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The Banner Won't Publish on Dec. 27

As usual, there won't be a Banner printed Christmas week, Dec. 27. We wish all of our readers and supporters a Merry Christmas.

St. Rose Christmas Mass December 24

The Christmas mass at St. Rose Church on U.S. 40 is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24. Music will begin at 3:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Guitar Duo Set to Perform in K-town

Knightstown Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., will host a morning service featuring the Christian Guitar Duo "Better Days," which performed during Fall Fest this year. Their performance is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 17, at 10:30 a.m. Special music and singalongs will also be included.

Nameless Creek Literary Club Meeting

The Nameless Creek Literary Club will meet at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Bluebird in Morristown for a Christmas luncheon. The program will be led by Karen Campbell. Devotions will be led by Jane Dobbs. The response will be a good or bad gift received by those answering roll call. For information regarding the club, contact Judy Brown at 936-5704.

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



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Carthage Council Lays Down the Law

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

With Carthage Town Marshal Danny Baker agreeing to increased accountability measures, the Carthage Town Council has, for now, dropped plans to prohibit him from driving his town patrol car home after work.

Over the past several years, council members have periodically received complaints about Baker being seen driving a town police car outside town limits. While some of these incidents were work-related, there were concerns that Baker was also using the patrol car at times to tend to personal matters.

To address this and some other issues of concern, the council had asked the town's attorney, Adam Forrest, to draft a Town Marshal Employment Addendum. During his monthly report to the council, Baker said only had one problem with the proposed addendum - the plan to keep him from driving a patrol car back and forth between his home and work.

Baker said that if he is not allowed to drive a patrol car home, it would greatly hinder his ability to respond to calls in a timely manner. If something happens while he's off-duty that requires his assistance, he said the proposed policy change would require him to first drive to the Carthage Police Department to get a patrol car instead of driving directly to the scene, something he said he would not be able to do in his own personal vehicle.

"My insurance won't cover that," Baker told the council.

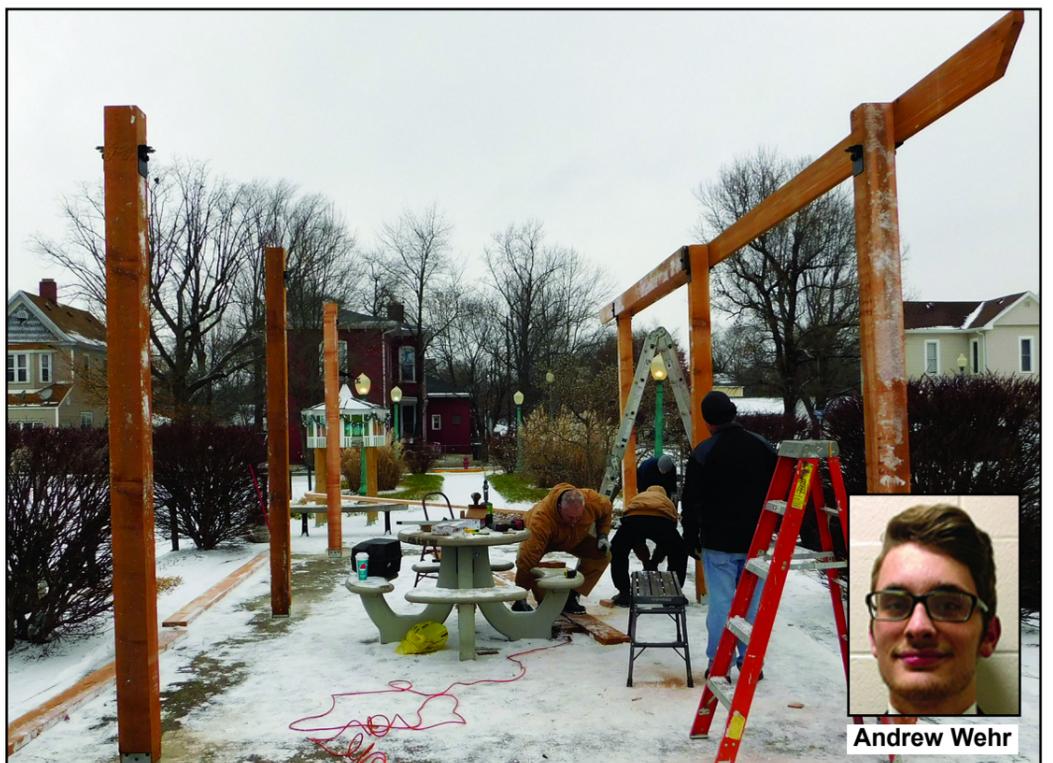
Baker told the council he believes not allowing him to drive a patrol car home will "jeopardize the people of Carthage." Instead of him being able to promptly respond to calls directly from his home, he said the town may instead find itself waiting a longer time for the Rush County Sheriff's Department to respond.

"If that car is not sitting at my house, then you're going to have to wait for the county to get here," Baker said.

Council President Rachael Brown told Baker that she didn't necessarily disagree with the points he was making, but reminded him that he is a part-time town marshal who is not supposed to be working more than 25 hours a week. Baker, who has routinely worked more than 25 hours a week during the

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Eagle Scout Project



It was cold and snowing last Saturday, but that didn't stop 17-year-old Boy Scout Andrew Wehr of Carthage and a trio of helpers that included his father, Tim, his brother Anthony, and a Scout leader Dean Harding, from spending most of the day on Knightstown's Public Square, building a pergola, which is Wehr's Eagle Scout project. The project is nearly complete and should be finished by Dec. 21.

Hoosier Gym Roof Repairs Top List of Improvements Driving Grant Effort

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Efforts to seek a \$500,000 grant to help fund needed improvements at the Hoosier Gym could officially get underway next week with a vote from the Knightstown Town Council.

The town council is expected to consider approving payment of \$3,000 to contract with Kieser Consulting Group LLC to conduct an environmental review. At a meeting last Wednesday, Dave Kieser, owner of KCG, told members of the Knightstown Forward Committee that this is the first step in applying for the Public Facilities Program grant through the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Kevin Knott, vice president of the Knightstown Town Council, told Kieser he would bring this issue to the council's Dec. 21 monthly meeting for its consideration. Kieser told Knott and the other KFC members at last week's meeting that his firm could delay billing for the environmental study until January, and said the study's cost would count toward the town's local match, which must equal 20 percent of the total grant awarded.

Should the town decide to pursue the grant, the other up-front cost would be \$5,000 for a preliminary architecture feasibility report, which Kieser's firm would also prepare. That expense, Kieser said, would also count toward the town's local match.

Kieser provided the 13 people who attended last week's KFC meeting with a time line for the grant

application process. He said a letter of interest and description of the proposed project will need to be submitted to OCRA by March 1, with a formal proposal submitted by May 25 and the final grant application due July 20. OCRA is expected to announce the grant recipients in August.

Members of the Hoosier Gym Community Center of Knightstown Inc., the local nonprofit that leases the gym from the town and oversees its operation, said at a KFC meeting in October that the gym needs tuck-pointing work done to the building's brick exterior and the roof needs to be replaced. At last week's meeting, HGCKK board member Bill Gorman said the gym also needs to have windows and gutters replaced.

"Window replacement is a big deal," Kieser told the group. "We would have to make sure that what goes in is historically accurate."

The 20-percent match needed to qualify for a full \$500,000 grant would be \$100,000. While Gorman said at KFC's October meeting that he thought HGCKK should be able to shoulder that expense, Kieser said at last week's meeting that he hopes to find other funding sources to help lessen that burden.

"I'm going to try to be as creative as possible on funding," Kieser said.

One possible source of funding to help meet the town's local match requirement, Kieser said, is the Henry County Community Foundation.

"We definitely want to keep (HCCF) as a partner See Grant, Page 8

"I'm going to try to be as creative as possible on funding."

- Dave Kieser

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OBITUARIES

Jutta Fay McDonald
November 16, 1931 - December 9, 2017



Jutta Fay McDonald, age 86, of Lewisville, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017.

She was born in Knightstown on Nov. 16, 1931, to Pierce and Florence (Frederick) Reeves. She is survived by her five children, Becky (Lowell) Denbo of Indianapolis, Timothy (Carol) Helms of Wyoming, Mariellen (Matthew) Tipton of Knightstown, Stephen (Tammy) Denney of Indianapolis and Joseph (Sheila) McDonald of Springport; a stepson, Bruce McDonald of Colorado; and a brother, Fred (Joyce) Reeves of Knightstown. She also had 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie McDonald; two brothers, John Robert and William Joseph Reeves; and her sister, Linda Reeves Prater.

Jutta Fay was an accomplished pianist and organist and performed for various events. Along with her musical talent, she was a wonderful cook and loved dancing, which was a great source of enjoyment for Charlie and her. She also enjoyed gardening and there wasn't a stray animal in Lewisville that didn't benefit from her free meals left all over town. Those that knew Jutta Fay also knew that she was a fervent, old-school Democrat who had previously worked with the Henry County Democratic Party, especially for Birch and Evan Bayh.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, at Sproles Family Funeral Home, 2400 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle, with Rev. Alan J. McCraine officiating. Burial will follow at Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown. Friends may call from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

David Wayne "Joe" Glenn
February 28, 1944 - December 8, 2017



David Wayne "Joe" Glenn, 73, passed away at St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital on Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, from complications of open heart surgery. He was born Feb. 28, 1944, in Rising Sun, to the late William Loren and Ethel Rose (Walston) Glenn.

David was first employed at Bob and Jack's Texaco in Knightstown and then worked in maintenance at the Knightstown school system. One winter, David, helped build the nuclear power plant in Ft. Pierce, Fla.

He then came to work as a Henry County deputy sheriff and Knightstown police officer. David then took a job with the Greenfield Department of Transportation in heavy equipment operations, where he worked in 17 counties chip sealing Indiana roads for 24 years. He retired in 2003 after requiring back surgery.

David had also served as a Knightstown volunteer fireman for many years and was on the Board of Zoning Appeals. David was asked to fill a term for the Knightstown Town Council and served as president. During this time he helped to get the new fire department built, purchased police vehicles and brought two new businesses to town, which have since expanded (CFH Enterprises and Hoosier Feeders).

David loved old country music and was an avid John Wayne fan. He also loved older westerns. He liked to travel to Civil War battlefields, going on trips, family dinners and spending time with the family cat, "Squeaky," and his granddogs, "Archie" and "Katie." He also enjoyed mowing the yard, model cars and old tools.

Survivors include his wife, with whom he celebrated 50 years of marriage this past September, Linda (Fox) Glenn of Knightstown. David and Linda raised two children who also survive, John Wayne (Angela) Glenn of Knightstown and Melinda Sue (David) Richardson of Knightstown. Other survivors include three grandchildren, John Derek (Hannah Rhodes) Glenn, Benjamin Richardson and Andrew Richardson; a stepgrandson, Austin Moore; a great-granddaughter, Jazmyne Glenn; two sisters, Edith Landrum of Okeechobee, Fla., and Brenda (Leonard) Wright of Sumter, S.C.; a sister-in-law, Judy Glenn, of Delphi; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his three brothers, Russell Walston, Robert and Wm. Fred Glenn; a sister, Geneva Courtney; a sister-in-law, Leeta Jane Fox Glenn; and a grandson, Christopher Richardson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Rev. Mark Herbkersman officiating. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Condolences and memories of David may be shared at www.hinseybrown.com.

RCCF Fund to Award \$13,500

The CIRCLE Fund at the Rush County Community Foundation is ready to celebrate its fifth year of grantmaking by announcing that the 2018 grant award will be the largest yet. Cindy Taff, one of the six founders of the CIRCLE (Chicks Impacting Rush County Life) Fund said that, because of the generosity of women passionate for making a difference in Rush County, contributions to the fund will allow a single grant award of \$13,500 this year.

The CIRCLE Fund representatives said they are eager to assist innovative programs or projects that are responsive to community needs, partnerships, and collaborative efforts. Preference for grant funding will be given to projects that specifically improve the lives of women and youth in Rush County. Nonprofit organizations interested in funding may submit an application to the Rush County Community Foundation office by Jan. 31, 2018. Grant applications are available at the Rush County Community Foundation office or on its website at www.rushcounty-foundation.org

Those interested in contributing may contact or visit the Rush County Community Foundation at 117 N. Main St., Rushville, or call 765-938-1177.

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Would Mean So Much

There is a magical quality to this holiday, the religious aspects and the gathering of family and friends. "Just one more Christmas", a familiar wish of the ailing elderly, that hopefully can come true. As important as the holiday itself, preplanning can also bring peace of mind to a family. One Last Christmas, one last act of love and understanding can mean so much. There are many emotional and financial reasons for preplanning to be considered and one of our counselors can explain all the benefits to you and your family. There is no cost or obligation to contact us today for more information and to receive a free planning guide.

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Carthage Town Council Moving Forward on Repaving of Nearly a Mile of Roads

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

With bids for a downtown improvement project and the planned resurfacing of about three-quarters of a mile of local roads received, the Carthage Town Council could select vendors to do this work by the end of this month.

The Carthage Town Council received bids for the downtown improvement project and road resurfacing Monday evening, at its regular monthly meeting. Dave Kieser, owner of Kiesser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town on a variety of planning and development-related issues, opened the bids and announced the dollar totals of each one.

There were five bids received for the downtown improvement project, which is expected to include new street lights, curb ramps, trash receptacles, planters, benches and bike racks. The amounts of the basic bids were: \$133,861 (Smith Projects Inc., Maxwell); \$159,275 (Evans Development, Indianapolis); \$178,000 (Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc., North Vernon); \$179,960 (Calumet Civil Contractors Inc., Whitestown); and \$217,567 (HP Legacy, Indianapolis).

Vendors for the downtown improvement project were also asked to submit bids for two alternatives: installing a brick apron on Main Street; and installing the new equipment purchased for the project. Bids for the brick apron ranged from \$3,591.05 to \$27,480, while those for installation of the equip-

ment were \$1,600 to \$16,000.

Kieser told the council he believed the cost of the alternative bids on the downtown improvement project would be deducted from the basic bid amounts if the town opts to forgo the alternatives. In an email sent to The Banner Tuesday morning, he confirmed this to be the case.

The town received seven bids for the road resurfacing work, which is expected to include the following sections of roadway: Fifth Street, from Main Street to the west (0.166 miles); First Street, from Market Street to Main Street (0.122 miles); Market Street, from First Street to Mill Street (0.128 miles); and Main Street, from town limits to County Road 800-North (0.36 miles).

The amounts of the road resurfacing bids were: \$86,046 (Floyd Crim & Sons Inc., Manilla); \$95,533.80 (Dave O'Mara); \$99,446.18 (Grady Brothers, Indianapolis); \$99,982 (Smith Projects Inc., Indianapolis); \$103,544.35 (Milestone Contractors, Indianapolis); \$104,300 (Calumet Civil Contractors); and \$106,537.05 (Midwest Paving, Noblesville).

Acting on a recommendation from Kieser, the council's five

members voted unanimously to take all of the bids under advisement. Kieser said his firm will review the complete bid packages submitted by the vendors to determine whether they complied with all of the bid submission requirements, with the council expected to revisit this matter and select vendors at a special meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Much of the cost of the downtown improvements and the road resurfacing will be paid for with the proceeds of grants that KCG helped the town obtain. The town received an \$89,000 Rural Business Development Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development that will be combined with a \$6,000 grant from the Rush County Community Foundation and another \$8,700 in town funds to pay for the downtown improvements. The town also received a Community Crossings Initiative grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation for \$61,365, which will be combined with the town's local match of \$20,455 to cover almost \$82,000 worth of road improvements.

Even the lowest bids the council

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Put a Little Love In Your Hearts, People

It's incredible how much hatred people can exhibit, especially around the holidays. You'd think they might be able to shelve that anger for a few weeks or maybe even months.

Apparently not. While there is still ample goodwill that flows throughout the Christmas season, it never fails to astonish me that there's such an outpouring of scalding vitriol. It seems to increase as we go on, enabled by social media and the growing pestilence of anonymous commenting.

This nameless, faceless bashing goes to the heart of what's wrong in America today. Disillusioned by celebrity and government wealth, people have forgotten there's a responsibility that comes with free speech. And it's a real responsibility.

That means people have to stand by their comments - with their own names. Social media makes it so easy to drop verbal bombs on people from a safe, anonymous distance. These cowards hide behind pen names and aliases so they can avoid the damage they've done. That's a sure sign of a coward.

As a career newspaperman who has signed his name to each opinion piece or editorial - pro or con - I've ever written, I'm disturbed by this flourishing tendency for hateful commenters to shelter themselves from the very hurtful words they so easily spew on others.

As the cliché goes, they can dish it out, but they cannot take it.

It's like those tiny humans who write anonymous let-

ters to the editor - too afraid, apparently, to own even their own words. Interestingly, a lot of these same terrified people have the audacity to refer to others as "snowflakes" and such.

That would be funny if it weren't so doggone sad.

Why sad?

Because that's what Americans appear to be transforming into - frightened big mouths who only bark and never bite. Punch and run.

How could one bite, after all, if they don't even have the courage to sign their names to one of their very own opinions?

Is it too much to ask for people to actually have the courage embodied in what they call their convictions?

Government behavior is often at the

heart of these stomach-churning social

media issues. People have really strong feelings about these things - as long as it's on Facebook or Twitter.

Over 25 years in the newspaper business covering government meetings has taught me much. At the pinnacle of that acquired knowledge is the fact that Americans don't have the guts for government - at least when it's local. Nope, they're happy to shoot from afar at distant targets they know they'll never have to confront. But, bring up local government matters and they're either totally uninformed or too closely connected with the players to utter a word.

That's pitiful and it's not helpful.

And to the bitter, angry crowd that sours social media for so many - take a break already! Hate ain't so great!



Christmas, Chaos Sometimes Rhyme

(This column was originally published Dec. 12, 2007)

I'm sorry for the bah-humbuggers who can't wait for December to end because they stress themselves out with orgies of shopping and jam-packed calendars. I achieve a peaceful and merry Christmas spirit by starting preparations early and careful planning. The week after Thanksgiving we got 200 Christmas cards ready to mail, and I knew what my Christmas columns would be.

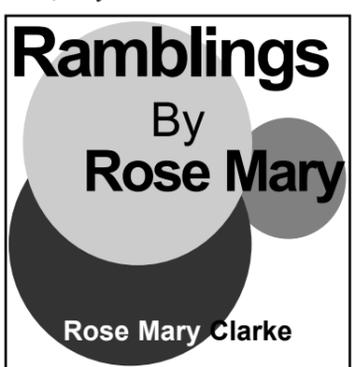
Christmas Diary: Last Monday The house is decorated, and tonight we'll do the tree.

Tuesday: Set up the manger scene that my parents gave me when I was 12. Not to worry about next week's column; am using a hoot of a story that a friend e-mailed. Dinner with friends where we told tree stories. One year we bought a lovely tree that reeked of cat as it became warm in the house. We laughed merrily at a friend. He was teaching full time and attending law school at night. Their Christmas tree kept falling over. Finally, our friend, a gentle man and the best of husbands and fathers, succumbed to bottled-up stress, pitched the tree out the door and chopped it up.

6 a.m. Wednesday: Instead of writing, I sit and absorb the snowscape outside that's as lovely as the one in the movie *White Christmas*. No bird, animal or car track mars the pristine snow. Oh the blissful calm of it! What a lovely Christmas

I'm having. I've even done most of my shopping.

Wednesday evening: We hear a thud, rush to living room. Tree has fallen over. There's glass on the floor and the tree is a mess. Am no longer laughing about our friend's plight. Fortunately, the most precious ornaments aren't broken. However, Bill's family believe that broken ornaments mean bad luck. Also, they insist that the tree must



come down before New Year's Day. "Pooh!" I say. "Inanimate objects have no influence on events. I'm not superstitious." Bill replies, "Just be careful!"

Thursday: We move stuff out of our home office. Technicians are arriving tomorrow to change our telephone and television systems. During the process, my writing files and notebooks fall on the floor and become a jumbled mess that I throw into a box to deal with later.

Friday: Grocery shopping. Technician says here's a problem. They'll come back another day.

Saturday: Early a.m., I finish the grocery shopping for a couple of parties we're having. One of my best suggestions is shop early to avoid the crowds! Am becoming a tad concerned because I haven't found the story for my column. Laboriously I search through masses of papers and notebooks ... "It has to be here. Where is it? ..."

6 a.m. Sunday: I hunt through everything again. "Where is it? Where is it? It has to be here. It has to be here!" Still no luck.

10:45: a.m. standing next to the tree when it tips over again. I catch hold of it and shriek for Bill. He's in the shower and can't hear me. When he comes out we stand the disheveled tree up again. Our friends - including the one who chopped up their tree - arrive in half an hour to go out for a festive brunch followed by a trip down memory lane at a Brenda Lee concert. Bill, wearing only his underwear, vacuums up pine needles while I take a hasty shower. Next the grapevine wreath that Vicki made falls from its place above the fireplace.

5 a.m. Monday: While I'm getting my coffee a crash in the kitchen awakens Bill. The dust-buster has fallen off the top of the fridge - dunno how! No, I do not believe in poltergeists! Still no XC#%* e-mail story. I start column. I'm no Hemingway or Garrison Keiler, but I know how they felt when they lost

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Take this true/false quiz. There is no prize other than possibly causing our public officials to revisit the definition of ethics.

1. Public officials have directed that the Comprehensive Plan follow their guidelines. There are two drafts. The second draft is the polar opposite of the first. Why? Project manager of StructurePoint stated she was directed to change it by public officials. That is now being denied and she is stating that it is a lie. Commissioner Baker stated things had changed in the county. Not sure what those changes would be in such a short period of time from August to October. Population density is still the same. Prime farm ground the plan purports to want to protect is still prime farm ground, yet it looks like turbines will be placed in almost every township in the county. The majority of the county still does not want turbines. The US Energy Department considers Henry County third-tier wind. The only way the wind companies can exist is by subsidies and credits.

2. They have put the public's interest before their own direct or indirect interests such as in reviewing the proposed ordinance and Comprehensive Plan and making sure they benefit their constituents.

3. Public officials have represented all their constituents fairly.

4. They have maintained the public's trust. To quote President Obama, "If the people cannot trust their government to do the job for which it exists - to protect them and to promote their common welfare - all else is lost." (Obama, 2006).

5. Their constituents have been treated with civility and respect. Have they caused the public to doubt the fairness of the proceedings? Does eating in front of people attending a public meeting show respect to constituents or yelling an obscenity to the crowd show civility?

6. Do the miniature wind turbines on the commissioners' desks, approving every wind company document and possibly providing their own guideline for the Comprehensive Plan, show a propensity for wind?

7. Things have been done in secrecy, behind closed doors. There has been transparency.

Ethical or unethical, that is the question.

Judy Walker

Henry County resident

Dear Editor,

I found Sarah Ward's comments as reported on pages 6 and 8 of the November 22 issue of the Banner quite disturbing.

Of course Ms. Ward is entitled to have any opinion that she likes of Christmas, the Constitution, or the ACLU. But the situation is, I believe, a bit different when she speaks as President of the Knightstown Town Council. In that position, she has taken an oath to support the Constitution (and if she has not, she must be summarily removed from office).

The Constitution is quite clear. Governments may not be engaged in religious activities. Not for them collectively, or for any particular religion. Likewise, government can not hinder religion. Religion is none of the government's business.

When Ms. Ward says that a small cross (definitely a religious symbol) will be placed on the tree, she knows, or should know that is unlawful. Now it may not be sufficiently prominent to provoke a court action, but it is certainly unlawful.

But most outrageous is her criticism of the ACLU. She is upset that the Town of Knightstown was asked to obey the law! If that is truly what she believes, she belongs in Alabama with ex-judge Roy Moore who was twice removed from office for his defiance of the Constitution. Each of us has

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BITS & PIECES

◆The **Nameless Creek Literary Club** will meet at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Bluebird in Morristown for a Christmas luncheon. The program will be led by Karen Campbell. Devotions will be led by Jane Dobbs. The response will be a good or bad gift received by those answering roll call. For information regarding the club, contact Judy Brown at 936-5704.

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◆Knightstown Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., will host a morning service featuring the **Christian Guitar Duo** "Better Days," which performed during Fall Fest this year. Their performance is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 17, at 10:30 a.m. Special music and singalongs will also be included.

◆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.

◆Knightstown Friends Church will host its annual **Christmas Candlelight Service** on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. This traditional service will include readings, congregational singing and vocal solos, all accompanied by Robin Richey and Lynn Ooten. Lighting of Christmas candles at the end of the service, cookies and punch are also on the schedule. 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 lnlashbrook@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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 34 2,000 minus 345, to Caesar
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 39 Never looking old
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'Gift of Energy' Program Ongoing

Vectren Energy Delivery (Vectren) is again offering its Gift of Energy program this holiday season, which allows individuals to make a payment toward the Vectren energy bill of a friend, family member or neighbor.

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Gifts can be made by check at no charge or by credit card for a nominal processing fee. There is no minimum or maximum amount associated with the monetary pledge. Vectren's Gift of Energy program runs year-round.

Kennard Resident Traci Peck Involvement with Donor Network Tied to Her Own Experience

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

Kennard resident Traci Treser Peck has been working with the Indiana Donor Network for eight years. She has been actively involved with them ever since her youngest son, David, became the first person in the state of Indiana to ever receive an intestinal transplant.

Peck is happy to note that David, a junior at Knightstown High School, is currently in his third season on the school wrestling team. However, neither she nor her son have forgotten that his future was once not so certain.

Their experience began when David was only a year old. Peck vividly detailed David's struggle in an article she wrote for Donate Life Indiana. He was diagnosed with reflux after sustained periods of vomiting and dehydration. At age two, in June of 2003, his condition worsened and the Peck family's pediatrician told them he needed to be transferred to either Riley Hospital for Children or St. Vincent's Children's Hospital to receive a higher level of care.

At St. Vincent's, a team of doctors and nurses determined that David's small intestine was "twisted, full of gangrene and dead." Peck and her family were told he may only live another 48 hours. In a moment of profound clarity, Traci Peck asked if a transplant surgery was possible. Thanks to his health and weight, David was found to be a good candidate for

such a transplant. Shortly after, they were introduced to Dr. Joe Tector.

As Peck recounted in her article, "Dr. Tector told us how the intestinal transplant program at Riley had just been approved two weeks before and while he would do everything in his power to get us to whatever transplant hospital we wanted to go to in the country, he would love to help our son."

The Pecks chose to have the transplant at Riley, and David returned to the operating room to have his small bowel and a third of his large bowel removed. He was placed on a central line to receive nutrition and kept in the ICU for one week, then in a regular unit for another week. The cause of David's condition was diagnosed as short gut syndrome, in which the intestines do not adhere to the abdominal wall.

After weeks of testing, David was eventually approved and placed on the transplant waiting list. On a Monday evening, the weekend after receiving this good news, Peck and her family were called to the Riley emergency room so David could go in for surgery. After about seven hours in the hospital waiting room, they received the news that his surgery had been a success and he was in the recovery room.

"It was truly miraculous," Peck wrote. "Our baby got his second chance at life!"

David remained in the organ transplant unit at University Hospital for two months, his condition

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

- 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
- Wed., Dec. 13** – Rush Co. Area Plan Commission meeting, 6 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville
- Wed., Dec. 13** – Rush Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville
- Thurs., Dec. 14** – Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.
- Mon., Dec. 18** – Christmas break begins for students of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. (students return Jan. 3, 2018)
- Tues., Dec. 19** – Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield
- Tues., Dec. 19** – Charles A. Beard Memorial School board meeting, 7 p.m., high school media center
- Tues., Dec. 19** – Rush Co. Health Dept. board meeting, 7 p.m., Health Dept. office at courthouse, Rushville
- Wed., Dec. 20** – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle
- Wed., Dec. 20** – Christmas break starts for students of the Eastern Hancock School Corp. (students return Jan. 4, 2018)

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manuscripts. I tell editors that I'll be late.
4:30 a.m. Tuesday: Am writing frantically, making corrections and inserting material. Eek! Something has gone wrong with this @!\$% computer. Every time I type a letter the next one is erased. I'm afraid to try some of the "command" keys lest I lock this thing up or lose everything. I must not miss the final, sacrosanct deadline. What to do? What to do? Help! (There is no help.)
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Henry Community Health Lauded for Workplace Safety

The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit health care ratings organization, has released new Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades for Fall 2017. Henry Community Health was one of only 18 Indiana hospitals awarded an "A" for its commitment to keeping patients safe and meeting the highest safety standards in the U.S. The Safety Grade

assigns letter grades of A, B, C, D and F to hospitals nationwide based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms.

"This award is a testament to our staff and their focus on patient safety which is at the forefront of everything we do," explained Brian Ring, vice president and chief

operations officer of Henry Community Health. "From daily Safety Huddles to an organization-wide patient safety program, we continually work on process improvement initiatives to reduce medical/healthcare errors and other factors that contribute to unintended adverse patient outcomes," Ring continued.

Henry Community Health has also been recognized in 2017 as a Top 100 Hospital by Truven Analytics, a Top 100 Rural and Community Hospital by IVantage Health Analytics, and as one of 100 Great Community Hospital, by Becker's Hospital Review.

"It takes consistent, unwavering dedication to patients to achieve

the highest standards of patient safety. An 'A' Safety Grade recognizes hospitals for this accomplishment," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We congratulate the clinicians, board, management and staff of Henry Community Health for showing the country what it means to put patient safety first."

Developed under the guidance of a Blue Ribbon National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer reviewed, fully transparent

and free to the public.

To see Henry Community Health's full grade, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on Twitter and Facebook.

Dana Jones Presides at BPW Meeting

Business & Professional Women of Knightstown (BPW) had the November meeting at Hoosier Gym in Knightstown on Nov. 20 with Debbie Banks as hostess. Local BPW President Dana Jones of Knightstown presided at the meeting.

Larry and Debbie Loveall presented a program about the Hoosier Gym. They will be having 40 games before the end of this year with 72 games before basketball season is over. They give tours of the Hoosier Gym.

Debbie presented a program on Cheer Guild of Knightstown. In 2016, they served 100 families for Christmas. They are collecting donations of nonperishable food, toys and money for families in 2017. Dec. 23 at 9 a.m. will be the distribution time for families for 2017.

District 2 Fall Meeting was held at Bluebird in Morristown with Barbara Mofield, District 2 director, presiding at the meeting. BPW Knightstown will make a donation to Cheer Guild and members will bring canned food and toys to the December meeting for the Cheer Guild.

The District 2 candidates fundraiser for Barbara Mofield, who will be INFBPW president-elect at state convention in April, will be a "Souptackler," with different soups and desserts served as a fundraiser for her year as president.

Donations were made to Wayne County schools and the Hoosier Gym for the new roof. Jan McGuire showed members how to make some of her projects.

Members will bring used shoes for the junior and varsity baseball teams for the shoe drive to the December Meeting.

The next meeting will be Dec. 18 at Hoosier Gym at 6:30 p.m. with Tina Williams as hostess. Women in the community are invited to attend any Knightstown BPW meeting on the third Monday of each month.



It's not the same without you at this time of year. But, the memories we made will cheer our hearts and help us keep you in our thoughts, as always.

Bryant Joe Neal

Don Neal

Ernie Cavaletto

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gradually improving while undergoing regular tests and examinations. He celebrated his third birthday in hospital. Around this time, Dr. Tector introduced Peck to Andy Ellenwood, a representative of what is now the Indiana Donor Network.

"Indiana Donor Network has advocates that go to locations or events to promote donation and transplantation," said Peck, for anyone wanting to know more about this area of medicine. "Lindsey Johnson is the director of Donate Life Indiana and she would be a great resource."

Peck and the rest of her family were able to go home after David began eating regularly and no longer required a steady flow of nutrition. His scheduled appointments lessened as his condition improved. The experience inspired both mother and son to eventually become advocates for other families in Indiana who were facing this type of transplant.

"You kind of get a crash course in nursing when you go through such a procedure," said Peck. "With David's being the first intestinal transplant in the state of Indiana I didn't have another parent to talk to for this transplant specifically. I've tried to always be there when one of his doctors has asked me to come meet with or talk to another family."

She and David have spoken at many events to share his story and promote donation. They have been interviewed by TV, newspapers, IU Health publications and Indiana Donor Network publications.

"Educate yourself and accept the support of anyone who offers," Peck said as a word of advice to others facing similar circumstances. "It was instrumental - the support we received. Whether it's family, friends, church family, etc., ... asking the doctors questions and learning all you can."

Though he still has occasional testing done, David is in a place of normalcy 13 years after his transplant surgery. He is active in sports and lives a healthy life.

"He loves wrestling!" his mother said. "Although, he did break his arm in January during last season's sectional meet. He's fully recovered and back out on the mat. He's living his life as we've always prayed he would. He plans on becoming a nurse to one day care for other children."

On Dec. 23, David Peck's wrestling team will go to the team state competition in Fort Wayne. Traci Peck graduated from Greenwood High School in 1993. She lives in Kennard with her family.

Letters, from Page 4

our own system of beliefs. It is the Constitution that allows all of us, Democrats and Republicans, carnivores and vegetarians, Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, and even Wiccans to live together peacefully and live in a civilized society.

And so, "with a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own."

**Eugene Falik
Far Rockaway, N.Y.**

Dear Editor,

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Beautify Knightstown Inc., Kevin Richey, Linda Lashbrook, Jan McGuire and many others for doing what it took to get the Pamela Bliss mural on Main Street.

I love it!

**Carolyn Myers
Knightstown**

Dear Editor,

When the 2018 legislative session begins next month, Indiana students will have a unique opportunity - the chance to serve as a page for the Indiana State Senate.

Paging is set up for students in grades six through 12, and includes a full day of activities. Students meet with their state senator, hear about public policy, tour the Indiana Statehouse, observe session debates on the Senate floor, and assist staff with age-appropriate tasks.

In just one day, students are immersed in the legislative process and our state government, and many students find it to be an interesting and rewarding experience. It might even spark a life-long interest in government and public service.

The Senate's Page Program will run mid-January through early March, and students begin their day at 8:30 a.m. and dismiss at 3:30 p.m. While individual students page on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, groups serve together on Wednesdays. Friends or siblings who wish to page on the same day need to submit their applications together.

Applications can be found online at www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program. Positions fill quickly, so I encourage all interested students to apply as soon as they can.

When filling out an application, students must include their name, school name, age and grade level, along with their parent or guardian's contact information and emergency contact information.

Each year, I have the opportunity to meet and speak with a number of bright students in my community through the Page Program. I hope even more students in Senate District 42 will take advantage of this exciting opportunity during the 2018 legislative session.

If you or your family have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the Senate's Page Program, contact me by email at Senator.Leising@iga.in.gov or by phone at 800-382-9467.

**Sen. Jean Leising
(R-Oldenberg)**

Members Still Sought for Preservation Group

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

The group, currently consisting of just three members - Ashley Davis, Faith Green and Kathy Gross - has held seven meetings since its first in March. While five people were initially appointed to the commission by the Carthage Town Council, two

were ineligible because they are not town residents, as state statute requires.

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

Parks, from Page 3

only online or by calling 1-877-LODGES1 through Dec. 31. Senior and Non-resident options are also available.

Also available are annual state parks passes, \$50 for in-state residents under age 65 or \$25 for in-state residents age 65 and older; DNR lake permits (\$25 for a motorized boat, \$5 for a non-motorized boat); annual horse tags, \$20; and off-road cycling permits,

\$20.

Gift cards for inns, golfing at The Fort Golf Resort in Fort Harrison State Park, and camping can be purchased in values ranging from \$25 to \$200.

All passes and permits are valid Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2018. Indiana has a combined 32 state parks and reservoirs, as well as seven inns throughout the state. Passes and permits are also good at

State Forest Recreation Areas.

Orders at innsgifts.com will ship within three to five business days. Orders received by Dec. 12 will ship by Dec. 18.

Permits and passes also can be purchased at park offices and the Customer Service Center in the Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis. The seven state park inns are also selling annual passes at their front desks.

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received Monday for the downtown improvements and road resurfacing exceed the grants and local matching funds the town has already pledged to contribute for these projects. It is not known at this time whether the council will approve spending additional town funds to make up the difference or if the scope of the projects will be scaled back in order to reduce their costs.

In related matters, the council

also voted Monday to approve two payments to Kieser's firm, one for \$2,000, the other for \$3,000. Kieser asked council members if they would be interested in having a couple of graduate school interns from his firm create a website for the town for \$1,000.

"Every town needs a website," Kieser told the council.

Council member John Hancock said he thought it would be nice for the town to have a website,

while fellow council member Ashley Davis suggested the website be set up to allow utility customers to pay their bills online. Kieser told council members to give this some thought before their next meeting.

"I want the council intimately involved this time," Kieser said of any efforts to develop a town website. "... We want input from everybody ... and we want to make sure everyone can find (the website)."

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with Knightstown and the Hoosier Gym," Kieser said.

As he did at the October meeting, Kieser stressed again last week the importance of getting letters of support for the project. He said the letters - from local citizens, town officials, people who work in the community, those who belong to local nonprofit groups and anyone else interested in preserving the Hoosier Gym - should be sent to

Neil Shaneyfelt, HGCKC's president, not Town Council President Sarah Ward, as he had said at KFC's October meeting.

"The letters are really important," Kieser said. "... If we have 15 or 20, that's better than three." He cautioned against generating and submitting form letters, however. "The worst thing thing that OCRA gets down there is form letters," he said. "... That looks too rehearsed."

Should the town decide to go forward with seeking the OCRA grant, two public hearings will need to be held. Kieser said the first one would tentatively be scheduled for Thursday, April 26, prior to submission of the grant proposal. The second hearing, he said, would be held in June, after OCRA has made a site visit to the town to see the gym.

Law, from Page 1

years he has worked in Carthage, said he would limit his hours.

"I can do that, too," Baker said. "It's no problem. ... I'm willing to work with you guys."

Baker told the council that the RCSD "depends heavily" on the CPD to provide coverage in the northwest part of the county.

"I would hate to see anyone die because I couldn't respond," Baker said.

Council member John Hancock, who also serves as a volunteer reserve officer for the CPD, said he could "understand the frustration of having to come to (the police department) to get a car" before responding to a call.

Council Vice President Kelly Land said that, for him, the big issue was Baker's personal use of the vehicle. Baker said that he had no problem curtailing that, noting that both of his personal vehicles, which had had engine problems, are now working.

Brown said she would be OK with Baker driving the patrol car home if it is not used for personal matters. She also said she would want Baker to note on his monthly written report to the council all instances, other than driving between home and work, when he was required to drive the patrol car outside town.

"This is a working document," Brown said of the addendum being considered. "This has not been voted on. ... It's something we can still change." If Baker is going to be allowed to continue driving the patrol car home after work, she said there will need to be "documentation and accountability."

On a motion made by Brown and seconded by council member Charlie Watkins, the council voted unanimously to approve the Town Marshal Employment Addendum. The provision that would have prevented Baker from driving the patrol car home after work was amended to allow him to continue doing this so long as he documents any out-of-town use of the patrol car on his monthly reports.

The addendum restricts all personal use of CPD vehicles "until further notice" from the council and clearly states that the patrol cars "shall be used for town purposes only." The new policies also prohibit Baker from having any non-police officers from riding

along in his patrol car in the absence of prior approval from the council.

Other issues addressed by the addendum approved Monday evening include donations and events, employment hours, conversations and discussions with the town council and/or council members, and the use of the CPD garage.

*Donations and Events: The addendum requires Baker to provide a financial accounting to Carthage Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan for the 2017 golf outing and car show fundraisers for the CPD. Baker will need to show all "income, expenses, donations and/or payments related to any and all funds donated to or raised by the (CPD) related to said events." In the future, any benefits held for the CPD will first need to be OK'd by the town council, with the town clerk-treasurer handling the finances for these events.

*Employment Hours: The addendum clarifies that Baker is not supposed to be working more than 25 hours a week. Acknowledging that the nature of law enforcement work sometimes requires that limit to be exceeded, it goes on to say that, starting in 2018, Baker will be allowed to earn only a maximum of 25 hours of roll-over/comp time each year. Presently, Baker has not been restricted on the amount of comp time he can earn.

*Conversations and Discussions with the Town Council and/or Council Members: The addendum states that Baker "shall, as reasonably possible, communicate all department issues with the full town council at a regularly-scheduled meeting, or, if unable to attend a regularly-scheduled meeting, in writing, so that the full town council can address any department questions or concerns." It also says that neither Baker nor any other CPD member shall communicate "in a disparaging way" to any town council member, town employee or town citizen.

*Police Department Garage: The addendum clarifies that the CPD garage is to be used for town and CPD purposes only and that personal items shall not be stored there. The council told Baker that it will give him until Dec. 31 to remove personal items he has been storing in the CPD garage, and he said he should be able to abide by that deadline.

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

Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' Coming to County Library Via NEA

Indiana Humanities awarded New Castle-Henry County Public Library a Community Read grant of \$1,000 to participate in a statewide read of the classic novel *Frankenstein*. More than 60 other communities will be reading the book as part of One State/One Story: *Frankenstein*.

New Castle-Henry County Public Library will host at least three community programs tied to the book during 2018, including a book discussion. It will also receive up to 50 books and assorted ephemera (bookmarks, posters, etc.) to promote the programs. The \$1,000 project funds can be used for a variety of purposes, including to book speakers through a special *Frankenstein* speakers bureau.

Written by teenage Mary Shelley in 1818, *Frankenstein* tells the story of a young scientist who created a grotesque living creature through a scientific experiment and was

horrified by what he had made.

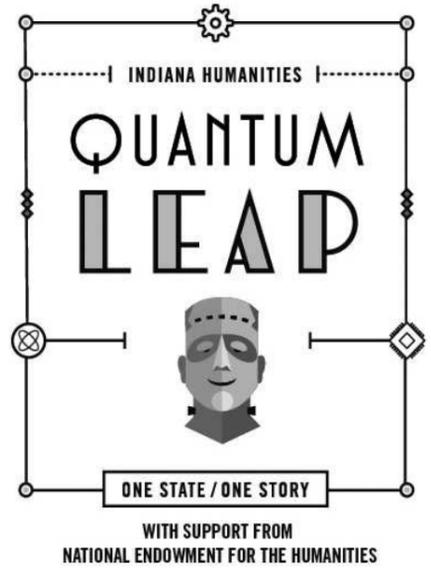
"*Frankenstein* is a powerful book that raises big questions about right and wrong, how we treat other people and the relationship between science and society," said Keira Amstutz, president and CEO of Indiana Humanities.

"The purpose of this grant aligns perfectly with our library's ongoing goal of supporting adult literacy and encouraging a love of reading through our annual Henry County Reads program. Once again, we will use this opportunity to get books into the hands of our community members and encourage them to enjoy a work of classic literature together. We hope that by providing free copies of the book and access to quality programs that participants will continue to expand their reading horizons and further their lifelong learning goals." Winnie Logan, director of the New Castle-

Henry County Public Library.

"We are incredibly excited to be awarded this grant. Along with the entire state of Indiana, we have selected Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* as the book our community will read together during Henry County Reads in the fall of 2018, and this grant makes it possible for us to offer extra-special programs and community discussions. Our *Frankenstein*-related programs will spark creativity, spur deep thought, get messy, be active, and taste delicious. Look for them in the fall." Lisa Stamm, the local library's assistant director, said.

One State/One Story: *Frankenstein* is an initiative designed by Indiana Humanities, in partnership with the Indiana State Library and Indiana Center for the Book, to encourage Hoosiers to read the classic novel as it turns 200 in 2018. Learn more at IndianaHumanities.org/Frankenstein.



K-TOWN LEGION POST 152 DINNER SPECIALS: FRIDAY, DEC. 15

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Donation to 'Thank-A-Teacher' Initiative Possible Gift Idea

As we enter the holiday season the Rush County Community Foundation wants to remind parents and students in all schools in Rush County that making a donation to the Rush County Education Fund through the "Thank-A-Teacher" initiative is a great way to honor school system employees during the holiday by giving a gift that will give forever.

When you "Thank-A-Teacher," you're giving local school staff members a gift that will continue to support their good work through project and classroom funding.

Contributions made to the "Thank-A-Teacher" project directly support the permanently endowed Rush County Education Fund. The proceeds from this fund provide financial support for education-related projects not provided for in the budget of all schools in Rush County.

It's easy to "Thank-A-Teacher." Simply make a donation to the Rush County Education Fund in honor of a teacher or a school employee.

Donations can be made online at www.rushcountyfoundation.org or in-person at 117 N. Main St., Rushville. Designate the staff member's name and your student's name(s) when contributing. The individual honored will receive a specially designed card telling them the name of the donor. These cards can be sent directly to the recipients or picked up at the

Foundation office for the student to present in person.

Give more in this season of giving: give a gift that will forever impact our community. A donation of any size to the Rush County Community Foundation is an investment in our community that will enable us to continue to serve donors, award grants and

OBITUARIES

Kenneth E. Todd

August 31, 1928 - December 11, 2017

Kenneth E. Todd, 89, of Knightstown, passed away unexpectedly in the comfort of his home on the morning of Monday, December 11, 2017.

He was born on the family farm in Grant County, Indiana to the late Clayton J. and Velma Lou (Bennett) Todd on August 31, 1928.

Kenny grew up in Grant County and later Carthage with his eight brothers and sisters where they farmed and raised animals. He served his country in the Army and National Guard during the 40's after WWII. He was married to the love of his life, Edith May McCorkle on June 1, 1946 and were blessed with 71 years together.

He retired from Delco Remy after 32 years where worked as tool and die maker and designed tools that have been exported worldwide. Kenny also served with the Henry County Sheriff Department as a Deputy for 15 years and several more years with American Designers in Knightstown.

Kenny played competitive softball and set many records in weight lifting. He was a gifted craftsman and created beautiful wood furniture for their home. Kenny enjoyed the outdoors, John Deere tractors and always had project going. He loved his family dearly and spent as much time as he could with them.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Edith May (McCorkle) Todd; three children, Cathy Jean (husband: Rex) Kline of Knightstown, Michael E. (wife: Brenda J.) Todd of Pendleton and Mark A. (wife: Krysty L.) Todd of Sevierville, TN; thirty-three grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sharon (husband: Tommy) Roberts, Betty Dean and numerous nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Janice L. Todd; grandson, Todd Aaron; siblings, Robert Todd, Donna Jean Hiner, Francis Dewitt, Shirley Ann Whitfield, Bill Todd and Patty Dewitt.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 pm on Friday, December 15, 2017 at Walnut Ridge Friends Church 8956 W. 800 N. Carthage, IN 46115 with Pastor Markus Dennis officiating. Burial will follow in Walnut Ridge Cemetery.

Friends may call from 12-3 p.m., prior to the service at the church.

You may send a personal condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com.

The Hunt family and Heritage staff are honored to serve the family of Kenneth Todd.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF BIDS

Notice is hereby given that Henry County, Indiana, acting by and through its Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids at the Office of the County Commissioners in the Henry County Courthouse, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, Indiana, until 6:30 P.M., local time, on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 to resurface roads in Henry County as listed in the specifications.

All proposals shall be properly and completely executed on the proposal forms as required by the specifications, which will include the non-collusion affidavit as required by the State Board of Accounts.

All proposals must be accompanied by a properly executed Contractors Bid Form 96 as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts. Each proposal shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check, cashiers check, or surety bond made payable to Henry County in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid price.

The successful bidder to whom the work is awarded will be required to furnish an acceptable payment and performance bond in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, except that Henry County retains the right to reject all bids when it is in the best interest of the county.

Bids will be evaluated based upon inspection, testing, quality, workmanship, delivery and suitability for particular purpose.

Henry County in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation and Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Title VI Program and Related Statutes, issued pursuant to such Acts, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability/handicap and low income in consideration for an award.

The Contract Documents, are on file in the Office of the County Highway located at 202 West 50N, New Castle, Indiana.

The Contract Documents will be available in the Commissioners' Office beginning December 14, 2017.

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:
BUTCH BAKER, KIM L. CRONK, ED YANOS

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Henry County will receive sealed bids until Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (local time) at the Henry County Commissioners' Office, Henry County Courthouse, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, Indiana, for supplies, materials and equipment/labor as listed below to be furnished as required during calendar year 2018, and contracts may be renewed any number of times, with the agreement of the purchasing agency and the supplier/contractor. Bids will be evaluated based upon inspection, testing, quality, workmanship, delivery and suitability for particular purpose.

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Sealed bids will be publicly opened at 6:30 p.m. on the 10th day of January, 2018, during the Commissioners' meeting, located in the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, New Castle, Indiana.

- ITEM NO. 1 GASOLINE
- ITEM NO. 2 DIESEL FUEL # 1
- ITEM NO. 3 DIESEL FUEL # 2
- ITEM NO. 4 DIESEL FUEL #2 (Off Road)
- ITEM NO. 5 LIQUID ASPHALT
- ITEM NO. 6 ASPHALT PAVEMENT MATERIALS & MISC
- ITEM NO. 7 CRUSHED STONE
- ITEM NO. 8 CONCRETE
- ITEM NO. 9 CALCIUM CHLORIDE
- ITEM NO. 10 GRAVEL AND SAND
- ITEM NO. 11 EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND LABOR
- ITEM NO. 12 PIPE & MISC.

Specifications will be available beginning December 14, 2017, in the Office of the Commissioners, Henry County Courthouse, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, Indiana. Bids shall be itemized on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form #95. No bid bond is required. Additional bid requirements are contained within the specifications.

Contracts will be let as part or whole to the lowest responsible bidder upon affidavit of non-collusion, which must be submitted with bids and upon failure to submit such affidavit, such bid will be rejected.

The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder except that Henry County Commissioners retains the right to reject any/all bids when it is in the best interest of the county.

Board of Commissioners
Henry County, Indiana

(12/13-12/20)

LOCAL SPORTS

Knightstown Defeats Milan to Win Panther Invite



If you weren't at Knightstown High School Saturday afternoon for the championship match of the Panther Wrestling Invitational, you missed a tense and exciting local sporting event. The third-ranked Panthers put out an incredible effort to win the tournament over ninth-ranked Milan. (Stacy Cox photo)

by Stacy Cox
General Manager/Sports Editor

After an exciting basketball game Friday night at Knightstown High School, the enthusiasm and cheers the following morning and afternoon in the KHS gym may have even exceeded the previous event.

Knightsstown's varsity wrestling team continued its winning streak Saturday with four more wins to claim the trophy of the Panther Wrestling Invitational.

The Panthers defeated Sheridan 63-14 then topped Indiana School for the Deaf 75-6. They finished off Cambridge City Lincoln 66-12 to move to the championship round against Milan.

It was the match that the Panthers had expected.

But, so had the Milan coaches and wrestlers.

In the break room prior to the championship match, both Knightstown and Milan coaches discussed in the most non-competitive way how they had stressed to their team all week prior to the tournament about the importance of winning the match.

They both agreed their wrestlers were very aware that how they performed in the final match would determine their seed in the state tournament. But, less than a half hour later, they were back in the gym and there were no signs of the friendly guys talking shop back over sandwiches. In the end, and it was most definitely the end, Knightstown prevailed over Milan 41-35.

The score in the championship round went back and forth until there were just two matches left.

Knightsstown was down 29-35 when freshman Liam Orcutt pinned his Milan opponent, causing the team, coaches and crowd to erupt in cheers.

With the score now tied at 35, the championship was dropped on the shoulders of senior Jon Simmons. And, he was ready to rise to the challenge.

As his opponent tried to take him down, Simmons squeezed hard and got the advantage as the two wrestlers went to the mat. Simmons then got a position he wanted and flipped the Milan wrestler over, holding him down for the count. When the official's hand smacked the mat, Knightsstown's coaches, team and fans went crazy. Simmons was still stoic as he met his opponent at the center of the mat before the official held his arm up to declare him the winner.

It was a thrilling moment for the home crowd. And, no one in the gym was likely as excited as head coach Jared Evans.

"I am so proud of our boys," said Evans. "We had some matches and calls not go our way in the championship match, but the boys faced adversity head on. I cannot speak enough about the senior leadership and the character of these young men."

Going undefeated on the day were Thomas Sollars (113), Kaleb Buchanan (120), Nick Walsh (138), Jon Simmons (182) and Burias Wisner (HWT). Liam Orcutt (170) was also undefeated at 3-0 and Mason Muncy (170) competed once and also won.

Five Knightstown wrestlers were 3-1 in the tournament including David Peck (106), Jacob Hanna (126), Bruce Nichols (3-1), Ben Newby (160) and Aiden Orcutt (195). Evan Nolen (152) was 2-2 while Collin Ferree (145) and Connor Brockman (220) went 1-3.

Milan beat Greenfield Central's junior varsity, Switzerland County and Indianapolis Northwest to reach the championship round.



Before Jon Simmons (above) won his match that gave the Panthers a 41-35 win in the Panther Invitational, Knightsstown was down 29-35 with two matches left. Then, freshman Liam Orcutt (below) pinned his Milan opponent to tie the match up at 35-35, setting up Simmons for the win. (Stacy Cox photos)



LOCAL SPORTS

Tyler Burton, Garrett Thomas Make All-State Football Team

Knightstown's Tyler Burton and Garrett Thomas have both been named to the Indiana Football Coaches Association's 2017 Senior All-State Football Team for class 2A.

Both Panther players were placed on the All-State offensive team with Burton named as the sole place kicker and Thomas as one of the eight players making up the offensive line.

Burton has played on Knightstown's varsity football team all four years of high school. However, he did not start kicking until his junior year.

During his senior year, Burton finished 15th overall in class 2A teams for punting with 18 punts totaling 630 yards and averaging 35.0 yards per punt. Six of those punts were inside the 20-yard line. His longest punt was 47 yards. He also had 10 kickoffs for 361 total yards with his longest at 43 yards. As a junior, he punted 33 times, averaging 34.2 yards, for a total of 1128 yards.

Though he's being recognized for his kicking, Burton was a leader offensively for the Panthers since he began getting time in the quarterback position during his freshman year and has become one of their best tacklers.

As a senior, he threw for 782 yards and led his team in rushing with 111 carries for 769 yards, nearly doubling the next Panther's total. He led the team in rushing touchdowns with six this season and finished the season with 1551 total yards gained.

Burton was second on the Panthers, behind Thomas, in solo tackles with 52 and in total tackles with 88.

Thomas finished the 2017 season seventh for all of

Indiana's class 2A teams in total tackles with 138. He was second in the number of tackles per game with 13.8 and was fourth overall in solo tackles with 95. He added 43 assisted tackles to his records this past year and one sack.

Like Burton, Thomas also played all four years on Knightstown's varsity football team.

As a freshman, Thomas had five solo tackles and assisted in 12 other tackles for 17 total tackles. The next year, as a sophomore, he made 28 solo tackles with 35 assists for 63 total tackles, and had one sack.

Thomas continued to improve last year as a junior, making 69 solo tackles. He assisted on 52 other tackles for 121 total tackles. He also caused one fumble and recovered two fumbles.

In addition to the statistics posted previously about his senior year, Thomas also caused one fumble and added seven rushing yards and one pass deflection to his 2017 record.

Other area players named to the class 2A All-State team include Shenandoah's Joe Huff (DB) and Josh Myers (OL), Eastern Hancock's AJ Muegge (DB), Centerville's Cole Cooper (TE).

Eastern Hancock, Shenandoah and Centerville also had players making the Junior All-State Football Team for class 2A. Making the junior team included Royals Alexander Burton (DL) and Brady Stephens (OL), Raider Dalton Guffey (OL) and Bulldog Dante Torres (P).

New Castle's quarterback Niah Williamson made the Senior All-State team for class 4A while his teammate Luke Bumbalough (WR) was named to the Junior All-State team.



Garrett Thomas (above) and Tyler Burton (below) were named to the 2017 All-State team for class 1A.



2018 Men's Silver Anniversary Team Announced by Indiana Hall of Fame

Eighteen men have been named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 2018 Silver Anniversary Team, based on outstanding accomplishments as a senior basketball player 25 years ago.

The team includes 12 members named to the 1993 Indiana All-Star squad. Six other all-state players are included to recognize the top of Indiana's high school class of 1993.

1992 Indiana All-Stars include Chad Austin, Ryan Bond, Tyson Brit, Jim Cruse, Matthew Graves, Jeff Layden, Toby Madison, Kelsey Mucker, Chris Quinn, Scott Rolen, Randy Zachary and Sherron Wilkerson.

The remaining six, named to various all-state teams are: Noy Castillo, BJ Flynn, Scott George, Jason Holmes, Pete Miller and Burt Paddock.

All Men's Silver Anniversary Team members will be honored at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 57th Annual Men's Awards Banquet on Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

A midday reception, free and open to the public, will be held at the Hall of Fame museum in New Castle. The evening banquet will take place at the Primo Banquet Hall, which is located on the south side of Indianapolis.

Banquet reservations are now available through the Hall's website at www.hoopshall.com/events or by calling (765) 529-1891. For more information, you may also email info@hoopshall.com.

2018 Men's Silver Anniversary Team

CHAD AUSTIN - RICHMOND
1993 Indiana All-Star. UPI 1st team all-state and AP 2nd team

all-state. Scored 1,194 career points, 4th all-time in Richmond history. Averaged 14.7 ppg as a junior on 24-5 1992 state championship team that also won the North Central Conference. Averaged 21.0 ppg, 8.0 rebounds and 4.1 assists his senior season, leading Richmond to 21-4 record. Played in 129 career games at Purdue University, totaling 1,694 points (career 13.1 ppg) and 338 assists - he is one of only three players in Purdue history with 1,600+ points and 300+ career assists. Was a 2x team captain and 2x team MVP, earning 1997 and 1998 1st team all-Big Ten honors. From 1998 - 2008 had a 10-year professional career for teams based in Turkey, Sweden, Greece, Germany, Crete, Israel, Russia, France and Dubai. Since 2010, he works for Forest City Realty Trust in Brooklyn, New York. Married with three children, he resides in Brooklyn.

RYAN BOND - FORT WAYNE SOUTH

1993 Indiana All-Star. UPI 2nd team all-state, AP 3rd team all-state and Indianapolis News 3rd team all-state. 21 Alive (Fort Wayne) Player of the Year, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette and Fort Wayne News Sentinel Player of the Year after 1,094 career points. Averaged 21 points and 13 rebounds per game as a senior, leading South to a 26-2 record, Summit Conference championship and sectional and regional titles. Played two seasons at IPFW, leading team in scoring and rebounding each year, averaging 10.1 points and 6.3 rebounds as a sophomore and 14.3 points and 5.8 rebounds as a junior. In his 19th year as a teacher with Fort Wayne

Community Schools, he was head coach at FW South, leading them to a 114-70 record with two sectional and one conference championship and 2002 Coach of the Year honors. Married with two children, he resides in Leo.

TYSON BRIT - ANDERSON

1993 Indiana All-Star, averaging 15 points and 8 rebounds as senior for 26-3 and #1 ranked regional champions. Scored 1,000 career points (career 13.6 ppg average), and was named all-county, all-conference, all-sectional, all-regional, all-state and a McDonald's All-American nominee. Was a part of Anderson teams that were 49-5 with two sectional and two regional championships his final two seasons. Played in 78 games in three seasons at Xavier University, totaling 323 points and 212 rebounds. A reserve on their 1995 team that went 14-0 in MCC play, 23-5 overall and made Xavier's 4th ever appearance in NCAA Tournament. A machine operator at Prairie Farms Dairy for the past six years, he resides in Anderson.

NOY CASTILLO - NEW ALBANY

Named 1993 UPI 3rd team all-state, Louisville Courier-Journal and Bloomington Herald-Times 1st team all-state, North-South All-Star, a Top 40 Workout participant, 1992 honorable mention all-state and a 3x Hoosier Hills all-conference player. Graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer (1,283 points), averaging 17.2 ppg as a junior and 20.9 ppg as a senior. Played in 82 career games on teams that were 79 -18, 4x sectional champions, 3x conference champs, and 1993 regional runner-up to eventual state champ

Jeffersonville. A four-year player at The Citadel, where he graduated as their 16th all-time leading scorer with 1,086 points in 102 career games (10.6 ppg), he graduated as all-time leader in 3FG made, 9th in 3FG%, 10th in FT% (79.2%), 10th in assists (205) and 3rd in career minutes played. Was 1996 all-Southern Conference and set conference record for 3FG made in a season. 2nd pick in Philippine Basketball Association 1998 Draft, had a 10-year career in PBA, earning five league all-star selections and a member of the 2002 Philippine National Team. Since 2006 has been CEO & owner of Brand 40 Custom Team Uniforms and since 2016 has been an international project missionary. Married with four children, he lives in East Elmhurst, New York.

JIM CRUSE - TERRE HAUTE NORTH

993 Indiana All-Star - the first Indiana All-Star from Terre Haute North. Bloomington Herald-Times 1st team all-state, 1993 North-South All-Star and Hoosier Basketball Magazine preseason all-state pick. Averaged 19.9 points and 10.8 rebounds for 20-3 Patriots, who won the Terre Haute holiday tournament, Vigo County

Tournament and were sectional champions. Averaged 15.6 points and 12.1 rebounds as a junior. Played in 105 career games for Indiana State, totaling 1,049 points and 771 career rebounds. Led team in rebounding three seasons, including team-highs of 14.0 points and 10.6 rebounds as a senior, graduating 4th in program history in career rebounds and still holds record for most career offensive rebounds (326). Led the Missouri Valley Conference in rebounding his junior & senior seasons and still holds school single-game rebound record (25) and was named MVC all-conference as a senior. Named to ISU's all-century team and a 2018 inductee into ISU Athletic HOF. He played professionally in Dijon, France, where he led the league in rebounding. He has worked for the Indiana State Police since 2007 and since 2012 has been assigned to protect the Governor of Indiana. Engaged, he has one child and resides in Terre Haute.

BJ FLYNN - JEFFERSONVILLE

1993 AP 3rd team all-state selection, averaged 15.3 points for 1993 state champions after averaging 13.3 points as a junior on state runner-up team and a three-

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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Use Tough Defense to Defeat Lincoln in Exciting Game



Knightstown's Jarred Porter pulls up for a jumper during Friday night's varsity boys basketball game against Cambridge City Lincoln. Porter led the Panthers with 15 points, four steals, three rebounds and two assists. KHS defeated the Golden Eagles 51-43. (Stacy Cox photo)



A super-charged defense was a huge factor Friday night in the Panthers' win over Lincoln. Jose Olivo (4) and Chase Burton (23) applied the pressure on Lincoln's James Pugh. (Stacy Cox photo)



At left, Knightstown's Garrett Thomas (40) looks small compared to Cambridge City Lincoln's 6'8 Garrett Pumphrey, whose wing span was significantly wider than the back board. The Panthers - including Thomas, Owen Wiles, Tucker Personett, Treavor Cook and others - all worked hard defensively against Lincoln's big man to help KHS get the win. (Stacy Cox photo)

by Stacy Cox
General Manager/Sports Editor

Knightstown's varsity boys basketball team picked up their second win of the season in a much-needed home game Dec. 8, beating Cambridge City Lincoln 51-43.

The Panthers had charged up their batteries for an energized defense and a constantly-driving offense against a Lincoln team that included a 6'8 center averaging a double-double this year.

Knightstown held the Eagles' big guy Garrett Pumphrey to just 11 points and nine rebounds, below his average of 13.5 points and 11.8 rebounds per game.

And, it was a good thing the hustle and determination was in overdrive for the Panthers as Lincoln was shooting better, 46 percent to Knightstown's 36 percent.

The Panthers made up for the lackluster shooting in other areas. They committed just five turnovers in the entire game while forcing Lincoln into 14 and made 10 steals.

The difference-maker was getting to the line. Though the Panthers again struggled at the stripe, they got to the line 15 more times than the Eagles did, converting 13 of their 25 attempts for 52 percent.

Seniors Jarred Porter and Tucker Personett led the Panthers in scoring.

Porter scored 15 points, hitting both of this three-point attempts. He grabbed three rebounds and four steals with two assists.

Personett finished with 12 points, three

rebounds, three steals and an assist. Not showing in the stats though was Personett's tenacious effort guarding Lincoln's Pumphrey for much of the game. Despite at least half a foot difference in height, Personett stuck to Pumphrey, preventing easy passes and denying him a chance to get into any kind of rhythm.

Junior Treavor Cook came off the bench for some strong contributions on both ends of the floor, including some huge rebounds and free throws down the stretch. He had seven points and seven rebounds.

Though he didn't score, senior Garrett Thomas was a major factor in the Panthers' victory, coming up with nine rebounds and one steal and using his strength to frustrate Lincoln's big man.

Senior Owen Wiles knocked down two three-pointers and spent much of his time on the floor pushing for position against Lincoln's players to come up with three rebounds.

Tyler Burton dropped in two baskets from the field and two from the line for four points. He also recorded two rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Jose Olivo struggled from the field and finished with one bucket and two free throws while contributing two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Sophomore Chase Burton had three points and an assist.

The Panthers' record went to 2-3 with the victory over Lincoln.

Titans Fall to Raiders, Demolish Union

Tri's varsity boys basketball team put up a good fight but ultimately fell to Shenandoah 59-74 at home Dec. 8.

The first half stayed relatively close between the two Henry County schools. Shenandoah took the early lead, 17-12, after the first quarter. Tri pulled within two points by halftime, outscoring the Raiders 14-11 in the second quarter to put the score at 26-28 at the break.

But, the Raiders came out of the half pumped up and put the Titans back on their heels with 25 points while holding Tri to just 10 to take a 53-36.

The Titans once again rallied in the fourth quarter, scoring 23 points. But, Tri was unable to stop the Raiders, giving up 21 points to fall 59-74.

Seth Butler knocked down four shots from behind the arch and was 8-of-9 at the line to led the Titan scoring with 20 points. He also had a rebound, steal and one assist.

Elijah Davis scored 13 points, got four rebounds and three deflections with one assist.

Alex Melton finished with seven points, four rebounds, two steals and an assist.

Masen Phelps contributed seven points and three rebounds.

Drew Mondrush had five

points, all from the free throw line, and two rebounds with two assists.

Nick Wilson dished out four assists and had three points, one rebound and two steals.

Jimmy Jeffries dropped in one bucket and grabbed a rebound.

Kyler Burchett added one rebound and one assist.

The loss moved the Titans to 1-3 on the season.

Titans Beat Union 80-31

The following night, the Titans got back on track in a big way, dominating Modoc's Union 80-31.

The Titans took a 22-4 lead after the first quarter and then stretched that giant lead out to 51-11 by halftime.

With a 40-point margin in the their favor, the Titans didn't let up when they returned to the court for the third, outscoring Union 19-14 to put the score at 70-25.

Tri's scoring dropped to just 10 points in the fourth quarter but the Titans held Union to only six points to get the 49-point victory.

Head coach Matt Lacy was able to get playing time for some of his younger players during the game, but junior Elijah Davis led the Titan scorers with 22 points. He also

made four assists, three steals, two rebounds and a deflection.

Kyler Burchett had the best game of his high school career, finishing with 12 points, seven steals, six assists, five rebounds and two deflections.

Drew Mondrush scored 11 points and got four rebounds with one assist.

Alex Melton posted 10 points, two rebounds and two steals.

Seth Butler scored six points, all from long range, and got two rebounds, a steal and an assist.

Masen Phelps scored six points, yanked down three rebounds and made a steal.

Nick Wilson had five points, four assists, two steals, one rebound and one deflection.

Logan Stephens dropped in two buckets and pulled in two rebounds with one deflection.

Clayton Becker had one bucket, one deflection and a rebound.

Jimmy Jeffries hit one shot from the field and provided one assist.

Dillon Stevens pulled in six rebounds and made one deflection. Kyle Falck made two assists, one deflection and a steal and Zach Smith handed out an assist.

The win improved the Titans' season record to 2-3.

Pork Dinner at EH Friday to Boost Settergren, Hiner Memorial Funds

The Eastern Hancock Athletic Boosters will be holding a Pork Burger Dinner prior to and during the girls and boys basketball games against Knightstown on Friday Dec. 15 from 5 p.m. until halftime of the boys' game in the high school cafeteria. The cost is a freewill donation. A portion of the proceeds from the dinner will go to the Dylan Hiner Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Riley Charles Settergren Foundation. Make plans to attend to help raise funds to assist the Knightstown and Eastern Hancock communities in establishing funds to remember these two young men who died in 2017 following injuries sustained in tragic accidents.

LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Panthers Beat South Decatur by 15

Lori Thomas, Jess Butler Both Post Double-Doubles in the Win

Two Lady Panthers had double-doubles Monday night to carry Knightstown to a 56-41 victory over South Decatur at home.

Other than a poor performance in the third quarter, the Lady Panthers had so much to be proud of in the game. Knightstown were on fire to start, outscoring South Decatur 18-11 in the first quarter.

KHS put up 11 points in the second quarter and held the Lady Cougars to 10 points to take a 29-21 lead at the half.

The Lady Panthers' focus fell off after they returned from the break. Knightstown scored just three points in the third quarter while giving up 11 points, and their lead, to South Decatur.

With the game now tied at 32, the Lady Panthers regained their composure and rallied in a huge way, scoring 24 points in the fourth quarter. The KHS girls held the Lady Cougars to nine points in the final period to get the 14-point win.

Senior Lori Thomas recorded the best game of her career. She had been struggling all season to get her shot to fall but on Monday, she drained 3-of-5 shots from long range and finished with 16 points. She also pulled in 10 rebounds and made three assists, one block, one deflection and a steal.

Jess Butler continued to provide the Lady Panthers with consistent play that resulted in her third double-double of the season with 14 points, 10 rebounds and one steal.

Kaitlyn Jackson tallied seven points, five rebounds, four steals and an assist.

Liz Moore contributed five points, three rebounds, two steals and one assist.

Allyson Hauk posted five points, one deflection, one steal and one assist.

Maggie Smith scored four points and got three rebounds, one deflection and two assists.

Sidney Vise had three points, two rebounds, one block, one steal and an assist.

Katie Clark dropped in one bucket and grabbed two rebounds and two steals with one assist.

Dharma Holder added one rebound.

The Lady Panthers' overall season record is now at 3-9.



Senior Lori Thomas, shown above from an earlier season game, had the best performance of her high school career against South Decatur. She finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds for her first double-double. (Stacy Cox photo)

Lady Titans Defeat Randolph Southern, Shenandoah to Improve Record to 7-2

Tri's varsity girls basketball team carried a big first quarter advantage through the next three quarters to beat Randolph Southern 50-45 on the road Dec. 6.

The Lady Titans jumped out to a 16-4 lead after the first quarter and pushed their lead out to 29-14 by halftime.

But, the Lady Rebels came out of the break motivated to turn things around and dominated the Lady Titans 18-7 to pull within four points.

With score at 36-32, the Lady Titans halted the Lady Rebels rally and outscored them 14-13 in the fourth quarter to get the 50-45 win.

Payton Moore recorded her fourth double-double of the season with 18 points and 14 rebounds. She added two blocks and two deflections.

Auburn Harvey shot a career-high 13 points and had three rebounds, two assists, three steals and two deflections.

Lauren Bouslog finished with nine points, four rebounds, two deflections, two assists and two steals.

Maddie Burchett sank three free throws, grabbed three rebounds and made three deflections.

Breanna Reece knocked down a three-pointer and was a major factor on the boards with eight rebounds. She also made three assists, two deflections and one steal.

Kaley Harrison hit two free throws and posted one assist, four steals and one deflection.

Averi Phelps also scored two points at the charity line and pulled down three rebounds.

The win over Randolph Southern improved Tri's overall season record to 6-2.

Lady Titans Whip Shenandoah 47-27

Tri varsity girls basketball team held Shenandoah under 30 points at home Dec. 8, handing the Lady Raiders just their second loss of the season.

The Lady Titans' first half performance helped carrying them to a 47-27 win over Shenandoah, pushing their record to 7-2.

Tri stretched a 15-8 first quarter score out to a 34-17 lead by halftime. That turned out to be an excep-

tionally good thing as Tri's scoring collapsed in the second half.

The Lady Titans managed only 13 points in all of the second half, scoring eight points in the third quarter and just five in the fourth quarter. Fortunately for Tri's girls, Shenandoah was never able to take advantage of their shooting slump. The Lady Raiders put just four points on the board in the third and six points in the fourth to hand Tri the 47-27 win.

Payton Moore continued her incredible year with her fifth double-double, raking in 15 points and 16 rebounds along with three assists, three blocks and two deflections.

Moore has become a top performer this year in class 1A girls basketball. She's third in class 1A, and in the top 20 in the entire state, in the number of double-doubles recorded this year. She is listed at fourth in class 1A in rebounds per game at 10.6 and tied for sixth place in total rebounds with 95. She's also 14th in points per game (16.7) and 16th in points scored (150) as compared to other 1A players.

Auburn Harvey had another good game and nearly had her first double-double. She scored nine points, draining three shots from behind the arc, and pulled in 10 rebounds while defensively making four steals and two deflections.

Kaley Harrison scored 10 points, including two three-pointers, and had five rebounds, three deflections and a steal.

Lauren Bouslog hit two baskets and a free throw for five points and got four rebounds, one steal, one deflection with three assists.

Averi Phelps was also a force on the boards with 10 rebounds. In addition, she contributed four points, one deflection and an assist.

Maddie Burchett and Breanna Reece each knocked down two free throws. Burchett also had three rebounds, two assists, two deflections and one steal while Reece had one rebound, one steal and two deflections with four assists.

Allison Kingery and Madeline Hoover each had one rebound.

Lady Panthers Hosting Breakfast with Santa

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.

Knightstown Girls Fall to Southwestern, Blue River

Knightstown varsity girls basketball game against Shelbyville's Southwestern on the road was a high-scoring one, but despite posting their second-highest point total of the season, the Lady Panthers fell to the Lady Spartans 59-63.

The KHS girls put 14 points on the board in the first quarter, but Southwestern was on fire and ended the quarter with an eight-point lead, 22-14.

Knightstown hit a slump in the second quarter, scoring just six points, while the Lady Spartans kept up its momentum with 16 more to take an 18-point halftime lead, 38-20.

The Lady Panthers picked up their defense in the third quarter and whittled down Southwestern's lead to 34-47.

Knightstown rallied in a big way in the fourth quarter, scoring 25 points, but Southwestern also felt the pressure and tallied 16 points to hold on for the 63-59 victory.

Junior Sidney Vise had her best game of the year, leading Knightstown in scoring against the Lady Spartans with 22 points and had six rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Jess Butler also had one of her best games of the season, scoring 14 points, her highest as a varsity player. The 5'11 junior also pulled in eight rebounds and made one block, one assist and a steal.

Lori Thomas hit a bucket and three free throws for five points. She grabbed seven rebounds and dished out five assists with one steal.

Maggie Smith drained a three-pointer and a free throw. She handed out six assists, made two steals and rounded up two rebounds with one deflection.

Katie Clark knocked down two baskets for four points and had four rebounds, two deflections, two steals and one assist.

Kaitlyn Jackson also scored four points, got four rebounds and made two assists.

Liz Moore had two points and one steal. Emma Moore hit a free throw and made a steal.

Allyson Hauk hit a three-pointer and Dharma Holder added two rebounds.

The loss dropped the Lady Panthers' season record to 2-8.

Jess Butler's Double-Double Not Enough to Take Down Blue River Valley

On Dec. 7, the Lady Panthers had another intra-county game and traveled to Blue River Valley where they fell, 38-43.

Knightstown struggled to get anything going offensively with turnovers again playing factor in their ability to put points on the board. Blue River's girls had a decent first half but also had a hard time offensively.

The game started with a low-scoring first quarter and the Lady Vikings out front 11-6. The scoring picked up in the second quarter, but mainly just for Blue River, who outscored KHS 18-9 to take a 29-15 halftime lead.

The Lady Vikings scoring was nearly non-existent in the second half as the Lady Panthers dug in defensively. Knightstown outpaced Blue River 14-7 in the third quarter but despite having the Lady Vikings on the ropes, the Lady Panthers were unable to take advantage and only scored nine in the final period, coming up short of the win 38-43.

Jess Butler posted her second double-double of the year with 13 points and 10 rebounds, leading the way for KHS. She got to the line nine times where she scored five of her points and took one charge. She also made three steals and one deflection.

Kaitlyn Jackson was 5-for-7 from the field with one three-pointer for 11 points and she grabbed six rebounds.

Lori Thomas scored eight points with half of those at the free throw line.

Allyson Hauk drained both of her free throw attempts and had one rebound, one assist and one steal.

Liz Moore hit one bucket and got two rebounds and a steal.

Sidney Vise had two points, one rebound, a steal and a block.

Maggie Smith got three rebounds and made three assists.

Katie Clark added a rebound and a steal.

The loss moved Knightstown girls' record to 2-9 on the season.

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year varsity record of 74-9 with three sectional titles, three regional championships and two semi-state titles. Over the final 10 games of state championship season, he averaged 17 ppg, 54% FG and 81% FT. Played in six games at Duquesne as a freshman, before playing 93 games in three seasons at University of Louisville, where he was a part of three NCAA Tournament teams that each won 19+ games, including reaching the 1996 Sweet 16 and 1997 Elite Eight. Was Conference USA 6th Man of the Year in his senior season, averaging 9.0 ppg in 34 games for 26-9 team. He played professionally in the Southern Italian League in 1998, averaging 37 points per game. Now the owner of Bluegrass Surgical Sales in Louisville, he is married with two children and resides in Prospect, Kentucky.

SCOTT GEORGE - BEN DAVIS

1993 AP 3rd team all-state and UPI 3rd team all-state selection. Named all-semi-state, all-regional, all-sectional, all-county, all-metro selection and McDonald's All-American nominee. He totaled 882 points in two seasons at Ben Davis, averaging 15 ppg and 52% 3FG as a junior and 16 ppg and 42% 3FG as a senior for teams that were a combined 50-7, reaching the semi-state finals in 1992 and finishing as 1993 state runners-up. Set school record with 52% 3FG as a junior (70-135). Played one season at Vincennes University, averaging 12 ppg for 26-9 team that was NJCAA Region 12 District runner-up. 16 years of service in United States Navy & Naval Reserves. Ben Davis freshman boys head coach from 2008-2015 with 111-33 record and 2014 Marion County Freshman Championship. Also works as shot clock operator for Indiana Pacers and events at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Married with four children, he resides in Plainfield.

MATTHEW GRAVES - WHITE RIVER VALLEY

1993 Indiana All-Star. AP 1st team all-state, Bloomington Herald-Times 1st team all-state and UPI 2nd team all-state. Totaled 1,800 career points in four-year career, averaging 20.5 ppg as junior and 20.0 ppg as senior. Led teams to 70-8 record with three sectional titles and two regional championships, three-time Greene County champions, three SWIAC conference titles (19-0 conference record), while being named 4x all-conference, 4x all-county, 3x all-sectional, 3x all-regional and 1st team all-area honors from Terre Haute Tribune Star, Bloomington Herald-Times and Linton Daily Citizen. Played in 113 games at Butler University, graduating 2nd in career 3FG made (175), 3rd in career FT% (84.6%), the 5th best single-game scoring total in school history (42) and totaling 994 career points. Led MCC with 86.8 FT% his senior year & named to that year's MCC All-Tournament team and earning GTE Academic All-District honors. Was a teacher & assistant coach on 1999 North Central H.S. 4A championship team, taught & coached at Ben Davis H.S. before 12 years as assistant and associate head coach at Butler, including 2010 and 2011 NCAA National Championship game appearances. Since 2013, he has been the head coach at the University of South Alabama. Married with two children, he resides in Mobile, Alabama.

JASON HOLMES - NEW CASTLE

Graduated as the 5th all-time leading scorer in New Castle history with 1,157 points. Was three-year starter, leading teams to three sectional championships and regional title his senior year. Averaged 21.3 ppg as senior, hitting 50% FG (177-353), 48% 3FG (77-160) and 85.7% FT (102-119). 1993 all-semi-state honors, 2x 1st team all-regional, 3x 1st team all-sectional, 2x 1st team all-North Central Conference and won the 3-point challenge at the IN-KY All-Star game. Set school's single-game scoring record of 45 points in 1st game of his freshman year at Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville en route to school records of 1,949 career points, 222 career 3FG made and 419 career FT made. 2x all-GLVC, he was inducted into the SIUE Athletic HOF in 2012 and named a Legend of the Ohio Valley Conference in 2015. Making a career in education and coaching, he was an assistant at SIUE from 2000-2003, head coach at Dunlap (IL) H.S. from 2003-2006 and since 2006 has served as Principal at Dunlap Valley Middle School. Married with three children, he resides in Edwards, Illinois.

JEFF LAYDEN - LAWRENCE NORTH

1993 Indiana All-Star. 1993 Marion County Player of the Year, 1993 Conference Player of the Year, North-South All-Star, 2x all-county, 2x all-conference, 2x all-sectional and 2x all-regional. Averaged 11.5 points, 9.2 rebounds and 3.0 blocks as a junior and 15.1 points, 10.1 rebounds and 3.1 blocks as a senior on teams that won two sectional titles and a Marion County championship. Four-year career at the University of Evansville included 101 games played, 445 points, 346 rebounds and 79 blocks. Selected to five-man 1997 MVC all-bench team, selected by league newspaper writers. Employed as a teacher for 13 years previously at Tri-Central H.S., since 2013, he has taught at Northwestern H.S., where his wife is the varsity girls head coach. Married with two children, he resides in Kokomo.

TOBY MADISON - WASHINGTON CATHOLIC

1993 Indiana All-Star. 1993 AP & UPI 2nd team all-state, Bloomington Herald-Times 1st team all-state, 1992 Tri-State

Player of the Year, 1993 Tri-State Co-Player of the Year (with Scott Rolen) and 2x all-Blue Chip Conference. 1,637 career points and 498 rebounds in 87 games (career 18.8 ppg and 5.7 rpg) on teams that went 71-21, including 24-1 team that reached 1991 semi-state, two sectional championships, one regional title and three Blue Chip Conference titles. Averaged career highs of 29.9 ppg and 7.9 rpg his senior season, leading to 19-5 record and sectional championship, after averaging 25.4 ppg and 7.0 rpg for 16-6 team

as a junior. Played in 126 games at University of Evansville, Wabash Valley College and the University of South Alabama, where he averaged career highs of 15.4 points and 4.9 assists as a senior on their 21-7 Sun Belt champion and NCAA Tournament team and was named 1998 South Alabama Student-Athlete of the Year, 1st team all-conference, 1998 Sun Belt Conference Male Athlete of the Year, Sun Belt Tournament MVP and an Academic All-American. Previously a coach at McGill - Toolen (AL) H.S., Appalachian State University and Wabash Valley College, he is business development manager at Neuronetics, Inc. Married with three children, he resides in Bradenton, Florida.

PETE MILLER - SOUTH BEND ST. JOE

1993 IHSAA Trester Award winner, academic all-state, all-semi-state, 2x all-regional and 2x South Bend all-metro honoree. Scored 1,056 points in 97 career games (10.9 ppg), including 13.4 points as senior and 14.0 points as junior on teams that were 47-8, 2x sectional champs, 2x regional winners, 1993 semi-state champs and 1993 state finals participants. Played in 101 career games at University of Notre Dame, starting 29 of 30 games as team co-captain his senior year, averaging 5.7 ppg. Earned 1997 Knute Rockne Award as top Notre Dame academic & athletic achievement; 1997 Byron Kenaly Award, the highest award at ND for a student-athlete; 1997 Notre Dame Leadership Award; and named 1997 Co-SIDA all-district team. An assistant coach on St. Jude H.S. 1998 Alabama state championship team, head coach at South Bend St. Joe boys basketball from 1999-2001, including 2001 sectional championship, an assistant professor at Duquesne University and since 2009 has been employed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is currently a professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis, Chair of the University of Wisconsin Athletic Board, the UW faculty representative to the Big Ten and NCAA and the faculty liaison to the 2015 NCAA National Finalist UW Men's Basketball program. Married, he has four children and resides in Madison, Wisconsin.

KELSEY MUCKER - LAWRENCEBURG

1993 Indiana All-Star. AP 2nd team all-state and top vote getter as 1st team small school all-state. Graduated as school's career leading scorer with 1,483 points and 841 career rebounds. Averaged 24.1 points, 9.9 rebounds and 4.8 assists per game as a senior hitting 48% FG and 79% FT. A 1st team all-state football player who signed to play football at IU with aspirations of also playing basketball and baseball there, he was drafted 38th overall as a 1st round pick in the 1993 Major League Baseball Draft. He played seven seasons of minor league baseball as an outfielder in the Twins and Indians systems, reaching AA level. Since 2000, has been a Major League Baseball scout, currently with the Oakland A's. Married, he has one child and resides in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BURT PADDOCK - ALEXANDRIA

Averaged 27.3 points as a senior for 18-3 Central Indiana Conference champions, graduating with 1,258 points in three seasons (career 21.7 ppg average). Was part of teams that went 46-17 over three seasons, winning three CIC championships. Four-year starter at Manchester University, he is 2nd in program history with 1,917 career points in 109 career games. Averaged 18.9 ppg as sophomore for 31-1 1995 NCAA Division III National Runners-Up, averaged 21.5 ppg as junior and 18.0 ppg as senior. 1994 ICAC Freshman of the Year, 4x 1st team ICAC all-conference, 2x NCAA All-Region honors and 2nd highest single-game scoring in school history (51) for teams that were 93-23. Volunteer assistant at Alexandria H.S., two years assistant at St. Joseph College, four years assistant at Grand Valley State University and now in 10th season as head coach at Davenport University (MI). 246-67 record (.786) at Davenport with four conference titles and seven appearances in NAIA National Tournament Elite Eight in the past eight seasons. Married with two children, he resides in Hudsonville, Michigan.

CHRIS QUINN - SOUTH BEND ST. JOE

1993 Indiana All-Star. AP 2nd team all-state and Hoosier Basketball Magazine preseason 1st team all-state. Totaled 1,700 points in 97 career games (17.5 career ppg), guiding team to two sectional titles, two regional championships, a semi-state title, 1993 state finals appearance and 47-8 record over final two seasons, when he averaged 19.1 ppg as junior and 19.3 ppg as a senior. Played in 112 career games at the University of Evansville, with career high averages of 9.6 points and 4.4 rebounds as a sophomore. Played

in 27 games as freshman on their NIT Tournament team and was senior for their team that reached Preseason NIT Final Four. Was nominated as an Academic All-American candidate. Attended University of Detroit Mercy Law School and since 2006 has owned the Law Office of Attorney Christopher W. Quinn II. Married with two children, he resides in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

SCOTT ROLEN - JASPER

1993 Indiana All-Star. AP all-state, IBCA all-state, 1993 Tri-State Co-Player of the Year (Toby Madison). Totaled 1,107 career points after averaging 27.1 ppg as senior and 21.2 ppg junior year. Set school single-game scoring record (50) and sectional single-game record (47) and was named 2x all-conference and 2x all-sectional. Offered scholarships by Georgia, Oklahoma State, UCLA and walk-on opportunity at Kentucky, but was selected in 2nd round of 1993 Major League Baseball Draft and pursued baseball. 17-year MLB career with Philadelphia, St. Louis, Toronto and Cincinnati included 1997 N.L. Rookie of the Year, 7x All-Star, 8 Gold Glove awards, 2002 Silver Slugger, 2 World Series appearances and a 2006 World Series championship. Since 1999, he is founder and executive director of the E5 Foundation to assist children and families dealing with adversity. Married with two children, he resides in Bloomington.

SHERRON WILKERSON - JEFFERSONVILLE

Originally named 1993 Mr. Basketball before relinquishing that title - played one game as Indiana All-Star. Named all-state, Gatorade Indiana Player of the Year, a McDonald's All-American and ranked #1 shooting guard at Nike All-American Camp. Totaled 1,140 career points and 404 assists in 83 games in three seasons, averaging 14.1 ppg as a junior for state runner-up team and 16.5 ppg and 7.0 assists as senior for 1993 state champions. A 74-9 record, including three sectional titles, three regional championships, two semi-state titles, 1992 state runner-up and 1993 state champs. Played 28 games as freshman at Indiana University and averaged 7.5 ppg in 17 games as a redshirt sophomore. Completed his career at Rio Grande University (OH). Played professionally for 10 years in IBA and with teams in Sweden, Germany, Latvia, Turkey, Brazil, Italy and Israel, winning Defensive Player of the Year, All-Star MVP honors and two league championships. Has coached at Herron and Rock Creek high schools, IU Southeast and Lamar University. Since 2015, he has been an assistant coach at Jeffersonville High School and is also an Environmental Account Executive for Environmental Management Solutions. Married with one child, he resides in Louisville, Kentucky.

RANDY ZACHARY - ANDERSON HIGHLAND

1993 Indiana All-Star, AP 1st team all-state, 3x all-Madison County, 4x 1st team all-sectional, 4x 1st team all-Olympic Conference and 2x Hoosier Basketball Magazine preseason all-state. Set school scoring record with 1,718 career points and 384 assists in 95 games (18.1 career ppg) on teams that were 77-19, winning four Olympic Conference titles, 1991 sectional and regional championships and 1991 HOF Classic championship (he was Classic MVP). Averaged 19.0 ppg as sophomore, 19.0 ppg as junior and 23.9 ppg and 4.1 assists with 86% FT% as a senior. Played in 115 games in four years at Ball State, scoring 893 points and graduating as career leader in 3FG made (161), 2nd in single-game 3FG made (7), 3rd & 5th in single-season 3FG% (45.5% and 44.3%), 4th in career 3FG% (41.8%) and 8th in career minutes played (3,344). Named 3x co-captain and 1994 MAC all-newcomer team. Currently employed through ZBA - Zachary Basketball Academy. Married with five children and one grandchild, he resides in Pendleton.

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'The Evening Mail'



Product of Depression Era, Knightstown Post Office's Colorful Mural Approaching Its 80th Anniversary

by Eric Cox
Publisher

Not much is known about the man who painted the mural in the Knightstown post office.

Raymond L. Morris was an unknown artist in Depression-era Indiana. Usually a trove of data on such obscure people, the Internet contains virtually no information on Morris.

He was an Indiana resident in 1937, when the U.S. Treasury Section of Fine Arts (TSFA) - established as part of President Theodore Roosevelt's New Deal - commissioned him to paint a mural for Knightstown's post office.

The post office itself had only been built a year earlier. But, Roosevelt, trying to put people back to work in the throes of the nation's darkest financial hour, knew America's artists needed work, too.

Among many others, the TSFA was an offshoot of the Works Projects Administration (WPA) and was charged with employing artists who qualified under New Deal. The artists' work was to decorate public buildings and spaces, benefiting citizens by exposing them to quality art.

Morris had submitted examples of his work to the TSFA and was subsequently chosen to paint one of 37 post office murals - 36 of which still exist today.

Knightstown's mural was commissioned on Oct. 14, 1937 - a contract which was to last 229 days. Morris met his deadline and was paid \$560 for the 12-foot by 5-foot mural, entitled "The Evening Mail."

Like many of the other muralists, Morris was encouraged to visit Knightstown to learn about the community and its people prior to finalizing his design.

"According to the histories, and the stories told to me, Knightstown was settled by the Quakers, and was soon invaded by another element, which caused trouble there for many years," Morris wrote in his explanation for the subject matter he chose. "It is located on the old National Road and the

arrival of the stage coach was the biggest event of the day."

Carlisle's book, *A Simple and Vital Design: the Story of the Indiana Post Office Murals*, goes further, describing Morris's

July 22, 1937, he was invited to submit sketches for the Knightstown mural.

Throughout the mural's completion, officials in Washington, D.C., made suggestions, some of them quite detailed. For

prominent. Anyone looking at the building will recognize the establishment without benefit of the label."

Carlisle said Morris remedied each critique, and in the case of "Jack's Saloon," he removed the words altogether.

The final product was one of which Morris himself was proud. Carlisle quotes Morris as telling Washington, "Everyone who has seen this likes the man stopping the horses and the boy in front of them and the horses."

Knightstown's postmaster at that time was Rowland R. Morgan, who was apparently as satisfied with Morris's mural as the artist himself. Morgan wrote to Washington officials, saying, "I think Mr. Morris is to be congratulated on this work and it has received much favorable local attention and comment."

"The scene is characteristic of Knightstown," Morgan continued, "as it might have well appeared 100 years ago on the arrival of the stage coach, which was at that time our only contact with the outside and for this reason is particularly appropriate to be hung in the post office."

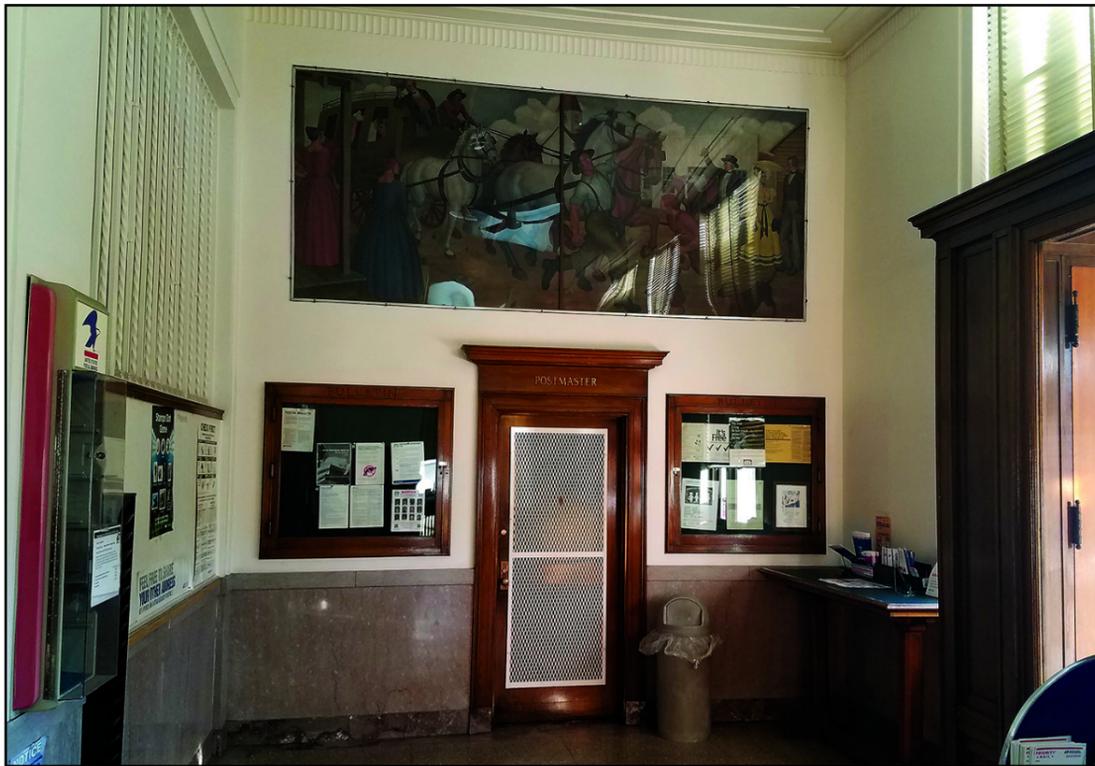
Worker relief programs spawned by the WPA enjoyed popularity until World War II, when most program budgets were slashed in favor of augmented defense spending.

Though the Knightstown mural is approaching its 80th anniversary, Allen Stewart, a current Knightstown postal clerk, said people are still interested.

"We get a visitor asking about the mural about once every six months," he said. "Usually, they have (Carlisle's book) and they want us to stamp it with a local postmark, which we do."

Postmaster Sabrina Evans said the post office has no special requirements or protocols regarding the mural. She said local employees do not clean the mural or otherwise mess with it. "It's just there," said Evans.

While Indiana saw the installation of 37 murals, America, overall, enjoyed 1,400 murals in federal post offices in 1,300 American cities.



Indiana artist Raymond L. Morris was paid \$560 for the 12-foot by 5-foot mural hanging in the Knightstown Post Office. Of the 37 post office murals produced for Indiana, 36 still remain. (Eric Cox photo)

painting as "closely identifying with the development as a state." Carlisle said the Morris mural was particularly prescient since Morris had only decided to become a painter at age 36.

Though little is still known about Morris, Carlisle's book sheds light on his professional training. Morris studied engineering for a year before being called to U.S. Navy service during World War I. He later studied for three years under Henrik Martin Mayer and Donald Mattison at the John Herron Art Institute in Indianapolis. Morris supplemented his studies with occasional drawing classes, according to Carlisle.

Ultimately, Morris's work paid off. On

example, one critique involved the scale of a horse. "The hindquarters of the central horse should also be studied further, supplemented by observation from nature."

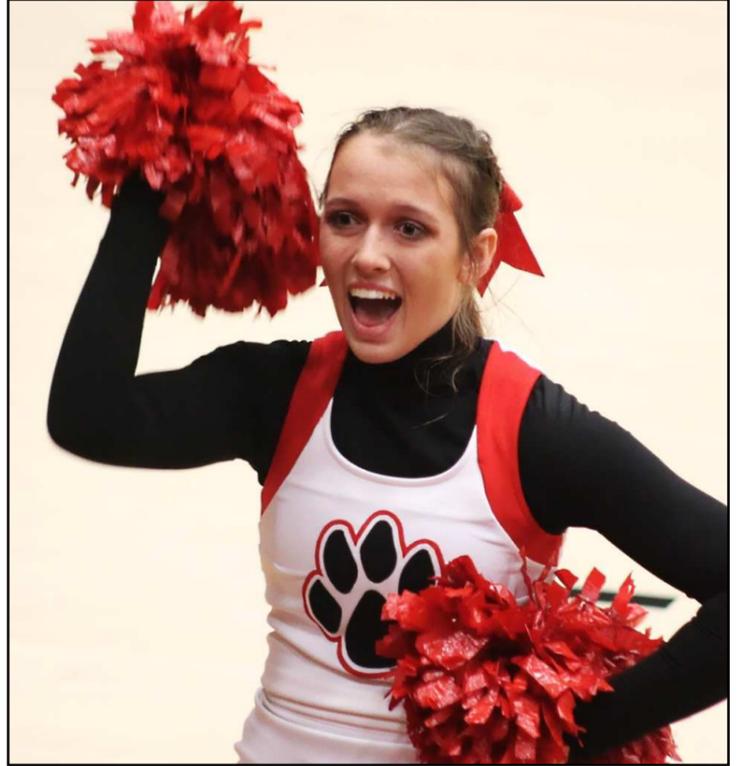
The biggest sticking point for officials, however, involved the background scene of two men fistfighting. In his original sketches, Morris had labeled the building behind them as "Jack's Saloon." According to Carlisle's book, Washington suggested he omit the name or replace it with "Jack's Place." Officials explained their reasoning: "The word *saloon* appearing so prominently is apt to bring comments on the part of citizens of Knightstown and frankly we do not feel that the word *saloon* should be so

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Bonus Page - Local Sports in Photos



Knightstown's Kaleb Buchanan missed most of last season due to a shoulder injury but he whipped this Lincoln opponent as well as his Milan opponent in quick time during the Panther Wrestling Invitational. Buchanan went 4-0 on the day.



Varsity cheerleader Kayla Kimmerly works to keep the fans pumped up during the Panthers' game against Cambridge City Lincoln Friday night.



Burias Wisner was not concerned about his head gear as he's declared winner against the heavyweight opponent from Lincoln in Saturday's Panther Wrestling Invitational.



Seniors Kori Wright and Zoey Hunsinger, along with other students, worked during halftime of the Knightstown boys varsity game Friday night selling walking tacos to a hungry crowd. The proceeds they raised were being donated to Riley Hospital for Children.

Stacy Cox photos



Lil' Hardesty is already so interested in listening to the big guys talk sports! KHS varsity baseball coach Daren Hardesty chats with former KHS varsity coach Bret Mann during halftime of the boys varsity game against Lincoln Dec. 8.



Knightstown junior David Peck works to bring down his Cambridge City opponent during their match in the 106 lb. weight class of the Panther Wrestling Invitation Dec. 9. Peck went on to win this match.

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