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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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Happy Thanksgiving from The Banner

The staff of The Banner wishes all of our readers, advertisers and supporters a very happy Thanksgiving. To those who are traveling, please drive safely and have an enjoyable holiday!

Octagon House Tree Walk December 1-2

The Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House Foundation's annual Christmas Tree Walk is Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9, from 4-8 p.m. each night. The house is located at 400 S. Railroad St., Shirley. Tours are free, but there will be food for purchase. The menu for the first weekend will include soup, sandwiches and desserts, while the second weekend features a chicken noodle dinner and desserts. All food sale proceeds benefit continued restoration of the historic home.

Pipe Organ Concert Sunday, Dec. 3

Bethel Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Franklin St., Knightstown, will present an Advent Pipe Organ Concert, Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. Organists performing music of the season will be Kathryn Waits, Celia Burns and Chris Wilson. Also joining them will be vocalist Pat Cronk. The church elevator, at present, is undergoing maintenance and repair and may not be available that day. For information regarding handicap accessibility call Rev. Alan McCraine at 765-520-9845.

Snowflake Princess Parade Sat., Dec. 2

Future of Carthage is hosting a Snowflake Princess Parade, which will also bring Santa Claus to Carthage on Saturday, Dec. 2, 4-8 p.m. Santa will arrive via fire truck. Kids will be able to write to Santa at a letter writing station.

BKI Bank Bazaar Open This Saturday

The BKI Bank Bazaar will be held on Shop Small Saturday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the old Citizens Bank, 104 E. Main, Knightstown. Shop "reloved" gifts, stocking stuffers, nic-nacs, crafts, decorations, toys, and much more.

Knightstown Council Acts to Protect Water Supply

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council introduced and approved on first reading last week a new ordinance designed to prevent contamination of the town's municipal water supply from the backflow of pollutants from the premises of utility customers.

After directing the town's attorney, Gregg Morelock, to read the eight-page ordinance by title only, the council's five members voted unanimously at their Nov. 16 monthly meeting to approve Ordinance 111617 on first reading. The council was prepared to suspend its normal rules of procedure and proceed to a vote on the final, second reading of the ordinance, but Morelock said that practice, frequently used by the council to adopt an ordinance on the same night it is introduced, was not an option here.

Because this ordinance deals with a town utility matter and contains penalty provisions, Morelock said the council would need to hold a public hearing on the ordinance before a final vote is taken. The council voted to set the public hearing for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, during that evening's monthly council meeting.

The ordinance notes that contamination from the backflow of pollutants and cross connections with utility customers' internal water distribution systems and private water systems "can pose a significant threat to the health, safety and welfare of the customers of the Knightstown Municipal Water Utility."

Under the ordinance, which primarily applies to commercial and industrial enterprises, the head of Knightstown's water department will be responsible for determining when a backflow prevention device is required. It will be the utility customer's responsibility to pay for and install the needed equipment, with the failure to do so being grounds for halting water service to the premises until such time that installation has been completed.

If a utility customer is notified by the head of the water department that a backflow prevention device is required, the customer will have, ordinarily, 60 days to comply. However, depending on the degree of hazard, this period of time may be shortened, and, where a "serious threat to public health exists," water service will be "terminated immediately."

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It's Shirley Time!



In these file photos from last year's Shirley Christmas Walk, the Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House is adorned with several Christmas trees, sponsored by local businesses and decorated by Octagon House volunteers. This year's event is set for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9. A variety of other events are taking place this Saturday, Nov. 25, including Santa's visit, caroling and more. See a complete schedule on Page 9.



New Playground Equipment Arrives

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

New, recently-purchased playground equipment is being installed at Knightstown's Sunset Park, and, weather permitting, could be ready for use as early as next week.

As previously reported in The Banner, the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board voted in September to buy a new play structure with three slides and other features, a new three-bay swing set, a curved climbing structure and 100 cubic yards of playground mulch. These items, purchased from Kinetic Recreation of McCordsville, carried a price tag of \$35,437.

Last week, at the park board's Nov. 15 monthly meeting, President Suzee Neal reported that Erwin Excavating had removed, at no cost to the town, the remaining old playground equipment, and had sorted and discarded the scrap metal. She said installation of the new equipment was expected to begin the following day.

Park board member Jan McGuire asked Neal if she thought the new equipment would be installed by this Saturday, when a dedication ceremony had been tentatively scheduled. Neal said the work would not be

done yet and the consensus of the three members present was to put off the dedication ceremony until spring.

The Wayne Township Board voted to pay \$10,000 toward the cost of the new playground equipment and the park board received a \$1,000 grant this summer from the Hancock County Community Foundation to go toward this project. The park board still has yet to finalize how and when payments for the new equipment will be made, but has discussed the possibility of paying \$15,000-\$20,000 right away, some more in December and any remaining balance after the start of the new year.

In related business, Neal said at last week's meeting that she had purchased thank you cards to send to Wayne Township officials and Erwin Excavating. She also mentioned that the successful bidders who had purchased some of the old playground equipment that was removed had paid for their purchases and picked up their items.

The park board was also advised at last week's meeting that Greg Bryze, an independent contractor hired to clean the park shelter house, was resigning at the end of this month.

"I hate to do it, but it's just not possible for me for
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OBITUARIES

Max G. Fort

July 29, 1941 - November 16, 2017

Max G. Fort, 76, of Knightstown, passed away Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on July 29, 1941, in Henry County to the late Donald and Theresa (Ewing) Fort.

Max was a 1959 graduate of Knightstown High School and was a lifelong, retired farmer. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed spending time at the Knightstown park watching baseball and softball. Max especially enjoyed watching his grandson, Jack, participate in sporting events. Max also enjoyed cruising around the area watching farmers as they worked their fields, talking to people and fishing. He was just a simple man that appreciated the simple things in life. Max was a member of the Knightstown Wesleyan Church.

Max is survived by his grandson, Jack Fort, of Knightstown.

In addition to his parents, Max was preceded in death by his son, Mark Fort, and longtime friend, Ruth Kise. Services were Nov. 20 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Rev. Harold Rodgers officiating. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation was Nov. 20 prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Knightstown Youth Sports Inc. with envelopes available at the funeral home. Condolences and memories of Max may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Victory Lane Camp Talent Show Successful

Tears and laughter were in abundance at the recent Victory Lane Camp Talent Night. Children involved with Victory Lane Camp shared songs, comedy, a magic

show, and a dance routine. For each act, the parents of the "star" gave a short introduction of what they had learned from their children. Victory Lane Camp is cen-

tered around families who have children with disabilities, with connections extending beyond the camp experience.

The evening began with AJ Wise singing a duet with his dad, Jimmy. Before the song, AJ's mom, Tabatha, talked about AJ's life as he deals with Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

"As life has gotten tougher, he's the one encouraging us," she said.

Greg and Christine Carey were next, introducing their son, Alex, who has autism. Greg and Christine talked about how being involved with Victory Lane Camp helped them appreciate every aspect of Alex. Alex shared a comedy routine, and included his dad and some of his friends from Victory Lane Camp in his act.

Rebecca Johnson, along with her sister Leah, followed with a dance routine set to the Katy Perry song "Roar." The sisters' parents, Kaj and Cyndi Johnson provided a touching story about living with Rebecca's multiple medical complications.

"When I look at her, she's not broken," noted Cyndi. "I love and accept her for the little girl she is."

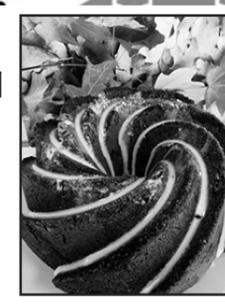
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Town Council Apologizes for Late Meeting Start

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Last Thursday's regular monthly meeting of the Knightstown Town Council started promptly at 7 p.m., the advertised starting time, a welcome contrast to the council's decision just a week earlier to convene a special meeting nearly an hour late.

As The Banner reported last week, the town council was supposed to hold a special public meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 9. However, because a closed-door executive session that started at 6:30 p.m. that same evening had run nearly twice as long as anticipated, the council didn't start the special meeting until 8:25 p.m., 55 minutes past the starting time advertised in the council's official meeting notice.

The town's attorney, Gregg Morelock, had initially defended the council's decision to go ahead and hold its special meeting on Nov. 9 despite an objection from The Banner. While the newspaper

said it believed the meeting's delayed start violated the state's Open Door Law, Morelock dismissed The Banner's concerns, saying he thought the ODL only precluded the council from meeting earlier than the advertised time, not later.

The state's public access counselor, Luke Britt, the state official charged with issuing advisory opinions regarding possible violations of the ODL and the state's Access to Public Records Act, disagreed. He said he thought a 55-minute delay, like the Knightstown Town Council's on Nov. 9, clearly violates the ODL, and said he agreed with one of his PAC predecessors who said in a 2013 opinion that any delay greater than 30 minutes would generally be deemed unreasonable and against the law.

In the days following the council's Nov. 9 special meeting, The Banner shared the information it had gleaned from past PAC advisory opinions and current PAC Britt's comments with Morelock and members of the town council. The Banner was assured by Morelock, Council President Sarah Ward and Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman that town officials acknowledged their

error in going forward with the Nov. 9 special meeting that night and that the mistake would not be repeated.

At the outset of last Thursday's regular monthly meeting, Ward addressed the late council's late start of the Nov. 9 special meeting.

"It's been called to my attention that, probably, the Open Door Law requires we delay starting a public meeting no more than 30 minutes," Ward said. "Last week, because of an extreme, intense discussion in an executive meeting, we delayed starting the public meeting almost an hour. My apologies to Mr. Eakins from The Banner, to the town employees and to the other public members who waited for our meeting. I promise to avoid that error again."

None of the council's other four members commented on this matter at last week's meeting.

One of the reasons why the executive session that preceded the Nov. 9 special meeting ran long was that two of the council's members, Roger Hammer and Landon Dean, were late to that closed-door meeting. According to Huffman, Hammer, who had been attending a local chamber of commerce event, was about 15 minutes late, while

Dean was about 50 minutes late, arriving at approximately 7:20 p.m. Despite his late arrival, Dean told The Banner the day after the special meeting that he'd "had no idea" that the executive session had run nearly an hour late.

When Ward met with The Banner Nov. 13, she said the late arrival of one of the council mem-

bers - she didn't specifically name Dean - had been one of the main reasons why the executive session was not concluded in time to start the special meeting at 7:30 p.m. She said that once this tardy council member arrived for the executive session, much of what had already been discussed had to be gone over again.

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Secret Reprimand Erodes Public Trust

I've heard it from a half-dozen people around Knightstown since the story came out last week. They don't think it's right that the public should be excluded from the details surrounding the Knightstown police chief's recent reprimand.

"What's good for the goose is good for the gander," said one of them. I think they meant that the misgivings of someone who's in charge of pointing out and punishing those who break the law should not be concealed. I agree.

I especially agree after one town council member went out of his way to tell The Banner how important the council's job was that night - hearing the allegations of misconduct that led to the reprimand. He went on and on about how very critical it was that he and the others spent all this time considering whatever it is the police chief is alleged to have done.

Yet, it's apparently not important enough to share with the public he serves.

My position is this: If it was important enough to spend a long time talking about it, debating and discussing it - and eventually issuing an official reprimand because of it - then the public certainly has a right to know. It is the police chief, after all.

The Knightstown Town Council has the authority to remedy the situation by shedding light on whatever it was the chief did or didn't do. The council does, in fact, have the discretion to do that. But, on the dubious advice of their attorney, Gregg Morelock, they have

chosen to keep secret the details of the disciplinary action now ensconced in a personnel file.

How sad is that? You pay the chief's salary through your taxes, but they don't want you to know what he's been up to. Speeding tickets, punishments, arrests, etc. - and all the resulting embarrassment - are reserved for all of you citizens. Police - at least in Knightstown - are protected from the very same humiliation they dole out almost daily.

To me, any responsible governing body that genuinely cares about the perceived integrity of its law enforcement agency would want to quickly and thoroughly air out any controversies that could taint the department's reputation. Citizens deserve at least that, because the law-breaking for which they are often cited enjoys no blanket of secrecy.

Who knows, maybe the allegations against KPD Chief Duane Booth don't amount to much. Maybe he really is a great chief with nothing to hide except for the negative opinions of a disgruntled resident or two. Yes, it could be that.

Maybe not, however. We'll likely never know.

How does that sit with you? How does it feel to know your problems are fair game, while those who are in charge of law enforcement enjoy a kind of immunity from the problems they ignore or create?

I think the Knightstown Town Council should carefully consider the impression this incident leaves on the constituents they represent.



Writer Humbled by American Freedom

(Originally published Nov. 21, 2007)

The changing of the seasons reminds me that I'm like Earth's other beings: My life has followed predictable cycles with a rhythm that's as familiar as a beloved tune. Trees such as our splendid oak that's aflame with vivid orange have annual rings that reveal their history. My life is marked by repeated experiences that have occurred year after year. October, November and December are a triple whammy of events that are indelibly inscribed on the pages of my internal diary.

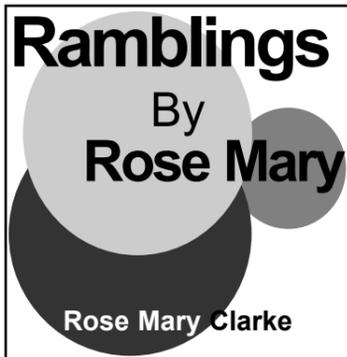
October: Bonfires, wiener roasts, hay rides, trick-or-treating ... Parents thought nothing of letting children go trick-or-treating after dark ... And then came changes that made life less fun: Leaf burning is illegal; parents started inspecting candy because some people put sharp objects in it; and trick-or-treating is limited to a couple of daylight hours for fear of molesters.

These days some say that Thanksgiving is an insensitive, hypocritical sham because of the treatment of the Indians. I revere my forebears who settled the Old Home Place with little more than an ax, determination and an abiding faith. However, their subsequent wealth came at a dreadful cost to the Indians who had lived there - one of whom is rumored to have been one of my ancestors.

Still, I'm comforted by the repetition of customs that have been

carried down through the generations. On Thursday morning we'll drive past many homes whose driveways are full of the cars of family members who have gathered. Inside turkeys or hams will be roasting, and the hostesses will be fussing and bustling around.

Before we leave home, I'll bake Mama's corn pudding to take to the home of one of Bill's nieces. A simple casserole of corn, milk, salt,



flour and eggs doesn't seem of much import, does it? However, Mama's corn pudding symbolizes my heritage and conjures up images of five generations of Hoosier cooks and their delectable, cooked-from-scratch comfort food.

When I stir it up, my ancestresses are lined up behind me: I imagine my great-grandmother, Melissa, whom I never knew, cooking on an iron range at the farm near Michigantown. Old Granny whom my mother called "Mama" passed the recipe on to Mother, who wrote it in one of my cookbooks and later

gave it to Vicki, who wrote it down for me again one year when I'd forgotten where it was. Tradition may seem meaningless to some, but it warms my heart to know that all over America families will gather to share the dishes of their generations.

It isn't the romanticized story of the pilgrims and the Indians that's important to me. Also, I wouldn't want the life of my pioneer ancestresses with too many childbirths and deaths and a life of farm drudgery with no modern conveniences.

However, I'm mindful of why my forebears came to America and that people are still risking their lives to come here. So would I! I understand why a Congolese woman begged me to take one of her daughters to raise so that she'd have a chance at a better life without fear of being gang raped by marauding soldiers as happens in places like the Congo.

I should kneel down and kiss the very soil of America. I'm not only thankful for the bounty of this land upon which we feast. I am a free woman who can dress as she chooses, vote, run for office, worship or not worship as she desires, marry whom she wishes or not marry, travel, get an education, work, and manage her own money. The press is often the first target of dictators and extremists. In America if I wish to write that a public official - and I could name several - is a nincompoop or the

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As I look out my window only the oak trees are still clinging to their leaves. The forecast calls for more overcast days than sunny, and the daylight is gone shortly after I arrive home from work. My energy level is definitely low, I find myself bored, and craving comfort food. It must be November!

It is also the time of year that catalogs fill my mailbox as the holiday shopping season nears. One of the catalogs this year caught my eye with the bold marketing tagline, "be an outsider." A gentle reminder that with fewer hours of daylight and sunny days I need to make getting outdoors a higher priority.

I know that spending time in nature helps my brain work better, improves my happiness, reduces my stress, and helps me sleep better. A quiet walk in the woods with my puppy, biking a backroad, splitting firewood, or birdwatching can all be antidotes to the feelings of fatigue and boredom.

Be an outsider with the Red-tail staff and hike one of our newest nature preserves. We will be guiding a hike of the new half-mile trail at Fall Creek Woods, Friday, Nov. 24, from 1-3 p.m. Located in Henry County south of Middletown, Fall Creek Woods is a 143-acre nature preserve.

Towering old trees, steep bluffs, meandering creeks, and birdsong will greet you as you experience this natural gem. Sit and soak in the beauty of the woods on a bench overlooking a glacier-carved bluff. Visitors can experience the stages of Indiana forest growth, from young trees to older giants.

Dogs are allowed at the preserve on a leash. Warm beverages will be provided to chase away the chill. If you can't attend the hike at Fall Creek Woods, visit the Red-tail website to find other nature preserves where you can become an outsider.

Red-tail's work of protecting and preserving special places like Fall Creek Woods can only be accomplished with financial supporters and volunteers. Visit www.fortheland.org/get-involved to become a member, volunteer, learn about our other nature preserves, and support land conservation in east central Indiana.

Red-tail's guided hike at Fall Creek Woods is Friday, Nov. 24, at 1 p.m. at Fall Creek Woods, 5945-6103 N. Mechanicsburg Rd., Mechanicsburg.

Julie Borgmann

Red-tail Land Conservancy

(Julie Borgmann is the education and development director for Red-tail Land Conservancy.)

Dear Editor,

The governor has come out with his agenda for this year. With total control of all statewide offices by one party, except for lone U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly, and lopsided majorities held in the legislature, Hoosier legislators should be rocketing ahead of other states in getting good things done for our state.

Sadly, legislators said not one word about passing hate crime legislation as already done by over half the states. Hoosier legislators said nothing about promoting solar or wind energy, which are both rapidly growing jobs and small businesses in many other states. Incredibly, Indiana state government has just passed legislation to stifle folks wanting to save energy costs by going solar! Legislators gave no mention about stopping the governor's DNR from logging in Indiana's precious public forests.

Legislators said not one word about expanding voting and ending the suppression of votes of people throughout the Hoosier State but in particular—at the elderly, those with low incomes who don't drive, and minority

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BITS & PIECES

◆The Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House Foundation's annual **Christmas Tree Walk** is Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9, from 4-8 p.m. each night. The house is located at 400 S. Railroad St., Shirley. Tours are free, but there will be food for purchase. The menu for the first weekend will include soup, sandwiches and desserts, while the second weekend features a chicken noodle dinner and desserts. All food sale proceeds benefit continued restoration of the historic home. For information about how to sponsor a tree, call 765-738-6736.

◆Bethel Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Franklin St., Knightstown, will present an **Advent Pipe Organ Concert**, Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. Organists performing music of the season will be Kathryn Waits, Celia Burns and Chris Wilson. Also joining them will be vocalist Pat Cronk. The church elevator, at present, is undergoing maintenance and repair and may not be available that day. For information regarding handicap accessibility call Rev. Alan McCraine at 765-520-9845.

◆The **BKI Bank Bazaar** will be held on Shop Small Saturday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the old Citizens Bank, 104 E. Main, Knightstown. Shop "reloved" gifts, stocking stuffers, knick-knacks, crafts, decorations, toys, and much more. This is a Beautify

Knightstown, Inc. fundraiser for community projects.

◆Knightstown **Friends Church**, 214 E. Brown St., will host a variety of events this Saturday, Nov. 25, 1-6 p.m. For a \$3 donation, participants can enjoy a soup supper or hot dog with chips, cookies and drinks. There will be games for kids and crafts in the church basement. Carriage rides will also be available.

◆Future of Carthage is hosting a **Snowflake Princess Parade**, which will also bring Santa Claus to Carthage on Saturday, Dec. 2, 4-8 p.m. Santa will arrive via fire truck. Kids will be able to write to Santa at a letter writing station.

◆Central Wrestling Federation presents **Thanksgiving Bash '17** on Saturday, Nov. 25, at Carthage Community Church, 511 E. 2nd St. Advance tickets can be purchased at Knightstown Toy's and Treasures or Pavey's Grocery. Advance tickets are \$7 and \$9 at the door. Bell time is 6 p.m.; doors open at 5 p.m. Donations for a local food pantry are being accepted.

◆Beginning Nov. 1 and continuing through March, **Historic Knightstown Inc.** will observe the following hours of service: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. each Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. The museum may be closed during major holiday weekends. For more information or to schedule a visit, call David Steele at 765-345-7585.

◆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.

◆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.

◆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.

◆**MainSource Bank**, 120 E. Main St., Knightstown, is again hosting its annual drive for gloves, mittens, hats and socks for local children. Items may be dropped off in the bank lobby.

◆**Beautify Knightstown, Inc.** offers a **welcome basket** to all new residents of Dunreith, 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 info call 317-345-9660. Linda Lashbrook at lnashbrook@gmail.com.

◆**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.

News items for Bits & Pieces may be submitted to thebanner@embarqmail.com. Articles may be edited for length and clarity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE V, CHAPTER 52, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF KNIGHTSTOWN, INDIANA, TO REGULATE BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM

Property owners and other interested parties in the Town of Knightstown, Indiana, and other interested parties served by its municipal water works are hereby notified that Ordinance No. 111617 amending

the code of ordinances of Knightstown, Indiana, to regulate backflow and cross connections to the municipal water system was introduced at a meeting of the Town Council on November 16, 2017. A public hearing conducted by the Knightstown Town Council, will be held at 7 p.m., local time, on December 21, 2017, at the Town Council's Chambers, 28 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148, pertaining to the requirement of backflow preventers and other action intended to prevent backflow and/or cross connections within the municipal water system. Immediately following the public hearing, the Knightstown Town Council will reconvene and may consider the adoption of said ordinance. At such hearing, and prior to final adoption of Ordinance No. 111617, all interested parties may appear and be heard. Complete text of the proposed Ordinance No. 111617 is on file and available for examination and copying during regular business hours at the office of the Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer, located at 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148.

Pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act, any individual interested in attending the hearing on the above described ordinance should contact the Clerk-Treasurer at 765-345-5977 and advise what, if any accommodation is needed to enable an interested person to attend this meeting.

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17 Bewitched star
19 Close-fitting
20 Some paints
21 Chinese bathyscaphe

23 Monkees hit "Believer"
24 ER locale
25 Nebraska star
28 Eastern way
30 Ancient Egyptian queen
31 Alleviate
32 Invitation request
34 Respond to a stimulus
38 Paul's singing partner
39 Recall verbatim: know ___

41 A river in Cuba
42 Notre Dame legend
44 Part of HOMES
45 Agitate
46 Keyboard key
48 Conclude
49 Type of fiction
50 Flicka
54 New York mountain
56 Jewel song "Meant for Me"
57 Educator
61 Wily subterfuge
62 Imitate Ms. Ross
64 Initial wager

65 "I Get ___ Out of You?"
66 Elvis Presley's middle name
67 Mild oath
68 Sediment formed from wind-blown dust
69 Itemize

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1 Fourth dimension
2 Part of the plan (2 wds.)
3 Sicily's active volcano
4 "That's your problem, ___!"
5 Deification of a physical object
6 Strikes violently
7 Site of a 13th c. battle in what is now the Netherlands
8 River on the island of Sardinia
9 Bazna, WWII spy for Germany
10 Interval of rest
11 "This ___ a test!"
12 Singer ___ Abdul
13 U.S. Civil War general (Union)
18 Jewel
22 Separated
24 Fluctuated around a given point
25 19th c. Hungarian statesman Ferenc
26 Merit
27 Alphabet quartet

29 Tennis great
33 Opioid target
35 Site of only WWII land battle on U.S. territory
36 Spiral
37 Infield cover
39 Run counter to
40 Butt of many J. Foxworthy jokes
43 Harmonia, e.g.
45 Unique
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50 *Plakortis*: sponge species
51 *Frankenstein*
52 Narrow, light, fast ship
53 NFL player
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Knightstown Officials Hope New Christmas Tree Theme is Legal

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Knightstown officials are hoping new guidelines will allow the town to avoid the same controversy that led to last year's legal challenge to placement of a large cross on a tree decorated for Christmas on the town's public square.

At last Thursday's monthly meeting of the Knightstown Town Council, President Sarah Ward read a statement setting forth new holiday decorating guidelines she said had been prepared by the town's attorney, Gregg Morelock. "We really hope that you will take this in the best light," Ward said right before announcing the new guidelines, which apply to the large tree at the south end of the square and the area immediately surrounding the tree.

"A cross will be placed on the tree near the center," Ward read from the See Tree, Page 8



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Fifth Generation Knightstown Resident David Steele Enjoys Leading Historic Knightstown

by Logan Cox

Knightstown native David Steele has been president of Historic Knightstown Inc. (HKI) for over 10 years. He, along with several other residents, recently appeared in an episode of WIPB's *Now Entering...* documentary series that highlighted Knightstown.

"That was a great experience," Steele said. "I was glad they did that, and I thought everybody did a good job contributing to that. We got a lot of nice comments from people - people seemed to enjoy it. So I hope that helps the town. And it brought people together, too. Different organizations have been working together very well recently, and I think that's very good for the town. We need that."

Steele has been involved with HKI since 2003, and became the organization's president about three years after joining.

"I grew up in town, of course, but I was gone for basically 30 years. But my parents were still here. I came back in 2000. And Bob Myers was the one who got me involved with Historic Knightstown," he said. "When I was in high school, he was my principal. And then, after I graduated, he became superintendent. He knew my dad, knew my parents. My mother was a teacher. When I moved back to town, he contacted me and asked if I was interested in being involved, and I was glad to do that. He was a wonderful guy. I never had him as a teacher, but he was a good principal."

Interestingly, Steele served as president of HKI twice.

Steele explained, "When I came on, the president was Karen Trent. I think I followed her as president. And then Kathie Rummel came on the board. We made her president, and I stayed as treasurer. But she contracted cancer, so she had to resign from the

board. She's doing pretty well now, though. She's not able to come back yet, so I became president again."

HKI has a nine-member board, which tries, as often as possible, to meet every month.

"We're a pretty small organization," said Steele. "The organization was founded in 1980, in order to save the (Knightstown Academy building). I was not involved with it then, of course."

Historic Knightstown supports and is supported by Knightstown High School's history club. Steele laments having never been a part of the club himself, having graduated from KHS in 1963, before it was founded.

"I think it started in the '70s," he said. "So it wasn't much longer after I graduated that the history club was there. When I found out that the high school had a history club, I thought we should support them. We do give them a donation each year. And when we started that, Mrs. (Rana) Rodeffer, once a year, usually in the fall, brings all the history classes to the museum. Each period comes in on a bus and they spend that period at the museum. So they get a little touch of Knightstown history. I wish we could do more. It's just such a natural connection for us to support the history club."

Steele admits to always having a great affinity for the subject of history, particularly in regard to his hometown.

"I think my favorite college courses were history, and in high school as well. History is very interesting," said Steele.

Steele is a fifth generation resident of Knightstown.

"My father and grandfather both graduated from Knightstown," he said. "So I always heard stories about the town and knew a lot of the history of the town."

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south end of a northbound horse, I can do so without fear of being jailed, and my publisher's newspaper won't be closed down.

I cannot change the past. It's the here-and-now of

America that I celebrate and for which I am humbly thankful.

I'll soon be writing about Christmas. Do you have any memories or recipes to share?

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Nov. 22 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Nov. 22 - Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., courthouse old circuit court room, New Castle

Wed., Nov. 22 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., courthouse old circuit court room, New Castle

Thurs., Nov. 23 - Government offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Fri., Nov. 24 - Government offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Mon., Nov. 27 - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

Tues., Nov. 28 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., Nov. 30 - Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

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FOLKWAYS

KHS's Grace Muncy Among Lilly Finalists

The finalists for the Henry County Community Foundation 2018 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program are Mallory Bowman, Hagerstown High School; Samantha DeLey, Shenandoah High School; Grace Muncy, Knightstown High School; Mindy Polston, Blue River Valley High School; Kayanna Turner, Tri High School; and Thomas Witham, New Castle High School.

Every graduating senior attending Blue River Valley, Hagerstown, Knightstown, New Castle, Shenandoah, Tri and Union high schools, who is also a Henry County resident, is eligible to apply for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. Each high school nominates one student to represent their school in the Henry County Community Foundation's scholarship selection process. After the foundation's scholarship committee from outside the county narrows the field to one nominee and two alternates, their names are forwarded to Independent Colleges of Indiana Inc. (ICI) for the final selection of Henry County's 2018 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, who will be notified by ICI in December.

ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state. This scholarship is the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative 1) to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit, and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state. There are 143 scholarships awarded statewide.



Pictured (l-r) are Mindy Polston, Kayanna Turner, Grace Muncy, Thomas Witham, Samantha DeLey and Mallory Bowman.



Baby's name: Harmony Fayth - girl
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BBB Warns of Holiday Scams Involving Amazon Email Phishing

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How to Avoid Email Phishing

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Never share your personal information with someone who has contacted you unsolicited. Personal information can include your date of birth, credit card or banking information, address or your Social Security number.

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Heart Society Provides Life-saving Devices

You've seen it time and again on television shows. After someone suffers sudden cardiac arrest, health-care providers grab the paddles and deliver an electric shock to the patient saving their life.

But, what if you are at a ballgame or somewhere other than a hospital and health care providers aren't nearby? Technology has given us the automated external defibrillator, or AED, an electronic device about the size of a laptop computer that can be attached to a cardiac arrest victim, who may need a jolt of electricity to the heart.

These devices may be used by a layperson to restart the heart of someone in cardiac arrest, but to do that, the devices have to be readily accessible.

Henry County Heart Society answered the call

when Dunreith, Liberty and Spiceland volunteer fire departments needed to replace their worn out equipment. The volunteer firefighters are trained in CPR and AED protocols.

Middletown's Dietrich Park and Sulphur Springs' Allen Park both are filled with people attending ballgames and other events. Henry County Heart Society saw to it the lifesaving equipment will be there.

Studies show the rate of sudden cardiac death can be reduced by placing AEDs throughout a community and by teaching people how to use them. Seconds and minutes count when cardiac arrest occurs. The rate of survival drops for every minute that goes by without this type of help.

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prepared statement. "No other crosses or other Christian religious artifacts or icons are to be placed on or around the tree or in the immediately surrounding area. A star will be placed at the top of the tree. Additional decorations may be placed on or around the tree of a secular nature, but may only be placed either on the tree or in the immediately surrounding area by an employee of Knightstown, Indiana. Knightstown ... employees will monitor all decorations placed on the Christmas tree or in the area immediately surrounding the Christmas tree and will remove any item deemed in noncompliance with the conditions set forth in the statement."

Last December, the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana filed a lawsuit in federal court in Indianapolis on behalf of Knightstown resident Joe Tompkins. The lawsuit, contrary to inaccurate reporting in the Indianapolis Star and some other news media, sought no monetary damages. Rather, it sought a court declaration that having the Latin cross - a Christian symbol - at the top of the tree is unconstitutional and requested a permanent injunc-

tion preventing it from being placed there in the future.

Days after the lawsuit was filed, town officials, acting on Morelock's advice, opted to remove the cross from the tree. This prompted protests from those who wanted the cross returned and led to widespread state and national news coverage of this issue, as well as a bevy of crosses being posted on town residents' lawns and homes.

The town council voted unanimously last December to reject passage of a resolution that would have resolved the legal challenge and led to dismissal of the case if the town agreed to keep the cross off the tree. A tentative agreement between attorneys for the ACLU and the town resulted in the cross being returned to the tree prior to Christmas, but with it placed in a less prominent position on lower branches of the tree among some less religious ornaments.

At the request of the ACLU, the court granted a motion in early February that administratively closed the case. The ACLU had requested the case be put on hold until such time that the town decided how it was going to handle the

tree decorating this year and the ACLU had time to evaluate the town's actions.

"We are doing very well in our community, and we would like to have a nice Christmas," Ward said after she finished reading the statement at last week's meeting. "We can publicize the nice things we're doing, and we don't need the help of the ACLU. So, we're asking (the public) to abide by this, and let them go persecute some other community."

"You haven't been aware, but the lawsuit was never closed, because they're waiting to see what we do this year," Ward continued. "So, let's show them - and, of course, in your own yards you're welcome to do whatever you want to do - but let's honor this and not make things worse for us."

(Note: *The Banner* reported in its Feb. 8, 2017, issue that the court had granted the ACLU's motion and administratively closed the case, leaving open the possibility the case could be revived this year if the town's actions were still considered unlawful by the ACLU. - Ed.)

The Banner spoke briefly Monday afternoon with ACLU of

Indiana's legal director, Ken Falk, the attorney handling Tompkins' lawsuit against the town. While he said he had reviewed a draft of the statement that Ward read at last week's meeting, he was not prepared to say whether the town's new guidelines resolve the legal issues that prompted the litigation.

"I'm going to have to see what it looks like," Falk said of the tree, which is scheduled to be lighted

during an event this Saturday. "... A display that focuses attention on a cross, and nothing but a cross is, to my way of thinking, constitutionally problematic. So, the question is, will the display do that or not, and we'll just have to wait and see."

One possible problem with the town's new decorating guidelines is that they allow the display of the cross - a clear symbol of

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Amy Smith introduced her son, Joe Hewitt, by sharing about his determination. Amy wasn't sure if Joe would be able to walk when he was born with some developmental challenges. He's gone on to do more than walk, he participated on his school's cross country team this year.

"He puts 100 percent into everything he does. He's an inspiration to us," Amy said. Joe presented a magic show, complete with disappearing crayons and a magically appearing flower.

The next act featured Caden Upchurch, who demonstrated different types of "dabbing" in a comical way. His parents, David and Dara Upchurch, talked about Caden's strength in dealing with his disability.

"Nothing is in his way," David stated.

At this point in the program, Brett Fischer invited Shane Osting, athletic director at New Castle High School, to the stage along with athletes Nicolas Grieser and James Thompson. Brett awarded the Victory Award to the New Castle High School Athletic Department for embracing people with disabilities through the recent formation of the unified track team and other inclusive activities.

The program concluded with Crystal Ingram introducing her daughter Ruby. "From day one of her diagnosis, I've learned not to put limits on her," Crystal shared. "She taught me never to give up."

Ruby then took the stage and invited all the kids in the audience to "come on up!" The kids served as her backup singers as they recreated a campfire scene and Ruby sang "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star."

Following the program, members of the cast hosted a party, sponsored by Sulphur Springs Christian Church, and met audience members. Local Girl Scout Troup 420 served ice cream to those in attendance.

The Talent Night served as a fundraising event for Victory Lane Camp. A generous donor is offering a matching monthly donation for all new monthly donations.

"We appreciate all who attended and welcome our new monthly donors," said Tiffany Youngquist, Victory Lane Camp Assistant Director. Those who still wish to be monthly donors and have those donations matched can find more information at www.VictoryLaneCamp.org.



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- ▶ Additional information at HIP.IN.gov
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Playground, from Page 1

the next nine months," Bryze told the board.

McGuire asked whether the board needed to advertise that a new cleaning person is being sought. Brown said he agreed that it should be advertised, but the board took no action on this and provided McGuire with no clear direction about where to advertise the position or how much to spend in doing this.

- In other matters at last week's meeting, the park board:
 - *agreed to allow local sorority Psi Iota to use the park shelter house on Thursday, Dec. 7, and to waive the rental fee;
 - *OK'd waiving the shelter house rental fee for McGuire, who plans to hold another art class there from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21;
 - *voted to have park handyman James Gorman replace two breaker boxes at the park's baseball diamond;
 - *authorized Gorman to work up to four hours at the park trimming trees and repairing wooden structures that hold trash receptacles;
 - *voted to close the lower part of the park for the winter as soon as a large trash dumpster has been moved to the upper part of the park; and
 - *scheduled a special meeting for 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, in the back meeting room at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., which is accessible from the building's west side.

More information about the park board's Nov. 15 meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records should be available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall during normal business hours.

Tree, from Page 8

Christianity - but they prohibit the display of any ornaments or decorations that represent other non-Christian faiths. While Falk said the town could avoid that issue by allowing non-Christians to display symbols of their faiths as well, he noted that the town's new policy

may still be legally OK "if the display itself is deemed not religious."
 "Really, context is very important," Falk said. "... We're just going to have to take a look and see what they do," Falk said. "... I'm monitoring the situation."

Water, from Page 1

Upon failure to comply with the water department head's directive, the customer may be given an additional 15 days to correct any issues of noncompliance. If the customer fails a second re-inspection, water service will be terminated within five days absent some extenuating circumstances that prevent the issue from being adequately resolved within that time.

The proposed ordinance requires backflow prevention devices to be tested at least once annually, at the customer's expense, by a certified tester, with the results submitted to head of the town's water department. At the discretion of the water department head, testing of some backflow devices may be required more frequently than once a year.

Randy Anderson, head of the town's water department and one of the town's three co-works managers, told The Banner on Monday that he's glad the town is in the process of adopting this ordinance.

"Before, the only policy we really had was just me telling peo-

ple when they needed one," Anderson said of the backflow prevention devices. While he said he had not had any issues with customers not complying, he added that it will be nice to have something in writing that gives him authority to make sure these safety measures are taken when needed.

Anderson said it's not very common for contaminants to enter the water system through backflow siphonage or cross connections. Still, he said the added security provided by the backflow prevention devices is well justified.

"It's really unusual that it would happen," Anderson said, "but it could happen."

Noncompliance with the new ordinance, once it's formally adopted, can result in a fine of \$50 per day for each day the utility customer is in noncompliance while still connected to the town's water utility. Noncompliant customers may also be responsible for any disconnection and reconnection fees, as well as a penalty equal to the cost of any materials, chemi-

icals and labor expended by the town's water utility as a result of the noncompliance, and any attorney fees and court costs associated with enforcement of the ordinance.

Complete text of the proposed ordinance is on file and available for examination and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during regular business hours. Pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act, any persons wishing to attend the Dec. 21 public hearing who require special accommodations should contact the office of Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman at 765-345-5977 and advise, what, if any, accommodations are needed.

More information from last Thursday's monthly meeting of the Knightstown Town Council will appear in next week's issue of The Banner. Additional details may also be found in the memoranda and minutes from that proceeding, with those public records available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall during normal business hours.

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- Open tours of the Octagon House and Railroad Depot**
- At the Fire Station:** Carriage Ride Boarding, Chili & Hot Dog Supper, Kid's cookie & ornament decorating
- Knightstown High School Band Ensemble 5:30 PM**
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Know Before You Go: INDOT Travel Advisories

The Indiana Department of Transportation reminds Hoosiers to travel safely and plan more driving time during the busy Thanksgiving travel holiday. AAA projects 50.9 million Americans will journey 50 miles or more away from home this Thanksgiving from November 22 through November 26, a 3.3 percent increase over last year. Hoosier Helpers sponsored by State Farm will patrol urban interstates in Indianapolis, Northwest Indiana and Southern Indiana near Louisville during heavy travel periods this holiday.

Most highway maintenance activities and construction projects will halt work this holiday week-

end to increase roadway mobility and safety. INDOT directs its contractors to pull back barriers and barricades to the safest extent possible to accommodate the anticipated increase in traffic. Some restrictions will remain in place due to ongoing road construction, including:

Northern Indiana

I-469 is restricted to one lane in each direction between mile markers 11 and 17 in Allen County.

Lane closures will remain in effect on westbound I-80/94 between mile marker 3 and mile marker 12 as work continues on the Restore 94 project in Lake County. The entrance ramp to I-94 at

S.R.51 (Exit 15B) will remain closed for the next 3 weeks.

Both directions of I-94 are reduced to two lanes between mile marker 16 and U.S. 20 in Porter County.

The left lane of I-94 in both directions will be closed between mile marker 26 and 27 until noon on Wednesday, November 22.

Central Indiana

The I-465 East and I-465 West ramps to I-65 North remain closed for the duration of construction at the interchange on the south side of Indianapolis. A signed detour directs traffic south on I-65 to Southport Road Exit 103 to return northbound on I-65. I-65 and I-465 lane closures will resume Monday, Nov. 27. Both interstates may be reduced to one lane between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Weather permitting, construction is expected to be substantially complete, with all lanes and ramps open to traffic by the end of November.

I-69 lane closures for paving on the added travel lane construction project between State Road 37 Exit 205 and State Road 38 Exit 219 will resume Monday, Nov. 27. I-69

may be reduced to one lane each weeknight between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. and weekends from 7 p.m. until 9 a.m. The additional lanes are expected to open in December.

Watch for lane shifts on I-65 in both directions as construction of added travel lanes continues in Tippecanoe County.

Southern Indiana

Northbound I-65 traffic is sharing the southbound side between mile markers 8 and 11 in Clark County. Two lanes are open in each direction.

Entrance and exit ramps are closed on westbound I-74 at S.R.101 (Exit 156) in Ripley County. To reach S.R. 101, westbound traffic on I-74 should use the S.R.1 exit and follow eastbound I-74 to return to S.R.101.

Intermittent lane closures will remain in effect on the U.S. 41 Twin Bridges over the Ohio River near Evansville.

Know before you go

Learn about traffic and road conditions, crashes and construction on state highways by visiting <http://indot.carsprogram.org>, calling 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or

dialing 511 from a mobile phone.

Increased enforcement

Starting later this week, Indiana State Police (ISP) will join more than 230 local law-enforcement agencies across the state to spot violations to Indiana's seat belt and impaired driving laws. Through the weekend after Thanksgiving, expect to see an increase in random patrols, saturation patrols and checkpoints. This overtime enforcement is supported with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) funds administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

It's the law

In every state, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. In Indiana, drivers under 21 with a BAC of .02 or higher are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to 1 year.

Indiana has a primary seat-belt law, meaning that police officers may ticket unrestrained drivers or passengers, even if no other traffic violation has taken place. In addition, all passengers under age 8 must be in an approved car seat or booster seat.

Preservation Commission Still Needs Members

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.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Anderson University Gets Commitments From Top Local Athletes

Tri's Payton Moore to Join AU Basketball Team

Following the Lady Titans basketball team's victory over Blue River Valley Nov. 10, Tri's top player, senior Payton Moore, announced she had committed to play basketball at Anderson University next year.

Moore has been one of Tri's top athletes the past three years. Besides leading the Lady Titans' softball team to a state title game in June 2017, she's been especially excelling on the basketball court.

As a sophomore, Moore played in all 24 games for the Lady Titans, leading the team to a 17-7 record. She was the top scorer that year, averaging 11.2 points per game. She also led the team on the boards with 7.9 rebounds per game and in blocks with 17 total.

The following season, the junior had a stellar year, averaging a double-double to carry the Lady Titans to a 16-7 record. Moore averaged 16.6 points and 10.8 rebounds per game, leading all Tri players. She also led in blocks with 49 total last season.

Moore started off the 2017 season where she left off last season. In the Lady Titans' first game, she had 22 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks. She followed that performance up with a 19-point and 12-rebound game against Blue River. After four games, she's averaging 13.5 points, nine rebounds and 2.8 blocks per game.

Interestingly, despite her big numbers each season, Moore has never made, or even attempted, one three-point shot.



Tri senior Payton Moore eyes the bucket before shooting a free throw during the Lady Titans' season opener on the road at Morristown Nov. 7. Moore finished the game with a double-double. (Stacy Cox photo)

Tyler Burton to Play Raven Baseball



Tyler Burton, one of Knightstown's all-around top athletes, announced last week he would continue his education at Anderson University following graduation from KHS in 2018 and has committed to play baseball for the Ravens.

From his diving catch in right field as a freshman during the 2015 semistate game against South Spencer to his .565 batting average last season, Burton has been a key figure on Knightstown's baseball team.

Over the past three seasons, Burton has played in 79 games and was at bat 248 times with a batting average of .407. He's had 101 hits including 27 doubles, one triple and two home runs with 57 RBIs.

Burton pitched 84.1 innings over the past three varsity seasons for a 10-4 record. He faced 358 batters, giving up 59 hits and 47 runs with 94 strikeouts and 41 walks.

Besides baseball, Burton has also played on the Panther football team, serving as quarterback since his freshman year and consistently been one of the team's best defenders as well. Though he has not done so since eighth grade, this year he decided to play on the school's basketball team.



At top, Tyler Burton throws a pitch during the Panthers Henry County Tourney championship game against Tri last season when he struck out nine batters and led the team at the plate with four hits and two RBIs. Above, Burton accompanied earlier this week by his parents, Jana and Aaron Burton, at his official signing of his commitment to play at Anderson University next year. Also joining him were (back row, l-r) KHS vice-principal John Boyer, Burton's sister Macy Burton, Panther head coach Daren Hardesty and athletic director Matt Martin.

**KHS Annual Girls Alumni
Basketball Game
& Can Food Drive**

When: Saturday, December 2nd.

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Where: KHS

**Time: immediately following the girls
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If you are interested in playing please email head coach Charity Smucker at:
charitysmucker@yahoo.com with your t-shirt size & name. The cost this year will be \$15 & free admission to the girls JV & Varsity game!

Make checks payable to Knightstown Girls Basketball & mail to KHS by November 20th!

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Knightstown Yearbook Pre-Order Discount Still Available

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 by Shepherd's class room.

LOCAL SPORTS

Knightstown Wrestlers Win Fourth Straight Batesville Invite

Panthers Ranked Fourth in Early Season Polls; Start Season 5-0 Again

For the fourth straight year, Knightstown's varsity wrestling team went 5-0 to win the six-school Batesville Invitational last weekend.

The Panthers started the morning off Saturday by defeating class 2A Brown County 63-12.

Knightstown then whipped class 3A Shelbyville 66-15.

KHS followed with a win over class 2A Scottsburg 69-12 and then defeated the host school, class 2A Batesville, 76-6.

The day ended with 66-18 win over class 1A Southwestern (Hanover).

Going undefeated at the Batesville Invite for Knightstown were David Peck (106), Thomas Sollars (113), Kaleb Buchanan (120), Jon Simmons (170), Connor Brockman (195) and Burias Wisner (HWT). All went 5-0 on the day.

Four Panthers went 4-1 at the tourney including Jacob Hanna (126), Nick Walsh (132), Collin Ferree (145), Evan Nolen (152), Ben Newby (160) and Aiden Orcutt (182).

When Panther coach Jared Evans took over the wrestling program seven years ago, the program was in a diminished state. With plenty of encouragement, Evans and other wrestlers built up a



Class 1A's fourth-ranked Knightstown Panthers varsity wrestling team pose after winning the Batesville Invitational last Saturday, their fourth straight title at the season-opening meet. (Photo provided)

strong, competitive roster.

The Panthers had not won the season-opening Batesville Invite since 2001 when, in 2014, the KHS wrestling team started a string of consecutive winning seasons by bringing home the Batesville trophy.

The Panthers' 2017-2018 roster is led by 10 seniors including Connor Brockman, Kaleb

Buchanan, Collin Ferree, Jacob Hanna, Eva Hatcher, Bruce Nichols, Jon Simmons, Thomas Sollars, Michael Weiland and Burias Wisner.

There are just three juniors on the team this season. They are Evan Nolen, Adam Ott and David Peck.

Sophomores on the roster include Landon Carmicheal,

Kalen Carter, Justin Goodpaster, Spencer Goodpaster, Josiah Halverson, Nick Lawson, Charlie Moore, Aiden Orcutt, Jared Richardson, Jaden Smith and Nick Walsh.

Freshmen on the team include Kenny Hanna, Dominic Jordan, Skylar Medlin, Mason Muncy, Liam Orcutt, Ben Newby, Nikko Pierce, Colton Piper and Thomas

Rinberger.

Preseason polls at Indiana Mat magazine have Knightstown at fourth in class 1A rankings. They will face Shenandoah this Saturday, along with other county schools, for the Henry County meet. The Raiders were ranked second in the preseason poll.

Wrestling starts at 9 a.m. at Shenandoah High School.

Knightstown's Boys Youth Basketball Teams Continue to Gain Experience

Knightstown's younger basketball players are getting plenty of action this season.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, the local Dirt Road Basketball teams played in Knightstown.

The third grade team defeated Centerville 33-18 and Eastern Hancock 23-18.

In the Centerville game, the Knightstown team was led by Gavin Jenkins with a double-double. He had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Bryor Carmichael had 17 points and seven rebounds.

Mason Smith had two points and five rebounds.

Tony Louks had two points and two rebounds.

Andrew Buchanan came off the bench for two points and one steal.

Carmichael led the Knightstown effort against Eastern Hancock with 14 points and nine rebounds.

Jenkins had nine points and three rebounds.

Carson Bonham had two rebounds and two steals.

Smith had two rebounds and two steals.

Louks had two steals and one rebound.

Carson Roland came off the bench with one rebound.

The third graders are 2-0.

The Knightstown sixth grade team played at Union County High School on Nov. 12 where they defeated Cambridge City Lincoln 21-16 but fell to Hagerstown 26-37.

Peyton Inman led Knightstown against Lincoln with eight points.

Travis Louks had six points.

Brayden McDaniel got five points and Ayden Keith added two points.

Inman also led the team against Hagerstown with 15 points.

McDaniel had seven points.

Hunter Steimel added four points.

The sixth graders are 1-1 on the season.

Knightstown fourth grade team played at Hagerstown where they lost to New Castle 5-15 and to Tri's fourth grade 6-10.

Gage Broady had three points and two steals to lead the Knightstown team against New Castle.

Xavier Wilkerson led Knightstown against Tri with six rebounds, two steals and had several hustle plays for loose balls.

The fourth graders are 0-2.

Knightstown's Rena' Witham, Tri's Kierstyn Conyers Named TEC Volleyball All-Conference

Tri-Eastern Conference recently announced the players making the All-Conference Volleyball team.

Knightstown freshman Rena' Witham and Tri senior Kierstyn Conyers were both named to the All-Conference team.



Rena' Witham

Knightstown's Kamryn Reed and Tri's Kaley Harrison received honorable mention for the TEC team.

Witham finished the season with 116 kills, 77 aces, 11 blocks, 471 digs, 55 assists and 415 serves received.

Conyers finished the season with 201 kills, 18 aces, 54 blocks, 302 digs, 15 assists and 290 serves received.

Other players named to the TEC team include Hagerstown's Beth Jenkins, Lanie McClanahan, Jessica Swimm, Regan Tinkle; Union County's Madison Rosenberger, Rachel Grissom, Olivia Schwab; Lincoln's Rachel Merida, Laynie Russell; Centerville's Kelsee Troutwine, Morgan Toschlog; Winchester's Morgan Friend; Northeastern's Alexis Middleton; Union City's Jazmin Kelsey.



Kierstyn Conyers

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 registration forms were sent home with students earlier this month.

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

Lady Panthers Defeat Daleville in OT for First Season Win; Fall to Centerville

Knightstown's varsity girls basketball team nabbed a huge win on the road at Daleville Nov. 14, defeating the Lady Broncos 66-60 in overtime.

The Lady Panthers struggled offensively the first two games but found their groove against Daleville, sinking eight of their 14 attempts from three-point land.

The game with Daleville was close from the start. The Lady Broncos took the early lead after one quarter, 16-12. The second quarter score was the same except KHS came out on top with 16 while holding Daleville to 12 points, tying the game up at half-time.

The same happened in the second half with Knightstown outscoring Daleville 15-14 in the third quarter and Daleville scoring 15 to Knightstown's 14 in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime.

It was all Panthers in the OT. Knightstown held Daleville to three points while scoring nine to get their first win of the season.

Juniors Kaitlyn Jackson and Jess Butler had huge games for the Lady Panthers. Jackson scored 22 points and was 4-for-4 from behind the arc while Butler had her first double-double of the season, scoring 12 points and pulling down 17 rebounds. Jackson also grabbed seven rebounds and made three assists and one steal.

Sidney Vise scored 11 points and grabbed three rebounds with five assists.

Katie Clark had seven points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Maggie Smith got five points with one assist.

Lori Thomas had an all-around good game with four points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Liz Moore finished with three points, one rebound and two assists.

Kaitlynn McIntyre scored a bucket and had two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Allison Hauk made a steal and Dharma Holder grabbed one

rebound.

The win moved the Lady Panthers' season record to 1-2.

KHS Falls to Centerville

Without the help of two keys players on the varsity team, Knightstown's girls fell 36-55 at home to Centerville Nov. 18.

Junior Sidney Vise was out due to a concussion suffered in the Daleville game and junior Jess Butler was out of state for previously-scheduled softball activity.

Knightstown fell behind early and never could find a rhythm, shooting just 25 percent. They were down 6-14 at the end of the first and though their 12 points in the second quarter was their best showing, the Lady Panthers went into halftime down 18-28.

Centerville came out of the break pumped up, outscoring Knightstown 17-9 in the third quarter to increase their lead to 45-27.

The Lady Bulldogs held KHS to nine points again in the fourth quarter while putting 10 more on the board to get the 55-36 victory.

Smith led the team with 12 points, one rebound and one assist.

Jackson finished with seven points, eight rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Lori Thomas had six points, five rebounds, five assists and one steal.

Dharma Holder scored five points and had four rebounds and a steal.

Rena' Witham had two points, six rebounds, two steals and one block.

Clark knocked down one basket and made an assist and two steals.

Emma Moore hit one bucket and McIntyre added one rebound.

Liz Moore pulled in four rebounds while Alexis Howard grabbed two rebounds.

The loss dropped Knightstown to 1-3 on the season. They play county rival Tri at home in the first of a doubleheader with the varsity boys teams on Wednesday night.



Knightstown's Kaitlyn Jackson pulls the ball out of the hands of a Centerville player as Lori Thomas helps apply pressure. (Stacy Cox photo)

Eastern Hancock Volleyball Club Tryouts Dec. 3

The Lady Royal Volleyball Club (LRVBC) tryouts and evaluations will be held again on Sunday, Dec. 3 at the Eastern Hancock High School gym.

LRVBC is open to all area volleyball players who love volleyball, want to extend their play, are interested in working hard and

improving their skills.

Evaluations for ages 10u, 12u and 14u will be from 1-3 p.m.

The 15u, 16u and 17u evaluations will be held from 3-5 p.m.

Players will be placed on teams based on age, skill level and experience, position, as well as IHSAA limitations (high school

level teams may have no more than three from same high school on the same team).

Go to: www.sites.google.com/a/ehancock.org/eastern-hancock-athletics/volleyball or contact Cory Rainbolt at coryrainbolt@easternhancock.org or 317-467-0095 ext. 214 for more info.

Tri Girls Fall to Hagerstown, Winchester

After getting off to a 2-0 start, Tri's varsity girls basketball team saw their record even up last week when they suffered a loss 32-50 on the road at Hagerstown and fell to class 2A's No. 8 Winchester at home.

In their Nov. 14 match up against Hagerstown, the Lady Titans struggled offensively, shooting just 25 percent and turning the ball over 23 times.

The Lady Tigers took advantage of the Titan errors and scoring slump by jumping out to a 16-8 lead after one period.

Tri had its best quarter in the second, outscoring Hagerstown 12-10 to pull within six by halftime, 20-26. But, the Lady Titans would only manage to put 12 more points on the board for the rest of the game to fall to the Lady Tigers 32-50.

Kaley Harrison led Tri's effort with nine points, three rebounds, one assist, two steals and two deflections.

Auburn Harvey finished with eight points, two rebounds, two assists, one steal and one deflection.

Payton Moore had seven points, four rebounds, two assists, two steals, two deflections and two blocks.

Breanna Reece dropped in two buckets and had one rebound, one deflection and two blocks.

Maddie Burchett scored four points, made two deflections and took a charge.

Lauren Bouslog pulled in six rebounds and made one assist, two steals and two deflections.

Averi Phelps contributed two rebounds and one block. Madeline Hoover added a rebound.

The loss moved the Lady Titans to 2-1 on the season.

Tri Picks up Second Loss to Winchester

On Nov. 17, the Lady Titans hosted the "giants" from Winchester. The eighth-ranked Lady Golden Falcons boast two six-footers and few more players

nearly that tall. Their athleticism helped them whip Knightstown the previous week by 39 and the undefeated Lady Falcons topped Tri by 29 points, 74-45.

Winchester held Tri's top player, Payton Moore, to just six points in the game and though freshman Averi Phelps stepped up to help the Tri offensive effort, the Lady Falcons dominated from the start, taking a 26-11 first quarter lead.

The Lady Titans tried to get back in the game by picking up their defense. They held Winchester to 16 points in the second quarter but were only able to score 10 to head into the locker rooms down 21-42.

Winchester started the second half much like the first, outscoring Tri 19-7 in the third quarter to go up 61-28.

Tri never gave up and posted its best quarter in the fourth, shooting past Winchester 17-13 to bring the final score to 45-74.

With Moore basically shut down by Winchester's huge lineup, Phelps was left unaccounted for and scored 13 points to top Tri's scorers. She added six rebounds, one assist, one steal, one deflection and one block.

Harrison gave another strong effort with 11 points, three rebounds and one deflection.

Bouslog had seven points, five rebounds, two assists and one deflection.

Harvey scored six points and had one rebound, one assist and a deflection.

Moore added eight rebounds to her six points and made two assists, one steal, one deflection and three blocks.

Allison Kingery scored a bucket and Reece had three rebounds.

The Lady Titans dropped to 2-2 on the season. They travel to county rival Knightstown on Wednesday night for the first game in the annual boys-girls varsity doubleheader. The girls' game starts at 6 p.m. with the boys game following.



Tri freshman Averi Phelps, shown above shooting a free throw during the Lady Titans game against Morristown two weeks ago, was the leading scorer for Tri against eighth-ranked Winchester. The 6'2 Phelps had 13 points and six rebounds against Winchester's tall lineup. (Stacy Cox photo)

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This Week in Local Sports



Knightstown's Jose Olivo gets up for one of his big blocks during Saturday afternoon's scrimmage against Connersville.



Knightstown senior Dharma Holder grabs an offensive rebound and puts it back up against Centerville Saturday night.

Stacy Cox photos



Above, Knightstown seniors Lane Parker, Owen Wiles and Tyler Burton working defensively against the Connersville Spartans Saturday afternoon for their annual preseason scrimmage. Below, Knightstown sophomore Emma-Kate Moore looks inside for an open player during the Lady Panthers game against Centerville Saturday night.



Knightstown's Garrett Thomas goes up strong for two points against a Connersville player during their Saturday afternoon scrimmage.

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Steele, from Page 6

Steele's grandfather, Roy Steele, owned the local newspaper at two different times between the late 1800s and early 1900s. He ran the *Knightstown Journal* and the *Knightstown Sun*, which ended up becoming *The Banner*. His father and uncle also worked in the newspaper business while still attending high school in Knightstown. This history was given to him, in part, by Peg Mayhill, whose family owned *The Banner* for 40 years.

"I live in the house that my great-grandfather built," said Steele. "That's the one I grew up in. My mom and dad lived there. And when I moved back to Knightstown with my wife, my mother was still living in that house."

Letters, from Page 4

ties. Legislators said nothing in the GOP agenda about the obscenity against democracy called "gerrymandering." Once again, legislators did nothing about promoting public transportation while our roads grow more clogged. With license plates that claim "Kids First in Indiana," legislators where are the new resources for public education—both to keep and to attract educators? Looks like the funding behind the claim did not make the agenda. Legislators did not even mention working to end the state's reputation for having some of the worst air quality in the nation.

The aforementioned facts do not mean we have a do-nothing state government. To paraphrase President Harry Truman: "They did do some things last session - most of them bad." They raised the gas tax and a bunch of other fees.

**Mike Boland
Fishers**

Dear Editor,

At every age we need to play. I have a special way I would like to see Knightstown beautified. I would like to see a grant provide an indoors place to play in winter. In certain times slots certain groups of citizens could go play. I'd like to be able to play ping pong, bocce ball, shuffle board, corn hole, miniature golf, canasta, euchre. I'd

like to go on an indoor picnic with friends. I don't want to drive to the big cities of Rushville, New Castle and Greenfield. I want a place to play in Knightstown.

Long long ago Carthage had a three-level community center where different activities could happen. I don't think there were grants then that would sustain that sort of place. I don't think such a place would have to be brick and mortar.

Is there enough room under the bleachers at Hoosier Gym to play Bocce ball or shuffle board? Could a tarp be laid on the basketball floor to play corn hole? Could there be some mild physical activity more than walking - and tourists at the same time - in The Hoosier Gym? Is there some other place that could be open for play?

**Linda Addison
Carthage**

Dear Editor,

I read Sen. Karen Tallian's letter in the October 25 issue of The Banner in which she discusses the drastic decrease in funding for navigators to assist people in signing up under the for health insurance under Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

I believe that Sen. Tallian omitted mention of an important byproduct of the funding reduction by President Trump and Vice

For a period of 30 years, Steele did not live in Knightstown. He first attended college and spent three years in the U.S. Army after that. He later lived in Indianapolis for one year before he and his wife bought a house in Plainfield. Steele worked at the Bank of Speedway for 25 years, originally called First Bank, then later First Bank of America and, finally, PMC. He was downsized after the bank was bought out.

"I drove a truck for three years, a semi. That was an adventure," he said. "And then, when I moved back to town, I worked for Draper Inc. in Spiceland for 10 years. And I retired from Draper."

President Pence. Perhaps she was too kind to mention it, but I am not so kind.

The president will be killing people just as surely as if he had stood on Fifth Avenue, in front of Trump Tower, and shot them himself. Of course, had he done that, despite what he said, the NYPD would have promptly locked him up. He will not be locked up for these murders, but they are murders nonetheless. There is no other way to describe deliberately arranging things so that people are deprived of health care. And we all know that without health care people die.

**Eugene Falik
Far Rockaway, NY**

A forest is more than trees for timber.

If you followed media coverage of the sale at Yellowwood State Forest, you might be surprised to read that statement. The veteran foresters of the Department of Natural Resources planned and carried out the recent sale to harvest select trees from 299 acres of that forest's back country.

The truth is both the well-meaning people who opposed the sale and the DNR love our state forests,

but we differ on how to care for them. Their approach for the back country is hands off, letting nature take its course. Ours is to scientifically manage an ecosystem that - when land was acquired by the state in the 1950s - barely existed until the foresters planted it.

Indiana law dictates that the DNR "protect and conserve timber, water resources, wildlife and topsoil in forests owned and operated by the division of forestry" and use "good husbandry" to remove timber that has substantial commercial value "in a manner that benefits the growth of saplings." The recent timber sale followed that course. Our goal is the health of the forests - not profit.

The DNR has and continues to support studying the entire forest ecosystem, not limited to the trees. Our foresters' research shows that periodically removing dead and dying trees opens the forest floor to sunlight, allowing new trees of the same species to develop. Allowing too many unhealthy trees to stand lets smaller trees develop in the understory. This crowds out young hardwoods from developing.

Part of managing for these conditions involves logging by single-tree selection, targeting mostly

dead, diseased and declining trees. In the Yellowwood back country, approximately five to seven trees per acre may be removed, which translates to about two trees per 100. The DNR's forestry division weighs each tree on its own merits as well as on its health and impacts to the overall forest area. This method is proven and was used in the previous 13 harvests of the Morgan-Monroe State Forest back country area.

Studies by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, DNR and independent researchers show that rare and endangered species, such as the timber rattlesnake, hooded warbler, worm-eating warbler and Indiana bat benefit from conditions created by periodic thinning of the areas like the back country's current closed canopy. In Indiana, timber harvests are allowed only from Oct. 1 through March 31 to protect bat species.

Our state forests, including their back country areas, are being carefully managed by those who spend a lifetime studying them. More information may be found at dnr.IN.gov/forestry.

**Cameron Clark, director
Indiana Dept. of Natural
Resources**

Scam, from Page 7

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE HENRY CIRCUIT COURT 1
SS: COUNTY OF HENRY CASE NO. 33C01-1609-MI-000092

BRUCE E. BROWN, PETITIONER,
VS.

EMMA J. DUNBAR, CHARTER ONE BANK, NA, HENRY COUNTY AUDITOR, BIG BLUE RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, AND TO ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES WITH A SUBSTANTIAL PROPERTY INTEREST IN 439 NORTH ADAMS STREET, KNIGHTSTOWN, INDIANA, AND HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FILING A PETITION FOR TAX DEED

TO: All parties with a substantial property interest in 439 North Adams Street, Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana Parcel No. 020-08209-00 (#33-16-33-222-224.000-030)

Pursuant to the provisions of Indiana Code 6-1.1-25-4.6 you are hereby notified of the following:

1. That Bruce E. Brown did on the 20th day of November, 2017, file a Verified Petition for an Order Directing the Auditor of Henry County, Indiana to Issue a Tax Deed in the Henry Circuit Court 1, requesting that a tax deed be issued by the Auditor of Henry County, Indiana, for the following described property located in Henry County, Indiana:

Commencing in the center of Knightstown and Greensboro Turnpike, 12 rods West of the Northeast corner of Section 33, Township 16 North, Range 9 East, and 112 feet South of the center of said Pike and running thence South 50 feet; thence West 212 feet to the center of the Pike; thence North along the center of said Pike 50 feet; thence East to the place of beginning. Common address: 439 N. Adams St., Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana Parcel ID: 020-08209-00 (#33-16-33-222-224.000-030)

2. Bruce E. Brown acquired the tax sale certificate conveying the Henry County Commissioners' interest in the above described parcel on September 22, 2016. That the statutory period of redemption expires on September 22, 2017.

3. Any person or entity owning or having an interest in the tract of real property described hereinabove may file a written objection to the petition with the Court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the filing of the petition. If a written objection is timely filed the Court shall conduct a hearing on the objection.

Dated: the 20th day of November, 2017.

BRUCE E. BROWN
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(11/22)

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