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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.

Friends Church Topic of Discussion

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.

Harvest Dinner Set for Saturday, Oct. 21

Nameless Creek Christian Church, 3856 N. 800-E, Greenfield, will host its annual Harvest Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 21, 4-6:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be accepted. Menu includes turkey or pork loin, real mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, slaw, cranberry relish, rolls, home-made desserts and drinks.

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. Starting Oct. 20, those who have read the book are encouraged to stop by the main service desk to enter a drawing for a chance to win gift certificates.

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.

CAB Holds Brief Hearing on Proposed 2018 Budget

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board held a brief public hearing last week on the district's proposed 2018 budget and capital projects and bus replacement plans for coming years.

CAB's treasurer/business manager, Stephanie Madison, quickly went over some of the figures she had provided during a budget presentation in August during the Oct. 3 budget hearing. According to the district's Notice to Taxpayers, the proposed budget for 2018 totals \$13,514,069, which, by fund, breaks down as follows: General (\$8,997,018); Debt Service (\$2,235,079); Capital Projects (\$1,066,972); Transportation (\$1,075,000); and Bus Replacement (\$200,000).

Next year's proposed budget is about 3 percent higher than the \$13,122,808 budget for 2017 that CAB advertised last fall. The state ended up approving CAB's 2017 budget in the amount of \$12,764,009, 2.7 percent less than CAB had advertised and nearly 5.7 percent less than what CAB has advertised for 2018.

As she has in past years, Madison again explained that when

drafting a proposed budget, CAB's practice is to calculate estimated tax levies and tax rates based on an assessed valuation (AV) of taxable property in CAB's district that is lower than what is actually anticipated. When the AV actually turns out to be higher than the figure used during budget preparation, the end result is that tax rates are lower than those advertised.

Information in the budget presentation Madison made in August showed the AV in the CAB taxing district has increased each year since 2011, when it was \$245,545,903. In 2012, the AV was \$252,201,480, and it was \$259,845,231 in 2013, \$272,611,068 in 2014, \$287,146,711 in 2015, \$288,905,077 in 2016 and \$291,641,714 this year.

As she did last year, Madison used a figure of \$245 million for the district-wide AV when drafting the 2018 budget, which would require a tax rate of \$1.6768 per \$100 of taxable property to raise the property tax revenue needed to fund next year's budget. Should the AV end up being higher than that, as expected, the corresponding tax rate will be less than what would

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Area School Accountability Grades Released

The Indiana Department of Education released school accountability grades last Wednesday for the 2016-2017 school year.

According to a press release issued by the DOE, nearly 25 percent of Indiana schools improved one or more letter grades from the year before. Overall, 62 percent of the schools received an A or B, with the total number of A-rated schools increasing close to 6 percent.

"I am encouraged by the results of our current accountability grades as an indication of the great education Indiana students are receiving," Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick said in the press release. "Our work, however, is not finished. As a Department we will continue to partner with stakeholders from the state level to the local community to ensure every school is successful and every student is academically prepared for the future."

Locally, the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp.'s three schools saw no change in their grades from those issued for the 2015-2016 school year. Knightstown High School and Knightstown Elementary School both received B's again, while

Knightstown Intermediate School maintained its C from the previous year.

Looking at Henry County's five high schools and three others in the area, Eastern Hancock, Greenfield-Central and Shenandoah were the only ones to register higher grades this year, each improving from a B to an A. Knightstown, New Castle, Rushville and Tri high schools saw no change in their grades, while Blue River Valley, the only school to see improvement last year, was the only high school to get a lower grade this year, falling from a B to a C.

State lawmakers first established a performance-based accountability system in 1999, and, over the next two years, the State Board of Education, IDOE and the Education Roundtable worked to establish administrative rules outlining the accountability system. In 2015, SBOE established new metrics for Indiana's student-centered accountability system, which took effect with the assessment of the 2015-16 school year.

The 2016-17 School Accountability Grades can be viewed online at www.doe.in.gov/accountability.

Henry County Commissioners Schedule Third Wind Meeting

On the heels of two special meetings held last week, the Henry County Commissioners have scheduled a third to continue discussing possible changes to how the county regulates Wind Energy Conversion Systems.

The commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. next Wednesday, Oct. 18, in the county's former circuit court courtroom in the Henry County Courthouse, 101 S. Main St., New Castle. According to notice provided to The Banner, this special meeting will be a "roundtable work session" that will include the following participants: the three county commissioners; two persons who favor WECS development in Henry County; two people who believe the county's existing WECS regulations should be more stringent; and the county's engineer.

Next Wednesday's special meeting is open to the public. The commissioners indicated in their official meeting notice, however, that they do not intend to take public comments at this meeting.

Carthage Town Council Votes Twice to Approve 2018 Budget

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council voted Monday evening - twice - to approve the town's proposed budget for 2018.

With the clock on the wall inside Carthage Town Hall showing 6 p.m., President Rachael Brown called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and then, just a little more than a minute later, the council voted 4-0 to adopt the \$361,331 budget.

The council's fifth member, Charlie Watkins, arrived right after the council's vote, as did the town's attorney, Adam Forrest. A brief discussion ensued about how the time displayed on the clock on the wall was about five minutes fast - a point that has been brought to the attention of town officials at prior meetings.

Since the errant time on the clock meant the meeting had been called to order, and the budget

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Five Years of Accountability Letter Grades for Area High Schools

| School District | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Blue River Valley* | C | B | C | C | C |
| Knightstown | B | B | A | A | A |
| Eastern Hancock | A | B | A | A | A |
| Greenfield-Central | A | B | A | A | B |
| New Castle Comm. | B | B | B | B | B |
| Rushville Consolidated | B | B | A | A | A |
| Shenandoah | A | B | A | A | A |
| Tri* | C | C | B | B | B |

*Both BRV and Tri are junior-senior high schools, and their grades above include all students in those schools, not just those in grades 9-12.

**The source for the above data is the Indiana Dept. of Education.

Five Years of Accountability Letter Grades for Charles A. Beard Schools

| School | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Knightstown High Sch. | B | B | A | A | A |
| Knightstown Intermediate | C | C | D | D | C |
| Knightstown Elementary | B | B | A | A | A |

*The source for the above data is the Indiana Dept. of Education.





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OBITUARIES

Alicia C. O'Neal
November 10, 1936 - October 9, 2017



Alicia C. O'Neal, 80, of Shirley, passed away Monday, Oct. 9, 2017 at The Waters of New Castle. She was born Nov. 10, 1936, in Costa Rica, the daughter of Nicolas Corrales and Marina Ugaldá (Herrera) Ballesta.

Alicia was a member of the Wilkinson Church of Christ. She was a wonderful cook and often blessed her community with her talents. She loved dancing with her grandchildren and listening to her Costa Rican music. Alicia lived a life that exemplified Christ. She loved growing flowers and the fresh food William grew in his garden.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, William H. O'Neal of Shirley; five children, Telowa "T. J." Rollings of Knightstown, Cristiana O'Neal-Ibanez of Shirley, Solomon (Jennifer) O'Neal of Wilkinson, Bethel (Jon) Marcy of New Palestine and Jesse O'Neal of Shirley; six grandchildren, Mark (Kristi) Hawk of Greenfield, Christylee (Amos) Vickers of New Lisbon, Kathrine (Don III) Stuck of Indianapolis, Candis (Adrian) O'Neal-Ramones of Indianapolis, Joshua (Brittnee) Marcy of Fountaintown, and Sara (Scott) Frey of New Palestine; and 12 great-grandchildren, Deven, Ciara, Taryn, Jocelyne, Balian, Xavier, Jonah, Jack, Colten, Sissy, Trapper and Hoosier.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Rachel Marcy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel with Pastor Bill Roberts officiating. Burial will follow in McCray Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday. Condolences and memories of Alicia may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Vada Fay Lord
March 4, 1918 - October 3, 2017



Vada Fay Lord, 99, of Greenfield passed away peacefully on Oct. 3, 2017 in Greenfield. She was born on March 4, 1918 in Owensville to the late Chauncey and Doshia (Crank) Garrett.

Vada was a 1936 graduate of Owensville High School. She then went onto Oakland City College and received her bachelor's degree in 1940 and finished school at Ball State University in 1974 with her master's degree in education. While Vada was in school she married her love, Francis R. Lord, on Dec. 25, 1944, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 1990. She was a member of the East Street Christian Church in Carthage for many years. Vada worked in Rush County Schools for over 24 years, teaching English and Latin. She retired from teaching in 1980. Vada started volunteering in Greenfield at the Adult Learning Center to help adolescents and adults receive their GEDs.

Vada is survived by her two loving sons, Bruce (Donna) Lord of Shelbyville and Brent (Jane) Lord of Cicero; two grandchildren, Lindsey (Robbie) Lawson of Noblesville and Eric (Coree) Lord of Noblesville; and two great-grandchildren, Eliza and Amelia Lawson.

Vada was preceded in death by her four brothers, Desco Garrett, Elvis Garrett, Robert Garrett and Jack Garrett; a sister, Marie Cuzzart; and a granddaughter, Laura Lynn Lord.

LEGAL NOTICE

Bid Notice
The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board is accepting bids on scrap metal from old playground equipment that is being replaced, some recyclable, and on four metal playground animals, estimated value \$100 each.

These items may be viewed in the upper playground area at Sunset Park, 120 S. Hill St., Knightstown.

Sealed bids should be submitted to the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148, by noon on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017. (10/11-10/18)

LEGAL NOTICE

Special Public Meeting
The Board of Commissioners of Henry County, Indiana, will hold a Special Meeting on October 18, 2017, in the former Circuit Court courtroom, Henry County Courthouse, 101 S. Main St., New Castle, Indiana. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to discuss regulation of Wind Energy Conversion Systems in Henry County, including discussion and evaluation of changes to the Henry County Code.

The roundtable work session will include the following board participants:

- *Three County Commissioners;
- *Two persons who are in favor of the development of Wind Energy Conversion Systems in Henry County under the existing regulations;
- *Two persons who believe the existing regulations of Wind Energy Conversion Systems should be revised to be more stringent; and
- *Henry County Engineer.

Members of the public may attend the meeting as observers of the proceeding.

The Commissioners do not intend to receive comments from the audience. (10/11)



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Help for the Holidays

Wanda Jones and Chaplin Mark Herbkersman will facilitate the group to discover tips for the holidays and encouragement for participants.

The Knightstown Chapel and New Castle Chapel will combine to meet in this support group on Tuesday evenings, October 24th through November 14th at 6:30 p.m. The group will meet at Senior Living at Forest Ridge, 2800 Forest Ridge Parkway in New Castle. These meetings are open to the public. You may register by calling **765-529-7100** or **765-345-7400**.

In addition to the support group, a Candlelight Memorial Service will be held Saturday, December 2nd, 2017, convening at 2:00 p.m. at our Knightstown Chapel, and 5:00 p.m. at the New Castle Chapel.

The memorial service will be an opportunity to remember and continue the healing process. This service is open to the public.



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Carthage Historic Preservation Commission Still Looking for Two New Representatives

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

The Carthage Historic Preservation Commission is still looking for two town residents to fill vacancies on the five-person body.

The group, currently consisting of just three members - Ashley Davis, Faith Green and Kathy Gross - has held seven meetings since its first in March. While five people were initially appointed to the commission by the Carthage Town Council, two were ineligible because they are not town residents, as state statute requires.

Any Carthage residents interested in serving on the town's historic preservation commission should contact town council member Ashley Davis, who also chairs the historic preservation commission, at 317-750-6572, or by e-mail at adavis1918@gmail.com.

At the commission's most recent meeting, held Wednesday, Sept. 27, Davis presented a special plaque commemorating the Henry Henley Public Library's recent placement on the national register of historic places to library board member Claire Mercer. The plaque, paid for by an anonymous donor, will be placed outside the library's front entrance, to the left of the door.

Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town and library on a variety of planning and development issues, said the library will now be eligible for grants that are available to those on the national register of historic places.

"It opens up all kinds of avenues for funding," Kieser told CHPC members.

Kieser also advised the CHPC that the Carthage Town Council is

considering purchasing a former bank building on South Main Street to use as a new location for Carthage Town Hall. He said the first thing the council will be doing is seeing if it can get two appraisals done on the property several years ago updated without much additional cost.

"We're taking baby steps right now," Davis added. "... We want to go about it the right way. We don't want to step on the toes of any of our constituents."

If the town gets the two appraisals updated and decides it wants to purchase the building, Kieser said the town would be able to seek a grant to help with that. Then, if the building is acquired, he said the town could go after grants to

help fund a feasibility study and to rehab the building.

Kieser said moving the Carthage Town Hall to the former bank building would be a positive accomplishment for the town.

"It would give the town more of a focal point on Main Street," Kieser said. "... The town hall really needs to be on Main Street. That would correspond with how many towns do it."

Kieser also told CHPC members that the Rush County Community Foundation could be a possible source of funding for facade improvement grants. He said applications for this funding could be submitted to the RCCF next spring, with grants expected to be awarded in June or July.

Thank You

I wish to thank the volunteers who spent many hours organizing the successful 2017 Carthage Freedom Festival. Special thanks go to the following: Carthage Lions' Club, who are unsung community heroes; Clair Wrightsman, parade organizer; Homemakers On The Go, queen contest organizers; Town of Carthage; Silent Auction organizers, Rita & Jennifer; Cake Walk organizers, Trish, Marsha & Karon; those volunteers working at the dinner; KHS & THS bands marching in the parade; Talent Show performers and MC Derek Heim; and all who participated in the parade to make it so enjoyable for the community. BIG kudos for the Future of Carthage volunteers who gave of their time and money to ensure success for the Freedom Festival. Thank you all again!

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Be advised that by passage of a preliminary resolution, the Henry County Council is designating a property as an Economic Revitalization Area. Said property is described as follows:
A parcel consisting 61 acres plus or minus located at 8875 S. County Road 925 West, Parcel I.D. Number: 014-03207-00, Alternate I.D. 33-16-30-000-407.000-029
Information regarding this real estate and its description can be inspected in the County Assessor's Office.

The Henry County Council, as part of the same resolution, approved a seven (7) year tax abatement on improvements constructed, and equipment installed, by Crazy Horse Hops, LLC. The abatement is for a period of seven (7) years and will be reduced pro rata until there is no abatement in the eighth (8) year.

The Henry County Council will hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons regarding this designation at a public hearing on October 25, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. The public hearing will take place in the former Henry Circuit Court courtroom located 101 South Main Street, New Castle, Indiana 47362. All interested parties wishing to be heard regarding this matter may submit written evidence in advance of the hearing or appear and present evidence orally during the hearing.

Those wishing to review a copy of the resolution adopted by the Henry County Council establishing this Economic Revitalization Area may do so by requesting a copy at the Henry County Auditor's Office located at 101 South Main Street, New Castle, Indiana 47362 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

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Information regarding this real estate affected by the designation and its description can be inspected in the County Assessor's Office.

The Henry County Council, as part of the same resolution, approved a five (5) year tax abatement on improvements constructed by American Healthcare Services, Inc.. The abatement is for a period of five (5) years and will be reduced pro rata until there is no abatement in the sixth (6) year.

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Don't Put Off Long-awaited Experiences!

(This column was originally published on Oct. 10, 2007. - Editor)

On the day that this issue of The Banner comes out, Bill, Vicki and I shall be in Rome. You might think that we're rich since we went to Paris last November with Bill and Jean, took the twins there in June, and now here we are on another expensive jaunt. Not so! This trip was supposed to be last year, but didn't work out. In spite of the horrible exchange rate, we won't postpone this trip lest something comes up again to keep us from going.

Mind you, I'm not advocating that people be stupid about money. Mother always said, "If you always take care of your money, your money will always take care of you." I encountered a 60-something divorcee who went into a car dealership, intending to buy a used Honda. Instead, she left in a red Oldsmobile convertible for which she refinanced her home with an adjustable rate mortgage whose interest will soon roll over. That "hot" ride made her ever so happy--"I just love that car!"--but she's had to rent a cheap apartment and let her house go into foreclosure because she owes too much to sell it.

It's all a matter of what's

important to one, isn't it? We've managed to take wonderful vacations and enjoy cultural experiences down through the years because we've lived frugally and resisted the temptation to buy on credit. Can you believe it? We've never had a car payment! We bought only used cars for which



we could pay cash. Some of them, such as an old Cadillac with manual steering that cost \$300, were clunkers. My nephew, John Jones, borrowed it and said, "That thing wore me out hauling it around corners!" It finally gave its last gasp in front of the house, and a charity hauled it away.

Peace of mind and rich experiences have been more important to us than the rush that comes from owning expensive cars, clothing and homes. A couple of years ago,

Bill splurged and paid \$7,000 for a very nice, second-hand Impala--the most he has ever spent on a car. I'm driving a Ford Tempo with 135,000 miles that I inherited from Bill. I don't like it, but the thing runs like a top, so I have little hope of replacing it. What I lust for is a PT Cruiser or a cute little Volkswagon or one of those snazzy little French cars like we saw in Paris. However, I'd rather travel.

"Build your castles in the sky. Now put foundations under them." Thoreau

Vicki has dreamed of seeing the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's works ever since she was a teenager. Helping her fulfill that dream and sharing with her the beauty of two of our favorite places--Florence and Venice--will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all of us.

"The moving finger writes and having writ moves on." The Rubaiyat as translated by Fitzgerald

We learn very little from the experiences of others. We each seem compelled to re-invent the wheel rather than using the resources that others have discovered. One lesson that life has taught me is *carpe diem*--seize the

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So Much Roadside Trash Ruins the View

Those of you familiar with my photography know that I find many beautiful locations in Henry County.

My Instagram account, like Facebook, is loaded with lots of pristine sunrises, sunsets, colorful leaves, tranquil corn fields and other similar fare - all in Henry County.

I enjoy this continuous search for beauty in this area. But, it's what I see between the pretty settings that sometimes infuriates me: garbage.

Almost every roadside in the county is plagued by trash. People must really enjoy throwing crap out the windows of the cars. Their fast food bags, styrofoam cups and beer cans mar the landscape everywhere.

If it's not a paper bag full of hamburger wrappers, it's a stained mattress laying across the road shoulder.

Who does that?

It's pretty classy. I don't have to worry about any of these illegal dumpers getting mad at me about this column - they probably can't read big words like this.

To them, the world is their landfill. If it's not convenient to set it out by the curb for the garbage trucks to collect, or they're too cheap or broke to take it to an actual landfill, why not just dump it out on a quiet county road in the middle of the night?

Clearly, these are the same degenerates who clog recycling bins with old carpet and ruined drywall. With no money and no sense, they're the ones who ruin the landscape and the air for everyone by dumping bags of dirty diapers near Westwood Park.

Again, that's pretty classy.

They must've been bored during a break between Jerry Springer episodes.

Their neighbors - often farmers who mow and care for their long stretches of grass adjacent to crops -

must get really discouraged. People apparently don't appreciate their efforts to keep roadsides beautiful. They litter them with cigarette butts and all sorts of other foul items.

Sure, I threw out my share of cigarette butts when I smoked. It's easy to do. Just flick it away and the mess and stench of that little vice disappears. But, I overcame that habit and quit willfully littering.

I expect other adults to do the same. That means holding onto your fast food waste until you find a trash receptacle. Remember? It's just like they taught you in kindergarten: Put your trash where it belongs.

Sure, there are laws on the books that make such littering and dumping illegal. But, enforcing them - as any police officer can tell you - is another matter. It's difficult catching these scofflaws in the act. They profess to love the country and the land, but some of them don't mind saving a dollar by jettisoning their old sofa on a rural road by the light of the moon. It's probably not close to their house.

That stinky, rained-on, hair-matted couch that the dog puked on is probably closer to *your* house.

People in Indiana seem to despise environmentalists and other folks who try to defend the land from such abuse. They are often ridiculed as "tree huggers" or liberal fanatics who just want to make every square acre of land a national park.

Meanwhile, ignorant residents are every day distributing their trash around the roads for all to see.

Flowers and horses and sunsets and rivers and streams are all beautiful and make nice views.

But, apparently, they aren't quite right until an old washing machine or bald tire are thrown in.

Stay classy, Henry County.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Beautify Knightstown, Inc. wants to express our appreciation and gratitude to two other civic organizations in this community: Knightstown Main Street, Inc and Make A Difference Knightstown. BKI was proud to be a part of a collaborative effort that resulted in the recent renovations and upgrades to our beloved gazebo on our public square. These three groups worked together to plan out what upgrades were needed and to follow through with it. Many hours of volunteer labor were spent on repairs, refurbishing, painting and adding special touches to the gazebo. Knightstown Main Street Inc spearheaded this effort with the grant they were awarded by the White Family Foundation through the Hancock County Community Foundation, helping defray most of the expenses. This effort is an example of a collaboration of civic groups who love our community and worked together to produce beautiful results.

The gazebo was originally built in 1976 by Richard (Dick) Richey and his students in the Building Trades class of the Indiana Soldiers' & Sailors' Children's Home, sponsored by local community groups and leaders. I think that my father, his students and the community leaders of that era would be very pleased with the recent "facelift" of the gazebo, and proud to know that this structure continues to be a cornerstone of pride in this community.

Kevin Richey, president
Beautify Knightstown, Inc .

Dear Editor,

SNAP Works for Hoosiers opposes any tax plan that provides cuts which are not offset by revenue-raising measures like closing unproductive, inefficient, or low-priority tax breaks. A tax cut like the one proposed by President Trump and Republican leaders would likely hurt many Hoosiers because the resulting increase in deficits and debt would raise the pressure for cuts in programs that help low-income Indiana residents, like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In 2016, SNAP reached 742,000 Hoosiers and pumped about \$1.1 billion into Indiana's economy. Tax reform should help the country fulfill its commitments and meet needs, now and in the future, not increase long-term fiscal challenges that make harsh cuts to essential programs more probable.

Jessica Fraser
Feeding Indiana's Hungry

Dear Editor,

To honor the residents of Henry County who served in World War I, please 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 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. County Road 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 Doughboy. 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 Peckinpaugh, 765-533-4793, with any questions.

Steve Peckinpaugh
Friends of Memorial Park Monuments Committee

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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.

◆Nameless Creek Christian Church, 3856 N. 800-E, Greenfield, will host its annual **Harvest Dinner** on Saturday, Oct. 21, 4-6:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be accepted. Menu includes turkey or pork loin, real mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, slaw, cranberry relish, rolls, home-made desserts and drinks.

◆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 Christian Crafters **Holiday Bazaar** will take place 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Smith Building in Memorial Park at New Castle on Saturday, Nov. 4.

◆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.

◆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 lnashbrook@gmail.com.

◆The **Historic Knightstown museum**, located on the Public Square at 22 N. Washington St., has new hours. The museum's new hours, beginning May 5-6, are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. For more information, or to schedule a museum visit by appointment, call David Steele at 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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Crime Watch Meeting Saturday

The Knightstown Neighborhood Crime Watch group will hold a public meeting this Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. on the Public Square.

Troopers Make Early Morning Bust

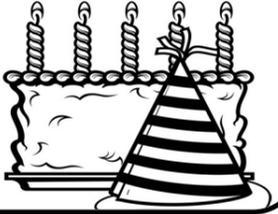
A traffic stop early this morning for speeding ended up landing two New Castle men in jail for meth, with the help of an ISP K-9.

Around 1:15 a.m. Tuesday morning, Trooper Thomas Ratliff

was north bound on SR 3 around CR 200-N when he clocked a north bound van in front of him in excess of the 55 MPH speed limit.

After stopping the vehicle and See Bust, Page 10

Phyllis McClarnon of Carthage, Indiana, happily celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family on Sunday, Oct 8. If anyone wishes to send her a card the address is Phyllis McClarnon, PO Box # 186, Carthage, IN 46115.



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Former Panther Maddie Fender Weathers the Storm in Wake of Destructive Hurricane Irma

by Logan Cox

As a registered nurse at Northside Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., Maddie Fender was one of many who aided those in need during Hurricane Irma over a period of 48 hours.

"It was like nothing I have ever experienced," said Fender, a Knightstown native. "There was 'talk' about activating the hurricane relief teams all week, but it was not until that Friday afternoon on September 8 that they activated them."

According to Fender, this was the first time disaster relief teams had to be activated at Northside Hospital, which has been in operation since the 1970s. The hurricane relief teams were broken down into teams - Team A and Team B, the former of which Fender was a part of.

"The hospital was in chaos," she said. "Families of employees everywhere, pets too. When I arrived, I had to check-in my puppy and myself with the hospital administration. From there, I took my puppy to the Environmental Services room. There were hundreds of dogs in crates in there. It was a sad goodbye to my dog, but I knew she was safe. Then I headed to the ER to begin my shift."

Fender found the emergency room to be just as chaotic, as they were charged with caring for a variety of patients with many different ailments. A majority of these patients came from nursing homes and surrounding hospitals that had to be evacuated from flood zones.

"Stretchers were lined in the hallways with patients," said Fender. "We accepted patients from hospitals as far away as Miami to other hospitals and nursing homes in St. Petersburg."

Although the night of the hurricane was not as bad as she expected, Fender noted that those in emergency services were still on alert. Ambulance services were shut down at 7 p.m. due to strong winds, and a curfew was announced for the county.

"Our front door of the ER remained open, though," she said. "As an ER nurse, you never use

the word 'quiet' because usually it ends up the opposite, but it really was a quiet night. Don't get me wrong, our ER remained full of patients. It just seems quieter when you do not have ambulances lining up in the bay. We were holding patients in the ER that needed rooms upstairs too, but the hospital was maxed at capacity. So they, unfortunately, had to stay on ER stretchers until a hospital bed opened."

Working around the clock for over two days, Fender and her fellow medical staff had their share of uncomfortable conditions to endure as well.

"Sleeping was rough. We had certain areas in the hospital dedicated for nurses and other employees to sleep. I slept on a sleeping bag on the floor with other ER staff in the recovery room. One of my coworkers even set up a hammock in a bathroom," Fender said with a laugh. "We ate whatever food was provided to us. A lot of us

brought food from home, too. Lots of peanut butter sandwiches!"

At 7:30 a.m. on Monday morning, the curfew was lifted and the ambulances were back on the road. At 7 p.m. on Monday night, Fender and the rest of Team A were relieved by Team B.

"Their 48-hour stretch was far from quiet," she said of Team B. "The emergency room was full. Stretchers were full, so they had recliners and chairs for patients. They even set up a tent outside for low acuity patients or the walking wounded patients to be seen by a provider."

Fortunately, St. Petersburg received relatively minimal damage from Irma. Northside Hospital got even less due to being located at the highest point in Pinellas County, as Fender explained. However, the ordeal still left a strong impression on her.

"The whole disaster relief was nothing like I have ever experienced. It was an interesting experience and something I will never forget," said Fender. "I will definitely be more prepared for the next hurricane or natural disaster, though. You

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Rose Mary, from Page 4

day." Do it now. Don't put it off until tomorrow because tomorrow may never come. You can't save life like money in a bank to be spent later. Life refuses to be postponed.

We're on Earth for such a short time that we should view life as a wonderful banquet to be savored as if we were gourmets rather than rushing through it like a meal in a fast-food restaurant. "Life may not be the party we've hoped for ... but while we are here we might as well dance!"

People tell me, "We need to save more money ...

We're needed here ... We have responsibilities ... We'll wait until retirement ... We have to help our children get their acts together." (Mind you, their children are adults.) They tell themselves that when the time is perfect they'll take that trip, buy a sail boat, raft down the Grand Canyon, visit their relatives, write a book, invite friends for dinner. Eventually, they postpone their heart's desires until they are too old or too ill to muster up the energy, and all that is left are dim, sad echoes of forsaken dreams of what might have been.



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Quilt Guild Lauds Fair Winners

Common Threads Quilt Guild recently announced that several members of their guild won awards at the 2017 Indiana State Fair.

INDOT Considering Rural Town Projects

The Indiana Department of Transportation announced recently that rural cities, towns and counties may begin submitting project applications for an estimated \$80 to 100 million in federal transportation funding.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations distribute federal highway funds to cities, towns and counties within the state's larger urbanized areas while INDOT distributes funds outside MPO areas. For this latest round of funding, rural communities would design, develop and purchase land for projects that would be bid during the next 4-5 years.

As part of the call for project applications, \$5 million in federal funding will be made available for sidewalk improvements in rural communities.

SR 109 Work Slated for '18

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has awarded a \$218,887 contract to Morphe Construction to replace a drainage culvert parallel with State Road 109 under West Henry County Road 650 South, which is located immediately south of Interstate 70 (Exit 115).

State Road 109 will remain open throughout the project. Construction will require closing County Road 650 access to and from State Road 109 for up to 45 days. During the closure, a signed detour will direct traffic to County Road 900 West and County Road 750 South for access to and from State Road 109.

A start date will be announced after a project schedule is submitted by contractors. All work on the project is expected to be complete by October 2018.

Winners include "Illusions" by Jean Broadbent (first place); "Shooting Stars" by Jean Broadbent (first place); "Disappearing" by Jean Broadbent (second place); "Indiana Birds" by Carol Simpson (honorable mention); and "Bicentennial" by Jeannie Hoyt (honorable mention).

On Oct. 18 Common Threads will host a series of workshops on

basic quilting techniques presented by a panel of Common Threads members.

Upcoming speaker on Nov. 15 is Ken Gamache from Quilting Treasures.

Common Threads Quilt Guild meets the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church. Guests are welcome.



Swindell Birth

Wesley and Shannon Swindell of Markleville are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Harlan Joseph Swindell, born Sept. 22 at St. Vincent Hospital in Fishers.

At birth, Harlan weighed 10 lbs., 7 oz., and was 21.25 inches long.

Grandparents are Billie and Richard Montgomery of Monticello, Kevin and Debbie Murphy of San Antonio, Fla., and Joseph and Jennifer Swindell of Wilkinson.

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Revised GI Bill Now Law

A revised GI Bill recently became law. Here are 10 take-aways from the new bill. For more detailed information about the revisions, go to benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/ForeverGI Bill.asp

1. There's no longer an expiration date.

Previously, veterans had to use their Post-9/11 GI Bill within 15 years of their last 90-day period of active-duty service. That requirement is going away.



by **John Guglielmi**
Henry County
Veteran
Service Officer

2. Purple Heart recipients will get more benefits.

The new GI Bill allows anyone who has received a Purple Heart on or after Sept. 11, 2001, to receive 100 percent of the benefits offered under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, which includes coverage of tuition costs at a public school's in-state rate for 36 months and stipends for textbooks and housing. This provision will go into effect in August 2018.

3. More people are eligible for Yellow Ribbon.

The is an agreement between schools and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to split school costs not covered by the GI Bill, reducing or eliminating the amount students must pay themselves.

The Forever GI Bill will expand eligibility for this program to surviving spouses or children of service members in August 2018 and active-duty service members in August 2022.

4. There's some extra money - and time - for STEM degrees.

Some college degrees in science, technology, engineering and math fields take longer than four years to complete. The new law authorizes an additional school year of GI Bill funds on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Scholarships of up to \$30,000 will be available for eligible GI Bill users starting in August 2018. Only veterans or surviving family members of deceased service members are eligible for this scholarship.

5. Vets hurt by school shut-downs will get benefits back.

A provision in the new GI Bill that will restore benefits to victims of school closures has been a long-time coming for the staff at Student Veterans of America.

6. The VA will measure eligibility for benefits differently.

Starting August 2020, this bill changes the way the VA uses time in service to calculate eligibility.

7. Reservists can count more of their service toward eligibility.

Starting next August, members of the National Guard and Reserve will be able to count time spent receiving medical care or recovering from injuries received while on active duty toward their GI Bill eligibility. This will apply to all who have been activated since 9/11.

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County Plan Unveiling This Friday

The adoption draft of the new Henry County Comprehensive Plan is complete. The public is invited to help celebrate this milestone during the Henry County REMC Co-op Community Day event, Friday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Henry County REMC is located at 3400 S. SR 3, New Castle.

Those who attend the public presentation of the plan will be able to:

- *Sit in one of two (or both) 10-minute presentations that describe the year-long planning process. A sign with the presentation times will be posted outside of the conference room on the day of the event. The presentation times will also be available on the project website: www.henrycountycmpplan.com a few days prior to the event.

- *Visit a number of interactive exhibits that were used at the public open houses, and read some of the earlier comments that helped to determine many of the recommendations that are in the proposed plan.

- *Review a hard copy of the draft plan.

- *Ask questions or offer thoughts and suggestions about the process, the recommendations, or both. Representatives from American

Structurepoint, the firm hired to facilitate the planning process and develop the draft document, will be on-site for the duration of the community day event.

Unable to attend the Community Day event?

Beginning on Oct. 13, anyone with Internet access will be able to download an electronic copy of the adoption draft of the new Henry County Comprehensive Plan from the project website: www.henrycountycmpplan.com.

On or around Oct. 13, hard copies of the plan will be available for viewing during regular business hours at the Planning Commission office located at 1201 Race St., Ste. 210, and the New Castle-Henry County Public Library, located at 376 S. 15th St. The project website will also have a link to an online survey for anyone that would like to comment on the contents of the draft plan.

The survey will open on Oct. 13 and will remain open throughout the entire adoption process. The adoption process is anticipated to begin with a formal, introductory presentation to the Henry County Planning Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday,

Nov. 16. For additional information or future updates about the adoption process, visit the project website.

About the Plan

The Henry County Comprehensive Plan is a strategic guide for effective decision-making regarding private development projects, as well as investments in public infrastructure and the delivery of public services.

The findings and recommendations of the plan aim to: preserve and enhance the local character of the community; shape how the community changes over time; promote the orderly development and redevelopment of the county; improve the quality of life for existing and future residents; assist local government in making land use decisions; coordinate development and future capital expenditures within and between various agencies and departments; improve local conditions so as to attract more private investment; and avoid costly mitigation of poorly planned developments; among other things.

For more information about the plan, the planning process, or the implementation of the plan, visit the FAQs page of the project website.

Community Foundation Boosts 23 County Projects

The Henry County Community Foundation (HCCF) board of directors approved and awarded \$171,036.57 to 23 projects serving Henry County residents on September 26, 2017. The purpose of these grants is to assist local groups to promote and support social services, arts and culture, health and recreation, civic affairs, and the educational needs of Henry County residents.

The grants were made out of the Unrestricted Fund for Community Grants, which was established by generous donors across Henry County. The needs in the county are always changing, making the Unrestricted Fund an essential part of the community.

The following grants are awarded through the Unrestricted Fund, supporting the following categories:

SOCIAL SERVICES

- American Red Cross: \$2,500.00 for home fire preparedness and relief.
- Boy Scouts of America, Middletown Troop 279: \$1,352.34 to purchase new camping equipment for the scouts in Troop 279.
- Family Services and Prevention Programs: \$1,653.80 for the Keep Babies Safe program to purchase pack-n-plays, baby gates, and outlet covers for families.

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Tractor Supply Co. Breaks Ground in Rushville

Tractor Supply Company has begun construction in Rushville. Construction on the store, located at 1520 N. Main St., began on Monday, Oct. 2, with a goal of opening in the spring.

Tractor Supply will serve as a one-stop shop for the Rushville community's farmers, livestock and pet owners, ranchers, part-time and hobby farmers, gardeners, homeowners, tradesmen and oth-

ers, the company said in a press release.

The Rushville Tractor Supply plans to hire 12 to 15 employees with firsthand knowledge and expertise in caring for pets, livestock and land.

"We're not just building a store, we're building a team that understands the needs of the Rushville community," said District Manager Erik Franklin. "At

Tractor Supply, we carry products that support the lifestyle our customers lead, the land they own and the animals in their care, so whether you are someone who raises horses and pets, runs a hobby farm or just enjoys the rural lifestyle, we'll be there to make sure you have all the tools you need."

At the store, customers will be able to shop for a wide selection of

products at a great value including workwear and boots, tractor and trailer parts and accessories, lawn and garden supplies, sprinkler and irrigation parts, power tools, fencing, welding and pump supplies, riding mowers and more. The Rushville store will also carry a wide variety of food and supplies for pets, equine and livestock, as well as a pet wash station where customers will have access to professional grade wash bays, grooming tables and tools.

The Tractor Supply team will also seek to support pet adoption initiatives, 4-H and FFA, county fairs and livestock shows.

W. R. Newman & Associates will construct the 19,097 square-foot retail space that will include a sales floor, external support service area and pet wash station.

The store opening, which is expected to occur in the spring, will kick off with a four-day grand opening celebration, during which customers can sign up for Tractor Supply's new Neighbor's Club loyalty program. By registering, members will receive member-only offers, birthday offers, personal purchase summaries and receipt-free returns.

To learn more about Tractor Supply Company, visit TractorSupply.com. For additional information on the Neighbor's Club program, please visit NeighborsClub.com.

About Tractor Supply Company

Founded in 1938, Tractor Supply Company is the largest rural lifestyle retail store chain in the United States. As of July 1, the company operated 1,630 Tractor Supply stores in 49 states and an e-commerce website at www.tractor-supply.com. Tractor Supply stores are focused on supplying the lifestyle needs of recreational farmers and ranchers and others who enjoy the rural lifestyle, as well as tradesmen and small businesses. Stores are located primarily in towns outlying major metropolitan markets and in rural communi-

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Beautify Knightstown Will Use HCCF Grant to Underwrite Continued Bike/Ped Planning

Beautify Knightstown, Inc. (BKI) recently received a \$2,000 grant from the Henry County Community Foundation. The funding will assist BKI's bicycle/pedestrian committee in the implementation of the Bike/Ped Trails Project, which is aimed at promoting more healthy and active lifestyles for area residents while highlighting local cultural heritage.

According to BKI President Kevin Richey, the grant will support the creation of a map of Knightstown and surrounding areas, linking with miles of other established county trails and highlighting historical sites and homes; the installation of bike racks and wayfaring signs; and a public

awareness campaign to build support for bicycling/walking.

"Connecting resources among communities to create a unique infrastructure of assets will serve as a magnet for greater usage and collaboration," Richey said in a press release.

"BKI is very grateful to the Henry County Community Foundation for the opportunity to make Knightstown more bicycle and pedestrian friendly," he said.

Anyone wishing to participate in this initiative, as well as other bike/ped projects, may contact Linda Lashbrook at 317-903-0312.

BKI also announced recent receipt of a \$1,000 Dollars For Doers grant from the Campbell's

Soup Foundation. This grant award is based on the volunteer services of Campbell's employee and BKI volunteer Jenny Sharp, according to Richey. He said Sharp spent many hours of volunteer work, sweat and planning for BKI and she was instrumental in getting the Knightstown Little Free Library project started. "She also was heavily involved in the Hearts 'N The Park fundraiser, getting panels ready for the mural and numerous other projects BKI wishes to thank Jenny for her selfless service to BKI and to this community," Richey said. "BKI is also deeply grateful to the Campbell Soup Foundation for their commitment to local communities."

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Morton Marcus Lecture Thursday



Noted economist Morton J. Marcus will be the featured speaker at the Henry County Hope Initiative's "Forum for Thought" series. The lecture will take place Thursday, Oct. 12, in the Henry County REMC Community Room, 3400 S. SR 3, New Castle.

A light dinner will precede Marcus's talk, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Marcus is director emeritus of the Indiana Business Research Center in the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. He has been actively involved in local and state economic development efforts since 1970. In addition to teaching economics at Indiana University for 33 years, Marcus served

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GI Bill, from Page 8

8. Housing stipends will decrease slightly.

The government will pay for the expansions represented in the Forever GI Bill through a 1 percent decrease in housing stipends over the next five years. This will bring veterans' housing stipends on par with what active-duty service members receive at the E-5 with dependents rate.

9. Benefits can get transferred after death.

A provision of the new GI Bill offers more flexibility with the transfer and distribution of benefits in case of death.

10. Surviving family members will get more money, but less time.

Surviving spouses and children of service members who are receiving benefits through the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program will see their monthly education stipend increase by \$200.

The same program has previously provided 45 months of education benefits. That will decrease to 36 months in August 2018.

Historic Knightstown Presents a History Program About Knightstown Friends Church Wednesday, October 18, at 7 p.m.

Historic Knightstown, Inc. is sponsoring a program about the history of Knightstown Friends Church.

Come to the HKI Museum in Knightstown to hear a presentation about the history of the local church. This is the third in a series of church programs that Historic Knightstown, Inc. is sponsoring - following our program in 2016 about the Beech Settlement Church near Carthage.

**Everyone is invited and
admission is free!**

**Join us at 22 N. Washington St. on the west side
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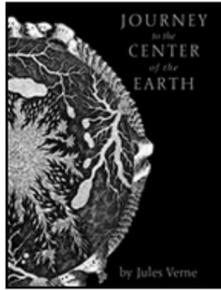
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'Henry County Reads' Underway

New Castle-Henry County Public Library is encouraging the community to read *Journey to the Center of the Earth* during the annual "Henry County Reads" initiative. A limited number of books remain on shelves by the four-foot volcano display near the upper level service desk.

Starting Oct. 20, those who have read *Journey to the Center of the Earth* are encouraged to stop by the main service desk to enter a drawing for a chance to win a gift certificate to Stacks Pancake House or Weenee World. The contest continues through Oct. 31, and winners will be notified Nov.



1. Each person is allowed one entry. The library will host a double film screening from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24. The screening will feature the 1959 and 2008 versions of films based on *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, along with popcorn and prize drawings. Winners must be present, and there will be one winner at each screening.

For updates about Henry County Reads, visit www.HenryCountyReads.org or follow New Castle-Henry County Public Library on Facebook and Twitter.

New State Habitat Program Offering Grants

Landowners interested in establishing wildlife and pollinator habitat may want to consider participating in DNR's CORRIDORS initiative. Applications must be received by Dec. 15.

CORRIDORS is an acronym for Conservation on Rivers and Roadways Intended to Develop Opportunities for Resources and Species. Songbirds, gamebirds, cottontail rabbits, butterflies and bees are among the species that will benefit from the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) program to improve wildlife and pollinator habitat.

CORRIDORS focuses on four priority areas in the state: Indiana State Wildlife Action Plan Conservation Opportunity Areas; rights of way on interstates and state and federal highways; 100-year floodplains of rivers; and areas next to a body of water.

Qualifying landowners are eligible for technical and financial assistance. To get started, contact your DNR landscape or district wildlife biologist. A map with contact information is at wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, a CORRIDORS partner, will provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners through its Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

Dec. 15 is the application deadline for landowners to be considered for EQIP funding for CORRIDORS projects in the next round of funding. Applications received after Dec. 15 will be considered in future application rounds.

Those who don't own land, but want to support the program can do so by spreading the word about the initiative and supporting DFW by purchasing licenses and a Gamebird Habitat Stamp, according to a state press release.

For more information, visit wildlife.IN.gov/9405.htm.

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Marcus, from Page 9

eight Indiana governors as an advisor on taxation and public policy. None of his advice has been taken, he asserts.

Morton's column appears weekly in more than 20 other Indiana newspapers. A frequent speaker for civic and professional groups, Morton was the governor's liaison to the U.S. Bureau of the Census from 1979 to 2003, testified before Congress, appeared on the PBS News Hour, and consulted with firms and governments throughout the U.S. and in Southeast Asia.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Morton has earned degrees in economics from Roosevelt University (Chicago), Washington University (St. Louis) and the University of California (Los Angeles).

He and his wife, Rebecca, reside in Indianapolis. They have three children, six grandchildren, two cats, and a dog known as Nervous Fergus.

Oct. 23, 6 p.m. - HOPE Building, 1426 Broad St., New Castle: Carrie Bale of Muncie's "By Five" program will speak to the economic advantages and human capital investment of a stellar early childhood/preschool program.

Nov. 9, 6 p.m. - HOPE Building, 1426 Broad St.: Carolyn Slagle will address the "12-Step Program" as a community/individual strategy in the battle against substance abuse.

Budget, from Page 1

be needed if the AV did, in fact, end up being \$245 million.

If the AV were to remain at the same level it was for 2017, the tax rate needed to raise the revenue needed for CAB's Debt Service, Capital Projects, Transportation and Bus Replacement funds would be about \$1.42 per \$100 of taxable property, about 6.7 percent higher than this year's rate. However, should the AV continue its trend of increasing, the overall tax rate would be lower, closer to this year's.

The board is expected to hold its adoption vote on the 2018 budget and the three-year capital projects plan and 12-year bus replacement plan next week at its Oct. 17 monthly meeting, which is open to the public. Once the school board votes to adopt the proposed 2018 budget, CAB will then forward these items to the state's Department of Local Government Finance, which, after reviewing them, will issue its final certification of the budget and two plans in early 2018.

No members of the public attended last week's budget hearing, which lasted only about three-and-a-half minutes.

Carthage, from Page 1

adoption vote taken, before the meeting's advertised starting time, Brown suggested the council vote again on the budget. With Watkins now joining Brown and council members Ashley Davis, Vice President Kelly Land and John Hancock, it passed 5-0 on the second vote.

By fund, the town's proposed 2018 budget breaks down as follows: General (\$229,322); Local Roads and Streets (\$11,000); Motor Vehicle Highway (\$115,209); and Cumulative Capital Improvement (\$5,800). Carthage Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan said the overall budget and the amounts for each fund are 4 percent higher than they were for 2017.

The town will now submit its budget to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, the state agency charged with approving budgets for local units of government. The DLGF is expected to issue an order approving or revising the town's budget in early 2018.

In a related matter, the council also voted unanimously Monday to introduce and approve on first reading an ordinance setting salary levels for town employees and officials for next year. McMahan said that, like the budget, most of the proposed salary and hourly wage amounts for 2018 are 4 percent higher than they were this year. The council is expected to consider the salary ordinance again for a final second reading and adoption vote at its Nov. 13 meeting.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the Carthage Town Council:

- *passed a resolution approving Rush County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan;

- *approved payment of the monthly claim docket and comp time of 66.25 hours for Josh Douglas, the town's works manager, and 57.5 hours for town employee Hershel Kaster;

- *received a brief update from Bob Bullock, the town's building inspector, on several problem properties town officials want to see cleaned up, and gave McMahan permission to pay Bullock for 15 hours of work;

- *heard an update from Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town on several and planning and development issues, and approved a \$3,500 contract with KCG for engineering and construction inspection work related to a \$61,365 Community Crossings Grant the town recently received to combine with \$20,455 in town funds for road improvements in town;

- *received and reviewed copies of part-time town marshal Danny Baker's monthly report from Hancock, who, besides serving on the council, is also a volunteer reserve officer for the Carthage Police Department, after Baker left Monday's meeting to respond to a call;

- *heard a monthly works manager report from Douglas; and

- *agreed to set official trick-or-treat hours for 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28.

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

Projects, from Page 8

Henry County Young Life: \$1,000.00 to purchase new sound equipment for weekly youth events.

Interlocal Community Action Program: \$1,500.00 for the Kid Safe Car Seat program.

Secret Families of Henry County: \$11,000.00 to provide Christmas for 20 families during the 2017 holiday season.

Servants at Work, Inc.: \$9,000.00 to build 10 wheelchair ramps for Henry County clients.

Victory Lane Camp: \$9,150.00 for promotional videos to reach the community regarding the special needs population.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Art Association of Henry County: \$4,285.00 for classroom upgrades and repair to Shaffer Studio and to purchase a pottery wheel.

New Castle Choirs: \$3,977.00 to purchase replacement risers and stage platforms for Bundy Auditorium.

New Castle High School Band Program: \$10,351.25 to purchase drum line equipment.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Beautify Knightstown: \$2,000.00 for brochures to promote the Knightstown Bike-Ped Trails.

Healthy Communities of Henry County: \$35,000.00 for Raintree Trails Trail Development in Middletown and on the south side of New Castle.

Henry County EMS: \$15,000.00 for the 12-Lead EKG Project for Knightstown and Middletown Areas.

New Castle City Parks: \$22,137.04 for ADA accessible Playground Equipment for Osborne and Baker Parks.

New Castle Community Schools: \$7,000.00 for the Universal Breakfast Packaging Program to purchase a walk in cooler.

Second Harvest Food Bank: \$11,852.00 for food and transportation costs for the monthly Tailgate Program in Henry County.

CIVIC AFFAIRS

New Castle Babe Ruth: \$4,850.00 to purchase a zero turn riding mower to assist with field upkeep for the youth league.

New Castle-Henry County Public Library: \$1,650.00 for the TeenScape Renovation Project.

Safe At Home: \$1,500.00 for a community outreach and bathroom campaign to increase awareness about domestic violence and provide victim services.

Shirley Community Visionaries: \$5,500.00 for shelter house repairs at the Shirley Town Park.

Town of Sulphur Springs: \$4,985.00 to purchase a new furnace for the Town Hall.

EDUCATION

Henry County Pregnancy Care Center: \$3,793.14 to purchase Real Care baby simulators to use in child development classes for local schools.

The Unrestricted Fund Workshop for the next grant cycle is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, at 4 p.m. at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library. The workshop is required for any interested nonprofit wishing to apply for a grant. For more information about how to support this program or to participate in the spring cycle, contact the Henry County Community Foundation at 700 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle, IN 47362, call 765-529-2235, or visit www.henrycountycf.org.

Fender, from Page 6

couldn't find water or bread anywhere a week out! I even have a sleeping bag on my Christmas List this year."

Fender has been a registered nurse for three and a half years, having graduated from the University of Indianapolis with an associates in nursing in May of 2014.

She passed her nursing boards at the end of May, then took her first nursing job at Hancock Regional Hospital. In June of 2014, while working full-time, Fender began earning her bachelor's in nursing at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. She graduated from IUPUI a year later.

Prior to her college education, Fender graduated from Knightstown High School in 2011.

"I started my nursing career at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield, on the Medical-Surgical floor. I spent a year in that department before I transferred down to the ER," she said. "The ER is my niche! I have always known, since I was in middle school, that I wanted to be a nurse in the emergency room in Florida. I'm living my dream!"

Fender has lived in St. Petersburg since March of 2016. She continues living her dream there, caring for patients and reveling in the chaos of the ER.

Bust, from Page 6

making contact with the driver, Barry Bogart, Ratliff found that he nor his passenger had a valid driver's license. After speaking further with the men Ratliff decided to deploy his K-9 partner, "Tora," to walk around and sniff the outside of the vehicle. The dog indicated the presence of narcotics in the vehicle.

A search of the van by Ratliff and Henry County Deputy Mike Rossiter turned up digital scales and a baggy containing suspected methamphetamine. Bogart, 50, was arrested and charged with felony possession of methamphetamine and maintaining a common nuisance, as well as misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia.

His passenger, Virgle Carey, 45, of New Castle, was arrested for felony possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia. Both were lodged in the Henry County Jail.

Ratliff and "Tora" were part of an Indiana State Police K-9 class that graduated Aug. 7 of this year. The school was 12 weeks long and consisted of daily training on drug recognition, tracking, building searches, article searches, obedience, and handler protection. Pendleton Trooper Rich Clay also graduated from the class with his partner, "Yana."

Anyone with information about illegal drug activity may call the Indiana State Police Drug Tip Line at 1-800-453-4756. Tips can be made and kept anonymous.

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Wayne Township Board Approves 2018 Budget

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Wayne Township Board voted last week to approve the township's proposed 2018 budget.

With member Sandy Swartz absent, the board's other two members, Chairman Ronnie Trimnell and Jeff Van Hoy, voted during a brief meeting on Oct. 5 in favor of the proposed \$301,770 budget prepared by Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman. The budget will now be sent to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, the state agency charged with approving the budgets of local units of government, for that agency's review and approval.

By fund, the township's proposed 2018 budget breaks down as follows: General (\$44,270); Township Assistance (\$57,500); Fire (\$172,000); and Recreation (\$28,000). The fire portion of the budget is \$9,700 more than had been approved by the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board in June and the Knightstown Town Council in July, putting it at odds with the budgeting procedures governing the fire board.

According to an ordinance and a resolution passed in late 2008-early 2009, respectively, by the town of Knightstown and the township board, the fire board is to submit a proposed budget to the

town and the township by June 1 each year. The fire board missed this deadline, not approving the budget until its June 28 meeting.

This is not a new problem for the fire board. Besides 2016 and 2015, the only other time since 2009 that the fire board had approved a proposed budget and had it to the Knightstown Town Council and Wayne Township Board by the June 1 deadline was in 2011.

Once the town council receives the proposed budget from the fire board, the budgeting procedure agreed to by the town and township then calls for the town council to approve, reject or amend the budget and forward it to the Wayne Township Trustee by July 1. This deadline, too, was missed, with the Knightstown Town Council's vote approving the fire department's proposed 2018 budget coming at its July 20 monthly meeting.

Once the town council approves the proposed fire budget and forwards it to the township trustee, the township is to begin the process necessary to have the budget approved by the state as part of the township's overall budget. In the event the township does not approve the budget as submitted by the town, then a committee consisting of one town council member and one township board member is to be formed to resolve any differences.

Despite the fact that the township approved a fire budget that is nearly \$10,000 more than had been approved by the fire board and the Knightstown Town Council, a joint town-township committee was not formed to resolve the budget total differences. This, too, is not a new problem, and is consistent with the township's budgeting practices in recent years that has seen it submitting budgets for fire protection that exceed the budgets approved by the fire board and Knightstown Town Council.

In other business at last week's meeting, Trimnell and Van Hoy also voted to approve a resolution setting salary amounts for township officials and employees for next year. Overman said the 2018 salaries will be the same as they were this year.

Pursuant to the salary resolution, Overman will receive \$14,580 for the year as trustee, and the three township board members will each receive \$210. Overman's wife, Christine, will continue to draw an annual salary of \$11,410 for her work as the township clerk and township assistance clerk.

The township board also voted at last week's meeting to approve a request for a \$1,500 donation to Knightstown Kids Inc., a local nonprofit organization. Overman explained that KKI wants to use the money to pay for title searches

for nearly five acres of wooded land near the Knightstown Lake addition in Raysville where a small lake had once been located before being drained by the state over a decade ago.

In a letter addressed to Van Hoy, KKI's treasurer, Bill Gorman, said "significant back taxes" are owed on the nearly two dozen lots at issue and that "the county has decided to donate these properties to KKI to get them off the tax rolls."

Gorman went on to say in the letter that all the land that would be acquired would border the National Road Heritage Trail in Raysville. Local scouts, whose groups are sponsored by KKI, would use the acquired land for day camps and scouting activities, and a nature

trail among the wooded area would also be added.

The property, Gorman explained, would also create a buffer zone between private residences in the area and the trail system, something he said Healthy Communities of Henry County wanted. He said there have been issues with trespassers riding dirt bikes and four-wheelers on the trail, and said the ruts they have left on the trail have led to significant damage from soil erosion.

Overman told Van Hoy and Trimnell that KKI would be putting "a useless piece of land to use." Trimnell added that he thought no one would be interested in buying this land and it would be good to get it off the county's tax roll.

Carthage Steering Committee Meeting Oct. 18

A recently-formed steering committee that will help the town of Carthage develop a comprehensive plan is scheduled to hold its first meeting next Wednesday.

Dave Kieser, owner of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town on several planning and development issues, announced the steering committee's Oct. 18 meeting at Monday's monthly Carthage Town Council meeting. He said the 6:30 p.m. meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St.

The town council voted last month to appoint two

of its own members and four area residents to the steering committee. Acting on a recommendation from Kieser, the council approved council members John Hancock and Ashley Davis, Ripley Township residents Kathy Gibson and Jim Neal, and town residents Tom and Claire Mercer as the steering committee.

Kieser had told the council in August that he thought these six people would give the town "a good cross section of personnel to do what we need to do for the comprehensive plan."

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Oct. 11 – Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Oct. 11 – Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., Oct. 11 – Henry Co. Work Session meeting, 3:30 p.m., courthouse old circuit court room, New Castle

Wed., Oct. 11 – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., courthouse old circuit court room, New Castle

Wed., Oct. 11 – Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 6 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., Oct. 11 – Rush Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Thurs., Oct. 12 – Hancock Co. Planning Commission technical committee meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Oct. 12 – Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Mon., Oct. 16 – Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

Tues., Oct. 17 – Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., Oct. 17 – Charles A. Beard Memorial School board meeting, 7 p.m., high school

media center

Tues., Oct. 17 – Rush Co. Health Dept. board meeting, 7 p.m., Health Dept. office at courthouse, Rushville

Thurs., Oct. 19 – Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat

committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Oct. 19 – Henry Co. Planning Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse old circuit court room, New Castle

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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Even Up Season Record to 4-4 with Win Over Northwest

Knightstown pushed their season record to 4-4 last Friday with a decisive win over Indianapolis Northwest 26-8 on the road.

The Panthers' defense helped put the team on the scoreboard first when Jon Simmons snagged

a Northwest pass to allow the Panthers to take over at the 45.

Jose Olivo then took a handoff 30 yards for the touchdown. The kick attempt failed but KHS had taken the 6-0 lead with four minutes left in the first quarter.

Simmons followed with his second interception to put the Panthers on the 37 but they were unable to turn the advantage into points on the board to end the first quarter with KHS up 6-0.

With seven minutes left in the second quarter, Knightstown quarterback Tyler Burton connected with Tucker Personett for a 46-yard pass. Simmons came up big again with a 12-yard touchdown run and then scored two more on a successful conversion attempt.

The Panthers scored again before the intermission when Burton found Lane Parker for huge gain and then on a touchdown pass. The PAT was no good and the Panthers' defense held strong to finish out the half with Knightstown up 20-0.

Northwest finally got on the board with a touchdown and conversion to start the second half and held Knightstown scoreless to put the score at 20-8 at the end of the third.

Olivo took over in the fourth at the QB spot and completed two passes, one to Nick Walsh for a 43-yard touchdown just 17 seconds into the final period to give the Panthers a 26-8 lead after the conversion attempt failed.

Knightstown would hold Northwest scoreless through the rest of the game to get the win.

Garrett Thomas again posted double-digit solo tackles with 0 and had three more assists. But, Simmons topped the total tackles stat this week, adding to his two interceptions and one fumble

recover, with 14 total tackles in the game.

The victory pushed the Panthers to 4-4 overall on the season.

They return home for their final regular season game Friday against Heritage Christian who are 5-3 on the season.

Seniors will be recognized at halftime of the game Friday. This year's team has 10 seniors - Tyler Burton, Garrett Thomas, Bruce Nichols, Lane Parker, Tucker Personett, Jon Simmons, Dawson Smith, Mason Carmichael, Mason Tinkle and Kyle Mattix.

There are also four senior cheerleaders including Emma Carmichael, Kaitlynn McIntyre, Grace Muncy and Lauren Wineman.



Jose Olivo, shown above after scoring a touchdown in the Panthers' game against Eastern Hancock, had a standout game last Friday against Indianapolis Northwest with his first two successful passes of the season and 110 yards rushing. (Stacy Cox photo)

KNIGHTSTOWN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Passing

Tyler Burton - 3 of 5 for 107 yards, 1 touchdown
Jose Olivo - 2 of 6 for 44 yards, 1 touchdown

Rushing

J. Olivo - 9 carries for 110 yards, 1 TD
T. Burton - 3 carries for 48 yards
Jon Simmons - 7 carries for 35 yards, 1 TD, 1 conversion
Cooper Strawsma - 5 carries for 28 yards
Nick Walsh - 3 carries for 24 yards
Lane Parker - 2 carries for 10 yards
Garrett Thomas - 1 carry for 7 yards

Receiving

L. Parker - 2 receptions for 61 yards, 1 TD
Tucker Personett - 1 reception for 46 yards

Nick Walsh - 2 receptions for 44 yards, 2 TDs

Interceptions / Sacks / Fumble Recoveries / Etc.

J. Simmons - 2 interceptions, 1 fumble recovery
Dawson Smith - 1 pass deflection
Garret Thomas - 1 pass deflection
Sam Thomas - 1 sack for 5 yards

Kicking

N. Walsh - 5 kickoffs for 139 yards
T. Burton - 1 punt for 30 yards
J. Olivo - 1 punt for 24 yards

Returns

C. Strawsma - 1 kickoff return for 22 yards
N. Walsh - 1 kickoff return for 11 yards

Total Tackles (solo+assists)

J. Simmons - 14; G. Thomas - 13 (10 solo); Dawson Smith - 8; Bruce Nichols - 7; Aiden Orcutt, L. Parker - 6; J. Olivo, Sam Thomas - 5; T. Personett - 4; Mason Carmichael, T. Burton, Walker Gorman - 3; Mason Tinkle - 2; N. Walsh - 1.

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Titans Get Fourth Win of the Season over TEC Foe Winchester

Tri's varsity football team rallied in the second half Friday night and held on for its fourth win over Tri-Eastern Conference opponent Winchester, 25-22.

After a scoreless first quarter, Winchester got on the board with six right away in the second quarter. The Golden Falcons scored another touchdown and were successful on their conversion attempt to take a 14-0 lead.

The Titans were able to cut Winchester's lead with just over a minute left in the half when quarterback Alex Melton carried the ball in from the one-yard line.

Freshman Syrus Butler followed up the Melton TD with his first-ever kicking attempt at the varsity level was successful to bring the score to 7-14.

The third quarter started with a Melton to Nick Wilson touchdown pass, putting the Titans within one, 13-14.

But, the Titan celebration was short-lived when Winchester returned the kick 80 yards for a touchdown and added two more on the conversion to go up 22-13.

Melton hit Wilson again with just under four minutes left in the third. The Titans' conversion

attempt failed to put the score at 19-22.

The Titans scored again with over a minute left in the third. Wilson took a Winchester punt all the way down to the six yard line and then pushed the ball across the goal line on the next play for six. The Titans' conversion attempt failed again but Tri ended the quarter on top 25-22.

Tri's defense came up huge in the fourth quarter and the Titans held on for the victory.

Melton finished with another impressive performance. In just the past two games, he passed for

532 yards. After going 19 for 28 last week against Knightstown for 319 yards, Melton threw 213 yards against the Golden Falcons.

The win evened up the Titans' season record to 4-4 overall and to

3-3 in the TEC conference.

The Titans are back at home Friday against conference foe Union County. The Patriots are also 4-4 overall and 3-3 in the TEC.

TRI INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Passing

Alex Melton - 14 of 15 for 213 yards, 2 touchdowns, 1 interception

Rushing

A. Melton - 12 carries for 34 yards, 1 TD
Nick Wilson - 5 carries for 20 yards
Kyler Burchett - 3 carries for 10 yards
Drew Mondrush - 2 carries for 1 yard

Receiving

N. Wilson - 5 receptions for 123 yards, 3 TDs
D. Mondrush - 6 receptions for 59 yards
K. Burchett - 1 reception for 11 yards
Seth Butler - 1 reception for 10 yards
Masen Phelps - 1 reception for 10 yards

Interceptions / Sacks / Fumble Recoveries / Etc.

Austin Fowler - 1 sack
Seth Butler - 1 pass deflected
Gage Rowe - 1 pass deflected

Returns

N. Wilson - 3 kickoff returns for 83 yds, 2 punt returns for 81 yds
K. Burchett - 1 kickoff return for 8 yards
G. Rowe - 1 kickoff return for 2 yards

Kicking

D. Mondrush - 3 kickoffs for 67 yards
A. Melton - 2 punts for 57 yards
Syrus Butler - 1 point after touchdown, 2 kickoffs for 50 yards

Total Tackles (solo+assists)

Justin Greene - 11; Logan Stephens - 10; A. Fowler - 9; Parker Smeltzer - 8; K. Burchett - 7; Seth Butler, N. Wilson - 4; Devin Keck, Tyler Kingery, A. Melton, D. Mondrush, Gage Rowe - 2; M. Phelps, Andrew Pierce - 1.



Tri quarterback Alex Melton (7) has thrown for 532 yards in the past two outings, both away games, and also led the Titans in rushing yards in those games, enabled by a tough offensive line, including Randy Pandoli (52), Ryan Hunter (68) and Justin Greene (50) among others not shown. (Stacy Cox photo)

LOCAL SPORTS

Panther Cheerleaders Win Three Straight Championships

Knightstown High School's competitive cheerleading squad has a new coach this year and her experience has brought trophies and impressive wins.

The hiring earlier this year of Haley Morgan for varsity head cheer coach has already brought three consecutive wins. Morgan, a 2011 KHS graduate, knows what it takes to win these events as her own years on the school's competitive cheer team saw several championship titles.

On Sept. 16, Knightstown's cheerleading team was awarded Grand Champion title at Greenfield's Cougar Cheer Classic. The Panthers cheerleaders were also given the Selflessness Award for their work in helping raise donations to the recent hurricane relief efforts.

The junior varsity cheerleaders also competed at the Greenfield event, earning a second place finish. The middle school cheerleaders finished second as well in their division at the event.

Knightstown's varsity cheer squad grabbed another first place award at New Palestine's cheer competition held Sept. 30.

Last Saturday, Oct. 7, the KHS girls took another first place spot at the competition held at Mt. Vernon High School. The Panther girls also earned the Spirit Award at the contest.

The varsity cheerleading squad is led by seniors Emma Carmichael, Kaitlynn McIntyre, Grace Muncy and Lauren Wineman and also includes Abby Arnold, Arynne Darling, Jasmine Jett, Kayla Kimmerly, Grace Mattix, Keianna Paugh and Makaley Smoot.

The junior varsity cheerleaders are Violet Alexander, Grace Hastings, Allie Irwin, Claire Leakey, Emma-Kate Moore and Megan Muncy.

The KHS cheerleaders will compete in the Indiana Cheer Championships at Westfield High School Saturday, Oct. 21. Their performance time is scheduled for 5:48 p.m.



Knightstown cheerleaders (l-r) Lauren Wineman, Arynne Darling, Abby Arnold, Grace Mattix, Grace Muncy, Makaley Smoot, Kaitlynn McIntyre and Emma Carmichael perform at a recent competition. (Kayla Kimmerly photo, courtesy of Knightstown Yearbook)



Senior Lauren Wineman, with seniors Emma Carmichael and Grace Muncy in background, are all smiles as they perform at the Cougar Cheer Classic. (Kayla Kimmerly photo, courtesy of Knightstown Yearbook)

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.

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LOCAL SPORTS

More Snapshots from Youth Night



Above, all kinds of poses were struck when these young Knightstown cheerleaders cheered on the Panthers at the last home game. Below, freshman Sam Thomas gets cheered on. (Stacy Cox photo)



Cheerleaders of all ages cheer in the stands at the last home varsity football game. Panther players are hoping the same enthusiasm will be there for their last home game this Friday against a good Heritage Christian team. (Stacy Cox photo)

Knightstown Runners Liz Moore, Alexis Howard and Tri's Molly West Advance to Regionals

Knightstown cross country runners Liz Moore and Alexis Howard will continue their season after they both qualified for regionals last Saturday.

Howard placed 24th at the Connersville sectional event with

a time of 24:50.

Moore came in at 27th place with a time of 24:55.

Tri's Molly West ran a 24:22 for 21st place.

The regionals will take place at Rushville this Saturday.



Knightstown's girls cross country runners Liz Moore and Alexis Howard pose after their sectional runs. (Photo provided)



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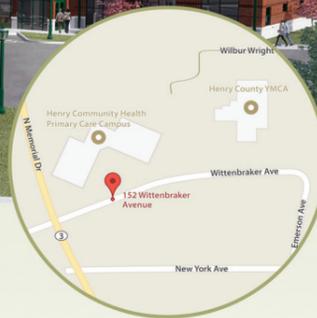
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NOW OPEN

- New Castle Family & Internal Medicine's second office in addition to their Forest Ridge office.
- Lab Services provide added convenience for patients.
- The Education Center offers a variety of health education programs and support groups.

OPENING OCTOBER 23

- New Castle Pediatrics will move from their current location to their new and expanded office.
- Neighborhood Pharmacy will move from their current location at Henry Community Health Main Campus/Hospital.
- New Castle Walk-In Care is changing its name to New Castle Immediate Care & Family Health. They will expand their practice to include primary care and continue to offer walk-in care and occupational medicine services.

Where is Northfield Park Located?

We're easy to find. Our Primary Care Campus at Northfield Park is located off Indiana 3 at 152 Wittenbraker just west of the Henry County YMCA.

Hours For Patient Visits

NOW OPEN

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New Castle Pediatrics
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New Castle Family & Internal Medicine Second Office Now Open

New Castle Family & Internal Medicine has expanded the concept of their primary care practice to focus on keeping their patients healthy in addition to the caring for illnesses. Their team concept includes physicians, nurse practitioners, diabetes educator, mental health counselor and care coordinators who all work closely together to care for our patients.

Primary care providers at the new office include David Barr, MD; Robert Stevenson, MD; Erica Baumgartner, FNP-BC; Lindsey Miles, FNP-BC; Taylor Moore, FNP-BC, and Sara Mueller, FNP-BC. Mental health counseling, care coordination and diabetes education will be provided by Jim Nelson, ACSW; Joy Hinshaw, Care Coordination; Ashley Reno, RN, Care Coordination and Steve Hamilton, RN, Diabetes Education.

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