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Octagon House Tree Walk December 8-9

The Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House Foundation's annual Christmas Tree Walk is 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 features a chicken noodle dinner and desserts. All food sale proceeds benefit continued restoration of the historic home. This is the final weekend for the Octagon House Christmas Tree Walk.

Library Hosting Christmas Events

New Castle-Henry County Public Library is hosting a series of Christmas-themed events during December. All events are free and open to the public. The library's annual Christmas Open House is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9. Throughout the day, the Henry County Train Group will display electric trains near the audiovisual desk on the upper level. The open house will also feature visits from Santa, refreshments provided by Friends of the Library, and storytelling. Performances in the auditorium begin at 10 a.m. with local ballet students presenting a preview of the Nutcracker Ballet which will be performed with the Muncie Ballet at 2:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Center for the Arts in Muncie. At 11 a.m., the Raintree Children's Choir will share holiday classics.

Students Invited to Apply for Page Jobs

State Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg) announced the Indiana Senate is now accepting applications for the Senate Page Program. This full-day interactive program gives students in grades six through 12 the opportunity to tour the Indiana Statehouse, observe session debates on the Senate floor, and assist staff with age-appropriate tasks. For more information or to apply, visit www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program.

Happy Holidays



CAB Board Approves Personnel Matters

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board unanimously approved several personnel items at its Nov. 21 monthly meeting, including the hiring of two new employees and the appointment of more than a dozen extracurricular activity sponsors.

The two new employees who were hired, effective immediately, are John Nash and Amanda Catron. Nash will work in technical support and as a help-desk assistant, while Catron will be an instructional aide at Knightstown High School.

The board's vote also approved five ECA appointments at Knightstown Elementary School: Music (Chris Holland); Spanish Club (Carolyn Shryock); Drama Club (Lori Edwards); Math Club (Honey Hunt); and Student Council/Yearbook Club (Kristin Crawford).

Nine ECA positions at Knightstown Intermediate School were also OK'd by the board: Math Bowl (Scott Pickrell); Science Bowl/Science Club (Susan Waymire); Spell Bowl (Cindy Cox); Art Club (Cynthia Pierson); Journalism Club (Robbie Hadley); Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Rachel Boyer); Robotics (Anthony Kennett); Grades 4-5 Student Council (Carissa Brammer); and Grades 6-8 Student Council (Greg Everson).

In a separate, personnel-related matter, the board voted 7-0 to contract with Debi King, a former CAB technology assistant who had just retired from her job with the district in September, as a state reporting consultant. King will be paid \$19,840 under the contract, which runs from Nov. 13, 2017, through Dec. 31, 2018.

School board member John Swartz asked Superintendent Jed Behny how many hours King will work a week. Behny said King's hours will vary.

"There are times when it's extremely busy, and times when it's not," Behny said. While King may work 20 hours some weeks and some weeks not at all, he said there may be times when her duties will require her to work 40-50 hours a week.

Board member Gerald Leonard asked whether King will be paid according to the same payroll schedule as other CAB employees. Behny said that since her services are being retained pursuant to a contract, she will be paid once each month, with those payments showing up on the school board's regular monthly claims docket.

Beautify Knightstown Completes Main Street Mural Project



Knightstown's new mural hangs on the facade of 106 E. Main St. (Eric Cox photo)

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Nearly two years after a local nonprofit group announced plans to commission a mural to be painted and displayed on a downtown Knightstown building, the project is nearly complete.

Workers from a Knightstown-based construction company recently installed a wooden framework on the face of a former bank building on east Main Street. Then, once that was done, they hung more than a dozen painted panels that combine to create a scene from the 1986 film *Hoosiers*.

The project, which was spearheaded by Beautify Knightstown Inc., was first announced in early 2016. Indianapolis-based artist Pamela Bliss, a muralist with high-profile work on display in Indianapolis, Cambridge City, Richmond and Rushville, as well as other states, was selected to create the mural based on a design that was selected through community feedback.

"It's been a long road and a long journey, but we got it up and it's 98-percent complete," BKI President Kevin Richey told The Banner on Monday. "They have to do a little trim work and a little touch up here and there, but it's up."

Richey said that he and other members of BKI are very pleased with how the mural turned out. While the mural's location was not the group's first choice, Richey expressed appreciation for Gary Thoe, whose company, MidCountry Media, owns the former Citizens National Bank at 106 E. Main St. where the mural was installed above an old drive-through.

BKI had initially hoped to have the mural painted on the west side of the brick building that sits on the southeast corner of Main and Jefferson streets. The owners of that building, however, reconsidered due to legal concerns involving an easement that would be required for the mural and the possible negative impact on the values of neighboring properties.

It took awhile to find another suitable location

for the mural. Eventually, Thoe stepped forward and offered the front of his building.

However, because the building did not have an exposed brick facade, the mural was not actually painted on the building itself, as is normally done. Instead, Bliss painted the mural on metal panels, most of which measured 4-feet by 8-feet, with the finished panels then hung by Newkirk on the wooden framework they had mounted to the front of the building.

Thoe told The Banner that he and MidCountry were happy to be able help BKI.

"They put in a lot of work raising money and organizing this project," Thoe said. "I know it wasn't their first choice for a location, but I think it looks good and is a nice addition to the community."

Thoe said that the former bank building is currently for sale. In the event that new owners should decide they don't want the mural on the front of the building - or if BKI were to find a better location - he said the panels could be removed and relocated.

The final cost for the mural is still being tallied. While there are still some outstanding invoices that BKI is waiting to receive, Richey told The Banner that the total cost is expected to be about \$17,000, a figure much lower than \$30,000 estimated when the project was first getting off the ground.

"The \$30,000 figure was something bandied about when we first began this mural project," Richey said. "It was never meant to be a specific gauge, because at that time there were so very many variables."

One of the big variables affecting the price, Richey said, was the mural's location. When BKI was still hopeful the mural would be painted on the building on the southeast corner of Main and Jefferson streets, he said the final product was expected to be "many times larger" than what ended up being painted.

BKI held fundraisers and solicited donations

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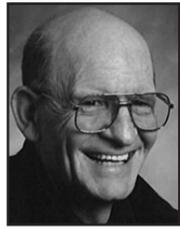
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OBITUARIES

Joseph A. "Rusty" Fecek Jr.
March 8, 1944 - November 28, 2017



Joseph A. "Rusty" Fecek Jr., age 73, of Greenfield, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017, at his residence. He was born March 8, 1944, in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., the son of Joseph A. and Mayona (Pike) Fecek.

Joseph received his bachelor's in engineering from GM Institute. He served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. Rusty married Debra L. (Lines) on Dec. 28, 2002, in Brownsville, Pa.

He was self-employed as an auto body technician for many years. Rusty was a member of the NRA, Evangelist Church of Christ and several motorcycle clubs. He enjoyed being an artist and roller and dance skating. He also enjoyed motorcycles and Corvettes. He was very passionate and loved the Lord.

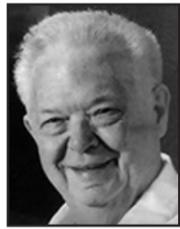
Rusty is survived by his wife, Debra Fecek of Greenfield; a stepson, Matthew Lopez, of Greenfield; seven siblings, Rick (Monica) Fecek, Ron (Caroline) Fecek, Ronna "Crissy" (Dana) Shaneyfelt, David Fecek, Danny (Rose) Fecek, Danna "Dimples" (Stubbs) Krukowsky and Jack (Kim) Fecek; and a granddaughter, Haley Lopez.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mayona Fecek.

Visitation was Dec. 4 at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Greenfield. A funeral service took place immediately following the visitation. Military rites were presented by the Greenfield Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made by mail to the Hancock County Humane Society, 214 E. Main St., Greenfield, IN 46140 with envelopes available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

William L. Christopher Jr.
January 7, 1939 - November 27, 2017



William L. Christopher Jr., 78, of Shelbyville, formerly of Knightstown, passed away Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, at IU Health Methodist Hospital. He was born Jan. 7, 1939, in Topeka, Kansas, the son of William and Mary (Wallace) Christopher, Sr.

Bill retired from CVS and Marsh pharmacies. He formerly owned Jolly Drug Store in Knightstown for 28 years. He served on the Knightstown Town Council, chamber of commerce and Knightstown United Methodist Church boards and was a member of Hostas Society and NRA. He attended First Christian Church in Shelbyville. Bill was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed reading mystery novels and westerns. He loved fantasy football with his grandchildren and Chicago sports teams.

He is survived by his wife, Jenny Christopher, of Shelbyville; four children, Scott Christopher of Whitestown, Keith Christopher of Sheridan, Brian (Lisa) Christopher of Indianapolis and Diane (Greg) Butler of Knightstown; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his former wife of 50 years, Rosemarie N. Christopher, on Nov. 7, 2015.

Services were Dec. 2 at Knightstown United Methodist Church with pastors Curt Hunt and Beth Crouch officiating. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery. Friends called Dec. 1 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Knightstown United Methodist Church, 27 S. Jefferson St. Knightstown, IN 46148. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Donald R. Schlegel
April 5, 1936 - November 23, 2017



Donald R. Schlegel, 81, of Greenfield, passed away Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, at Hancock Regional Hospital after a brief illness.

Don was born April 5, 1936, in Alexandria, the son of the late Morton and Lucille Schlegel.

He was an elementary school principal in Secor, Ill., Monticello, Argos, Knightstown and Carthage. Don received his bachelor's degree at Olivet Nazarene University, and his master's degree from Indiana State University, and his Ed.S degree from Purdue University. He and his wife also served as missionaries in Haiti, and short-term missionaries in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Don retired in 1995 after 35 years in the education field. He was a member of the Madison Park Church of God in Anderson. Wherever he lived, serving the Lord was a priority. Don enjoyed all types of sports, but was a diehard Cubs fan and he was overjoyed when they finally won the World Series in 2016. His major hobby was "work." He was always busy doing something. He and his wife loved to travel and visited many countries.

Don married Shirley Andersen on March 29, 1958, in Kankakee, Ill. He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Chris (Kent) Sullivan of Arlington; a daughter-in-law, Chris, of Oradell, N.J.; and four grandchildren, Kaycee and Chase (Janice) Sullivan and Reid and Kirsten Schlegel.

He was preceded in death by his son, Mark; his parents; and seven siblings.

He donated his body to the Indiana University School of Medicine. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Madison Park Church of God - Missions, 6607 Providence Dr., Anderson, IN 46013 or Hancock Regional Hospital Foundation, in support of CICU, 801 N. State St., Greenfield, IN 46140. A huge thank you to the emergency room staff, the staff in the CICU and the RT staff at Hancock Regional Hospital. The love and care they gave was exemplary.

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Wanda L. Wyatt
July 28, 1943 - December 2, 2017



Wanda L. Wyatt, 74, a resident of Knightstown passed away Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at Methodist Hospital. She was born July 28, 1943, in Rushville to the late Clifford and Retha (Bradburn) Colestock.

She was an active member of First Southern Baptist Church in Rushville. Her passion was her family and she loved attending her grandchildren's sporting events, plays and other various activities. Wanda was a very loving, generous and kind person, always putting others before herself. She was also very patriotic and enjoyed making meals for others. Wanda was a huge Larry Bird and Peyton Manning fan.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, as well as her soul mate, Robert "Bob" Wyatt; two children, Robert (Suzy) Wyatt II and Michele (Gary) Weidner, both of Knightstown; her six loving grandchildren, Robert "Bobby" (Luci) Wyatt III, Coleman and Candice Wyatt and Jarrett, Kiera and Tyler Weidner; a sister, Becky (Paul) Harr of Rushville; a brother, Lowell (Patsy) Colestock of Knightstown; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Dee VanBibber and Emma McCrory. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Pastor Jeff Edwards officiating. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the funeral home. Condolences and memories of Wanda may be shared at www.hinseybrown.com.

John Michael "Mike" Fausset
April 6, 2001 - November 30, 2017



John Michael "Mike" Fausset, 65, of Lafayette, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017. Born to the late Guy and Maxine (Hughes) Fausset on March 16, Mike was raised in Knightstown.

Mike's marriage was to Ann (Edmiston) Ginn on April 6, 2001. She survives. Mike was a certified perfusionist who worked several years St. Elizabeth prior to transitioning to work on the development of various medical devices. He held patents for devices used to treat AIDS and cancer. Most recently, he was employed with VitalTherapy as a clinical specialist, where he was performing medical trials for the treatment of liver failure.

Mike honorably served in the United States Navy as a Navy corpsman 2nd class from 1976 to 1980. Mike graduated from Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1971. He earned a bachelor's degree in science in biology (cum laude) from Florida Southern College in 1979. He graduated from Grossmont College with a degree in perfusion technology in 1990.

Mike loved spending time with his family and will be deeply missed. He was quick witted, willing to talk with anyone who would listen, and always had a good joke at hand. He was an active outdoorsman who enjoyed golfing, hunting and fishing. He was an avid IU basketball fan. He was charitable and giving, always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. Mike was a member of the Bahama Shrine Club since 1973.

In addition to his wife Ann, Mike is survived by his six children, Shawn (wife, Cara) Fausset, Terrence (wife, Kristin) Fausset, Brian (wife, Lacey) Fausset, Matthew (wife, Meghan) Fausset, Jacob Ginn and Derek Ginn; three siblings: Mary Brydges, Pat (wife, Debbie) Fausset and Judy (husband, Bill) Steicher; three grandchildren, Emma, Shane and Gunner; two nephews, Todd (wife: Kasey) Williams and Tim Williams; and a niece, Megan (husband, John) Lauman.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Tim; and an infant daughter. Friends may call 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, at Hippensteel Funeral Home. A Funeral Service will take place at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, also at Hippensteel Funeral Home. Minister Mike Vauters will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>). Please share memories and condolences online at www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com.

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Park Board Hires Student

by Jeff Eakins
 for The Banner

Meeting for the second time last week, the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board voted Saturday morning to hire a local high school student to handle cleaning duties at the Sunset Park shelter house.

Board members voted 4-0 to hire 18-year-old Caleb Buchanan as the park's new cleaning person during a brief meeting Saturday morning. The park board's fifth member, Jeffrey Van Hoy, did not attend the meeting.

Buchanan is replacing Gregg Bryze, who had been the park's cleaning person since the summer of 2015. Bryze had advised park board members at their Nov. 15 monthly meeting that he was resigning at the end of that month.

The park board's motion to hire Buchanan as an independent contractor specified that he would be paid \$286.98 a month for his cleaning services. This is the same amount Bryze was being paid after his initial rate of \$237.50 a month

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Dunreith Train Wreck Post a Real Hit

I didn't think much of it when I did it. I had scanned the medium format film negatives last year, when a professor from an east coast university called one day asking about the Dunreith train explosion, a calamity that changed the face of that small town on Jan. 1, 1968.

The professor was writing a book about American rail accidents and he said the Dunreith event figured prominently in his text. He needed photos to go with it.

I found The Banner's file of negatives for that year and scanned in what was there. I didn't think much about it after that.

Then, last Friday I stumbled upon the computer file where I kept the negatives and decided to post them on The Banner's Facebook page.

What followed was astonishing.

Since I posted the photos, over 30,000 people have seen them. Over 100 comments were posted, with people sharing their memories of where they were that day, what they saw and heard and how the explosion changed the Dunreith community.

It was fascinating to watch my rather absent-minded post of black-and-white photos grow from a mere curiosity to a full-blown "viral" event.

After all, the Dunreith train explosion was 50 years ago this January. Half of a century has gone by, but peoples' memory of that cold and cataclysmic day are, judging by the comments posted, still fresh in the minds of those who were close to it.

Some claimed to have seen the explosion's fireball from as far away as Connersville. Others were much closer and told of people being knocked off their feet by the blast.

Surprisingly, no one was killed in the catastrophe, though several homes and businesses were completely destroyed. A few firemen and policemen sustained slight injuries as they responded. However, it's still hard to believe no one died in that terrific explosion.

Judging by the online response to the photos, the memories are still quite fresh, as one might expect from such a violent crash and explosion. The stories surrounding that event have become local lore, with eye-witness accounts being handed down through the generations.

But, for as incredible as that catastrophe was - including the fact that no one got killed - the thing that still amazes me is the sheer reach of social media. People really came out of the woodwork to comment on that particular post.

So many times (as The Banner has found out over the last few years) social media is used to gang up on people and try to cause them distress. A lot of local people are more than happy to attack and ridicule - all from the safety of their keyboards. That's such a sad and pitiful way of going about things.

But, sometimes social media is used for good things, too - like stirring a good, old memory or seeing the face of some long forgotten friend.



America's Working Poor Still Valuable

(This column was originally published Dec. 5, 2007)

"Business ... Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business. Charity, mercy, forbearance and benevolence were all my business."

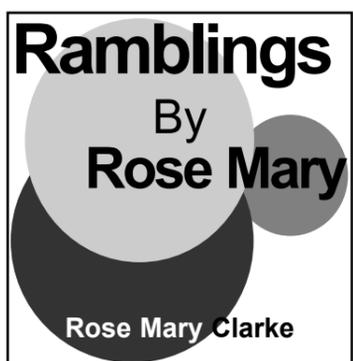
The ghost of Marley spoke these words to Ebenezer Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*, which is surely one of the best expressions of the true meaning of Christmas. Marley repents the avaricious life that he had led.

Charles Dickens saw the vast divide between employer and worker and the haves and have-nots. Poverty can strike unexpectedly as it did when my father suddenly lost his sight. Mother went to work at the greenhouse, standing on her feet all day and earning \$30 a week - less than half of what Daddy had made there. She supplemented her meager income by baby sitting. She was one of the working poor, but like the characters in *Little Women*, she helped those even poorer than she.

America is so rich! That's why people risk everything to get here. However, it's all too easy ignore the huge gulf between the haves and the have-nots and sweep the plight of the poor under the carpet just as in Dickens' day. I'm a staunch believer in the work ethic and the capitalism that have brought us such plenty, but we who have so much should do more to address problems of the working poor. Here's a modern day *Christmas*

Carol about a hard-working 21st Century Bob Cratchit who asked me to write this story in hopes that you will donate to charities that provide gifts for the children of the poor.

She married young, became a single mother and had to take jobs that didn't require a college degree. She worked for \$6.50 an hour for a big chain and eked out a living with Medicaid, food stamps and help



from her parents. Christmas is a hard time for the poor. She wrote that her children's Christmas would have been slim had it not been for gifts from the "Santa's Helpers" of a local organization.

She didn't work a full 40-hour week because she hoped to better herself by attending Ivy Tech. During that time she discovered that her calling was to help abused women. She now works at a group home, taking care of three profoundly retarded men at night. She gets them up to go to the bathroom, cleans them up when they soil

themselves and gives them showers in the morning. Only 5-foot-4, she injured her back while trying to deal with one of them when he became violent and was hurting himself.

For this she receives the magnificent sum of \$8.50 an hour. One of her sons, a scholarship student at an expensive college, said, "The kids here are from wealthy families. They have no concept of what it's like to be poor. I told them, 'My mother makes a third of what it costs to go to school here.'"

Since her children left home, she receives no Medicaid or food stamps. Her health insurance hasn't kicked in - even if she could afford it. Without warning, she became ill, and the bill was \$4,000! One test at a lab was to cost \$400. If she paid for it immediately, it cost only \$45. Go figure that one out.

Would you want her job? I certainly wouldn't! She is only one of the millions of America's working poor who do our dirty work, take care of our mentally ill, tend our children, work as laborers, and clean our hotel rooms. These necessary jobs cannot be outsourced to other countries, yet these hard-working people aren't paid a decent living wage. Our politicians need to quit squabbling and join with business and economic leaders to find a solution.

My reader is very busy: She works full time, attends college full time and volunteers at an alcohol

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Prior to European colonization efforts, the Santee Sioux people in northeast Nebraska were a "food sovereign" nation - they existed in a closed loop system in which they provided for themselves, by their own efforts, from their own land, and without dependence on outside governments and systems. By producing and preserving their own food, the people ensured they had access to abundant sources of healthy food year round.

This closed loop food system was an integral part of Santee Sioux culture, providing sustenance in addition to existing as an essential component of religious and other ceremonies. Today, however, the Santee Sioux people face a loss of cultural connection to food, as well as numerous barriers to food access, including unemployment, poverty, and limited food outlets.

According to the U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance, the most accepted definition of "food sovereignty" is the "right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems."

Santee community members and the Center for Rural Affairs take a look at the Santee Sioux people's food efforts in our latest report, "Digging In: Supporting a Healthy, Sustainable Food Future in Santee Sioux Nation."

For the past several years, Santee residents have been embracing more gardens and local markets for fresh and traditional foods. The report identifies new ways to bring fresh foods into the community overcoming barriers of income and transportation.

By asserting a desire to rebuild a sovereign food system, they can create a healthier community, revitalize traditional foods, create a self-sufficient food system, and develop a more resilient Nation.

Visit www.cfra.org/DiggingInSantee to view the report.

Wyatt Fraas
Center for Rural Affairs

Dear Editor,

I hear that House Speaker Brian Bosma accused followers of Hoosiers for Life of incivility during Organization Day at the Indiana Statehouse. Apparently Speaker Bosma would like to turn the conversation from the fact that he plans to kill bills that protect the unborn this coming legislative session.

For the record, Speaker Bosma defended Ben Smaltz, his hand-picked chair of the House Public Policy Committee, when Smaltz refused to give the Protection at Conception Bill, a hearing or a vote in 2017 and I predict that the dismal duo will repeat their deadly performance in 2018.

The 1973 Roe versus Wade ruling was predicated on the false premise that what is conceived in the womb is not human life, and Indiana Statute IC 16-34-2-1.1 confirms that life begins at conception. Consequently, the Protection at Conception bill would dismantle abortion using the Supreme Court's own language coupled with Indiana's own code.

All we need to end abortion in Indiana is legislators with the courage to pass the Protection at Conception Bill.

Abortion is the ultimate act of incivility. Every "successful" abortion ends with one life ended, and another changed forever. Limbs are ripped from the body and the skull is crushed so the bludgeoned baby can pass through the birth canal.

Brian Bosma wants to talk about civility. I want to talk about the 8,000 babies that will die this year and next, while the so called pro-life champion denies the Protection at Conception bill a hearing or a vote.

Jim Arnold
Muncie

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BITS & PIECES

◆The Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House Foundation's annual **Christmas Tree Walk** is 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.

◆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 holi-

day weekends. For more information or to schedule a visit, call David Steele at 765-345-7585.

◆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.

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OBITUARIES

Nicholas Ross Tweedy November 3, 1987 - November 30, 2017



Nicholas Ross Tweedy, born Nov. 3, 1987, passed away unexpectedly Nov. 30, 2017, at the home of his stepfather, Michael Phillips, in Indianapolis.

Nicholas graduated from Park Tudor High School in 2005, attended IUPUI and Ithaca College, and was majoring in operations and international studies through Indiana University's Kelly School of Business at the time of his death.

Nicholas joined the U.S. Army in June of 2008. He completed basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., and received further training at Redstone Arsenal Base in Huntsville, Ala. Ultimately, he was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as a land combat electronic missile system repairer. While at Fort Hood, Nick was selected by his battalion commander to be the youngest member of a four-person team which controlled the daily operations of a 2,000-person unit. He became a squad leader, supervising three squads of six to 10 soldiers each over time in service.

Also while at Fort Hood Nicholas became one of only six active-duty soldiers in the country to be nominated, and subsequently accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He also became the first soldier ever at Fort Hood to receive a full scholarship from the commanding general of Fort Hood to attend the ROTC program at Cornell University.

Nicholas received an Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

At the time of his passing, Nicholas was employed as a warehouse supervisor by AmerisourceBergen, a pharmaceutical distribution company which was ranked 11th on the Fortune 500 List for 2016.

Nicholas enjoyed music, the Indianapolis Colts, fantasy football and his friends, who knew him as a quiet, but gentle and generous friend to them, always available to listen and lend a hand.

Nicholas is survived by his parents, Jay F. Tweedy of Indianapolis and Mona (Johnson) Tweedy, of Jacksonville Fla.; his grandparents, Pat and Linda Johnson of Pendleton, and Bernice Tweedy of Knightstown; and 17 cousins.

Showing will be at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Home, 1305 Broad Ripple Ave, Indianapolis, from 4-8 Wednesday, Dec. 6. The following day, Thursday, Dec. 7, services will be held at the same location at 11 a.m., with burial to follow at Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown.

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Former KHS Football Player Dalton Moss Now Cheering for BSU Cardinals on Field's Sidelines

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

Following a successful career as a Knightstown High School football player, Dalton Moss has carried his passion for athletics over to college at Ball State University. However, he is now expressing that passion not as a player on the college football team, but as a member of Ball State Athletics' coed cheerleading squad.

The former Knightstown Panther, a 2017 KHS grad, played football the full four years of his time at Knightstown High School.

Moss credited his father, Mark Moss, as the main inspiration for his enduring love of sports.

"I've been into sports my entire life and that is mainly because of my dad," said Moss. "I still remember sitting in the living room watching him defeat the Shenandoah Raiders in the basketball sectional championship."

Moss' father, Mark, is currently an assistant coach for Knightstown's varsity football team. When Moss played in the East-West Classic Football Game in Anderson on June 16, his father participated as part of the East team's coaching staff. The annual game was sponsored by the Indiana Football Hall of Fame.

At that game, Moss noted that, despite his team losing by one point, he was able to end his football career with seven solo pancake blocks and four assisted blocks. Upon graduating from KHS, he

chose to become a member of BSU's cheerleading squad rather than continue as a football player.

In regards to what influenced him to make the switch from going out on the field as a football player to heightening the game day experience for both players and spectators as a member of the cheerleading squad, Moss stated once more that his family was a prime factor in his decision.

"My brother is the sole reason for me deciding to transition from football to cheer. He cheered during

his time at BSU and then later went on to cheer for the Blue Stampede, the Indianapolis Colts' stunt and tumble team," he explained. "He would constantly ask me if I were going to cheer and my answer was always 'no.' Then, one day, Wendy Richards, the head coach of BSU cheer, invited me to practice. The rest is history."

Members of the Ball State cheerleading squad are known to be excellent ambassadors for the University and its Department of Athletics. They are expected to manage their time in a productive manner, ensuring their success as both athletes and students.

Moss, a Knightstown native, graduated from Knightstown High School in 2017. He is currently a freshman at Ball State University.

"So far my experience with BSU cheer has been amazing," said Moss. "I've always enjoyed making new friends and trying new things. And that's exactly what cheering at Ball State has done for me."



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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Dec. 6 – Spiceland Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Spiceland Town Hall

Wed., Dec. 6 – Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall

Thurs., Dec. 7 – Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Mon., Dec. 11 – Rush Co. Jail Building Corp. meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

Mon., Dec. 11 – Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse room 103, Rushville

Mon., Dec. 11 – Carthage Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Carthage Town Hall

Tues., Dec. 11 – Knightstown Public Library Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., at library

Mon., Dec. 11 – Eastern Hancock School Corp. board meeting, 7 p.m., administration building

Tues., Dec. 12 – South Henry School Corp.

board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 12 – Rush Co. Historic Board meeting, 7 p.m., Historical Museum, 619 N. Perkins St., Rushville

Wed., Dec. 13 – Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Dec. 13 – Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Wed., Dec. 13 – Rush Co. Council and Commissioners workshop, 9:30 a.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

Wed., Dec. 13 – Henry Co. government work session, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

Wed., Dec. 13 – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting with final WECS Ordinance recommendations, 6 p.m., courthouse old circuit court room, New Castle

Rose Mary, from Page 4

recovery house. Also, she's trying to achieve her dream of starting a transitional house for battered women and their children, has become incorporated, lined up a Board of Directors, and is working on getting funding. I am very well acquainted with this idealistic woman who is tending to the business of mankind. You see, she is my

daughter. I am very proud of her.

We have so much. I shall spend less on gifts for those who do not need and contribute to the United Christmas Fund to make some innocent child's Christmas better. However, a yearly fit of guilt and benevolence where we put a few coins in the Salvation Army bucket or give to a charity isn't enough.

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FOLKWAYS

Tri Kappa Sorority Boosts Local Christmas Charities

As the holidays approach, members of the Knightstown Alpha Zeta Chapter of Tri Kappa are focusing on giving to the Knightstown community. Proceeds from the chapter's two recent fundraisers support local scholarships and numerous charitable initiatives. Co-chairwomen Cheryl Hammer and Kelley Millhoan successfully completed the chapter's signature cheeseball sale with over 2,000 sold. Co-chairwomen Deena Elliott and Michelle Leonard reported outstanding sales on nuts, chocolates and snack items.

Two of the chapter's favorite holiday projects are now underway. Mental health chairwoman Judy Haase raises funds and fulfills all requests on the gift lists of several adults with developmental disabilities or mental illness. Brenda Buck and Sherry Trainor organize shoppers for Cheer Guild. Alpha Zeta members are equipped with personalized information on "their children's" sizes and favorite colors and shop in area stores.

Local Tri Kappa members are also active participants in the organization's statewide charitable endeavors. Tri Kappa has given support to the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital since its opening in

Quilt Guild Honors Veterans with Handmade Items

Common Threads Quilt Guild of Central Indiana honored eight veterans at their November meeting by giving them quilts for their military service.

Those honored were Forest Parsley, Richard Watkins, Glen Jordan Jr., Tommy Howard, Norman Dingle, John Paul Smitha, John Burkett for Huger Phelps Family and Frank Pigacella.

The veterans shared briefly about their experiences in their different military branches. The quilts were made by eight different teams of Common Thread member quilters over the past six months. The team leaders and their members were Pat Kings with Marcia Robertson, and Dallas Reed for Forest Parsley; Sue Keeton with Nancy Hannum, Sharon Shore, and Marilyn Lyons for Richard Watkins; Lorraine Ewing, Debbie Fausset, Patty Richey, Sally Presser, and Carol Hoffman for Glen Jordan, Jr.; Jean Broadbent with Cindy Howard and Sue Moore for Tommy Howard; Martha Higdon with Carol Simpson and Eileen Durant for Norman Dingle; Carol Dresher with Fran Jacobs, and Ann Hooten for John Paul Smitha; Beverly Wilson with Libby Gilbert, Marilyn Kieta, and Sharon Koepper for Frank Pigacella; and Kendra Mills for John Burkett and Huger Phelps family.

Common Threads meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church. Guests are welcome. Upcoming programs include a Christmas luncheon on Dec. 20 with the New Horizon Jazz Band performing. Those who plan to attend are encouraged to bring a covered dish to share for a pitch-in luncheon.

1922 and Alpha Zeta members said they are proud to be a member of Riley Cheer Guild. Tri Kappa has contributed over \$1 million to the hospital and members have donated thousands of fleece blankets, Riley dolls and "Puppy Pillows." Many were lovingly created in Knightstown. Alpha Zeta officers who recently participated in province convention and officer training received numerous opportunities to engage in statewide charitable projects. With their help, Tri Kappa collected \$2,650 in gift cards for Riley, over 500 pounds of pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House and 465 pulley cards for Hands in Autism.



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- ▶ Additional information at HIP.IN.gov
- ▶ From November 1-December 15 HIP members have the opportunity to switch to another health plan for 2018.

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

cost. In the conversation it comes out that their parent has been housebound for one year maybe five or more years. That is when you apply.

When a veteran or a widow of a veteran loses the capacity to take care of themselves and needs assistance that is when they or their caregivers should inquire and file for VA benefits. The VA has a program called Caregiver Support Services that can help housebound veterans.

Some of the service this program provides are: adult day healthcare at centers around the state, home-based primary care, skilled home care, homemaker and home health aide program, home telehealth, respite care and home hospice care. For more information on these services go to www.caregiver.va.gov/support_services.asp#inHome.

Even when a veteran is healthy and is independent and on their own, they should look into applying for VA healthcare. Some misconceptions are that you have to drop your family doctor for a VA doctor. I share information, test results, etc. with my family doctor and VA doctors. Many ask if they have to drop their health insurance. Health care at the VA is just that, healthcare. It is not insurance.

Once enrolled, you can ask for hearing test, eye exams, prescription refills, etc. There might be a co-pay depending on what category you are placed in. VA clinics and hospitals in Indiana and Ohio are rated as some of the best in the system. To look into the services offered go to www.va.gov and click on health care to explore the options available.

A veteran who served on active duty in the Armed Forces at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for not fewer than 30 days during the period beginning on Jan. 1, 1957, and ending on Dec. 31, 1987, is eligible for hospital care and medical services for any of the following illnesses or conditions, notwithstanding that there is insufficient medical evidence to conclude that such illnesses or conditions are attributable to such service: esophageal cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, leukemia, multiple myeloma, myelodysplastic syndromes, renal toxicity, hepatic steatosis, female infertility, miscarriage, scleroderma, neurobehavioral effects, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

If you have questions about VA pensions or other available benefits, email me at jguglielmi@henryco.com or call 765-529-4305.

Student, from Page 3

was raised nearly 21-percent last year.

While Bryze had been working under a 12-month agreement, the park board opted for a shorter initial term for Buchanan. The park board will evaluate his job performance in 90 days - or sooner, if necessary - and consider at that time whether to extend terms of the

agreement.

Park Board President Suzee Neal said at Saturday's meeting that Buchanan had been the only person to apply for the cleaning person position. The position was advertised in last week's issue of The Banner, and applications were due two days later, on Friday afternoon.

Neal said she thought the board should give Buchanan a chance. Reading from the resume he had submitted, Neal noted the Knightstown High School senior has done cleaning and other volunteer work at the Hoosier Gym, has worked for a local lawn care business, is a member of the National Honor Society, and has done other volunteer work at school.

Before the board voted to hire Buchanan, board member Jan McGuire expressed concern about whether Buchanan's busy schedule as a high school student and athlete would give him the availability needed for the job. Neal said that she thought Buchanan's grandpar-

ents would cover for him and clean the park shelter house if he's not available to do it.

The Banner asked prior to the board's vote if it was also authorizing anyone other than Buchanan, such as his grandparents, to do the cleaning if he were not available. The board clarified that the motion was to hire only Buchanan to do the work.

Saturday's meeting was the second special meeting the park board held last week. Three of the board's members - Brown, Jacob Hart and Van Hoy - met briefly on the evening of Monday, Nov. 27, just long enough to vote to advertise

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from the citizens and businesses to help pay for the mural, and also received grants from the Henry County Community Foundation, the Hancock County Community Foundation and the Indiana Arts Council. When contacted earlier this week, Richey was unable to provide The Banner with the amount of funds BKI received from

each of these sources, but said this information, along with the total cost, will be released by his group soon.

Speaking to The Banner on Monday, the mural's artist, Bliss, said this was the first time that she has painted a mural piecemeal on panels. She said this presented some unique challenges, and said she doubted if she would undertake a project like that again.

"I think that panels are useful in certain situations," Bliss said, "but, predominantly, murals should be painted right on the wall."

Painting the mural on panels, Bliss explained, prevented her from seeing the work in the same way she is used to when painting a mural outside on the surface of a building itself. As a result of working on small panels one at a time, she said she was unable to step back and view the work as a whole, as it's developing, from the same distances and angles that painting on the side of building allows.

"It turned out a little different than I wanted it to," Bliss said of the finished mural, which she began working on last spring, and finished mid-summer. "... There are some things that I would have done different ... but, for the most part, I'm happy with it."

Because she works on several projects at the same time, she said it was difficult to calculate exactly how much time was spent on the project. She did say that a small number of Knightstown High School art students helped one day with the painting of a couple of the mural's panels.

Bliss also said she is not sure if she would undertake another mural project where the community gets to decide the exact image that will be painted.

"I wanted to paint more of the main characters (from the film)," Bliss said. "... But, they let the community decide. I would have focused on one of the more famous scenes, because it's more recognizable, but, you know, the community cast its vote."

Bliss praised Newkirk Construction for its installation work and said the local company did a very good job lining up the panels. She said Newkirk's attention to detail greatly minimized the amount of touch-up work that will be required.

Besides this Knightstown project, Bliss also recently completed a mural in Rushville on the side of the Heart of Rushville Farmers & Artisans Market at 110 E. Third St. Fittingly, that mural depicts an agricultural-themed scene.

Bliss also spent four months of the past year in Poland, where she was one of 125 international artists chosen to work on the new film *Loving Vincent*, about painter Vincent van Gogh. The film, which features more than 60,000 film frames hand-painted by the artists, is an early favorite to receive Academy Award nominations this year.



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LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Panthers Still Working to Find Winning Rhythm

It's been a tough 10 days for Knightstown varsity girls basketball team with losses against North Decatur, Shenandoah and Union City. Their lone victory came on the road at Irvington Preparatory Academy.

North Decatur Whips KHS 66-47

In the Lady Panthers' game against North Decatur on the road Nov. 25, a sluggish first half performance put the KHS girls down 25 and despite a much better second half, they were not able to overcome the earlier deficit to fall to the Lady Chargers 47-66.

Knightstown scored just six points in the first quarter while allowing North Decatur 17 points. The Lady Chargers had their best quarter in the game in the back part of the second half, dropping in 22 points while holding Knightstown to eight points to take a 39-14 lead into halftime.

The Lady Panthers started to pick up their intensity in the third, but North Decatur still topped them 14-11 in that quarter. Knightstown rallied in a big way in the fourth quarter, scoring 22 points, but the Lady Chargers 13 points in the fourth secured them the 66-47 win.

Kaitlyn Jackson led the Lady Panthers' effort with 12 points, 11 rebounds, one assist and two steals.

Jessica Butler finished with nine points, four rebounds and one assist.

Allyson Hauk posted seven points and one rebound.

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

Katie Clark had four points, one rebound, two assists and five steals.

Maggie Smith got four points, one rebound, two assists and four steals.

Rena Witham scored a bucket and Liz Moore hit two free throws and Sidney Vise dropped in another shot from the line for a point.

Lady Panthers Get Second Win Over IPA

On Nov. 28, the Lady Panthers traveled to Indianapolis for another varsity girls and boys doubleheader against Irvington Preparatory Academy where they picked up their second

win of the season, beating IPA 58-32.

Knightstown took a 9-7 lead after the first quarter and they caught fire, outscoring IPA 19-9 in the second quarter to take a 28-16 lead at halftime.

The Lady Panthers continued to dominate in the second half, putting 17 more on the board in the third quarter and 13 more in the fourth quarter while holding Irvington Prep to only 16 points for the second half.

Butler led the Lady Panthers with 12 points, five rebounds and a steal.

Hauk scored 11 points and got three rebounds and a steal.

Vise had nine points, one rebound, one assist and five steals.

Jackson finished with seven points, seven rebounds, four assists and a steal.

Thomas had five points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Smith posted five points, three rebounds and one assist. Alexia Howard also scored five points and grabbed a rebound.

Dharma Holder dropped in two buckets and pulled down five rebounds with one assist and a steal.

Kaitlynn McIntyre rounded up four rebounds, blocked two shots and had an assist.

Clark had four rebounds, a block and an assist with three steals.

Witham got two rebounds and two steals.

Shenandoah Tops KHS 68-34

The Lady Panthers had another road game Nov. 30 but did not have to travel far, falling to Shenandoah 34-68.

The Lady Raiders were outstanding from the get-go, taking a 23-8 lead after the first. Shenandoah added another 16 points in the second half while holding Knightstown to just six points to take a 39-14 lead.

Shenandoah topped KHS 18-10 in the third period to increase their lead to 57-24 and then maintained their control of the game through the fourth quarter to get the 68-34 win.

Jackson again led the Lady Panthers with 10 points, four rebounds, one assist and four steals.

Vise finished with five points, five rebounds and one assist.

Liz Moore added five points and one rebound.

Thomas led the team in rebounds with nine and had four points, one assist and one steal.

Smith had four points, one rebound and two assists.

Holder scored a basket and got two rebounds and a steal.

Butler pulled in eight rebounds and hit two free throws with one blocked shot and one steal.

McIntyre added seven rebounds while Hauk grabbed two boards with one assist and a steal. Liz Moore got a rebound and a steal.

Lady Panthers Fall to Union City 48-55

Knightstown finally returned home Dec. 2 and lost a close game against Union City, 48-55.

It was a crazy afternoon for the Lady Panthers. They came out strong and took an 18-15 lead after the first. Then, KHS went cold, scoring just two points to give up their lead and taking a 20-27 deficit into halftime.

The Lady Panthers were fired up again to start the second half, scoring 21 points and tying the game up at 41 to end the third quarter.

But, again, the Lady Panthers were unable to sustain their momentum and Union City outscored them 14-7 to get the win and hand KHS their fifth conference loss.

Butler and Jackson each scored 12 points to lead the Lady Panthers.

Butler pulled in seven rebounds with one steal while Jackson added two rebounds, six steals and three assists.

Hauk hit two shots from long range for six points and had one rebound and one assist.

Vise knocked down two buckets and got five rebounds with four assists

Lady Panthers Hosting Breakfast with Santa Dec. 16

Knightstown's Lady Panther basketball team is hosting a pancake breakfast with Santa in the high school cafeteria Saturday, Dec. 16, from 8-11 a.m.

The event features all-you-can-eat pancakes for a \$5 donation and includes a photo taken with Santa.

Proceeds from the breakfast goes to the Knightstown girls basketball program.

and a steal.

Thomas finished with four points, three rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Holder had four points and three rebounds.

Liz Moore and Smith each hit a three-pointer. Moore added a rebound and two steals. Smith also had a steal.

The four recent games put the Lady Panthers' overall season record at 2-7 and 0-5 in the Tri-Eastern Conference.

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Dirt Road Youth Teams Update

Knightstown's third grade Dirt Road basketball team kept their undefeated season going with two more wins Nov. 19.

In the first game, the third graders defeated Richmond 22-18. They were led in scoring by Bryor Carmichael with 14 points.

In the second game against Tri, the third grade Panthers beat the young Titans 14-2, led by Gavin Jenkins with six points.

Tony Louks, Mason Smith and Carson Bonham provided some solid defensive play all day.

Hudson McDonald and Carson Roland gave the third grade team solid minutes off the bench.

The third grade team is now 4-0 on the season.

The sixth grade Dirt Road team was swept by Richmond 14-53 and Centerville 23-57.

In the game against Richmond, Peyton Inman led the young Panthers with six points. Branigan Kwisz and Brayden McDaniel each scored four.

Kwisz topped the Panther sixth grade scoring against Centerville with 10 points. McDaniel had six points and Inman got three points. Ayden Keith and Travis Louks each scored two points.

Following the two losses, the sixth grade Dirt Road team fell to 1-3 on the season.

The third, fourth and sixth grade local boys basketball teams were back in action Dec. 3.

The third graders beat Lincoln 21-18, led by Bryor Carmichael with 10 points, eight rebounds and three steals.

Gavin Jenkins had nine points, three rebounds and one steal.

Andrew Buchanan got two points and a steal.

Mason Smith grabbed five rebounds. Hudson McDonald got a rebound and one steal and Tony Louks made one steal.

The third graders suffered their first season loss to Centerville, falling 14-28.

Jenkins had eight points and three rebounds. Carmichael dominated the boards with 12 rebounds and had four points and an assist.

Tony Louks finished with two points, three rebounds and one steal. Mason Smith had five rebounds, two steals and one assist. Carson Bonham pulled in three rebounds and Carson Roland got two rebounds.

The third graders are now 5-1. The fourth grade Dirt Road team fell to Richmond, 14-34.

Gage Broady led the team with six points.

The fourth graders also fell to Lincoln, 10-30.

Jameson Crawford led the team with three steals and great pressure defense.

The fourth graders are 0-6.

The sixth grade Dirt Road team suffered two losses Sunday as well, falling first to Northeastern 32-47.

Peyton Inman led the Panthers with 10 points. Ayden Keith and Michael Roberson each had eight points.

Travis Louks, Brock Loveall and Hunter Steimel scored two points each.

The sixth graders also lost to Connersville, 17-29.

Roberson led the team with eight points and Inman had three points. Keith, Kwisz and Brock Loveall each scored two points.

The sixth graders are now 1-5.

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the cleaning person position in last week's issue of The Banner.

As noted in last week's Banner, however, the park board failed to issue a written notice of that meeting to The Banner, as required by the state's Open Door Law. Despite the brevity of the Nov. 27 special meeting, the failure to notify the newspaper made this an illegal meeting.

The Banner found out about the Nov. 27 meeting the following day when McGuire emailed The Banner to make arrangements to advertise the cleaning person position in last week's issue. Included with the information she sent for the job ad was documentation revealing that the board had met the night before.

McGuire, who did not attend the Nov. 27 meeting because she was ill, told The Banner last week that notice for the Nov. 27 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 prior to publication of the next issue of The Banner, she didn't realize that written notice of the meeting still needed to be sent to the newspaper.

The state's Open Door Law requires governing bodies like the park board to give written notice of their meetings 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 when, as here, the meeting is going to be held before the next issue of the paper comes out.

Speaking to The Banner on Nov. 28, Neal, who also had not attended the special meeting held the night before, said she had not been aware that a meeting notice had not been sent to The Banner. As the board's secretary, McGuire is the park board member who normally takes responsibility for issuing meeting notices.

Neal assured The Banner last week that the park board would strive not to repeat this mistake. When The Banner said that it would like the park board to publicly acknowledge this misstep and apologize for it publicly at the park board's next meeting, she said that request was "noted."

Nothing was said by Neal about this matter, however, at Saturday's meeting. As Neal was about ready

to adjourn the meeting, The Banner asked whether anything was going to be said about the illegal meeting held earlier in the week.

Neal said that since the agenda for that morning's meeting did not include that topic, she was not going to address it. She said would write a formal apology and present it at the board's next meeting, which is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14.

Approximately 20 minutes after Saturday morning's meeting concluded, Neal telephoned The Banner's office, which was closed at the time, and left a message. On behalf of the park board, she said she wanted to apologize for the failure to send a notice for the Nov. 27 meeting to The Banner.

In other business at Saturday's meeting, Hart told the board that the most recent information he had received from Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman showed that the park board had spent \$25,787 so far this year. While he didn't have revenue figures, he noted that the decision not to open the splash pad this year saved the park board about \$13,500 in utility expenses.

The park board's Dec. 14 monthly meeting will be held at the Sunset Park shelter house. The meeting is open to the public.

LOCAL SPORTS

Titans Come Up Big in the Fourth to Beat BRV

by Stacy Cox
General Manager/Sports Editor

After suffering a huge loss to 17th-ranked class 2A Wapahani on Nov. 25, the Tri varsity boys basketball team got its first win Friday night with a big comeback over Blue River Valley on the road, defeating the in-county team 68-63.

The Vikings led nearly the entire game. Early foul trouble once again plagued the Titans and by the end, they had four players foul out. That adversity helped to push the team to work harder down the stretch.

After a fast-paced first quarter, the Vikings were up 15-11. The intensity continued in the second

quarter with both teams scoring 18, giving the Vikings four-point lead, 33-29, going into the half.

The pressure kept up in the third quarter, with Blue River edging out Tri 15-14 to push their lead to 48-43. But, the momentum of the game had started to shift toward the Titans as the third quarter came to a close.

The start of the fourth was a battle back and forth until the Titans finally pushed past the Vikings with just over five minutes left. The Titans kicked up their defense, resulting in some of their own players fouling out. But, the cranked up intensity also caused Blue River to commit several fouls and turnovers that kept the game going Tri's way until they secured the 68-63 victory.

Nick Wilson had a career-high 23 points in the game to the lead the Titans. He added three rebounds, one assist with one charge taken.

Zach Smith scored 13 points and made two assists.

Masen Phelps had a big game, coming up strong at key moments. He had 12 points, six rebounds and two assists.

Elijah Davis scored eight points and two assists.

Kyler Burchett finished with four points, two rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Drew Mondrush scored three points and had five rebounds, two assists and one charge taken.

Alex Melton got two points, three rebounds and two assists.

Seth Butler also hit a three-pointer.

The Titans are now 1-2 on the season.



It was a career-high scoring night for Nick Wilson in Friday night's game against Blue River Valley. The Titans had trailed nearly the entire game. Wilson drained this three with 1:25 left in the third quarter to pull within five points and followed it up with a lay up on the next trip down before the Vikings scored again to put the score at 48-43 to end the third. The Titans would go on to win 68-63. Wilson led the Titan offense for the third straight game and had a career-high 23 points, going 8-of-13 from the field and 5-of-8 from the stripe. (Stacy Cox photo)



Tri's Drew Mondrush pulls down one of the five rebounds he had in the Titans' game Friday night against Blue River Valley. (Stacy Cox photo)

Youth Night Set for Friday's Knightstown Game

Knightstown youth boys basketball players and youth cheerleaders will be recognized Friday during the break between the junior varsity basketball games against Cambridge City Lincoln.

Young Panther players and cheerleaders will be admitted into the game at no charge if they are wearing their uniforms.

Knightstown's Athletic Department encourages youth players and cheerleaders to attend the varsity game to cheer on their Panthers.

Lady Titans Get Two More Wins at Home

Tri's varsity girls basketball team posted two more wins this past week.

The Lady Titans defeated Liberty Christian 40-33 at home Nov. 27.

Tri took a 15-4 after the first quarter and held the Lady Lions to just four points in the second quarter as well while scoring nine to take a 24-8 halftime lead.

Liberty Christian came out of halftime fired up and flipped the tables on Tri, outscoring them 18-2 in the third quarter to tie the game up at 26.

Tri dug in and pulled out the win, topping the Lady Lions 14-7 in the final period.

Payton Moore led the Lady Titans with 14 points, nine rebounds, three assists, five steals and two blocks.

Kaley Harrison was 3-of-5 from long range and hit both of her free throw attempts for 11 points. She added one rebound and an assist.

Lauren Bouslog scored six points and had two rebounds, one block and a steal.

Maddie Burchett hit two buckets and got two rebounds and three assists. She led the team in steals with six.

Auburn Harvey knocked down a three-pointer and got one rebound and three steals.

Breanna Reece had one point, three rebounds, two blocks, two assists and two steals.

Averi Phelps added two rebounds.

The following day, the Lady Titans beat Cambridge City Lincoln at home 48-33.

Tri got off to a slow start and found themselves down 6-9 at the end of the first. But, they quickly turned things around in the second quarter, outscoring the Lady Eagles 17-8 to take a 23-17 halftime lead.

Lincoln came out strong from the break and topped Tri 14-12 in the third but Tri picked up their defense in the fourth. The Lady Titans outscored Lincoln 13-2 in the final period to get the win.

Moore led Tri with 18 points, eight rebounds, two assists, two blocks and one steal.

Averi Phelps had a huge game, scoring 14 points with six rebounds and one assist.

Lauren Bouslog had seven points, five points, two assists and one steal.

Kaley Harrison scored five points and had three rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Maddie Burchett finished with four points, three rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Auburn Harvey got one rebound, four assists and three steals.

Breanna Reece added one rebound, and one assist.

The Lady Titans are now 5-2 on the season and 2-2 in the Tri-Eastern Conference.

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Tri's Zach Smith and Elijah Davis trap Blue River's Cole Cross and then knock the ball away for the steal late in their game Friday night. The Titans prevailed 68-63 in an exciting, hard-fought game. (Stacy Cox photo)

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Local Sports in Photos



Knightstown's John Halvorsen gets up to block the shot attempt of Tri's Hunter Crandall, but was called for the foul to send Crandall to the the line during the teams' recent game.



Knightstown junior high cheerleader Stella Leakey stands proudly during team roster announcements before the start of the Panthers eighth grade game against Tri.



Tri's Devin Smith applies the defensive pressure as Knightstown's Devon Settles tries to drive the ball in for a shot during the eighth grade rivalry game recently



Knightstown's James Lukens drives the ball in for the fast break layup against Tri defenders during the teams' recent junior varsity game. Lukens had nine points and 12 rebounds in the game.

Stacy Cox photos

Below, Knightstown's Austin Camption takes the ball up to finish the breakaway with a layup for two points during the junior varsity game between the Panthers and the Tri Titans.



KHS varsity cheerleader Grace Muncy is all smiles as she encourages the crowd to cheer on the Panthers during their opening home game.

