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- Sir Winston Churchill

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Mt. Olive Rejoice Singers Performing

Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host gospel singing, featuring Mt. Olive Rejoice Singers, on Saturday, March 17, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free, family-friendly gospel concert. For more information, call 317-936-5849 or 765-345-7442.

Steinwachs Car Show Set for May 12

The 10th annual Justin Steinwachs Memorial Car Show will take place Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Knightstown. Watch for parking restriction information in the coming weeks.

KES Kindergarten Round-up Starting

Knightstown Elementary School will host its Kindergarten Round-up event in mid-March. Parents are encouraged to make appointments, each of which will last about one hour, for their children by calling the school at 345-2151. Enrolling full-day kindergarten children must be at least five years old by Aug. 1. Appointments can take place on Tuesday, March 20, 12-7 p.m. or Wednesday, March 21, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Parents should bring children's birth certificates and immunization records.

County Schools Focus of Exhibit

The Henry County Historical Society, 606 S. 14th St., New Castle, is currently featuring an education exhibit, entitled "Henry County Schools, Then and Now." On display are teachers' hand bells, bricks from old schools, senior cords and a variety of yearbooks from various decades. The exhibit also features lots of ephemera from pre-consolidation county schools. For more information, call 765-529-4028 or visit the museum's website at www.henrycountyhs.org.

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Planning Grant Put on Hold for Now

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

It appears that local efforts to obtain a grant to pay for development of plans for improvements to downtown Knightstown will be put on hold for now.

As previously reported in The Banner, information about a planning grant offered by the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs was presented last month to the Knightstown Forward Committee, an ad hoc group consisting of representatives from several local groups and government agencies. Dave Kieser, owner of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town and KFC on several planning and development-related issues, had said at that meeting he thought the local Main Street organization could apply for this grant instead of the town.

With the town preparing to apply for a \$500,000 OCRA grant to help fund improvements to the Hoosier Gym, Kieser explained at the January KFC meeting that the town could not seek a second OCRA grant until work on the gym improvements has started. But, he said if the local Main Street group were to apply for the OCRA planning grant, this restriction wouldn't apply.

It turns out, however, that Kieser had gotten two different grant programs confused. Last week, at the Feb. 22 KFC meeting, he clarified that Knightstown's Main Street group would not be eligible to apply for the OCRA planning grant and that, instead, the town would have to be the applicant.

Grant writer Amy Miller of Cornerstone Grants Management
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FFA National Vice President Visits KHS Chapter for FFA Week



FFA National Vice President Piper Merritt visited the Knightstown High School FFA chapter during FFA Week. Merritt joined local students in presenting a chicken embryology lesson to second graders at Knightstown Elementary School Friday afternoon. More about the local FFA's busy week can be found on Page 8. (Eric Cox photo)



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OBITUARIES

Robert "Bob" Morgan
June 6, 1935 - February 25, 2018



Robert "Bob" Morgan, 82, of Rush County, passed away on Feb. 25, 2018, in New Castle. He was born on June 6, 1935, in Rush County to the late John and Mary (Roberts) Morgan. Bob was a 1953 graduate of Mays High School and went on to Purdue for some college. He married Shirley (Ferguson) Morgan on Aug. 13, 1955, and she survives. Bob was a lifetime member of Center Christian Church. He was a Rush County farmer all his life.

Bob was recognized with the Master Farmer Award for his outstanding agricultural production skills and his hard work to improve excellence in family, community and schools. He was part of the Mays Lions Club for several years. Bob was on the Rush County Soil & Water Conservation District board and the Rush County school board for over 20 years. He was the chapter president and then the district president of the FFA.

Bob is also survived by his son, Darrell (Melissa) Morgan of Rush County; a daughter, Debbie Gray of Rush County; a son, Dean (Sherry) Morgan of Fayette County; and two sisters, Janet Holloway of Rushville and Mary Kay DeHaven of Mays.

He is also survived by his six grandchildren, Mathew (Britany) Morgan, John (Kelsey) Gray, Mandy (Zach) Poliska, Nick (Emmy) Morgan, Brett Morgan and Kyle Morgan; and seven great-grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by three brothers, John Wallace Morgan, Hugh Morgan and Richard Morgan.

Services will be Thursday, March 1, at 11 a.m. at Center Christian Church with Pastor Darryl Denney presiding. Friends are welcome to visit at the church on Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Center Christian Church in memory of Bob.

Lowell D. French
September 3, 1933 - February 20, 2018



Lowell D. French, 84, of Carthage, and a lifelong Rush County resident, passed away Feb. 20, 2018, in Indianapolis. Lowell was born Sept. 3, 1933, in Rush County to Elmer and Mae (Parker) French. He was a 1951 graduate of Raleigh School and later obtained his bachelor's degree in business from Purdue University. He married Marlene Mohler on Nov. 11, 1950, and she survives.

Lowell worked for over 60 years in the insurance business. He owned and operated French Insurance Agency for 48 of those years. He was a longtime member and elder of Raleigh Christian Church.

Lowell belonged to the Independent Insurance Agency of Indiana and was a member of the PIA. He loved to travel and go camping with his family. Lowell also enjoyed mowing the yard and enjoyed being outdoors.

In addition to his wife, Marlene, of Carthage, Lowell is survived by three daughters, Pamela Lovegrove of New Castle, Cheryl (Douglas) Wright and Angela (Eric) Mullen, all of Carthage; a sister, Janet (Ronald) Sullivan of Carthage; nine grandchildren, Jason Hubbell, Amanda (Jeff) Aldridge, Daniel (Kara) Wright, Jacob Wright, Benjamin (Ashlee) Wright, Jordan, Zachary, Cara and Laura Mullen; seven great-grandchildren, Dalton Hubbell, Alayna and Bethany Aldridge and Caleb, Declan, Noah and Avery Wright. Lowell is also survived by several nieces and nephews and his beloved dog, "Precious." Lowell was preceded in death by a brother, Robert French, and a sister, Judy Sutton.

Services were Feb. 26 at Raleigh Christian Church with Tony Augsberger presiding. Friends visited Feb. 25 at Moster Mortuary in Rushville. Burial took place in Raleigh Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Raleigh Christian Church.

Emma Jeanne Stinson
November 14, 1927 - February 19, 2018



Emma Jeanne Stinson, born Nov. 14, 1927, in Floyd County, Ky., passed away Feb. 19, 2018, in Tucson, Ariz. Before moving to Tucson in November 2001, she lived in Knightstown for 49 years. She worked at RCA in Indianapolis for 21 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard Daniel and Esta Hall; her husband of 45 years, Lemuel V. Stinson Sr.; and her son, Lemuel V. Stinson Jr.; her two sisters, Charlene Daniel and Florene Rawlins; and two brothers, Charles Daniel and Kenneth Daniel.

She is survived by two daughters, Carol Chambers of Indianapolis and Julie (Mike) Toepper of St. Johns, Ariz.; and her grandson, David Chambers of Indianapolis. She is also survived by her brother, James Daniels, of Ashland, Ky.; a sister-in-law, Tracy Craig of Martinsville; 13 nieces and nephews; 28 great-nieces and great-nephews; and 22 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Arrangements are pending with Adair-Dodge Chapel. However, a celebration of life will be held in the near future for her friends in Tucson. Another celebration of life will take place in June for her family in Kentucky. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in her name.

James Andrew "Jim" Dismore
December 7, 1968 - February 13, 2018



James Andrew "Jim" Dismore, 49, of West Linn, Ore., died on the morning of Feb. 13, 2018, at Legacy Hopewell Hospice in Portland, Ore., following a valiant four-year battle with cancer. He was born on Dec. 7, 1968, in Indianapolis, a son of Richard and Sue (Thompson) Dismore.

To know Jim was to love Jim. His greatest joys in life were his children, Hunter and Julia. Jim was passionate about God, his family, his friends, and everything having to do with hunting, fishing and the great outdoors. He will be remembered for his deep compassion, gentleness, faith, courage, love, intelligence, sense of humor and loyalty.

Those left to cherish Jim's memory include his children, Hunter and Julia Dismore of California; his mother, Sue Dismore of Oregon; two brothers, Mike Dismore of Texas and Guy Dismore of Florida; and his two sisters, Susan Cihak of Oregon and Jennifer Dismore of Florida.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, Richard Dismore.

Funeral services were Feb. 23 at Indiana Funeral Care - Harry W. Moore Chapel, 8151 Allisonville Rd., Indianapolis with Rev. Tom Warner officiating. Burial followed in Walnut Ridge Cemetery in Carthage. Friends called at Indiana Funeral Care prior to services on Feb. 23. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Memorial contributions may be offered to St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com.

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Local MainSource Bank Closing

Customers of MainSource Bank's Knightstown branch have been notified that the branch will likely be closing as part of MainSource's merger with, and into, First Financial Bank.

In a letter dated Feb. 23, Chris Harrison, MainSource's executive vice president and chief consumer banking officer, advised customers that the Knightstown branch is scheduled to close at the end of the business day on Friday, May 25. His letter said the Knightstown branch will be consolidated with the New Castle branch located at 600 S. Memorial Dr.

"Over the same weekend, we will fully convert and integrate all MainSource Bank locations and customers into First Financial Bank," Harrison wrote.

After the conversion, all

MainSource branches will reopen as First Financial banking centers, which offer customers a network of 150 branch locations and thousands of ATMs.

"All of your MainSource Bank accounts will transfer to the new location and you may continue to do your banking at the new location or any other First Financial Bank location," Harrison's letter told customers.

MainSource customers with questions about the pending closure of the Knightstown branch and/or merger with First Financial can contact MainSource's Client Service Center at 800-713-6083, or speak with customer representatives at the Knightstown branch.

"Any of the local staff there at the branch will be more than happy to help them and walk them

through anything that they need," Annie Efke, MainSource's public relations manager, told The Banner.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed closure of MainSource's Knightstown branch and the consolidation with First Financial may submit their comments with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC), 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606. Harrison noted in his letter to customers that the FDIC "does not have the authority to approve or prevent" closure of the Knightstown branch.

Should MainSource's merger with First Financial be postponed, Harrison told customers that closure of the Knightstown branch "will be delayed to coincide with the new conversion date."

New Corner Bakery Owned by KHS Graduate Rex Stephens



Rex Stephens (center), new owner of the Knightstown Corner Bakery (201 E. Main St.) stands with his kitchen manager, Kim Lawrence (left) and waitress Kasandra Gordon. Stephens is a KHS graduate. The restaurant has daily specials, baked goods, donuts and more. It is open for business seven days a week, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (Eric Cox photo)

CAB School Board OK's Personnel Changes

The Charles A. Beard School Board approved several personnel matters at its Feb. 13 monthly meeting.

The personnel report approved by the school board at that night's meeting included three notices of resignation. Linda VanOsdol resigned as a special education aide at Knightstown Intermediate School,

effective Jan. 12, and bus driver Lisa Wells stepped down as of Feb. 13.

The third resignation, as reported in last week's Banner, was from Knightstown High School varsity football coach Kevin Miller. The Feb. 13 personnel report revealed that Miller had actually submitted his

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Kaleb Buchanan: Modern Hero

by Eric Cox
Publisher

Today's kids are taking a lot of heat for things that are beyond their control. Some blame them for a host of society's ills. They're often derided as weak, self-centered, spoiled eaters of Tide Pods and whatnot.

It's true that many of them - like kids throughout history - have made mistakes. But, everyone makes mistakes, and kids are more prone to them because they lack experience and, sometimes, guidance.

But, occasionally stories surface that reveal a different side of youth, a more seasoned and thoughtful side that we don't seem to see or hear about often enough. Here is one such story.

Kaleb Buchanan is a popular senior at Knightstown High School. He's a gifted athlete and a natural leader whose easy smile and quick laugh belie his more mature qualities. Kaleb is one of those guys who seems to glide through social situations and high intensity sports scenarios with grace, poise and humility.

With all his adult-like abilities and teen popularity, he could easily ignore the less popular kids and insulate himself in the fake high school society bubble found in all schools, large or small.

But, he doesn't. He tries to extend a kind hand to all his fellow KHS students. A shining example of this took place at the school last week.

I wasn't there, but I saw a student's video of the episode in which Kaleb gave a fellow classmate a special gift. I have to admit ... it choked me up a little to watch both kids in this fantastic, made-for-TV moment, captured by a kid with a smart phone.

Sam Cooper is a junior at KHS. He and Kaleb both attend a foods class that's part of the school's Family and Consumer Sciences department. Throughout most of the semester, Sam has been fascinated by Kaleb's school letter jacket. Kaleb said he regularly grabs it and wears it around during that class, which doesn't bother Kaleb at all. He's happy to let Sam do that.



Kaleb and Sam

"One day," Kaleb said, "I heard Sam mumble something about wishing he had a jacket like mine."

Sam and Kaleb have known each other since they both attended Knightstown Intermediate School. "I knew he was a good kid, so I asked one of my buddies if it would be appropriate to get Sam a letter jacket like mine," Kaleb explained. "We decided to ask our teacher, and she saw nothing wrong with it."

Kaleb has two part-time jobs - one as a janitor at the Sunset Park shelter house and another as a physical fitness trainer. So he worked and saved his money for a month. He ordered the jacket online. Athletic Director Matt Martin gave him a large, sew-on "K" and Kaleb paid to have Sam's first name embroidered on the front and lettered on the back. He added an achievement chevron and the gift was complete.

Thursday, Kaleb got to class early and draped the brand new jacket over Sam's chair. In the posted video, Sam sees the jacket and stares at it in disbelief. His classmates all knew about the surprise, of course, and were just waiting for Sam to come to grips with this incredible gift that had seemingly fallen from the sky - a letter jacket!

With his name on it!

"Just to see the smile on his face was very rewarding," Kaleb said. "... I was glad to see it made a difference for him."

The money didn't matter to Kaleb; Sam's smile did. What impressed me the most about this episode was Kaleb's nonchalant attitude about this legendary act of kindness. Apparently, it was just another day for this kid - working, doing good deeds, making people smile, being the selfless, kind-hearted guy that he is.

But, that's just how heroes do it sometimes - with a humble shrug. They don't wear a cape; they just smile.

We should all be proud of Kaleb Buchanan, and we should try to emulate Kaleb.

He is proof that kindness and compassion haven't yet died in this troubled world.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the nation's rural communities, where the food that feeds the world is grown, food insecurity is endured by millions of children, seniors, and hardworking Americans. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps stave off hunger in one in six rural households.

Yet, the president's budget for 2019 outlines a nearly \$214 million budget cut to SNAP over the next decade. A cut of this magnitude would undoubtedly impact rural Americans.

Formerly known as the nation's food stamp program, from 2010 to 2015, rural America's SNAP participation rate rose from 12.5 percent to 16 percent, exceeding the national average. Overall SNAP enrollments have declined following the Great Recession, however, rural SNAP rates have remained high as economies have been slow to recover.

Given the broader socioeconomics of rural America, the importance of SNAP is heightened.

SNAP exists as a resource to help negate concerns of food security for seniors with limited incomes as they care for themselves and balance expenses. The program is also a resource for families with children under the age of 18, providing nutrition that is essential for childhood development. A greater percentage of rural households among both of these demographic groups participate in SNAP than do nationally.

As policymakers deliberate the funding and future of SNAP in the 2018 farm bill and broader entitlement reforms, SNAP must be recognized as an investment in rural communities. SNAP is, and needs to be, maintained as a critical safeguard against food insecurity and poverty for rural residents.

Jordan Rasmussen
Center for Rural Affairs

Dear Editor,

I wanted to say that here we are with another public school shooting ... children's lives once again taken - children who had everything to live for. It just isn't right.

What is it coming to when we, a supposedly free country, are going to have to start having armed guards standing in the halls and outside of all our public schools to protect the children and keep them safe from being murdered?

Of course, if you're a rich politician, your children and/or grandchildren can attend private schools - only the best for the wealthy!

The politicians aren't going to do anything about the sale of guns because the NRA helps to put them in power.

If a certain rich man in the White House gets his way, we'll be under a dictatorship. According to him, everyone who tells the truth is a liar, but him.

It doesn't do any good to talk about gun laws. The killers can still get guns.

But, it is pretty sad when we have our youth in America killing little children, and teenagers killing teenagers and little children.

Imagine how those parents and grandparents must be feeling - how heartbroken they are. May God bless all of them, and may He give them peace and mend their broken hearts someday.

I can only think that someday all our children and little babies will be protected from all this evil. It just goes to show that we have evil in our country that is brought about by Americans who have been born in America to Americans.

Virginia Peters
Kennard

Trials & Tribulations of a Foodie

(Originally published March 5, 2008)

Tribulations of a Foodie: Bill and I froze the leftover Christmas treats to remove them from temptation. We didn't give each other Valentine hearts of yummy chocolates. My life has become one of spasmodic dieting. How many times have I said, "This time, I really mean it!" In the highly unlikely event that they ever canonize me, an appropriate name would be "St. Rose Mary of the Perpetual Diet."

Out of sight, out of mind we thought. Right! I want one of those chocolates. ... I want one of those chocolates. ... I want one of those chocolates, and I want it right now! I'll eat just one. I know myself better than that: one chocolate or roll or donut or chip or cracker or pancake leads to another ... and another.

Just one bite may set me off on a binge like those of the characters in Jan Karon's wonderful *Mitford* series. The protagonist, Father Tim, who was a borderline diabetic had let his diet and exercise lapse. One evening, exhausted and hungry, he got into Esther Bollick's renowned Orange Marmalade

Cake and went into a diabetic coma after which he had to start giving himself daily shots. (Eek! That's enough to make me straighten up!)

His secretary - for reasons that she couldn't explain - got a cheesecake out of the freezer, chopped it up and devoured the whole thing.



Esther caught her husband with his head in a big container of frozen cookies destined for the church bazaar, busily chomping away.

Socrates said, "Know thyself." I know that I'm addicted to carbohydrates the way I was once addicted to nicotine. I loved my ciggies. That little flame was a living pres-

ence so that I was never lonely or bored. Twenty-five years later, even thinking about it brings a fleeting desire that passes when my mind moves on to something else. I've been asked how a chain smoker like me managed to quit. The radiologist who had inserted balloon catheters to open up arteries in my abdomen said while I was still on the table, "Mrs. Clarke, smoking constricts the arteries. If you don't quit, you'll be back here in a year." I gave my surgeon my last pack of cigarettes and my lighter.

My problem is that I live to eat rather than eating to live. Gradually, I ate myself into weighing 45 pounds more than when we were married. Thank goodness for elastic waist bands! There are two sets of perfectly good bras in my dresser that I can no longer wear. Oh, I'm a long way from dangerously obese, but I gave my cherished 12s and 14s to Vicki last fall, and I was headed for size ... whis-per ... 18.

For some it is sweets. My weakness is bread, wonderful bread: foccacia, French, corn bread, garlic

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◆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.

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◆A GriefShare **grief support group** will be meeting Thursday mornings 9:30-11 a.m., 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.

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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.

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

Personnel, from Page 3 — notice of resignation on Dec. 15 and that it had taken effect immediately. For now, Miller will continue to teach physical education at KHS.

The personnel report approved at the Feb. 13 meeting also authorized maternity leave for Elizabeth Thomas, CAB's human resources specialist, who is expected to be off work until April 9. Additionally, Christine Bertram and Marsha Benedict were approved, respectively, as a substitute assistant at Knightstown Intermediate School and a substitute kitchen worker.

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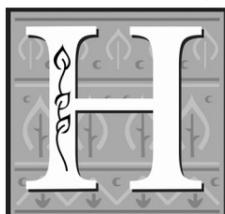
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Carson Smith Respects, Honors Long History of Family and Service in Knightstown

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

"My earliest memories are of our home at 5 East Pine Street," said Knightstown native Carson C. Smith, "and of the Knightstown (United) Methodist Church, where I was baptized as an infant."

As Smith recently shared on social media, his family has grown their roots in the Knightstown community over the course of many years. This is mainly derived from his mother's side, the Land family.

"My grandfather, Leonard Roy Land, served on the Knightstown Board of Trustees for 10 years and was president at the time of his death," he said. "He was a native of Madison, but lived in Knightstown for 40 years. He retired in 1953 as merchandising manager of the Schuffman's Furniture Store in New Castle. Prior to that, he was a traveling representative for well-known home furnishing firms for 27 years."

Leonard Roy Land was also a member of Knightstown United Methodist Church, and served on the church board, as well as the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, and a member of the York Rite.

Smith's grandmother, Florris Seitz Land, taught piano in her two-story Pine Street home, on the southeast corner of Franklin and Pine. He recalls that she was known to her students as "Mrs. Land, the piano teacher."

"My parents were Merritt W. 'Redd' Smith, from Plymouth, and Sally Elizabeth Land Smith, from Knightstown," Smith continued. "They met at

Indiana University in Bloomington, where they married prior to their graduation in 1953."

According to Smith, his mother was known as Sally Beth Land during her days at Knightstown High School. She graduated with the class of 1948. Her diploma was signed by Willard M. Avery, then president of the board of education.

"My father was an all-state end from Plymouth High School and a scholarship athlete at Indiana University," said Smith. "He was drafted by the Green Bay Packers and the Philadelphia Eagles, but he met his army ROTC obligations."

Smith's father served as a rifle company lieutenant at Camp Carson, which became Fort Carson in 1954. His parents would later return to his mother's home in Knightstown.

"My father made it a point to decorate the grave of an 'Unknown Man Drowned in a Water Trough' at the Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown," he said.

Smith himself was born at Rush Memorial Hospital in 1955.

"Our family moved to Indianapolis following my grandfather's death in 1960, but my mother continued to receive The Banner until her death in 2005," he said. "When my father had a stroke in 2006, I assumed responsibility for his affairs, and, as a means of honoring my mother, grandfather and grandmother, I wrote a check for \$10,000 to Historic Knightstown Inc."

Respect for Knightstown and its history is not the only thing Smith's family instilled in him.

"I became a Freemason in 2004, primarily, See Smith, Page 12



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Rose Mary, from Page 4

bread, pita, Christine's rolls, Mother's homemade loaves hot from the oven. ... Some scoff at American bread. Not I! I'd like six slices of toast slathered with butter this very minute! Then there are potatoes: baked, fried, roasted in the oven with rosemary and olive oil, au gratin, French fried.

I'm a pastaholic. I never tasted a pasta that I didn't adore! I could write an ode, a sonnet, a veritable opera to the glories of pasta! How many pastas are there? Let me count the kinds: spaghetti, fettuccine, rigatoni, far-falle (bow ties), orrechiette (little ears), penne ... Aren't their names lovely? Fifty kinds are listed in our Italian cookbook!

I've just come in from straightening the freezer. The

chocolates are now buried under the boneless, skinless, soulless chicken breasts. I've eaten so much chicken that I expect to sprout pin feathers, and my skin may change color from eating so much of our other diet staple, vegetable soup.

I've lost 12 pounds. However, it's so easy to fall into the pit. Never use food as a reward for good conduct. Before we went to dinner with friends, I said, "I'm going to treat myself to pasta." That would have been OK, except that I started with TGI Friday's delicious French-fried green beans. Afterwards, nicely carbohydrate, I ordered a warm brownie topped with ice cream and hot fudge. Sigh ... At least I was smart enough to invite two of my friends to share it.

Knightstown Council Approves 10-year Gym Lease Contract

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council voted last week to approve a revision to its lease with the local nonprofit group that oversees operation of the Hoosier Gym, which the town owns.

Neil Shaneyfelt, president of the Hoosier Gym Community Center of Knightstown Inc., asked council members at their Feb. 15 monthly meeting to consider making the year-to-year lease a 10-year agreement. The town council's five members voted unanimously during a special meeting last week to do just that.

When Shaneyfelt proposed this change to the agreement at the Feb. 15 council meeting, Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, told the council that a revised agreement would still need to have "an out provision." While the amended

lease does allow either the town or HGCCCK to effectively cancel the lease, this can only be done by providing written notice to the other party of their intention to do so at least 12 months prior to the end current term.

The revised 10-year term will start next January. The lease will automatically renew for successive 10-year terms after that unless canceled by the town or HGCCCK.

The town of Knightstown took ownership of the gym, located at 355 N. Washington St., in November 1993. The former Knightstown High School gym, which notably served as the home court for the Hickory Huskers in the highly-acclaimed 1986 film *Hoosiers*, was deeded to the town by Clyde Alcox, Leslie Linsemier and Allan Dimitroff, who had taken ownership of the property from

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Feb. 28 – Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

Wed., Feb. 28 – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m.,

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Wed., Feb. 28 – Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board meeting, 7 p.m., at fire station, 30 S. Washington St.



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In December 1993, one month after the town took ownership of the gym, the Knightstown Town Council approved a 10-year lease agreement with the Hoosier Gym Community Center of Knightstown Inc., a local nonprofit organization. Under terms of the lease, which took effect Jan. 1, 1994, HGCCCK was to pay the town \$1 a year and was to be responsible for maintenance, utilities and liability insurance, while the town remained responsible for property insurance.

According to the lease, HGCCCK was to use the gym "for any and all reasonable charitable services to be provided to the citizens of the town of Knightstown ... and community at large." After the initial term of 10 years, the lease was to be automatically renewed for one-year terms after that.

In the fall of 2015, the town approved changing the lease to require HGCCCK to pay the town \$3,521, or an amount equal to the cost of insurance the town pays for the gym, by Jan. 15 of each year. HGCCCK is also still required to pay for all of the gym's utility expenses.

Yearly returns HGCCCK has filed with the Internal Revenue Service See Contract, Page 12

FOLKWAYS

Knightstown BPW Meets at Hoosier Gym

Business & Professional Women of Knightstown (BPW) had its February meeting at the Hoosier Gym on Feb. 19 with Knightstown BPW President Dana Jones as hostess.

The Working Woman Award was presented to Michele Back of First Merchants Bank. She will receive a one-year local membership.

February is State Foundation Month. The program was presented by Tina Williams about the following scholarships: Girl Scout Scholarship, Lynn Rhoades Memorial Scholarship, Dr. Bertha Beazley Memorial Scholarship, Teaching Indiana's Future Scholarship, Women In Transition Scholarship, Working Woman Scholarship and STEM Scholarship. More information on the scholarships is available at www.inwomeneducation.org.

The spring District 2 meeting will be held at the Hoosier Gym. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. The Knightstown chapter is responsible for the invitations, registration and silent auction.

Penny Sitler, state nominating committee member, needed a candidate secretary for the District 2 meeting. Kelly Schoenherr, a new member of BPW

Knightstown, said she would be a candidate.

District 2 will be having a fundraiser for Barbara Mofield's presidential year on Friday, April 13, at the state convention at Zionsville Christian Church. It will be a "souper-stitious" meal with members signing up for what they will donate. The other local chapters in the district will sign up for donations at the district meeting.

Carolyn Siegfried, nominating committee chairwoman, announced she is looking for candidates for vice president, treasurer and state nominating committee chairwoman for the state convention.

Knightstown's chapter made a donation to IWEF Scholarship Fund for state foundation month.

The next meeting will be March 19 at the Hoosier Gym classroom at 6:30 p.m. with Shannon Dawson as hostess. The program will feature Sherry Dugger of Indiana Farmers Insurance.

Women in the community are welcome to attend. Those who would like to attend should contact Dawson by March 15. Women in the community are invited to attend any local meeting on the third Monday of each month. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., with the meal costing \$10. The business meeting begins at 7 p.m.



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Tri Graduate Mike McBride Part of Charity Auction Team

Michael McBride, formerly of Straughn, recently served on the charity auction team for Community Health Network's "Giving Gig 2018." More than 1,000 donors from across Central Indiana gathered to support cancer patients in financial need. As a result, more than \$1.7 million was raised to directly benefit patients through vouchers for nutritious food, transportation and life-saving medicine. The entertainer for the event Earth, Wind and Fire.

McBride is a graduate of Tri High School, Purdue University and Reppert's Auction School. He is a licensed auctioneer with Halderman Real Estate Services, which specializes in the appraisal, sale, acquisition and management of agricultural properties. For more information about how McBride can help churches, charities or other civic groups, call 317-410-1896 or email michaelm@halderman.com.

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KHS FFA Has Busy Week

Knightstown High School FFA members concluded a very busy National FFA Week last Friday. The hustle and bustle was punctuated by a visit from FFA National Vice President Piper Merritt, who joined in a chicken embryology lesson Friday afternoon at Knightstown Elementary School (KES).

Local FFA members have an ongoing partnership with the Henry County Extension Office, which provides incubators so elementary school kids can learn about animal growth and agriculture. KES second grade classes have incubators and those eggs are expected to hatch by March 8. KHS FFA Advisor Bridgette Wanhainen created the curriculum for the KES embryology lessons.

"This is our third year visiting the second grade classes during FFA week," said Wanhainen. "We chose to work with second grade

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KHS FFA member Kayla Culbertson walks Knightstown Elementary School second graders through a chicken embryology visual aid. Local FFA members were joined at KES Friday by FFA National Vice President Piper Merritt, who helped with the lesson. (Eric Cox photos)



Local FFA kids participate in Thursday's Ag Olympics at KHS.



Justin Thomas (right) introduces KHS FFA President Jeremy Stoten Friday afternoon at Knightstown Elementary School. Second grade students are learning about chicken embryology.



Friday, select FFA members got to attend an Indiana Pacers game.

because in first grade they go to Farm Bureau Ag Days, so they have some exposure to agriculture already. This fall we also took the second grade classes on a field trip to the state fair. This helped build their agriculture knowledge. The elementary visit is one of our

favorite events of the year."

Several other events and activities kept local FFA members busy throughout the week. National FFA Week concluded Friday evening after several local members attended an Indiana Pacers game for FFA night. State officers were recognized at center court, and each FFA

member who attended got a Pacers hat and a food voucher for the Bankers Life Fieldhouse concession stands.

The local FFA chapter is made up of 55 KHS students. Jeremy Stoten is president; Grace Holder is secretary; and Josie Riggs serves as treasurer.



Knightstown FFA members pose with FFA National Vice President Piper Merritt (center) outside KES.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Knightstown's Boys End Regular Season With Win at South Decatur

Finishing strong and playing their best ball in the final minutes finally paid off for Knightstown's boys varsity basketball team for its last regular season game.

After getting behind in the first half, the Panthers bounced back in the second half and held off a charging Cougar team in the fourth quarter for a 66-62 win at South Decatur Feb. 23.

The Panthers found themselves down 10-16 at the end of the first quarter but picked up the defense and cut the Cougar lead down to just two, 23-25, by half-time.

Once again, the Panthers came out of the break fired up and outscored the South Decatur 18-13 in the third quarter to take a 41-38 lead.

The Cougars rallied in the fourth quarter but Knightstown stayed in control and held on to the lead, getting to the line often to pull out the 66-62 victory.

The Panthers shot 57% inside the arc, their best of the season. The real difference though was at the free throw line where the Panthers were 22-of-30.

Jarred Porter led the KHS scoring effort with 18 points and had four rebounds, two steals and an assist.

Treavor Cook finished with 13 points, three rebounds and three assists.

Garrett Thomas had another double-double, his seventh one this season, with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

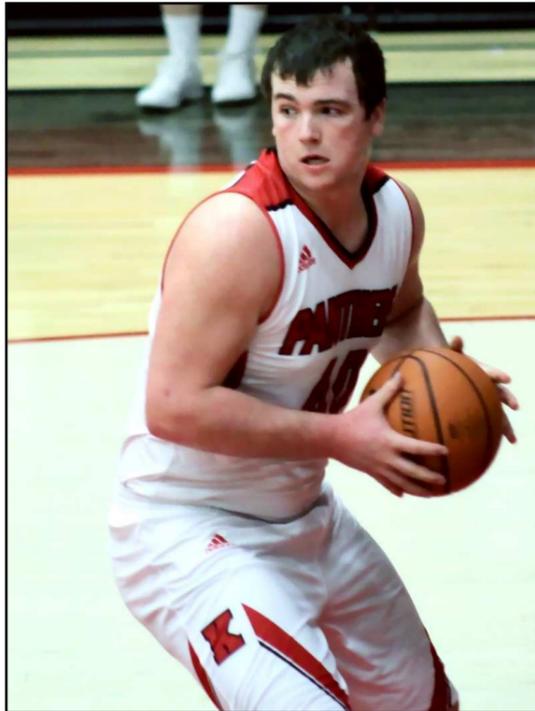
Owen Wiles scored eight points, grabbed four rebounds and nabbed a steal.

Jose Olivo tallied seven points, three assists, two steals and a rebound.

Tucker Personett drained a trey and added two rebounds, one assist and a steal.

Lane Parker pulled down two rebounds and Chase Burton dished out an assist.

Knightstown completed the regular season 6-16 overall and were 3-5 in their first year in the Tri-



Knightstown senior Garrett Thomas finished the regular season with back-to-back double doubles. He scored 12 points and grabbed 14 rebounds against fourth-ranked Frankton on Feb. 20 at home for Senior Night. On Feb. 23, Thomas had 10 points and 11 rebounds against South Decatur.

Eastern Conference.

The Panthers drew 11th-ranked Indianapolis Howe for the first round sectional game at Shenandoah on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Panthers' Strong Second Half Effort Not Enough to Stop to Fourth-Ranked Frankton

As the luck of Knightstown's boys varsity basketball team would have it this season, the Panthers had to face class 2A's fourth-ranked Frankton in its final home game Feb. 20.

If the Panthers could wipe away the second quarter, they

played on par with the Eagles the rest of the game and would have lost by only two points. Unfortunately, all four quarters count and a terrible second quarter led to the Panthers' 56-72 loss.

The game got started a little later than usual as the school offi-

cialists recognized all of the Panthers' senior band members, wrestlers, cheerleaders, girls basketball players and boys basketball players for its annual Senior Night.

Knightstown boys played a solid first quarter and were down just three points, 11-14, to start the second quarter when the game got away from them.

Frankton outscored the Panthers 22-8 in the second, leaving Knightstown reeling as they headed into the locker room.

Fans leaving at halftime may have imagined the game was turning into a blowout. But, the Panthers actually won the second half.

Knightstown topped the Eagles 13-12 in the third quarter and never stopped playing hard until the final buzzer, matching Frankton's 24 points in the final period to leave the floor with their heads held high.

Four Panthers scored in double digits.

Garrett Thomas posted his sixth double-double of the season, going 6-of-7 for 12 points and yanking down 14 rebounds. He also handed out one assist.

Jose Olivo knocked down three shots from long range and finished with 14 points, two rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Jarred Porter also scored 14 points and made three assists with two rebounds.

Tyler Burton dropped in 13 points, grabbed three rebounds and made one assist.

Panthers, Titans, Royals All Fall in First Round Sectional Games

First round boys basketball sectional games were played around the state Tuesday evening.

Knightstown's team had the toughest opponent in class 2A's sectional 42 at Shenandoah. The Panthers faced Indianapolis Howe and were defeated by the 11th-ranked team 51-68.

Prior to the Knightstown-Howe game, the Eastern Hancock boys team had their season ended by Shenandoah. The Raiders topped the Royals 53-40.

Tri's boys team traveled to Blue River Valley where they had to face the host school in the first round of class 1A's sectional 56. The Titans had a good first half but were dominated by the Vikings in the second half. The Titans' season was ended after a 60-72 loss to the Vikings.

More information about the Panthers' and Titans' sectional games will appear in next week's issue.

CAB Coaching Positions Approved

The Charles A. Beard School Board recently approved several coaching appointments for sports at Knightstown High School and Knightstown Intermediate School.

The personnel report accepted by board members at their Feb. 13 monthly meeting included approval for the following coaching assignments at KHS: varsity baseball (Darren Hardesty); junior varsity baseball (Joe Patton); varsity baseball assistant (Nolan Hall); volunteer baseball assistant (Isaac McRoberts); boys golf (Dusty Magee); boys varsity track (Jared Evans, Alicia Jackson); girls varsity track (Jordan Chew, Alicia Chew); varsity softball

(Bret Mann); junior varsity softball (Shannon Wallen); varsity softball assistant (Adrian Darling); volunteer softball (Jason Kopp, Robyn Clark); girls varsity tennis (Jack Potter); and girls basketball assistant (Megan Haase).

KIS coaching assignments approved by the school board included: track (Anthony Kinnett, Rachel Boyer); and baseball (Jon Walters, Doug Pyle).

As reported in last week's issue of The23 Banner, the personnel report for the school board's Feb. 13 meeting also disclosed that KHS varsity football coach Kevin Miller had submitted his resignation on Dec. 15.

EH Hosting Annual 3-on-3 Tournament

The Eastern Hancock Athletic Boosters will hold their annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Eastern Hancock schools on Saturday, March 18.

There will be 11 divisions for the male players. For players still in school, the divisions are sectioned by grade level including grades 1-2, grades 3-4, grades 5-6, grades 7-8, grades 9-10 and grades 11-12.

Tournament organizers are offering a new high school "B" division for male players not attending a specific school.

Male players under age 35 will have two divisions, "A" and "B" categories. Male players over age 35 will also have "A" and "B" divisions.

There will be five divisions of play for school-aged girls including for grades 1-2, grades 3-4, grades 5-6 and grades 7-8. For all females high school age or older, there will be just one division.

Early registrations are due by March 12. The cost for a team to participate is \$60 prior to March 12, but increases to \$80 after that day. Space permitting, registrations will also be accepted from 9-10 a.m. the day of the tourney.

For more information and specific details, including an entry form, visit the school websites at ehathletics.org or ehhoops.org, or contact Greg Hall at gghall58@gmail.com. Registration can also be handled directly online at easternhancock3on3.eventbrite.com.

Owen Wiles hit a bucket and had two rebounds with one assist.

Lane Parker sank a free throw and came away with two rebounds.

Dallas Edwards pulled down one rebound.

Tucker Personett contributed one rebound, one assist and a steal.

Treavor Cook made one steal and an assist.

The loss moved the Panthers to 5-16 on the season with one game left in the regular season.

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Double Header Games (10, plus tourney)
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Wednesday: Co-Ed Division - Just For Fun League
(4 teams, ages 16 and up)

Double Header Games (10, plus tourney)
start April 4, 7:15 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

Thursday: Men's Church Division - Competitive League
(4 teams, ages 16 and up)

Double Header Games (10, plus tourney)
start April 5, 7:15 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

Friday Evenings, Saturday Afternoon/Evenings - possible for overflow/new league, if needed (maybe Mondays and Tuesdays depending on registration numbers)

Rosters are frozen at the completion of week/game 4 (see local rule packet). **Registration (first-come, first served) ends Friday, March 23 at 3 p.m. Cost is \$485 per team** (team registration only, individuals can call office and get on a list)

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LOCAL SPORTS

Titans Drop Games to Hagerstown, Morristown to End Regular Season



Tri junior Zach Smith played several good minutes in the junior varsity game against Morristown and then turned around to lead the Titans' varsity team with 13 points.

Tri's varsity boys basketball team had a close game going against a tough Hagerstown team Feb. 20. But, the Tigers' home court environment fired them up in the second half to carry them to a 57-46 win over the Titans in the final Tri-Eastern Conference game of the season.

The Titans worked up a three-point lead, 14-11, after one period of play against the Tigers. Hagerstown picked up its offense in the second quarter to score 16 while Tri's boys kept pace with 13 points to head into the halftime break tied up at 27.

Another lackluster quarter to start the back half squashed the Titans' momentum. The Tigers scored 19 points in the third quarter and held the Titans to just eight points to take the lead.

That third quarter result doomed the Titans as both teams scored 11 in the fourth quarter, giving the Hagerstown the 57-46 win.

Masen Phelps continued his double-digit scoring streak to finish with 15 points and grabbed three rebounds.

Elijah Davis scored seven points, contributed six assists and pulled in three rebounds.

Kyler Burchett finished with six points, two assists and one rebound.

Alex Melton tallied six points, four rebounds and one assist.

Nick Wilson had five points,

three assists, one rebound and an assist.

Drew Mondrush scored four points and yanked down five rebounds.

Seth Butler had three points, three rebounds, three steals and an assist.

The loss dropped the Titans to 7-13 overall this season and to 1-7 in the TEC.

Fourth-Ranked Morristown Beats Titans 68-42

The fourth-ranked Morristown Yellow Jackets handed Tri's boys varsity basketball team a 68-42 loss on its Senior Night and final game of the regular season.

The Titans tried to stay with the Jackets in the first half but no one on Tri's team was able to get hot.

Morristown took the early lead, going up 14-10 after the first quarter. Tri was still within double-digits at the halftime break as Morristown took a 30-21 lead.

But, hopes of a Senior Night win faded quickly to start the second half. The Jackets dominated Tri in the third quarter, outscoring them 20-7 to go up 50-28.

Morristown continued to take the ball to the Titans in fourth and though Tri posted its best quarter of the game, the Jackets still whipped them 18-14 in the final period to come away with the 68-42 win.

Zach Smith led the Titan scoring effort with 13 points, including two of the team's three shots from behind the arch. He added one rebound, one assist, one steal and three deflections.

Elijah Davis led the Titans on the boards with seven rebounds and had three blocks.

Nick Wilson finished with eight points, five rebounds and two assists.

Drew Mondrush tallied six points and two rebounds.

Alex Melton had four points, five rebounds, two assists and one block.

Dillon Stevens knocked down a three-pointer and Kyler Burchett dropped in a bucket and dished out one assist.

Seth Butler hit a basket, grabbed one rebound and made one assist.

Masen Phelps scored a bucket and added two rebounds, one block and one assist.

Logan Stephens sank both of his free throw attempts and got one rebound with one assist.

The Titans finished the regular season with a 7-14 record. They play host school Blue River Valley in the first round of the sectional Feb. 27.

Check out the online edition for a Bonus Photo Page!



Tri's Nick Wilson surprises Morristown's defense with a sweet move underneath the goal for a reverse layup in the first quarter of the Titans' game against the fourth-ranked Yellow Jackets Feb. 23. Wilson had eight points and five rebounds in the game. (Stacy Cox photos)

TEC Cheerleading Competition March 6

Cambridge City's Lincoln High School will host the Tri-Eastern Conference cheerleading competition on Tuesday, March 6.

The competition will put the 2017 Indiana Cheer Championship state winner Knightstown up against Centerville, Hagerstown, Lincoln, Northeastern, Union County, Winchester and Tri.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with introduction of teams and National Anthem scheduled for 6:50 p.m.

Announcements to the fans is set for 7 p.m. with the competition to start right after. A trophy will be presented to the winner.

Concessions will be available. Admission is \$4 per person.

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Fishing licenses can be purchased and printed at INHuntFish.com. They can also be purchased at retailers, county clerks and most DNR properties throughout the state.

County JH Wrestling Tourney March 7

Tri Jr. High School will be the site of this year's Henry County Junior High Wrestling Tourney.

The event is set for Wednesday, March 7, beginning at 6 p.m.

Weight classes include 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 102, 110, 117, 125, 132, 140, 150, 160, 175, 195, 220 and 275.

The first round matches will see the Tri wrestlers competing against Shenandoah's and Blue River taking on Knightstown.

For the second round, Blue

River will compete against Shenandoah while Tri faces off against Knightstown.

The third round will feature Blue River against Tri and Knightstown against Shenandoah.

There will be a 10-minute break between each round.

Ribbons will be presented to all match winners and county champions. A team trophy will also be presented to the champion.

Admission into the county tourney is \$5.

Knightstown Youth Sports to Hold Baseball, Softball Evaluations This Weekend, Mar. 3-4

Knightstown Youth Sports Inc. is gearing up for another successful ball season.

Registration is underway right now online at knightstownyouthsportsinc.com.

Signups can also be made at Knightstown Elementary School from 6-8 p.m. tonight (Wednesday, Feb. 28) or the day of evaluations.

Baseball evaluations will be

held Saturday, March 3, at Knightstown Intermediate School.

Youth ages 5-6 will hold evaluations from 9-10 a.m.

Players ages 7-8 will have evaluations from 10 a.m. to noon.

Youth ages 9-10 will be evaluated from noon to 2 p.m.

Players ages 11-12 will hold evaluations from 2-4 p.m.

Softball evaluations will take place on Sunday, March 4, at

Knightstown Intermediate School.

Girls ages 6-7 will be evaluated from 2-3:30 p.m. while ages 9-10 evaluations will be held from 3:30-5 p.m.

Girls ages 11-12 will hold evaluations from 5-6 p.m.

Follow Knightstown Youth Sports on Facebook for up-to-date details about the leagues or go to the group's website for more information.

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Fund Name: Cemetery	AMOUNT
Major Budget Classification:	
Other Services and Charges	\$6,000
TOTAL for Cemetery Fund:	\$6,000

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Governments Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Beth A. Huffman, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Knightstown

Dated: February 21, 2018 (2/28)

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Firewood Program Still Underway

The public can cut certain downed trees in designated areas at Brookville Lake and Whitewater Memorial State Park for firewood through March 31.

Trees eligible for firewood have fallen as a result of natural causes or have been dropped by property staff. They are along roadsides or in public areas such as campsites and picnic areas.

The cost of one pickup-truck load is \$10. All proceeds will be used for resource management and restoration efforts, including replacement of trees in campgrounds and other public areas.

Permit sales were scheduled to end on Feb. 28, but sales have been extended through March because firewood remains available.

Permits are available at the

Mounds State Recreation Area and Whitewater Memorial State Park offices. The Mounds office is open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Whitewater office is open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, except Sunday and Wednesday.

A firewood permit must be obtained for each load. Wood may be cut/removed 9 a.m.-5:30

Contract, from Page 6

provide some insights into that group's finances. According to the most recent Form 990 filed with the IRS last spring, HGCK had \$175,798 in cash, savings and investments at the end of 2016, with combined net assets totaling \$210,666.

HGCK's Form 990s for the past several years reveal that the group saw a substantial increase in its annual revenue in 2015 and 2016. In 2015, HGCK's annual revenue climbed 41.2 percent to \$86,861, and then rose another 60.7 percent in 2016 to \$139,628.

The annual revenue HGCK earns from renting out the gym also climbed significantly in 2015 and 2016. While the group earned \$17,424 from renting out the gym in 2014, that figure climbed almost 75.8 percent to \$30,623 in 2015, and rose to \$32,688 in 2016, an 87.6-percent increase over 2014's rental income.

The Form 990 HGCK initially filed with the IRS for 2009 had listed no rental income at all for that year. After The Banner raised questions about that, the

group ended up filing an amended return showing there had, in fact, been rental income of \$16,909 for that year.

According to bylaws approved by HGCK in April 1993, there were supposed to be annual audits of the group's finances "by an independent qualified agent." However, in 2010, when The Banner asked to see copies of past audit reports, HGCK revealed no audits had ever been done in the group's 17 years of existence.

The Banner was told by HGCK in November of 2010 that the failure to have annual audits done as required by the group's bylaws would "be addressed." The following month, HGCK's board of directors dealt with this oversight by voting to revise their bylaws, replacing the language requiring yearly audits with verbiage that merely calls for an annual "compilation or review ... by an independent qualified agent."

Grants, from Page 1

Inc., Greenwood, told attendees at last week's KFC meeting that if the town were to apply now for an OCRA planning grant, it could jeopardize efforts to get the grant for the Hoosier Gym. In light of that concern, the group's consensus was to forgo the planning grant for now.

When he had discussed the planning grant at the January KFC meeting, Kieser had said he thought the grants were for \$40,000 or \$50,000, with a 10-percent local match required. According to information Miller provided at last week's meeting, the planning grants are \$30,000 for communities with populations of less than 2,000 and \$40,000 for those larger than that.

Once the town finds out if OCRA is going to award a grant for the Hoosier Gym work and that project gets underway, Miller said the town could then submit an application for a planning grant. She told KFC meeting attendees that OCRA awards planning grants on a monthly basis, and that the town's chances of getting one were good.

"I've never seen a planning grant (request) not get funded," Miller said.

Smith, from Page 6

because I wanted to be a Knight Templar like my grandfather," said Smith. "He received his 50 Year Award of Gold from Willard M. Avery at Golden Rule Lodge No. 16 in Knightstown on Thursday, Dec. 11, 1958."

Smith later made a point of wearing his Knight Templar uniform when visiting the late Avery after the latter became a resident at the Springhurst Health Campus in Greenfield.

"Willard would have me wheel him to the nurses' stations, where I would explain that he was the past grand commander of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Indiana, and a grand master of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States of America."

Smith graduated from North Central High School in 1973, and attended college at the Indiana University, Bloomington. He spent 13 years as a sales representative at Exotic Automation & Supply.

"Our cemetery property is adjacent to my grandparents, in Section 15 of Glen Cove Cemetery," said Smith. "And, one day, my ashes will arrive there as well, in the town where our story began."

With respect to the grant being sought for the Hoosier Gym, Kieser told the KFC group at last week's meeting that his firm is nearly finished with a preliminary architecture feasibility study that needs to be completed. He said he expects this study to be finished by the time KFC holds its next meeting on March 22.

The Hoosier Gym Community Center of Knightstown Inc., the local nonprofit that leases the gym from the town and oversees its operation, previously agreed to pay Kieser's firm \$5,000 to do the architecture feasibility study. The town approved spending \$3,000 of its funds to pay for an environmental study - also being done by Kieser's firm - that is required for the project.

Members of HGCK's board of directors who attend the KFC meetings have said at prior meetings that HGCK would be able to supply the funds for the local

match needed for the grant. Kieser said he also plans to help the group seek other grants through the Henry County Community Foundation, Indiana Landmarks and the Department of Natural Resources that could help pay for the local match.

Kieser and Miller both stressed the importance of collecting letters of support for the Hoosier Gym project that can be submitted to OCRA with the grant application, which is due July 20. The letters of support, Kieser said, should be submitted to Knightstown Town Council President Sarah Ward by the end of March.

"I always tell my communities to cry in those letters," Miller said

Burch Tree Cafe & Bakery Opens On Knightstown Public Square



Knightstown's Public Square is home to a new restaurant. The Burch Tree Cafe & Bakery opened a few weeks ago and features lunch specials and baked goods. Owned by Jaymie and Mike Moss of Knightstown, the eatery is open Tuesday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m.-2 p.m., serving breakfast lunch and dinner. Sunday offerings include full breakfast, but meals later in the day are limited to the lunch specials. The restaurant is closed Mondays. A grand opening celebration is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, at 11 a.m. Pictured are Jaymie Moss (right) and her sister and co-worker Michelle Doyle. For more information, call 765-571-5255. (Eric Cox photo)

at last week's KFC meeting. "... It's your chance to write about all of the issues you're concerned with."

If awarded, the OCRA grant would help pay for replacement of the roof, guttering and some windows, along with tuck-pointing work on the brick exterior. There is also work needed on the gym's front door and improvements could be made to public restrooms to make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

OCRA requires the town to hold two public hearings before submitting its grant application in July. Kieser has previously said the first one would be tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 26,

prior to submission of the grant proposal, which is due in May, with the second hearing held in mid-June.

In other business, Linda Lashbrook, a member of Beautify Knightstown Inc., presented information on proposed wayfinding signage BKI is considering purchasing with proceeds from a \$2,000 grant received from the Henry County Community Foundation. She said BKI also plans to use a portion of the grant funds and a \$2,000 local match from its own coffers to pay for creation of a bike/pedestrian map for the area. She plans to have more info on pricing at the next KFC meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE

Knightstown Civil Town, Henry County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2017

	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash & Inv. Bal. Jan. 1, 2017	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv. Bal. Dec. 31, 2017	
Governmental Activities	101	General	\$ 132,442.56	\$ 667,592.39	\$ 500,448.69	\$ 299,586.26	
	201	Motor Vehicle Highway	\$ 168,733.52	\$ 126,370.02	\$ 74,118.21	\$ 220,985.33	
	202	Local Roads and Streets	\$ 3,463.52	\$ 16,001.96	\$ 2,137.50	\$ 17,327.98	
	204	Park	\$ 44,591.14	\$ 49,905.93	\$ 46,183.65	\$ 48,313.42	
	205	Cemetery	\$ 103,256.80	\$ 86,061.76	\$ 108,827.04	\$ 80,491.52	
	224	Law Enforcement Aid	\$ 5,418.15	\$ 2,406.17	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,824.32	
	233	Local Law Enforcement Cont. Educ.	\$ 66,349.97	\$ 2,636.22	\$ 6,435.09	\$ 62,551.10	
	234	Police Reserve Unit	\$ 2,495.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,555.00	
	236	Court Document Storage	\$ 5,994.92	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,994.92	
	249	LOIT-Public Safety	\$ 281.23	\$ 49,596.00	\$ 42,857.08	\$ 7,020.15	
	257	LOIT Special Distribution	\$ 7,454.56	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,454.56	
	302	Rainy Day	\$ 3,294.43	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,294.43	
	338	Firefighting	\$ 86.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 186.00	
	339	K-town/Wayne Twp. Fire Dept.	\$ 44,458.81	\$ 168,686.00	\$ 128,412.90	\$ 84,731.91	
	360	County User Fees - Claims	\$ 15,210.65	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 15,210.65	
	401	Cum. Capital Improvement	\$ 42,995.36	\$ 5,306.43	\$ 4,004.00	\$ 44,297.79	
	402	Cum. Capital Development	\$ 54,995.66	\$ 8,067.28	\$ 12,180.27	\$ 50,882.67	
	434	Cumulative Police Equipment	\$ 13.44	\$ 297.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 310.44	
	501	Misc/Atty. Health Ins. Reimbursement	\$ -2,648.40	\$ 54,843.31	\$ 52,971.74	\$ -776.83	
	502	Grant Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 0.00	
	503	Historic Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,538.47	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,038.47	
	701	Payroll	\$ -8,924.69	\$ 1,010,760.78	\$ 1,007,692.46	\$ -5,856.37	
	707	Endowment - Claude Deem	\$ 5,333.07	\$ 2.04	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,335.11	
	888	Riverboat Proceeds	\$ 43,414.82	\$ 12,925.99	\$ 9,184.47	\$ 47,156.34	
	Electric	610	Electric Utility Operating	\$ 71,159.34	\$ 2,686,074.25	\$ 2,538,201.25	\$ 219,032.34
		611	Elec. Energy Assistance	\$ 23,268.64	\$ 24,766.99	\$ 687.51	\$ 47,348.12
		612	Elec. Utility Depreciation	\$ 50,730.54	\$ 8,207.00	\$ 38,338.07	\$ 20,599.47
613		Elec. Utility Meter Deposit	\$ 41,177.48	\$ 13,879.14	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 43,656.62	
614		Elec. Customer Cash Credit	\$ 292.47	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 292.47	
629		Electric Cash Reserve	\$ 367,755.43	\$ 15.28	\$ 0.00	\$ 367,770.71	
630		Electric Petty Cash	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00	
631		Electric Petty Cash Expense	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00	
636		Electric Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,631,786.11	\$ 2,631,786.11	\$ 0.00	
640		Elec. Op./St. Lighting Grant	\$ 10,127.03	\$ 2,611.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,738.51	
Wastewater	606	Sewage Utility Operating	\$ 42,512.43	\$ 403,780.05	\$ 408,318.37	\$ 37,974.11	
	607	Sewage Utility Bond & Interest	\$ 35,585.69	\$ 128,500.00	\$ 140,084.30	\$ 24,001.39	
	608	Sewage Utility Depreciation	\$ 193,875.66	\$ 182,103.19	\$ 67,333.74	\$ 308,645.11	
	609	Sewage Debt Svc. Reserve	\$ 104,400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 104,400.00	
	627	Sewer Petty Cash	\$ 15.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.00	
	628	Sewer Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 685,235.27	\$ 684,224.81	\$ 1,010.46	
	643	Sewer Lease/Rent	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 23,850.00	\$ -23,850.00	
	645	Ban Fund for Sewer 2017	\$ 0.00	\$ 600,303.10	\$ 155,100.00	\$ 445,203.10	
Water	601	Water Utility Operating	\$ 8,338.25	\$ 384,033.11	\$ 343,262.86	\$ 49,108.50	
	603	Water Utility Depreciation	\$ 1,562.13	\$ 17,760.00	\$ 20,751.20	\$ -1,429.07	
	604	Water Utility Meter Deposit	\$ 9,820.00	\$ 5,587.53	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 12,527.53	
	624	Water Petty Cash Expense	\$ 15.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.00	
	625	Water Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 383,404.48	\$ 383,404.48	\$ 0.00	
	626	Water Petty Cash	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00	
Total All Funds			\$ 1,699,665.61	\$ 10,463,204.73	\$ 9,485,575.80	\$ 2,677,294.54	

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Bonus Page - Local Sports in Photos



Tri seniors Alex Melton (11) and Seth Butler (24) challenge Morristown's shot during the Titans' last home game Feb. 23.



Above, Jarred Porter eyes the basket for two of his 10 points in Knightstown's varsity game against Hagerstown last week.

Below, Tri senior band member Meghan Weatherford and her mom, receive congratulations from Tri officials during Senior Night activities last week.



Tri Titan basketball player Drew Mondrush walks with his parents, Steven and Melissa Mondrush, as he's recognized during the pregame Senior Night activities last weekend.



Tri Titan basketball player Nick Wilson and his parents shake hands with administrators and coaches at half court during Senior Night pregame recognition activities last Friday.



Left, Knightstown cheerleaders Lauren Wineman and Grace Mattix help Abby Arnold stay balanced up high during the Feb. 20 pregame player introductions.

Stacy Cox photos



Right, Knightstown varsity girls basketball player Lori Thomas walks out onto the court with her parents, Jay and Jana Thomas, during the pregame recognition of senior winter sports athletes Feb. 20.