawhorne had one sacrifice hit.

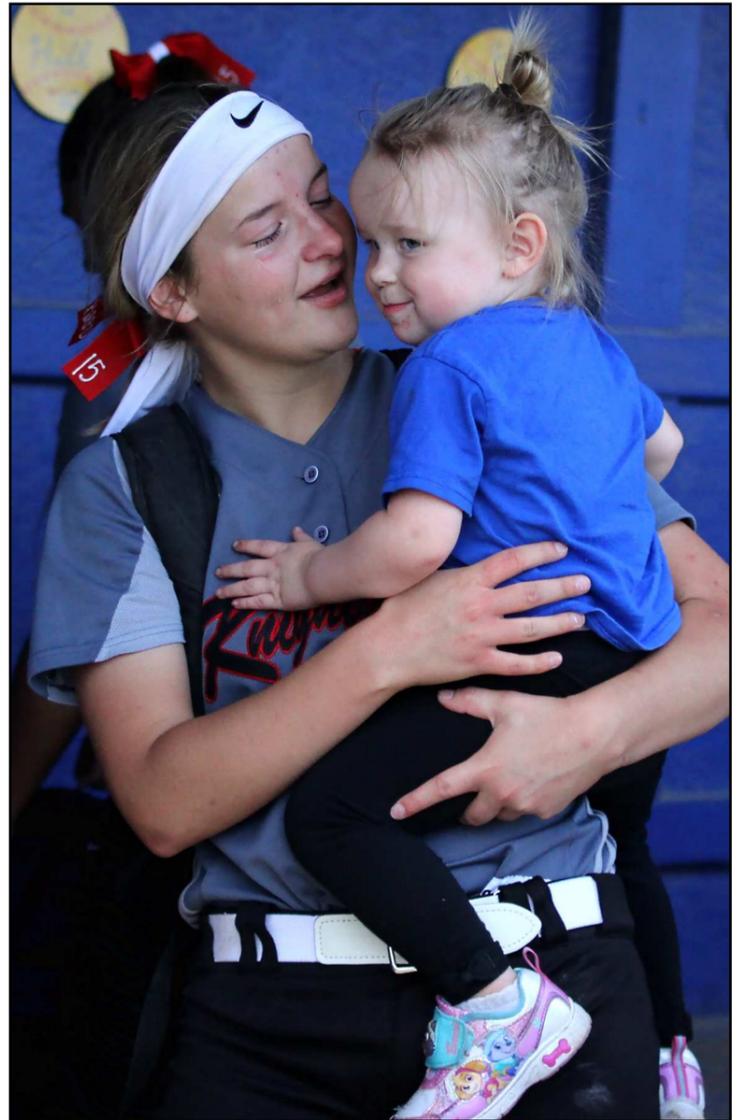
The Lady Panthers finished the season 15-9.



The Lady Panthers express their disappointment after falling 4-5 in the sectional championship Friday night. (Stacy Cox photo)



Carmen Cleek celebrates with her teammates after hitting a three-run homer in the first inning of the sectional championship last Friday. (Stacy Cox photo)



Carmen Cleek finds some comfort from her niece after the team's heartbreaking loss to Northeastern in the sectional championship game. Cleek led the team at the plate. (Stacy Cox photo)

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LOCAL SPORTS

Tri Softball Team Wins Fourth Straight Sectional Title



Tri softball team's four seniors - Kelsey Ryan Donald, Jessica Spong, Bailey Coffman and Kirsten Falck - have helped lead the Lady Titans to four straight sectional titles. (Stacy Cox photo)



Lauren Bouslog and Destiny Taylor wave to fans as the teams' buses pass through Straughn, escorted by fire trucks, following their sectional championship game. (Stacy Cox photo)



Senior Jessica Spong (right) hugs Payton Moore after Moore pitched a perfect game to lead the Lady Titans to their fourth straight sectional title Saturday. (Stacy Cox photo)

By Stacy Cox
General Manager/Sports Editor

The Lady Titans brought home its fourth straight sectional title last Saturday.

In what turned out to be its toughest opponent of the tournament so far, Tri softball team's first game of the sectional last week against Modoc's Union Lady Rockets was a close one.

But, as Tri head coach Bryan Peggs told his players after it was over "The name of the game now is advance. Advance to the next game is all that matters now and that's what we did."

Like most of the season, the Lady Titans were anchored by the pitching dominance of junior Payton Moore and backed up by solid defense, the Tri girls were able to overcome a game in which they had just two hits to defeat the Lady Rockets 2-0.

Union sent 24 batters to the plate and Moore sent half of them back to the dugout as she collected 12 strikeouts with no walks. The Lady Rockets were only able to manage two hits against the Lady Titans.

But, Union's pitcher and defense also played as tough as Tri's. The Lady Titans put one run on the board in the first inning after Moore was hit by a pitch then stole second. Moments later, Moore took off to steal third and the Union catcher's throw missed and went into left field allowing Moore to score standing up.

The Lady Titans went scoreless for the next four innings until the bottom of the seventh inning when senior Kirsten Falck smacked a shot down the third base line for a double. Kierstyn Conyers then stepped up and knocked the ball down the right field line, scoring Falck and giving the Lady Titans a 2-0 lead.

Titans fans' nerves were put on edge when the first Union batter in the top of the seventh drove the ball deep into center field, over the head of Tri's outfielders, for a triple.

With no outs and the runner on third base, the next batter grounded to first baseman Conyers who whipped the ball into freshman catcher Abi Busby defending the plate. Busby tagged out the sliding Union player to prevent the run.

Now with one out and a runner on first base, the next Union batter hit a line drive right at Conyers. She made the catch and immediately pivoted the few feet to step on first base before the Union runner could get back for the third out and the exciting win.

Tri Defeats Lincoln 4-1 in Second Sectional Game

The Lady Titans encountered a similar situation in their second game of the sectional on May 26 against Cambridge City Lincoln, again prevailing with solid pitching and defense for the 4-1 win.

Moore pitched all seven innings for Tri, recording nine strikeouts and one walk while allowing only two hits and one run.

The Lady Titans jumped ahead in the first inning, lead by the hard-hitting of junior Destiny Taylor. She would end the game with three hits, scoring two of Tri's four runs.

Both teams were scoreless in the second inning. Lincoln put a runner on base with a bunt. She then stole second base and the next Lincoln batter pounded a triple to left field to score the Lady Golden Eagles' only run of the game.

Tri answered with Taylor getting another hit followed by Moore taking a walk to put two Lady Titans on base. Lauren Bouslog moved the two runners around the bases but was put out at first. Falck knocked Taylor in on a single then stole second base. Conyers' patience at the plate gave her a walk to load the bases. Breanna Reece scored Moore on a hit over the second base player to give the Lady Titans a 3-1 lead after three innings.

The fourth inning saw no runs scored and Tri would hold Lincoln scoreless for the rest of the game. Falck hit another single in the bottom of the fifth inning and moved to second on a sacrifice hit by Conyers. After a wild pitch allowed Falck to move to third, sophomore Kaley Harrison's single drove in Falck to give the Lady Titans a 4-1 lead. They would hold on to that lead for the win.

Lady Titans Get Run-Rule Championship Win

The Lady Titans gave fans an impressive show for the sectional 56 championship game Saturday afternoon, May 27, whipping Randolph Southern 10-0 in six innings.

Moore was again powerful on the mound and pitched a perfect game. She struck out seven of the first nine batters she faced and by the end of the game had struck out nine of the 18 batters she faced with no walks.

After Moore got things started with three strikeouts in top of the first, Tri went on a scoring spree. The Lady Titans had 15 hits in the game with many of those in the first inning when they scored six runs.

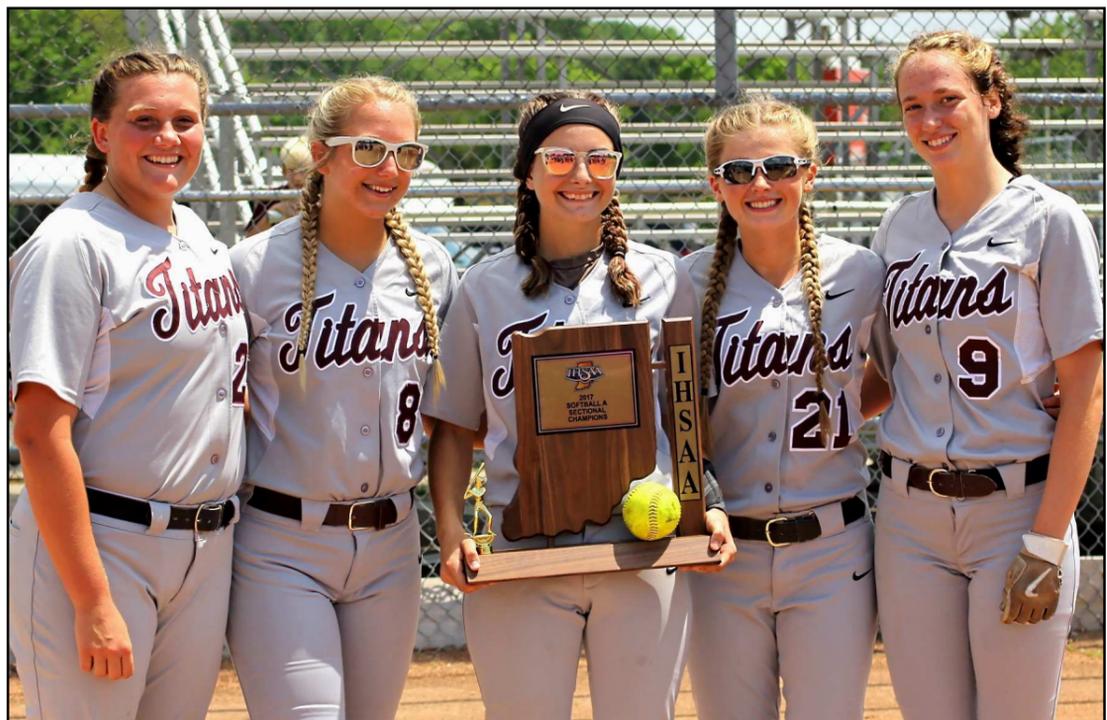
Tri put two more runs on the board in the third inning, one more in the fourth and scored its winning run in the bottom of the sixth to get the run-rule win.

Reece and Bouslog each had double and a single for two RBIs apiece. Senior Bailey Coffman had two base hits and a sacrifice hit to bring in two runs. Taylor hit two doubles for one RBI. Busby had two base hits for one RBI.

Conyers and Harrison each hit a triple and single in the game and Moore added a base hit.

The three sectional wins last week moved the Lady Titans' season record to 23-3. Following their big championship win, the Lady Titans, accompanied by Straughn and Lewisville fire trucks, brought the sectional trophy back to Tri High School where they enjoyed some time with family and fans.

During the post-game celebration, coach Peggs and co-coach Duke Falck reminded the girls that the new field nearing its final phase of construction near the school was all because of them and their four years of tournament excellence. The coaches thanked them for their hard work and told them their efforts would be remembered for years to come as future players take to the new field.



Kierstyn Conyers, Breanna Reece, Destiny Taylor, Lauren Bouslog and Payton Moore pose with the sectional trophy after the Lady Titans defeated Randolph Southern in the championship. (Stacy Cox photo)

LOCAL SPORTS

Third Straight Regional Title Comes Easy for Lady Titans

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

On Tuesday night, Tri's softball team played their final game at Lewisville Community Park ball field in front of hundreds of fans to easily win their third straight regional title, taking down Daleville in five innings 11-1.

With the bleachers packed, the fence line arm-to-arm with lawn chairs and pickup trucks backed up against the outfield fence with families parked to watch the game, the Lady Titans showed the community why they are dominating again this year.

Payton Moore nearly pitched a second straight perfect game. After four innings with no hits, Daleville was finally able to get a hit off of Moore and as it often happens when a team is able to hit the hard-throwing Moore, the ball took off. The first Daleville batter in the top of the fifth inning connected for a solo home run over the center field fence.

That would be all of the Lady Broncos.

With Moore again striking out the first three batters in the first inning, lead-off batter Destiny Taylor got things started on a familiar note with a hit. The Lady Titans continued to pound the ball

all evening and finished with 11 hits.

Moore helped herself on offense, leading the team with a triple and two singles and going on to score four of the team's runs.

Kirsten Falck had two timely base hits for three RBIs, including the one that brought home Moore in the bottom of the fifth inning to give the Lady Titans the run-rule victory.

Taylor had two hits in the game. Lauren Bouslog hit a double driving in two runs and Kaley Harrison's double gave her an RBI. Breanna Reece hit an RBI-single while Kierstyn Conyers had a base hit and two nice sacrifice hits for two RBIs. Bailey Coffman added a single.

The Tri girls kept up their usual aggressiveness on the bases, recording five stolen bases, two for Reece and one apiece for Bouslog, Coffman and Falck.

Moore again struck out half the batters she faced, sending 8-of-16 back to the Daleville dugout with their heads hanging.

The regional victory puts the Lady Titans' record at 24-3 and sets them up for a rematch with Frontier, who eliminated them in the semistate championship game last year.



Payton Moore pitched a perfect game against Randolph Southern for the sectional championship and nearly had another perfect game in the regional championship game on Tuesday night. Daleville had one hit against the junior pitcher. (Stacy Cox photo)



Lady Titans head coach Bryan Peggs gives his players high fives after they had another good defensive effort in the sectional championship game Saturday. (Stacy Cox photo)

Tri Heads to Frankfort Semistate Saturday for Rematch with Frontier

Tri's softball team is heading back to semistate for the third straight year and will face a familiar opponent in the first game of the semistate this Saturday.

Last year, Tri's historic run was ended one game short of the state title game. The Lady Titans defeated South Central 14-4 in the first game of 2016 semistate but then had to face semistate host school Frontier in the semistate championship game where the Lady Titans were defeated 8-11.

This Saturday, June 3, Tri again faces Frontier but the Lady Falcons won't have the home field advantage this time. Tri and Frontier will play in the second game of the day at the Frankfort class 1A semistate at 1 p.m. The winner of the Tri-Frontier game will play the winner of the morning game between Morgan Township and South Central later Saturday at 7 p.m.

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Lauren Bouslog smacks a double in the bottom of the sixth inning of the sectional championship game, driving in Payton Moore to give the Lady Titans the 10-0 run-rule win. (Stacy Cox photo)



Tri softball coaches Duke Falck and Bryan Peggs stand for the national anthem prior to the start of the sectional 56 championship game at Wilson Park in Dublin on Saturday against Randolph Southern. (Stacy Cox photo)

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cannot afford to open it at this time.

Knott explained that the town's water utility had to borrow \$30,000 from another town utility last year and still has yet to pay back those funds. He also noted that both the town and park board endured budget cuts in 2017.

"You have to begin to make decisions, as the town government, of what you're going to provide to your citizens and how you're going to provide that," Knott said, adding that he, too, would like to see the park board able to open the splash pad this year.

Knott said the utility costs for the splash pad would be greatly diminished if the splash pad had a system that recirculated the water. Estimates for such a system, he said, have been between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

Grubbs said she felt the town and the park board need to act now to figure out a way to raise whatever funds are needed to open the splash pad. Keeping the water attraction closed, she said, is "unacceptable."

"We need to raise money to get the kids what they need this summer," Grubbs said. "... Is there anything we can do?"

Knott suggested that Grubbs help the park board find businesses who might be willing to purchase park sponsorships for Sunset Park. Park board member Jacob Hart had proposed earlier in the meeting selling sponsorships at \$5,000 (platinum), \$1,000 (gold), \$500 (silver) and \$100 (bronze) levels as a way to generate additional revenue.

On a motion made by Hart and seconded by McGuire, the board voted 3-0 to keep the splash pad closed for now. The park board's fourth member, Vice President Bruce Brown, did not attend last week's meeting.

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Court, from Page 1

tubes containing mercury in the building that was demolished before work began.

The trial court granted summary judgment in the town's favor in early 2016 with respect to two of the counts raised in Wainscott's complaint for damages. The lower court ruled Wainscott's claims for negligence and breach of an equitable duty were barred because he had failed to file a proper notice of tort claim with the town before filing his lawsuit, as state statute requires.

In Indiana, persons wishing to sue a governmental entity for an alleged wrong committed against them generally have 180 days from the date of the incident that injured them to file a notice of tort claim. While Wainscott had sent written correspondence about this matter to the town within 180 days of the demolition, the trial court judge said Wainscott had not put the town on notice that he intended to bring legal action against the town and was, therefore, "missing a crucial element."

In an 18-page opinion issued in February, Indiana Court of Appeal Justice Michael Barnes said the trial court judge got this part of his ruling wrong. Wainscott's letter to the town, Barnes noted, contained just about all of the information normally required to be included in a notice of tort claim. While it did not include an explicit assertion stating Wainscott's intent to make a claim against the town, Barnes and fellow Justices Patricia Riley and Mark Bailey concluded Wainscott had substantially complied with what was required.

Because it determined Wainscott's letter had satisfied the state's notice of tort claim requirement, the Court of Appeals said the trial court had been wrong to rule that Wainscott's claims for negligence and breach of an equitable duty were barred. However, the lower court's ruling favoring Wainscott on his nuisance claim was, the Court of Appeals said, correct and it was affirmed.

With respect to Wainscott's nuisance claim, the trial court had denied the town's summary judgment request on the basis that a notice of tort claim was not required for that type of claim. While the Court of Appeals did not decide whether tort claim notices are or are not required for nuisance claims, it said that since it determined Wainscott's letter to the town qualified as a legally sufficient notice of tort claim, the lower court's ruling favoring Wainscott on this count was correct.

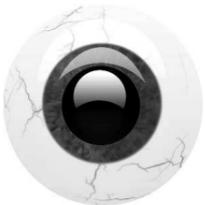
As noted in prior news coverage, the Court of Appeals ruling was not a total loss for the town. The justices did reverse the trial court's denial of the town's request for summary judgment on Wainscott's breach of contract claim.

Wainscott's lawsuit alleged Clyde South, president of the Knightstown Town Council at the time, had told him during the council's April 18, 2013, meeting that the town would fix any damage caused to his building by the demolition. The trial court said there was a "question of fact" as to whether there was a valid contract and whether South had authority to bind the town by his comments, making summary judgment on that count improper. The Court of Appeals, however, reversed the lower court's ruling, concluding that Wainscott could not show, as a matter of law, that all of the elements of legally enforceable contract were present.

With the Indiana Supreme Court declining to review this case, it will be sent back to Henry Circuit Court 1 to be placed on the trial docket. While efforts to reach a settlement in the fall of 2015 failed, the parties may try again now that this pretrial appeal has concluded.

Efforts to reach attorneys for the town and Wainscott to get comments on the latest developments in the case were not successful. The Banner was able to contact one of Wainscott's attorneys in February, after the Court of Appeals issued its ruling.

"As soon as the appellate process is over, which hopefully will be within weeks, we intend to work hard to seek justice for our client," attorney Fred Emhart said. "It is a shame that the Old Lodge has been damaged by the demolition project next door. We intend to seek all relief necessary to make this beautiful Knightstown building habitable again."



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Letters, from Page 4

the people of this county, approximately 48,000 of them, might be adversely affected by such decisions, or that families who have held land for more than four generations are thinking, "Why stay?" Even their ancestors would not expect them to live in an industrial zone.

Your county commissioners may not be on any official payrolls for wind companies, but it sure seems like they are doing an exemplary job of doing everything they can to please about 100 landowners who have signed wind leases and any wind company who walks across the county line.

Make no mistake.

It's not about the number of voices they hear with concerns for the future of the county. What really matters is the number of acres you own.

Thank you, Mr. Commissioners, for breaking the heart of your county, and the hearts of the very people who elected you to represent them.

Do not fool yourselves. You are not representing the people. You are representing greed.

**Susie Painter Eichhorn
Pendleton**

(P.S. I am a Henry County landowner and taxpayer, contributing tax dollars that, unfortunately, support the payroll of three gentleman who do not support the best interests of 48,000 people they represent.)

Dear Editor,

Every year, we celebrate Memorial Day to honor those in the Armed Forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Since 2001 alone, nearly 7,000 military men and women have lost their lives fighting for our freedom.

I am proud of all of the brave, selfless individuals who serve our country. Their dedication and noble acts are inspirational, and they deserve recognition. Indiana has a number of ways to show our appreciation to veterans and their families for their sacrifices.

Some of the benefits available to honorably discharged veterans are below.

Higher education

*If a veteran enrolls in one of Indiana's public universities within a year after their discharge, he or she can receive free tuition.

*A veteran can receive eight semesters of free college tuition if he or she is a Purple Heart recipient.

*Children of certain wounded veterans or Purple Heart recipients can receive free college tuition for eight semesters.

Career assistance

*Veterans are exempt from certain professional licensing requirements if they completed adequate training while serving.

*The spouse of a veteran does not have to complete certain professional licensing requirements if he or she held a similar license in another jurisdiction and demonstrates professional competence.

*Indiana allows private employers to give preference to veterans when hiring or promoting employees.

Financial help

*The state gives emergency financial help to veterans who served at least one year of active duty during any armed conflict.

*Service members are allowed to cancel certain contracts, such as a gym membership, without penalty if they are called to active duty.

Recreational activities

*Through the Golden Hoosier Passport, veterans receive unlimited admission to state parks, forests and reservoirs at a reduced rate.

*Disabled veterans can buy fishing and small game hunting licenses at a reduced price of \$2.75.

Taxes

*A disabled veteran or surviving spouse can receive an annual property tax deduction of \$24,960.

*Income earned while in combat is exempt from Indiana income tax (if it is also exempt from federal income tax).

*If a veteran receives military retirement or survivor benefits, he or she is eligible for a \$6,250 tax deduction.

I am proud of the benefits our state offers, as our veterans and their families deserve to be rewarded for their sacrifices.

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

**Sen. Jean Leising
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Stohry, from Page 6

"People at Carthage especially were fantastic to me during the 19 years I worked there," said Stohry. "But I've gotten to know a lot of the Knightstown and Kennard families, and they're great people, too."

When Carthage Elementary closed, Stohry transferred to Knightstown Intermediate School. She worked as a fourth grade teacher there for the next three years, until her retirement.

"I knew I would miss the children," said Stohry, when asked what she'd miss the most about her job. "Of course, I'm gonna miss all the people I work with, too - the adults. We do have a great staff here. I think I'll miss the times in the lounge where we joke and kid around, but it's the children I'm gonna miss the most."

Stohry lives with her husband, Doug, in a country subdivision near Greenfield. She grew up in Indianapolis, and attended IPS schools until her family moved to Switz City when she was in the eighth

grade.

"I really haven't made plans," Stohry said of her retirement. "I'll just take it one day at a time. I'd like to spend more time with family. I have a mother, and I'd like to spend more time with her while I can. Lots of nephews and nieces and family I'd like to be able to get together with. Of course, I'd like to be home to work on some home projects too. When you're teaching, that's difficult."

She hopes to do some traveling in addition to spending time doing more of what she enjoys, such as cooking, gardening, and home-canning in the summer.

Stohry is also interested in pursuing art. A colleague at KIS recently gave her an easel as a gift, which she plans on putting to use in the future.

"I've loved working here. I love all the people I work with. I think it's a great community. It's a great place to live, a great place to work," she said.

Sponsors, from Page 7

pair of old cannons at the park, have offered to paint the tables.

Board members also voted to authorize having Austin Worley do tuckpointing work on the chimney on the north side of the Sunset Park shelter house for \$1,800. Once that work is done, Neal said Zane Trueblood will finish his work on the shelter house roof.

Neal advised the board that an application for a \$25,000 grant had been completed and turned in to the Hancock County Community Foundation. Should the park board receive the grant, the funds are expected to be used to replace playground equipment.

McGuire updated the board on work done by Knightstown High School seniors at the park on May

17. She said at least 20 students helped pick up sticks and plant flowers, and that this was followed by a picnic at the park that also included other KHS seniors who had been working at other locations around the community that day.

The park board also voted last week to allow McGuire to continue using the shelter house at no charge for art classes she offers. The next class, which will feature painting, is scheduled for 6-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 15.

Neal also reported that park security cameras had helped Knightstown police locate the person who drove their vehicle into a utility pole in front of the shelter house on Friday, May 12. She said the person claimed not to have

realized they hit the pole and that they were going to turn the matter into their insurance company to have the town reimbursed for the cost of replacing the pole.

The park board's next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 26, at 7 p.m., in the back meeting room at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., accessible from the building's west side. The meeting is open to the public.

More information about the May 23 monthly meeting of the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board can be found in the memorandum and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records should be available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall during normal business hours.

Commission, from Page 6

historically significant property in town to the library. As previously reported in The Banner, the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board voted last November to approve the library's nomination for placement on the state and national registries of historic places.

Kieser suggested the commission look for a corporate sponsor that might be willing to pay for the library's plaque, and said his firm would be willing to contribute toward the cost. He said two plaques would be needed: one to note the library's placement on the national and state registries; and one for the local designation awarded by the commission.

The local library, Kieser told the commission, was built in 1902 and is one of only two libraries designed by Richmond-based architect William S. Kaufman. Although it is not a Carnegie library, the Henry Henley Public Library looks very similar in style to a Carnegie library built one year earlier in Greenville, Ohio, that Kaufman had also designed.

"It's a nice building," Kieser said of the Carthage library. "It looks like a Carnegie, but it's not. ... This has been kept pretty pristine."

The Carthage Historic Preservation Commission's next meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the library. The group's meetings are open to the public.

Requirements, from Page 3

to serve ... and who satisfy any or all of the requirements."

While the town council has expressed interest in easing the requirements for park board membership, it has not yet voted to do so. A vote waiving the political affiliation requirement and/or the restriction on no more than two park board members being of the same political party could come at the town council's June 15 monthly meeting.

In the meantime, anyone interested in filling the vacancy on the park board should send a letter of interest to Knightstown Town Council President Sarah Ward at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148.

Awards, from Page 8

Thomas and Kaleigh Williams

Mrs. Hunt - third grade: Reading All A-All Year: Levi Sparks; Reading A/B-All Year: Gage Broady, Mason Cash, Hailie Roland, Natalie Schultz, Natalie Shaw, Madison Thompson and Alexis Wells; Math All A - All Year: Hailie Roland; Math All A/B-All Year: Gage Broady, Anthony Conley, Xavier Gorman, Dakota Pierce, Hunter Preston, Marcus Robinson, Natalie Shaw, Levi Sparks, Madison Thompson, Xavier Wilkinson, Matthew Wyand; Most Improved: Reading - Levi Sparks; Math-Hunter Preston; Language - Hunter Preston; Overall-Joseph Pierce; Citizenship - All Year: Joseph Pierce, Hailie Roland, Natalie Schultz, Natalie Shaw, Levi Sparks, Raegan Stallsworth, Cody Waterman, Alexis Wells, Madison Wilson and Matthew Wyand

Miss Veach - third grade: Reading A/B - All Year: Kaydence Baker, Drew Dayhuff, Brooklynn McCoy and Amilia Toro; Math All A/B-All Year: Drew Dayhuff and Conner Troxell

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

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