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- Sir Winston Churchill

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KUMC Women Hosting Dinner

Knightstown United Methodist Women will host their annual chicken noodle dinner on Saturday, Feb. 3, 4:30-7 p.m., at the church, 27 S. Jefferson St. The dinner will feature homemade noodles served with mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, drinks, homemade rolls and pies - all for a freewill offering. The public is invited.

AA Meetings Take Place at Gym

Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly, on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym (enter on East side). Meetings, which are open to all interested individuals, will continue each Tuesday at the same time and location. For more information, call 765-571-1662.

Local Grief Support Group Meeting

A GriefShare grief support group will be meeting Thursday mornings 9:30-11 a.m., Jan. 18 through April 12, at Spiceland Friends Church. The 13-week class provides a warm, caring environment and covers different topics utilizing informative videos, group discussion and a reference book for personal use. Each session is self-contained and participants are welcome to begin at any point. The class is free and open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information call Cathy Harris at 765-465-0994.

H.C. Commissioners' Hearing February 12

The Henry County Commissioners will be holding a public hearing on Monday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. in the Henry County Courthouse, Second Floor, 101 South Main St., New Castle. This public hearing will be about the submitted written responses on the economic development agreement, the decommission agreement and the road agreement.

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Knightstown Police Chief Resigns for Job in Indy

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

After nearly three years heading up the Knightstown Police Department, Chief of Police Duane Booth is resigning his position with the town to take a job in Indianapolis.

As the last item of business at last Thursday's Knightstown Town Council meeting, Council President Sarah Ward announced that Booth had submitted a letter of resignation, which she read aloud. According to Booth's letter, he had received and accepted another job offer just the day before and would be starting his new employment next Monday.

Booth, who has been Knightstown's chief of police since March 2015, said in his resignation letter that he planned to work all of his scheduled shifts up until he starts his new job. He also indicated he would like to continue on

with the Knightstown Police Department as a part-time officer, but town attorney Gregg Morelock told the council it will be up to the new police chief to decide whether he or she wants to keep Booth on as a part-time officer.

The council voted 5-0 to accept Booth's resignation and to advertise the job opening. No action was taken at that night's meeting to name an interim chief while the town is searching for a permanent one.

Booth did not identify his new employer in his notice of resignation. After last week's council meeting, however, he told The Banner he is going to work for I.U. Health in Indianapolis as a protective service officer.

Asked about his decision to step down from his job with Knightstown, the 46-year-old Booth told The Banner on Monday

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Henry County Can Collect Debts Via Personal State Income Taxes

The Henry County Treasurer would like to inform taxpayers that Indiana Code 6-8.1-9.5 was passed in 2017. This code refers to Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance Systems (TREC's) that allows counties to collect outstanding debts owed to local units of government by intercepting personal state income tax.

When property taxes are not paid, the delinquent taxes would trigger the eligibility for the TREC's program. Any taxpayer who is eligible for TREC's have already received letters and have until Feb. 9 to pay by mail, in person at the Henry County Treasurer's office or by credit card. After Feb. 9, any property with a delinquent tax will be reported to a clearing house that will charge a \$20 fee and turn the delinquency over to the Indiana Department of Revenue, which will impose a 15 percent fee, before taking the remainder of the taxpayer's delinquent tax out of the taxpayer's income tax refund and sending it to the county treasurer's office in which the money is owed.

Taxpayers will be notified that their refund has been intercepted. The intercepted amount will go toward charges due on Dec. 31, 2017. However, the amount due will not include any charges that have been added to parcels since that date or future tax obligations. If the debtor disagrees that he or she owes delinquent taxes, they may file an appeal with their local county treasurer and a fact finding hearing will be held by the treasurer's office. If the debtor disagrees with the fact finding decision, they may file action with the local county court to stay the submission of the debt.

For more information about the TREC's program, contact the Henry County Treasurer at 101 S. Main St., New Castle In or call 765-529-4404.

CAB Goes With MainSource Bank on Tax Anticipation Warrants

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board voted last week to accept a proposal from MainSource Bank that will allow the school district to borrow \$340,000 to shore up two of its funds.

Anticipating that its capital projects and transportation funds could run short before the first property tax draws are received this year, the school board voted in December to seek bids for tax anticipation warrants (TAWs). Issuance of the TAWs will allow CAB to borrow \$158,000 for capital projects and \$182,000 for transportation.

Superintendent Jed Behny advised board members at their Jan. 16 monthly meeting that two banks, MainSource and Citizens State Bank, had submitted bids for the TAWs. The interest rate for MainSource was 2.95 percent, while Citizens' was 2.99 percent.

The money CAB is borrowing is needed to ensure the two funds don't go in the red while the district awaits receipt of this year's first property tax draw. The borrowed funds will need to be repaid by Dec. 31.

Board President Wade Beatty said at last week's meeting that changes in legislation that affects school funding could make it unnecessary to seek loans through issuance of TAWs in coming years. For now, though, he said he favored using this "cash risk management tool" while CAB still can.

Board members Gerald Leonard and Tom Schaeztle made and seconded, respectively, the motion to accept MainSource's bid for the TAWs. With the support of Beatty, Vice President Suzee Neal and board members Graham Richardson and Steve Ferrell, the motion passed 6-0. The board's seventh member, John Swartz, did not attend last week's meeting, the second meeting this month he has missed.

In other business at last week's meeting, Behny presented the board with a litigation update, something he does a couple of times a year. He reported that CAB has no tort claim matters currently in litigation, said a couple of collections cases are being pursued in court, and noted that a federal lawsuit involving a challenge by the state, CAB and more than three dozen other Indiana school districts to certain

provisions in the Affordable Care Act is still pending.

The Banner asked Behny at last week's meeting whether CAB has received any tort claim notices that have not yet moved on to litigation. He said that he wasn't sure, but that he would check and provide that information.

The day after last week's meeting, Behny emailed The Banner to advise that CAB did receive a tort claim notice last May for three Knightstown residents who were injured when their car was struck by a CAB bus near Lewisville in November 2016. Behny said no lawsuits have been filed yet and that the claims are being handled by CAB's insurer.

Behny also provide the board with a facilities update at last week's meeting. He said work on the new ball diamond at Knightstown High School is still on schedule for it to be used this spring, and told the board that bleachers in the KHS gym need to be replaced.

"That is going to be a pretty hefty expenditure," Behny said of the bleachers. At next month's meeting, he said he hopes to have a cost

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The Town of Kennard hereby adopts an ordinance regarding the cost of copying a document. The Town is a public agency and thus, subject to the Indiana Open Door and Access to Public Records Law.

These laws provide that the council may establish a fee that covers the actual cost of copying a document and charge that to the requesting party.

Actual cost is defined as "the cost of the paper plus the per page cost of use of the copying or fax machine." It does not include the costs of labor or overhead.

The act requires that the fee or cost must be uniform to all who request or "purchase" copies.

The Town of Kennard shall charge twenty-five (25) cents per page for the actual cost per page for copying, which includes the paper, ink in the machine and copy machine costs to all those requesting copies pursuant to the Indiana Access to Public Records Law.

REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY. Any provision herein contained which is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful or which by operation shall be inapplicable, shall be deemed omitted but the rest and remainder of this ordinance, to the extent feasible, shall remain in full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and publication.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KENNARD, INDIANA,
THIS 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017

OBITUARIES

Grace B. Wischart

October 3, 1930 - January 21, 2018



Grace B. Wischart, 87, of Greenfield, passed away Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018.

She was born Oct. 3, 1930, in Huntington County to the late Miner & Dessie (Shaffer) Wine.

Grace co-owned and operated Bob & Gracie's Ladies & Children's Ware in Shirley and had also worked at Ruth's Odds & Ends. She attended Wilkinson Church of Christ and had been a member of Order of Eastern Star in Shirley. Grace was active in the community having been a 4-H leader, past president of the Kennard PTO, and a den mother.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy (Frank) Hilcz; a son, James (Rebecca) Harrell; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; four sisters; one brother; and two step-daughters, Jane (Robert) Sparks and Phyllis (Dwight) Addison.

Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Wischart; a daughter, Margie Jones; two brothers, Paul and Sam Wine; a granddaughter, Shelly Florea; and a sister, Corlene Flora.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Condo & St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Wilkinson, with visitation from 11 a.m. until time of services. Burial will be at Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wilkinson Church of Christ, 7293 N. St. Rd. 109, Wilkinson, IN 46186. www.condoandstpierre.com

Carthage Town Council Meeting Thursday; Meeting Was Rescheduled Twice This Month

After one failed attempt to reschedule it, the Carthage Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting for January this Thursday evening.

The Carthage Town Council nor-

mally holds its regular meetings on the second Monday of each month. The Jan. 8 meeting was canceled and reset for Jan. 15 because the town's clerk-treasurer, Linda McMahan, had been ill and unable to attend, and

the Jan. 15 meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

Tomorrow night's meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St. It is open to the public.

New Castle Suing Big Pharma Over Opioid Crisis

New Castle Mayor Greg York has filed a lawsuit recently on behalf of the city of New Castle against the opioid manufacturers and distributors for their part in causing the opioid crisis that has gripped the community.

For example, in 2015 Henry County had 9,202,134 doses of opioid drugs prescribed to patients. The lawsuit was filed to recover funds to address the overwhelming financial burden that the opioid crisis has placed on the city.

"Opioid addiction has been recognized as a national epidemic. The economic impact to a community the size of New Castle is so great that it is difficult to quantify. The human cost to our families is even greater. Our hope for this litigation is that it is a real step in attacking this nightmare and addressing these issues," York said.

The manufacturer defendants are Purdue Pharma,

Cephalon, Inc., Teva Pharmaceuticals, Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Noramco, Inc., Endo Pharmaceuticals, Mallinckrodt PLC, Allergan PLC, and Watson Pharmaceuticals.

The lawsuit alleges these manufacturers deceptively marketed the appropriate uses, risks, and safety of opioids. The opioid distributor defendants are AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and McKesson Corporation. The lawsuit alleges these distributors failed in their duty to report and stop suspicious orders of opioids that flooded the city of New Castle. "Opioid manufacturers and distributors must be held accountable for their roles in creating this addiction epidemic. This lawsuit is just one method that the city of New Castle can use to respond to the needs of its residents and provide resources to set them on the path to recovery," said Lynn Toops of Cohen & Malad, LLP.

County Library Unveiling Revamped Teen Space

New Castle-Henry County Public Library invites the community to the grand revealing of its remodeled teen space. The event will be from 3 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 29, on the upper level of New Castle-Henry County Public Library. Light refreshments will be served.

"After weeks of renovation, the TeenScope has undergone an incredible transformation - come

see for yourself," shared Teen and Adult Services Librarian Krystal Stanich. "With new paint, new floors, new lighting, and new furniture - it's a brand-new room."

The Henry County Community Foundation supplied a grant to support the project. The Walmart Foundation provided additional funds to make the project a reality. Weekly activities for teens are

available in TeenScope, and the room is often open for studying and socializing during after-school hours.

For more information about the TeenScope area, contact Krystal Stanich at 765-529-0362.

Randy Ollis to Speak at Annual Meeting

Henry County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Henry County Purdue Extension office will hold their joint annual meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. at the Smith Building in Memorial Park, New Castle.

Guest speaker Randy Ollis will be featured. Ollis joined WISH-TV in 1984 as meteorologist for Daybreak and the noon news. He received a bachelor of science degree in meteorology from Northern Illinois University and holds the seal of approval from the American Meteorological Society.

In addition to his forecasting and on-air duties at WISH-TV, Ollis often speaks to local schools and various groups about weather casting and careers in television.

He and his wife, Alison, have four girls and are active in their church.

This annual meeting will feature a pork dinner prepared by Rihm Foods. Cost is \$5 and tickets are required.

To purchase a ticket, visit either office or call the SWCD office at 529-2303, ext. 3, or the extension office at 529-5002 by Feb. 9.

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Permit May Not Be Needed to Divert Splash Pad Water

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board voted last week to make no changes in its top leadership for 2018.

Board members voted at their Jan. 15 monthly meeting to keep Suzee Neal as the board's president, Bruce Brown as vice president, and Jan McGuire as the

CAB Finance Board Meets

Immediately prior to the Charles A. Beard School Board's Jan. 16 monthly meeting, the district's board of finance convened briefly for its annual meeting.

As reported in last week's Banner, the CAB School Board voted at its annual organizational meeting on Jan. 9 to continue having the school board serve as the district's board of finance. Board members voted at the outset of the Jan. 16 board of finance meeting to have the school board's officers for 2018, President Wade Beatty, Vice President Suzee Neal and Secretary Gerald Leonard, serve in those same capacities for the board of finance.

After approving the minutes from the board of finance's January 2017 annual meeting, board members heard a brief update from Business Manager/Treasurer Stephanie Madison on CAB's finances. Madison reported that CAB only has one account - a checking account at MainSource - that had a balance of almost \$3,012,114.35 at the end of 2017, down more than 20 percent from the balance at the end of 2016.

board's secretary. With the support of fellow board members Jacob Hart and Jeffrey Van Hoy, and abstentions from Neal, Brown and McGuire on the votes involving them, each officer was approved by a vote of 4-0-1.

Brown, McGuire, Hart and Van Hoy are the park board's four regular members, each appointed to four-year terms. Neal is an ex officio member to the park board, who has been appointed to successive one-year terms by the Charles A. Beard School Board, on which she also sits and was recently appointed vice president.

In other business at last week's meeting, the park board voted 4-0-

1, with Brown abstaining, to further investigate altering the splash pad water attraction at Sunset Park so that water drains into Montgomery Creek instead of going to the town's sewer plant. The hope would be that making this change would allow the park to eliminate the monthly sewer bill for the splash pad, which makes up the biggest part of its monthly utility bills.

Linda Lashbrook, a representative of local nonprofit Beautify Knightstown Inc., had talked to park board at its December meeting about the possibility of diverting the splash pad's water to the creek, as well as a couple other

options she'd said would likely be more costly.

While a permit from the state would normally be needed to divert water from a splash pad into a public waterway, Lashbrook told the

park board in December that if the chlorine content of the splash pad water is low enough, a permit may not be needed. If Knightstown doesn't need a permit to discharge

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KHS Alumni Assoc. Scholarship Applications Now Available

Knightstown High School Alumni Association scholarship applications are now available in the KHS Guidance Office. Applications can also be found online at www.cabeard.k12.in.us. Scholarships are for KHS seniors and alumni.

Scholarships include the KHS Alumni Assoc. Scholarship; John and Ruth Craven Scholarship; Cary, Scovell and Craven Scholarship; Allen B. Craven Scholarship; Helen Vogt Fine Arts Education Scholarship; John Vogt Business Administration Scholarship; Steve and Mona Wood Scholarship; Dr. John and Helen Dickey Scholarship; Luther and Marian Pidgeon Memorial Scholarship; and the KHS Alumni Vocational Scholarship.

The application deadline is Friday, March 23, at 3:30 p.m. Applications may be submitted to the KHS Guidance Office.

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Grilling Not Only for Summer

The smell of a gas or charcoal grill heating up sometimes stirs more summertime nostalgia in me than just about anything else. The sulphuric smell of fireworks can have the same effect, but it's just not the same. Freshly mowed grass is right up there, too. Its earthy, green odor evokes a cascade of warm weather thoughts.

But, the grill smell has become more special to me than the others. I have a nice gas grill, and I use it often - even in the winter months.

Such was the case Sunday afternoon when I began to consider cooking dinner. We'd found a bargain on pork tenderloin, copping a buy-one-get-one-free deal. So, I decided to tackle one of those.

I initially considered cutting the cylinder-like loins into round "medallions." I wanted to whip up a marinade, soak them for a few hours, then grill them nice and slow. But, I changed my mind when in a cabinet I found a package of bamboo meat skewers. So, I decided to make grilled pork kabobs.

Knowing kabobs originated in the Middle East, I did worry briefly. With so many super-duper patriots around Indiana, the thought of being mobbed by haters for cooking un-American food did shoot through my mind. But, my fear passed in about half a second.

I cracked a beer and started thinking about what kind of sauce I could use to marinate these plump pork chunks. A recent convert to the joys of Sriracha hot sauce, I quickly found a simple recipe that called for

minced garlic, grape jelly, lemon juice and Sriracha. I whisked it all together in a sauce pan over low heat. It all came together in a purpleish, spicy-smelling concoction that I painted on the pork skewers with a rubber basting mop.

Those marinated skewers sat in the fridge for a couple hours, while I opened a Bell's Two Hearted Ale. I'm not normally a fan of hoppy India Pale Ale, but that one is acceptable. Plus, I like the Ernest Hemingway reference in its name and the trout on the label.

As the January sun sat amid heavy clouds and a damp, settling fog, I once again ignited my Charbroil grill. Its familiar smells wafted over my deck and into Kennard's quiet streets. A fresh tank of propane brought strong, blue flames which melted away the remnants of our last grilled meal, which I cannot recall.

Once I properly heated and scraped the grill, I fetched the kabobs and loaded all seven meat-laden sticks onto the wrought iron surface. A pleasant sizzle and a little smoke went skyward. I grilled the skewers on medium heat for about 35 minutes, mopping them regularly with the spicy-sweet marinade.

My plan worked out. What resulted were tender pork skewers that we ate right off the sticks. Not too sweet or spicy, the marinade worked well with the tender meat. Baked sweet potatoes, corn and biscuits rounded out the meal.

Outdoor grilling is not dependent on warm weather.



Daughter Inherits Parents' 'Savings'

(Originally published Jan. 20, 2008.)

Question: Can a stuffer and a stacker live together harmoniously?

Several people have mentioned the column about our efforts to clean out our overstuffed house. Obviously, we're not alone. A friend who is a fellow "saver" wrote that the man she married is organized by nature. Finally, he reclaimed his pool table in the basement. For this to happen, she had to pull stuff out into the backyard, sort it into some semblance of order and then carry it back in.

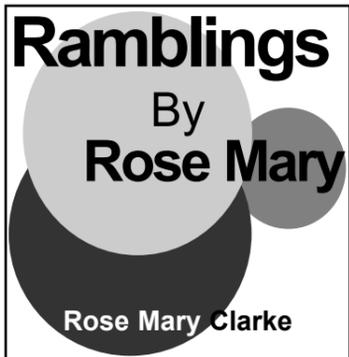
Parents complain that their homes are full of their adult children's things. After her marriage, we got rid of packrat Vicki's stuff by using a crafty stratagem: I wrapped individually "objets d'art," trinkets, souvenirs, bric-a-brac and just plain junk that she'd saved since she was a little girl.

When she came for a visit, I dragged out a box and said, "Here are some surprises for you to take home." "Oh good! I love surprises!" She opened the box.

"Surprise!" I warbled as she unwrapped the velvet-covered statuette of a purple cow that her Grandmother Clarke gave her after going to Toronto that bore a tag saying, "I think I saw a purple cow, I never thought I'd see one." "Oh!" she said. I laughed merrily, but she wasn't amused. Her face became more and more sour with each item. Finally she snapped, "Mother, I've had enough of your surprises!"

During the current clearing out, I kept saying, "Vicki might want this." Bill finally said, "Vicki has enough stuff! She doesn't need any more!"

Old bank statements and users' manuals have no emotional significance. However, we have saved objects that are more than "things" - they represent memories and experiences. As we dug into the boxes, we delved deep into our pool



of memories and the life that we have shared: souvenirs, menus, travel brochures, ticket stubs, the cigarette case that sister-in-law Esther gave me, opera and theater programs, a bag of matches that Bill had collected during our trips, little bars of hotel soap, instructions from a *Family Circle* magazine that Vicki used to make a bouquet of vegetable flowers for a party, airline passes, two fake silver goblets out of which we drank sparkling Burgundy during our two-night "honeymoon" at the King's Crown Inn in Kokomo that Bill's brother, Lex, and Sally

gave us as a wedding gift.

"Aw -- here's the little pair of red shoes that Vicki had when she was just a little thing." "Remember that lunch we had at Antoine's in New Orleans?" "My goodness, here are some S & H Green Stamps and Top Value Stamps." That brought thoughts of my mother, who gave us Green Stamps that we used to get a picnic basket that went on many picnics and camping trips with us. "Should we throw away this hatchet decoration from the Fireman's Ball?" We used to go to the Fireman's Ball ("Brawl") in Plymouth with Bill's family. "Yes," Bill said. However, I see that it's hanging on the wall in the back closet. There was a T-shirt with the logo "Where's the Beef?" saved from a "Clarke" party when a bunch of Bill's family spent the weekend of qualifications. Forgotten treasures turned up. "Oh, look! Here's the little coat that Mrs. Morgan made for me." I never knew Mrs. Morgan from Rushville, where I was born, but a faint essence of her lives on. I shall press and display the coat, my baby dress and petticoat.

Next, came a huge stack of recipes. We both love to cook and eat, and we save recipes that we'll never cook if we live to be a hundred. As I went through the conglomeration of clippings, scrawled notes taken while watching the likes of Paula Dean, newspapers and magazines, I came across treasures that I had thought were lost. I found

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Despite the potential for broadband to modernize the economy in rural America, access and availability continue to lag. The President's recent executive order affirmed this limitation and the need to commit resources to close rural America's digital divide.

Yet, the ability to pinpoint where service is and is not available is fundamental to closing the digital divide in rural areas.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, funding was allocated to establish a comprehensive nationwide map of existing broadband capability and availability. Funding for this program ended in 2014.

Some states, like Minnesota, have adopted legislation or maintained this degree of regulation which require internet service providers to provide access and speed availability data at a granular level.

However, reporting standards vary and often allow for telecommunication services to be reported at the census block level. In many rural areas, census blocks span entire counties, leaving room for error in reporting service availability.

The accuracy of data collected from internet service providers is an important tool used to determine where broadband access is sufficient and where it can be improved. This data is invaluable to state agencies and local entities to identify where public resources should be invested.

For the 23 million rural Americans who do not have broadband speed access, census block data is not sufficient to recognize and address the broadband gap. As federal and state governments seek to close rural America's digital divide, it is imperative that gap is closed at the granular level, where it exists.

Jordan Rasmussen
Center for Rural Affairs

Dear Editor,

A paradigm shift describes a major change in a certain thought-pattern.

The Swiss watch companies developed the first quartz movements in the late 1960s, but neglected to market them because their "paradigm" was that watches used fine mechanical movements. Japanese firm, Seiko, recognized the new paradigm and marketed the first quartz watches in 1969. The quartz movement is used in 95 percent of watches produced today.

Now, consider the paradigm shift in the right to life movement.

One factor is that Millennials are the most pro-life generation, because they are aware that nearly one-fifth of their generation has been sacrificed at the altar of convenience.

A second is ready internet access to horrific videos of late-term abortions.

Another is the grisly tale of abortionist Kermit Gosnell, convicted of murdering three infants who were born alive during attempted abortion procedures.

Add to that the revelation of Planned Parenthood personnel sipping wine while sadistically snickering about the profitable sale of body parts harvested from aborted babies.

And now we know that the 1973 Roe versus Wade ruling was predicated on the false premise that what is conceived in the womb is not human life.

Modern science confirms that life begins at conception and likewise Indiana Statute IC 16-34-2-1.1 states "That human physical life begins when a human ovum is fertilized by a human sperm".

The new paradigm?

Representative Curt Nisly has introduced the Protection at Conception bill to protect all pre-born babies from the moment of conception to natural death.

Jim Arnold
Muncie

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BITS & PIECES

◆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.

◆New Castle-Henry County Public Library invites the community to the **grand revealing of its remodeled teen space.** The event will be from 3 to 4 p.m. on Monday, January 29, on the upper level of New Castle-Henry County Public Library. Light refreshments will be served.

◆Knightstown United Methodist Women will host their

annual **chicken noodle dinner** on Saturday, Feb. 3, 4:30-7 p.m., at the church, 27 S. Jefferson St. The dinner will feature homemade noodles served with mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, drinks, homemade rolls and pies - all for a freewill offering. The public is invited.

◆Henry County farmers can take required **Pesticide Applicator Recertification Program (PARP)** training if they plan to apply Dicamba this year or in the future. Applicators can take the training Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1-3 p.m. at the Smith Building, 2221 N. Memorial Dr., in Memorial Park. William Johnson, a professor of botany and plant pathology at Purdue, will deliver a mandatory Dicamba

update. Jason Ackerson, a Purdue agronomy professor, will discuss soil sampling. Attendees will earn one credit for PARP and another for CCH. Cost is \$10 for the PARP credit. Reservations may be made by contacting Justin Curley at the Henry County Extension Office, 765-529-5002 or email jcurley@purdue.edu or spfaff@purdue.edu.

◆**Energy efficiency workshops** for farms and rural businesses will take place Wednesday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Smith Building in Memorial Park, 2221 N. Memorial Dr., New Castle. The workshops are sponsored by the Henry County Purdue Extension Service. Topics covered will include energy efficiency audits for improvements on farms and rural businesses, rebate and incentive programs and a workshop entitled, "Is Solar PV Right for My Operation?" Registration is \$10 per person and lunch is included. RSVP by Feb. 1 to Justin Curley at 765-529-5002 or email jcurley@purdue.edu.

◆MainSource is seeking "gently-loved" books for an upcoming **book exchange** event. Books can be dropped off at the bank Feb. 12-23, and then "new" books can be picked up the week of Feb. 26. This is a great opportunity to trade books at no cost. There will be a different theme each day of the pick-up week.

◆The **New Castle Career Center** will host an open house for

future students and their parents on Thursday, Feb. 1, 6-8 p.m. Attendees will be able to tour the school and lab areas, talk to teachers and current students and learn more about the center's programs. For more information, call 765-593-6680.

◆A **GriefShare grief support group** will be meeting Thursday mornings 9:30-11 a.m., Jan. 18 through April 12, at Spiceland Friends Church. The 13-week class provides a warm, caring environment and covers different topics utilizing informative videos, group discussion and a reference book for personal use. Each session is self-contained and participants are welcome to begin at any point. The class is free and open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information call Cathy Harris at 765-465-0994.

◆The **Henry County Commissioners** will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. in the Henry County Courthouse, Second Floor, 101 South Main St., New Castle. This public hearing will be about the submitted written responses on the economic development agreement, the decommission agreement and the road agreement.

◆The Shirley Octagon House is open for **free tours**, by chance or appointment. To get a free tour by appointment, call 765-738-6736 or 812-583-0030.

◆Beautify Knightstown, Inc.

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◆**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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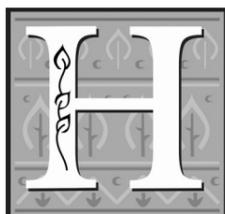
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2010 KHS Graduate Kyle Thomas Pursuing His Lifelong Career Passion in Public Safety Realm

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

"Public safety has actually always been my passion," said Kyle Thomas, who has the credentials to back up his words. He currently is certified as a mandatory firefighter, EMT-paramedic and hazmat technician.

Thomas is the assistant chief of the Kennard Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD), of which he has been a member of since 2009.

He also has worked as a reserve deputy at the Henry County Sheriff's Department (HCSD) for over a year now. In light of his service there, Thomas was recently named HCSD's reserve deputy of the year.

"I was honored to receive the award," he said. "There's a lot of guys in the reserve program, and everyone of us work really hard. Everyone really gets out there and does a great job, puts in lots of hours and works their hardest to make Henry County a safer place. So when Sergeant Dean called my name, I was really proud that he thought I was such a good representative of our reserve program."

While he is committed to his roles at both KVFD and HCSD, Thomas has two full-time jobs in Muncie: one as a paramedic at Delaware County EMS, the other as a hazmat technician in the Delaware County Hazardous Materials Team. He has been working there for five years.

It's true that Thomas had felt the need to do his part for society since he was young. Yet he also

acknowledges the people who influenced him into pursuing this line of work. Several of these people were members of his family who aided their community and fellow as public servants.

"I've got multiple cousins that are full time firemen, and my grandma was a police officer for the Greenfield police department her entire career," said Thomas.

His own father went into the field of public service as well, around the same time as Thomas himself. The two even worked alongside each other for a period.

"I originally started as an explorer with Southwest Ambulance in Knightstown when I was 15 and it just took off from there," he explained. "My dad and I actually took our EMT class together and worked on the ambulance together for several years, which really just caused my interest to grow more."

Thomas is a Knightstown native, and attended Charles A. Beard schools from kindergarten until he graduated from Knightstown High

School in 2010. He currently lives just north of Kennard with his girlfriend, Caitlyn, also a member of KVFD, and their two children.

"I've always enjoyed helping my community and I feel it's important for people to give back," said Thomas. "If you want to live somewhere that's safe and healthy you can't just hope other people do it. You have to get out there yourself, volunteer, be involved and make the changes you want to see."



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OBITUARIES

Robert Lowell Morris
October 26, 1930 - January 22, 2018



Robert Lowell Morris, 87, of Knightstown, passed away Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 following a lingering illness at Henry Community Health. He was born Oct. 26, 1930 in Hancock County to Herman and Emma (Brooks) Morris.

Bob was a resident of rural Knightstown where he spent most of his life. He graduated from Knightstown High School in 1949 and served in the U.S. Marine Corps 1951-1954. Bob retired from Western Electric and ATT.

Survivors include three sisters, Cara West and Betty House-Baugh, both of New Castle, and Maxine Thompson of Waverly, Ohio; six nephews, Gary (Debi) Morris of New Castle, Bill (Cristi) House of Athens, Ga., Bill Thompson of Waverly, Ohio, Bobby Joe West, Thomas West and David West, all of New Castle; seven nieces, Kay House-Clark of Elkhart, Mary Jean Altman of Waverly, Ohio, Lisa Ann Roush and Nancy Staker, both of Chillicothe, Ohio, Patty Blankenship and Linda Williams, both of New Castle and Carolyn Sue of N.Y.; special families: Betty and Charles Holden of Knightstown, Shirley Lovins and family, Debbie Schrougham of Greenwood, Trevor "Bubby," Makiah, Tori Mae, Tanner, Trace, David Dean, Marie, Cade, Bryce, Gabriel and Kennedy.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph (Helen) Morris; a sister, Patricia Ann Bell; his grandparents, Cecil (Myrtle) Morris; his grandfather, Frank Brooks; and four brothers-in-law, John House, Carlos Baugh, Charles Thompson and David West.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle with Pastor Jeff Johnson officiating. Military rites will be conducted by a contingency of the U.S. Marines, American Legion and VFW. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, prior to the service. Condolences and memories of Robert may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Rose Mary, from Page 4

my little fondue cookbook and a book of candy recipes, including my favorite million dollar fudge recipe. I found handwritten recipes sent by Sister Christine, Bill's mother, Sisters-in-law Toots and Pat and our friend, Phyllis - all gone, alas. "Mother," I said, stroking the recipe for Mama's Corn Pudding that she had written so long ago.

The "saving" gene lives on! Vicki has consented to take a bunch of stuff, including two battered lamps - one of which I broke and glued back together. One was won at a fair by Bill's sister, Joyce, the other by Pat. Also, Vicki dear, Mother has found some more surprises for you!

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FOLKWAYS

Sorority Hears 'Don't Be A Victim' Presentation

The Jan. 9 meeting of Tri Kappa sorority featured an informative presentation entitled "Don't Be A Victim." Guest speaker Barb Miller currently serves as outreach and education coordinator for the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Noting that she does not carry a gun or a badge, Miller nevertheless investigates cases of fraud and scam, and she alerts the public to potential criminal activity. Her presentation included timely information on both Medicare fraud and other common scams.

Miller informed Medicare recipients that they will soon be receiving new cards. Each member will now have a unique identity number and social security numbers will no longer be printed on cards. Access to social security numbers had opened the door to widespread identity theft. Miller noted that the resulting

Medicare fraud costs the government 90 billion per year. She cautioned recipients that scammers are already taking advantage of the situation by posing as Medicare employees who call to "verify information" for the new cards. To prevent Medicare fraud, she urged listeners to protect their cards by making a copy, hiding the real card, and crossing out the first seven digits on the card that they carry. She stressed that cards should be given to providers only and to review all medical statements to ensure that services billed were actually performed.

Miller discussed several categories of scams that are currently being perpetrated. Grandparent scams occur when a caller claims that a grandchild is in trouble and needs money to get out of jail, pay a bill or escape a foreign country. These callers prey on emotions to trick

grandparents into wiring money. Imposter scams feature con artists who pose as government agents (IRS, Social Security, Medicare) to obtain personal information. Sweepstakes/Lottery scammers claim that the caller has won money but must immediately wire funds to pay for transaction fees or taxes in order to receive their prize. Many falsely claim to represent Publisher's Clearinghouse or foreign lotteries (which are actually illegal).

Robo calls may also be fraudulent, and simply by answering the victim confirms that their number is working and the number is then sold. Miller detailed some current scams including a caller impersonating a Microsoft employee who notes that the victim's computer is running slowly and they need access to repair it. Others pose as Amazon Prime

or Netflix callers checking information including credit card numbers.

Miller suggested that travelers shred boarding passes and hotel room card keys as both contain a wealth of personal information of value to thieves. She cautioned listeners not to post future travel plans on Facebook as it compromises home security.

Miller emphasized that anyone who suspects that they have been the victim of consumer fraud should immediately contact the Indiana Attorney General's Office at 800-382-5516 or 317-232-6330 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP. She also recommended an immediate freeze on compromised credit. Victims of Medicare Fraud were directed to contact Indiana Senior Medicare Patrol at 800-986-3505 or 317-205-9201.

'Rock Steady Boxing' Coming to New Castle

Rock Steady Boxing, a unique exercise program, based on training used by boxing pros, and adapted to people with Parkinson's disease, will begin on March 5 at HealthRidge Wellness Center located in the Forest Ridge Medical Pavilion in New Castle.

During the classes Rock Steady Boxers will train to improve hand-eye coordination, speed of movement, flexibility, balance, core strength and agility. The program involves regular exercises, such as cardio, resistance, stretching, balancing, and

lots of non-contact boxing.

The classes will meet three times a week and spouses/caregivers are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$180 per three months. Participants will need to schedule a free evaluation prior to joining the class, which begins March 5. The class is ongoing and you can join at any time.

The exercises are largely adapted from boxing drills. Boxers condition for optimal agility, speed, muscular endurance, accuracy, hand-eye coordination, footwork and over-

all strength to defend against and overcome opponents. At RSB, Parkinson's disease is the opponent. Exercises vary in purpose and form but share one common trait: they are rigorous and intended to extend the perceived capabilities of the participant.

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Cailin Smith Earns Place on Goshen College Dean's List

Goshen College recently recognized 191 undergraduate students for excellence in academics on the fall 2017 dean's list.

Cailin Smith, a Sophomore Molecular biology/Biochemistry major from Knightstown, IN, was recognized for academic excellence on the fall semester Dean's List at Goshen College. Smith is a Knightstown High School graduate.

The dean's list includes students earning at least a 3.75 GPA, while completing at least 12 hours of

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William Johnson, a professor of botany and plant pathology at Purdue, will deliver a mandatory Dicamba update. Jason Ackerson, a Purdue agronomy professor, will discuss soil sampling.

Attendees will earn one credit for PARP and another for CCH. Cost is \$10 for the PARP credit.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Panther Wrestlers Win Tri-Eastern Conference Championship

KHS Earns TEC Trophy in Debut Season; Buchanan, Sollars Grab Individual Titles



Knightstown wrestling team gathers around its first Tri-Eastern Conference championship trophy Saturday in Centerville. This is the Panthers first year in the TEC. (Photo provided)

In its first year participating in the Tri-Eastern Conference, Knightstown wrestlers earned the conference champion title, edging out Centerville.

The Panthers finished the all-day conference meet Jan. 20 with 207.5 points.

Centerville placed second with 187. Winchester was third with 135. Hagerstown came in fourth with 115 points.

Union City had 88 points for fifth place, just ahead of Cambridge City Lincoln with 84 points to finish sixth. Northeastern was seventh with 73 and Tri came in eighth with 67 points.

Union City rounded out the nine-school competition with 40 points. Seniors Kaleb Buchanan and Thomas Sollars were the only individual conference title winners for Knightstown though the Panthers had nine more wrestlers finish second or third.

Sollars took first place in the 113-pound class by defeating Centerville's Hayden Busby in a 14-13 decision.

Buchanan pinned Josh Miles of Cambridge City Lincoln for the conference title in the 120-pound class.

The Panthers had six wrestlers finish runner-up in their matches. Taking second place for Knightstown were David Peck (106), Jacob Hanna (126), Nick Walsh (138), Conner Brockman (195), Charlie Moore (220) and Burias Wisner (285).

Third place finishers for Knightstown included Bruce Nichols (132), Ben Newby (160) and Aiden Orcutt (182)

Evan Nolen placed fourth in the 145-pound class and Mason Muncy took fifth place in the 152-pound class.

Six Wrestlers Competed for Tri; Jackson Earns Second

Tri's Josiah Jackson was the highest placed finisher for the Titans at the conference meet.

Jackson was runner-up in the 182-pound class, losing in a tough battle to Centerville Alfredo Calderon by a 4-3 decision.

Kennedy Louks (113) and Justin Greene (170) each earned third place for the Titans. Clayton Scott finished third in the 285-pound class. James Cornes was fifth in the 120-pound division.

Three Titans took sixth place finishes. Christian Faith was sixth at 138. Ryan Mogg was sixth in the 195-pound class and Logan Anderson was sixth in the 220-pound class.



Kaleb Buchanah (left, top) and Thomas Sollars (left, bottom) each earned Tri-Eastern Conference titles with their first place finishes. It was the first year for them to compete in the TEC and their last as they are both seniors. Buchanan won in the 120-pound class and Sollars took first in the 113-pound class. (Stacy Cox photos)



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Wrestling Sectional This Saturday at Tri

Tri High School is hosting the wrestling sectional for this area Saturday, Jan. 27, beginning at 9 a.m. with finals scheduled to start at approximately 3 p.m.

Tickets are priced \$6 each for the all-day event.

Teams competing at the Tri sectional include Blue River Valley,

Cambridge City Lincoln, Centerville, Hagerstown, Knightstown, New Castle, Northeastern, Richmond, Shenandoah and Tri.

Wrestlers finishing in the top four spots of each weight class advance to regional next Saturday in Richmond.

Knightstown Annual Youth Cheer Clinic Set for Feb. 10

The Knightstown varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders will be having their annual Cheer Clinic for students in kindergarten through sixth grade Saturday, Feb. 10 from 1 p.m. to halftime of junior varsity game in the Knightstown High School gymnasium.

Parnets will drop their child off and they will stay with the KHS cheerleaders until the performance during halftime of JV game.

The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please make checks payable to KHS. T-shirts are included in the price for those who pre-register by Friday, Feb. 2.

The participants will perform that evening during halftime of the JV game at the high school against North Decatur. More details about the performance will be provided

on the day of the clinic. Participants wearing their t-shirt will be admitted to the game free of charge.

Find the registration form on the school's athletic website at www.knightstownathletics.com, fill it out and return it with payment to Knightstown Elementary or Knightstown Intermediate School by Friday, Feb. 2.

A box will be available in the main office of each school. Payment must be included with your registration form in order to receive a t-shirt.

We will have late registration at the door the day of the clinic; however, a t-shirt will not be included in the price.

For questions or more information contact Haley Morgan at haleymorgan2011@gmail.com.

KHS Baseball Team Wants You to Clean Out Your Closets, For a Good Cause

Knightstown High School baseball players are hosting a fundraising shoe drive on Saturday, Jan. 27 and also on Saturday, Feb. 10.

According to information provided by the Panther team, over 600 million pairs of shoes are thrown away per year in the US alone. The materials used to manufacture a pair of shoes are created from chemical compounds that will create health hazards if left to disintegrate openly or in landfills. By donating your gently worn, used and new shoes to the KHS Baseball Shoe Drive, your shoes are given a second chance to make a difference.

The public is invited to participate in the shoe drive to raise funds for the baseball program. Donations of gently worn, used or new shoes will be accepted now through February 13.

Donations can be given to any KHS baseball player or dropped into collection boxes located at the American Legion Post 152 in Knightstown, Citizens State Bank in Knightstown, Hoosier Gym, First Merchants Bank locations in Knightstown and

New Castle or Jeff's Pizza in Knightstown.

The amount of money raised is determined by the total weight of the shoes collected. All donated shoes will be redistributed to microenterprise partners through Funds2Orgs, a for-profit social enterprise, and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start their own businesses.

In conjunction with the fund drive, if you donate during the Jan. 27 or Feb. 10 home games for the Knightstown varsity boys basketball team, you could win a Visa gift card.

Just bring your gently worn, used or new shoes to the basketball game and for every pair of shoes donated, your name will be entered for a chance to win a Visa gift card. The winner will be drawn during halftime of the varsity game that night.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Panthers Close Out Regular Season

Knightstown's varsity girls basketball team closed out its regular season at 3-18 after falling to Morristown 38-59 Monday night at home. The loss followed two others on the road last week at Cambridge City Lincoln and Union County.

In their Jan. 16 game against Lincoln, the Lady Panthers fell 43-55, again suffering another up and down game.

Down just two points, 9-11, after the first quarter, the KHS girls took the lead in the second and went into halftime up 24-22.

But, the halftime break zapped the Lady Panthers' momentum and their offense struggled to put points on the board in the third quarter. The Lady Golden Eagles outscored KHS 15-6 in the third to take the lead, 30-37, heading into the final period.

The Lady Panthers got within five early in the fourth quarter but as the clock ticked down, Knightstown was forced to foul, sending the Lady Golden Eagles to the line multiple times. In the end, Lincoln took the quarter 18-13 to secure the 55-43 victory and Tri-Eastern Conference win.

Jess Butler led the Lady Panthers with 10 points, eight rebounds and an assist.

Lori Thomas went 6-of-6 at the line and drained one shot from behind the arc for nine points. She dished out eight assists and pulled down five rebounds.

Kaitlyn Jackson had eight points, three rebounds, three steals and an assist.

Liz Moore scored five points and had three rebounds, one block and a steal.

Allyson Hawk also tallied five points.

Rena Witham knocked down one basket and pulled in six rebounds with three assists.

Maggie Smith scored a bucket and grabbed four rebounds and two steals.

Katie Clark also hit one shot from the field and nabbed two rebounds.

Kaitlynn McIntyre added one rebound.

KHS Falls to Union County

Two days later, the Lady Panthers made the long road trip over to Union County for their Jan. 18 TEC game. Knightstown posted three solid quarters but another sluggish third quarter doomed the KHS girls and the dropped the TEC game 47-51.

The Lady Panthers put 11 points on the board in the first quarter but the Lady Patriots took the lead with 16.

Knightstown's offense picked up in the second quarter and their defense held UC to just eight points to give the KHS girls a 27-24 halftime lead.

But, their lead was blown in the third when they only managed to put four points on the board. Union County's 14 points allowed them to retake the lead 38-28 going into the fourth.

Knightstown outscored the Lady Patriots 16-13 in the final frame but their rally came up short and UC took the 51-47 conference win.

Smith led the Lady Panthers with 10 points, her

second best of the season, and added five rebounds, one steal and an assist.

Hawk also scored 10 points, including two three-pointers, the team's only shots from long range. She added one rebound, one steal and one assist.

Jackson posted another solid game with eight points, six rebounds, five steals, five assists, a block and two deflections.

Butler finished with six points, seven rebounds and a steal.

Witham played an aggressive game to finish with four points, four rebounds, six deflections, two steals and an assist.

Alexis Howard had four points, one rebound and a steal.

Liz Moore made one basket and grabbed three rebounds.

Dharma Holder also knocked down one bucket and had one rebound.

Thomas sank one free throw and got five rebounds, one steal and an assist.

Morristown Defeats KHS

The Lady Panthers finished up their regular season at home against Morristown Jan. 22. The game did not turn out as the fans attending Senior Night had hoped and Knightstown fell 38-59.

Knightstown just couldn't get much going in the first half and were outscored 15-7 in the first quarter and 13-8 in the second to take a 15-28 deficit into the locker room at the half.

The KHS girls picked up their scoring a bit in the second half but Morristown remained consistent. The Lady Panthers took the third quarter, 12-11, but the Lady Yellow Jackets' offense kicked it up a notch in the final minutes to outscore KHS 20-11 in the fourth to take the 59-38 win.

Senior Allyson Hawk led the Lady Panthers with 12 points, including three treys, and made one assist.

In her final home game, senior Lori Thomas scored nine points and led KHS on the boards with seven rebounds. She also handed out three assists and made one steal.

Smith had eight points, one rebound, one steal and an assist.

Clark hit two buckets for four points and got one rebound, one steal and an assist.

Witham knocked down one three-pointer and again came up big defensively with six rebounds, four steals and one block with one assist.

Moore dropped in both of her free throw attempts

Butler pulled down five rebounds and dished out one assist.

Jackson and McIntyre each added one rebound.

The Lady Panthers finished the regular season 3-18 and 0-8 in their first year of Tri-Eastern Conference play. It was the first year for coach Charity Smucker.

Knightstown will travel to Triton Central Tuesday, Jan. 30, to take on Irvington Preparatory Academy for the first round of sectional 42.

Moore Posts Two More Double-Doubles to Keep Tri's Winning Streak Going

Tri varsity girls basketball team kept its winning streak going with two more wins last week. The Lady Titans demolished Union High School 54-8 in a home game on Jan. 15 and trounced Centerville 42-24 at home Jan. 18.

In their game against the Union Lady Rockets, the Lady Titans jumped out to an 18-2 lead after the first quarter and put 14 more on the board in the second while giving up just three points.

Tri started the third quarter with a 32-5 lead and then dominated Union 14-0 to head into the fourth leading 46-5. After outscoring the Lady Rockets 8-3 in the final period, the Lady Titans took the 54-8 win.

The Lady Titans played 11 players in the game and though she had limited time on the court, senior star Payton Moore scored 22 points and had 10 rebounds for her ninth double-double this season. She also made three blocks, two steals and two assists.

Makenna Hawk scored nine points and made two steals and one rebound.

Averi Phelps finished with six points, three rebounds and one assist.

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

Allison Kingery contributed four points, four rebounds and two steals.

Bayleigh Appleby had four points, two assists and one steal.

Maddie Burchett scored three points, made four assists and a steal with two rebounds.

Madeline Hoover had seven rebounds and one steal.

Auburn Harvey made five steals, three assists and one rebound. Freshman Madison Hill pulled down three rebounds. Chloe Gentry made one assist and one steal.

Tri Defeats Centerville 42-24

Centerville continued its struggles this year when it fell to Tri 24-42 in their Jan. 18 game.

The Lady Titans again took the early lead, going up 14-5 after the first quarter. They put 10 more on the board in the second while holding Centerville to four points to take a 24-9 lead into the halftime break.

Tri's scoring slowed down significantly in the second half with the team scoring just nine points in each of the final two periods. But, the

Girls Basketball Sectional Games Start Next Tuesday

High school girls basketball sectional action gets underway Tuesday, Jan. 30. Below is information on sectional for Knightstown and Tri which also includes Eastern Hancock and Shenandoah.

SECTIONAL 42 at TRITON CENTRAL (class 2A)

Game 1 is Tues., Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. -

Eastern Hancock [13-8] vs. Irvington Prep Academy [10-9]

Game 2 is Tues., Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. -

Indianapolis Howe [7-9] vs. Knightstown [3-18]

Game 3 is Fri., Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. -

Shenandoah [16-5] vs. Winner Game 1

Game 4 is Fri., Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. -

Triton Central [18-3] vs. Winner Game 2

Championship game is Sat., Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. -

Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Knightstown has not played Indianapolis Howe this season. The Lady Panthers defeated Irvington Prep Academy 58-32 on Nov. 28 but lost to the other sectional teams, falling to Shenandoah 34-68 Nov. 30, Eastern Hancock 36-63 Dec. 15 and Triton Central 28-63 Dec. 29.

Eastern Hancock has not played Irvington Prep Academy or Indianapolis Howe this season. The Lady Royals lost to Triton Central 34-53 on Nov. 11 and lost to Shenandoah 36-47 on Nov. 21.

Shenandoah has not played Irvington Prep Academy, Indianapolis Howe or Triton Central this season.

SECTIONAL 56 at UNION CITY (class 1A)

Game 1 is Tues., Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. -

Blue River Valley [13-8] vs. Tri High [16-4]

Game 2 is Tues., Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. -

Seton Catholic [3-18] vs. Randolph Southern [15-5]

Game 3 is Fri., Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. -

Union (Modoc) [1-16] vs. Winner Game 1

Game 4 is Fri., Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. -

Union City [8-12] vs. Winner Game 2

Championship game is Sat., Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. -

Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Tri beat Blue River Valley 60-36 on Nov. 10, defeated Randolph Southern 50-45 on Dec. 6 and beat Union 54-8 on Jan. 15. The Lady Titans fell to Union City 38-40 on Dec. 20. Tri did not play Seton Catholic during regular season.

Panthers Fall to Winchester

Knightstown varsity boys basketball team suffered its third straight loss when they traveled to Winchester Jan. 20 and fell 41-56 to the Golden Falcons.

Another slow start for the Panthers put them down early, but Winchester's first half was not much better. The Golden Falcons took a 12-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. Both teams scored just eight points in the second quarter,

sending Winchester into the locker room at halftime with a 20-15 lead.

The scoring picked up for both teams in the second half, significantly more for Winchester. The Falcons outscored the Panthers 16-11 in the third quarter to go up 36-26.

Knightstown put as many points on the board in the fourth quarter as they did the entire first half but that 15 points didn't faze Winchester. The Falcons scored 20 in the final period to get the 56-41 Tri-Eastern Conference win.

Jarred Porter led the Panthers with 13 points, four points and one assist.

Garrett Thomas had another solid performance, finishing with seven points and eight rebounds with seven of those on the offensive board.

Owen Wiles also scored seven points and got one rebound.

Tyler Burton knocked down a three-pointer and had four rebounds with three assists.

Treavor Cook drained a shot from behind the arc and had three rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Lane Parker scored four points and grabbed two rebounds.

Jose Olivo hit one bucket and had three rebounds, three steals and one assist.

Tucker Personett made both of this free throw attempts for two points and added one rebound, one steal and one assist.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 5-8 overall and to 3-2 in the TEC.

LOCAL SPORTS

Panther 8th Grade Team Wins County Championship



Young Panthers Lose Heartbreaker Monday to Connersville



Carson Smith lets a shot fly from behind the arc in the Panthers' eighth grade game Monday.

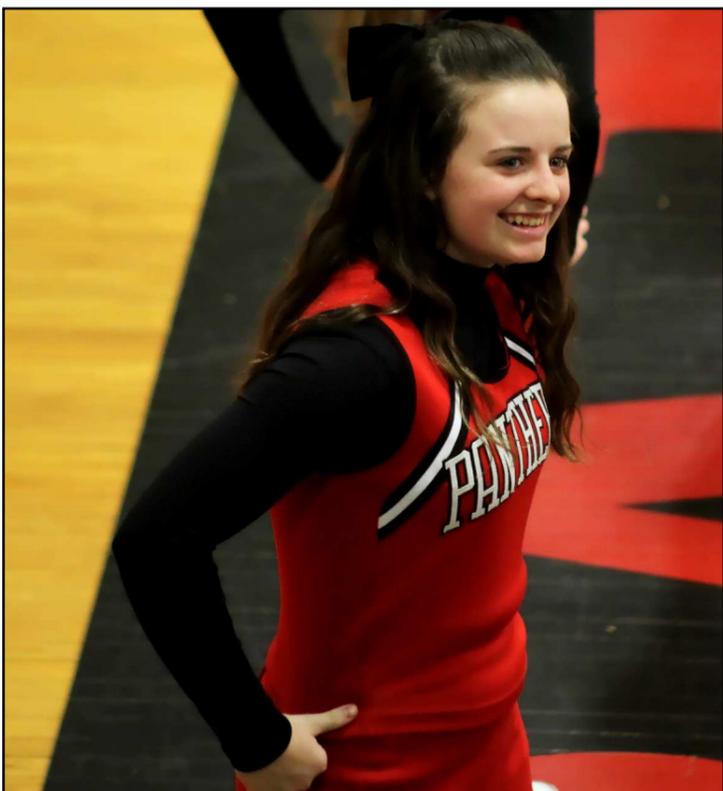
Knightstown's eighth grade basketball team was still feeling happy Monday night following Saturday's Henry County championship win. The Panthers came up short in a close game at home Monday against Connersville, but it wasn't for lack of hustle. The team includes Connor Pyle, Levi Jones, Owen Newkirk, Cordell Lucas, John Halvorsen, Grant Pierce, Carson Smith, Dylan Murphy and Kyle Johnson as well as Devon Settles and Hunter Jackson, who were not in this photo.



Cordell Lucas battles with Connersville's Evan Granger for a rebound as Carson Smith looks on, ready to help during Monday's eighth grade basketball game. (Stacy Cox photo)



Above, Knightstown's Kyle Johnson grabs a loose ball early on in the Panther eighth grade game against Connersville Monday night. (Stacy Cox photo)



Above, Knightstown middle school cheerleader Kali Newton smiles at fans in the stands during Monday night's game against Connersville.



At right, Knightstown's John Halvorsen sizes up his opponent before driving the ball inside during the Panthers' eighth grade game against Connersville Monday night. (Stacy Cox photos)

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VA Offering Same-day Services in Some Cases

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by
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Since 2014, VA has concentrated its efforts on improving access and meeting the urgent health-care needs of Veterans. In 2016, all of VA's medical centers offered same-day services for primary and mental health services.

In addition to offering same-day services, VA has reduced patient wait times. VA also implemented a new process to ensure timely follow-up appointments for time-sensitive medical needs. More than 100,000 such appointments have been completed.

In 2017, Veterans completed over 57.5 million appointments and VA clinicians saw almost 6 million patients.

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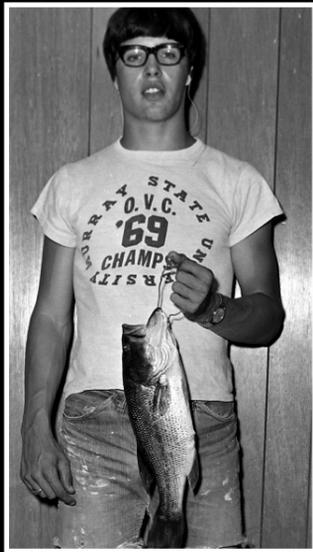
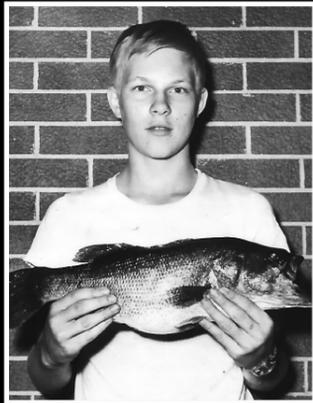
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A Look Back



Lots of "big catch" photos appeared in The Banner over the years. These were culled from a photo file labeled "1969-1970." The only identified photo in the lot is the one at right. The back of the photo says Lawrence Gorman.



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the water into the creek, she estimated it might cost about \$6,000 for drain pipe and installation and another \$2,500 for labor and parts to hook it up to the splash pad.

Should the water's chlorine content be high enough to require a permit, a dechlorination system would need to be installed to treat the water before it is discharged into the creek. Lashbrook told the park board last month that such a system could add another \$625 to \$2,300 to the price.

The splash pad was also a topic again later in the week at last Thursday's regular monthly meeting of the Knightstown Town Council. Randy Anderson, who heads up the town's water department and serves as one of three co-workers managers for the town, told council members he is concerned that the splash pad may be contributing to water leaks in town.

Based on his own experience on the job and his review of past data, Anderson said he is convinced that when the splash pad turns on, it creates a "hammering" effect in the water system that can cause water lines to burst. He said he believed the only way to remedy this problem

would be to install a water holding tank and recirculating system.

Anderson told the council the town experienced 26 water leaks in 2015, with 10 of those occurring during the months the splash pad was in operation. In 2016, the last year the splash pad was open, nine of the 22 water leaks his department dealt with happened in those months.

By contrast, Anderson said the town only faced 14 water leaks in 2017, the first year the splash pad was kept closed for the season. During what would have been the splash pad's normal months of operation, he said there only four water leaks.

"Without any doubt in my mind, this hammering (in the pipes) is what's creating the problem with the leaks," Anderson said.

Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, told the town council and Anderson that Anderson should attend the next park board meeting and discuss with them his concerns about the splash pad. Council Vice President Kevin Knott, who serves as a liaison to the park board, also said he

would contact Neal prior to the next park board meeting and discuss this matter with her.

The park board also discussed at last week's meeting how it wished to proceed with respect to a backflow prevention valve installed at the splash pad by Irrigation Services. As previously reported, the park board has not paid the \$970 bill for this work due to unhappiness with the quality of the work.

In December, the park board voted to have Hart contact Morelock for some guidance on this matter. In an email read at last week's meeting, Morelock told the park board it should consider obtaining a professional opinion from someone who can attest to problems with the backflow prevention valve's installation and get an estimate on what it would cost to repair.

Neal questioned whether Morelock's work on this matter is covered by the town's monthly retainer and said she would check with Knott about that. She also asked McGuire and Brown to try again to contact Irrigation Services, which, so far, has not been returning park board members' calls.

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estimate and a timetable for that work.

Also at last week's meeting, the CAB School Board:

- *approved minutes from prior meetings and payment of monthly claims totaling \$2,518,966.83, with \$1,987,837.78 of that being for prewritten claims, \$140,559.28 for current claims and \$390,569.77 for payroll;

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that it had nothing to do with the town council's decision in November to place a written reprimand in his personnel file. In his remarks to The Banner on Monday, Booth said his decision to resign was simply a matter of seeking better pay and benefits.

"That's the one disadvantage of the small towns," Booth said. "They can't provide a lot of the stuff that bigger places can."

According to the salary ordinance now in place, the town pays its police chief - technically a town marshal - a salary of \$40,601.60. Overtime pay, however, has allowed Booth to actually make more than that.

A public employee compensation report the town is required to file with the state shows Booth earned \$45,750 for the nearly 10 months he was chief in 2015, plus another \$6,995.90 for his time as a deputy with the department before that. In 2016, the most recent year for which the town's public employee pay information is available on the state's Gateway website, Booth earned \$53,659.28 as Knightstown's police chief.

- *OK'd a draft version of the 2018-2019 school calendar;

- *voted to move its Feb. 20 meeting up a week to Feb. 13 because CAB will be hosting an Indiana School Boards Association meeting at KHS on Feb. 20; and

- *approved hiring Amanda Barbaglia as a substitute secretary and custodian at Knightstown

Both Booth and town officials have declined to release any details about the circumstances that led to his reprimand last fall.

"It was made out to be a whole lot more than it really was," Booth said. "I'll just leave it at that."

The Banner filed an official request with the town last fall seeking more details about the factual basis for Booth's reprimand. The town, however, acting on its attorney's advice, declined to provide further details.

Under the state's Access to Public Records Act, public agencies must provide the factual basis for disciplinary action that results in a public employee being demoted, suspended or terminated. However, where an employee is simply reprimanded, the APRA does not require the release of a factual basis - although the public agency is given the discretion to release that information, along with anything else in an employee's personnel file, should it choose to do so.

Morelock, over the nearly 10 years he has served as the town's attorney, has consistently

Elementary, and OK'd maternity leave for speech-language pathologist Lana McDaniel.

More information about the Jan. 16 monthly meeting of the CAB School Board can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records should be available for inspection and copying at CAB's central office, 8139 W. U.S.

urged town officials to withhold public records and information whenever they have the discretion not to release them. With respect to Booth's reprimand, council members followed that advice.

The Banner searched online court records to see whether any civil or criminal actions had been filed against Booth that might be related to the reprimand. However, except for his and his ex-wife's divorce case, which was filed in Henry County last September and granted in November, there were no other court cases listing Booth as a party.

A graduate of South Adams High School in Adams County and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Booth left a job at Navistar in Indianapolis in the fall of 2014 when he was hired as a KPD patrol officer. His prior work experience also included nine years as a part-time officer for the town of Mooreland, and he had also served as a volunteer reserve officer and as a full-time officer for the town Geneva's police department.