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KHS Alumni Event June 24 at School

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. dinner banquet. Cost of the dinner is \$14. Alumni association dues are \$5, and they benefit a variety of 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. The event takes place in the KHS cafeteria. For more information or to make reservations, contact Janice Barton at 345-2752.

Church of God Homecoming June 11

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.

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State Clears Way for Water Rate Hike

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

More than a year after the Knightstown Town Council voted to seek an increase, the state has given its blessing and cleared the way for higher rates and charges for the town's water utility customers.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission issued an order last Wednesday that gives the town permission to raise water rates and charges 38.92 percent. According to the order, a residential utility customer using 5,000 gallons a month will see the water portion of their monthly utility bill increase \$11.77, from \$30.25 to \$42.02.

Acting on the recommendation of rate consultants from Indianapolis-based accounting firm H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, the town council voted in May 2016 to seek a 39.6-percent increase in water rates and charges. These had last been adjusted in 2008, when the IURC approved a 43.84-percent hike.

The process of getting IURC approval for the 2008 increase went much faster than that for the latest one. After filing its petition for an increase in February of that year, the IURC issued its final order approving higher rates and charges after just a little over five months.

By contrast, it took the IURC nearly twice as long to rule on the town's most recent petition, which Umbaugh filed with the agency last August. A review of the IURC's online docket reveals that much of this delay was due to the town initially not providing all of the information the state agency required.

For example, on Aug. 19, just three days after the town's petition was filed with the IURC, the agency issued a memorandum finding the town's application to be incomplete. According to the IURC, the town did not provide documentation needed to complete its application - a copy of the notice of the proposed increase it had sent utility customers and proof of publication showing the notice had been legally advertised in the

newspaper - until Nov. 4.

In February, the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor, a state agency that looks out for the interests of utility customers and tries to make sure rates and charges approved by the IURC are no higher than necessary, filed its report. While the town's original petition sought a 39.6-percent increase, the OUCC countered with a recommendation that the increase be limited to 18.2 percent.

The town and the OUCC differed in their calculations of how much yearly revenue is required by the town's water utility, which had to borrow \$30,000 from the town's electric utility in 2016, just to keep in the black. In its petition, the town claimed the water utility needs nearly \$443,000 a year, about \$125,000 more than it was bringing in; the OUCC, on the other hand, put the utility's annual revenue requirements at closer to \$376,000, which would only require an increase of about \$57,500.

Umbaugh filed a formal rebuttal on behalf of the town in March, responding to the OUCC's recommendation. In this filing, Umbaugh adjusted its earlier figures to show the additional revenue needed by the utility to be a little more than \$2,700 less than that listed in the original petition, and amended its request to seek a 38.7-percent increase.

After reviewing all of the evidence submitted by the town and OUCC, the IURC determined the town's water utility requires just under \$441,000 a year to operate. To meet this need, the agency calculated that the utility requires an additional \$123,104 a year, necessitating a 38.92-percent increase in rates and charges.

Before the increase can take effect, the town must first prepare and file a revised schedule of rates and charges with the IURC. Customers will not see higher bills until the IURC receives and approves the town's new schedule.

The town's latest effort to increase water rates and charges

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Officials Say Rate Hike Will Help Water Utility Pay Deficit

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Only two members of the Knightstown Town Council responded to The Banner's request for comment on the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's approval of the town's request for an increase in water utility rates and charges.

"I realize this may seem expensive, but we have underpaid for a long time," Council President Sarah Ward said in an e-mail. "... At last we can begin to catch up on our debt

to the water department."

With 2008 being the last time rates and charges were adjusted, Council Vice President Kevin Knott noted that the water utility's revenue was less than what was needed.

"This is a reason we had to borrow from another fund to replenish the deficit," Knott replied by e-mail, referencing the \$30,000 loan the town's electric utility made to the water utility last year and which still needs to be repaid. "I'm not for charging our citizens more than

necessary, but the deficit was real and had to be dealt with."

Ward said she favors withdrawing the town's water and electric utilities from the IURC. She noted that the town paid about \$18,000 to its rate consultant for work on the latest request to increase the water utility's rates and charges, and also remarked on the "many months" it took to get the increase approved.

Knott did not say whether he plans to vote in
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Schaetzle, McKellar Top Students at Knightstown, Tri



Knightstown and Tri high schools held graduation ceremonies Sunday. Valedictorian Kyler Schaetzle (left) and Salutatorian Cailin Smith were Knightstown High School's top students.

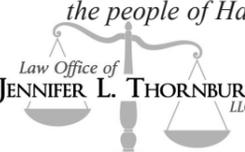


Tri High School's top students are Valedictorian Mikayla McKellar (left) and Salutatorian Nick Wissler. More photos from graduation appear on Page 10. (Stacy Cox photos)



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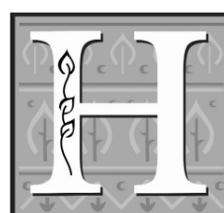
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OBITUARIES

Charlene Faye Mlekush
December 3, 1955 - June 3, 2017



Charlene Faye Mlekush, 61, a resident of Lakeview, OH and formerly of Carthage passed away Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Lima Memorial Hospital in Lima, OH. She was born December 3, 1955 in Gibson City, IL to the late Eugene Harry and Alberta (Razor) Mlekush. A 1974 graduate of Knightstown High School, she was employed at Superior Forge and Steel Corp. in Lima. Charlene was a member of the Carthage Friends Meeting and enjoyed crocheting, interior decorating, traveling and playing the piano. A loving mother and grandmother, she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandkids.

Survivors include two sons: Chet Rittenhour of Marseilles, OH and Eugene (Jorjiana) Rittenhour of McGuffey, OH; a daughter: Merry (Richard) Daugherty of Wapakoneta, OH; nine grandchildren: Xander, Gabriel, Avery, Devyn, Rylee, Syllas, Allison, Gunner and Eden; a sister: Lorinda (Robert) Guillaume of Knightstown; a niece: Natalie (Phil) Hall of Knightstown and a cousin: Alva (Sharon) Porter of Greenfield.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant brother: David Lee Mlekush. Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family in Carthage Cemetery with Robert Guillaume officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Condolences and memories of Charlene may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Wilma Jane Davis
October 13, 1952 - June 1, 2017



Wilma Jane Davis, 64, of Knightstown, and formerly of New Castle, passed away on the evening of Thursday, June 1, 2017 at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield.

She was born October 13, 1952 in Helenwood, Tennessee, a daughter of the late Genevieve Jane (Maxwell) Davis and William Howard Davis, Sr.

Wilma attended Knightstown Schools. She had attended North Street Church of God in Knightstown. Wilma was a free spirit and enjoyed playing bingo, collecting Indian artifacts and Angels. She loved her cat, Baby.

Those left to cherish Wilma's memory include her brothers and sisters, Shelby Clowers (companion: Tommy), Edward "Eddie" (wife: Patty) Davis, Nancy (husband: Roger) Hamilton, Judy (husband: Ken) Mast, William (wife: Bonnie) Davis Jr., Cindy Benefiel, James (wife: Lisa) Davis, Lora (husband: Larry) Lewman, and Jennifer (husband: Rick) Thompson; a brother-in-law, John Williams; a sister-in-law, Cynthia Walker and many nieces and nephews.

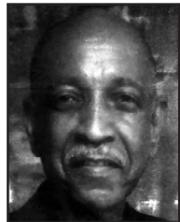
In addition to her parents, Wilma was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard Stephen "Joe" Davis and David Patrick Davis; two sisters, Ruby Frances Davis and Rebecca Fern Williams and a nephew, Paul McGinnis "PJ" Conley, Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at Heritage Funeral Care with Pastor Randy Gross officiating. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery.

Friends may call from 10:00 am until the time of the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the American Cancer Society with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com.

Douglas A. Jones
July 25, 1948 - May 26, 2017



Douglas A. Jones was born July 25, 1948, to the late Paul H. and Dorothy B. Jones in New Castle.

Doug was baptized at Knightstown First Christian Church, graduated from Knightstown High School in 1966 and received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Ball State University in 1970.

He started his business, Blinds & Shades Window Treatments in Indianapolis, in 1985. It grew into a very successful enterprise and later, in 2013, became a part of Hunger Douglas Galleries.

Doug passed peacefully on May 26, 2017.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Patricia A. Jones; a son, Immanuel-Keston (Laura) Jones; a daughter, Whitney M. Jones; three siblings, Priscilla (David) Phelps, Judith Jones and Janice Jones; and a host of family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Donna Kaye Jones.

Visitation will take place 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 9, and 10-11 a.m. Saturday, June 10, at University United Methodist Church, 5959 Grandview Dr., Indianapolis. The funeral service begins at 11 a.m. Saturday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Beech Settlement in memory of Douglas A. Jones, in care of the Indiana Landmarks Foundation. Stuart Mortuary (www.stuartmortuary.com) is handling arrangements.

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Carolyn K. (Masters) McCorkle
 August 20, 1941 - June 5, 2017



Carolyn K. (Masters) McCorkle, 75, of Carthage, passed away on the morning of Monday, June 5, 2017, at Kindred Transitional Care in Greenfield.

She was born Aug. 20, 1941, in Decatur County, a daughter of the late Allen Masters and Dorothea (Hogg) Baker.

Carolyn attended Greensburg High School. She and her husband, Dale, farmed from 1958-1970. She later worked for Kroger in Rushville until her retirement.

Carolyn was first married to Dale G. Koors and they had five children, Mark A. (Gail) Koors of Westport, Michael D. (Ann) Koors of Greensburg, Chris D. (Karen) Koors of Shelbyville, Susan M. Crowe (Traci Kuhn) of Kennard and Lisa D. (Charles) Lockert of Indianapolis. She married Melvin W. McCorkle on Dec. 20, 1975, and he preceded her in death on April 2, 2005.

Besides her children, Carolyn is survived by two stepdaughters, Lisa McCorkle and Robin McCorkle, both of Hawaii; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Linda (Ed) England of Greensburg; a brother, William (Alberta) Masters of Tuscon, Ariz.; and two brothers-in-law, J.D. Muir and Jim Gibson.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, and two sisters, Joan Muir and Marge Gibson.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at Heritage Funeral Care with Rev. David Bonne officiating. Burial will follow in Carthage Town Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of service Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be offered to the American Diabetes Association or the St. Vincent Hospice with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com.

Knightstown Zoning Overhaul Continues

by Jeff Eakins
 for The Banner

While attendance continues to be a problem for some of its members, the Knightstown Plan Commission is hoping to finish reviewing and discussing possible changes to the town's zoning code and other land use regulations by next month.

Over the past three months, the plan commission has met half a dozen times, with much of those meetings spent looking over zoning and land use provisions from other communities. The group is hoping to find ways to improve Knightstown's nearly 30-year-old zoning code and other provisions dealing with land use.

Most of the plan commission's most recent meeting on May 30 was devoted to discussing standards for signage. Gregg Morelock,

the town's attorney, had given plan commission members copies of the 15-page sign standards section from the zoning code for McCordsville, another municipality he represents, to consider using as a template for Knightstown.

The group looked at provisions dealing with prohibited and temporary signs, general signage standards, illuminated signs and electronic message boards. At several points in the discussion, questions

were raised about exceptions to the various provisions.

Morelock and Dan Lake, a planning consultant with Lawrence-based Kieser Consulting Group LLC, both told the plan commission it's not possible to draft an ordinance that addresses every possible scenario. If someone wants to put up a sign that is not allowed under the ordinance, both noted that a

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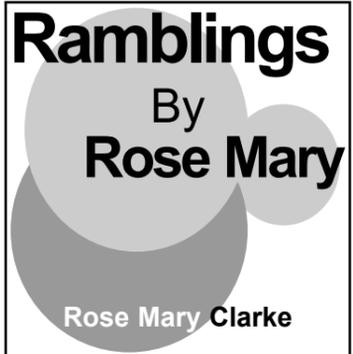
This is the confession of a junky. Oh dear! At age 80, I've become addicted! No, not to drugs or alcohol, although I do occasionally enjoy champagne, wine or a Margarita. However, I do understand what an addiction is.

A group of my high school girlfriends smoked clandestinely. We thought that we were so cool that we called ourselves - wait for it - "The Nine Nifty Nicitinos."

I became a two-pack-a-day addict. I quit cold turkey in my late 40s when a vascular surgeon said following an angioplasty, "If you don't stop smoking, I guarantee you'll be back on this table in a year with another tube up your femoral artery." Eek!

I want a cigarette ... I want a cigarette ... I want a cigarette right now! One is never completely free of an addiction. Tobacco contains an upper, and I was happier when I smoked. I dare not take a single puff lest I become enslaved again. Fortunately, as soon as my mind moves on to something else, I'll forget about cigarettes.

Addiction comes in many forms, be it drugs, alcohol, eating too much or not enough, gambling, television or sex. Some people lay their phones next to their plates while at a restaurant or watch them constantly while watching television or conversing. I read an amusing account by a *Banner* writer



about a girl who ran into his car in a gas station parking lot while texting a friend in the back seat! Then there's the sad tale of former Congressman Wiener.

I felt smugly superior to the Facebook and Internet games addicts. No siree, I wouldn't use my precious time goggling at a fancy telephone or iPad! I never played games on my laptop, and I'm only a Facebook voyeur - I

watch, but never initiate anything.

My grandson, Chris, and his wife, Tasha, dragged me into cyberspace by giving me an iPad. I must admit that it's wonderful. They set me up with Facetime so that I can see them and my precious great-granddaughter when we chat, as well as other family members. I found pictures of the hotel where we stayed in Paris. I can access my e-mail from it.

They also installed Scrabble on the pad, and therein lies my tale. I love words. My sister, Christine Jones, and I were vicious Scrabblers, but I had rarely played after her death. Electronic Scrabble is awesome! You can move tiles around on the grid to experiment with words, and it has an excellent dictionary. It refuses to let you play incorrect words, and it shows the players' scores.

It all started so simply with Chris, Tasha, grandson Tony, Vicki and friend Jana. However, the system also shows the pictures and average word scores of people who are looking for opponents. I started playing with some of them, including a woman who lives in Tasmania. One thing led to another, and now I'm swamped with games.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Today, June 2, my wife Tammy and I stopped in to the fair in Knightstown as we have done for years. We got our food and sat down on the sidewalk, just south of The Banner.

As we started to eat, loud rap-type music was playing, which I'm OK with, but I wasn't OK with the lyrics ...

I'm only going to give enough letters to figure it out.

"F--- the n-gg-r!"

We were shocked! Here is a nice town where a guy complains about a cross! Really?

Though it wasn't a total bad experience - the fish was great!

Lonnie Ferrell
Lewisville

Dear Editor,

A week after releasing a budget proposal that would slash funding for USDA rural development, cut farm conservation programs, and exacerbate hunger in rural communities, President Trump announced the U.S. is pulling out of the Paris Climate Accord. The accord is a landmark international commitment to limit climate change below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees F), a dangerous ecological "tipping point."

As the largest per capita carbon emitter and economy in the world, the U.S. must commit to climate action. Under the Paris Climate Accord, we agreed to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 26 to 28 percent compared to 2005 levels. Yet, the current administration has taken steps backwards on climate policy.

Those of us living in the rural U.S. know backtracking presents a threat to our families and communities. Not only are rural communities likely to suffer some of the worst consequences of climate change, but we will miss out on opportunities to shape the direction of global policy and markets.

The National Climate Assessment predicts climate change will have devastating effects on agriculture, forestry, and other sectors upon which rural communities depend. Policies that help avoid these costly scenarios also have economic and health benefits for rural communities. The renewable energy industry grew 14 percent. Solar alone created 2 percent of all new jobs in 2016, yet the administration's proposed 2018 budget will decimate programs that support research and development of the advanced energy economy.

We cannot afford to fall behind on climate action. As one of only three UN member nations to refuse to participate in the Paris Climate Accord, the remainder of the world will continue to innovate and outpace us. And rural communities in the U.S. will be left behind, again.

Stephanie Enloe
Center for Rural Affairs

Tourists Might Flow Into Area Via River

Future of Carthage member Craig Bailey and I have a couple things in common. We both dig a variety of music and we both believe Big Blue River is one of the greatest and least appreciated attractions in the tri-county area.

I've said this ad nauseum over the years, but a recent conversation with Bailey reignited in my mind the idea that the river is a bonafide tourist attraction that's just waiting to happen.

Bailey agrees with me. We both believe Big Blue could offer much more, both in terms of quality of life for local residents, and a solid, seasonal lure for outdoorspeople who want to enjoy the scenic waterway and all it has to offer.

Some will wonder, "What does the river have to offer? Why would people drive all the way out here just to get in Big Blue River?"

For starters, it's a great fishery. There are gamefish, like smallmouth and largemouth bass, and a variety of others. They're pretty easy to catch, too, even for a bumbling city boy like me.

Wildlife thrives along the river, adding to the already-beautiful riverside scenery. Great blue herons and green herons are common sights, as are ducks, snakes, turtles, deer and lots of other animals.

Unlike some rivers, Big Blue River has its own set of river advocates - Friends of the Big Blue River - who annually clean all the trash out of the river, put there by people who, sadly, aren't as classy as you and me. The world is their trash can, apparently.

Kidding aside, what that means is Big Blue, at least in Henry County, is free (for the most part) of old, sunken car and tractor tires. There are no derelict washing machines or tangled balls of barbed wire fence marring her green banks.

These are all great qualities for a small rural river. But, maybe its biggest advantage in terms of tourism is that the river is relatively small. But, that means it's

really good for beginning and intermediate canoeists and kayakers. Big Blue isn't too deep or too wide in any give area, and no whitewater rapids are there to frighten off youngsters or those still unsteady on the moving water. It's not too big, or too small.

Bailey and I discussed how great it would be for both Knightstown and Carthage to have put-in and take-out points, where people can safely park and launch their boats. We agreed that, if such public access points were established and advertised, anglers and others

from different parts of the state would come to the area just to navigate and perhaps fish Big Blue River.

Several great tourist attractions already exist here. Public access to Big Blue River's flora and fauna might enhance those we already have and help grow a new crop of visitors.

But, while we're always happy to draw money-spending out-of-towners to the community, it's also important to note the local boost to quality of life that might accompany the development of riverside public access points.

Yes, local residents will, of course, be able to use them, too, adding a new dimension to local recreational opportunities.

Currently there is no public access point for Big Blue River. We need one.

The only option for those seeking access to the river is to park on a road shoulder or, worse yet, private property - hoping they don't get towed or ticketed for doing so.

Corresponding public Big Blue River access points make good sense for Knightstown and Carthage. Each could benefit from potential tourism just as each town's residents would be able to enjoy unfettered river access - a new recreational opportunity.

Big Blue isn't going anywhere. It's flowed here for generations. It's time to reintroduce the communities to this river - and invite others to do the same.



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BITS & PIECES

◆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 next Knightstown Neighborhood **Crime Watch** meeting is Saturday, June 10, at 1 p.m. in the Hoosier Gym. The public is invited.

◆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.

◆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.

◆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.

◆The **Knightstown Head Start** program, located at the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy, still has openings for age-eligible chil-

dren for this school year. The program is also taking applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Call 765-529-4403 for more info.

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 17 POTUS No. 38
 19 Take apart
 20 Speaking
 21 One who brings others together
 23 Lennon's love
 24 Like some lawns
 25 Small weight

28 La la lead-in
 30 South Sudan city
 31 Former Cleveland all-star pitcher
 32 Actor James Jones
 34 Former "97-pound weakling"
 38 Function
 39 "... by a mile."
 41 *The Simpsons* Kwik-E-Mart character
 42 *The Taming of the*

44 Bourbon's Jim
 45 Actor West
 46 *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* male cobra
 48 Indian "mister"
 49 "Wedding Bell Blues" songwriter
 50 Melts
 54 Advanced law degree
 56 "God ... but all are not in God."
 57 Some pleas
 61 Western Belarus city
 62 Five-part piece by Bartok

64 Venison source
 65 Deceive (2 wds.)
 66 Popular furniture maker
 67 Tributary of France's Herault River
 68 Common viper
 69 Do a housecleaning chore

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1 *Othello* antagonist
 2 Finished
 3 Ancient Egypt's primary limestone
 quarry
 4 *Gray's*
 5 Final citations
 6 ABC followers
 7 Keanu Reeves in *The Matrix*
 8 An aromatic Australia's largest city
 9 What one may do to a pillow (2 wds.)
 11 Israeli pilot shot down and captured in 1973
 12 W. Australian gold mine
 13 Bond portrayer in seven films
 18 Brooklyn Nets star
 22 Concepts
 24 Most affectionate
 25 Wildebeests
 26 Impulsive
 27 Teen ending
 29 Broccoli

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 35 *and the Tramp*
 36 On ... with
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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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CORRECTION: Last week's crossword contained an error. The clue for 23-Across should have been "Vietnam river," not "Victorian river."

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

On or about July 7, 2017, the Town of Knightstown intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Wastewater/Drinking Water Program. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: Wastewater System Improvements Project. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$600,000.00. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons is \$306,000.00. The Town proposes to expend an estimated \$4,526,000.00 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from a loan through the USDA Rural Development Program.

The Town of Knightstown will hold a public hearing on June 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the town council's chambers located at 28 S. Washington Street, Knightstown, IN 46148. The public hearing is to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Beth Karnes Huffman, Clerk Treasurer at (765) 345-5977 no later than June 20, 2017, and every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of June 22, 2017, at the Town Hall, in Knightstown, Indiana 46148. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Beth Karnes Huffman, Clerk Treasurer, no later than June 20, 2017, in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by the Town of Knightstown and is available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Amy Miller, Cornerstone Grants Management, Inc. at 317-384-1748 or write to: Town of Knightstown, 26 South Washington Street, Knightstown Indiana 46148-1277.

(6/7)

Bryan Peggs' Coaching Career May Get Big Highlight Saturday at State Softball Tourney

by Logan Cox

(Editor's note: This story was originally published in the April 6, 2016, issue. Following last Saturday's semistate championship win, earning the Tri softball team a trip to the state title game this Saturday, we thought now was a good time to reprint the story.)

"I have been coaching for 29 years. It doesn't seem possible," said Bryan Peggs, a Knightstown High School graduate and current athletic director (AD) of South Henry School Corp.

While attending college at Ball State University, Peggs started working as a coach at Tri Jr.-Sr. High School in the fall of 1987.

"Upon graduation in 1989, a teaching position opened up at Tri and I have been here ever since," said Peggs. "I have taught Social Studies, Computer Literacy, Health and Physical Education. I have coached football, basketball, baseball, golf, track, wrestling, and softball here."

With the retirement of long-time athletic director Charlie Byrket two years ago, South Henry School Corp. decided to combine the vice-principal's position with the athletic director's position. After a year, the school board chose to split the positions when it proved too difficult for one person to manage. This was when Peggs applied for the position of AD.

"I felt I had experience coaching several sports and I have been involved in athletic department for several years so I was pretty experienced working in athletics," he said.

This year Peggs was given the opportunity to work as athletic director at Tri, while still responsible for teaching five class periods.

"Next year the board has reduced my work load in

the classroom so I can get more done in the AD office," said Peggs. "It has been very hectic but it has been a great experience so far."

He admits that it can be difficult coaching a sport and being the athletic director, and suspects it will be more difficult now that it is springtime. However, Peggs is grateful for the support he receives from the administration, co-head coach Duke Falck, and assistant AD Russ Jones.

"I have enjoyed coaching softball more than any coaching experience I have gone through," Peggs said. "We started when the program was struggling and it has become successful through hard work of the coaches and players."

Peggs is proud to have known and learned from several great coaches in his career. This includes Dennis Gipe, Don Willard, Mike Wyatt, Don Schwartzkopf, Jeff Miller, Duke Falck, Bill Bergmann, and Duane Queener.

"These are guys you want to learn from and apply what they did to mold young people. It is truly rewarding to see an athlete

work hard and become successful on and off the field. I love when I run into former players and they tell me what they are doing and about their family lives. That is what really makes me feel good about coaching and being involved in athletics," said Peggs.

A three-sport athlete at Knightstown, Peggs has enjoyed playing sports for much of his life. Though he wasn't the biggest or fastest player, he loved the competition and always strived to do his best.

"I loved the intensity of football and being a part of a group of guys that really had to count on one another," he said. "I wasn't very good at basketball. If

See Peggs, Page 14



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Wed., June 7 – Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall

Mon., June 12 – Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., June 14 – Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

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Wed., June 14 – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

Wed., June 14 – Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 6 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., June 14 – Rush Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Rose Mary, from Page 4

The program sucks you in by asking both players at the end of a game if they want to play again. It appeals to one's competitive nature by the count of losses and wins and lists people's standing. Even though I greatly enjoy the game, do I want to devote so much of my precious, limited time to it?

My nephew, John Jones, understands. He said, "One of my sons started me playing Yatzee, which was fine. Then other relatives joined in, then their friends.

My phone signaled whenever someone made a move, and I felt obliged to respond. Then I realized that I was being ruled by an electronic device. I had had enough. One day my son called and asked why I hadn't moved, and I said, "That's because I quit."

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FOLKWAYS

CAB's Rainy Day Funds May Finance KHS Parking Fix

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board is hoping to get state approval to use up to \$70,000 in rainy day funds to pay for parking lot repairs at Knightstown High School.

At their May 16 monthly meeting, Superintendent Jed Behny told board members the KHS parking lot was in need of work. He said he had obtained "some quotes for research sake," and that the estimates he received were "significantly better" than expected.

Behny said that CAB should be able to get cracks filled and have the entire lot sealed for less than \$70,000. He said he didn't foresee getting a better price and that he was "extremely confident" that \$70,000 would be enough to fund the project.

The best time to do the work, Behny said, would be the second or third week of July. He also told the board that the price estimates he received also included paving an eight-foot wide walking path from the parking lot to the new baseball diamond being built.

Board members voted unanimously to give Behny permission to advertise for a public hearing on

CAB's request for an additional appropriation allowing the district to spend up to \$70,000 of rainy day funds on this project. The hearing is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, in the media center at KHS, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, immediately prior to the board's monthly meeting.

Following the hearing, CAB will need to file its request for approval of the additional appropriation with the state's Department of Local Government Finance, the state agency that oversees budgeting matters for school districts and other public agencies. The DLGF is then expected to approve or deny the request within 15 days of receiving CAB's request.

As part of his facilities update, Behny reported that work repair work on the KES roof was expected to begin May 26. He also told the board that ground had been broken on the KHS baseball diamond and that he and a consultant working on that project planned to meet the following week to start going over details for the second phase of that project.

In other financial business at the May 16 meeting, the board approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$791,842.35. Of

that amount, \$401,278.03 was for prewritten claims, \$114,409.68 was for current claims and \$276,154.64 was for payroll.

As expected, board members

voted at that night's meeting to approve a 10-cent increase in student lunch prices for the coming school year. With the increases, lunch prices will be \$2.40 at KES,

\$2.60 at Knightstown Intermediate School and \$2.65 at KHS.

A report included in the board packet provided to board members
See CAB, Page 14

Waits Hosts Homemakers Club Meeting

Kathryn Waits hosted the May 16 meeting of the Town and Country Homemakers Club at her home in Knightstown.

After reciting the pledge of allegiance and the Homemakers' Creed, eight members responded to roll call with a memory of their prom dress.

The secretary's report by Norma Reece was read and approved, followed by the treasurer's report by Brenda Reece. Waits' devotions were based on verses from *Ecclesiastes*, stating the seasons for everything in life, emphasizing that activity in retirement are different, but still important.

Sondra Van Hoy's cultural report relayed that on March 9, 1933, the cardinal was adopted as the state bird of Indiana. The bright red coloration denotes the male, while the female is a buff brown. The birds are a year-long resident of the area.

For the health and safety report, Waits reminded everyone of the importance of immediate action in case of suspected stroke. Call 911 immediately, as the sooner treatment is begun, the better the chances of recovery, she said.

During the business meeting, members were

reminded of the June 13 President's Council meeting.

The county newsletter will now combine the 4-H, ag and extension groups into one edition, which will be distributed by email.

Clubs are being asked to donate food for the breakfast for the Sept. 8 district meeting.

Final plans for the June 20 summer outing were announced. A trip to Brown County will begin by meeting at the home of Melody Zapf by 9 a.m. Plans include lunch at the Farmhouse Cafe Tea House at 11:30 a.m., a visit to the Hillbilly Foot Wash and a visit to the Thomas Winery.

Waits' lesson from the February issue of *Reader's Digest* provided food facts designed to help people live longer and healthier lives. Some of the many items included were the healthiest types of foods; processed foods to avoid; how to swap healthier choices for commonly used foods; and some of the commonly held food ideas that are not necessarily true.

Those attending were Pam Bever, Beverly Dill, Judy Martin, Brenda Reece, Norma Reece, Sonnie Thompson, Van Hoy and Waits.

Quilt Guild Meets June 21 at Mt. Comfort UMC

Common Threads Quilt Guild of Central Indiana, Inc. will meet on June 21 with Mike Roe from Quilt Quarters, who will be talking about Bargello quilts.

Bargello is a stunning work of quilting art that's full of motion. Waves, curves and other shapes move gracefully across the quilt top. Roe will show some beautiful design examples and patterns.

The regular meeting will be followed by a luncheon. Those who plan to attend are encouraged to bring a covered dish to share.

Following lunch, the seven teams for the Quilts for Veterans will be working on their projects for the Iron

Quilters' Challenge. Members are encouraged to sign up for a team. Everyone is encouraged to rotate between the teams, meet other members and see a new idea or technique being used.

All guests are welcome to stay for lunch and the workshop afterward.

Common Threads Quilt Guild meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. each third Wednesday of the month at Mount Comfort United Methodist Church.

Guests are welcome. Upcoming speakers include Darlene Griffith from PDG Creations sharing a program entitled "Christmas Quilts in July" on July 19.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS ON HEARING ON PROPOSED CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of the Town of Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana, that the Knightstown Town Council will consider at the Knightstown Town Council Chambers (28 South Washington Street, Knightstown, IN 46148), at 7:00 pm on June 22, 2017, the reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code IC 36-9-15.5 to be used for the purposes as provided by the establishing statute.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund will be levied at this rate beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2018. Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposal for establishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance, which will require a Notice of Submission to be given to the taxpayers by publication.

Upon publication of the Notice of Submission, taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than thirty (30) days after publication, setting forth their objections to the proposed levy.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2017.

The Knightstown Town Council

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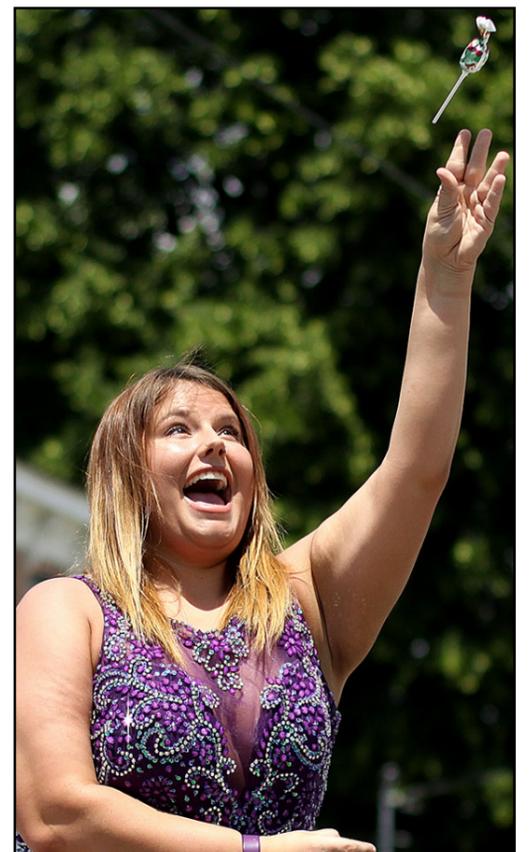


Vintage farm tractors make their way east on Main Street during Saturday's Jubilee Days parade. Below are some more scenes from Saturday. (Eric Cox photos)



Parade Day

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Mary Muncy Crowned 2017 Jubilee Days Queen

Annual Event Features Seven Local Contestants



Queen candidate Mackinsy Fowler gets a kick out of contest emcee John Boyer, who is also Knightstown High School's assistant principal. Boyer asked good questions and entertained the crowd.



Sophia Daugherty (left), daughter of Megan Showalter, answers a question during the interview portion of the queen contest, which took place in the KHS auditorium May 31. Daugherty's queen candidate, Lauren Wineman, daughter of Darrell and Dawn Wineman, is shown at right. Amelia Lykens (below) thinks about her answer.



Mary Muncy, daughter of Brett and Janis Muncy, (left) poses with 2016 Jubilee Days Queen Allie Darling (right) and Muncy's princess, Piper Muncy, her niece, daughter of J.B. and Sally Muncy.

Photos
by
Eric Cox



Sidney Vise (left) exchanges an amused glance with Maggie Smith (right) as Smith's princess candidate, Madalea Lykens, appears look at other contestants through her fingers.



Mary Muncy answers a question for emcee John Boyer.

Knightstown and Tri High Schools Hold Commencement Programs Sunday

Class of 2017's

Final Hurrah



Knightstown graduates stand before their families and friends Sunday at the start of the commencement program.



Steven Heady (left), Georgee Lawhorne (middle, with KHS secretary Andrea Sharp) and (right) Thomas Pursley, Daniel Rayburn and Ethan Roberts enter the high school gym for Knightstown's commencement services.



Knightstown High School principal Steve Wherry hugs Italian foreign exchange student Silvia Panizzutti.



Andrianna Bowers (left) enjoys her last time in the Tri High School cafeteria prior to commencement services Sunday. The Tri High choir performs for graduates and their families.



Kirsten Falck and Joah Fairchild wait patiently with their classmates prior to Tri High School's graduation ceremony on Sunday.



Tri's senior class officer Kylie Groce leads the opening of the class of 2017 graduation ceremony Sunday afternoon in the high school gym.

Photos by Stacy Cox



Hunter Nuzzi is ready to get on with the program but still hanging out with his classmates in Tri's cafeteria.

LOCAL SPORTS

Mt. Lawn to Try for Season Opener

This Sunday, June 11, Mt. Lawn Speedway will try to have its season opener after the last scheduled opener was rained out.

Compacts, Stock FWD Compacts, State Farm Insurance Street Drags and Indiana Champ Kart Series will make up the racing program to start the 2017 season.

A good field of cars was on hand for the opener with twelve CRA Late Model Sportsman, fifteen Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, nineteen Pro Compacts and ten Stock FWD Compacts.

The complete May 28 show has been rescheduled for July 23.

Mt Lawn will host open practice on Thursday evening, June 8, from 4-8 p.m. and on Saturday, June 10, from 1-5 p.m.

Ticket prices for June 11 are \$8 with children 11 and under free.

Pit gate opens at 2 p.m., practice and grandstand gate opens at 3:30 p.m., qualifications at 5 p.m. with racing starting promptly at 6:15 p.m.



IUPUI-bound Jaylen Minnett, from Terre Haute South, takes the ball to the hoop during Knightstown's Hoosiers Reunion All-Star Classic June 2. (Stacy Cox photo)

Knightstown Youth Volleyball Five-day 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.

More photos from spring sports will be posted soon in our website photo gallery at thebanneronline.com



Shenandoah's Gavin Griggs signing Hoosier Gym memorabilia for fans at Friday's All-Star Classic, featuring Indiana's top basketball players. (Stacy Cox photo)

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History Makers

Tri Lady Titans Softball Wins Semistate to Become First Team in School History to Play for State Title



Lauren Bouslog and Bailey Coffman (above, l-r) come together for a body-bump after Coffman caught the third out early in the Lady Titans' game against Frontier in the semistate.

Below, Payton Moore (left) hugs Kirsten Falck after she hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning to give Tri a 4-2 lead. Moore got the Lady Titans on the board first with a solo homer in the third. (Stacy Cox photos)



Tri Girls Beat Frontier, South Central to Advance

By Stacy Cox
General Manager/Sports Editor

They're not done yet but Tri's softball team has already made history.

After two impressive wins Saturday to claim a semistate title, the Lady Titan softball team will become the first team in Tri High School history to play for a state title.

Just as co-coach Bryan Peggs told his team after the regional championship game, the semistate games were unlike the earlier tourney games. There were no run-rule blowouts this time around. The Tri girls had to work through ups and downs in both games but showed why they are a state final team, displaying steady composure throughout the day.

In the first round game against Frontier, a team that had eliminated the Lady Titans in last year's semistate championship game, Tri's batters struggled a bit early on. After pegging their swings to the unusual change-up of Frontier's pitcher, the Lady Titans were able to put some runs on the board.

Both teams were scoreless through the first two innings. The first run came on a solo home run by Tri pitcher Payton Moore in the top of the third.

The Tri girls plated another runner in the top of the fourth but Frontier rallied in the bottom of the fourth to tie the game at 2-2.

Lauren Bouslog led off the fifth inning with a base hit to right field. Then, senior Kirsten Falck whacked a shot over the left field fence for the two-run homer and a 4-2 Titan lead.

Frontier had enough and changed pitchers and she walked Kierstyn Conyers. After Kaley Harrison moved Conyers to second on a sacrifice hit, Breanna Reece drove the ball deep to center field for a triple, scoring Conyers.

The Lady Titans kept up the strong defense and solid pitching from Moore to hold on for the 5-2 win.

Moore threw all seven innings for the Lady Titans, striking out six batters and walking two. The Falcons had just three hits, including a triple.

Reece led the Lady Titans at the plate with a triple and single for two RBIs.

Moore had the home run and a single and Falck had the two-RBI homer.

Destiny Taylor hit a double and the team also got base hits from Conyers, Bailey Coffman, Abi Busby and Lauren Bouslog.

Coffman, Harrison and Bouslog added a sacrifice hit apiece.

The No. 6 Lady Titans' victory over the second-ranked Lady Falcons earned them the opportunity to take on South Central (Union Mills) for the semistate championship.

Tri Defeats South Central for the Semistate Championship Title

The Lady Titans faced No. 19 South Central Saturday evening for the class 1A semistate title.

The game got off to a great start for Tri with leadoff batter Destiny Taylor pounding a single to center field. Payton Moore laid down a bunt and the throw to first was off the mark, sending the ball into the outfield. There was no stopping Taylor who flew around the bases to score off the Satellites' error.

Moore later scored on another throwing error by South Central to give the Lady Titans a 2-0 lead after the first inning.

Moore's pitching and the always-tough defense behind her held the Lady Satellites without a run until the top of the fourth when South Central's bats got going, allowing them to take a 3-2 lead over Tri.

The Lady Titans came back in the bottom of the fifth inning after Bailey Coffman got on base off a Satellite error. Destiny Taylor followed with a single and Moore had a sacrifice hit to advance both runners.

Lauren Bouslog pounded a grounder to score Bailey and tie the game at three.

Tri held South Central scoreless in the top of the sixth then took the lead for good in the bottom half of that inning. Breanna Reece hit another great shot, this time for a double and Abi Busby dropped a hit into center field to score Reece, giving the Lady Titans a 4-3 lead.

After getting two outs in the top of the seventh, Kaley Harrison, who struggled with a sore shoulder all day, caught a pop up fly at shortstop for the third out and the Lady Titans were jumping and cheering.

(The Banner posted a video on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages of Harrison's catch and the following celebration.)

For the Titans in the South Central game, Busby and Taylor each two hits. Falck and Reece had a double each. Moore and Coffman added a single apiece.

The team returned to Henry County about 10:30 p.m. with a fire truck escort from State Road 109 in Knightstown, through Spiceland and Lewisville before coming back to the school.

Back at the high school, with team family members turning their phones' flashlights on to provide some light in the darkness, coaches Bryan Peggs and Duke Falck expressed their appreciation for the girls' hard work and dedication as well as that of their families.

Both coaches were still trying to grasp the moment and despite both saying it was a "dream come true" for them, they reminded the team they weren't done. They still had one more game.

The girls gathered in a huddle for a few more loud cheers as the midnight hour approached.

The Lady Titans will play No. 5 Tecumseh for the class 1A state title Saturday at Ben Davis High School, 10:30 a.m. Tri is now 25-3 on the season. Tecumseh is 22-9.

Fans are invited to a pep rally for the Lady Titans at 6 p.m. Thursday at Tri Elementary School.



Confetti and silly string rained down on the Titans after their win.



Breanna Reece receives hugs and congrats from her teammates after she made the final out in the bottom of the seventh inning to secure the first round semistate win for Tri's softball team, 5-2, over Frontier.



Abi Busby's family members cheer and hold up their 'lucky sign' after the Lady Titans won the semistate Saturday.



Lady Titans pose with their semistate trophy for family members to take photos. Tri's girls have enjoyed a big and energetic crowd for their games this year.

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Tri Holding Pep Rally Thursday

There will be a community pep rally for the Lady Titan softball team Thursday, June 8, at 6 p.m. in the Tri Elementary gym. Tri will play Tecumseh for the class 1A state championship game Saturday, June 10, at 10:30 a.m. at Ben Davis High School. Semistate championship t-shirts will be available (first come, first serve) for \$10 each at the pep rally.

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Tri's softball players react during celebrations with fans following their semistate championship victory Saturday night.

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CAB, from Page 7

and the media projects CAB will have a cash balance in its General Fund of just over \$650,000 at the end of December. The district was also showing a balance of a little more than \$3.8 million in its MainSource checking account as of that night's meeting, according to documentation provided to the board.

The board also voted at the May 16 meeting to approve the district's financial planning calendar for the coming school year. Board members also gave Treasurer/Business Manager Stephanie Madison permission to apply to the state for a waiver that will allow CAB to use its Debt Service Fund to cover

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some of its revenue losses caused by property tax caps.

CAB will also be getting a new mower, with the board voting to approve trading in CAB's three oldest mowers and buying a new Skagg mower with a 61-inch deck for \$7,992 from Larry's Saw & Mower Shop in Carthage. Board members also voted that night to approve the adoption of new science textbooks for KIS and KHS.

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Peggs, from Page 6

the coach needed some defense that was about all I could do half way decent. I loved the strategy of baseball and I enjoyed pitching. I also enjoyed playing second base with my brother Joe at short. Those were some good memories."

Peggs graduated from KHS in 1985, then from Ball State four years later with a bachelor of science degree in education.

There are many goals that Peggs would like his school's athletic department to reach. "I want to raise the expectations of all of our athletic programs, I want kids to expect to be the best. It will not always be about winning but about how you go about the process," said Peggs. "Everyone working together to better our student athletes. Parents, players, coaches, teachers, and our administration. If everyone comes together you will be successful."

Peggs and his colleagues at Tri are currently working on ways to promote and communicate their programs through a website and corporate sponsorships. They are also trying to raise funds for the department to purchase equipment and uniforms. Another of Peggs' goals is to upgrade their facilities to be on par with other area schools.

"We are adding an all-weather track and a softball field and new gymnasium bleachers. We have not had a track meet here since 1989. Our track teams deserve home meets. It also will benefit our PE department as classroom space. Having a softball diamond will also keep players from having to drive to practice after school. I am excited about those things," Peggs said. "We have a great academic atmosphere here at Tri."

He wants to strengthen the athletic programs to adapt to this atmosphere. Peggs states that students involved in athletics achieve education levels 35 percent higher than nonathletes, and earn 31 percent higher wages.

"So athletics can be an important part of a school's education program," he said. "I want people to bring their kids here for a great educational experience and that is what we are working towards."

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Overhaul, from Page 3

petition could be filed with the Knightstown Board of Zoning Appeals seeking a variance or special exception.

"That's the real function of the BZA," Morelock told the plan commission. "You want them to be able to look at it on a case-by-case basis."

"If it doesn't fit, they can always come in for a variance," Lake added.

Morelock said that enforcement of the signage provisions can be time consuming. He extended a friendly word of caution to Ben Bowling, the town's building inspector, who will be in charge of enforcing the zoning ordinance, telling him he's "going to be a busy guy, and unpopular."

Plan Commission President Kevin Richey asked about restrictions on the content of signs. Morelock said the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that sign ordinances must be neutral and cannot place restrictions on content.

After finishing their signage discussion, the plan commission briefly went over a section dealing with planned unit developments (PUDs). Morelock explained that PUDs are a "separate zoning distinction" where specific standards are agreed to by town officials and developers of what he said are usually large residential developments.

The plan commission's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19, at which the group intends to go over a final section of the proposed zoning ordinance. That meeting, which, like all plan commission meetings, is open to the public, will be held in the back meeting room of Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., which is accessible from the building's west side.

On June 26, the plan commission will meet again, this time in the town council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St. At this meeting, the plan commission will review the town's zoning map and the zoning designations for individual properties.

The plan commission will meet July 12 in the back meeting room at town hall for a final review of proposed revisions to the town's zoning ordinance. A public hearing on the revised zoning ordinance will be held Monday, July 17, in the town council's chambers. If, after the hearing, the plan commission votes to certify the proposed changes, they will be sent to the Knightstown Town Council for that body's approval.

As the 6:30 p.m. start time for last week's plan commission meeting arrived, it appeared that it, like other recent ones, was in danger of having to be canceled due to a lack of a quorum. Under the state's Open Door Law (ODL), a majority of the commission's seven members - four - must be present in order for the group to have a quorum allowing it to legally meet and take official action on matters of public business.

Richey, Ed Wright and Cassandra Steele were the only three members present when the meeting was due to start. A fourth member, Roger Hammer, arrived a few minutes late, allowing the group to hold its meeting. Three plan commission members, Vice President Bill Bergmann, Brian Lane and Valerie Trump, were absent.

The plan commission had to cancel its May 15 meeting when only three of its seven members showed up, one short of what was needed. Just two weeks prior to that, a meeting that had tentatively been set for May 1 also had to be canceled, though not due to members being absent. That cancellation was due to the plan commission's failure to provide public notice advertising the date, time and location of the meeting at least 48 hours in advance, as required by the ODL.

The plan commission nearly had to cancel its April 17 meeting when it was again one member short of a quorum. Eventually, one of the absentees was contacted by phone, and when he showed up 20 minutes past the scheduled start time, the meeting was finally able to get underway.

This problem with plan commission members missing meetings drew criticism from a member of the public attending last week's meeting. Local business owner Joe Peacock, who had come to the meeting to discuss plans for possible construction of apartment units on West Morgan Street, said he was willing to wait patiently for town officials to finish reworking the zoning code. However, he said he would like a commitment from the plan commission that its members would "work diligently" to get their work done and not have to cancel meetings due to a lack of a quorum.

"That's a little disheartening," Peacock said. "It's also embarrassing. That's the part that frustrates me."

Peggs and his wife Jolinda have been married for 27 years, dating in high school and while attending Ball State. They have three children: Wesley, a senior at BSU in construction management;

Mackenzie, a senior at Tri; and Kennedy, a seventh grader at Tri. He and his family live outside of Knightstown and have for 22 years. (This article was originally published on April 6, 2016)

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Hike, from Page 1

not only took much longer than it has in the past, but it was also a costly endeavor. As previously reported in The Banner, Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman revealed at a town council meeting in April that the town had paid Umbaugh about \$18,000 for its work on this matter.

The length of time getting new rates and charges approved and the cost are two factors that have prompted the town council to consider withdrawing the town's water and electric utilities from the IURC's jurisdiction. The town council will hold a public hearing next week at its Thursday, June 15, monthly meeting, on a proposed ordinance that would accomplish the withdrawal from the IURC.

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

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

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

Deficit, from Page 1

favor of withdrawing from the IURC when the council meets next week and considers this matter at its June 15 monthly meeting. He did, however, like Ward, acknowledge the high cost and the long wait to get the latest increase approved.

"In one respect I do believe it makes sense to opt out of the IURC," Knott said. "However, I do want to hear what our citizens have to say about this matter."

"If we do opt out of the IURC, we would still need to provide justification for any increases in utility rates in the future," Knott continued. "A rate study would still need to be completed and then evaluated ... each

If the town does withdraw from the IURC, one benefit the town's utility customers will lose is having the OUCC look out for their interests and fight to keep rates and charges no higher than necessary. While the OUCC was not successful in its efforts to curb the latest increase in water rates and charges, it has had better luck in the past.

For example, in 2014, the town requested a 9.6-percent increase in electric rates and charges, but the IURC ended up siding with the OUCC and only approved a 5.8-percent increase. Similarly, in 2008, when the town sought its last water rate increase, the IURC went with the 43.84-percent increase suggested by the OUCC instead of the 47.8-percent hike the town was seeking.

If the town council passes the ordinance withdrawing from the IURC at its June 15 meeting, it will take effect 60 days after its adoption, unless a petition is received requesting that town voters be allowed to decide the issue. The petition must be signed by at least the number of registered town voters required to place a candidate on the ballot, which, according to county election officials, is a relatively small number, likely fewer than 20.

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

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

time a raise in rates is considered, and this will serve as a check and balance in place for our citizens so rates cannot be arbitrarily raised without looking at the data."

As he ended his remarks, Knott returned to the cost of hiring Umbaugh to do a rate study and prepare and file with the IURC the petition to increase the rates and charges.

"I would have much rather preferred we used the \$18,000 we spent on ... the rate increase request to do other things for our citizens, like pave more streets," Knott said.

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Henry County Retired Teachers Association Volunteer Award: Daniel Rayburn

FFA Advisory Board Scholarship: Dakota Clark

Charles A Beard School Board Scholarship: Georgeanna Lawhorne, Abbie True

Roche Indiana Blood Center Scholarship: Brayden Walters

Student Council Leadership Scholarship: Vivian Goodpaster

Citizenship Scholarship from Past Citizens of the Year: Cailin Smith

Henry County Kiwanis Scholarship: Georgeanna Lawhorne

BPW Scholarship: Cailin Smith

Ercell Bever, Jr. Scholarship: Bryan Newby

KHS Volleyball Scholarship: Vivian Goodpaster

Psi Iota Xi Scholarship Isabelle Sigler: Jayda Perisho-Vickery, Cailin Smith, Georgeanna Lawhorne, Emma Grubbs, Brayden Walters College: Rachel Weiland, Hannah Thomas, Kori Biehl

Psi Iota Xi Wanda Smith Award: Vivian Goodpaster

Alpha Zeta Chapter of Tri Kappa Scholarships: Jayda Perisho Vickery Alicia Wilfong, Brayden Walters

Tri Kappa Fine Arts Award: Kaylie Bray, Yeabi Tabb, Samantha Eaks

Tri Kappa Valedictorian Award: Kyler Schaetzle

Tri Kappa Salutatorian Award: Cailin Smith

Tri Kappa All A's Award: Kyler Schaetzle, Cailin Smith, Brayden Walters, Alicia Wilfong

Reeves Scholarship: Cailin Smith

Dr. John & Helen Dickey: for 4 years Jayda Perisho Vickery

Luther & Marian Pidgeon Scholarship: for 4 years Alicia Wilfong

TASC (Teens About Serving the County): Jon Lukens

Kids Incorporated Scholarship: Vivian Goodpaster, Samantha Eaks, Georgeanna Lawhorne

Altrusa Senior Girl: Samantha Eaks

Altrusa Scholarship: Georgeanna Lawhorne

DAR: Brayden Walters

Henry County Community Foundation Scholarships:

Joseph White: Brayden Walters

Lilly Endowment Scholarship: Allie Wilfong

Jessica Hale Scholarship: Emma Grubbs

Kennard Christian Church: Ethan Roberts

Kilmer Family: Georgeanna Lawhorne

Opportunities Unlimited: Emma Grubbs

Dr. Anthony Triarsi: Ethan Roberts

VFW Post 1282: Georgeanna Lawhorne

Dr. Guido P Wilhelm: Brayden Walters

Wilfong Girls Basketball Scholarship: Carmen Cleek

Henry County Hospital Foundation Award: Georgeanna Lawhorne

Classroom Teachers Association Scholarship (CTA): Ethan Roberts

Horatio Alger Scholarship (only 577 awarded in the United States): Jayda Perisho Vickery

Rush County Community Foundation: Scholarships

Lora Brook Hatfield Memorial Scholarship: Georgeanna Lawhorne

Robert L Winters Scholarship: Georgeanna Lawhorne

Maurice W. "Porky" Wainwright Scholarship: James Bryan Newby

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Indiana Wesleyan Luther Lees Co-Hort Scholarship: Yeabi Tabb Indiana Wesleyan Art Scholarship: Yeabi Tabb

Trine University: Jayda Perisho-Vickery Distinguished Trine Scholarship, Trine Vocal Scholarship

Vincennes University: Jayda Perisho-Vickery

Indiana University East: Chancellor's Level Four Scholarship: Chelsea Smith

International Business College: Robyn Clark

Colorado State University: Emma Grubbs Presidential Academic Scholarship

Goshen College: Cailin Smith Academic Scholarship

DePauw University: Kyler Schaetzle Holton Scholarship

University of Tennessee (Knoxville): Brayden Walters Volunteer Scholarship 4 years

IUPUI: Jon Lukens Academic Excellence Scholarship

Summit Salon Academy: Paige Halcomb Get Inspired Scholarship

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

SCIENCE

Integrated/Physics: Alex Cook; Anatomy-Physiology: Emma Grubbs; Biology I: Aiden Orcutt;

Outstanding Science Department Student: Brayden Walters; Chemistry I: Elexus Goodpaster; AP Chemistry: Kyler Schaetzle; AP Physics: Cailin Smith

FACS

Textiles and Fashion Design 1 & 2: Brooklyn Harding, Zoey Hunsinger; Introduction to Culinary Arts and Hospitality 1 & 2: Robyn Clark; Child Development: Abigail Arnold; Nutrition and Wellness: Josiah King; Advanced Nutrition and Wellness: Dylan Carmack; ALS Food Science 1 & 2: Georgeanna Lawhorne; Outstanding Family and consumer Sciences Student: Brittney Keck

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Freshman PE: Justin Goodpaster; Strength and Fitness: Thomas Pursley; Health: Ronald Schaeffer; Top Senior: Samantha Eaks

SPANISH

Spanish I: Aiden Orcutt; Spanish II Devyn Schaetzle; Spanish III: Grace Muncy; Spanish IV:

Cailin Smith; Top Senior in Spanish: Cailin Smith

FRENCH

French I: Addison Jones; French II: Jessica Butler; French III: Brooklyn Harding; French IV: Abbie True; Overall 4 Year French Award: Lucas Haase

SOCIAL STUDIES

Economics: Lane Parker; Government: Thomas Pursley; Current Events: Eva Hatcher; World History: Aiden Orcutt; Indiana Studies: Emily Kinser; U.S. History: Emily Kinser; Psychology: Elaine Suesz; ACP US History: Grace Muncy; Overall Top Social Studies: Cailin Smith

MUSIC

Theater: Sadie Roberts; Band: Cody Byrd; Choir: Lexi Spence; Overall Top Senior Music: Chelsea Smith

LANGUAGE ARTS

English 9: Aiden Orcutt; Yearbook: Emma Grubbs; Theme Literature: Jon Lukens; Film Literature: Jon Lukens; Honors English 10: Sadie Roberts; English 10: Shelby Hampton; ACP Composition: Cailin Smith; Honors English 11: Jordan Richardson; Etymology: Lucas Haase; AP Literature: Grace Muncy; ACP Speech: Ally Wilfong; Creative Writing: Chase Manley; Short Stories: Ethan Roberts; College Prep Speech: JT Butler

BUSINESS

Preparing for College & Career: Kyleigh Mayhew; Business Law: Candice Wyatt; Digital Citizenship: Shelby Hampton; Entrepreneurship: Candice Wyatt; Senior Award: Lucas Haase

MATH

Algebra I: Araya Meredith; Finite: Caleb Munden; Probability & Statistics: Jessica Sanders; Algebra II Aiden Orcutt; Geometry: Cooper Davis; AP Calculus: Grace Muncy; Pre-Calculus: Jessica Butler; Pre-Calculus: Jessica Sanders

ART

2D Art: Mackenzie Hill; Painting: Sadie Roberts; Digital Design: Jarred Porter; 3D Art: Kamryn Reed; AP-Art: Yeabi Tabb

AGRICULTURE:

Introduction to Ag: Dane Corbett; Advanced Animal Science: Hunter Haines; Plant and Soil Science: Robyn Clark; AG Power, Structure and Technology: Adam Ott; Top Senior: Kiley Breece; Top Overall Ag Student: Kiley Breece

JAG

Samantha Eaks, Madison Deffinger, Kaitlyn Davis, Jayda Perisho-Vickery, Lauren McCorkle, Alex Millis

ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL: Emily Adams, Kaleigh Gibson, Vivian Goodpaster, Emma Grubbs, Shelby Hampton, Eva Hatcher, Daisy Hoffman, Gary Jones, Josiah King, Mahala Knapp, Paige Matney, Evan Nolen, Aiden Orcutt, Jayda Perisho-Vickery, Jordan Richardson, Cailin Smith, Chelsea Smith, Lexie Spence, Yeabi Tabb, Norman Trott, Brayden Walters

Intermediate School Student Awards Posted

Knightstown Intermediate School distributed year-end awards to students recently. A complete list follows.

4th Grade

Mrs. Burton's Class: Indiana History Award: Brody Hanna & Audrey Wooldridge; Science Award: Brooklyn Loveall & Jadon Weir; Math Award: Lucas Stanley & Quinton McIntyre; Reading Award: Lucas Stanley & Brody Hanna; Spelling Award: Lucas Stanley & Brody Halcomb; Language Arts Award: Lucas Stanley & Brody Halcomb; Most Improved Lexile: Jacob Fields; Citizenship Award: Kaylee Goodpaster & Quinton McIntyre; Student Council: Quinton McIntyre & Brooklyn Loveall; American Legion Flag Test: Emma Robinson & Ryan Simmonds; Audrey Wooldridge-Jacobi and Hayden Yoder

Mr. Pickrell's Class: Indiana History Award: Jenna Kent & Breanna Ramsey; Science Award: Jenna Kent & Breanna Ramsey; Math Award: Breanna Ramsey & Travis Louks; Reading Award: Jenna Kent & Josceline Gandy; Spelling Award: Travis Louks & Breanna Ramsey; Language Arts Award: Quentin Adams & Josceline Gandy; Citizenship Award: Emma Zamudio & Gracie Goodpaster; Student Council: Emma Zamudio & Elijah Whichard; American Legion Flag Test: Emma Zamudio & Elijah Whichard

Mrs. Stohry's Class: Indiana History Award: Jameson Chapman, Kaelynn Dotson, Elliott Hogan, Jacob Lund, Korbin Magee, Emma Turpin, Kelton Weaver & Jackson Worsham; Science Award: Brooke Bowlin, Maddie Case, Jameson Chapman, Kaelynn Dotson, Joshua Hampton, Elliott Hogan, Jacob Lund, Korbin Magee, Chase Shaw, Corbin Sorrell, Kelton Weaver & Jackson Worsham; Math Award: Kaelynn Dotson & Jacob Lund; Reading Award: Kaelynn Dotson & Jacob Lund; Spelling Award: Maddie Case, Kaelynn Dotson, Joshua Hampton, Samuel Herron, Jacob Lund, Emma Turpin, Reese Ullom & Kelton Weaver; Language Arts Award: Kaelynn Dotson & Jacob Lund; Most Improved Lexile: Victoria Doan, Brooke Bowlin, Dylon Allen, Elliott Hogan, Karma

Nickle, Angel Ross, Corbin Sorrell, Brandon Young, Kaelynn Dotson, Reese Ullom & Korbin Magee; Citizenship Award: Kaelynn Dotson, Connor Guyer & Jacob Lund; Student Council: Kaelynn Dotson & Kelton Weaver; American Legion Flag Test: Joshua Hampton & Connor Guyer (overall post winner - boy); Indy 500 Essay Participants: Dylon Allen, Maddie Case Kaelynn Dotson & Reese Ullom

5th Grade

Mrs. Chew's Class: Highest Academic Achievement: Lacy Pritchett; Citizenship Award: Lacy Pritchett & Tucker Rogers; Science Award: Lacy Pritchett & Michael Roberson; Math Award: Adam Hendrickson; Reading Award: Ben Gandy & Tucker Rogers; Language Arts Award: Tucker Rogers; Service Award: Dawson Muncy & Noah Wilson; Most Improved: Michael Poindexter, Haley Flowers & Hunter Hayworth; Most Improved Lexile: Hunter Hayworth & Lily Bow

Mrs. Cooper's Class: Citizenship Awards: Daniel Wilson, Rebecca Waggoner & Stella Leakey; Service Awards: Michael Roberson, Stella Leakey & Jalyn Kopp; Most Improved: Xavier Flick & Trevor Mercer; Math Awards: Jalyn Kopp & Simon Klassen; Social Studies Awards: Michael Roberson, Jacob Sponsor, Eli Cain & Lacy Pritchett; Language Arts Awards: Rebecca Waggoner & Avie Vickers; Reading Awards: Khloe Dudley & Rebecca Waggoner; Most Improved Lexile: Chase Willis & Trevor Mercer; Student Council: Trenton Thurston & Avie Vickers; Robotics Club Members: Daniel Wilson, Abraham Wilson, Noah Wilson, Wyatt Clark, Zoey Wilkerson, Baeli Renie, Palmer Newkirk, Stella Leakey, Peyton Inman, Jackson Carmack, Tey Hunt & Zach Banta

Mrs. Cox's Class: Citizenship Award: Abraham Wilson, Jacey Hollars, Everett Orr, Allison Dickerson & Chase Chapman; Math Award: Henry Sather, Michael Roberson & Lacy Pritchett; Social Studies Award: Aaron Sutton, Everett, Chase Chapman, Henry Sather, Aidan Chaney & Palmer Newkirk; Reading Award: Everett Orr, Aaron Sutton & Chase Chapman; Language Arts Award: Aaron Sutton & Brayden

McDaniel; Service Award: Jacey Hollars, Aaron Sutton, Mason Davis & Allison Dickerson; Most Improved: Marshall Pierce; Most Improved Lexile: Zeke Young, Dave Hochstetler & Maycie Jenkins; Student Council: Jacey Hollars & Brock Loveall

Mrs. Kennedy's Class: Citizenship Award: Zoey Wilkinson & AJ Darling; Science Award: Everett Orr, Aaron Sutton, Palmer Newkirk & Henry Sather; Math Award: Chase Chapman & Ethan Linville; Reading Award: Lacy Pritchett & Aidan Chaney; Language Arts Award: Michael Roberson & Lacy Pritchett; Service Award: Emily Mathews & Brayden McDaniel; Most Improved: Alexis Little & James Ward; Most Improved Lexile: Mason Davis & Stella Leakey; Most Improved Band: Lacy Pritchett

6th Grade

Social Studies: Grace Jones, Mallory Halcomb, Jace Wilkerson, Keelan Walters, Baylor Hogan, Hunter Coleman, Jordan Weddle, Kiley Magee, Carson Brown, Heath Goodman & Gwendolyn Dyer; **Language Arts General:** Charlie Hastings, Kiley Magee, Faith Martin, Kierra Ebbert & Cassidy Bertram; **Language Arts High Ability:** Gwendolyn Dyer, Jordan Weddle, Carson Brown, Mallory Halcomb & Heath Goodman; **Math:** Grace Jones, Sarah Good, Kiley Magee, Joyce Uberin, Carson Brown, Baylor Hogan, Jordan Weddle, Alivia Baker, Gwendolyn Dyer & Keelan Walters; **Science:** Grace Jones, Carson Brown, Jordan Weddle, Jeffrey Alexander, Gwendolyn Dyer, Keelan Walters, Hunter Coleman, Alexis Shaw, Jace Wilkerson & Kali Savage; **Business:** Carson Brown, Reese McDonald, Alexis Shaw, Jordan Weddle, Sarah Good & Gwendolyn Dyer; **Most Improved Business:** Damyan Jones; **Physical Education:** Cory Oldham, Jared Smith, Gwendolyn Dyer, Jace Wilkerson & Grace Jones; **Exemplary Students:** Kinsley Smoot & Baylor Hogan

7th Grade

Social Studies: Owen Renie, Connor Pyle, Makaila Collins, Jazlyn Gregory, Carson Smith, Luke Thomas; **Language Arts General:** Amara Rollins, Leslie Conover, Brooke Conover, JD Blankenship,

DeVon Settles, Jazlyn Gregory, Paige Personett, Saige Chandler, Aiden Richardson & Kylee Harwood;

Math: Luke Thomas, Carson Smith, Paige Personett, Connor Pyle & Aiden Richardson; **Science:** Owen Renie, Luke Thomas, Lucas Koedyker, Connor Pyle, Makaila Collins & Paige Personett; **Business:** Makaila Collins, Jazlyn Gregory, Kyle Johnson, Paige Personett, Connor Pyle, Owen Renie, Aiden Richardson, Carson Smith & Luke Thomas; **Business Fastest Typing Speed:** Aiden Richardson; **Physical Education:** Dylan Weddle, Taeler Mayhew, Levi Jones & Paige Personett; **Exemplary Student:** Lucas Koedyker & Amara Rollins

8th Grade

Social Studies: Riley Hollars, Cara Mullen, Jace Carmack, Clayton Snider, Allie Irwin, Sam Thomas & Andrew Hendrickson; **Language Arts:** Kyndel DeWeese, Ladaya Berrier, Rena Witham, Danielle Davis & Emilie Moss; **Language Arts High Ability:** Cara Mullen, Riley Hollars, Lily Smith, Sam Thomas & Allie Irwin; **Business:** Cara Mullen, Brynlee Walters, Lily Smith, Allie Irwin, Andrew Hendrickson, Ladaya Berrier & Gatlin McKinney; **Physical Education:** Robbie Flodder, Emilie Moss, John Nelson & Cara Mullen; **Exemplary Students:** Jace Carmack & Ladaya Berrier

Band Awards

Top 6th & 7th Grade: Taeler Mayhew; **Most Improved 6th & 7th Grade:** Owen Renie; **Top 8th Grade:** Ladaya Berrier; **Most Improved 8th Grade:** Gatlin McKinney

Choir Awards

Top Choir: Andrew Hendrickson; **Most Improved:** Trista Stegbauer

DAR Essay

1st place-Local 7th Graders: Dylan Weddle; **1st place-Local 6th Graders:** Jordan Weddle; (Jordan also placed 3rd in the state competition)

Next week, The Banner will publish a complete list of **KIS Super Readers**.