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

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Knightstown, IN

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.

Painting Class for Adults Thursday

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.

Friends of Library Book Sale Saturday

Friends of the Library will host a book sale from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, at New Castle-Henry County Public Library. The upper level book shop, lower level book room, and basement storage area will all be open during the sale. Credit/debit cards are accepted during the sale (\$5 minimum). All proceeds benefit Friends of the Library, supporting the services and activities of New Castle-Henry County Public Library. Find out more about Friends of the Library at www.nchcpl.org/friends.

Markleville Jamboree Slated for Aug. 3-5

The Markleville Jamboree and town rummage sales in the park will take place Aug. 3-5. Vendors, parade participants and volunteer stage entertainers are being sought. For more information, call Dianna at 317-258-5438 or email diannaladora@aol.com or call Betty at 765-623-3553.

Carthage Town Council Member Questions Town Marshal's Report

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

With the town's top law enforcement officer not present at Monday's monthly meeting, one Carthage Town Council member was left with several unanswered questions regarding the monthly police report.

Council member Ashley Davis noted that part-time town marshal Danny Baker's monthly report did not list how much fuel the police department used in May. Council member John Hancock, a volunteer reserve officer and second in command at the town's police department, said he did not know what that figure was.

Davis also noted that Baker had failed to list on the report the number of hours he had worked during May. Hancock said he thought Baker - whose part-time position is supposed to be limited to 25 hours a week - had been averaging about 250 hours a month.

Last June, the council had voted to allow Baker to "bank time" when he works more than the 25 hours a week town ordinance sets for the part-time town marshal position. Baker said at the time that allowing him to use the extra hours he accumulates to take time off would help both the town and him.

"It saves the town money in the long run," Baker told the council last June, "... (and) it keeps me out of trouble with the Social Security people." He said that in 2015 he had made more money than Social Security permits for a retiree working a part-time job and was fined.

Looking at the department roster listed on Baker's monthly report, Davis noted that one of the reserves

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was listed as "resigning." Hancock said at Monday's meeting that Keith Baker, the police chief's son, was stepping down, but didn't know if he had formally resigned yet. Danny Baker had told the council at its May 8 meeting - which Davis did not attend - that Keith was considering resigning for "personal issues," but did not elaborate further.

Davis said at Monday's meeting that she would like to see a letter of resignation from Keith Baker. Since he was a volunteer, Hancock said he didn't think a formal letter was required, but said he would ask Keith to submit one.

Davis also took issue with the fact that only two of the department's other five reserve officers had worked the 16 hours they're required to work monthly during May. One of the reserves is still on medical leave, while two others worked no hours at all last month.

"I would like to see people in the police department who are wanting to actually get out and patrol," Davis said, adding that a more visible police presence might help deter local youth from getting in trouble. She suggested reserve officers who are not meeting the 16-hour minimum each month should be let go and replaced with people who want to do the job.

Council President Bill Davis noted that some town residents think there should be a full-time town marshal, while others think the town would be better off without a police department altogether.

"People need to let us know what they'd like," Bill Davis said.

"There's only so much that a handful of us can do,"

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Local Fire Board Misses Budget Deadline

After meeting its budget-writing deadline the past two years, the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board has failed to approve its proposed budget for the coming year and forward it to the Knightstown Town Council and Wayne Township Board by June 1, as required.

The fire board members briefly went over the fire department's proposed budget for 2018 at their May 24 monthly meeting. Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman, who serves as president of the fire board, said the budget total of \$162,300 is the same as it was last year and the year before, with just a couple of small changes.

Overman said a line item for capital outlays for equipment had been reduced from \$55,000 to \$50,000. That \$5,000, he explained, was then added to the clothing allowance line item, increasing it from \$21,900 to \$26,900.

With the extra funds being added to the clothing allowance appropriation, Overman said the department would like to use this for an incentive-based pay for firefighters. He said he thought this would help the department by rewarding those firefighters who go on the most runs.

Pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the town in late 2008 and a resolution adopted by the township in early 2009, the fire board is supposed to submit the fire department's proposed annual budget to the Knightstown Town Council and the Wayne Township Board by June 1 each year. Besides 2016 and 2015, the only other time since 2009 that the fire board had met this deadline

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Ultimately, the fire department's

budget gets submitted to the state as part of Wayne Township's overall proposed budget. In the past, the Wayne Township Board, acting on Overman's recommendation, has submitted budgets to the state that seek more for fire protection than requested by the budgets approved by the fire board and Knightstown Town Council.

Overman told the fire board at last week's meeting that it would need to approve the budget so that it could be sent to the Knightstown Town Council and the Wayne Township Board. Fire board member Jeff Van Hoy, who also serves on the Wayne Township Board, said he would like fire board members David Millhoan and Mitch Roland, who both missed the May 24 meeting, to be present when the fire board votes on the 2018 budget.

"We've been late before," Overman said, adding that it wasn't that big of deal to miss the June 1 deadline. "... I just wanted to get this out on the table. We have been late in the past."

The fire board's next regularly scheduled public meeting is Wednesday, June 28, at 7 p.m. in the back meeting room at the fire station, 30 S. Washington St., Knightstown.

Public IURC Hearing Thursday

The Knightstown Town Council will hold a public hearing this Thursday evening to receive public comments about a proposed ordinance that, if adopted, would withdraw the town's water and electric utilities from the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Thursday's hearing will be held at 7 p.m. in the town council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St. Anyone wishing to attend this hearing who needs special accommodations required by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Lisa Hall at 765-345-2292 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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.

If the town does withdraw from the IURC, one benefit the town's utility customers will lose is having the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor 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 town's 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 a 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
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State Matching Grant Program Aimed at Road, Bridge Improvement

The Indiana General Assembly passed legislation last year to create a program to help cities, counties and towns across our state improve their roads and bridges – the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program.

Through the program, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) matches up to \$1 million when localities

invest in road and bridge repairs. Counties with populations below 50,000 and cities and towns with populations below 10,000 are matched 75 percent, while counties with populations of at least 50,000 and cities and towns with populations of at least 10,000 are matched 50 percent.

Each county in Senate District
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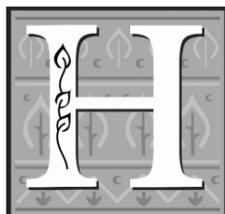
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OBITUARIES

Anita K. Moore

February 21, 1938 - June 10, 2017



Anita K. Moore, 79, of Carthage, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1938, in Rushville, a daughter of the late Robert S. and Mary Elizabeth Moore of Carthage.

Anita was a 1956 graduate of Carthage High School and a member of Kappa Kappa Sigma and Moose Lodge #16. She enjoyed fishing, camping and racing, especially NASCAR and the Indy 500. Anita liked CB, cooking, Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas gatherings. She liked to dress up for Halloween and collecting Annalee and Dept. 56.

She is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Norris; a son, John L. Gordon II; five grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Carol Ann Moore; and other extended family.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by a daughter, Andrea K. Lawson; and a brother, Richard Allen Moore.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered to St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org/give or Shriners Hospital for Children's at www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/donate. Her family will have a private graveside service at Riverside Cemetery in Carthage. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com

Joan Gardner

January 26, 1931 - December 30, 2016



On Dec. 30, 2016, Joan Gardner, formerly of Carthage, passed away after an extended illness at the Hopewest Hospice Care Center, Grand Junction, Colo.

Joan was born Jan. 26, 1931, in Dayton, Ohio, to Sherman and Emma (Stephens) Nevels. She was the youngest of three children. Her brother, Sherman Jr., preceded her in death.

Joan graduated from Carthage High School in 1949 and enrolled at St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in Indianapolis, and graduated with a diploma in nursing in 1952. She accepted a registered nurse position at Ball Memorial Hospital, and enrolled at Ball State Teachers College in Muncie. While attending Ball State she met fellow student and future husband Eugene (Gene) R. Gardner during a party at a mutual friend's house.

Joan graduated with a bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1955. She and Gene were married on June 11, 1955, and settled in Carthage, where he taught school and she worked part-time as a registered nurse at Hancock County Memorial Hospital while raising two daughters.

Joan returned to full-time employment as the hospital/clinic nurse at the former Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home in Knightstown, where she worked for nearly 16 years. She also worked as a nursing in-service director at various regional skilled nursing facilities; a case worker at Women Infants and Children (WIC) in Rushville; a nurse clinician at Planned Parenthood in New Castle; and a part-time nursing instructor at Ivy Technical College in Anderson. She last worked as an RN case manager at the Indiana Developmental Center in New Castle, where she retired from in 1997.

Joan was also active in local Democrat politics. She volunteered with the American Legion Auxiliary and Henry Henley Public Library board in Carthage. She also served as a local union representative for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

Joan spent time growing up in southeastern Kentucky where she was close to her maternal grandparents, John and Etta Stephens. She lived in Carthage for 69 years before relocating to Grand Junction, Colo., in 2014 to be near her family.

Joan is survived by her daughters, Mary (Shelby) Gardner Cantley of Grand Junction and Melinda Ellen Blue of Fairfax, Va.; two granddaughters, Elena Clare Cantley of Noblesville and Michaela Ellen Blue of Austin, Texas; one sister, Kelda (Eddie) Stephens, of Knightstown; and several nieces and nephews. She and Gene were married for 37 years until his death in 1992.

Per Joan's wishes, she was cremated and a private memorial service has already taken place. Her remains were scattered with her maternal grandparents and interred at her husband's graveside at Arlington East Hill Cemetery in Arlington. Friends are welcome to make memorial donations to Hopewest Hospice of Grand Junction, Colo., the New Castle/Henry County Animal Shelter, the Henry Henley Public Library in Carthage, or the charity of the donor's choice. You may leave the family an online condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com.

Leising Appointed to Ag/Natural Resources Group

State Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg) was recently appointed to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the Midwestern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments.

The committee is comprised of public officials who discuss agriculture policy at the local, state and national levels of government. Members represent state government on local and national concerns and promote the economic and societal importance of agriculture.

Later this summer, the committee plans to research and discuss DuPont's cellulosic ethanol production facility in Iowa.

In the Senate, Leising chairs the Senate Committee on Agriculture, which studies and votes on agriculture-related bills authored during legislative sessions.

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

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

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Grant May Yield Carthage Repaving

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

With work on a \$100,000-plus downtown improvement project expected to start soon, the town of Carthage will also be applying for a grant that, if awarded, would help pay for repaving about three-quarters of a mile of local roads.

The Carthage Town Council's five members voted unanimously Monday evening at their June 12 monthly meeting to approve applying for a Community Crossings matching grant through the Indiana Department of Transportation. The application is due July 14, with INDOT expected to announce preliminary grant award winners in late August.

Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town on planning and development issues, will prepare the grant application for the town. While this program awarded

grants based on a 50-percent match from local government grant recipients last year, Kieser said the matching requirement this year has been reduced to 25 percent.

According to a handout Kieser provided the council, the town's five-year maintenance plan for its local roads calls for milling and resurfacing of 0.776 miles of pavement at a total cost of \$73,720. The town's 25-percent match, he said, would be \$18,430.

The four sections of roadway designated in the five-year plan for work in 2017 are:

*Fifth Street, from Main Street to the west (0.166 miles);

*First Street, from Market Street to Main Street (0.122 miles);

*Market Street, from First Street to Mill Street (0.128 miles); and

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KIS Super Readers Recognized

Knightstown Intermediate School posted its list of Super Readers for the 2016-2017 school year.

Miss Weiland's class: Livi Baker, Emilee Craft, Brandi Enterkin, Emma Hutson, Tori Roland, Kierra Ebbert, Vikki Pursley, Kaylin Whichard, Jeffery Alexander, Alexus Beckstrom, Carson Brown, Patrick Doan, Gwen Dyer, Mason Fields, Sarah Good (Super Super Reader - she's read 9,113 pages), Heath Goodman, Max Groce, Mallory Halcomb, Reese McDonald, Michael Pierce, Kali Savage, Tori Steinwachs, Joyce Uberin, Keelan Walter, Jordan Weddle, Jace Wilkerson, Katie Halicki, Emma Parker, Kinsley Smoot, Danny Sparks

Mrs. Burton's class: Kendall Bever, Destiny Burcham, Nevaeh Cox, Jacob Fields, Brody Halcomb, Quinton McIntyre, Kadyn Munkholm, Thomas Oldham, Emma Robinson, Emily Scott, Ryan Simmonds, Lucas Stanley, Audrey Wooldrige-Jacobi, Hayden Yoder

Mrs. Cox's class: Everett Orr, Aaron Sutton, Chase Chapman

Mrs. Stohry's class: Kaelynn Dotson, Samuel Herron, Jacob Lund, Karma Nicole, Emma Turpin

Mr. Pickrell's class: Quentin Adams, Presley Fowler, Gracie Goodpaster (Super Super Reader)

Mrs. Kennedy's class: Eli Cain, Jackson Carmack, Aidan Chaney, Mason Davis, Adam Hendrickson, Jacey Hollars, Simon Klassen, Stella Leakey, Gavin McDonald, Dawson Muncy, Palmer Newkirk, Lacy Pritchett, Tanner Ramsey, Baeli

Renie, Michael Roberson, Henry Sather, Abraham Wilson, Daniel Wilson, Noah Wilson

Mrs. Chew's class: Breonna Allen, Gavin Bannon, Lily Bow, Braxton Carmichael, Tyler Dailey, Keegan Ellaby, Haley Flowers, Ben Gandy, Brittany Grider, Hunter Hayworth, Trey Hunt, Taylor Jeffrey, Raiden Kissick, Ethan Linville, Alexis Little, Dalton Mayhugh, Damian Penn, Autumn Ross, Zoey Wilkinson

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Columnist Gets Most Out of Her Life

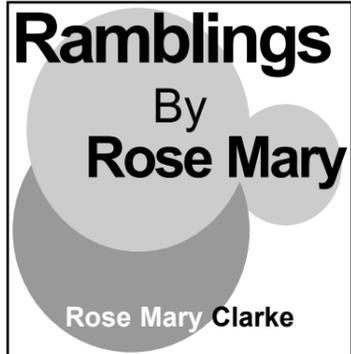
I recently crossed that great divide between 70 and 80 years old. Seventy isn't so bad. Some people even call it middle age. (Bet me!) Eighty is ordinary. It no longer has the distinction of great longevity because so many people live into their 90s or reach 100. The last parent of the Nine Nifty Nicitinos, Vivian Forst, who is like a second mother to me, will soon be 106!

I try not to dwell on my age, nor do I live in denial of it. One acquaintance wouldn't permit the year of her birth on her tombstone lest people know how old she was. I hate this phrase that my niece, Dee, frequently used, but it's appropriate: "It is what it is." She also said, "They call these the golden years. Well, I say, bleep the golden years!" (I cannot use her actual word in this paper!)

Some people are blessed with beauty, good health and great energy until the end. My grandfather Kelly's sister, Laura, wallpapered her living room, including the high ceiling, when she was 84. Knightstown's beloved teacher Jessie Nay Wagoner was still lovely at age 80, and so was our fifth-grade teacher, Lucinda Newby. Miss Newby died suddenly of a heart attack when she was visiting Nice, France, with

cherished, younger relatives. What a way to go!

As Henry David Thoreau admonished, I try to look into myself and be aware of my life at all times and suck up every drop of it as living is so dear. I've come to understand that we turn flip-flops through time: Our past becomes



our present and vice versa. One of the advantages of old age is that one sees and savors life's connectivities.

We celebrate birthdays because each year is a gift, a triumph over sad events, ill health, the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune as Shakespeare put it, and even death which all must confront. As the inventor of the essay, Michel de Montaigne, wrote in the 16th century, "Each man beareth upon him the entire stamp of the human con-

dition." He understood that regardless of race, culture, gender or social class, all humans are alike in the essentials: I am you, and you are me.

One advantage that human beings have over animals is that we have the capacity of savoring all three time zones - the past, the present, and the future. We visit the past in our memories and leapfrog into future time via our imaginations. I think of it as turning flip-flops

The works of fine artists enrich Bill's and my life. When we visited London, Paris, Rome, Venice and Florence we always made a beeline to their wonderful museums. As my birthday gift Bill is treating me, Vicki and Tom to a weekend in Chicago at my favorite hotel and spending a day at the Art Institute which is a world-class museum. The Musee d'Orsay in Paris where Bill and I have spent many delightful hours is cosponsoring a huge exhibition of Paul Gauguin's works. It will be a delight to return there with Vicki now that she's a mature woman.

Mentally leapfrogging from the past into the future, I already stand before and soak up pleasure from some of my most loved paintings at the Art Institute: Caillebotte's

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Town of Shirley recently mailed its annual drinking water quality report to every utility customer in Shirley as required by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The purpose of the report is to inform utility customers of the quality of their water by detailing the results of various tests that are conducted to meet our goal of providing a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

We are proud to report that our system had no violations and meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. The results were compiled during the monitoring period of Jan. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016.

If any Shirley water utility customer has not received the report by this time, or if you have questions concerning the report, please contact Phyllis Hedrick at 765-738-6561 or stop by the Shirley Town Hall at 409 Main Street between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Phyllis Hedrick
Shirley Utilities Clerk

Dear Editor,

I want to thank a wonderful volunteer fireman from Knightstown who helped me late Saturday night. After passing through Knightstown on US 40 after 11 p.m., I had a tire blowout on my vehicle. I contacted Honda to take advantage of the roadside assistance that I pay for and began to wait in almost complete darkness. Nearly two hours went by, a long time at that hour of the night for the three elderly people in the vehicle.

But, thankfully, a Knightstown volunteer fireman stopped. He was returning from a call but still was nice enough to stop to see if we were okay. He said it could be hours before the roadside service arrived and he then proceeded to change my tire while a Henry County Sheriff's deputy's car pulled up behind with his lights flashing so no one would hit us.

I am so grateful to this very kind volunteer fireman. It was late and I was tired so I failed to get his name, but I just want to say thanks to this considerate man who took the time to help us late Saturday night.

Judy Getz
Connersville

Knightstown Already Has a Library, Folks

I like the Little Free Library concept. I think the one on Knightstown's Public Square is very neat and, contrary to my first impressions, serves as a nice addition to the square.

John Swartz did a nice job building the structure and Jan McGuire did an equally good job painting it to look like the nearby gazebo.

I'm for anything that promotes literacy. Literate people are valuable to society. We need more of them.

Yet, I can't help but wonder if local literacy supporters might be better off supporting their own Knightstown Public Library, a historic structure located on Main Street.

Since I've been working in this community, Knightstown Public Library volunteers, librarians and board members have worked hard to increase library use as well as to stabilize and preserve a historic, but decaying building.

To me, Little Free Libraries are nice, but they run counter to the actual library's mission. Instead of drawing people into the library - an increasingly difficult task - the little libraries offer an alternative to a using a real one.

Little Free Library proponents will argue that no free offering of literature can be inherently bad. And I somewhat agree. But, I still maintain that monetary and other support should be given to the bricks-and-mortar library first.

After all, not every town is fortunate enough to have its very own library, let alone a historic Carnegie library. Maybe that's why Little Free Libraries came into being initially - to enrich the lives of people who live in very small, rural communities where there are no libraries.

The town of Kennard, for example, has a Little

Free Library at town hall. It makes sense there; the town doesn't have a library of its own. The overall intent of the Little Free Library is, of course, to offer some literature in lieu of an actual library.

As it stands now, there is one Little Free Library in Knightstown with another on the way. There is one actual library. Donations are currently being accepted by Beautify Knightstown because they want to see more of these little libraries sprouting up all over town.

I respectfully disagree. I believe those wishing to support literacy in Knightstown should do what they can to assist the Knightstown Public Library, this community's original little free library.

I'm not trying to knock Beautify Knightstown. It's a good group of volunteers - one of the few in Knightstown that's actually transparent with its fundraising and finances.

Their hearts are in the right place, too, regarding the Little Free Libraries.

But, maybe their literacy advocacy efforts would be better aimed at helping underwrite an existing library - one that needs all the help it can get.

Knightstown sometimes gets excited about project ideas before thoroughly thinking through them. The splash pad is a perfect example. It was a great idea, but someone forgot to consider the long-term cost of all that water. Now the splash pad is closed.

Let's not let the same thing happen to the Knightstown Public Library. These little pop-up libraries are cute, but what happens when they've drawn away all the readers from the real library? Will that get shuttered, too?

Hopefully not. But, these are things that have to be considered when an adorable new idea comes along. It's cute now, but what will the long-term effects be?



Dear Editor,

Despite campaign promises to protect working families in a tough economy, President Trump's budget plan goes after food assistance that helps low-income workers feed their families and would abandon the American commitment to ensure no child goes hungry. The plan would make deep cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as food stamps, which millions of struggling families and workers use to afford food when hard times hit.

A significant portion of the cuts come from shifting approximately \$267 million dollars each year in SNAP costs onto our state government, which we cannot afford to take on without cutting SNAP benefits (which the budget would allow states to do in a radical departure from SNAP's basic, proven design); cutting other areas of state funding; and/or raising taxes.

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BITS & PIECES

◆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.

◆The **Markleville Jamboree** and town rummage sales in the park will take place Aug. 3-5. Vendors, parade participants and volunteer stage entertainers are being sought. For more information, call Dianna at 317-258-5438 or email diannaladora@aol.com or call Betty at 765-623-3553.

◆The **Women's Circle of Friends Giving Circle Grant** is available to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations serving Henry County. Applications are available now on the Henry Co. Community Foundation website at www.henrycountycf.org, and are due to the foundation office by Monday, July 31, at 5 p.m. Three finalists will be invited to the Grantmaking Gala on Sept. 12 to make a five-minute presentation about their organization. At the gala, the members of the Giving Circle will select the final recipient of the grant, comprised of their collective donations. For more information, call 765-529-2235 or visit www.henrycountycf.org.

◆Friends of the Library will host a **book sale** from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, at New Castle-Henry County Public Library. The upper level book shop, lower level book room, and basement storage area will all be open during the sale. Credit/debit cards are accepted during the sale (\$5 minimum). All proceeds benefit Friends of the Library, supporting the services and activities of New Castle-Henry County Public Library. Find out more about Friends of the Library at www.nhcpl.org/friends.

◆Anyone wishing to donate books (for adults or children) or become a **Little Free Library** steward or sponsor, may contact Jenny Sharp at 510-631-7088. Stewards maintain the LFLs with support from Beautify Knightstown. Sponsors purchase the little library and may choose to steward it or ask BKI to provide a steward.

◆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 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 TeenScope for a variety of activities happening at 4 p.m. on Thursdays throughout the summer. Visit www.nhcpl.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 lnlashbrook@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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42 – Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Henry, Ripley, Rush and Shelby counties – has a population below 50,000, meaning they are eligible for a three-to-one match on local road and bridge repairs, if approved.

Monetary awards are based on need, traffic counts, safety, current infrastructure plans, and regional and economic importance.

In 2016 alone, the program provided Indiana communities across the state with a total of \$146.5 million to enhance roads and bridges.

"I encourage the counties of Senate District 42 to learn more about this program and take advantage of the support it provides," Leising said.

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Who can apply?

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What projects are available?

Governments may request guardrail and small structure replacement, drain repair, bridge and road maintenance and road and intersection reconstruction.

How do governments apply?

Click here to fill out a form. Applicants must include preliminary estimates, asset management plans, project location maps and letters of financial commitment with their applications. All material must be emailed to indotlpampo@indot.in.gov.

When are applications due?

Applications can be submitted beginning Monday, June 5. The submission deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, July 14. Multiple applications may be submitted.

Award recipients will be notified at the end of August.

Leising can be reached by email at Senator.Leising@iga.in.gov or phone at 800-382-9467.

OCRA Block Grants Available

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announces the latest round of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) is now open and they are accepting Letters of Interest (LOIs) from communities wishing to apply. The following programs are See OCRA, Page 11

Volunteer Coaching Efforts Led Kelly Jones to Stay Involved in Girls Athletics at KHS

by Logan Cox

Originally attending Lady Panther Softball games in support of her daughter, Kelly Chapple Jones has subsequently done the team's bookkeeping for the past seven years.

She began keeping the team's books when her daughter, Patty Jones, was a freshman at Knightstown High School, but she has been involved in Knightstown girls sports in other capacities as well. Most notably, Jones has previously worked as a coach herself.

"I started coaching when Patty started in the Knightstown Optimist sports programs," said Jones. "I basically coached girls volleyball, basketball and softball. I have coached a couple times for the youth soccer program also."

Her work in girls sports began when she saw that the school needed coaches, and she promptly volunteered.

"I originally got involved when there was a need for coaches in volleyball," she said. "Guess I haven't looked back since."

Another contributing factor to Jones's work would likely be her own experiences playing sports when she was still in school.

"I grew up playing softball down at the Optimist fields. A lot of memories from those days," said Jones. "I also played softball in high school."

Now, as a longtime bookkeeper and spectator, Jones is well-known among the Lady Panthers softball girls as being a "Team Mom."

"It takes the incoming freshman a little time to realize who I am, but they get used to me being there," said Jones. "They realize they can come to me if they need something and I will try my best to help."

She takes a certain pride in hearing out the players and whatever concerns they may be having, as

well as offering them advice that she hopes will lead them in the right direction.

"Not everything they choose in life works out for the good, but what makes them stronger is how they react when things don't go the way it was planned," she said.

The meaningful relationships she has made with the players and her concern for them goes beyond the sport, according to Jones. She comes to care about their personal lives and their futures.

"It makes me proud when I see these kids being very successful in life," said Jones. "Whether it is in their continuing education, their personal life such as marriage, kids, jobs, or purchasing their first home."

Outside of softball, Jones has worked in the real estate section of the Indiana Department of Transportation in Greenfield since 2006. Years prior to that, back in 1988, she worked for a local land surveyor, Buckley and Associates (now Coor Consulting) in

Knightstown.

Jones graduated from Knightstown High School in 1987. Her children, Brett, Patty and Levi, have all attended Charles A. Beard schools.

"I grew up in Rush County, south of Charlottesville, until I graduated from high school," said Jones.

She got married and moved to Carthage. Jones and her family later moved north of Knightstown, where they have lived for 19 years.

"I have always enjoyed watching girls grow, mature and go on to be successful in life," she said of her work in girls sports. "I have had a lot of heart to heart talk with girls (and with some of my oldest son's friends too) over the years. I feel like I can give my point of view on whatever the situation is, coming from a 'mom,' but maybe not their own mom."



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- Wed., June 14** – Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield
- Wed., June 14** – Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville
- 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
- Thurs., June 15** – Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Rose Mary, from Page 4
 Parisian street on a rainy day ... Seurat's "Sunday on the Island of La Grande Jatte" ... Picasso's wonderful portrait from his "blue" period of an emaciated and impoverished "Old Guitar Player" ... some of Monet's water lilies ... Van Gogh's "Starry Night" and his lovely painting of a man in a rowboat ... I shall travel back into the past when I contemplate his painting of his bedroom which Bill and I visited in Auvers during a trip.
 My eyes mist over when I flip-flop from present to past and back again. Oh what beauty I have been privileged to experience! Oh how lucky I have been!

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FOLKWAYS

Citing Liability, Attorney Urges Repair of Carthage Town Hall Sidewalk

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council was advised by their legal counsel Monday evening that something should be done about the condition of the walkway just outside the town hall/utility office.

"It's a big liability," Forrest told council members, noting the "terrible" condition of the walkway. He reminded them that Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan, who was attending an out-of-town conference and was not at Monday's meeting, has mobility issues.

Josh Douglas, the town's works manager, said he had recently obtained a couple of estimates on having the walkway redone. He also noted that the council had voted to do this work in 2011, approving an estimate of around \$19,000, but said the project "fell through the cracks."

Forrest told Douglas he or McMahan should contact the company who was approved to do the work in 2011 and see if they'll still honor the estimate they gave then.

"If ... they'll do it for the same price, tell them to get started," Forrest said. "... This is a high priority."

In the event the price has changed, Forrest told Douglas to have the company give a new estimate and compare that to the other two he recently obtained. If necessary, he said the council should be prepared to act on this matter at their July monthly meeting.

Forrest also updated the council on several other issues at Monday's meeting. He reminded Douglas and the council that town ordinance calls for charging a \$30 location fee for each monument foundation installed at the town cemetery. He said Douglas should advise the

company that pours the foundations about this fee so they can pass the cost on to their customers.

To ease the making of some payments, Forrest said McMahan had obtained a debit card for the clerk-treasurer's office. He said he will need to prepare an ordinance for the council's approval that will outline policies and procedures for use of the card.

In response to concerns raised by local citizen Sharon Tucker, Forrest noted the town does have an ordinance that restricts what and when citizens are permitted to have fires on their property. Tucker had

said a neighbor had been burning trash and wiring, causing her breathing difficulties.

"They're not supposed to burn any of that stuff," Forrest told Tucker and the council. If it happens again, he said Tucker should call the town police department or local fire department. People who violate the town's burn ordinance, he said, can face fines of \$100.

Forrest also told the council that McMahan had talked to him about the possibility of amending the town's water and sewer rate ordinances to add a \$30 charge for checks that can't be cashed due to

insufficient funds. No action was
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Spicer Completes Air Force Basic Training

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The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Spicer is the son of Casey and Michelle Spicer of New Castle, and brother of Joshua Malicoat of McCordsville. He is also the brother of Eric Gross. The airman is a 2014 graduate of New Castle High School.

Harvest Land Co-op Awards Scholarships

Harvest Land Co-op recently awarded 13 scholarships to 2017 high school graduates throughout their trade area, with combined money awarded totaling \$13,000.

"Harvest Land is a proud supporter of agriculture and young farmer programs throughout the area such as 4-H and FFA," the company said in a press release. "In addition to those opportunities, Harvest Land awards scholarships to young men or women who are pursuing post-high school agricultural degrees."

Students from Harvest Land's three districts within their trade market are chosen annually. Harvest Land also recognizes employees' children who are graduating and pursuing post-high school education.

The winners of the 2017 Harvest Land scholarships are as follows: Dustin Brown, Monroe Central; Kayla Fogg, Rushville; Cara French, Connersville; Samuel Gardner, Eastern Hancock; Makenzie Horning, Greenfield Central; Ian Lokai, Graham; Sierrah Love, Winchester; Mae Mcdaniel, Cowan; Macey Orme, Rushville; Jacob Schlichter, Talawanda; Brandon Schoeneman, Adams Central; Taylor Tyo, Versailles; and Bennett Walther, Centerville.

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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.
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(6/7, 6/14)

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LOCAL SPORTS

D1! Allison Sander Signs with Butler



Recent Knightstown graduate Allison Sander's successful seasons on the Panther track team the past four years has earned her the opportunity to compete on the track and field team at Butler University next year. Sander just missed qualifying for state finals in the high jump this year. She was the dominating jumper at the Pendleton Heights sectional the past two years with first place finishes in the high jump and long jump both years. She was also first in 100-meter hurdles last year and finished third in the event this year to qualify for regional, though she removed herself from the hurdles race to concentrate on the jump events. Sander signed her letter of intent on Saturday accompanied by Knightstown girls track coach Jordan Chew (not shown) and her parents, David and Jenni Sander. (Photo courtesy of Knightstown Track Team)

Mt. Lawn Speedway Kicks Off the 2017 Race Season

Submitted by Gib Chew

The 2017 racing season kicked off at Mt. Lawn Speedway on June 11 with exciting racing throughout the evening.

On a beautiful evening for racing, Mt. Lawn hosted Street Stocks, Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, the Pro Compacts, a new division the Factory Stock FWD, the Indiana Champ Karts Series and Indy Fast Karts.

Street Drags, where fans bring their cars out on the track for a one-on-one race with another fan, and Midwest Oldtimers brought vintage race cars out for a few non-competitive laps around the track as well as displayed for the fans before the racing program.

The racing was furious from the beginning for the Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars as cars got tangled in the first heat and a crash in the second turn ended the day for fast cars. The feature had tight racing throughout the field and at the front as David McConnell made his way to the front of the field quickly moving from his 17th starting position to third in six laps, second on the eighth lap and the lead on the ninth lap.

Straughn's Tony Stewart got hung up in traffic as he came from his 19th starting position take second on the 12th lap. A caution as the cars started the 13th lap closed up the field and Stewart took the lead on the restart. Although Stewart would lead the remaining laps of the race, McConnell would not give up and chased in Stewart's tire tracks the rest of the race as they wove through lapped traffic, one then the other. A flurry of restarts as the race wound down had McConnell and Stewart restarting side-by-side with Stewart holding off strong challenges each time.

"People say you have to work on a race car every week to keep it running fast," Stewart commented. "This crew works on this car every day, checking to see if bolts are tight, making sure we do not have something small come apart. They make it possible for me to race. Today is my 27th anniversary and yesterday was my wife's birthday so I want to dedicate this win to her."

McConnell finished second, Shawn Evans third, Bill Clark fourth and Frankie Oaks fifth. McConnell won the Payne's Auto Parts Dash, with Oaks winning the first heat and Johnny Magee the second heat race.

Despite only a handful of Street Stocks, the feature had fireworks as Brandon Mefford and Jason Thompson came together while racing for the lead on the 13th lap, causing Mefford to get loose and eventually spin. Mefford then drove backward on the track toward Thompson, before turning around a pushing Thompson

through the long turn under the caution. When the race restarted Thompson got ahead of Ryan Amonett and stayed there to take the win.

"Brandon and I are good friends and I hate that that happened." Thompson stated in Victory Lane, "It means a lot to me to win here at my home track."

Scott Stewart swept the first night of racing for Factory Stock FWD, the newest class of cars at Mt. Lawn, winning the dash, heat and feature for this class. This new class has been developed to permit those desiring to try racing at an absolute minimum cost. The cars are stock in all ways except for the necessary safety additions. Stewart's car had some rule compliance issues but was allowed to compete for one week. Stewart was told to in order to race his car again, he had to make a few changes.

The Pro Compacts was tight-racing from the green flag to the checkered flag with Josh Neal taking the win. Joe Jennings took off in the lead for the first lap from his third row starting position. Chris Jennings came from the sixth row to take the lead on the fifth lap. He would lead until the 22nd lap after lapping much of the field with Neal following along in second much of the race. Rodney Sutton took the lead on the 23rd lap of the 25-lap race. As the cars came out of the short turn, drivers pushing for the win started to spin and caused a caution, with many of the leaders' cars unable to continue. Neal came through from third unharmed. He took the lead on the restart and held on to win.

Kyle Byrd took second, Andy Jennings third, Adam Lee fourth and Larry Hughes, Jr. fifth. Donald VanValkenburg won the Pro Compacts dash, Neal took one heat race and Nick Warner took the second heat.

As a result of a rule violation in the pit area after the Pro Compact feature, the teams of Nick Warner and Randy Hoppes have been suspended for the next race and have been placed on probation for the remainder of the year.

Nick Keller took the Champ Karts feature with Todd Pickett winning one heat and Chris Peters taking other heat and the dash.

The Indy Fast Karts feature was taken by Cody Kennedy with Drake Stancil getting second, Kody Marsec third, Manny Aguilar fourth and Kyle Downey fifth.

The popular Street Drags was won by Jordan West driving a 2002 Jeep Cherokee over Gary Branscum, as West came off the short turn behind and powered past Branscum by a bumper at the line.

The next scheduled event at Mt. Lawn Speedway is slated for Sunday, July 9.

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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.

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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.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Several Local Girls Named to Softball All-State Team

The Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association has announced the All-State teams for the 2017 softball season. A few local girls were named to the All-State teams.

Kirsten Falck, a 2017 Tri High graduate, and Peyton West, a 2017 Eastern Hancock graduate were both named to the Academic All-State Honorable Mention Softball team for class 1A/2A.

Knightstown 2017 graduate Vivian Goodpaster and 2017 Eastern Hancock graduate Brooke Walden were each named to the Second Team All-State for class 1A/2A.

Falck and fellow Tri teammate Lauren Bouslog, a junior, made the Third Team All-State for class 1A/2A.

Recent Eastern Hancock graduate Kaysi Gilbert was also named to the class 1A/2A Third Team All-State.

Falck was a four-year varsity player, leading the Lady Titans to four straight sectional titles, three regional titles and a semistate championship. She had her best year yet this season, finishing with 42 hits including 13 doubles, two triples and two home runs. Her three-run homer in the semistate June 3 pushed Tri over Frontier to advance the Lady Titans to the semistate title game. She scored 30 runs and also had 28 RBIs and five stolen bases.



Vivian Goodpaster



Kirsten Falck

West played varsity all four years for the Lady Royals. She posted 30 hits this season including nine doubles, two triples and three home runs. She scored 29 runs, had 23 RBIs and four stolen bases.

Goodpaster was named the Lady Panthers' player of the year and has been an anchor on Knightstown's team all four years of her high school career. She also had her best season this year, finishing with 43 hits including 12 doubles, two triples and six home runs. She scored 42 runs for KHS and had 27 RBIs and six stolen bases.

Walden played all four years for the varsity Lady Royals. She posted similar stats all four years. For the 2017 season, she posted 40 hits including 13 doubles, one triple and eight home runs. She knocked in 35 RBIs and scored 36 runs for EH.

Kaysi Gilbert, another four-year varsity player for the Lady Royals, had 34 hits this season, including 12 doubles and four home runs. She brought in 26 RBIs during the season.

Bouslog provided solid coverage in left field for the Lady Titans this season and led the team in totals hits with 48, including 11 doubles. She had 25 RBIs and eight stolen bases. She's played all three years for Tri and will be one of five senior players on the state runner-up Lady Titans next year.

Knightstown Men's Alumni Basketball Program Friday

Knightstown High School boys varsity basketball head coach Dusty Magee will join other Knightstown basketball alum in three games Friday at Knightstown High School.

In the first game, "Old Timers" (those who played prior to 2003) will take on the current Knightstown junior varsity team at 6 p.m.

Former players set to play for the "Old Timers" team include Drew Crawford, Chris Duncan, Mel Matlock, Rob Matlock, John McDonald, Erv Olshekske, Josh Plank, Kyle Rhodes and Craig Richey.

At about 7 p.m., former players who graduated from 2003 to 2006 will take on the former players from 2007-2014.

Set to play for the 2003-2006 team include coach Magee and Eric Freeman, Greg Freeman, Ryan Fultz, Josh Griggs, Cameron Hiner, Ross Matlock, Kile Riggs, Tyler Roberts, Shane Roland and Zach Taylor.

Playing for the 2007-2014 team will be Seth Apollos, Zach Apollos, Jordan Bearhope, Kyle Buckley, Bryce Cole, Austin Craft, Lane Fields, Jordan Kane, Chris Medford, Jake Taylor and Travis Titus.

The last game of the evening, set for around 8 p.m., will see the current varsity basketball team take on the recent graduates from 2015-2017.

Playing for the 2015-2017 team will be Jake Bearhope, Zach Manley, Daniel Rayburn, Kyle Rayburn, Jarrett Weidner, Max Wever and Coleman Wyatt.

Knightstown High School Athletic Director Matt Martin and his father, former baseball coach Donnie Martin, will serve as referees.

Cost to watch all three games is just \$5 and will benefit the basketball program.



Zach Apollos (above) and his brother Seth Apollos (below) are set to play for the 2007-2014 alumni game this Friday. (Banner file photos by Eric Cox)



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State Rally



Tri co-head softball coach Bryan Peggs gets a bit of a workout from his players as he goes down the line slapping hands during a big rally put on by the parents and school for the Lady Titans last Thursday in celebration of the team's trip to the state final game. (Stacy Cox photo)



Beth Shores wearing No. 28 for her granddaughter Kirsten Falck, dressed like her son-in-law Duke Falck, a co-head coach of the Lady Titans. Tri girls were given a pep rally Thursday full of fun and laughter with parents like Julia Bouslog, right. (Stacy Cox photo)

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Grant, from Page 3

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The council also voted at Monday's meeting to give Kieser permission to pursue grant funds to help pay for a backup generator for the town's water treatment plant. Kieser identified the state's Department of Natural Resources, its Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development as possible sources of grant funds for this.

With respect to the downtown improvement project, Kieser told the council that contractors' bids are due June 22. He suggested the council schedule a special meeting for 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, to receive and open the bids.

The downtown improvement project calls for the installation of 10 new street lights, eight curb ramps, new trash receptacles, planters, benches and bike racks. These improvements are being paid for with an \$89,000 Rural Business Development Grant from Rural Development, a \$6,000 grant from the Rush County Community Foundation and another \$8,700 in town funds.

Kieser also advised the council that the Henry Henley Public Library will be recognized during a special ceremony at the Indiana State Fair at 1 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 7, for its inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. "It's a big day," he said, urging council members to attend if they're able.

In a related matter, Kieser told the council that the Carthage Historic Preservation Commission "is going great," and said town council member Ashley Davis, who chairs the CHPC, is "doing an awesome job." He

Marshal, from Page 1

Hancock said in response to criticism about lack of police coverage and reserve officers not working the required hours. "It's hard to find people to even apply."

Acknowledging that the police department lacks the personnel for around-the-clock coverage, Ashley Davis said it's important for officers to be available to patrol during "hours that matter." She said it made more sense to have someone patrolling in the evening from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. than to have them on duty in the morning.

"To find people who are available at those hours is extremely difficult," Hancock said, adding that he thought the department had received four applications from people interested in serving as reserve officers.

Bill Davis told Ashley Davis that she should contact

said the five-person commission currently has two vacancies to fill, and reminded the council that commission members must live in town.

Also at Monday's meeting, the Carthage Town Council:

*received a brief update from Bob Bullock, the town's building inspector, on eight problem properties town officials want to see cleaned up, with Bullock reporting that he's ready to send letters to property owners;

*heard from Chuck Kemker, direct of Rush County's Emergency Management Agency, who went over portions of the county's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan that pertain specifically to Carthage and the surrounding areas;

*approved minutes from Feb. 13, March 13 and May 8 council meetings;

*OK'd the monthly claims docket and payment of two additional bills that arrived after the docket had been prepared;

*received copies of part-time town marshal Danny Baker's monthly report, although Baker did not attend Monday's meeting;

*heard a monthly report from Josh Douglas, the town's works manager; and

*gave Douglas permission to lease two portable toilets - one of them handicap accessible - for McNabb Park.

More information about Monday's Carthage Town Council meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records should be available for inspection and copying at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St., during normal business hours.

Danny Baker if she is interested in sitting in on the interviews he does for reserve officer candidates.

Local citizen Sharon Tucker asked the council what had happened to a committee she said was formed several years ago to hear complaints against the police department. She said she thought the committee was supposed to have at least a couple of citizens among its members.

"That's a good question," Ashley Davis told Tucker.

Adam Forrest, the town's attorney, said there is no such committee in place at this time and that he didn't recall there being one during the time he has represented the town. Bill Davis also said he had no recollection of such a committee.

"Maybe there needs to be (one)," Tucker replied.



The Office of the Henry County Sheriff

The Office of the Henry County Sheriff is currently taking applications for and will be hiring both full-time and part-time correctional officers. The full-time position pays \$15.59/hr plus benefits, and the part-time position pays \$13.25/hr. Applications are available at the New Castle WorkOne Center in Payne Village Shopping Center, 3011 S. 14th St., New Castle, or online at www.henryco.net. Direct questions to Major Jay Davis at 765-521-7032.

Sidewalk, from Page 7

taken on this at Monday's meeting.

Another utility-related issue Forrest said McMahan asked him to address had to do with certain nonprofit customers of the town's utilities that are not wanting to pay sales taxes on their utility bills. Forrest said some of these customers had incorrectly submitted State Form 105 to the town, which he said was inapplicable, when they should complete and turn in State Form 109 instead.

Forrest also issued a warning to delinquent utility customers who have been opening their meter pits and turning their water service back on after they've been shut off for nonpayment. He said this is a violation of local ordinance and can result in a \$200 fine for a first offense, \$500 for a second one and \$1,000 after that.

If a fine is issued for illegally opening the meter pit, Forrest said that fine, along with all relevant disconnect and reconnect fees, will need to be paid before water service will be turned back on. He said utility customers will also have to pay for any water they used while their water was illegally turned back on before the town will resume their service.

In one final legal matter, Forrest told area citizen Dave Hiner that the town had passed an animal control ordinance in June 2012, after about two-and-half years of discussion. Since adoption of the ordinance, he said the council had approved a small number of exceptions, as the ordinance allows, approving citizen requests to be able to keep a horse, some rabbits and chickens within town limits.

Last month, at the council's May 8 meeting, Hiner had questioned the legality of the town's animal control ordinance. Responding to those concerns at Monday's meeting, Forrest said the ordinance had been adopted under "Home Rule" powers state lawmakers have given to local governments, and noted that no one has "tested the legality of the ordinance."

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foods they need through participation in SNAP. And contrary to the Administration's argument that their cuts will help people work, taking away food assistance doesn't make people work harder, especially when SNAP participants who can work already do so in large numbers; rather, it just makes them hungrier and less healthy. If the Administration truly wanted to help SNAP participants and others find good, sustainable jobs, it wouldn't be cutting job training grants by 40 percent in the same budget proposal that cuts SNAP.

Unfortunately, news reports indicate that the House of Representatives is considering similar cuts to SNAP in its budget resolution, which is expected to be considered this month. Instead of making short-sighted cuts, Congress should ensure that our neighbors receive support when they hit hard times. Children, seniors, the unemployed, and people with disabilities in our state will pay the price if these drastic cuts are

approved. Ultimately, President Trump's proposal would cut deep into SNAP and leave 742,000 Hoosiers at risk of food insecurity and poverty. With the House of Representatives considering similar cuts to SNAP in its budget resolution our members of Congress, and soon our U.S. senators, have the opportunity to take a stand for Indiana by protecting the millions of families who participate in SNAP.

Any member of Indiana's Congressional delegation who cares about protecting struggling families and the health and success of America's children – and our local economy – should reject these misguided attacks on SNAP in the president's budget and subsequent congressional budget resolutions.

SNAP Works for Hoosiers
(SNAP Works for Hoosiers is a campaign of Feeding Indiana's Hungry and the Indiana Institute for Working Families.)

OCRA, from Page 6

accepting applications in this round:
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*Main Street Revitalization Program (MSRP)
*Public Facilities Program (PFP)
*Stormwater Improvements Program (SIP)
*Wastewater/Drinking Water Program (WDW)

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tered for Indiana by OCRA. CDBG Round 2 Letters of Interest are being accepted until Friday, July 7, at 4 p.m. Final applications are due by Friday, Sept. 1, at 4 p.m. EST with funding awards announced on Thursday, Oct. 12. OCRA recently announced nearly \$11 million in 2017 CDBG Round 1 federal grant funding was awarded to 23 rural Hoosier communities across 5 programs.

For further information on each of the programs, visit www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg to review the program specific information sheets.

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Lady Titans Runner-up at State

Tri Falls 0-3 to Tecumseh in State Title Game

Tri softball team's historic season came to an end Saturday afternoon when the Lady Titans were defeated 3-0 by Tecumseh in the class 1A state championship game at Ben Davis High School.

The Lady Titans played plenty of tough defense but were unable to get much going at the plate.

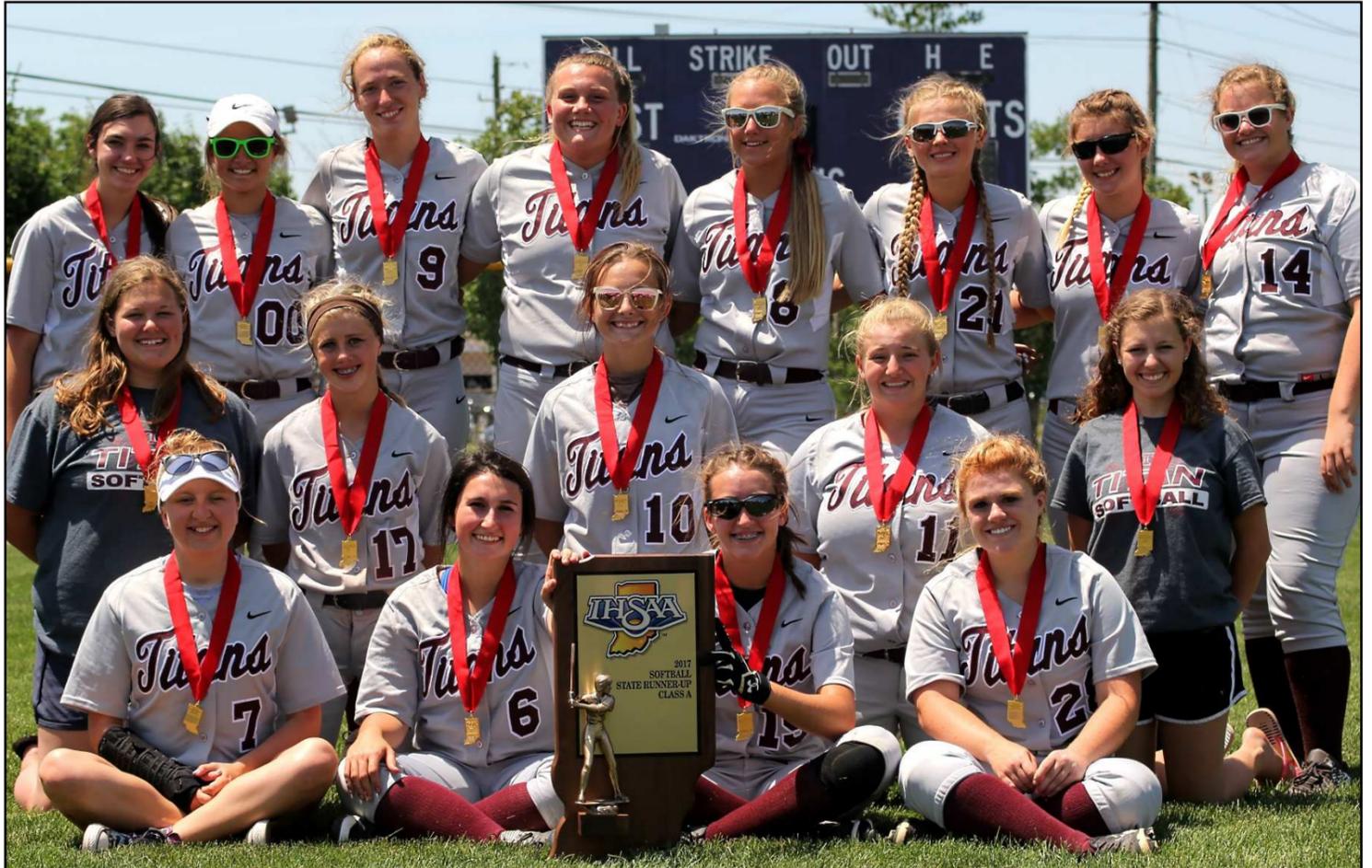
Sophomore Kaley Harrison made several good plays at short-stop and was responsible for two of the team's three hits in the game.

Harrison hit a double early and a single a couple innings later. Until the bottom of the seventh inning, when Kierstyn Conyers hit a double with two outs, Harrison's two hits were the only ones for Tri.

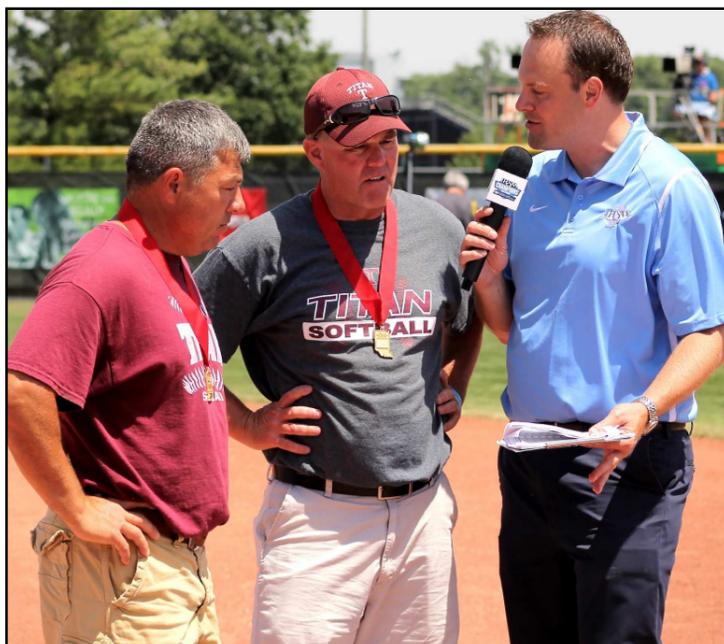
Payton Moore pitched all seven innings for the Lady Titans with one strikeout and no walks. She gave up six hits and three runs.

The Lady Titan softball team is the only team at Tri to ever make a state final appearance. With seven starters returning next season, the outlook is good for another trip to the state finals.

Tri finished the season with a 25-4 record.



The Lady Titans gathered in a nearby field at Ben Davis High School to take photos with family following their loss, 0-3, to Tecumseh in the class 1A state championship game. The Lady Titans include (front, l-r) Kelsey Ryan Donald, Jessie Spong, Bailey Coffman, Kirsten Falck, (middle, l-r) manager Madeline Hoover, Kaley Harrison, Destiny Taylor, Taylor Craft, manager Georgia Glandon, (back, l-r) Hannah Frost, Abi Busby, Payton Moore, Kierstyn Conyers, Breanna Reece, Lauren Bouslog, Kali Barber and Zoie Prince.



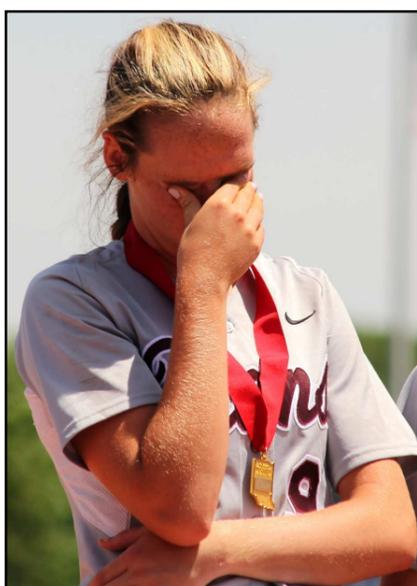
Co-head coaches Duke Falck and Bryan Peggs, who is also Tri's Athletic Director, talk with Indiana High School Athletic Association television broadcast reporter following the game.



First baseman Kierstyn Conyers (20) retrieves the bunt and throws to second baseman Breanna Reece at first for the out as pitcher Payton Moore (9) watches.



Shortstop Kaley Harrison had a good defensive effort and had two of the team's three hits in the game.



Payton Moore (left) and seniors Bailey Coffman and Kirsten Falck (right, l-r) try to deal with the loss and end of the season after receiving their runner-up medals.



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