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

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Knightstown, IN

Raysville Friends Hosting Cookout

Raysville Friends Church will host a community cookout on Saturday, Oct. 28, 4-6 p.m., following the Knightstown Trunk-or-Treat event on the Public Square. The church will furnish hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks. Raysville Friends Church is located at 9219 S. Meridian St.

Friends Church Discussion Tonight

Historic Knightstown Inc. 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. The lecture will take place at the church.

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, homemade desserts and drinks.

Righteous Oaks Hosting Chili Supper

Righteous Oaks Baptist Church, 8356 N. SR 109, Wilkinson, will host its 8th annual Free Chili Supper on Saturday, Oct. 28, 4-7 p.m. All donations will be used to purchase Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. The church is also collecting gently used winter clothing. For more information, call 765-785-2858.

Darla McFadden at KUMC Nov. 5

Knightstown United Methodist Church will host Darla McFadden on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 9:30 a.m. According to the church, McFadden will be "sharing her gift of song as well as how the good news of Jesus Christ has influenced her life." Knightstown United Methodist Church is located at 27 S. Jefferson St. For more information call 345-5912.

CAB Test Scores Show Modest Improvement

Meeting or Beating State Averages Still Elusive for Some Local Schools

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Results released last month for the spring 2017 ISTEP+ exam show the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. and other Henry County and nearby school districts struggling to show improvement and meet or best state averages.

According to figures released by the Indiana Department of Education, 65.2 percent of students statewide passed the English/language arts (ELA) part of the test, while 58.5 percent passed the math portion. Both of these results are slightly lower than the statewide averages from the spring 2016 test, which had passing rates of 66.1 percent for the ELA part of the test and 58.9 percent for the math.

Statewide, 51.4 percent of students passed both the ELA and math portions of the exam. Again, this is slightly lower than the 51.6 percent who passed both parts last year.

Looking at the ELA part of the exam, students in five area school districts had a higher passing rate than the statewide average: Blue River Valley (66.3); Charles A. Beard (66.5); Eastern Hancock (68.3); Greenfield (70.0); and Shenandoah (74.7). Four other school districts had passing rates below the state average: Mays Community (57.9); New Castle (62.2); Rush County (63.3); and South Henry (58.7).

Five of these school districts also had passing rates that bested the state average on the math part of the test: BRV (59.7); EH (76.4); Greenfield (66.5); Rush County (59.2); and Shenandoah (69.6). Passing rates on the math portion fell below the state average at four districts: CAB (46.6); Mays Community (45.3); New Castle (57.9); and South Henry (41.5).

Only three of these nine school districts had passing rates on both parts of the test that exceeded the state average: EH (62.6); Greenfield (58.6); and Shenandoah (62.9). The percentage of students passing both the ELA and math portions of the exam in the other six school districts was below the state average: BRV (49.7); CAB (46.6); Mays Community (36.8); New Castle (49.2); Rush County (50.5); and South Henry (38.5).

Locally, CAB's overall passing rates showed improvements from last year: On the ELA part of the test, the passing rate improved from 60.8 percent on the 2016 exam to 66.5 on the 2017 test; the passing rate on the math portion improved from 47.8 percent to 54.5 percent; and the percentage of students passing both sections of the test improved from 42 percent to 46.6 percent.

Despite these modest improvements, CAB Superintendent Jed Behny told The Banner in an email Tuesday morning that it's not enough.

"Until our overall passing percentages are above the 90-percent threshold," Behny said, "they simply are not where we need them to be."

Behny noted that improvement in student passing rates had been "much higher this year," and he attributed this to the efforts of CAB educators to identify areas where students are struggling and implement strategies to improve student performance. Still, though, he said testing data from the last eight to 10 years shows that the district has often been "too slow to react to change."

"As the superintendent of the district," Behny said, "one key point of emphasis from my office is to provide the resources needed to change that pattern."

2017 Spring ISTEP+ Test Results* for County, Area School Districts

School District	% Pass		% Pass	
	English/ Lang. Arts	% Pass Math	Eng./LA and Math	% Pass
Blue River Valley	66.3 (63.9)	59.7 (54.9)	49.7 (44.7)	
C.A. Beard	66.5 (60.8)	54.5(47.8)	46.6 (42.0)	
Eastern Hancock	68.3 (64.2)	76.4(70.6)	62.6 (57.2)	
Greenfield	70.0 (71.6)	66.5 (67.6)	58.6 (59.5)	
Mays Community**	57.9 (50.9)	45.3 (51.8)	36.8 (39.3)	
New Castle	62.2 (66.1)	57.9 (59.5)	49.2 (51.3)	
Rush County	63.3 (67.2)	59.2 (62.6)	50.5 (53.9)	
Shenandoah	74.7 (70.6)	69.6 (67.2)	62.9 (58.5)	
South Henry	58.7 (60.8)	41.5 (45.1)	38.5 (40.1)	
State Averages	65.2 (66.1)	58.5 (58.9)	51.4 (51.6)	

*The source for the above data is the Indiana Department of Education. The ISTEP+ is administered to students in grades 3-8 to measure student achievement in English/language arts and math (all grades), science (grades 4 and 6) and social studies (grades 5 and 7). The figures in parentheses reflect the percentages from the 2016 spring test.

**Because Mays Community Academy does not currently have grades 7 and 8, its 2017 test scores are based only on the performance of students in grades 3-6.

C.A. Beard Memorial School Corp. Spring 2017 ISTEP+ Test Results*

Knightstown Elem. Gr. 3	% Pass		% Pass	
	English/ Lang. Arts	% Pass Math	Eng./LA and Math	% Pass
Knightstown Int. Gr. 4	73.9 (71.3)	67.0 (65.0)	60.2 (60.0)	
Gr. 5	66.7 (67.4)	60.5 (59.3)	49.3 (51.2)	
Gr. 6	58.5 (55.8)	67.5 (48.8)	50.0 (34.9)	
Gr. 7	63.5 (54.2)	53.5 (45.0)	44.7 (36.7)	
Gr. 8	70.4 (68.2)	42.7 (40.0)	41.3 (41.0)	
CAB Totals	65.8 (49.5)	34.2 (30.1)	32.9 (29.0)	
State Averages	66.5 (60.8)	54.5(47.8)	46.6 (42.0)	
	65.2 (66.1)	58.5 (58.9)	51.4 (51.6)	

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Annalee Witte Pursues National FFA Position

A Hoosier student will once again vie for the chance to represent Indiana on the new National FFA officer team at the 90th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis. Annalee Witte, of Wilkinson, served as the 2015-2016 Indiana FFA secretary and will be competing against students from across the country for one of six officer positions on the 2017-18 team.

"FFA transformed me into the person I am today, and I want to help students realize their own transformations," Witte said. "While being a national FFA officer would be an honor, for me, this

role is the greatest opportunity to serve the organization and its members by being an advocate for agriculture and them."

Witte grew up on a small grain and livestock operation and is a graduate of Eastern Hancock High School. She was an Indiana FFA member for four years and participated in a variety of leadership career development events, such as extemporaneous public speaking in which she won the 2015 national championship.

While in high school, she was also involved in 4-H Junior Leaders, and the Hancock County Women's

Resource Center, where she developed her own program called Little Princess to teach young girls about positive self-image.

It was through these experiences and her time as a state officer that Witte said she learned how the simplest gestures could make a big impact for others.

"I learned how powerful a small conversation can be. You never

know where people are at in their day or their life when you talk to them. Taking five minutes to chat with someone can make a huge difference," Witte said. "Showing others that they are important is essential for good professional and personal relationships, and I want to carry that lesson on to students across the country."

Currently, Witte is a sophomore at Purdue University majoring in agricultural communications, marketing, and sales and minoring in Spanish, communications and international studies. She has been involved in a variety of organizations

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BBB Warns of Spreading Pet Scam

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers that an international scheme to sell non-existent puppies and other pets to unsuspecting consumers may be significantly more organized and widespread than generally believed. In a new report, "Puppy Scams: How Fake Online Pet Sellers Steal from Unsuspecting Pet Buyers", BBB warns that the scams are so widespread that anyone searching for a pet online is likely to encounter this fraud.

The report estimates that tens of thousands of consumers in the U.S. and around the world may have fallen victim to the scam, with prospective buyers losing anywhere from \$100 to thousands of dollars each to the thieves. For more information, contact BBB at info@indybbb.org.

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Billy "Bill" L. Garris Sr. October 17, 2017

Billy "Bill" L. Garris Sr., 74, of Knightstown passed away Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017, at The Waters of New Castle. He was born in Flemingsburg, Ky., to the late Robert L. and Lena (Rigdon) Garris.

He was a member of the Local 933 since 1961 and was still active with the Union. Bill retired after 32 years of service with Allison Gas Turbine in Indianapolis. He was a deacon at the Smyrna Baptist Church where he had been a member since 2000.

Bill is survived by his wife, Sondra (Porter) Garris of Knightstown; a son, Billy "Bill" L. Garris Jr. of Kennard; and four grandchildren, Brock Garris of South Bend, Bo Garris of Elkhart, Brett (Gretl) Garris of Goshen and Brenna Garris of Mishawaka.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert L. Garris in 2000 and Lena Garris in 2015.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service Knightstown Chapel with Revs. Larry Dellon and Charlie Sheppard officiating. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Local 933 Union Hall, 2320 S. Tibbs, Indianapolis, IN 46241. You may express condolences or share a memory of Billy at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Lloyd Delbert Wittenborn June 18, 1927 - October 12, 2017



Lloyd Delbert Wittenborn, 90, of Rushville, passed away on Oct. 12, 2017. He was born on June 18, 1927, in Chester, Ill., to the late John and Agnes (Douglas) Wittenborn.

Del interrupted his high school education to enlist in the Navy during WWII. He served until the end of the war and then returned to complete his education at Chester High School. Del married Gail Ruth Hunt Wittenborn on June 7, 1947, and she preceded him in death on May 1, 2011.

He began his work career at P.N. Hirsh & Co in Chester, Ill., and moved up through the ranks. Del and Gail moved to Rushville with P.N. Hirsch & Co in 1954, when he was named store manager, and then moved back to Illinois in 1959. He and Gail returned to Rushville in 1964 when he became district manager. He retired in 1984. Del had many fond memories from his days of managing stores across Illinois and Indiana. Del also worked for Central Hardware for a few years.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a member of the Rushville Elks Lodge #1307 and St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Del would admit to being a mediocre golfer, although he did manage to get two holes-in-one on the same hole a week apart at the age of 84. He was inducted into the high school athletic hall of fame for his talents in football and track and field. He still holds a record in the state of Illinois for the longest touchdown run.

Del is survived by his four loving children, Nancy (Robert) Woodruff, John (Sandy) Wittenborn, Jan (Mac) McNulty and Lee Ann (Richard) Vaughan; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a brother, John Donald (Mitzi) Wittenborn.

Del was preceded in death by two brothers, Kent and Milton.

Services will be held privately with burial in Rushville's East Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church or the Rush County Community Foundation. Arrangements are entrusted to Moster Mortuary.

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

HENRY COUNTY MEMORIAL PARK BOARD MEMBER SELECTION

A meeting is scheduled with regards to the Memorial Park Board Member selection. The interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 5 p.m., located in the Henry County Courthouse, second floor, old Circuit Court Courtroom, 101 S. Main St., New Castle, IN.

The Henry County Commissioners will be present during this meeting. No official business, other than receiving information, will be conducted during this meeting by the Henry County Commissioners.

The public and media are welcome to attend this meeting. For ADA accommodations, please contact 765-529-4705.

Henry County Commissioners President Butch Baker, Vice President Kim Cronk and Ed Yanos (10/18)



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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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Grant Programs Discussed

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

More than a dozen representatives from several Knightstown governing bodies and organizations met earlier this month to receive information about sources of possible grants to fund a variety of projects in town.

The Oct. 4 meeting was led by Dave Kieser, owner of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town on several planning and development issues. Among the groups represented at the meeting were the Knightstown Town Council, the town's park board, the town's plan commission, the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Board, Beautify Knightstown Inc., Historic Knightstown Inc., the Hoosier Gym committee, the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce and Knightstown Main Street.

At the outset, Kieser apologized for the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce not being listed on handouts he provided as one of the groups eligible for some of the grant programs. Calling the chamber "an integral part" of efforts to improve Knightstown, he said their omission was an unintended oversight, and throughout his presenta-

tion that night, he made sure to note grants the chamber could seek.

The first possible grant source Kieser discussed was the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs. He said OCRA has programs that offer grant funding for a variety of things, including elimination of blight, downtown improvements, renovation of historic properties and public facilities, and improvements to water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure.

Next, Kieser told the group about three grant programs available through the state's Department of Natural Resources. The DNR, he said, offers grants from its Land and Water Conservation Fund, its Recreation Trails Program and the agency's Historic Preservation Fund.

Kieser said grants from the DNR's Land and Water Conservation Fund can range from \$10,000 to \$200,000. The town council and town park board, he said, could seek one of these grants, which would require an equal match from the town, to help pay for a water recirculating system for the splash pad water attraction at Sunset Park.

An LWCF grant could also be used, Kieser said, to purchase land to establish a new park.

"As a matter of fact, they prefer that," Kieser said. "... This is one of the most underutilized programs there is."

The DNR's Recreation Trails Program also provides grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000, but only requires a 20-percent match from the town. Kieser said grants

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE KENNARD TOWN COUNCIL
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Kennard Town Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Kennard Town Hall in Kennard, Indiana. The sole purpose of the special meeting is to vote on received paving bids. As this is a special meeting, no other matters will be considered or discussed. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Town Council
Kennard, Indiana

LEGAL NOTICE

Effective Monday, October 30, 2017, the Henry County Sheriff's Office will be conducting public business at the Henry County Law Enforcement Division located at 112 S Main Street, New Castle, Indiana. The phone number is 765-529-5669.

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As this is a special meeting, no other matters will be considered or discussed. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Town Council
Kennard, Indiana

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KENNARD TOWN COUNCIL
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The Kennard Town Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017, at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Kennard Town Hall in Kennard, Indiana. The sole purpose of the special meeting is a second reading of the 2018 Budget.

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October's Comfort Never Fails to Please

"I'm so glad that I live in a world where there are Octobers. It would be terrible if we just skipped from September to November, wouldn't it?" - Lucy Maude Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

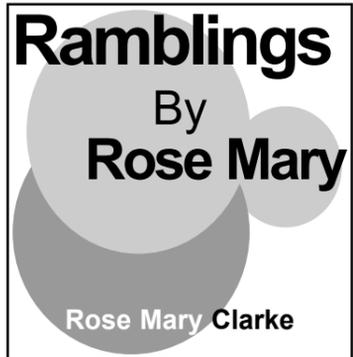
Every year I think about Montgomery's wonderful character, Anne Shirley. With the exception of glorious December, other months are ho-hum by comparison. October represents far more than a 12th of each of my years, regardless of what the calendar says. Even though one should seek out new experiences to savor, there is something comforting about the repetition of familiar things that you know you can count on.

I have read the comments of several authors who say that their characters become so alive in their minds that they actually dictate their writing. The rich Octobers in the deep pool of my inner being of my life have been chockablock with layers of experience and great beauty that in turn pull up snatches of poetry and writings by fine authors.

I cannot have too much poetry in my life. Poets see both the reality of the external world and the inner emotionality of the human soul with a keen eye that they express with an economy of the

best words, assembled in a memorable style.

Is there anything better than an Indiana October? Below are some lines extracted from a poem that the Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley, wrote. His lines are interspersed with some of my own musings. His memories predate



my own, but his reactions are universal, and our spirits touch across the years.

"When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock ... O, it's then's the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best ... With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest ... As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock ... When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock ..."

October is a month of glorious

sunrises that I watch from the window above the desk where I write. The rising of the sun is very important to the Japanese and to me. No two sunrises are alike. I shall never again see in my lifetime - or, indeed, in all eternity - what the sun, that master colorist, has provided on this day. Riley continues: *"They's something kindo' harty-like about the atmufere When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here ... the air's so appetizin'; and the landscape through the haze ... Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airy autumn days ... Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock ... When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock. The husky, rusty russel of the tassels of the corn, And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn ... O, it sets my hart a-clickin' like the tickin' of a clock, When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock ..."*

The vibrant colors of October comprise many of the threads woven on my loom of life: gold, pale yellow, tan, orange, brown, red, ochre, rust, the cobalt of the sky. Even the great Monet and other Impressionists could not surpass the palette of an October autumn.

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Libel Laws Are Checks on Journalists

Recently, Someone Important derided the American press for being able to print whatever it wants.

That's true. The press can print whatever it wants.

However, the press cannot maliciously disregard the truth as they willfully print what they know to be false. That's called libel. Libel is illegal and, historically, U.S. courts have meted out harsh punishments to news organizations and others who've done it.

Libel, which is printed lies, is different from slander, which is generally untruths that are spoken.

Libel is easy to avoid. All one has to do is print or tell the truth. Then libel is not a concern.

In my 18 years publishing The Banner we've never been sued for libel. We've never even been threatened with a libel suit.

Like I said, it's easy to avoid, even for a numbskull like me.

The Important Person who made that statement is, like many other Americans, confused about the role of journalism in a democracy. And in spite of many contrary examples, both local and national, newspapers and journalists really aren't supposed to be friends with the government. Yes, you read that correctly: not friends.

Our job is to check the government - *not* have the government pick up the check for our lunch. If reporters, newspapers and other news organizations are doing their jobs correctly, no one in the government will want to buy their lunch! They'll be irritated by the questions about what happens to all that tax money.

On the other hand, if the government has a lot of integrity and nothing to hide, it will welcome those many questions, understanding that journalists have a big job to do: informing the taxpayers about exactly what their expensive government has been up to.

Citizens often don't have the time or interest to ask those questions themselves. And, depending on whose

team is in office, citizens might sometimes catch themselves "killing the messenger" as unsavory, yet factual news is printed about "their guy."

It's easy to understand that people in power in America are often wealthy and have many resources. They are also not often unfamiliar with our courts. American business is rife with litigation. That's why it's hard for me to understand their misconception of the libel and slander laws.

The press can't get away with libel anymore than an individual who yells fire in a crowded theater and causes a panic. Yes, we have free speech, but we are sometimes held accountable for that speech, particularly when it is libelous or slanderous.

The ability to freely criticize and scrutinize our government is an enormous benefit to every citizen in a free society. Even if most of them never or seldom exercise that right, there are those of us in journalism who've made it our job to help keep them informed, whether they like it or not.

That doesn't always please those in power, nor does it please every citizen. News is not inherently pleasing nor displeasing. It's merely what has happened; it's "new" information.

Journalists are not in control of what happens. Those who are in power just do what they do. We report it. If a newspaper or a reporter contrives a fabricated story meant to deliberately harm someone's reputation and cause damage, then the power of the courts will rain down on them hard, and rightly so. Libel is wrong.

America has strong libel and slander laws. They are meant to discourage news organizations and others from willfully publishing lies. For the most part, those laws do work and serve as an effective deterrent. Libel laws serve as a check on the press, just as the press serves as a check on government.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

To ensure legislative sessions run smoothly each year, the Indiana Senate Republican Caucus recruits and hires interns to assist in many Senate offices, including my own.

Interns play a critical role in assisting senators and staff during session, but there are many benefits available to the interns as well. They are exposed to professional development, community involvement, networking, and scholarship and academic credit opportunities. They also receive a \$750 bi-weekly stipend.

Below is a list of internships available during the 2018 legislative session along with their job descriptions:

Information Technology interns respond to IT needs of senators and staff, format and reimage computers, troubleshoot hardware and software issues and assist in the implementation of new technologies.

Legal interns help create a daily legislative calendar, conduct legal and policy research, summarize amendments and conference committees and file legislative documents under deadline.

Legislative interns track and examine bill data, provide constituent services and staff committee meetings.

Multimedia interns help with photography and videography needs, create content for print and web, monitor online streaming of committees and Senate floor sessions and assist in website management.

Policy interns conduct research, track legislative proposals and summarize legislation.

Press Secretary interns write news releases, track legislation, draft e-communication and social media strategies and work with members of the media.

To qualify, interns must be at least a college sophomore. Chosen applicants will begin the internship with a mandatory orientation in late December. It will conclude when the legislative session ends in mid-to-late March.

An internship with the State Senate is a great opportunity to gain experience and learn more about state government. I encourage those who are interested to apply for this unique, career-building opportunity. All majors are accepted.

Applications are due by Oct. 31. For more information about the program or to apply online, visit www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/intern-program.

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

Sen. Jean Leising
(R-Oldenburg)

Dear Editor,

For many years, farmers across the country have purchased crop insurance policies as a way to manage the risk of a yield or income loss. Crop insurance has stepped into the spotlight as the highest costing federal farm program, at about \$8 billion per year.

Despite the size of the program, crop insurance has not been available for many types of crops. And, often, for certain crops such as fruits, vegetables, or small grains, coverage is available only on a regional basis.

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The Banner values reader opinions and welcomes letters to the editor. To be considered for publication, letters must be signed by the author and contain a phone number and address for verification purposes. The Banner does not guarantee the veracity of factual assertions contained in letters to the editor, and their publication should in no way be construed as the newspaper's endorsement of the letters' contents. The opinions represented in letters to the editor, as well as any misstatement of fact therein, are solely those of the letters' authors. Letters to the editor may be edited, and, ideally, should be no more than 300 words in length.

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◆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, homemade desserts and drinks.

◆Raysville Friends Church will host a **community cookout** on Saturday, Oct. 28, 4-6 p.m., following the Knightstown Trunk-or-Treat event on the Public Square. The church will furnish hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks. Raysville Friends Church is located at 9219 S. Meridian St.

◆The **Henry Henley Public Library** in Carthage is holding a fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 11, 4-7 p.m. at the Carthage Community Center. The community meal will consist of a delicious meal of pulled pork barbecue, baked beans, applesauce or coleslaw and desserts that include homemade pie. Coffee, tea and lemonade will also be include. Suggested donations of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children will be gratefully accepted. Veterans will be honored by receiving their meal at no cost. Winners of the children's coloring contest will be displayed. Children can pick up the coloring sheets at the library. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

◆Righteous Oaks Baptist

Church, 8356 N. SR 109, Wilkinson, will host its 8th annual **Free Chili Supper** on Saturday, Oct. 28, 4-7 p.m. All donations will be used to purchase Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. The church is also collecting gently used winter clothing. For more information, call 765-785-2858.

◆Knightstown United Methodist Church will host **Darla McFadden** on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 9:30 a.m. According to the church, McFadden will be "sharing her gift of song as well as how the good news of Jesus Christ has influenced her life."

◆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, Ogdan. 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 fun-

ders 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.

◆Walnut Ridge Friends Church, 8956 W. CR 800-N, Carthage, will host A Country **Christmas Bazaar** on Friday, Dec. 1, 2:30-8:30 p.m. A variety of homemade goods will be available, including jams, jellies, crafts, cookies, Christmas ornaments and holiday decor. A soup bar will be available for a freewill offering. A live nativity scene will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. The public is invited.

◆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 pro-

vide 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 Inlashbrook@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.

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 5 One of Chekhov's three sisters
 10 City in Sweden
 14 Fairy tale start?
 15 Pre-deal bets
 16 16th c. Italian painter
 17 Mickey's feathered friend
 19 Mountain peak on the Alberta/British Columbia border
 20 Former home of England's Crystal Palace
 21 Criminals' lair
 23 Quantity (abbr.)
 24 Some DC bigshots
 25 Trim
 28 Follower suffix
 30 Test for someone planning to seek a master's degree
 31 Etching need
 32 Nothing more than
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 38 Web address

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 39 Dance contest in France (2 wds.)
 41 Numbered cube
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 45 Water source
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 50 "Could things get?"
 54 *Treasurer Island* author's monogram

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 57 Quick Korean car (2 wds.)
 61 Duct or drop
 62 Adams and Polk
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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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There's Still Room for Two on Historic Preservation Group

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.

Carthage Comprehensive Planning Committee Getting Started Tonight

The steering committee recently formed to help the town of Carthage develop a comprehensive plan is scheduled to hold its first meeting tonight.

The Carthage Town Council voted last month to appoint two of its own members and four area residents to the steering committee. In addition to town council members John Hancock and Ashley Davis, Ripley Township residents Kathy Gibson and Jim Neal, and town residents Tom and Claire Mercer were also appointed to the steering committee.

Dave Kieser, owner of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town on several planning and development issues, 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 com-

prehensive plan."

Tonight's meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St. It is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

A comprehensive plan is normally prepared and approved by a town's plan commission before being sent to its town council for final adoption. Because Carthage doesn't have its own plan commission, however, the town's process will be a little different.

Once the steering committee helps Kieser's firm come up with a draft of a comprehensive plan, it will be sent to the Carthage Town Council for its ratification. If the council approves the plan, it will then be forwarded to the Rush County Area Plan Commission, along with a request that the county adopt the plan and incorporate it as an addendum to the county's comprehensive plan.

Drawing on Ample Experience, Tony Benefiel Takes Over as New Tri Titan Baseball Coach

by Logan Cox

Tony Benefiel is taking on the job of Tri Junior-Senior High School's new varsity baseball head coach, a position recently approved by the South Henry School Board.

"This will be my first season coaching at Tri High School," said Benefiel.

However, Benefiel is no stranger to either the position of coach or the sport of baseball. While this is his first year at Tri High, it will actually be his 12th year of coaching baseball.

"I began my coaching career at Anderson University as a player/coach for one season in 2006," he said. "Then I was a full-time student assistant coach for three seasons under Hall of Fame head coach Don Brandon, where I worked as a bullpen coach, first base coach and corner infield/outfield coach."

While attending Anderson University, Benefiel spent four summers coaching for U.S. Athletics Organization - coaching two summers of 18u and one summer of 15u - and another summer coaching for the Indiana Bandits (16u).

Upon graduating from Anderson University in 2009, he moved to Columbus, where he had accepted the head junior-varsity baseball coach's position at Columbus North High School. He worked there for three years, between 2010 and 2013.

"I also ran my own summer travel team for four summers while living in Columbus: Indiana Redbirds 18u, 2010-2013," said Benefiel.

He accepted a position at MVP Baseball and Softball Academy (MVP Indy) in Bargersville after

the summer of 2014. There, he worked as a pitching/hitting instructor.

"I held this position for one year and assisted this organization with starting a travel baseball organization, coaching their 11u team: Indiana Knights, 2014," he said.

Benefiel has also spent the last three years coaching with the Full Throttle Diamond Association's travel baseball organization.

In addition to his background as a baseball coach, Benefiel was a baseball player for several years while still earning his education.

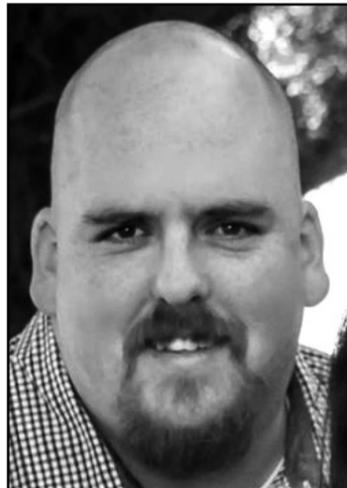
"I played baseball at Anderson Highland High School from 1999 to 2003," said Benefiel. "Then I attended Ancilla College for two years, and one year at Anderson University, finishing my career after 2006 due to an arm and back injury."

In light of his experience as both a player and a coach, it is safe to say that Benefiel knows the job and what it requires. He's going into it with a process in mind, which he was able to briefly outline.

As he explained, "My coaching philosophy is based on a three-pronged approach: trusting each accountable member (T.E.A.M.); embracing the game; and player development."

Outside of baseball, Benefiel currently works at Knightstown Elementary School. He lives in Kennard with his wife, Chelsie (Haines) Benefiel, and their two children, Zoey and Xavier.

"I am very excited for this opportunity at Tri High," said Benefiel. "I am looking forward to working with Mr. Peggs and the entire Tri High administration/athletic department."





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Rose Mary, from Page 4

"Then your apples all is gethered, and the ones a feller keeps ... Is poured around the celler-floor in red and yeller heaps; ... And your cider-makin' 's over, and your wimmern-folks is through ... With their mince and apple-butter, and theyr souse and sausage, too!"

I delighted in listening to old Granny spinning tales of how people lived. She described how they dug a trench and lined it with straw. Then they laid apples, cabbages and such on the straw, covered them with another layer of straw and dirt. Her brother, Bert, made homemade cider that Mother and her cousins were allowed to drink through a long wheat straw stuck through the foam. One time it had turned hard. Mother said, "We little girls had the bestest time!" wclarke@comcast.net

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Henry County GOP Club Speech Contest Starting

The Henry County Republican Club will host its 21st annual Speech Contest for High School Students on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m., at Henry County Republican Headquarters, 1325 Broad St., New Castle (due to road construction, parking is available behind the building).

Any student in grades 7-12 in public, private, or home schools, who is a Henry County resident, is eligible to compete. Republican affiliation is not required. Democrats, Libertarians, independents, and other parties are welcome.

This year's topic is "What is your opinion of the first year of the Trump/Pence administration?"

The time limit is no longer than five minutes per speech. There is no minimum time. Time signals will be provided. A panel of three out-of-county judges will preside.

Awards are as follows: Champion, \$100; runner-up, \$75; third place, \$25.

All competitors will also receive a free one-year associate (non-voting) membership in the Henry County Republican Club (a \$10 value).

To register, contact Nate LaMar at 836-5401 or NateLaMar@cs.com with the participant's name, grade, school, and phone number. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Victory Lane Camp Talent Night Nov. 4

Watch the stars of Victory Lane Camp shine on stage during the Victory Lane Camp Talent Night at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the First Baptist Family Life Center, 709 S. Memorial Dr., New Castle.

The benefit event will include talent acts featuring kids involved with Victory Lane Camp (VLC), stories about the impact of Victory Lane Camp, and a party for the audience and cast. Limited festival seating is available, and spots can be reserved at www.victorylanecamp.org/stars.php or by calling Tiffany at 765-591-4191.

During the evening, Joe Hewitt will present a magic act and Rebecca Johnson will highlight her hula hoop skills. AJ Wise and Ruby Ingram will share singing performances, while Caden Upchurch and Alex Carey bring comedy acts to the lineup. All six performers have attended a summer session of Victory Lane Camp, and many are involved in the year-round activities that the organization offers.

Throughout the evening, the audience will also hear from other members of the Victory Lane Camp community about the growth of the organization. Victory Lane Camp is centered around families who have

children with disabilities, and is more than a camp. Connections between people from all backgrounds and abilities continue throughout the year with planned events and impromptu gatherings.

"We want to share how lives are being changed and how our community is growing," noted Brett Fischer, VLC founder. "This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the families in our VLC communi-

ty and learn how to support the future growth of VLC with time and financial resources."

Everyone is invited to the cast party to enjoy ice cream following the program. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the performers and their families.

For more information about Victory Lane Camp, visit www.VictoryLaneCamp.org or follow Victory Lane Camp on Facebook and Twitter.



S.R. 38 West of New Castle Reopens Ahead of Schedule

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and contractor E & B Paving opened State Road 38 ahead of schedule recently, after completing a traffic safety improvement project west of New Castle.

The \$1.6 million construction project straightened the alignment and lowered the elevation of State Road 38 to increase sight distance near the intersections of Henry

County Roads 275 and 300 West. The intersections are located about three miles west of State Road 3 and less than one mile east of State Road 234. A westbound State Road 38 right-turn lane to northbound County Road 300 West was also built.

The project was expected to close the highway until November but State Road 38 is open about three weeks ahead of schedule.

Henry Co. Sheriff's Dept. Changing Business Locations

Effective Monday, Oct. 30, the Henry County Sheriff's Department will be conducting public business at the Henry County Law Enforcement Division, located at 112 S. Main St., New Castle. The phone number is 765-529-5669.

Public business, such as tax warrant payments, gun permits, accident and incident reports, sex offender fees and title check/VIN inspection fees, will be administered at this location.

State Library Genealogy, Local History Fair Oct. 28

The Indiana State Library will host its annual Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair in downtown Indianapolis on Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Admission is free and open to the general public.

This year's theme is "Sacrificing and Shaping the Future," commemorating the Centennial of World War I and examining military resources and history. Over 30 genealogical and local history organizations and commercial vendors will be in attendance. Highly acclaimed, internationally known speakers and genealogy consultants Kathleen Brandt and Katherine R. Willson will present.

Brandt, an international genealogy consultant, speaker and writer has more than 10 years of experience as a professional genealogist and is a licensed private investigator. Her clients include NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?*, and PBS's *Finding Your Roots*. She is a See Genealogy, Page 12

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New Castle Career Center Students Earn New Veterinary Certification



During the 2016-2017 school year, 26 Veterinary Science students participated in an Industry Certification program through ICEV. This program is an online career and technical education curriculum. Students completed the 22 veterinary medical application modules mostly on their own time. The modules were created by Elanco Animal Health. The certification has extremely high standards. Not only do the modules have to be completed at mastery level, but a 100 question online test must also be passed. With 24 out of the 26 students certified, these students are more marketable in the industry. Melody Warner, veterinary science instructor at the New Castle Career Center, is hoping to get the certification recognized by the Indiana Department of Education. Until then, students will continue to work toward certification. "It is a wonderful asset to the curriculum," said Warner, who added that on Wednesday, Nov. 1, the program will be hosting a low-cost vaccination clinic open to the community. The Buck Creek Veterinary Clinic staff will provide the service, which includes a free physical exam with the cost of needed vaccinations. Heart worm testing and medications for fleas, deworming, and similar products will also be available. (Photo submitted)

Knightstown Town Council to Vote on Proposed Budget

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council is expected to vote during tomorrow evening's monthly meeting to adopt the town's proposed budget for 2018.

The town council held a public hearing on the proposed budget on Sept. 25. Only three of the council's five members - President Sarah Ward, Vice President Kevin Knott and Mitch Roland - attended the hearing, with the other two, Roger Hammer and Landon Dean, absent.

Public attendance at the hearing wasn't much better than the council's. For much of the hearing, the only citizens in attendance were John and Sandy Swartz, Wayne Township residents who don't live inside the town's boundaries, and Knightstown resident Jan McGuire. John Swartz is a member of the Charles A. Beard School Board, his wife, Sandy, is on the Wayne Township Board, and McGuire is a member of the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board.

About 30 minutes into the hearing, Suzee Neal, another Wayne Township resident who resides outside the town boundaries, arrived. Like John Swartz, Neal is also on the CAB School Board, and she also is president of the town's park board.

Despite the Sept. 25 proceeding being a public hearing, the council did not seek questions or comments from the public in attendance for nearly an hour. Instead, that time was devoted to a discussion about the budget between the council and Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman, with several minutes spent discussing health insurance coverage for town employees, an issue the council had resolved at its regular monthly meeting less than a week earlier.

At around 8 p.m., another Knightstown resident, Christina Jones, arrived, visibly upset. She told the council she had arrived prior to the 7 p.m. start time, when the doors to the council's chambers were still locked. Not seeing a notice for the budget hearing posted on the door along with other meeting notices, she thought it must have been canceled and left. Noticing the lights on in the council chambers as she was driving by,

she stopped and found it had not been canceled after all.

Jones told the council that she felt they should hold another budget meeting because of the failure to post a notice on the door. Huffman said she had been told by the state's Department of Local Government Finance that the only notice needed for the budget hearing was what she posted online through the state's Gateway system.

Actually, the state's Open Door Law did require a notice to be posted on the door of the council's chambers for that night's public hearing even though the proposed budget included in the notice to taxpayers only needed to be posted on the Gateway system. The ODL required a meeting notice to be issued at least 48 hours in advance and posted at the meeting location because the budget hearing was also a meeting of the town council since a quorum - three members - were present and conducting official business.

Turning her comments to the proposed budget being considered, Jones told the council she objected to extra pay provided to town employees who are on-call. She said she didn't favor paying people when they are not actually working.

"I feel that money would be better spent for another police officer," Jones said.

Ward told Jones that town employees who are on-call often are restricted in terms of what they can do and where they can go during nonworking hours. She said it's important to town officials to be able to provide Knightstown citizens with utility workers who can respond to problems with town utilities around the clock.

"I disagree," Jones said. "... The money that we're paying them not to work adds up."

Huffman pointed out that most of the money used to pay for time town employees spend on-call comes from revenue collected by the town's utilities, and is not part of the budget funded by taxpayers.

According to the town's notice to taxpayers, Knightstown is considering a budget for next year that totals \$1,046,343. To have enough money for that budget, the town's notice says it will need to raise \$574,223 from local property

See Budget, Page 12

DNR Corrects Hunting, Trapping Guide Info

Indiana deer and waterfowl hunters need to be aware of two important changes in the print version of the 2017-2018 *Hunting & Trapping Guide*.

Due to recent legislation passed this year by the Indiana General Assembly, hunters can no longer use rifles when hunting deer on public land. "Public land" includes both state and federal property. Before the change, the use of rifles on public land had been legal.

It remains legal to use a muzzleloader, shotgun or handgun when hunting deer on public land in accordance with deer hunting regulations.

The waterfowl correction is that the daily bag limit for black ducks is two. The printed *Hunting and Trapping Guide* mistakenly states the bag limit as one.

The online *Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide* has been updated with these corrections. View the updated guide at wildlife.IN.gov/2343.htm

For more information on rifle requirements for deer hunting on private land, visit wildlife.IN.gov/7389.htm and click on "Equipment."

"We've seen over the past several months how important cybersecurity is to citizens. Corporate breaches, citizens being caught by viruses or phishing emails, See **Cybersecurity, Page 12**

Gov. Holcomb Pushes Cybersecurity Awareness

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) urge Hoosiers to follow prudent practices in their online activities to protect personal information. October is designated as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Indiana via a proclamation from Gov. Eric Holcomb and nationally by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other partners.

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Grants, from Page 3

from this program can be used to acquire land and develop recreational trails, or, for example, to repair the bridge at Sunset park and establish a walking path from the park to Knightstown High School.

Kieser said there are also a couple of grant programs available through Indiana Landmarks, a non-profit that works to save historic properties throughout the state. The Efromyson Family Endangered Places Grant program provides \$2,500-\$3,500 per project and requires a 20-percent local match, while the Partners in Preservation

National Register Grants can provide up to \$1,500 to cover up to half the cost of applying to have a property placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Another possible funding source Kieser discussed was the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development. He said this agency normally likes to lend money more than it provides grants, but he said the interest on the loans, which are typically paid back over 40 years, is only 2 percent.

"It's really a good deal if you're trying to finance something over a long time," Kieser said of Rural Development's low-interest loans.

After his presentation, Kieser suggested those in attendance try to identify five possible projects that would benefit from grant funding. However, with town council member Roger Hammer saying he thought they should try to come up with as many as they can, the group eventually offered up more than a dozen:

- *Saving the former Masonic lodge building on the northwest corner of Main and Jefferson streets;
- *Downtown enhancements;
- *Development of a parking area

and/or green space on the lot next to the old Masonic lodge;

*Creation of a small park area just south of the Academy building, with basketball courts, a walking path and small play area;

*Tuck-pointing improvements to the Hoosier Gym's exterior;

*Creating a safe walking route to KHS and repairing the bridge at Sunset Park;

*Preserving the old Henley Studio building on east Main Street;

*Improvements to the splash pad at Sunset Park and/or construction of a new swimming pool at the park;

*Trying to lure a grocery store to open in a historic building downtown;

*Purchasing a public announcement system for downtown that could be used, for example, to play music during the holiday season;

*Construction of an amphitheater;

*Purchasing signage to help direct people to the Hoosier Gym or other local attractions;

*Development of the State Road 109 corridor north toward the interstate; and

*Creation of a welcome cen-

ter/new municipal building downtown.

Hammer suggested a steering committee consisting of one person from each of the groups represented at that night's meeting be formed to consider possible projects and coordinate efforts to seek grants. David Steele of Historic Knightstown Inc. didn't agree with limiting it to just one member from each group, saying he thought "the more people (involved), the better."

"That's not my experience," Hammer replied.

Kieser suggested that everyone who was present for that night's meeting be part of the steering committee, which was tentatively dubbed the Knightstown Forward Committee. He said the group should be prepared to decide on a project within the next couple of weeks so that a grant application can be prepared and ready for submission in early 2018.

The group's next meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for next Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. It will be held in the former classroom on the east side of the Hoosier Gym building.

Menu includes turkey or pork loin, real mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, slaw, cranberry relish, rolls, homemade desserts and drinks. Come enjoy a good meal & great fellowship!

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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Fall to 13th-ranked Heritage Christian in Final Regular Season Game

Knightstown suffered a loss at home for its final regular season, falling to 13th-ranked Heritage Christian, 14-55.

The Senior Night game for the Panthers took a negative turn almost immediately.

After the Eagles won the coin toss and chose to receive the kick-off, they were scoring 45 seconds

later to take a 7-0 early lead.

The Panthers' offensive efforts were thwarted and then a fake punt attempt failed to turn the ball over to the Eagles at the 43-yard line.

Heritage Christian took advantage immediately with a long touchdown pass on the next play. The Eagles kicker was successful

on the extra point to give his team a 14-0 lead with just over seven minutes left in the first.

Things started looking up for the Panthers after they ended a nice drive up the field with Jon Simmons carrying the ball across the goal line. Devyn Schaeztle was good on the extra point to put the score at 14-7 with only two seconds left in the first quarter.

But, Knightstown cheers were quickly quieted when the Eagles turned a near-50-yard run into another touchdown and PAT to take a 21-7 lead.

Another good drive by the Panthers was halted when Heritage Christian recovered a KHS fumble and scored again to add seven more to their lead, 28-7, with more than eight minutes left in the half.

Despite some opportunities, the Panthers were held scoreless in the second quarter. Heritage Christian took its lead out to 35-7 by halftime with a touchdown pass and extra point.

The third quarter was more of the same for the Panthers. Knightstown's offense continued to stall while Heritage Christian added 13 more to its lead, 48-7.

The Eagles scored again and Panther quarterback Tyler Burton took the ball in for six points in the fourth, followed by another Schaeztle kick for the extra point.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 4-5 on the season. They will be back at home Friday for the first round of sectional.

KNIGHTSTOWN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Passing

Tyler Burton - 4 of 13 for 42 yards, 2 interceptions

Rushing

T. Burton - 13 carries for 103 yards, 1 fumble, 1 touchdown
Jon Simmons - 15 carries for 88 yards, 1 touchdown
Jose Olivo - 14 carries for 62 yards, 1 fumble
Lane Parker - 7 carries for 33 yards
Nick Walsh - 2 carries for 2 yards

Receiving

J. Olivo - 2 receptions for 32 yards
L. Parker - 1 reception for 5 yards
Max Muncy - 1 reception for 5 yards

Interceptions / Sacks / Fumble Recoveries / Etc.

J. Simmons - 1 fumble recovered
T. Burton - 1 sack for 6-yard loss
Bruce Nichols - 1 pass deflection

Kicking

N. Walsh - 2 kickoffs for 36 yards
Devyn Schaeztle - 2 points after touchdown

Returns

J. Olivo - 3 kickoff returns for 104 yards (longest: 47 yards)
N. Walsh - 1 kickoff return for 34 yards

Total Tackles (solo+assists)

Garrett Thomas - 10; Jon Simmons - 8; Tyler Burton, Dawson Smith - 5; Lane Parker - 4; Sam Thomas - 3; Mason Carmichael, Bruce Nichols - 2; Jose Olivo, Aiden Orcutt, T. Personett - 2; Dylan Boyd, Walker Gorman, Kyle Mattix - 1.

High School Football Sectionals Start Friday

High school football sectionals start Friday. All kickoffs start at 7 p.m. Admission is \$6 at the gate. Sports passes will not be accepted. Banners, signs or artificial noise makers will not be permitted during tourney games.

Class 2A - Sectional 37

Knightstown will be in the class 2A sectional 37, hosting Triton Central at home Friday. The eight-team sectional 37 bracket includes five top ranked teams.

After falling to 13th-ranked Heritage Christian last Friday, the Panthers now must defeat the 12th-ranked Tigers (6-3) to continue their season.

The winner of the Knightstown and Triton Central game will move on to play the winner of the game between Heritage Christian (6-3) and Milan (8-1), who is ranked eighth in class 2A.

Eastern Hancock is also in the sectional 37 bracket. The Royals (5-4) will travel to 17th-ranked Centerville (7-2).

The winner of the Eastern Hancock-Centerville matchup will advance to play the winner of the game between Indianapolis Scecina (8-1) and Union County (5-4). Scecina is ranked second in class 2A.

Class 1A - Sectional 46

Tri will also be at home Friday for the first round of class 1A sectional 46. The Titans (4-5) take on Oldenburg Academy (2-7).

The winner of the Tri-Oldenburg game will advance to play the winner of the game between 11th-ranked Hagerstown (8-1) and North Decatur (5-4).

Also in the sectional 46 bracket are Cambridge City Lincoln, Indianapolis Lutheran, South Decatur and Edinburgh.

Lincoln (1-8) travels to second-ranked Indianapolis Lutheran (7-2). The winner of the Lincoln-Lutheran game moves on to compete against the winner of the game between South Decatur (4-5) and Edinburgh (1-8).

Sectional Games for Other Area Schools

Ninth-ranked Shenandoah (7-2) hosts Northeastern (5-4) in the class 2A sectional 36.

New Castle (5-4) travels to Richmond (0-9) for class 4A sectional 22. Greenfield-Central (3-6) travels to Zionsville (4-5) for class 5A sectional 12. Rushville (0-9) is also on the road at seventh-ranked Indianapolis Ritter (7-2) for class 3A sectional 29.

Titans Stunned in Heartbreaking Overtime Loss to Union County

by Stacy Cox

General Manager/Sports Editor

Cheering Titan fans were crushed when the visiting Union County Patriots made a huge comeback to defeat Tri's varsity football team 46-40 in last regular season game Friday night.

With less than two minutes left in the game and the Titans up 40-32, the Patriots' quarterback hit a freshman receiver with a long throw to put them on the four-yard line. Another short toss into the end zone was good to put the Patriots within two, 40-38. They followed that with a successful conversion to tie the game up at

40 with 65 seconds left in the fourth.

The Titans were unable to score before the clock ran out, setting up the overtime scenario. Each team had the ball placed at the ten-yard line and given four attempts to score. Tri came up short on each try and were unable to prevent a pass into the end zone during Union County's turn, sending the Patriot players and fans into celebration.

It was a heartbreaking loss for the Titans, especially on Senior Night, and stunned the huge turnout of Titan fans who had enjoyed three hours of fun and

exciting football action.

After struggling with his running game the past two Fridays, Nick Wilson was back in top form against the Patriots. Wilson was responsible for 32 of the team's 40 points and posted his biggest numbers of the season, breaking the 1500-mark for total yards.

Wilson scored five touchdowns in the game including the first one in the first quarter to put the Titans up 6-0. But, the Patriots took the lead before the end of the first with a TD and successful conversion to go up 8-6.

Both teams fought it out in the second quarter before heading

into halftime with the Titans up 20-16.

Following the halftime recognition of all the senior fall sports athletes, the Titans were fired up in the third quarter, pushing their lead up to 26-16.

The fourth quarter started off great for the Titans with two more

touchdowns and extra points to take a 40-24 lead before Union County made their big comeback.

The Titans finished their regular season at 4-5 overall and 3-4 in the Tri-Eastern Conference. They are back at home Friday for the first round of sectional against Oldenburg Academy.

TRI INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Passing

Alex Melton - 14 of 25 for 265 yards, 3 touchdowns
Drew Mondrush - 1 of 1 for 3 yards

Rushing

Nick Wilson - 16 carries for 197 yards, 2 touchdowns
D. Mondrush - 3 carries for 17 yards
Kyler Burchett - 3 carries for 12 yards
A. Melton - 11 carries, 1 touchdown

Receiving

N. Wilson - 7 receptions for 141 yards, 3 touchdowns, 1 conversion
Masen Phelps - 2 receptions for 46 yards, 1 conversion
Gage Rowe - 1 receptions for 31 yards
K. Burchett - 3 receptions for 29 yards
Seth Butler - 2 receptions for 18 yards

Interceptions / Sacks / Fumble Recoveries / Etc.

Austin Fowler - 1 interception

Parker Smeltzer - 1 sack
G. Rowe - 1 pass deflected
D. Mondrush - 1 fumble caused
Logan Stephens - 1 fumble caused
Seth Butler - 1 fumble recovered

Returns

N. Wilson - 2 kickoff returns for 42 yds (longest: 25 yards)
K. Burchett - 1 kickoff return for 5 yards
Dakota Raley - 1 kickoff return for 1 yard

Kicking

D. Mondrush - 7 kickoffs for 195 yards (longest: 53 yards)
A. Melton - 4 punts for 130 yards (longest: 43 yards)

Total Tackles (solo+assists)

Justin Greene - 8; D. Mondrush - 7; L. Stephens - 6; N. Wilson - 5; K. Burchett - 4; Seth Butler, A. Fowler - 3; P. Smeltzer, Dennis Prosper - 2; Christian Faith, Devin Keck, Andrew Pierce, G. Rowe - 1.



Tri's Nick Wilson holds on to this pass in the end zone for one of his five touchdowns in Friday's game against Union County. Wilson posted the biggest numbers of his career in the game. (Stacy Cox photo)

LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Panthers Defeat Irvington Prep, Fall to Shenandoah



Knightstown's Rena' Witham had a big freshman year, playing in all but one set for the Lady Panthers and leading the team in serving aces, digs and serves received. (Stacy Cox photo)

Knightstown varsity volleyball team beat Irvington Preparatory Academy in the first round of sectional action last week but were eliminated from the tourney after falling to Shenandoah on Saturday.

In their first round match Oct. 12 against Irvington Prep, the Lady Panthers beat IPA three straight sets, 25-23, 25-9 and 25-8.

In the match, freshman Rena Witham led KHS with nine aces, four kills, nine digs and 14 serves received.

Trinidie Newby had eight kills, 12 serves received, four digs, one assist, one block and one ace.

Candice Wyatt finished the match with seven kills, seven digs, one serve received, one block and one ace.

Maggie Smith got four kills, four digs with six serves received.

Dharma Holder made three kills and four digs with one serve received.

Kamryn Reed had 23 assists, six digs with three aces.

Courtney Carlton had three digs, two kills and one ace.

Mackinsy Fowler added two digs and one ace.

Sierra Heady got one ace and Cara Mullen received one serve.

The win over Irvington Prep moved the Lady Panthers to the semifinal round against Shenandoah where they fell in three sets on Saturday 10-25, 20-25 and 13-25.

Witham again led the Lady Panthers with 19 digs, 17 serves received, two kills and two aces.

Newby ended her sophomore season with 26 serves received, five digs, two kills, two blocks and one assist.

Smith finished with 15 serves received, four digs, two kills and one block.

Reed provided 13 assists along with three digs and one block.

Wyatt had four kills, four digs and six serves received.

Carlton got two kills and four digs. Holder added three kills while Heady received three serves and Lexy Goodpaster received one serve.

The Lady Panthers finished their season 13-20 overall and 1-7 in the Tri-Eastern Conference.



Knightstown senior Candice Wyatt tries to get the ball past Shenandoah players in the sectional semifinal match on Saturday. (Stacy Cox photo)

Knightstown Yearbook Pre-Order Discount Still in Available, For Now

Knightstown High School yearbooks for the 2017-2018 school year are still \$50 but the price will increase one more time to \$55 in the near future.

Yearbook coordinator Rachael Shepherd said the school does not order many above what the students order so if students want to be guaranteed a yearbook this year, they must have their order in by the end of the school year.

Orders can be placed online at www.jostensyearbooks.com. If ordering online, students have the option to spread the payments over three months. Order forms are also available near the door by Shepherd's class room.

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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Cybersecurity, from Page 8

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Budget, from Page 8

taxes, 26.6 percent more than the current tax levy of \$453,495. By fund, the town's proposed 2018 budget breaks down as follows: General (\$693,287); Local Roads and Streets (\$11,500); Motor Vehicle Highway (\$98,000); Park (\$50,000); Cemetery (\$81,683); Cumulative

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proposed 2018 budget are on file and available for public inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours. This information is also available online at www.budgetnotices.in.gov, or by calling 888-739-9826.

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on campus, such as Purdue student government, Collegiate Farm Bureau, the honors society and the Honors College Global Committee. Her future goals include finding a career in agriculture communications and marketing.

"Annalee is an excellent student and continues to demonstrate her dedication to serving others through her work with various organizations, not just FFA," said Tamara Neighbors, Indiana FFA Association director. "We are proud of what she's accomplished so far and wish her the best in her future endeavors."

In order to become a National FFA Officer, candidates must take part in a rigorous, week-long selection process, which includes everything from written and verbal exams to facilitating mock classroom discussions. After the process is complete, the top six candidates will be selected by a committee of delegates, who will announce the winners on the last day of the National FFA Convention & Expo.

According to the National FFA Organization website, National FFA officers will travel more than 100,000 miles during their year of service interacting with the general public, business and industry leaders, FFA members, government and education officials, and many more. They will lead personal growth and leadership training conferences for the 649,355 FFA members nationwide and will help set policies that will guide the future of FFA and promote agricultural literacy.

Visit www.ffa.org to learn more about the National FFA Organization, or visit www.inffa.org to learn more about Indiana FFA.

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A new product designed to address these concerns and expand coverage for farmers and ranchers is Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP). Created by the 2014 farm bill, WFRP insures revenue of the entire operation rather than specific crops, and policies are based on revenue history.

This insurance option provides farmers and ranchers with coverage for a wide variety of farm products – ranging from corn and soybeans to fruits, vegetables, and livestock. Because WFRP is a revenue product, participating farmers can file a claim if their overall revenue for the year is lower than expected.

WFRP participation levels nationally have risen steadily since the program began in 2015, but were still low in Nebraska, so we took a look at trends in the state to investigate why farmers are slow to use this product.

In our latest report, "New option for farm risk management: Whole Farm Revenue Protection usage in Nebraska," we share findings from workshops and surveys conducted with farmers and insurance agents.

The report shows that while some farmers, ranchers, and crop insurance agents are aware of the opportunities offered through WFRP, many more are unfamiliar with the policy and its potential benefits. There is a need for outreach and education nationwide to spur enrollment.

Rhea Landholm
Center for Rural Affairs

Dear Editor,

October 12 marks the death anniversary of Dennis Ritchie, the father of the C programming language and co-father of the UNIX operating system.

The C programming language is the hammer for the digital world. Its creation allowed Bill Gates to be able to create software for businesses and governments to work smarter. UNIX influenced Linus Torvalds, who later came to develop the Linux operating system, which is arguably the backbone of the internet and embedded devices. The C programming language allowed the visionary Steve Jobs, with the help of Steve Wozniak and designer Jonathan Ive, to bring us elegant and simple to use devices into the lives of 100's of millions. Its creation continues to save the lives of billions and has brought us all closer together on this planet.

Life as we know simply wouldn't exist today if it were not for Dennis Ritchie. May he rest in peace and his legacy continue.

Learn more: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dennis_Ritchie

Jesse Riddle
Knightstown

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member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG). Brandt will speak on two topics, "Finding Your Revolutionary War Soldier" and "Finding the Elusive Civil War Ancestor."

Willson, a highly acclaimed and nationally-known public speaker, has been a genealogical instructor and professional researcher in Ann Arbor, Mich., since 2001. She gives keynote addresses and conference presentations and facilitates workshops and seminars. Willson will speak about military records research: "How can you determine which major conflict your ancestor might have served in? Which records may have been generated during that time, and where are they held?"

There will also be a wide variety of door prizes being given away.

The Genealogy and Local History Fair is sponsored by the Indiana State Library Foundation.

About the Indiana State Library (www.in.gov/library) The Indiana State Library was established in 1825 to provide library services to Indiana's state governmental officials and employees. Since that time, the responsibilities of the State Library have expanded to provide services to all citizens of Indiana.

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