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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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## 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.

## Beautify Knightstown Sale Continues Dec. 2

Beautify Knightstown Inc.'s rummage sale fundraiser continues this Saturday, Dec. 2. Proceeds benefit projects that enhance and support Knightstown. The sale is Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at 106 E. Main St. (in the old Citizens Bank building). Items include collectible dolls, bicentennial flag, decorations, and much more. Most items are half off.



# School Corporation Letter Grades Revealed

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

After five years of stagnation, the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. has finally improved its accountability letter grade from a C to a B.

CAB Superintendent Jed Behny announced the good news last week, during the CAB School Board's Nov. 21 monthly meeting. He said the total weighted points earned by CAB had increased from the 77.9 that earned the district a C last year to 82.8 this year, good enough to raise CAB's grade to a B.

While Behny said these accountability letter grades are an important tool for monitoring the "health of school corporations" and communicating that information to the public, he said there are other, more important considerations at CAB.

"This is not the critical piece of focus on school improvement of what is taking place in our classrooms on a day-to-day basis," Behny said. "We focus on improving the quality of instruction and opportunity we offer students, and the rest

will take care of itself."

Behny told board members that this is likely the last year that accountability letter grades will be figured the way that they have been.

will be determined.

Board Vice President Tom Schaetzle asked Behny about some of testing scores of CAB students, which he thought seemed low. Behny said he thought many school districts in Indiana were experiencing "sticker shock" with respect to lower-than-expected test scores.

"I don't know if this is going to be the new norm," Behny said. "... I wouldn't be surprised if this is a continuing trend."

CAB was the only Henry County school corporation to show improvement in its letter grade this year. The other four districts maintained the same grades they had received last year: Blue River Valley (B); New Castle (B); Shenandoah (B); and South Henry (C).

Eastern Hancock was the only other nearby school corporation to receive a higher letter grade this year, improving last year's B to an A. Greenfield-Central Community and Rush County Schools both received B's, the same grades they had last year.

## Six Years of Accountability Letter Grades for Area School Corporations

School District	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Blue River Valley	B	B	C	C	C	C
C.A. Beard	B	C	C	C	C	C
Eastern Hancock	A	B	A	A	A	B
Greenfield	B	B	A	A	A	A
New Castle	B	B	B	B	B	B
Rush County	B	B	B	B	B	A
Shenandoah	B	B	A	A	B	A
South Henry	C	C	A	A	B	B

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

He said changes in federal law are expected to bring "significant changes," particularly with respect to consideration of graduation rates and how corporation grades across the country

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# CAB Employees Get Raises, Bonuses

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board voted unanimously last week to give 4-percent raises to seven CAB employees and to dole out \$500 year-end stipends to all district personnel.

These two 7-0 votes came during the board's Nov. 21 monthly meeting. The 4-percent raises - given to Director of Maintenance Jack Barber, Director of Food Service Jody McMahel, Director of Athletics Matt Martin, Director of Transportation Russ Spiker, Director of Health Services Tracie Smith, Director of Guidance Maggie Schwartzkopf and Director of Technology Brian Woods - were dealt with first.

"Each of these individuals plays an extremely important role in our continued development," CAB Superintendent Jed Behny told the board after recommending the pay

increases. He noted that some of these employees had taken on additional job responsibilities since the last time their pay had been adjusted, adding that he had "no problem ... justifying each and every one of these" proposed raises.

Behny told The Banner that CAB currently has 162 employees, which means it would take \$81,000 to cover stipends for everyone, although he clarified that he does not plan to take the \$500.

Board member Graham Richardson asked Behny how the pay for these seven employees compares with other school districts. Behny said pay for similar positions in other districts can vary, with larger school corporations often able to pay more.

Behny noted that CAB's direc-

tors of technology, food services and guidance are all making less than the state average for their positions. And while CAB's director of health services is paid more than the state average for a school corporation nurse, he said Smith had not had a raise in about seven

years, despite taking on more job duties.

Providing these 4-percent raises will cost CAB an additional \$13,886.81 a year. With the pay increases, the salaries of these seven employees will be as follows: Barber (\$35,757.70); McMahel (\$27,040); Martin

(\$64,896); Spiker (\$62,400); Smith (\$51,980.28); Schwartzkopf (\$48,783.09); and Woods (\$70,200).

After the board's vote to approve those seven raises, President Wade Beatty said he and CAB Treasurer/Business Manager Stephanie Madison had met "quite a bit in the past two weeks" to go over the district's finances. Based on that review, he said he wanted to recommend that CAB give every employee in the district a \$500 year-end stipend with their Dec. 15 paychecks.

"Last year, we gave \$300," Beatty said. "And this year, I think we can afford to give \$500."

Beatty said he thought all of the district's employees had done a "marvelous job," and that this had contributed to increased morale at CAB. In past years, when the district was struggling financially, he

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## K-town Planners Turn Attention to Subdivision Control Rules

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

With a revamped comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance finished, the Knightstown Plan Commission is now turning its attention to the town's nearly 20-year-old subdivision control ordinance.

The plan commission met Nov. 20, to begin reviewing and considering adoption of a new subdivision control ordinance that sets forth rules and regulations regarding the division of land parcels into two or more parcels, sites or lots. The town's current subdivision control ordinance was adopted in 1998, and at just over 18 pages, it is not nearly as detailed as the new one being considered, which is nearly three times as long.

While the meeting had been called specifically to address the subdivision control ordinance, nearly the first hour of the meeting was spent going over unrelated issues raised by Ben Bowling, the town's building

inspector. Bowling said he had concerns about the wording on some of the new permit applications the town is using under the new zoning code.

Acting on recommendations from Bowling, the five plan commission members in attendance - President Kevin Richey, Vice President Bill Bergmann, Ed Wright, Roger Hammer and Kevin Knott - voted unanimously to approve changes to a form for proposed electrical improvements and to the applications for building demolition permits and improvement location permits. The board's other two members, Randy Anderson and Cassandra Steele, did not attend the meeting.

Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, told plan commission members that these changes Bowling had requested and that they voted to approve that night would be made to the documents in question. Then, once amended, he said the revised paperwork would be brought back to the plan commission for a final review and approval.

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The town's current subdivision control ordinance was adopted in 1998, and at just over 18 pages ...

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**OBITUARIES**

**Chalmer Wilkerson**  
September 11, 1931 - November 23, 2017



Chalmer Wilkerson, 86, of Knightstown, passed away Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, at Golden Living Center Brandywine in Greenfield. He was born Sept. 11, 1931, in Knightstown, the son of Stanley R. and Doris Louise (Shipley) Wilkerson.

Chalmer was a lifetime resident of Knightstown. He served in the U.S. Air Force from December 1951 through December 1955, and retired from Guide Lamp in 1995 after over 30 years of service. Chalmer was a member of UAW Local 663; Boy Scouts for over 30 years; and was active in Little League for several years. He was also a member of the Knightstown First Christian Church and Knightstown American Legion Post 152.

He is survived by two sons, Steve (Betsy) Wilkerson and Jeff (Debbie) Wilkerson, both of Knightstown; five grandchildren, Heather (Kevin) Cournoyer, Abby (Josh) Roseberry, Emmalee Wilkerson, Ashlee (Jeremiah) Ruddick and Jace Wilkerson; six great-grandchildren, Addison Ruddick, Emsley Ruddick, Wyatt Cournoyer, Lilly Cournoyer, Isaac Roseberry and Haydon Roseberry; two sisters-in-law, Kay Wilkerson of New Trenton and Sue Smith of Carthage; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Delores Wilkerson in 2006; two brothers, Robert Keith Wilkerson and Chalen Wilkerson; and a sister-in-law, Pat Wilkerson.

Services were Nov. 27 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Rev. Richard Thayer and Anthony Darling officiating. Military rites were conducted by Knightstown American Legion Post 152. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery. Friends called at the funeral home Nov. 26. Memorial contribution may be made to Knightstown First Christian Church, PO Box 37, Knightstown, IN 46148. Condolences and memories of Chalmer may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

**Darl L. Nigh**

September 23, 1956 - November 23, 2017



Darl L. Nigh, 61, of Lake Dallas, Texas, left his earthly home on Nov. 23, 2017, after a 16-month battle with pancreatic cancer. He leaves behind the love of his life, wife Frankie Welter Nigh.

Born Sept. 23, 1956, to parents Mary and Eugene (Bob) Nigh, he grew up in Carthage and attended Knightstown High School. He loved playing football at Knightstown. After graduating in 1974, Darl joined the United States Army, serving three years in Germany and one year in Killeen, Texas.

In 1980, Darl became a full-time firefighter at Carrollton, Texas, and he retired in 2007 with 27 years of service. Darl loved serving his country in both the Army and as a firefighter.

In 2003, Darl and Frankie established Lazy N Farms in Celina, Texas. Raising miniature horses, they trained and competed in several horse shows.

Darl was an avid hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed going to NASCAR races. He loved traveling and time spent with friends and family.

Darl is survived by his wife, Frankie Welter Nigh, of Dallas, Texas, his mother, Mary Louise Nigh of Carthage; three brothers, Larry (Carol) Nigh of McCordsville, Warren (Nancy) Nigh of Goshen, and Randy Nigh of Carthage; a sister, Deb Nigh (Mike) Gibson of Carthage; three sisters-in-law, Connie Welter, Kim Welter Link and Jackie Welter, all of Dubuque, Iowa; a brother-in-law, Bill Welter of Dubuque, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Darl was preceded in death by his father, Eugene (Bob) Nigh; and a nephew, Adam Nathaniel Nigh.

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**William L. Christopher Jr.**  
November 27, 2017

William L. Christopher Jr., 77, of Shelbyville and formerly of Knightstown, passed away Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, at IU Health Methodist Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service Knightstown Chapel. Please view the complete obituary at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

**Ella Mae Riggs**  
July 18, 1940 - November 27, 2017

Ella Mae Riggs, 77, of Knightstown, passed away Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, at Brandywine Golden Living in Greenfield. She was born July 18, 1940, in Somerset, Ky., a daughter of Arthur and Mary (Godsey) Rogers.



Ella Mae was a 1959 graduate of Knightstown High School. She was a homemaker and attended Knightstown Friends Church.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Jere Riggs of Knightstown; two sons, Jere James (Gail) Riggs II of Knightstown and Timothy Jon (Pamela Ann) Riggs of Shirley; two grandsons, Timothy Jon Riggs II and Jere James Riggs III; two granddaughters, Angelica Dawn (Jared) Freyer and Ella Marie Riggs; two great-grandsons, Dallas and Hunter Riggs; a brother, Douglas M. (Lois) Rogers of Knightstown; a sister, Elizabeth Ann (James) Durham of Knightstown; six nieces and nephews, Eric Rogers, Mary Rogers Dalton, Leah Jo Kopp, Gary Wyatt, Angela Tompkins and Pam Faucett; a half-sister, Darline Gross; and three brothers-in-law, Randy, Ronnie and Mark Riggs.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Norene Wyatt; a brother and sister-in-law, Edward Eugene and Sharon Rogers; and a niece, Candy Rogers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Pastor Tim Basford officiating. Burial will follow in Mechanicsburg Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Ste. 100, Indianapolis, IN 46209-4830. Condolences and memories of Ella Mae may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

## Local Park Board Fails to Give Notice for Meeting

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Banner learned Tuesday morning that the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board held an illegal meeting Monday evening.

Park board member Jan McGuire emailed The Banner Tuesday morning to make arrangements to advertise for a cleaning person position the park board wants to fill. Included with the information McGuire sent for the ad was documentation that indicated the park board held a special meeting Monday evening.

Since The Banner had not received a notice from the park

board for a special meeting on Monday, as required by the state's Open Door Law, the newspaper telephone McGuire to confirm, in fact, whether the park board had

met Monday. While she said she was ill and had not attended the meeting, McGuire said Park Board President Suzee Neal had told her

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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## That Bike Ride Isn't as Bad as It Looks

**7 a.m.** - My eyes open. The sun is only starting to rise. My weather app says it's 32 degrees outside. The thought of getting on a bicycle in one hour does not greet me with a smile.

Some people think my fall and winter bike rides are crazy. Heck, I sometimes think they're crazy. But, I keep my annual mileage goal in mind. By Jan. 1, my odometer should show at least 3,000. I want that.

**7:15** - The floor is like ice. I shower and brush my teeth. The air outside is a lot cooler than the shower water. I briefly consider the logistics of riding my bike - while still in the shower - to work. Ahhhh.

**7:30** - As I comb my wet hair I wonder if my slicked-back coif will actually freeze beneath my helmet in the frosty morning air. I envision an icy shell of matted hair that could easily shatter if tapped. Though disturbingly vivid, this thought does not deter me.

**7:45** - I select the various garments and I begin donning the multiple layers of cycling clothes necessary for this cold weather ride. Layering is key here, but it's a touchy thing for me. I'm the heaviest perspirer I know. So I have to do this quickly, lest I start pouring sweat before I even get on the bike.

**8 a.m.** - Ready to ride, I grab my water bottle and backpack, heading for the garage. I thumb through half a dozen Spotify playlists before nestling in the earbuds and donning a windproof cap. Though still very chilly at 36 degrees, it was a mellow morning full of sunshine and a light, southerly breeze.

**8:05** - I hop on the Trek and point it south, toward Knightstown. The first song up: Canned Heat with "Goin' Up the Country" - a warm, summery song that coupled well with the rising sun. Cat Stevens' "Wild World" is up next, another upbeat, groovy tune. I know all the words, so I sing along. This helps occupy my mind as the cold numbs my toes and the tip of my nose.

**8:20** - I cross over I-70 on Kennard Road with Seals and Crofts. Their 1972 classic "Summer Breeze" never fails to cheer me. But, my nose is running and I have to ride the brakes all the way down Kennard Road hill to keep from freezing.

**8:25** - The smooth pavement of Greensboro Pike offers relief from Kennard Road, which was last paved in 1910, if I'm not mistaken. Courteous motorists pass at a safe distance. I appreciate that and wonder what it's like to ride in the city all the time as The Association's "Cherish" blossoms in my ears.

**8:35** - I arrive in Knightstown, my mind focused on The Banner coffee maker and the steaming brew it will soon produce. In the office I change clothes, cycling gear hung up to dry; I have thoroughly soaked them with sweat in spite of the cold.

**9 a.m.** - I open the office and hold my coffee mug with both hands, wishing I could hold it with both feet. My first office visitor is Mr. Maurice Lewman, who has arrived *via bicycle* to renew his subscription. This, of course, made my day. We had a nice talk and he headed out for coffee, pedaling in the morning sun.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The news offers daily reminders of the complex challenges our communities, state and country face in the opioid crisis. Governor Eric Holcomb made attacking the drug epidemic a pillar of his inaugural policy agenda. Indiana University has announced its "Grand Challenge" to respond to the addictions crisis, committing \$50 million to finding solutions. Indiana's social service, emergency service, criminal justice, health care, and public health providers are working to respond to the relentless array of ongoing, interconnected needs arising from the crisis. Collaborations among local, state and federal agencies are developing new cross-cutting partnerships and interventions. At the Indiana Youth Institute, we are concentrating on identifying and addressing the short- and long-term consequences of the opioid crisis on Hoosier children.

For the past three years the number of children in Indiana's foster care system has increased steadily. Experts, including Mary Beth Bonaventura, director of the Indiana Department of Child services, agree these increases are directly linked to the opioid problem.

"We have more children in care than we've ever had in history, nationwide and in Indiana, Bonventura said. "With all cases counted, (we have) close to 29,000 kids in care in some way shape or form."

In 2016, 52 percent of children DCS removed from a home were removed due to parental substance abuse. When substance abuse is included as a secondary cause, that rate rises to nearly 80 percent.

Who cares for the kids caught in this crisis? In Henry County, 2.9 percent of children live with foster parents, and 6.7 percent of children live with their grandparents. Bonaventura states in Indiana nearly 51 percent of all DCS foster care placements are with relatives. A September 2017 Pew Charitable Trusts study shows parents of adult children who either struggle with substance use disorder, or have died from an overdose, are raising an increasing number of their grandchildren. Child placements with relatives, also called kinship care, can be a formal placement from the state or an informal arrangement between the parents and the relative caregivers. In fact, the Pew research estimates that for every foster child formally placed with a relative as a primary caregiver, there are 20 more in informal kinship arrangements. Tina Cloer, president and CEO of Children's Bureau, Inc., says "I get calls all the time from people all over the city and state who have now inherited their nieces and nephews, their grandchildren, their friends' kids, because they're struggling with addiction."

About 39 percent of grandparents caring for grandchildren are older than 60, 21 percent live below the poverty line and 26 percent have a disability. Like all children in care, children in kinship care have been found to lack adequate access to primary care, immunization, vision, hearing and dental care services. Despite these challenges, the American Academy of Pediatrics stresses the benefits of kinship care, including increased stability and well-being, reduced trauma, and an increased likelihood that siblings will stay together.

We can help grandparents and family members caring for these young victims of our state's addiction crisis. Kinship care is often unexpected and unplanned. Many families are unaware of available help. For instance, grandparents and families who become licensed foster families can access services and financial supports. Organizations such as Grandfamilies.org provide valuable information on applicable laws and resources. Cloer works with many faith-based and community groups that are reaching out to grandparents caring for their grandchildren with basic needs items such as diapers, formula and clothing. As employers, we can offer flexible

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## 'Injun Summer' Still a Favored Classic

(Originally published Nov. 28, 2007)

Regardless of our human calendar, sometimes nature has its own agenda. Many of the trees in our yard are still clad in the leaves of autumn, and it was around 70 degrees the day before Thanksgiving. I hoped that it would be Indian Summer, that most fleeting and ephemeral of times, when the air is balmy and the sky is hazy. There is nothing lovelier, but Indian Summer doesn't always happen.

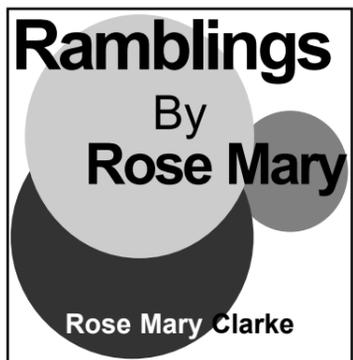
I love George T. McCutcheon's charming illustrations and accompanying story that he called "Injun Summer." It was first printed in the *Chicago Tribune* 100 years ago this past September. You can find them on the Internet. Something about them reminds me of my childhood, when Wanda and I built bonfires at the edge of Carey Street.

The first painting is of one of those mellow, golden days where a haze lies over the land. An old man sits on a log, watching a smoking bonfire of fallen leaves with his little grandson. The haze blurs the sun. Nearby a split rail fence encloses a field of corn shocks. In the second picture it is night. The smoke has become dancing Indians, the corn shocks have become tepees, and moonlight bathes the scene.

When I read the yarn that the old man is spinning, I hear the voices of old Granny and my mother in my mind's ear. My imagination was fired by their fascinating sto-

ries of my people at the Old Home Place when Indians were still nearby and would come to borrow large kettles. My great-great-grandfather always hid under the bed when they came and would tremble with fright when an old Indian, thinking it was funny, got down and peered in at him. Here's the old man's story:

"Yep, Sonny this is sure enough Injun summer ... That's when all the homesick Injuns come back to



play. You know, a long time ago, long afore yer granddaddy was born even, there used to be heaps of Injuns around here - thousands - millions, I reckon ... They wuz all around here - right here where you're standin'. Don't be skeered - hain't none around here now, leastways no live ones. They been gone this many a year. They all went away and died, so they ain't no more left.

"But every year, 'long about now, they all come back, leastways their sperrits do. They're here now. You can see 'em off across the

fields. Look real hard. See that kind of hazy, misty look out yonder? Well, them's Injun sperrits marchin' along an' dancin' in the sunlight. That's what makes that kind of haze - it's the sperrits of the Injuns all come back. They're all around us now.

"See off yonder, see them tepees? They kind o' look like corn shocks from here, but them's Indian tepes ... See 'em now? Sure, I knowed you could. Smell that smoky sort o' smell in the air? That's the campfires a-burnin' and their pipes a-goin' ...

"You jest come out here tonight when the moon is hangin' over the hill off yonder an' the harvest fields is all swimmin' in the moonlight, an' you can see the Injuns and the tepees as plain as kin be. You can, eh? I knowed you would after a little while."

He explains that the red leaves on the trees happen when an Indian spirit gets tired from dancing and squats on a leaf to rest. "Why I kin hear 'em rustlin' an' whisperin' an' creepin' round all the time, an' ever once'n a while a leaf gives way under some fat old Injun ghost and comes floatin' down ... See - here's one now. See how red it is? That's the war paint rubbed off'n an Injun ghost, sure's you're born. Purty soon all the Injuns'll go marching back to the happy huntin' ground, but next year you'll see 'em troopin' back - th' sky jest hazy

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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.

◆Beautify Knightstown, Inc. **rummage sale fundraiser** continues this Saturday, Dec. 2. Proceeds benefit projects that enhance and support Knightstown. The sale is Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at 106 E. Main St. (in the old Citizens Bank building). Items include collectable dolls, bicentennial flag, decorations, and much more. Most items are half off.

◆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 accessibili-

ty call Rev. Alan McCraine at 765-520-9845.

◆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.

◆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.

◆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](mailto: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.

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**ACROSS**

1 Blabbed

5 Barked at the moon, e.g.

10 Famed editorial cartoonist

14 "\_\_\_ a deer ..."

15 Type of resin

16 *The Simpsons* bus driver

17 Make up

19 Sport start?

20 Fountain of the (Rome)

21 Noted Scottish psychiatrist

23 Gerund ending

24 An indigenous people of Taiwan

25 Omen

28 Lingus

30 Noted diarist

31 Broadway award

32 A covered bridge in Rockport, Ind.

34 *Ipsa facto* author Gran

38 Greek H

39 King of England, proclaimed but not crowned in 1066

41 Parisian "soul"

42 Care for plants

44 2009 Miss America

45 Ancient Greek portico

46 Second Amend.

48 Former British record label

49 Sweater material

50 Took a trip

54 Indian mister

56 Performed an act again (2 wds.)

57 Democritus, e.g.

61 Nabisco treat

62 Overindulge at dinner (3 wds.)

64 "To Sir, With Love" singer

65 Current president of Mexico

66 Italian "hero"

67 Dregs

68 Act furtively

69 Reckoned value

**DOWN**

1 Propriety

2 Aroma

3 Actress

4 Fate

5 Heidegger text

6 Some residential units (abbr.)

7 Second-person personal pronoun

8 Added bonus

9 \_\_\_ the wool

10 "This is \_\_\_ -way street!"

11 Heart chambers

12 Southside

Johnny & the Asbury Jukes sax player Joey

13 Kitchen tools for grasping

18 Heavy weight

22 60 minus 2, to Caesar

24 Picked up the bill

25 Boil slowly with simmering heat

26 Small amount

27 Tiny pest

29 Some brain tests

33 Streetcar

35 Jazz saxophonist

36 *Typee* sequel

37 Actual

39 Goofed

40 "\_\_\_ you for someone else!"

43 Jealous

45 Michael Phelps, e.g.

47 1986 sci-fi sequel

50 Fad doll

51 Regret all over again

52 "Hello" singer

53 Small town in NE France

55 One of Pooh's pals

57 Indian wheat flour used to make naan

58 \_\_\_ *novit curia*: "the court knows the law"

59 Macbeth, e.g.

60 Archaic "you"

63 Golf gadget

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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## '72 KHS Graduate Chris Brown Part of New, Innovative Device Aimed at Curbing Addiction

by Logan Cox  
for The Banner

Dr. Chris Brown was recently granted two patents as well as FDA approval for the Bridge®, an electrical device used to assist in fighting against the heroin/opioid epidemic. This device has been widely accepted due to opioid addiction being declared a national health crisis by Surgeon General Jerome Adams and the current presidential administration.

Brown, an Indianapolis dentist and former Knightstown resident, developed the device together with his colleague, Gary Peterson.

"My practice is unusual for a dentist," said Brown. "I have concentrated on treating chronic head, neck, and facial pain for many years. Many of my patients came to me already legally addicted to prescription drugs due to chronic pain. Part of the healing process is getting them off narcotics. Over several years I developed a protocol which worked quite well. As we further developed the technique the opioid epidemic came into our society. Working with other doctors and clinics from as far away as Alaska, we refined the science and application into the final device, the Bridge."

The Bridge device consists of a small computer chip, batteries and a wire harness in a plastic, quarter-sized casing which is taped behind the ear. Electrodes attached to tiny needles are placed into the skin of the outer ear. The computer chip is programmed to produce tiny electrical impulses called neuromodulation into cranial nerve bundles located just underneath the skin. These impulses affect parts of the brain and neurons leading into the spinal cord greatly reducing the symptoms of withdrawal.

The Bridge is worn for five days, enabling the addict to receive counseling and medically assisted treatment (MAT). Though it originated in Indiana entirely, the device is now being used successfully throughout the United States.

"Gary is a design genius," Brown explained. "We had worked together for awhile on other projects. I researched the anatomy, physiology, and neurology aspect and he designed the circuitry and the Bridge design. Our skills are quite different but overlap well so we can work together."

The device is manufactured by Key Electronics in Jeffersonville. However, Innovative Health Solutions, the parent company owned by Brown and Peterson, is headquartered in Versailles and Indianapolis.

After setting up practice in Versailles, Brown served concurrently on the board of directors and as president of the American Academy of Integrative

Pain Management (formerly The American Academy of Pain Management). He has authored three chapters in text books and published multiple professional articles.

Of course, he doesn't intend for this to be the end of his efforts to fight opioid addiction or the symptoms of withdrawal.

"We are currently working with Duke, Emory, the Wisconsin Medical Center, and several Children's Hospitals in San Diego, Cincinnati and Boston," said

Brown, "further developing the science to use non-narcotic alternatives immediately post-surgically to minimize initial narcotic exposure."

According to Brown's research, there are over 175 people dying from opioid overdoses per day in the U.S.

"That's five times the death rate of the Vietnam War and more than automobile fatalities and gun homicides combined," he said. "Over 20 percent of addicts start out on prescription pain pills following an accident or surgery. If we can avoid the initial narcotic use those numbers will drop significantly."

The Bridge is not only being used in rehab centers, clinics and hospitals including the VA, but is also being integrated into the court systems in several counties in Indiana, Ohio and Utah. Non-felony first time drug offenders are being offered the choice of jail time or using the Bridge and following up with counseling and MAT.

The success rate of the Bridge is very high. More information about the device can be obtained by contacting the local prosecutor's office or Brian Carrico at info @I-H-S.com.

"I was born in Greenfield but moved to Knightstown in the third grade and lived there until my parents moved," said Brown. "I consider Knightstown my home."

He graduated from Knightstown High School in 1972. After graduating from Knightstown, Brown attended University of Indianapolis, and worked in research immunology at the IU Medical Center. He attended the IU School of Dentistry in Indianapolis while serving as a captain in the United States Army Reserve.

Brown currently resides in Greensburg with his wife, Belinda, and their four children.

"I was fortunate to grow up in Knightstown," he said. "My education and sports experience gave me a solid background upon which to build. With hard work and determination, kids growing up in a small town can go on to compete and achieve whatever they want."

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### Rose Mary, from Page 4

with em and their campfires smolderin' away jest like they are now."

The Indians are long gone from the Old Home Place as are my pioneer ancestors, and Mother's and Granny's voices have been still these many years. They

will not return, yet a faint essence of them still exists within me - as ephemeral and hazy as an Indian Summer day.

Indian Summer did not come this year, but I shall watch for it next November.



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# FOLKWAYS

## Greenfield Restaurant Site of Homemakers' Meeting

The Tour of Italy in Greenfield was the location for the Nov. 22 meeting of the Town and Country Homemakers Club, hosted by Norma Reece.

After enjoying their favorite Italian foods, eight members responded to roll call by naming the last item baked in their oven. Secretary and treasurer's reports were presented.

"Were cranberries on the table at the first Thanksgiving feast?" was the question asked in the cultural lesson presented by Sonnie Thompson. She said while possible, it is highly unlikely that cranberry sauce as we know it was a part of the menu, as sugar was a scarce commodity in those days. It is more likely that cranberries might have been included in the dishes shared by the Wampanoag guests. Vitamin C-rich cranberries were later used by American whalers to help prevent scurvy. Today, 96 percent of first-time hosts plan to include cranberries in some form in their Thanksgiving feast.

Kathryn Waits shared helpful hints to assist the body's internal clocks adjust to the shift from daylight saving time to standard time. Difficulty falling asleep at night or feeling groggy, and changes in the body's production of mood-regulating hormones can result. Getting exposure to sunlight and changing diet can help with mood swings. According to Thompson, a bowl of whole grain cereal and milk can help the body make the sleep-inducing acid tryptophan. Ten to 20 percent of Americans suffer from some form of seasonal affective disorder from autumn until spring. This can be treated with light therapy and medication, she said.

## I-70 Patch Work Starts Friday Near New Lisbon

The left lane of Interstate 70 West will be closed near Wilbur Wright Road Exit 131 (New Lisbon) for concrete pavement patching starting at 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1.

The lane closure will remain in place through the weekend to remove and replace aged sections of pavement and allow new concrete ample time to cure. The lane closure is expected to end before 6 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 4.

This work is dependent on favorable weather and may be postponed by inclement forecasts.

County Club Night photos were distributed.

End-of-year paperwork was completed, which is to be turned in to the county, including the 2018-2019 club officer sheet. Club officers will remain the same.

Members are looking forward to the annual Christmas party on Dec. 5 at the Kopper Kettle. This year's theme is silver and gold.

The meeting concluded with members enjoying the dessert of their choice. Members attending were Pam Bever, Brenda Reece, Thompson, Sondra Van Hoy, Melody Zapf, Beverly Dill, Waits and Norma Reece.

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- ▶ Medical expenses such as doctor visits, hospital care and prescriptions.
- ▶ Vision and dental care may be provided
- ▶ Additional information at [HIP.IN.gov](http://HIP.IN.gov)
- ▶ From November 1-December 15 HIP members have the opportunity to switch to another health plan for 2018.

Henry Community Health and Henry Community Health Medical Group physicians are accepting new HIP 2.0 patients and participate in all four plans: Anthem HIP, MHS HIP, CareSource HIP, and MDwise HIP.

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## Clear Thinking

"There is nothing new under the sun but there are lots of old things we don't know."

Ambrose Bierce

# Madison County Hunter Accidentally Shoots Himself

Indiana Conservation Officers investigated a hunting accident which occurred in Madison County on Nov. 25. At approximately 5:55 p.m. the Madison County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call from a relative of a man who had accidentally shot himself while deer hunting.

When deputies arrived on the scene, located off CR 500-E in Middletown, they discovered Karl Stratton, age 50, lying on the ground with a gunshot wound to his upper right thigh. Stratton was treated at the scene by EMS personnel and was then transported to St.

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## Subdivision, from Page 1

Morelock was clearly not happy with the fact that nearly an hour of the meeting was devoted to dealing with the issues raised by Bowling.

"We were supposed to do the subdivision control ordinance tonight, not forms," Morelock told Bowling and the plan commission.

Finally, at just a few minutes before 8 p.m., the plan commission began going over the new proposed subdivision control ordinance. Over the next half hour, Morelock reviewed the first 14 pages of the draft, going over general provisions and the details involved in submission of primary and secondary plats.

Morelock told the plan commission that the town needs to form a technical advisory committee (TAC) that will review plat submissions to make sure they abide by the guidelines of the subdivision control ordinance. He said the committee should include the town's building inspector, a representative from the engineering firm the town has hired to assist it with projects from time-to-time, someone from the county board of health and a person representing the town's utilities.

"They look at the technical requirements of plats to make sure they're in compliance," Morelock explained. If the TAC finds all of the requirements of the subdivision control ordinance are met, Morelock said Indiana courts have determined that local plan commissions have no discretion to disapprove proposed subdivision plans.

The plan commission halted last week's meeting before starting to review the section dealing with design principles and standards. It is expected to pick up where it left off when it meets again at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15. That meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the back meeting room at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., which is accessible from the building's west side.

## Pay, from Page 1

said employees had all pitched in and worked together to turn things around.

Board member John Swartz said he agreed with Beatty. He said he had seen CAB employees giving extra time and effort to help make the district better, and added that he hopes employees will see the stipends as the board's acknowledgment of their value.

"We've got good employees," board member Gerald Leonard said, "and, hopefully, we can keep them."

"Anytime we can help out, I think it's a good thing," board member Steve Ferrell said.

The total cost of awarding the

\$500 year-end stipends was not disclosed or discussed during last week's meeting. Yesterday morning, Behny told The Banner that CAB currently has 162 employees, which means it would take \$81,000 to cover stipends for everyone, although he clarified that he does not plan to take the \$500.

When the stipends were being discussed at last week's meeting, Behny leaned over at one point and whispered something to Beatty. When he spoke to The Banner yesterday, Behny said he had told Beatty that he was not to be included as one of the employees getting the \$500 stipend - a point that was not clarified at last week's meeting. In fact, after Behny had made his comments to Beatty, Beatty's response was simply to smile and reaffirm that his recommendation was that the stipend be given to all CAB employees.

Behny said that when he went back and listened to the audio recording of last week's meeting, he realized that the fact that he would not be accepting a year-end stipend had not been made clear. He said he will ask the board to clarify that point at their next meeting.

In other business at last week's meeting, the CAB School Board:

- \*recognized Knightstown High School English teacher Rachael Shepherd for her work with the school's yearbook program;

- \*heard brief updates from Behny on the KHS baseball diamond project, a program that is checking the district's water system for lead contamination, and the state's recent announcement of school corporation letter grades;

- \*approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$801,305.77, with \$396,245.97 of that being for prewritten claims, \$111,707.49 for current claims and \$293,352.31 for payroll;

- \*OK'd on first reading proposed changes to policies dealing with superintendent employment and latch-key programs;

- \*voted to retain Debi King, a former CAB technology assistant who retired in September, as a state reporting consultant, paying her \$19,840 on a contract that will run from Nov. 13, 2017, through Dec. 31, 2018; and

- \*received a complaint from parent Thomas Davis regarding a disciplinary matter involving his child, a student at KHS.

More information about the Nov. 21 CAB School Board meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at CAB's central office, 8139 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, during normal business hours.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Knightstown Wrestlers Win County Meet, Raider Duals

*Buchanan, Hanna, Moore, Newby, Orcutt, Peck, Simmons, Sollars and Wisner Win Individual County Titles*

Knightstown's wrestling team continued its undefeated season last Saturday with five more wins to start the season 10-0 again this year.

KHS head coach Jared Evans described Saturday's events.

"First there were 10 total teams in the tourney. There were two pools of five. The tourney was the Raider Duals. However, in the one pool of five, there were the county teams plus one more, Winchester, in order to allow for the larger tourney," said Evans.

"The reason for this is because we are allowed to wrestle up to five times in a day," continued Evans. "If we just wrestled the county schools, we would lose out on two more possible matches."

In the pool with the county schools and Winchester, the Panthers defeated Blue River Valley 78-3, beat No. 2 ranked Shenandoah 54-21 and toppled Tri, 75-3. The Panthers beat Winchester 57-21.

The Panthers also had nine individual county champions: David Peck (106), Thomas Sollars (113), Kaleb Buchanan (120), Jacob Hanna (126), Ben Newby (160), Jon Simmons (182), Aiden Orcutt (195), Burias Wisner (220) and Charlie Moore (HWT).

Evans also detailed why this

tournament was important to the Panthers.

"This was a big deal first because the state duals on Dec. 23rd are seeded," explained Evans. "The seeding is determined by wins prior to the tourney. Preseason rankings had Shenandoah at No. 2 in 1A and Knightstown at No. 4 in 1A. It should benefit the team in the rankings. After winning the pool the teams are cross-bracketed with the teams from the other pool. The teams in the other pool were Wapahani, Milan (No. 7 in 1A), Mt. Vernon, Hagerstown and Union City. Mount Vernon came out first in the other pool."

"The championship match was very exciting," Evans continued. "The starting weight class for the championship round was 138. Our boys fought hard to start but came up short with losses from Nick Walsh, Collin Ferree, Evan Nolan, Ben Newby, and Liam Orcutt. This put us in a hole 24-0. Things quickly changed. Jon Simmons started the charge with a pin. The wrestler from Mount Vernon said something to the ref causing an unsportsmanlike call to be made and a point taken away. This put the score at 23-6. Four Knightstown wrestlers follow this up with pins including Aiden



Class 1A's fourth-ranked Knightstown Panthers varsity wrestling team pose after winning the Henry County title and the Raider Duals last Saturday. (Photo provided)

Orcutt, Skylar Medlin, Burias Wisner, and David Peck. Mt. Vernon had a forfeit at 113 and thus the seniors at 113, 120, 126, and 132 decided it would be best for the team if they moved the line up around to attempt to secure a team win. We then put Kalen Carter in at 113 to accept the forfeit. This made the score 36 to 23.

"In order to seal the match we needed one of our seniors who choose to move up a weight class

to win. Thomas Sollars fought hard but pulled up short getting pinned by a state ranked kid. This left the score at 36 to 29. Kaleb Buchanan came out and sealed the deal with a close 5-4 win that moved the team score to 39 to 29. With one match left worth 6 points we decided not to wrestle Jacob Hanna and forfeit the last match winning by a final score of 39-35."

Evans and the rest of the coaching staff were inspired by the performance of their team.

"I was very proud of our team,"

said Evans. "We knew faced adversity and fought back. More important than the wins from the weekend was the selfless mentality of our seniors. For Thomas Sollars, Kaleb Buchanan, and Jacob Hanna to agree to move up a weight class and Bruce Nichols to give up his spot to secure a team win speaks volumes of the character of these young men. They suggested doing this despite possibly hurting their own personal records. It was powerful to watch these young men think of the team before themselves."

### 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.

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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).

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schedules for those suddenly faced with caring for these children. Schools and youth organizations also need to be sensitive to kinship care arrangements.

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For more information on the impact of opioids on children, see IYI's Issue Brief at [www.iyi.org](http://www.iyi.org).

**Tami Silverman, president  
Indiana Youth Institute**

#### Notice, from Page 3

the board had met.

Speaking to The Banner yesterday, Neal confirmed that the park board had met Monday. Due to an illness in her family, Neal said she had been unable to attend, but that the board's other three members, Vice President Bruce Brown and members Jacob Hart and Jeffrey Van Hoy, had met.

Neal told The Banner that she had not been aware that McGuire, who, as the park board's secretary, normally is responsible for issuing meeting notices, had not sent a notice to The Banner. She assured The Banner that the park

board will strive not to repeat this mistake.

McGuire told The Banner that notice of Monday's special meeting had been posted at Knightstown Town Hall and on the door of the back meeting room at town hall, where the meeting was held. She said she had not sent a copy of the notice to The Banner, explaining that since the meeting would be happening before the next issue of The Banner was published, she didn't realize she still needed to notify the newspaper of the meeting.

The ODL requires governing bodies like the park board to give notice of their meet-

ings at least 48 hours in advance, excluding weekends and holidays. Because The Banner submits an annual request to the town for these notices, the town council and all other town governing bodies, including the park board, must provide them to the newspaper under all circumstances, even in situations where, as here, a meeting is scheduled after one issue of the paper is published and is held before the next one comes out.

According to Neal, the only issue addressed at Monday's special meeting was the cleaning person position. She said

the board voted at Monday's special meeting to advertise the position in this Wednesday's issue of The Banner, with resumes due by Friday afternoon and the board holding another special meeting Saturday morning to look them over and possibly hire someone.

Saturday morning's special park board meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. It will be held in the back meeting room at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., which is accessible from the building's west side.

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#### Hunter, from Page 8

Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. Conservation Officer Josiah Julian determined that Stratton's 12-gauge shotgun had accidentally discharged as he attempted to grab the soft case it was in, which was hanging from a branch next to his ladder stand. The gun was pointed towards him with the safety off.

# LOCAL SPORTS

## Panthers Inspired by Pregame Honoring of Hiner, Beat Tri 80-51 in Opener

by Stacy Cox

General Manager/Sports Editor

Knightstown and Tri varsity boys basketball teams kicked off their 2017-2018 season against each other Nov. 22 in front of an emotionally-charged crowd at Knightstown's gym.

The boys game followed the dual between the Lady Panthers and Lady Titans for the second game of a varsity doubleheader. Prior to the start of the boys' game, Knightstown held a short presentation in memory of their late teammate Dylan Hiner, who died in May from injuries sustained in a tragic car accident. Hiner, the Panthers' top scorer last year, would have been a junior this season.

With Hiner's parents standing behind him, KWG Productions' Kaleb Gillock described to the crowd the impact and influence Hiner had on the basketball program, his classmates and the community.

Gillock then presented the Hiners with a plaque honoring their son as the 2017 Henry County Athlete of the Year, an award his broadcasting company hands out.

The team had chosen to leave Hiner's name on the roster this year and for the opening game, teammate Jose Olivo wore Hiner's No. 15 jersey and Hiner was announced as a starter for the Panthers. Following the opening jump ball, the referees stopped play and Olivo took the jersey off and presented it to Hiner's family.

The emotional opening seemed to carry over to all the Panthers from that point until the end of the game and they gave the large crowd quite a show, scoring 23 points in the first quarter before going on to defeat the Titans 80-51.

Knightstown head coach Dusty Magee was pleased with the pregame actions and said he thought it was all a "nice tribute to Dylan."

Magee added, "I know it is a tough time right now for his family so I am glad we were able to recognize him to open up the season."

The Panthers shot 50 percent from the field and out-rebounded the Titans 39-25. But, it was a barrage of fouls called against the Titans and continued throughout the game that made the biggest impact.

Nine Panthers got to the line during the game, compared to just three of the Titans. The free-throw shooting was one area where Magee felt the team needed to improve.

The Panthers' 28 points from the line was huge in the outcome, but it could have been worse for the Titans. KHS shot just 53 percent from the line, hitting 28 of their 53 attempts.

Though there were a ton of fouls called against Tri, the Titans actually got to the line 21 times and knocked down 13 of their shots there.

The Panthers were definitely shooting lights out in

the first quarter, taking a 23-12 lead after one period. Before the second quarter was over, Tri starter and senior Drew Mondrush had fouled out and the Panthers were sitting on a 51-26 half-time lead.

The third quarter was less lopsided and Tri outscored the Panthers 13-11. But, Knightstown picked up the intensity again in the fourth and kept getting to the line to overwhelm the Titans 28-12 in the fourth period to get the 80-51 win.

Olivo led the Panthers' scoring effort with 17 points, going 4-for-5 from the field and 3-for-3 from behind the arc. He also led on the boards with nine rebounds and added three assists and a steal.

Jarred Porter had 16 points, eight of which came at the charity stripe. He came up with four rebounds and three steal with two assists.

Owen Wiles had 10 points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Garrett Thomas scored nine points and got four rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Tyler Burton had eight points, six rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Tucker Personett got seven points and two boards.

Chase Burton also scored seven points and made two assists with two rebounds.

Jack Fort added a bucket, one rebound and one steal. Dallas Edwards and Treavor Cook each scored two points at the free-throw line. Edwards also had a rebound while Cook came up with four rebounds, one steal and two assists.

Lane Parker also had two rebounds and James Lukens had one rebound.

The Titans were led by Nick Wilson with 17 points, four rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Seth Butler scored 10 points and got two rebounds and one assist.

Zach Smith finished with eight points, three rebounds and an assist.

Elijah Davis led the team on the boards with six rebounds and had four points, one assist and three deflections.

Alex Melton had three points and pulled down five rebounds.

Jimmy Jeffries knocked down a three-pointer and Kyle Falck scored a bucket.

Masen Phelps scored a basket and grabbed one rebound. Mondrush had two rebounds and an assist.

Kyler Burchett added a rebound.



KWG Productions' Kaleb Gillock describes the impact Dylan Hiner had on the Knightstown basketball program, his classmates and community before presenting his parents, Kevin & Donna Hiner, with an award honoring Dylan as the Henry County Player of the Year. (Stacy Cox photo)



Megan (Hiner) Haase watches and records her parents receiving an award honoring her brother Dylan Hiner, who died in May 2017 following a tragic car accident in Madison County. (Stacy Cox photo)

## Payton Moore Scores 31 to Lead Lady Titans Past Lady Panthers 57-31

Tri's Payton Moore put in an incredible performance at Knightstown High School last Wednesday, leading the Lady Titans to a 57-31 victory over the Lady Panthers in the first game of a varsity boys-girls doubleheader.

Moore was 9-for-15 from the field and 13-of-14 from the free-throw line to score 31 points, a career-high. She also led all players on the boards with 12 rebounds and three blocks and added one steal.

The Lady Titans dominated from the beginning, taking a 13-3 lead after the first quarter and going up 26-5 at the half.

The Lady Panthers, who shot just 18 percent overall, were a little more alive in the second half and though they could not gain any headway against Moore and the Lady Titans, they were able to stick with them in the second half. Tri outscored them just 14-12 in the third quarter and 17-14 in the fourth.

Besides Moore, the Lady Titans were helped by 13 points, one rebound, one assist, one steal and three deflections from Kaley Harrison.

Averi Phelps and Maddie Burchett each had four points. Madeline Hoover had three points and Lauren Bouslog added a bucket.

Bouslog also grabbed five rebounds and two steals with one block and two assists. Phelps had a four rebounds and a block. Burchett got two steals, a rebound and an assist.

Auburn Harvey pulled in three rebounds for the Lady Titans and added two steals and an assist.

Breanna Reece finished with three rebounds, three steals and two assists. Baleigh Appleby got two rebounds and an assist and Hoover also grabbed a rebound.

Allyson Hauk led the Lady Panthers' scoring with 10 points and two rebounds.

Despite going up against two six-footers most of the game, Jess Butler led KHS on the boards with 11 rebounds and had two points.

Liz Moore finished with five points, one rebound and one assist. Lori Thomas had four points, six rebounds, four assists and one block.

Kaitlyn Jackson got four points and five rebounds.

Katie Clark also scored four points and had one rebound and two steals.

Maggie Smith dropped in a bucket and Rena' Witham pulled in two rebounds. Kaitlynn McIntyre and Emma Moore each had one steal.



Tri's Payton Moore gets up into the air to grab the rebound during the Lady Titans' game against Knightstown. Moore had an incredible game, finishing with 31 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks. (Stacy Cox photo)

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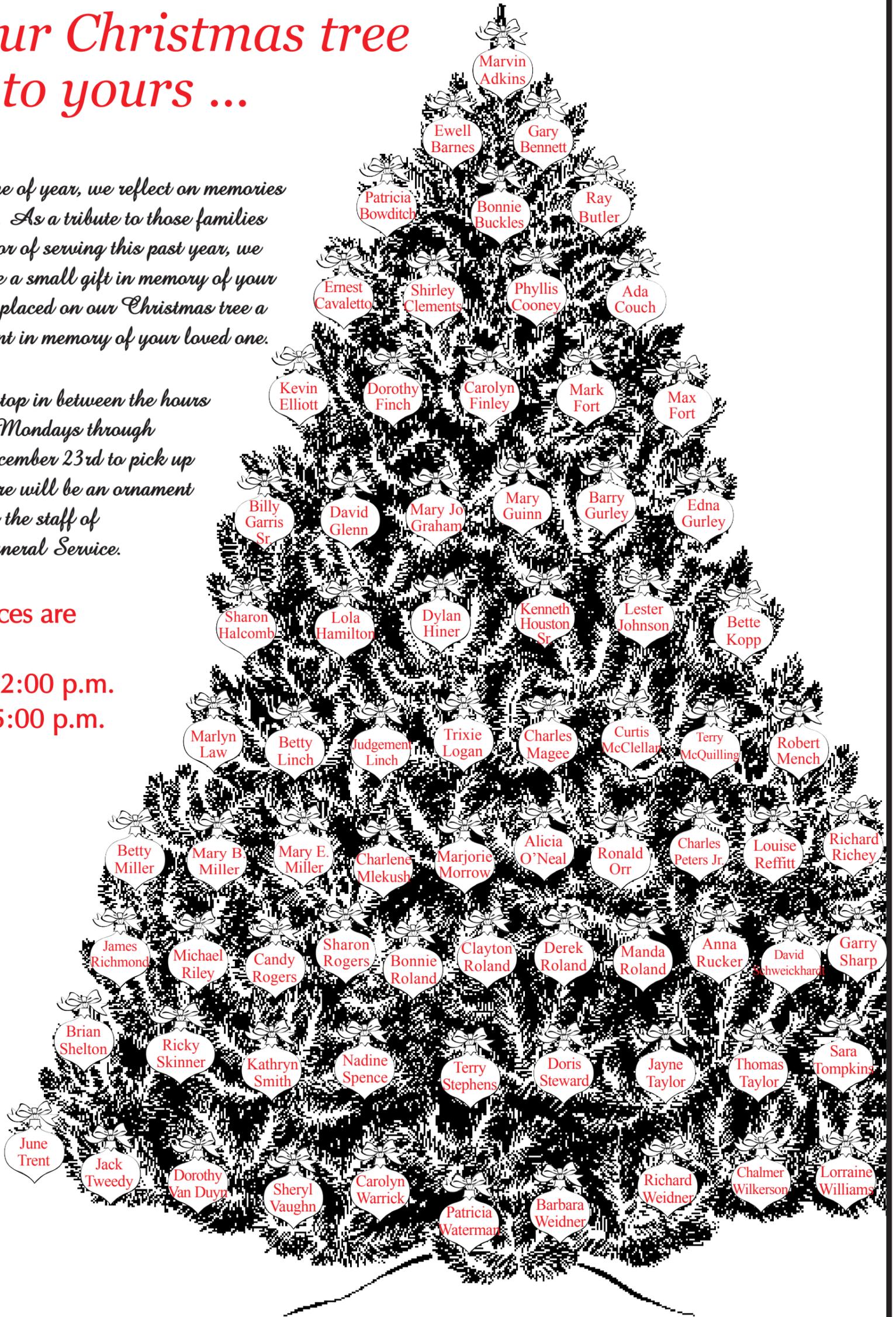
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# Local Sports in Photos



Left, Tri seniors Lauren Bouslog and Breanna Reece were feeling pretty relaxed with the Lady Titans' 26-5 halftime lead over Knightstown in Nov. 22's first game of the varsity girls-boys doubleheader at KHS.

*Stacy Cox photos*



Knightstown senior Jarred Porter got to the line more than a dozen times against Tri last week in the Panthers' season opener. Porter finished the game with 16 points, eight of which came at the stripe. He also grabbed four rebounds, dished out two assists and led the team in steals with three while committing just one turnover.



Kaitlynn McIntyre was still cheering with a big smile at the end of the night Wednesday. Kaitlynn started the evening with a Lady Panther basketball uniform on and spent a frustrating hour-plus trying to help stop Tri's 6-foot tall superstar Payton Moore. Then, she hustled to change into her cheerleading uniform, performed the group's state championship routine in front of a packed gym prior to the start of the boys varsity game. She continued enthusiastically cheering for the next two hours of the boys' game.



Knightstown senior Tucker Personett takes the ball to the hoop against Tri in last week's season opener, drawing the foul. Personett scored five of his seven points in the game at the line.



Tri freshman Averii Phelps and Knightstown senior Lori Thomas fight for a loose ball during their varsity game last week



Above, the home team crowd was ready to erupt, and though things looked good going up, Treavor Cook's fast-break dunk attempt in the game against Tri was unsuccessful and ended in a technical foul.



Above, Tri's Gage Rowe sees an opening to the basket and hustles in for a layup attempt during the Titans' recent game against Knightstown.



At right, another adorable little kid keeps amused during the KHS and Tri varsity basketball game.

Right, a young girl kept up with the older Panther cheerleaders throughout the junior high basketball games Nov. 21.



# Local Sports in Photos



Tri's Dillon Stevens battles with Knightstown's Jack Fort for the rebound early in their junior varsity game Nov. 21.



Knightstown junior varsity cheerleader Grace Hastings works to get the Panther crowd cheering for their team during the Nov. 21 rivalry game between the JV teams of KHS and Tri.



Knightstown eighth grader Kyle Johnson blocks the shot of Tri's Devin Smith during their Nov. 20 game as Panther John Halvorson and Titans Xavier Chalfant, Gage Ferrell and Christian McLemore look on.



Tri seventh grader Parker Burk used his height to take the ball up over Knightstown players for several inside shots during their Nov. 20 game.

*Stacy Cox photos*



Tri's junior high cheerleaders filled the Tri auxillary gym with enthusiasm and spirit during their school's boys basketball game against Knightstown Nov. 20.



Some players on Tri's seventh grade team stayed busy "encouraging" the Titan junior high cheerleaders during timeouts of the eighth grade basketball game Nov. 20 while others worked on ways to have fun with popcorn.