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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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K-town Masonic Dinner Oct. 22

The Knightstown Masonic Lodge chicken and noodle dinner has been rescheduled for Sunday, Oct. 22, noon - 3 p.m. at the lodge, located at 9171 S. CR 425-W, Ogden. A freewill offering will be accepted for the dinner, which will include chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, desserts, coffee, iced tea and water. The public is invited.

Youth Basketball Registration Starts

Knightstown Youth Boys Basketball is currently accepting registration for boys in the grades K-6. Early bird registration is \$40. Early bird registration ends Friday, Oct. 6. Registration forms can be picked up at Knightstown Elementary School or Knightstown Intermediate School. For more info, call Guy Louks at gylouks@yahoo.com or 765-491-8144.

Wrestling Returning to Carthage Church

The Central Wrestling Federation will perform at Carthage Community Church on Friday, Oct. 6. Doors open at 6 p.m. and wrestling starts at 7 p.m. Advance tickets can be purchased at Knightstown Toys & Treasures or Pavey's in Carthage. Concession sales profits benefit Carthage Community Church. Call 765-491-8144 for more information.

Library Has Free Program Books

The Knightstown Public Library has a limited number of the Henry County Reads title for 2017, *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, by Jules Verne. The books are available on a first come first served basis.

Deem Headstone Fundraiser Ongoing

A fundraiser to erect a grave-marker for a former Knightstown telephone operator is ongoing. Carol Pitman's effort to raise money for Cora Deem's headstone is still looking for \$250 to finish the project, which began recently with the installment of the headstone foundation. Donation collection cans are located at Knightstown American Legion Post 152 and Hoosiers Home Court Cafe. Contact Pitman at 765-529-7874 for more info.

Sunset Park Getting New Playground Equipment

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board voted last week to approve the purchase of new playground equipment for Sunset Park.

Following through on discussions that have been ongoing for several months, board members voted 4-0 at their Sept. 26 monthly meeting to accept a proposal submitted by Kinetic Recreation of McCordsville. The total cost for the equipment, which includes a play structure with three slides and other features, a new three-bay swing set, a curved climbing structure and 100 cubic yards of playground mulch, is \$35,437.

Kinetic Recreation representative Eric McDaniel, who is also chief of the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department, told the park board that he had worked to get them a good price on the new equipment.

"These numbers are not what you'd typically see," McDaniel said.

It is expected to take four to five weeks to manufacture the new playground equipment, which will be red, black and gray, with brown flooring on the large structure with the slides. Provided that the old equipment has been removed and the site is ready, McDaniel said installation could take place, weather permitting, during the first couple of weeks of November.

Park Board President Suzee Neal told the board that a local business, Erwin Excavating, had agreed to remove the old playground equipment by Nov. 1 for free. She said that all Erwin asked was that the park board provide them with a receipt for their donated work for tax purposes.

Neal reported that \$10,000 of the new playground equipment's cost will be covered by a contribution approved a week earlier by the Wayne Township Board. The park board also received a \$1,000 grant this summer from the Hancock County Community Foundation to go toward this project.

Park board member Jacob Hart told McDaniel that he would meet with him to discuss detailed plans for when payments on the new equipment would be made. He said the park board may want to pay \$15,000-\$20,000 right away, some more in December and any remaining balance after the start of the new year.

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First Baptist Church of Knightstown Regenerates as Total Restoration Church

by Eric Cox
Publisher

Membership in Knightstown's former First Baptist Church on East Jackson Street faltered a few years back and the congregation almost disbanded.

But, what remained was a core group of supporters with a strong desire to keep the church viable.

Now, after years of only a little activity, the church is back as Total Restoration Church, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

Led by Pastor John Maples, the new church is going into its fourth month of services at 210 E. Jackson.

Maples said his coming to Knightstown was the result of a very agreeable situation: He was leading a congregation in Greenfield that didn't have its own home, while the core supporters in Knightstown were seeking a congregation to fill its empty home.

Maples said his 28-member congregation met at the Holiday Inn in Greenfield and Greenfield-Central schools before moving to Knightstown.

Once a funded church "planter," Maples is a 42-year veteran of the ministry and a native of Richmond. He started Total Restoration Church two years ago with the SBC's support.

But, his experience founding churches goes back further. Maples said 10 years ago he started an SBC church in Richmond, which grew into a successful congregation.

"I felt the call to do it all over again someplace else," he said. That call, he said, led him to Greenfield, where his start-up met and grew, even without a home of its own.

Three months ago, however, Maples got a phone call from someone encouraging him to



Total Restoration Church Pastor John Maples stands beneath the East Jackson Street church's new sign. (Eric Cox photo)

contact the Knightstown congregation. "I was told they had disbanded, but they very nobly wanted the gospel in their church to continue in some way," Maples explained.

What followed was sheer harmony, he said. After a few meetings and much discussion, each individual in both congregations agreed the marriage of the two groups was a good thing.

Longtime First Baptist Church of Knightstown member Lavell

Meeks shares Maples' optimism and harmonious feelings, and is excited about the church's transformation.

Meeks and her family moved to Knightstown in 1965, when the church was in its infancy and still meeting in someone's home. Over the years she's watched it grow into its East Jackson Street home. There, it grew again with a sizeable expansion.

But, times change and ebb and See Restoration, Page 12

PBS Documentary Airs; Still Available Online

Anyone who missed the *Now Entering ... Knightstown* program on the Muncie PBS channel last Saturday can still view the program online.

Described by the show's producers as "a video scrapbook of the people, places and history of towns as seen through the eyes of its residents," *Now Entering ... Knightstown* featured more than a dozen local citizens and business owners. It premiered last Saturday, Sept. 30, on WIPB-TV, with several of those who were interviewed for the program traveling to Muncie to work the telephones during a PBS fundraising drive taking place that evening that raised over \$2,800.

Community members collected video footage and still photos to showcase the stories they felt make Knightstown unique. The WIPB production team then

traveled to Knightstown to record interviews at the historic Hoosier Gym with the storytellers, and those interviews served as narration for each of their stories.

Local businessman Joe Peacock, president and principal partner of local company CFH Enterprises Inc., was interviewed for the program and drove to Muncie last Saturday for the show's premiere and to help answer phones in the studio.

"I was very impressed with the way PBS put that together," Peacock said. "... They did a very nice job, they really did."

WIPB-TV plans to air *Now Entering ... Knightstown* again in December but has not yet set a date or time for the rebroadcast. Until then, those

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New Zoning Laws Need Another Town Council Vote

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council thought it approved a revised zoning code and zoning map for the town back in July, but, thanks to a procedural misstep at that time, these items will require another vote before they can legally take effect.

When the council considered the revised zoning ordinance and zoning map at its July 20 monthly meeting, it voted to suspend its normal rules of procedure so that it could both introduce and adopt them on the same night. It turns out, however, that state statute specifically prohibits zoning ordinances or amendments to zoning

ordinances from being adopted on the same night or at the same meeting that they're introduced.

Because the council was not legally allowed to take a second vote approving the revised zoning code and zoning map at the July 20 meeting, those documents have not yet taken effect. Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, told The

Banner that he will recommend that the council take a second vote on the revised zoning ordinance and zoning map at the council's next meeting, which is currently set for Thursday, Oct. 19.

When the council takes a proper second vote on these items, Morelock said he'll suggest that it be retroactive to Aug. 1, the date

that, according to the new zoning ordinance, a moratorium on the issuance of permits for commercial development in town was to be lifted. The moratorium had been in place since last fall.

Despite the fact that the town's new zoning ordinance didn't take effect following the July 20

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Jefferson Jackson Dinner Oct. 14 in New Castle

The Henry County Democrat Central Committee is hosting their annual Jefferson Jackson (JJ) Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the New Castle Armory, 1537 Grand Ave.

Social hour is set for 5 p.m.; dinner at 6 p.m.; and the program at 7 p.m. An annual meeting and fundraiser for the local party, this year's speaker is Melanie Wright, State Rep. (D-Yorktown), who represents Indiana House District 35. She is an award-winning veteran teacher with experience in Indiana public schools.

Wright earned her Bachelor of Science degree in music education from Ball State University. She also received a master's degree curriculum and instruction, as well as an administrative license from Anderson

University. She is a member of the Indiana Coalition of Public Education and the American Federation of Teachers-Indiana.

In addition, candidates for District 6 Congress, Lane Siekman, Jim Pruett and Jeanine Lake, will be at the event to meet voters and also respond to questions and comments about issues affecting Hoosiers.

Tickets are \$25 per person in advance for a full dinner catered by Temptations and can be purchased in advance, according to Waynetta Dunn, acting chairperson of the local central committee.

To purchase tickets call Dunn at 765-571-0083, Terry Troxell, 317-765-0113 or Allan Bramlett, 765-730-3965.

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In other business at last week's meeting, the park board voted to hire James Gorman as the park board's new handyman. Hart said that Gorman, who works for the local school district, had done work for him at his home and that he was impressed with his attention to detail and quality of work. Neal said she was also familiar with Gorman's work and agreed with Hart's assessment.

Gorman will be paid \$20 an hour for his handyman work. He replaces former handyman Dave Huffman, who the park board voted to let go in late July.

Park board member Jan McGuire showed the board four new signs that will be posted around the lake at Sunset Park admonishing park visitors that swimming, wading and diving into the lake is prohibited. The signs, which McGuire said cost \$71.74, were made locally by Mitchell-Fleming Printing Inc.

Board members voted 3-1 to waive the shelter house rental fee for local sororities wanting to use it on the evenings of Sept. 28, Oct. 2 and Oct. 3 to interview families for the local Cheer Guild's Christmas program. Hart voted against the request, and the board's fifth member, Bruce Brown, did not attend last week's meeting.

Neal also asked the board whether they wanted to give the board's president, or the vice president if the president is not avail-

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wishing to view the program can do so online at www.wipb.org/nowentering.

Knightstown was the third community to be featured in this series, following Portland and Pendleton. Last Saturday, after the airing of the Knightstown episode, it was announced that Wabash will be the program's next featured community.

able, permission to waive the shelter house rental fee in some emergency situations. Specifically, she noted that are times when indigent families in the community may need a place to hold a dinner or get together following a family member's funeral.

The board took no vote on this item at last week's meeting. Instead, the board is going to first check with the town's attorney and also consult township government officials, since it is township government, not local park boards, that are tasked with providing poor relief and helping out with funerals and associated costs for those unable to pay for them.

The park board still has not followed through with filing the five-year master plan it approved over a year ago with the state's Department of Natural Resources.

There are still questions involving ownership of property adjacent to Sunset Park that town officials are hoping to get answered before filing the park board's plan with the DNR.

The next scheduled meeting of the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board is Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. The meeting, which 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.

More information about the park board's Sept. 26 meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records should be available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall during normal business hours.

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KDC Investments Breaks Ground on New Apartment Complex

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Several dozen people attended a groundbreaking ceremony in Knightstown last Wednesday for new apartment buildings planned for construction on the north side of town.

Phase I of the Pine Hill Villas project will consist of at least three eight-unit apartment buildings at the property now identified as 123 W. Morgan St. If, after that, there is still demand for more units, the project developer, KDC Investments Inc., has plans for a second phase that would call for construction of a fourth eight-unit building on a lot behind Citizens State Bank.

According to Joe Peacock, vice president of KDC Investments and president and principal owner of

local business CFH Enterprises LLC, the three buildings that comprise Phase I of the project constitute an investment of \$2.1 million in the community. Financing for the project is being provided by Citizens State Bank, which helped organize last week's groundbreaking ceremony, and CFH will be the project's general contractor.

Peacock told The Banner he was very pleased with the turnout for last week's groundbreaking ceremony and the show of community support. During comments he made at last week's event, Peacock said he thought providing affordable, quality housing is an important part of helping the community grow.

"If we can create a nucleus right here, it's all going to grow from there," Peacock said. He urged

members of the community and town officials to embrace "controlled growth" and make sure its "done the right way ... in the right setting."

Peacock singled out Mark Tompkins, who is selling him the property at 123 W. Morgan St., for special thanks. While Tompkins likely could have found a buyer who was able to pay more, Peacock said Tompkins recognized the importance that the new apartments could play for the community, and agreed to sell to KDC Investments at a lower price.

"He didn't hesitate - he said OK," Peacock said of Tompkins. "That's somebody who understands the long-term vision of the community. He was a very key piece of this from the very beginning."

Peacock also praised town officials for their recent efforts in revising the town's comprehensive plan and approving extensive revisions to the town's zoning ordinance. He said the Pine Hill Villas project is consistent with these revised documents and will require no variances or special exceptions

to move forward.

"We have to show that you can follow the rules and still have a successful project," Peacock said. "But, we need to continue to work with our (town) leaders - our town board, the BZA ... the plan commission - and make those exceptions few and far between. Those rules are there for a reason, and if we can use those and stick with those ... this community will benefit for the next 25 to 30 years."

In follow-up comments e-mailed to The Banner, Peacock **See Apartments, Page 12**



KDC Investments Vice President Joe Peacock addresses the gathering last Wednesday on West Morgan Street. (Jeff Eakins photo)



Those participating in last week's groundbreaking ceremony for the new Pine Hill Villas apartments included (l-r) KDC Investment Inc.'s Denise Peacock, Katie Yelle, Joe Peacock (without shovel) and Connie Peacock; Citizens State Bank's Roger Wells, Susie Downey and Brian Bess; Knightstown Chamber of Commerce President Kelley Millhoan; and Knightstown Town Council President Sarah Ward. (Photo submitted)

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The Things We Did to Earn an Education!

Recently Bill and I reminisced about working in restaurants to help pay our way through college. I didn't live in a dorm where meals were included because Mother couldn't afford it. She sent me \$30 a week, eked out of her meager pay at the greenhouse and babysitting. I had a state scholarship of less than \$500 per year, and the Knightstown Kiwanis Club loaned me money. Government-backed loans didn't exist.

After paying college expenses and my landlady, there wasn't much left over for food or clothing. During cold weather, I bought lunch meat and milk that I kept out on the porch roof outside my bedroom window.

L.E. Rogers, then superintendent of Knightstown Schools, called officials at Ball State Teachers College and told them I needed a job. The job was scraping breakfast plates at the Lucina Hall dorm - gag! Later I became the secretary of Dr. Robertson, the philosophy prof. Then I added a job waitressing at the Campus Cottage near the Ball State campus. It was also where my chum, John Board, and I hung out, drinking coffee and philosophizing. Three jobs proved too much, so I quit scraping plates.

Waitressing at the Campus

Cottage was my salvation. It was owned by Gladys and Louie, and I blush when I think about them. I was perpetually hungry. Gladys permitted the staff to eat whatever we wanted while we were on duty, and I stuffed myself. She also let me run a tab for meals that I ate other times. I was young and heed-



less. I never thanked her enough.

During my first week as waitress, I set a tray of glasses down on a table. One of the glasses fell off the tray and shattered, showering the booth with shards of glass. I was so stricken that the customers gave me a huge tip.

One afternoon a man came in and ordered two sunny-side-up eggs. Gladys and the cook were taking a break after a busy lunch hour. Gladys said, "Rose Mary, you cook this order." "But I've

never cooked on the grill." "I don't care, you've seen us do it - just do it!" I poured too much grease on the grill. I delivered the awful eggs, and as I fled, saw the customer trying to sop up the grease with his napkin. There was no tip. That was the beginning and end of my career as a grill cook!

Bill worked from eight in the evening until 2 a.m. at the Kewpie Hamburger Hotel in Kalamazoo, Mich. It did a big business as it was across the street from a movie theater and a bar. One evening a man ordered 36 deluxe hamburgers. A deluxe hamburger had lettuce, tomatoes, mayo and olives

In addition to those, Bill had regular orders to fill. Efficiently, he lined up the buns and laid on the condiments. Then he closed the buns and bagged them. The man paid and left. Uh-oh. Bill turned around, and the hamburger patties were still on the grill! Needless to say, the man soon came back. (Bill also sold lots in the cemetery that his father owned that was named "Mount Everest." Yes indeed!)

Ball State had about 4,000 students. This year's enrollment at Ball State University is 22,000. I'm undecided about whether the government should pay tuition for
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

With NAFTA under renegotiation, it's a reminder that, as Indiana is the most manufacturing-intensive state, we are also the most export-intensive state, per capita (Source: Indiana District Export Council). Therefore, Hoosiers should support free, though fair, trade. As most of my civilian career has been in international management, I know that free trade drives up competition, which, in turn, lowers prices, while improving quality. This creates a good outcome for producers, consumers, and the communities in which free trade is allowed to be followed.

American companies exporting products overseas pay their employees an average of 6 percent more than companies that do not export (Source: US Dept. of Commerce). Therefore, exporting is beneficial to its communities. Exporting to most countries is straight-forward, although some are more difficult. For example, despite being a member of the European Union (EU), Germany has non-tariff barriers for many exports, such as its TÜV inspection requirements, which constitute expensive "payola" for non-German manufacturers. Since 2002, Brazil's left-wing governments have enacted blatant protectionism of its (sometimes shoddy) domestic industries. As a result, companies trying to export their products into Brazil face a gauntlet of tariffs, masked as cascading "taxes," that at least double, and sometimes triple, the landed costs even before Brazilian distributors can add their mark-ups. In addition, I've heard horror stories from clients who still must bribe Brazilian customs officials, just to get their goods released from customs! To quote a senior Foreign Service Officer, who requests anonymity, "Brazil is the most unapologetically protectionist nation in the world." Therefore, fair trade must also take place.

When industries manipulate markets to harm consumers or competitors, whether through protectionism, such as tariffs and non-tariff barriers, and/or official corruption, both consumers and the communities in which they live are worse off. Unfortunately we see this today especially in the steel industry, where the Chinese and Russian governments illegally fund their steelmakers to make more steel than is needed, and then send these products across the world at prices that are artificially low. This act is called "dumping," which gives an unfair advantage to companies that are cheating the system.

"Dumping" isn't free trade. It's not that the Chinese and Russian companies make the products more efficiently than American and other countries' companies. They are just manipulating the economy, while American companies play by the rules of free and fair trade.

Illegal "dumping" is harming our economy and pushing U.S. manufacturers out of business. If U.S. manufacturers start to close their doors, we will become dependent on foreign-made steel and other metals for products from highway construction to supplying our military with the necessary equipment.

While Hoosiers must continue to promote free trade in the world, and as NAFTA needs some tweaking, we must ensure that we promote fair trade, too. Allowing ourselves to be hurt by illegal acts must stop. Our nation should continue to work towards free trade agreements, but we must ensure that both sides play by the rules, especially Brazil, China, Germany, and Russia.

**Nate LaMar, president
Henry County Council.
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When It Gets Bad, Take 10 Deep Breaths

There's a line I really like in Ray LaMontagne's song "Airwaves."

"... Everybody movin' so fast ... makes you feel like you're already part of the past ..."

Boom. Truth.

It never ceases astonishing me how fast things move in life. LaMontagne's line sums it up perfectly. It's hard to feel like we're living in the present when the future so quickly knocks on our doors.

Just as one day exits, another impatiently taps its foot, waiting to barge in and start another. One day's events barely mark our memories before the next day's happenings pave over them.

Sometimes big events impact the ever-flowing blur of time and remain there, like a snag in a stream. Sunday night's mass murder in Las Vegas will likely stick there, at least for a while.

Hopefully something really good will happen and maybe blot out that memory. It's a tough one, though. Hard to imagine what those concert goers went through.

I heard an audio recording of the chaos. It sounded like a war zone with that automatic assault rifle popping and popping and popping. I did double-check to make sure I didn't accidentally click on a combat video from Syria.

Those poor people! Out for a night of early autumn fun and it turns into a nightmare - horrible!

If the bullets weren't bad enough, the panicked stampede of people injured hundreds more. Who could blame them? It's human instinct to seek shelter and try to survive.

Combat veterans are probably the only ones among us who might be able to predict their actions in such a scenario. They've been under fire as part of their service, but I still bet their first reaction is to find cover.

Even hardened combat vets don't want to get shot.

This most recent mass shooting - apparently the largest in U.S. history - comes on the heels of other catastrophes: hurricanes. Harvey, Irma, Maria ... they've all been unkind to the U.S., pummeling the southern coasts and decimating Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory.

Bad memories ... all bad memories. But, the big wheel keeps on turnin' and we can only hope tomorrow brings better news.

It will, of course.

Major stories like Las Vegas always transcend the news cycles, blowing away any "happy" events like a gale-force wind. But, such calamitous stories don't erase other news. It just makes the other stuff harder to find. It's no one's fault; just the nature of things, of events.

As incredibly fast as this merry-go-round seems to turn at times, it still is possible to maintain perspective.

And, while keeping one's feet on the ground in the middle of a carousel ride seems illogical, it can still be done and have positive, lasting results.

The seeming negativity of our world is not inescapable. It is wholly avoidable - if that's what you want. You may wind up completely ignorant of current events, but that is totally acceptable to some.

Unplug. Disengage. Put the phone down. Turn the TV off. Go dark. Let the world go unnoticed for a few minutes each day. Take 10 deep breaths. Go for a walk. Go for a run, a ride, a swim, a gallop.

The big, bad world will be waiting when you return. But, a flower will also bloom. A good sunset can melt away your bad feelings. Drink a glass of wine. Hug your kids. Pet your dog.

We're not all gonna die just yet.



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BITS & PIECES

◆The **farmers market** is open on Knightstown's Public Square every Saturday 8 a.m.-noon from now through mid-October. Vendors offer locally-produced breads, fruits, vegetables and more.

◆The Knightstown Masonic Lodge **chicken and noodle dinner** has been rescheduled for Sunday, Oct. 22, noon -3 p.m. at the lodge, located at 9171 S. CR 425-W, Ogden. A freewill offering will be accepted for the dinner, which will include chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, desserts, coffee, iced tea and water. The public is invited.

◆The **Directory of Indiana Grantmakers** online resource is located at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library. The database has profiles of over 1,000 funders in the state of Indiana, according to the Henry County Community Foundation.

◆The Knightstown Public Library has a limited number of the **Henry County Reads** title for 2017, *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, by Jules Verne. The books are available on a first come first served basis, and are also available at The New Castle-Henry County Public Library.

◆Historic Knightstown Inc., 22 N. Washington St., Public Square, will host a presentation about **Knightstown Friends Church** and early area Quakers on Wednesday,

Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call 765-345-5665.

◆A fundraiser to erect a grave-marker for a former Knightstown telephone operator is ongoing. Carol Pitman's effort to raise money for **Cora Deem's headstone** is still looking for \$250 to finish the project, which began recently with the installment of the headstone foundation. Donation collection cans are located at Knightstown American Legion Post 152 and Hoosiers Home Court Cafe. To make a donation or to find out more, contact Pitman at 765-529-7874.

◆Knightstown **Youth Boys Basketball** is currently accepting registration for boys in the grades K-6. Early bird registration is \$40. Early bird registration ends Friday, Oct. 6. Registration forms can be picked up at Knightstown Elementary School or Knightstown Intermediate School. For more information, contact Guy Louks at gylouks@yahoo.com or 765-491-8144.

◆The **Central Wrestling Federation** will perform at Carthage Community Church on Friday, Oct. 6. Doors open at 6 p.m. and wrestling starts at 7 p.m. Advance tickets can be purchased at Knightstown Toys & Treasures or Pavey's in Carthage. Concession sales profits benefit Carthage Community Church. Call 765-491-

8144 for more information.

◆Items are needed for a **Beautify Knightstown, Inc.** fund raising project. Gently used items that can be donated are appreciated and pick-up can be arranged by calling 765-445-2328. They may also be dropped off at the Hoosiers Home Court Cafe, 12 E. Main St, Knightstown. Funds will be used to purchase additional Knightstown flags to line Main Street, support Little Free Libraries, distribute welcome baskets, and purchase trim for the gazebo.

◆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 of Knightstown, Charlottesville, Carthage and Wilkinson. The baskets can be obtained at 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. For more information call 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 345-7585.

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

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

◆The Knightstown **Head Start** program, located at the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy, still has openings for age-eligible children for this school year. The program is also taking applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Call 765-529-4403 for more info.

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 16 College head
 17 "Will ___ in sunlight again ...?" (S. Plath)
 19 Hardy's partner before Laurel
 20 "Declaration of Sentiments" author
 21 Padded footstool
 23 Youth sports org.
 24 Hoosier wintering in Fla., e.g.
 25 Allow to fall
 28 Ivory Coast region
 30 No, in Iceland
 31 Goals
 32 Hula follower
 34 Lucy's TV pal
 38 Newsman Rather
 39 Question TV
 41 Native ending
 42 Film starring 15-, 16-, 20-across actor
 44 "And then, he drank ..." (E. Dickinson)
 45 Fairy tale meanie
 46 An Icelandic river
 48 Lennon's love
 49 Trumpeter Baker
 50 Type of rug (2 wds.)
 54 Decide
 56 A ___ : a total flop
 57 One who pries
 61 Sphere intro?
 62 Some generous diners (2 wds.)
 64 Weak
 65 Disciple of St. Patrick
 66 "Runnin' Rebels" school (abbr.)
 67 A Romanian river
 68 Painfully pricked
 69 Part of a process

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 2 Air out
 3 Length x width measurement
 4 Actress Tyler gets some rest (2 wds.)
 5 Break follower?
 6 Merit
 7 Historic start?
 8 Fiery crime
 9 British writer and critic Strachey
 10 Felon's bank-target boast (3 wds.)
 11 16th c. Algerian ruler Selim-bin-
 12 Noted late 19th c. Punjabi poet
 13 Cease: put ___ to it
 18 Airport best guess letters
 22 Bird sound
 24 AKC registrant, often
 25 Man Ray's art movement
 26 Iranian currency
 27 Defunct science magazine
 29 Pal ending?
 33 Hammer end
 35 Elevated
 36 French 101 verb
 37 19th c. 1-term Penn. congressman
 39 "I'm ___ Cowhand" (J. Mercer song)
 40 Becoming enraptured
 43 Pres. ident of India's Madras Corp. (1906-10)
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 47 13th mayor of Indianapolis
 50 House chestnut genus
 51 Some Native American domed huts
 52 "___ fool!"
 53 "I need to go on ___!"
 55 Burst
 57 Brit's WWII gun
 58 House opener?
 59 Perry's creator
 60 Invite response
 63 Wildebeest

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WWI 'Doughboy' Monument at Henry Co. Memorial Park Subject of Restoration Effort

To honor the residents of Henry County who served in World War I, the Friends of Memorial Park Monuments Committee is collecting public donations to help recondition and relocate the iconic Spirit of the American Doughboy statue in Henry County Memorial Park.

A rededication of the statue is planned for the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I on Nov. 11, 2018.

Contributions, by check may be mailed to The Friends of Memorial Park, c/o Joyce Jester, 5596 N. CR 550-E, Mooreland, IN 47360.

Individuals or families interested in honoring veterans may do so by purchasing one of the flagpoles that will be placed at the site of the monument. In-kind contributions will also be considered, based on the needs of the project. All contributions are greatly appreciated and are fully tax deductible. Contact Steve Peckinpugh, 765-533-4793, with any questions.

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meeting, as originally intended, and the moratorium was never officially lifted, Morelock said this should pose no problems for any commercial projects that may have started after Aug. 1. Because he will be urging the council to make its next vote retroactive to Aug. 1, he said any projects started since that date, while the moratorium is technically still in effect, will be OK.

Now a National Legion Rep, Jerry Jordon Sees Service as Way of Giving Back to Soldiers, Vets

by Logan Cox

After 39 years of service to American Legion Post 152 in Knightstown, Jerry Jordon was recently elected to the American Legion's National Executive Committee (NEC).

Those on the NEC set the policy and budget for the American Legion. They often explore new ways to attract members, as well as ways of instituting those plans. Essentially, they are the American Legion's governing body. They even have a national commander, like a president.

"Even though there's only 50 states," Jordon explained, "there are 55 departments of the American Legion because we have posts in Mexico and France and Puerto Rico. We govern a lot just like, say, the Senate. Each of the departments gets one national executive committeeman, and one alderman in case the executive committeeman can't function."

Jordon is a United States Army veteran who served during the Vietnam War from May of 1968 to 1970. Though drafted, he was also a volunteer.

"I went in right after the Tet Offensive, which was in January. I was one of the ones who were pretty fortunate," he said. "I did not get sent to Vietnam, I spent my 18 months in Germany and I drove a semi. I came out as a spec four, specialist fourth class. For that time and as much as was going on, my time in the service was pretty mild compared to what some of our young men went through. So I was pretty fortunate. Lucky."

Upon leaving the Army, Jordon didn't join the American Legion right away.

"I got out in 1970, and got married shortly after. I worked in a factory and farmed about 500 acres. And I had two sons who would later play in sports, so I didn't have a lot of spare time to get involved," said Jordon.

Getting involved was on his mind, though. Jordon's own father, a World War II veteran, had been a longtime member of the American Legion. This inspired Jordon's service later on.

"He was part of the 10th Mountain who come through Italy during WWII," Jordon said of his father. "I would say it was probably his influence as much as anything."

Once his boys got older, Jordon eventually decided to attend a Legion meeting. And so, feeling the organization and its people were a good fit for him, his nearly four decades of service began.

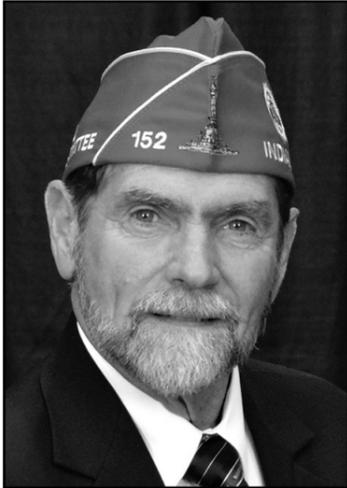
"I was taught by my father that you can't always just take, take, take," Jordon explained. "You've got to give back. Like I said, I always felt very fortunate that I didn't have to go to Vietnam and I didn't get shot at. But I knew some of my friends had. And with Agent Orange, PTSD, and everything that was going on, I knew they were gonna need some help. And I just thought that was a good way for me to get involved and maybe help them - to pay back some of that good fortune that I had to some

people who maybe didn't have such good fortune."

Jordon has been an active member of several other organizations, too. He belonged to the Future Farmers of America (FFA) during high school, among other groups. After he got out of the service, he joined and later became president of the Shirley Lions Club. He has even belonged to the Masons, and served the state of Indiana and other civic institutions in the Knightstown area over the last several years.

"I've always been involved in organizations that service the community. And that's what I like about the American Legion," he said. "The organization is just very family-service oriented. It's not all about veterans. Our charge is to look after widows and orphans, the children of veterans - that's what we do. The American Legion was really involved in the Knightstown children's home. We really battled to keep that place open. Didn't have a lot of luck at it, but we are still looking after the veterans' children whenever there is a need."

Jordon said he is very encouraged by the way
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- Wed., Oct. 4** – Spiceland Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Spiceland Town Hall
- Wed., Oct. 4** – Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall
- Thurs., Oct. 5** – Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Rose Mary, from Page 4

- Sat., Oct. 7** – Shirley Town Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., Shirley Town Hall
- Sat., Oct. 7** – Wilkinson Town Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., Wilkinson Town Hall

everyone. Granted, the cost of college seems outrageous these days, but people's incomes are higher. The first year I taught, for example, I made \$3,900.

My poverty didn't bother me, nor did I envy those who had more. Somehow I managed to carry majors in both French and social science and a minor in English. I assumed that attending college was a privi-

lege to be earned. Perhaps it's hokey, but I often stood in the middle of the campus and said to myself, "Rose Mary Gard, you are in college - you are actually in college!" I was so desperate for an education that I accepted hard work, constant lack of sleep and hunger. I think it was good for me.

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Indiana National Road Assoc. Annual Meeting Set for Oct. 19

The Indiana National Road Association (INRA) is hosting its annual meeting in Indianapolis at the Neidhammer, a beautifully restored historic building located at 2102 E. Washington St., on Thursday, Oct. 19, 6-8 p.m.

Donald Davidson, Indianapolis Motor Speedway historian, will be the featured speaker for the evening. Davidson is a radio and TV personality, best known for his Talk of Gasoline Alley radio program during the month of May in Indianapolis, and his phenomenal ability to recall details, stories and personalities of racing at IMS.

Davidson has earned many awards and honors during his illustrious career, including membership in the Auto Racing Hall of Fame, the Richard Fairbanks Indiana Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame, and the USAC Hall of Fame. In 2016, he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash for his lifetime achievements by then Gov. Mike Pence. Davidson will share opening remarks, then open the floor to

questions from attendees.

The Neidhammer is a multi-use historic building, home to the Neidhammer Coffee Co., Ash Elm Cider Co., a fully equipped collaborative work center, and a unique events venue. INRA's event will take place on the third floor which features modern elevator service, and has been carefully restored to retain many original elements including an original vaudeville stage.

Dinner is included with the event, served by the Oasis Diner of Plainfield. There will be a brief introduction prior to featured speaker highlighting the Neidhammer's restoration and year in review for the Indiana National Road Association.

The event is open to the public with the purchase of a ticket. INRA members are eligible for free tickets based on membership level. Non-member tickets are \$25 and come with an INRA Membership. Additional guests are \$10 each. For more information and to RSVP call 317-822-7939.



KHS Senior Brady Harrison Elected State FCCLA Officer



Brady Harrison from the New Castle Career Center's education careers class was elected as a state officer for the Family, Careers, Community, Leaders of America (FCCLA) on March 9 at the State Leadership Conference.

FCCLA is a professional organization that focuses on the families and children.

Harrison was selected to be the

vice president of public relations. As vice president of public relations he will travel around the state promoting FCCLA. According to the New Castle Career Center, Harrison will "use his dynamic personality to inspire other students to take active roles in their schools, communities and careers."

A senior at Knightstown High School, Harrison has already been accepted into the Ivy Tech ASAP program. "Brady is a leader and can't wait to become an elementary school teacher," a press release from the career center said.

LifeStream Looking to Brighten Holidays for Isolated Seniors

LifeStream Services is asking for the public's help in brightening the holidays for isolated seniors in need in East Central Indiana. AngelWish is LifeStream's annual campaign to spread holiday cheer to isolated seniors and people with disabilities. The program coordinates doorstep delivery of packages of food, personal care items, practical necessities, and gifts.

For many senior citizens across Indiana, the holiday season can be the loneliest time of the year. That's where LifeStream's AngelWish comes in. For over 20 years, generous businesses, clubs, organizations, churches, and individuals have come together as a community to ensure the most vulnerable are not forgotten during the holidays.

Last year alone, LifeStream delivered over 800 gift packages. LifeStream is excited to touch the lives of even more seniors this holiday season as the program is offered across their 12 county service area - Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne counties.

Below is how individuals and organizations can support the AngelWish program:

***Volunteer:** LifeStream will need assistance in packaging gifts, as well as delivering gift bags to the AngelWish recipients.

***Donate Items:** LifeStream is seeking donations of practical necessity items to place in this year's bags. Suggested items include peanut butter, tuna, soups, bath soap, hand lotion, shampoo, deodorant, denture cleaner, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, dish washing liquid, tissue paper, etc. Pick up/drop off of items should be coordinated no later than December 1.

***Sponsor:** Benefits can include logo and name listed on print and online materials, name listed in Streamlines newsletter delivered to over 3,500 homes and businesses, as well as the opportunity to provide

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It's Official



Ashley Davis, chair of the Carthage Historic Preservation Commission and a member of the Carthage Town Council, presents Henry Henley Public Library Board member Claire Mercer with a plaque commemorating the library's recent placement on the National Register for Historic Places

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Street Repair Grant



Knightstown officials gathered for a check presentation Monday morning at town hall. Joining them was State Rep. Tom Saunders (R-Lewisville), who brought the \$66,057.68 check, which will be used for town road improvements next year. Pictured (l-r) are Town Council President Sarah Ward, Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman, Saunders, Water Department Manager Randy Anderson, Electric Department Manager Bobby Reed, Street Department Manager Brian Lane and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Wanda Olseske. (Eric Cox photo)

Knightstown, Tri Fall Early in Tennis Team Sectionals; Top Doubles Teams From Both Schools Still Competing

Knightstown and Tri boys tennis teams both fell early in the team sectional 45 last week at New Castle.

Tri's boys team defeated Blue River Valley 4-1 in the first round but were then eliminated in the next round by Shenandoah. The Raiders topped the Titans 3-2.

Knightstown had hoped to repeat its result from the regular season when it beat New Castle 5-0 on Aug. 24. But, the Trojans topped the Panthers 3-2 in the first round.

The host school went on to win

the team sectionals by defeating Shenandoah 4-1.

Both Knightstown and Tri's No. 1 doubles teams earned the opportunity to compete at the boys individuals sectionals in Richmond this week.

Tri's No. 1 doubles team of Mason Rottinghaus and Jimmy Jeffries received a bye in the individuals sectional. Knightstown's No. 1 doubles team of Dallas Edwards and Collin Ferree won their first round match Tuesday evening.

The win by Edwards and

Ferree sets them up for their third match this season against Rottinghaus and Jeffries on Wednesday night.

Tri's top duo finished the regular season 18-2, including the wins over Knightstown's dubs team in the regular season back in August and again in the county tourney Sept. 16 in a three-set hard-fought battle.

The sectional face-off between the KHS and Tri doubles team Wednesday should provide another exciting match for fans of the four players.

Knightstown Runners Win Girls Henry County Title, Boys Finish Second

Knightstown cross country teams continued to meet and beat expectations this season.

The KHS girls cross country team fielded a full group to finally be able to compete for a team position at the Henry County Tourney Sept. 26 and came away with the county title.

The Panther boys team finished behind Blue River Valley for second place.

Three KHS girls earned All-County honors for their efforts. Liz Moore came in second, Alexis Howard placed fourth and Harley Peavler was seventh to get the All-County honors.

Knightstown's boys were led by Michael Weiland in fifth place. Weiland was the sole Panther to make the All-County team.

On Sept. 30, Knightstown's runners competed in the Tri-Eastern Conference Meet.

Knightstown's boys finished

sixth out of eight teams.

Weiland placed 18th with a time of 18:41. Evan Nolen ran a personal best of 18:47 for 20th.

Other Knightstown boys competing included Nikko Pierce at 26th with a time of 19:33, Jacob Hanna was 29th at 19:56, Josiah King was 35th at 20:13, Kyle Knotts was 36th at 20:34 and Justin Goodpaster was 42nd at 20:56.

KHS girls did not have enough runners to place in the team standings. But, Liz Moore finished in 14th place with a time of 22:53 and Alexis Howard came in right behind her at 15th with a time of 23:06. Harley Peavler was 20th at 23:59, her personal best this season. Chloe Kwisz also ran her personal best, finishing 37th at 34:48.

The cross country teams will travel back to Connerville for the second time this season for the sectional competition Oct. 7.



Knightstown's girls cross country team poses with their trophy after winning the Henry County championship last week. (Photo provided)



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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Prevail Over Titans 40-30 in Annual Rivalry Game



With just over a minute left in the game Friday night and the Panthers holding a comfortable lead over the visiting Titans, perhaps no player on the field was more entitled to a big smile than senior Garrett Thomas. He had his best game this season with 14 solo tackles and six assisted tackles. The big game put No. 65 at sixth in the state in total tackles with 99 and seventh in the state in solo tackles with 67. (Stacy Cox photo)

KNIGHTSTOWN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Passing

Tyler Burton - 5 of 10 for 93 yards, 3 touchdowns, 1 interception

Rushing

T. Burton - 19 carries for 153 yards, 3 fumbles, 1 TD, 1 conversion
 Jose Olivo - 12 carries for 78 yards, 1 TD
 Jon Simmons - 9 carries for 55 yards, 1 TD
 Lane Parker - 3 carries for 25 yards
 Nick Walsh - 2 carries for 21 yards

Receiving

Tucker Personett - 2 receptions for 52 yards, 2 TDs
 L. Parker - 1 reception for 24 yards, 1 TD
 Max Muncy - 1 reception for 10 yards
 J. Simmons - 1 reception for 7 yards

Interceptions / Sacks / Fumble Recoveries / Etc.

J. Olivo - 2 interceptions
 T. Burton - 1 interception, 1 pass deflection
 J. Simmons - 1 sack, 1 interception
 Dawson Smith - 1 interception, 3 pass deflections
 L. Parker - 2 pass deflections
 Bruce Nichols - 1 pass deflection
 Garret Thomas - 1 fumble caused
 Aiden Orcutt - 1 fumble recovered

Kicking

T. Burton - 1 punt for 43 yards
 N. Walsh - 7 kickoffs for 260 yards, 2 points after touchdowns

Returns

L. Parker - 2 kickoff returns for 44 yards
 J. Olivo - 1 kickoff return for 39 yards
 N. Walsh - 1 kickoff return for 19 yards

Total Tackles (solo+assists)

Garrett Thomas - 20 (14 solo); T. Burton - 13; J. Simmons - 12; J. Olivo - 7; T. Personett - 6; L. Parker, Sam Thomas - 5; Walker Gorman, Dawson Smith - 4; Aiden Orcutt - 3; Josiah Halvorsen, Bruce Nichols - 2; Mason Carmichael, Kyle Mattix, Mason Tinkle, Nick Walsh - 1.



Tri senior Drew Mondrush put the first points on the board with this great catch halfway through the first quarter last Friday against Knightstown. (Stacy Cox photo)

Teams Combine for 826 Yards, 11 Touchdowns

The annual rivalry varsity football game between county rivals Knightstown and Tri last Friday did not disappoint, at least not for those that stayed until the end of the game.

Knightstown scored six touchdowns and Tri had five touchdowns in the game, but the Panthers' extra points made the big difference for KHS to take the 40-30 win.

The game for possession of the bell started off with an annoying amount of flags on little mistakes. Tri overcame many of its early problems at the line after quarterback Alex Melton found Drew Mondrush in the end zone for the first points of the game about halfway through the first quarter.

Before the first period ended, Knightstown quarterback tied the game up on one of his 19 carries in the game.

No one was likely shocked to see the score tied at six after the first quarter. The next two quarters would not be so predictable.

Knightstown exploded in the second quarter, scoring three touchdowns while pounding the Titans defensively. The Panthers held Tri scoreless in the second

period to take a 27-6 lead at half-time.

But, the Titans were not going to go down with some fight.

Tri found their groove in the third period and scored three touchdowns and kept the Panthers from scoring. The Titans failed to score the extra points after their three touchdowns but had pulled with three points of the Panthers at the end of the third, putting the score at 27-24.

Knightstown rallied on their home field in the fourth quarter, scoring two more touchdowns and adding the extra point on a good kick by Nick Walsh.

The Titans scored again before the clock expired when Melton connected with Gage Rowe.

Both quarterbacks posted some big numbers offensively.

Melton finished with 319 passing yards in the game with four touchdowns, though he was also intercepted four times. Melton also led the Titans in rushing with 46 yards.

Burton threw three touchdowns and was intercepted once. He also led his team in rushing with 153 yards and one touchdown.

Garrett Thomas posted his

third straight game of double-digits solo tackles. He took down 14 Titan runners on his own and assisted in six more tackles for 20 total tackles. Thomas' effort puts him now at 99 total tackles this season and 67 solo tackles.

Thomas' performance against Tri has moved him up to sixth place in the state in total tackles and seventh place in the state in solo tackles.

Burton and Jon Simmons were also huge factors defensively. Burton had 13 total tackles and Simmons had 12.

Tri's Logan Stephens is also having a great season heading up the Titan defense. Stephens is 18th in the state in total tackles with 86.

Both teams now hold 3-4 records.

Knightstown has two games left in the season. They are on the road at Indianapolis Northwest High School this Friday, Oct. 6. They close out the regular season at home against Heritage Christian Oct. 13.

Tri is also away this Friday. The Titans travel to Winchester Oct. 6 then finish their regular season at home against Union County Oct. 13.

TRI INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Passing

Alex Melton - 19 of 28 for 319 yards, 4 touchdowns, 4 interceptions

Rushing

A. Melton - 8 carries for 46 yards
 Nick Wilson - 10 carries for 19 yards, 1 fumble
 Kyler Burchett - 2 carries for 9 yards
 Drew Mondrush - 3 carries for 8 yards

Receiving

N. Wilson - 5 receptions for 130 yards, 1 TD
 Gage Rowe - 1 reception for 68 yards, 1 TD
 K. Burchett - 6 receptions for 60 yards, 1 TD
 D. Mondrush - 4 receptions for 37 yards, 1 TD
 Masen Phelps - 3 receptions for 24 yards

Interceptions / Sacks / Fumble Recoveries / Etc.

K. Burchett - 1 interception for a TD, 1 pass

deflected

Seth Butler - 1 pass deflected
 Austin Fowler - 1 fumble caused

Returns

N. Wilson - 4 kickoff returns for 49 yards
 Andrew Pierce - 2 kickoff returns for 10 yards

Kicking

D. Mondrush - 4 kickoffs for 162 yards
 A. Melton - 2 punts for 77 yards
 Syrus Butler - 1 kickoff for 10 yards

Total Tackles (solo+assists)

Justin Greene - 9; K. Burchett, Logan Stephens - 8; Dakota Raley - 6; Austin Fowler, N. Wilson - 5; Gage Rowe, Parker Smeltzer - 3; Devin Keck, D. Mondrush - 2; Tyler Kingery, A. Melton, Ryan Mogg, M. Phelps - 1..



In addition to his 14 solo tackles in last Friday's game, including this tackle here, Garrett Thomas stripped the ball out of the hands of Tri's Nick Wilson (12), causing the team's only fumble. Aiden Orcutt (78) was able to dive on the loose ball to give the Panthers possession. (Stacy Cox photo)

LOCAL SPORTS

Knightstown K-6 Girls Basketball League Forming

Knightstown varsity girls basketball head coach Charity Smucker has announced plans for this season's youth girls basketball league.

The league for girls in grades kindergarten through sixth grade will be playing in January with games running through February.

Smucker said she will be sending registration forms home with students in November.

Persons interested in being involved in the youth league or parents needing more information about the upcoming league are encouraged to contact Smucker via email at charitysmucker@yahoo.com.

Knightstown Youth Cheerleaders Fill Stands, Sidelines at Friday's Varsity Football Game



Above, Knightstown varsity cheerleader Grace Muncy leads a group of young cheerleaders before half-time at Friday's varsity football game. Dozens of girls came out for the school's Youth Night and took turns cheering in front of the home crowd and formed a tunnel during halftime as Knightstown youth football players were announced. (Stacy Cox photo)

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Knightstown varsity cheerleader Lauren Wineman spent much of Friday's game trying to keep the young cheerleaders in attendance happy and occupied. All the varsity cheerleaders were great role models for the young girls, showing plenty of patience and maintaining their smiling faces. (Stacy Cox photo)

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Jordan, from Page 6

military service members are treated by their peers when they return home from duty in the modern age.

"You know, some of our Vietnam vets, they were spit on and they were called 'baby killers.' It was a horrible time that America felt that way about someone who had... I mean, it was a draft then. Those young men in my area didn't join. You got a letter that says you've got to go. And you either went, or you hid out in Canada, or you went to jail. So for them to be treated like they were when they came home was just horrible," he said.

Experiencing this period in American history left a strong impression on Jordan. In light of this, he is glad to see that the people have now learned to disagree with or lay blame on the war, rather than the warrior.

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Restoration, from Page 1

flow of the small town congregation finally ebbed too much. After loss of membership and a few rough spots with different pastors, some of whom didn't quite fit or left for other reasons, church elders considered closing.

After the departure of their most recent pastor, elders consulted with an individual who works with churches that don't have, but are seeking leadership. He provided Meeks with Maples' name and the connection was made.

"Our committee met with him and liked him," Meeks told The Banner. "His church needed a place to meet and we needed a pastor, so it really worked out well."

The First Baptist congregation had by that time shrunk to about 10 members - too few, Meeks said, to manage the large tri-level structure, its lawn and landscaping and the adjacent parsonage and all it entails. "We were afraid we were going to have to turn the church back over to the SBC," she said.

That option turned out to be unnecessary as Maples got a unanimous vote of approval when the congregation voted on whether or not to accept him.

According to Meeks, the name change - from First Baptist Church of Knightstown to Total Restoration Church - also won easy approval with the local congrega-

tion. "We old people have to be willing to change sometimes and go along with some of what the younger people want," she said. "I'm not talking about doctrine - we will always teach the Southern Baptist Convention's doctrine. But, we have to more flexible with lots of other things."

Maples said he is intent on spreading the church's love and friendship whenever and wherever he can. "That's what we're here to do," Maples said. "We're here to develop loving relationships with folks. Nobody cares what we know, until they know that we care."

Maples and his congregation are welcoming new members at Total Restoration Church. The lobby features a welcome table and a variety of breakfast drinks. Sunday morning worshipers are also treated to a continental breakfast and they can easily read church announcements on a lobby television.

Maples and his wife, Debbie, live in Richmond. He's been pastoring churches in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky since 1977.

Bible study starts at 10 a.m., with worship at 11. Childcare is available and a recently remodeled upstairs bathroom are meant to make things easier for young parents.

Maples can be reached at 765-

277-3005. Youth Pastor Dion Moore can be reached at 765-993-3865.

Apartments, from Page 3

said the Pine Hill Villas apartments are exactly the kind of housing needed in Knightstown at this time.

"The lack of quality market rate rental properties is stifling the potential population growth within the town and school system," Peacock wrote. "This multi-family complex should help attract new citizens to our community while also allowing for opportunities for previously relocated citizens to relocate back to Knightstown."

Peacock said KDC Investments wants to retain as many of the mature trees on the property that it can, so as to create "a nice wooden family oriented complex that folks can truly enjoy coming home to each day." He said local nonprofit organization Beautify Knightstown Inc. also plans to install one of their little free library structures on the property, and that there will be plenty of green space for outdoor activities for children and other tenants.

The residential structure currently at 123 W. Morgan will likely be razed in early December, Peacock told The Banner. If it's a mild winter, he said work on the foundation could start soon after that, but, if the weather is harsh, he said that work may be not begin until late February or early March.

Once construction begins, Peacock said he expects work to take about six months.

"I would anticipate that if we can start by March 1, we would be ready to rent the first units by October 1," Peacock said. "... There's a lot of variables there, but that's a fairly safe estimate."

The apartments that will comprise Pine Hill Villas will look similar to other apartments KDC Investments has in Knightstown and Spiceland. The Knightstown Villas - located at the southwest corner of North Madison and West Warrick streets - consists of a single eight-unit building, and the recently opened Spiceland Villas, located off North State Road 3, has two eight-unit buildings. The company also owns the six-unit Hickory Apartments at State Road 109 and Carey Street in Knightstown.

Like the Knightstown Villas and Spiceland Villas apartments, Peacock said both two-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments will be available at the Pine Hill Villas. Rental amounts have not yet been set, but will be based on current market rates.

For more information about the Pine Hill Villas apartments or others owned by KDC Investments, call 765-445-5355.

LifeStream, from Page 7

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Letters, from Page 4

Dear Editor,

A year since the process first began, the Lilly Endowment has announced which Indiana schools are receiving groundbreaking grants to implement innovative changes in school counseling. In Henry County, South Henry School Corporation is among those selected to move forward with its plan. They and all the award winners should be congratulated for their ingenuity and enthusiasm.

Last fall, the Lilly Endowment announced a groundbreaking \$22 million investment aimed at sparking innovative, sustainable, comprehensive school counseling programs. The challenges public and charter school districts face - too few counselors and increasingly complex student needs - are well documented. The Endowment's Comprehensive Counseling Initiative inspired districts to look beyond present needs and visualize what an ideal counseling program could accomplish.

This initiative allows districts to accelerate, broaden and/or pilot efforts to address the academic, postsecondary and social-emotional counseling needs of students. Those complex social-emotional needs came up repeatedly across the 90 school districts with which the Indiana Youth Institute worked during the grant's planning phase. Critical skills such as self-control, teamwork and stress management are already part of comprehensive counseling models, but additional pressures such as peer cruelty, suicidal ideation and parental drug addiction make a strong support network even more important to student well-being.

Experts say school counselors have long understood the connection between academic, career and personal/social domains. Yet for school counselors to have the intended impact on students, they need realistic caseloads so they can interact with both students and parents.

An early takeaway is the need for improved and increased parent engagement with school counselors across all grade levels. Last spring, IYI surveyed more than 80,000 students, parents and school personnel as part of our work with school districts. In those surveys, more than half of parents said they hadn't spoken to their child's school counselor during the current school year. A significant number of students said they wanted more individualized interactions with their counselor.

The impact of this educational investment is already being felt, with many school districts taking early action. Some schools are adding to existing counseling programs. Others are reaching out to student and parents. And still others are using empathy-based curriculum in faculty and staff trainings. Overall, many schools reported an increased understanding of the importance of evidence-based comprehensive counseling programs. The next four years promise improved and expanded school counseling programs.

Increased achievement in academics, social-emotional well-being, and college/career preparedness benefits our students, our communities and our state. The Lilly Counseling Initiative has sparked renewed interest in the role counselors play in student success and helps us see the opportunities we have to work with counselors to address the complex, ever-changing needs of today's students.

Tami Silverman
Indiana Youth Institute

Dear Editor,

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