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"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened."
- 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.

Citizens State Bank Scholarship Offered

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Closure of Emergency Dispatch Concerns Fire Chief

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council's recent to close the town's dispatch service for fire, police and other emergency calls within the next 90 days drew concern and criticism at last week's meeting of the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board.

As previously reported in The Banner, the town council voted unanimously during a special meeting on Feb. 20 to eliminate the town's dispatch service, and have Henry County take responsibility for handling these calls. While it voted to close Knightstown's dispatch within 90 days, the council clarified that local dispatching will continue until such time the town is assured there will be no communication problems between county dispatchers and the Knightstown Police Department, Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department and Southwest Ambulance Service.

Town council member Roger Hammer, who made the motion to close down the local dispatch, noted at the Feb. 20 council meeting that the town is paying for around-the-clock dispatch services, when there may only be a handful of calls each day. Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman said the yearly payroll savings resulting from closure of Knightstown's dispatch could be \$120,000-\$150,000.

Last week, at the fire board's Feb. 28 meeting, Fire Chief Eric McDaniel told fire board members that the fire department's communication system will need upgrades if the town's local dispatch service is

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Combined Talent



Employees of NFL Films and related NFL broadcasting personnel visited the Hoosier Gym last Friday night for some pick-up basketball. The crew was in town for the annual NFL Combine, in which prospective NFL players are tested and evaluated. This year, according to the NFL, over 300 athletes descended on Indy's Lucas Oil Stadium in hopes of earning a team spot. (Eric Cox photo)

Wayne Twp. Misses Meeting Deadline Again

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Wayne Township government officials have once again failed to hold annually required meetings by state-mandated deadlines.

Township boards are required by state statute to meet no later than the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January each year and elect one member to serve as chair of the board for the year and one member to serve as secretary. This year, township officials would have been required to hold this meeting by Tuesday, Jan. 9.

State statute also requires township boards to meet no later than the third Tuesday after the first Monday in February to consider and approve the township

trustee's annual report. This year's deadline for holding this meeting was Tuesday, Feb. 20.

As both Jan. 9 and Feb. 20 have come and gone, the Wayne Township Board - which consists of Chairman Ronald Trimmell, Secretary Jeff Van Hoy and the board's third member, Sandy Swartz - still has yet to hold its first meeting of 2018.

Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman mailed a meeting notice to The Banner that was received earlier this week announcing that the township board plans to meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15. Since this will be the board's first meeting this year, it is expected that its members will handle that night the election of officers that was to have taken place in January, and

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BBB: Online Scams Now Riskiest of All

Online purchase scams are now the riskiest form of consumer fraud, according to a new report from the Better Business Bureau. In 2017, consumers reported more than 47,000 scams to BBB Scam Tracker (BBB.org/ScamTracker). BBB analyzed this information using its unique BBB Scam Risk Index to determine the riskiest scams based on exposure, susceptibility, and monetary loss. The findings, released for National Consumer Protection Week (U.S.) and Fraud Prevention Month (Canada), show some significant changes from 2016.

Tax collection scams decreased 60 percent in volume of reports, likely due to the arrest in India in 2016 of a the ringleader of a network of call centers primarily responsible for the IRS scam

Online purchase scams jumped

from the 4th riskiest scam to the top spot, likely due to an increase in exposure

Home improvement scams dropped from 1st to 6th riskiest, despite a number of natural disasters that traditionally bring out "stormchasers"

Young people continue to be at higher risk for scams, and susceptibility decreases with age, although dollars lost increases when victims are older.

There was good news in the 2017 BBB Scam Tracker Annual Risk Report: New Trends in Scam Risk from the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust (BBB Institute).

"Although we saw an increase in total scam reports, the good news is that susceptibility was down," said Melissa Trumpower, director of programs and operations with the BBB Institute and

co-author of 2017 BBB Scam Tracker Annual Risk Report: New Trends in Scam Risk. "The percentage of those reporting who actually lost money to a scam fell from 18.8 percent in 2016 to 15.8 percent in 2017. We also saw a 17 percent decrease in the median monetary loss, down to \$228."

The most common online purchase scams in 2017 were related to pets, clothing, cosmetics, electronics, and automobiles. The offer of free trials was a common tactic for these online purchases: 67 percent of scams involving cosmetics and 60 percent involving nutrition products mentioned a free trial opportunity.

For more information on specific scams and tips on how to avoid them, go to BBB.org/ScamTips. To report a scam, go to BBB.org/ScamTracker.

Carthage Historic Preservation Commission Still Short Two Members

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

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

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

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

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coverage, something that has never been guaranteed. Private contractors who were also exposed to the burn pit toxins also have been denied coverage.

"This case has legitimized the disease," former contractor Veronica Landry of Colorado Springs, Colo., whose case was a part of the recent ruling, told Fox News. "There are many people out there who are still not getting the treatment they need."

Soldiers have fallen gravely ill or even died from exposure to burn

pits in Afghanistan and Iraq, but they are not the only ones who have gotten sick. Civilian workers and private contractors like Landry are also suffering an array of maladies including cancer, respiratory problems and blood disorders and, like military victims, they say they are being ignored.

But private employees don't even have the Veterans Administration to lean on. Landry filed her case with the labor department for this very reason.

Landry said in her testimony that

she was exposed to smoke from the burn pits "every day" while working at Mosul Air Force Base in Iraq for Kellogg, Brown, and Root [KBG], and that "every plastic water bottle that every soldier drank out of was also burned in the burn pits."

Landry was sent home early after developing PTSD and making matters worse, she started to develop problems with her lungs and other ailments such as migraines, chills and dangerously low blood pressure. She has been in out of hospitals for nearly 10 years.



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Kennard Civil Town, Henry County, Indiana -- Annual Financial Report						
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	
0	General	\$129,364.48	\$75,491.51	\$105,204.82	\$99,651.17	
0	Motor Vehicle Highway	\$103,602.86	\$23,442.71	\$24,715.17	\$102,330.40	
0	Local Roads and Streets	\$18,204.05	\$3,595.31	\$0.00	\$21,799.36	
0	Riverboat	\$13,102.44	\$3,247.37	\$5,587.35	\$10,762.46	
0	Rainy Day	\$1,989.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,989.64	
0	Cumulative Capital Imprv.-Cig. Tax	\$11,832.01	\$1,145.43	\$0.00	\$12,977.44	
0	Payroll	\$801.06	\$36,000.00	\$30,889.22	\$5,911.84	
001	Beautification Fund	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$470.00	
0257	LOIT Special	\$878.25	\$0.00	\$351.04	\$527.21	
	Subtotal:	\$280,244.79	\$142,922.33	\$166,747.60	\$256,419.52	
0	Wastewater Utilit-Operating	\$205,838.93	\$148,860.95	\$222,105.86	\$132,594.02	
0	Wastewater Utility-Bond & Interest	\$44,457.25	\$48,633.00	\$0.00	\$93,090.25	
0	Wastewater Utility-Deprec./Improve	\$31,881.58	\$6,515.00	\$0.00	\$38,396.58	
001	Trash	\$-315.46	\$13,216.28	\$12,574.72	\$326.10	
001	Maintenance & Supplies	\$36,724.53	\$26,000.00	\$479.00	\$62,245.53	
006	Sewer Reserve	\$9,600.00	\$5,200.00	\$0.00	\$14,800.00	
009	OCRA Retainage	\$0.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.07	
	Subtotal:	\$328,186.90	\$248,425.23	\$235,159.58	\$341,452.55	
	Total All Funds:	\$608,431.69	\$391,347.56	\$401,907.18	\$597,872.07	(3/7)

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Knightstown Public Library, 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	
0	Operating	\$28,233.41	\$82,937.25	\$79,719.13	\$31,451.53	
0	Rainy Day	\$5,122.40	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,122.40	
0	Lif	\$20,789.71	\$12.00	\$3,000.00	\$17,801.71	
0	Plac	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	
0	Gift	\$10,388.84	\$1,567.85	\$8,523.45	\$3,433.24	
100	Eagle Scout Project	\$1,074.00	\$0.00	\$778.29	\$295.71	
500	HC Community Foundation	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$11.00	\$0.00	
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K-town Plan Commission Elects Hammer President

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Plan Commission voted recently to elect a new president for 2018.

The first matter of business at the plan commission's Feb. 19 meeting - the group's first of the year - was selection of officers. Before any nominations were made, Kevin Richey, who had served as plan commission's president for 2016 and 2017, told the other four members present he didn't want to hold the top office again this year.

Plan commission member Randy Anderson, who works as the town's water utility operator and is one of three co-works managers for the town, said he thought Roger Hammer, who also serves on the Knightstown Town Council, would make a good plan commission president. Hammer asked Bill Bergmann, the plan commission's vice president the past two years, if he would be interested in the presidency, but Bergmann didn't want the top office either.

With no other nominations offered, Richey and Bergmann made and seconded, respectively, a motion to appoint Hammer as the

plan commission's president for 2018. Anderson, Hammer and Ed Wright gave their support to the motion and it passed 5-0.

Next, Richey made a motion to reappoint Bergmann as vice president. Anderson seconded that motion, which also passed 5-0.

Cassandra Steele, one of two plan commission members who missed Monday's meeting, was selected by a 5-0 vote to be the plan commission's secretary for 2018. Richey, who had been taking official notes for Monday's meeting, offered to perform that task at any meetings Steele does not attend.

The other plan commission member who did not attend that night's meeting was Kevin Knott, who also serves as vice president of the Knightstown Town Council. While he missed the plan commission's meeting, which started at 6:30 p.m., he did attend a Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board meeting that same evening that started at seven.

In other business at the Feb. 19 meeting, Hammer told the plan commission's legal counsel, town attorney Gregg Morelock, he had concerns about whether the town

has any restrictions in place on the size of temporary accessory structures. Morelock said he thought new regulations the town adopted last year did not require a permit for such structures if their area is less than 200 square feet.

Hammer said he thought temporary accessory structures with an area of more than 200 square feet are too large for a town like Knightstown. He also said he thought the current height restriction of 35 feet might need to be lowered.

"We're pushing the limits, is my point," Hammer said.

To make any changes in these size restrictions, Morelock explained, would require the plan commission first voting to make a recommendation to the town council that that body approve these changes to the town's zoning ordinance. He said the council would then need to hold a public hearing before voting on a new ordinance that would give effect to the changes.

Hammer also told Morelock he thought consideration should be given to lifting the requirement that property owners need to obtain a permit before replacing a furnace

or central air conditioning unit in a home. Morelock said the permit requirement is in place to make sure heating and cooling work is done according to code and questioned why Hammer would want to change that.

It was his understanding, Hammer said, that most communities don't require permits for heating and cooling work and added that he just didn't feel that it was necessary. Morelock told the plan commission that all of the nearly half a dozen communities he represents require permits for this type of work.

"We don't want someone replacing their own furnace," Wright said.

Morelock pointed out, however, that the town's zoning code does not prohibit someone from doing their own heating and cooling work. It simply requires them to obtain a permit from the town.

More information about the Feb. 19 plan commission meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records should be available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Please, Confine Loose Dogs

There are many, many good things about riding bicycles out in the country. In fact, other than the effect of gravity on hill climbs, no bad thoughts come to mind.

Except one: loose dogs.

I normally love dogs. I grew up with a dog and my parents, until recently, have had a beloved dog for years. Like bicycling, I find little I dislike about dogs.

Yet, when the two collide - literally - it can make a mess of one or both parties. But, in my experience, it's usually the cyclist who takes the brunt of that crash.

I understand that dog owners - particularly owners who live in rural areas - like to let their pets run free. That's understandable. No one likes to see a penned animal that's yearning to bound around unfettered.

But, like other, nondomesticated animals, even the friendliest dogs with the best temperament must be confined for the safety of the general public. In fact, many Indiana counties, including Rush and Henry, have animal confinement ordinances that require pet owners to control their animals.

These laws aren't just for cyclists. They're for everyone - children who want to play without fear of being mauled by a "friendly" dog ... motorists who don't want to run over your pet while possibly damaging their cars ... mail carriers who just want to do their jobs without getting bit ... walkers who don't want to become involuntary runners.

They may love your dog just as much as you do.

But, they don't want to face down "Rufus" on an evening walk around the block.

Likewise, cyclists don't want to crash when a loose dog runs in their path or chases them into the path of an oncoming car. The pleasure you get from watching your dog bound across a green field may be short-lived if that loveable dog lands you in court.

Moreover, cyclists like me often carry pepper spray, which I'm not afraid to use. I'm pretty accurate with it, too. I don't want to hurt anyone's dog. But, I'll gladly do it to protect myself.

If I were a pet owner - particularly in this gun-loving country of ours - I'd be particularly cautious letting my dogs run free. I think about every third person on the street is packin' heat, so the chances of "Lassie" coming home trailing blood, suffering from a gunshot wound are pretty good.

I'm the last person who wants to see that happen. But, I'm also slow to put up my hand when someone asks who likes to crash their bicycle on rough pavement at 18 miles per hour.

Those of us who exercise on local roads are taking our chances, no doubt about it. Distracted or drunk drivers, terrible roads, unconfined animals - they all present very real and extremely dangerous situations.

But, pet owners can help us out by simply following local laws and ordinances that govern pets. Get them rabies shots. Buy the proper licenses.

Most of all, make sure your pets are confined ... because I really don't want to crash and you certainly don't want to get sued.



There's Really No Fun in Giving Up

(Originally published March 12, 2008)

*"When March arrives
with sweeping gales
That bend the trees
and split the sails,
And people have a lively chase
For hats that will not
keep their place,
Then to the field the
Brownies bring
Their home-made kites
and balls of string'
And there for hours
they run about,
Now holding down,
now letting out,
And shouting as they see them rise
Like birds when
soaring to the skies."*

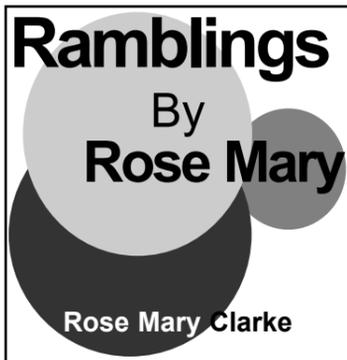
March already! The seasons are sliding downhill on a slippery slope. Sometimes my thoughts are as vagrant as a kite: willy-nilly, they spin and float, and the least little breeze sends them off on unforeseen directions where I learn new lessons about myself and about the process of living.

The above poem is from the charming *Brownie Book* by Palmer Cox that was my father's birthday gift in March of 1895. Bill, Vicki and I were never very successful at flying kites, unlike the boys depicted in *The Kite Runner*, a novel and movie about Afghanistan where kite flying was a beloved sport until the Taliban banned it. (Brrr!)

As we set off for the snowy climes of Michigan, I heard a robin

chirruping behind our house. It would be nice to believe that spring is here, but I know better. A few robins always show up early and then peck sadly at the frozen earth. It wasn't springtime in my heart. We stopped at Vicki's for a family brunch. Grandson Bill used his precious four-day pass to fly home before shipping out to Kuwait for a few weeks and thence to Iraq. When the time came to say goodbye, we looked silently into each other's eyes. ... Sometimes no spoken word can contain the inexpressible language of the heart.

"Come with me, darling!" Auntie Mame Dennis would say - usually a prelude to adventure.



"Live!" was her mantra, and live she did in spite of times when she was impoverished or in the throes of some disaster such as becoming widowed or losing her job. Through good times and bad, she never lost her joie de vivre, generous spirit and abiding optimism. She didn't conform to the placid

standards of the majority. She didn't always do the done thing, but lived according to her own imperative, which included standing up against prejudice and dispensing unconditional affection to all comers.

"Come with me to the ski resort at Boyne Mountain," said Bill's niece, who is the living personification of Mame Dennis and whose life parallels hers in many ways. "I have four free condos! A bunch of friends and Carrie (her stepdaughter) are joining me, and I want you guys to come." "But we don't ski, and we're a lot older than the rest of you." "Come on, it'll be fun!" Her credo is that you can never have too much fun. Lynn is irresistible. She talked us into going to Tucson, Ariz. - a place that we had absolutely no desire to visit - by showing up at our home with travel guides.

Oh, how I envied the others as they swooped gracefully down the slopes. "I'll sneak out and go take a lesson on the bunny slope," I thought to myself. "Surely I could manage that." I was glad that common sense had prevailed when one of the fellows came back with an aching knee and another one - a beginner - returned with a big lump on his forehead! On the other hand, I'll never know if I could have done it.

I hate to give up ... I absolutely hate to give up ... However, there is a time and a season for all things, and I decided that this was my

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Over the past few years, Indiana has been recognized for its business success and tax climate. For example, *Chief Executive* magazine placed Indiana in the top 10 states for doing business, and the Tax Foundation ranked our tax climate first in the Midwest and ninth in the nation. Despite our economic achievements, Indiana has room to improve in other areas like maternal mortality.

Indiana ranks 44th in the nation and last in the Midwest for maternal mortality, according to a 2016 America's Health Rankings report. At 34.9 deaths out of 100,000 live births, our rate is nearly twice that of the national average.

The number of Indiana mothers dying during or shortly after the birth of their child is devastating, and we need to find the cause of the problem.

To begin to address this issue, I authored Senate Bill 142 this session, which would establish a statewide maternal mortality review committee.

SB 142 would require a health care provider or health care facility that has a patient who dies of a maternal mortality to report the death to the committee and allow the Indiana State Department of Health to review morbidity rates.

Under the bill, maternal mortality refers to a death that occurs through up to one year after pregnancy that is related to or aggravated by pregnancy or management of pregnancy.

If this bill goes into law, I am hopeful the committee will provide our state with the information we need to find a permanent solution.

SB 142 recently passed the Senate and House of Representatives unanimously.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding this topic or others, contact me by email at Senator.Leising@iga.in.gov or by phone at 800-382-9467.

Sen. Jean Leising
(R-Oldenburg)

Dear Editor,

Wow. I love our little, small town and watching it grow is so exciting. The new businesses thrill me. I am hooked on baked goods, so the Itty Bitty Bakery won me over, hands down. I have gone there and came home with bags of delicious baked goods. If you like sweets, it is impossible to just choose one or two items and leave. I just go in for myself and look at all they have and I say I want two of these and two of these and one of these and one of those, and I say I will be back in a day or two for more.

Then, a new restaurant opened where the old G2 or whatever the name of it was. But, when I saw their ad in *The Banner* for their opening day Jan. 19, where you get all you can eat ... well I love to eat, so I went there. Well, the waitress said the all-you-can-eat wasn't ready for that day. So I ordered a grilled cheese sandwich and French fries. It was a special kind of grilled cheese with, I think, five kinds of cheese on it. It was very good, but I was let down that the all-you-can-eat that was advertised for that day wasn't ready yet. I haven't been back yet, but I will. They have a nice waitress, Laura, I think, who does a great job and is very friendly.

Then I found another new restaurant in Knightstown - the Burch Tree Cafe and Bakery. Well, I fell in love with it. I love fish sandwiches, and I miss our wagon on the square in winter. I hate to cook and I would go there a lot in summer for sandwiches for supper. If you like fish, the Burch Tree has a sandwich called The Grouper. If you like fish, you will never find any that is better than this. I have been there four times already for them.

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BITS & PIECES

◆Citizens State Bank is now offering a **\$5,000 scholarship** to a qualified student who has been accepted at an accredited institution, college, university or school in Indiana. The scholarship applicant or a relative or guardian of the applicant must be a customer of Citizens State Bank, and the applicant must have a current GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale. Scholarship applications are due March 31 and will be reviewed by a scholarship selection committee, with the recipient selected by the end of May. For more information about the scholarship and its requirements, contact Citizens State Bank at 765-529-5450.

◆The Henry County **Economic Development Corporation (EDC)** board will meet Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 a.m. at the Henry County REMC building, 3400 S. S.R. 3, New Castle, in the community room. Guest speaker will be Jessica Tower, Indiana Economic Dev. Corp. (IEDC) project manager. Coffee and donuts will be available.

◆Tri Elementary School will host its **Kindergarten Round-up** for the 2018-2019 school year on Monday, April 23, and Tuesday, April 24. To register, call the school at 765-987-7090, ext. 301.

◆The Knightstown Neighborhood **Crime Watch** organization will meet Saturday, March 10, at 5 p.m. in the Hall Building at 202 W. Main St., Knightstown.

◆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.

◆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. For more information, call 765-529-4028 or visit the museum's website at www.henrycountyhhs.org.

◆Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host **gospel singing, featuring Mt. Olive Rejoice Singers**, on Saturday, March 17, at 6 p.m. For more information, call 317-936-5849 or 765-345-7442.

◆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.

◆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.

◆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.** offers a **welcome basket** to all new residents of Dunreith, Knightstown, Charlottesville, Carthage and Wilkinson. The baskets can be obtained at the Knightstown Utility Office. Any business, church or organization is encouraged to provide items for these baskets such as pens, cups, magnets, key chains, coupons, brochures and etc. For more info call 317-345-9660. Linda Lashbrook at lnlashbrook@gmail.com.

◆**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets weekly, on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym (enter on East side). Meetings will continue

each Tuesday at the same time and location. For more info, call 765-571-1662.

◆The **Parish Clothes Closet**, located in the basement of Bethel Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Franklin St., Knightstown, is open the last Thursday of each month from 5-7 p.m.

◆The **Knightstown Head Start** program, located at the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy, still has openings for age-eligible children for this school year. The program is also taking applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Call 765-529-4403 for more info.

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

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Martial Arts Provide 2011 KHS Graduate Haley Roche with Outlet for Daily Frustrations

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

Knightstown High School graduate Haley Roche has been practicing the Japanese martial art of Jiu-jitsu for nearly three years now.

"I think it's going well," said Roche. "Jiu-jitsu is one of those very long journeys that always keeps you on your toes and there is always something new to learn. So, as a practitioner, you're always growing."

She has already earned medals for her efforts, as well as achievement stripes to add to her white belt. As Roche explained, adults require at least four stripes added to their belt before they are able to advance to their next belt.

"I am a four-stripe white belt, which means the next time I am promoted it would be to blue belt," she said. "On average, it takes six months from stripe to stripe and then another six months from stripe to next belt. On average, it takes two to three years for each belt and there are only five belts in total: white, blue, purple, brown and black."

The average student can take anywhere from eight to 12 years to earn a black belt. However, as Roche noted, there are always exceptions.

The school she goes to for her training is called Gracie Fishhawk, an all-inclusive Brazilian Jiu-jitsu/mixed martial arts (MMA) facility. However, her interest in martial arts truly began in her youth.

"As a kid, my dad and I would always wrestle around," said Roche. "We had this game when I was very small and we would pretend to be sumo wrestlers; silly, I know."

It was not until years later that Roche started sit-

ting in on classes at Gracie Fishhawk.

"I watched and observed for about a year," she said. "Until, finally, I said, 'What am I waiting for?' Then I finally started training."

Roche currently only practices Jiu-jitsu, but has contemplated learning and taking part in other martial arts such as Muay Thai in the future. She has also continued to nurture her skills as an artist, having studied fine arts at Ivy Tech Community College.

"I've taken a bit of a break from my degree for personal reasons, but I know I'll finish eventually. I do still currently work on my own art at home, though," said Roche. "Painting is currently my favorite, but I dabble with other mediums as well."

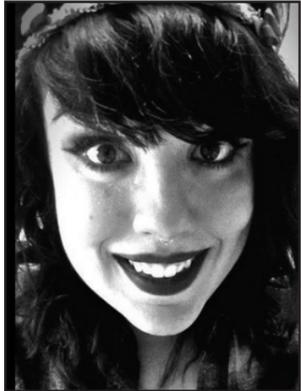
According to Roche, she hopes to one day combine her passions and make her Jiu-jitsu training a subject for her artwork. Although, it could be argued that she has already been using the activity as a means of working through things.

"I think something I always found ironic about doing Jiu-jitsu is that, as a kid, I was very shy and always picked on. I just think it's a little funny that I train now as an adult because it's the complete opposite of my character as a child," she said.

She sees this as a case of turning bad experiences into good ones.

"Sometimes when I have a really bad day, I know I can go and take out some of my irritation and anger in a controlled environment," said Roche. "Also, in a lot of ways the Jiu-jitsu community is like a big family. So I've met some people along the way who have become very near and dear to me."

Roche graduated from KHS in 2011. Though originally from Carthage, she now lives in Plainfield.



MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed., Mar. 7 – Spiceland Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Spiceland Town Hall

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

Thurs., Mar. 8 – Lewisville Town Council, 6 p.m., Houston Brick, 101 E. Main St.

Mon., Mar. 12 – Carthage Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Carthage Town Hall

Mon., Mar. 12 – Eastern Hancock School Board meeting, 7 p.m., corporation office

Tues., Mar. 13 – Knightstown Public Library Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., at library

Tues., Mar. 13 – South Henry School Corp. board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 13 – Rush Co. Historic Board, 7 p.m., Rush Co. Historical Museum, 619 N. Perkins St., Rushville

Wed., Mar. 14 – Hancock Co. Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Wed., Mar. 14 – Rush Co. Council meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Little Red Door Family Camp Applications Due by March 9

Little Red Door Cancer Agency is hosting three camps in 2018. Little Red Door's Family Camp is for children diagnosed with cancer under the age of 18 living in Indiana and their family. Camp will be held March 23-25 and Oct. 12-14 at Bradford Woods in Martinsville. The application deadline is March 9.

Camp Little Red Door, Indiana's oldest camp for children with cancer, is a summer camp for any child 8 to 18 years old with cancer or in remission living in

Indiana. Each camper is guaranteed one "tagalong" spot for a sibling or friend. Camp is held June 10 to 15 at Bradford Woods. Children ages 15 to 18 may apply to participate in a junior counselor role and attend the leadership academy June 8-10.

Camp Little Red Door and Family Camp will include swimming, canoeing, fishing, archery, horseback riding, rock climbing, arts and crafts and more.

New this year is Camp Little Red See Red Door, Page 8

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Letters, from Page 4

I think it was Monday, Feb. 26, I went to get me and my husband a sandwich, and I ordered two extra for our neighbors, the Newkirks, to try out. They waitress said my order was ready and it was free because two ladies from out of town were sitting at a table in the middle of the diner and they had paid for my whole order. I didn't know who they were, but God does and he will bless them for their kindness, and I pray that he will bless that restaurant and the owners and employees that it will be in our town forever, along with Itty Bitty Bakery.

The Burch Tree also has homemade baked goods. It's like dying and going to heaven. If you are a coffee

lover like I am, they have the best.

If our town would get a Chinese buffet in it, I would never have to cook again. But, maybe God thinks he has blessed me enough - two bakeries and two new restaurants.

I just love seeing our little town grow. But, God knows I am a vegetarian and would be thrilled to have a vegetarian or vegan restaurant in this town that also sold baked good.

Well, enough is enough for now. I just am happy to see our town grow, and I will, also, with all that I am eating. But, it all tastes fantastic.

**Brenda Chapple
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Rose Mary, from Page 4

season for a day at the spa. What fun to soak in the outdoor hot tub while snowflakes swirled around my head! Then came the steam room and the sauna - things that I had never tried before. I wish that I had a sauna at home. Just as I love basking in the summer sun, it was wonderful to let the dry warmth of the sauna soothe my aching bones. ... Ah ... Surely I was a sybarite in a former existence-or perhaps I shall return as one.

Clear Thinking

"Patience serves as a protection against wrongs as clothes do against cold. For if you put on more clothes as the cold increases, it will have no power to hurt you. So in like manner you must grow in patience when you meet with great wrongs, and they will then be powerless to vex your mind."

Leonardo da Vinci

FOLKWAYS

Historic Preservation Nominations Sought

Indiana Landmarks invites nominations for two annual awards accompanied by cash as well as the sculptures that represent the prizes. The Servaas Memorial Awards celebrate achievement in historic preservation and the Williamson Prize recognizes outstanding individual leadership in the field.

Indiana Landmarks presents Servaas Memorial Awards in two categories: nonprofit organization or public institution; and youth, which can go to a student, teacher, school, or youth-serving agency. Indiana Landmarks created the award in 1976 to honor Sandi Servaas, a dynamic young staff

member who helped establish the direction of the preservation movement in Indiana before her early death.

The award recognizes outstanding achievement in historic preservation, interpreted broadly to encompass a wide range of activities and accomplishments. The Servaas Memorial Award winner in the nonprofit category collects \$2,000, and recipient in the youth category takes home \$1,000.

The Williamson Prize recognizes an individual who has achieved success in historic preservation and demonstrated commitment to the movement over an

extended period of time. Indiana Landmarks created the prize in 2016 in honor of Reid Williamson, president of the organization from 1974 to 2005. Under his leadership, the organization grew to become the largest statewide preservation nonprofit in the U.S. with a national reputation for excellence. The Williamson Prize winner receives \$1,000.

Evansville artist John McNaughton created the original wood sculptures each winner receives.

May 1 is the deadline for both award nominations. Indiana Landmarks welcomes self-nominations. Indiana Landmarks will present the awards at its Sept. 15 annual meeting in Indianapolis.

More information and the nomination forms can be found at www.indianalandmarks.org/awards, along with past winners.

New KPD Chief Sworn In



Knightstown's new chief of police, Christopher Newkirk, was sworn in on the morning of Feb. 22 by Beth Huffman, the town's clerk-treasurer. While town officials initially thought it might be a couple of weeks before Newkirk started his new job in Knightstown when they voted during a special meeting on Feb. 20 to hire him, Newkirk told The Banner he planned to get started right away. **CORRECTION:** Based on incorrect information provided by the town council at its Feb. 20 meeting, The Banner reported in its Feb. 21 issue that Newkirk worked for the town of Meridian Hills. In fact, Newkirk has clarified that he actually worked for the town of Williams Creek, not Meridian Hills.

New Castle Tractor Supply Co. Donates to Hungry Dogs, Cats

The Tractor Supply Co. store in New Castle is donating over 60 bags of pet food to feed dogs and cats in need of adoption.

"More often than not, animal shelters and rescues depend greatly on food donations to support the pets they take in that await adoption," said Rebecca Pickle, manager of the New Castle Tractor Supply store. "Our goal at Tractor Supply is to do our part in helping adoption efforts in our community because we know that pets are more than just dogs and cats, they are family."

Tractor Supply employees recently presented the pet food donation to the Henry County Animal Shelter.

In addition to the pet food donation, the New Castle Tractor Supply hosts pet adoption events throughout the year. Visit TSCEventPartners.com or call the store at 765-521-2610 to learn more about working with Tractor Supply for pet adoption events. For information and tips on adopting an animal and raising pets, visit TractorSupply.com/PetCare.



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Deadline, from Page 1

will consider and approve Overman's annual report - more than three weeks past when that was to have been done.

Overman and members of the Wayne Township Board have, for years, routinely failed to meet in January to elect officers. When previously questioned about this disregard of the state statute that requires this meeting, Overman has told The Banner that since board members would have to meet again a few weeks later to review and approve his annual report, he didn't see why they couldn't just elect officers at that meeting.

Last Wednesday, still not having received notice for any township board meetings, The

Banner asked Overman whether he knew when the board planned to meet. He said he hoped to schedule the meeting soon, and mentioned that he had been experiencing difficulty submitting his annual report to the state through its online Gateway system.

The township board's March 15 meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the back meeting room of the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department, 30 S. Washington St. That is the same date and

Knightstown Town Council holds its regular monthly meetings next door.

If the township board approves his annual report at the March 15 meeting, Overman will then have 10 days to file a copy of the report and all accompanying vouchers with the Henry County Auditor's office. Should Overman fail to do this, the township board can fine him \$5 a day for each day past the 10-day deadline.

State statute also requires the township trustee to file an abstract of the township's

receipts and expenditures for the previous year as a legal notice in the newspaper. State statute requires this to be done within four weeks after the third Tuesday following the first Monday in February - or by March 20 this year.

With the township board not scheduled to meet until March 15, the earliest Overman will be able to get this legal notice published in The Banner will be the March 21 issue. According to state statute, Overman's failure to have the abstract of his annual report published as a legal notice by March 20 is a Class C infraction, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Dispatch, from Page 1

eliminated. Due to the geography of the Knightstown area, McDaniel said the fire department and the county currently have a hard time communicating by radio.

"You can't hear Henry County all the time - a lot of times - and they can't hear you when you talk to them," McDaniel said. "... Knightstown is in a hole and it just doesn't work. Middletown is the same boat, and so is Blountsville in the northeast corner, and they're dispatched out of Delaware County."

McDaniel told the fire board that Motorola has been on-site to inspect the fire department's radio system and is preparing a cost estimate for equipment that would boost radio signals sent and received by the fire department. He the price for the signal booster could be \$20,000-\$30,000.

Since the town council was the body that made the decision to close down the town's dispatch center, McDaniel said he thought the town should pay for the booster. He asked fire board members whether they felt the fire board should offer to pay for any the cost,

but he got no immediate response.

McDaniel asked fire board member Sarah Ward, who also serves as president of the Knightstown Town Council, whether the council has discussed this. She said it had not and was still waiting on the cost estimates McDaniel is getting for the signal boosting equipment.

While waiting for the fire board's input on the who should pay for the new communications equipment, McDaniel shared some other concerns he has about eliminating the local dispatch service. He told the fire board he believes the decision will result in a large increase in medical runs made by the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department.

Currently, the fire department only goes on medical calls where advanced life support services may be needed: when there are, for example, reports of chest pains, shortness of breath or unresponsiveness. He said the county dispatch, by contrast, will send the fire department on all medical calls dispatched in the area, not just

these more serious ones.

"This whole thing is going to be hard on this fire department," McDaniel said. "... If we have to go on every ambulance run, because that's what New Castle dispatches us to, we're going to be over 500 runs a year, and that's a lot."

Ward asked McDaniel whether the fire department could change its own policies in order to limit the medical calls to which it responds. McDaniel said that decision is not the fire department's to make.

"If Henry County sends us on that call, we have to go to it," McDaniel said. "If we don't respond to a call they send us to, that's abandonment of a patient. You have to respond to the call. ... So, it's going to greatly impact us."

McDaniel also told the fire board that he is concerned that Knightstown dispatchers may not stay on the job for the next 90 days, but, instead, may opt to leave early if they find jobs elsewhere. Ward said Henry County Sheriff Ric McCorkle assured the town the county would provide the town with part-time dispatchers should

that happen.

Having still not received any clear direction from the fire board, McDaniel again asked for board members' input on whether the fire board should offer to contribute any money toward the cost of the signal booster.

"See, we wouldn't be having this conversation right now if, prior to the town getting rid of the dispatch, it would have done some research on this," fire board member David Millhoan said. "... If the research would have been done prior to this, we wouldn't be in this situation. It's just that simple."

While he said he didn't necessarily disagree with the decision to eliminate the local dispatch service, Millhoan said he felt the town council had acted hastily before working out all of the details. Ward disagreed with this characterization of the council's action and said the issue had been discussed "for months" and that making a decision was the only way the council knew to get the process started.

"A decision is a decision, but we're talking about life and death here," Millhoan said. "We're not talking about the waterworks or something. We're talking about EMS, the 911 system ... fire, police, the entire coverage. Something should have been in place, or at least some research done on it to find out what it's going to cost, because nobody knows."

Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman, who serves as the fire board's president, said the issue would be tabled until McDaniel gets more information. Millhoan added that, if needed, the fire board could hold a special meeting to further discuss and deal with this matter.

McDaniel told the fire board he plans to attend the town council's March 15 monthly meeting to see what, if anything, its members decide to do. The fire board's next regular meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, in the back meeting room of the fire station at 30 S. Washington St.

Red Door, from Page 6

Door in the City, a day camp for children ages 6 to 14 at any stage of their cancer journey and all of their siblings or a friend. This camp is held July 23 to 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Little Red Door's renovated facility at 1801 N. Meridian St. This day camp will include destination adventures each day of camp including crafts and games, community visits, friendship and team building, skill building games, physical activity and more.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Butler, Moore, Bouslog Named Tri-Eastern All-Conference

Tri-Eastern Conference officials made their selections for the 2017-2018 All-Conference girls basketball team last week.

Knightstown junior Jessica Butler and Tri seniors Payton Moore and Lauren Bouslog were among those players earning All-TEC recognition.

Winchester's Madeline Lawrence, a sophomore, was named TEC Player of the Year. Lawrence led Winchester to the state finals where the Golden Falcons were runner-up after falling 42-46 to Central Noble. She led the team in minutes on the court, playing in all 29 games to average 19.4 points, 9.0 rebounds, 6.8 assists and 4.2 steals per game.

Tri's Payton Moore finished her high school career with the school's record for most points scored. The Lady Titan highest scorer averaged 16.4 points, 9.7 records and 2.3 blocks per game, leading the team in all three categories.

Lauren Bouslog consistently provided solid

play for the Lady Titans, coming up with big plays in the tourney. She averaged 6.5 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.0 assists per game.

Knightstown junior Jess Butler played in 22 of the Lady Panthers' 23 games this season. As she moved into a more prominent role on the team as the season progressed, her additional minutes on the floor resulted in her averaging 8.3 points and 7.5 rebounds per game.

Other girls named to the All-TEC team included Winchester juniors Shelby Miller and Kira Robinson, Hagerstown sophomore Cassidy Olinger and freshman Hallie Rogers, Union County freshman Madison Gray and sophomore Taylor Pinkertown, Northeastern freshman Jenna McFarland, Lincoln junior Allie Owens, Union City senior Justiss Cantu, and Centerville senior Charlie Doolin.

Several other girls were given honorable mention including Winchester's Hannah Graft, Hagerstown's Madison Brown, Tri's Auburn

Harvey, Union County's Faith Hill, Northeastern's Madi Clay, Lincoln's Olivia Davis, Union City's Kahlee Dowler, Centerville's Alex McFarland, and Knightstown's Kaitlyn Jackson.

Winchester Community was the Tri-Eastern Conference winner this season. The Lady Golden Falcons were 8-0 in the TEC and finished the season 26-3.

Hagerstown (11-10) finished second in the conference standings. The Lady Tigers were 6-2. Tri (21-5) and Union County (10-13) tied for third place with a TEC record of 5-3.

Northeastern (10-13) was 4-4 in the TEC for fifth place while Lincoln (12-12) and Union City (9-14) tied for sixth with their 3-5 records.

Centerville (6-16) was eighth in the conference standings with a 2-7 TEC record while Knightstown (4-19) come in at ninth after being unable to get a TEC win in the Lady Panthers' first year in the conference.

Eastern Hancock Hosting 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 eathletics.org or ehhoops.org, or contact Greg Hall at gghall58@gmail.com. Registration can also be handled directly online at eastern-hancock3on3.eventbrite.com.



Knightstown junior Jessica Butler



Tri senior Payton Moore



Tri senior Lauren Bouslog

Mt. Lawn Speedway Posts 2018 Race Schedule

Mt. Lawn Speedway in New Castle has released their schedule for the 2018 racing season.

The season will begin Sunday, May 6, with race number two in the five-crown Championship Racing Association (CRA) Street Stock series, headlined by a 200-lap Street Stock event.

Rick Sweigart, Mt. Lawn promoter said, "We are really excited about this race not only because it is a CRA five-crown race but also, according to our records, it will be the first 200-lap race at Mt. Lawn since 1995 when New Castle's own Brian Hopkins came away with the victory."

The first race of the five-crown will be held on April 21 at Shadybowl Speedway in Degraff, Ohio. The other three events in the five-crown series will be held at Anderson Speedway on June 6, Kentucky Motor Speedway on July 15 and Winchester Speedway on August 5. Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, Pro Compacts, Factory Stock Compacts and Indiana Cage Karts are also on the schedule.

CRA Sportsman will return to Mt. Lawn on Sunday, May 27, for the first of two appearances in 2018. Vores Welding CRA Sportsman, Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars and Pro Compacts will compete in 50-lap features as part of the annual May 5-0's. Factory

Stock and Cage Karts are also scheduled.

On Sunday, June 10, the track will feature race number two in

Winchester Speedway in Winchester, Ind., on Aug. 4 and Aug. 5. The series point champion will be crowned at the final race of the series at Winchester on Aug. 5 with the point champion picking up an extra \$1000. The point fund will be paid out the top ten in series points.

The Vores Welding CRA Sportsman will return to run in the prestigious Raintree 100 Sunday, July 1. The race will also be the first race in the newly instituted CRA three-crown series for CRA Sportsman cars.

The other two races in the three-crown series will be held at Anderson Speedway on July 14 and Aug. 4 at Barefield Raceway in Fort Wayne. Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, Pro Compacts, Factory Stock Compacts and Indiana Cage Karts are also scheduled to compete.

The fourth race in the Indiana/Ohio Shootout will be Sunday, July 22, with Thunders Cars/Hobby Stocks running in the Founders Day 100 and a top prize of \$1000 going to the winner. Pro Compacts, Factory Stock Compacts, Legends and Cage Karts are also on the schedule.

More information on the 2018 season can be found on the Mt. Lawn website or by following Mt. Lawn on Facebook and Twitter.

Mt. Lawn Schedule

- May 6 ... CRA 5-Crown CRA Street Stock 200
- May 27 ... May 5-0 CRA Sportsman 3-Crown 50 laps
- June 10 ... Indiana-Ohio Thunder Car/Hobby Stock Shootout 50 laps
- July 1 ... CRA 3 Crown Raintree 100 Sportsman 100 laps
- July 22 ... Indiana-Ohio Thunder Car/Hobby Stock Shootout Founder's Day 100
- TBD ... Fan Appreciation Night

the Van Hoy Oil Indiana/Ohio Thunder Car/Hobby Stocks Shootout in a 50-lap feature. The series will be a six-race series featuring Mt. Lawn Thunder Cars and Hobby Stocks from Shadybowl Speedway in Degraff Ohio. Pro Compacts, Factory Stock Compacts, Legends and Cage Karts are also on the schedule.

The Indiana/Ohio Shootout series will consist of two races at Mt. Lawn, two races at Shadybowl Speedway June 2 and July 14 and two races at

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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

Knightstown Cheerleaders Place Second in First Tri-Eastern Conference Competition



In their first conference meet appearance since becoming part of the Tri-Eastern Conference, Knightstown High School cheerleaders placed second Tuesday night in the TEC cheer competition held at Cambridge City's Lincoln High School. Union County cheerleaders took first place and Lincoln was third. Cheerleaders from Tri, Centerville and Hagerstown also performed in the competition. Knightstown cheerleaders include Abby Arnold, Ayrnn Darling, Lauren Wineman, Grace Mattix, Makalay Smoot, Grace Muncy, Emma Carmichael and Kaitlynn McIntyre. Check out The Banner's Twitter timeline for videos of the performance by both Knightstown and Tri cheer teams and see our Instagram page for more photos. (Stacy Cox photo)

Check out the online edition for Bonus Photo Page!

Titans Falter in Second Half Sectional Game to Finish Season at Blue River

Tri's boys basketball team seemed to be on their way to a possible sectional title after a nice first half performance in their first round sectional game against host school Blue River Valley on Feb. 27.

But, the Titans' momentum and 10-point halftime lead was soon squashed by a fired up Viking squad in the second half and Blue River went on to defeat the Titans 72-60 for the sectional 56 win to advance in the tourney.

Blue River played well from the start and had taken the early lead, going up 12-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Tri came charging back in the second quarter with 25 points while holding the Vikings to 13 to go up 35-25 at the half.

Blue River was just warming up apparently. The Vikings came out of the break on fire offensively and locked down the Titans scoring efforts to outpace them 17-8 in the third quarter.

Still holding on to a one-point lead, 43-42, the Titans pulled themselves together and got back on track, scoring 17 in the final period.

But, the Vikings shot lights out in the fourth, putting an incredible 30 points on the board to end the

Titans' season early.

Elijah Davis led the Titans with 15 points, five assists, four rebounds and two steals.

Nick Wilson finished his final high school game with 14 points, six assists, four steals and two rebounds.

Kyler Burchett scored in double digits for his last high school game, finishing with 12 points, three assists and a steal.

Masen Phelps scored 10 points in his final high school game and had five rebounds with one assist.

The Titans' other three seniors each scored three points.

Alex Melton drained a three-pointer, pulled down five rebounds and made one steal.

Drew Mondrush sank a shot from behind the arc and grabbed two rebounds.

Seth Butler also knocked down a shot from long range for three and grabbed a rebound.

Zach Smith added two rebounds and Dillon Stevens pulled in one rebound to round out the Titans' sectional game results.

The Titans were 7-15 overall and 1-7 in the Tri-Eastern Conference under first-year coach Matt Lacy.

Panther Season Ended by 11th-ranked Howe Team

When sectional pairings were announced last month for high school boys basketball, Knightstown's team was, unfortunately, pitted against 11th-ranked Indianapolis Howe.

Despite playing hard until the end, the Panthers' season ended with a 51-68 loss to the Hornets in the first round of sectional 42 held at Shenandoah High School Feb.

The Panthers seemed to have a good game plan from the start. They repeatedly drove the ball hard into the lane, sometimes getting the two points, but mostly drawing fouls from Howe's big players. The effort paid off with the Panthers tied at 10 with Howe at the end of the first quarter.

The agitated Hornets were soon warmed up and their full-court pressure created several scoring opportunities.

Though Knightstown continued to increase its quarterly scoring throughout the game, the Hornets' top players speed and athleticism helped them to doubling the Panthers' points over the next two quarters. Howe outscored the Knightstown 25-12 in the second quarter to take a 35-22 halftime lead.

The Hornets kept up their assault in the third quarter, topping the Panthers 24-13 to head into the final period up 59-35.

Howe pulled most of its top players in the fourth quarter and Knightstown shifted its lineup around to give all the seniors more time on the floor. The Panthers outplayed the Hornets 16-9 in the last period to leave the floor with their heads held high.

Panther fans had to be proud of the effort of their team's final performance. Knightstown's boys shot 54-percent from the field and 61-percent inside the arc, their best numbers of the season. Their

next best offensive showings came in their wins against Waldron back on Dec. 30 when they shot 52-percent from the field overall and in their season opener of 50-percent shooting against Tri.

Knightstown's 61-percent shooting inside the arc was also the best for this year's team, with their next best occurring in just the last week of the season. The Panthers shot 57-percent in their final regular season game Feb. 23 for the victory against South Decatur and shot 55-percent against fourth-ranked Frankton in their final home game Feb 20.

The Panthers went 11-of-18 at the free throw line against Howe and, despite the intense full-court press applied on them for much of the game, KHS ended up with only 11 turnovers.

Jarred Porter led the Panthers in his final high school game with 15 points, two rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Treavor Cook added 10 points and one rebound.

Tyler Burton tallied nine points, two rebounds, one steal and an assist.

Jose Olivo sank two buckets for four points and had four rebounds and three steals.

Garrett Thomas finished with six points, five rebounds and one steal.

Tucker Personett scored three points and got two rebounds.

Chase Burton knocked down a three-pointer in the final quarter and Owen Wiles hit a free throw, grabbed four rebounds and made two assists.

Dallas Edwards, Lane Parker and James Lukens each pulled down one rebound.

The Panthers finished the season 6-17 overall and 3-5 in their first year in the Tri-Eastern Conference.

Golf Officials Develop 'Pace of Play' Action Plan for High School

Golf leaders in Indiana are convinced that "Pace of Play" at the junior golf level is declining and it needs to improve for the future of the game in the Hoosier State.

Representatives from the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Indiana Golf Association, Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association, Indiana PGA and the United States Golf Association have developed an unprecedented junior golf "Pace of Play" action plan that will increase awareness through education with an added element of accountability for junior golfers and their coaches.

In a recent survey completed by 147 Indiana high school coaches, the majority of these coaches believe a reasonable pace of play is 4 ½ hours or less. Common causes for slow play were identified as players not being ready to play when it's their turn; players not moving quick enough between shots and pre-shot routines taking too long.

Beginning with the 2018 IHSAA girls golf season in July, all sectional participants and their coaches will be required to view a 20-minute "Pace of Play" video and complete the testing components contained in the video which will focus on Golf Course Awareness, Pre-Shot Routines, Putting Green Procedures and Equipment Management.

Anticipating sweeping changes to the USGA Rules of Golf beginning in 2019, this year's Indiana High School Golf Coaches Conference will focus on the Rules of Golf in an effort to help a coach better assist his/her players with the rules while on the course. Beginning in 2019, the IHSAA will conduct rules seminars for all of its high school coaches prior to the start of their season.

The IHSAA and the Indiana PGA are also developing a pilot program for the boys high school regular season in April.

Players will be expected to complete nine holes in two hours and fifteen minutes. Procedures and guidelines will be in place to assist and ensure players complete their rounds in the allotted time. The Indiana PGA will officially invite its members and their facilities to participate in late February.

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Defense Dept. Announces Refunds on Federal Taxes

According to an article on Military.com last month, the Department Of Defense started sending notifications to more than 133,000 veterans who may qualify for a refund of federal taxes paid on disability severance pay dating back to Jan. 17, 1991.

Under federal law, veterans who suffer combat-related injuries and who are separated



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from the military are not supposed to be taxed on the one-time lump sum disability severance payment they got from the military.

For years DOD improperly withheld taxes on these payments from thousands of unsuspecting veterans, who were typically unaware that their benefits were being improperly reduced.

In 2016 Congress passed the Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act which directed DOD to identify veterans who have been separated from service for combat-related injuries and had taxes improperly withheld from their severance payments.

The law also required DOD to determine how much these veterans are owed so they can recover the withheld amounts, notify them of their eligibility for a refund, and tell them how to get that refund from the IRS.

Eligible veterans will have a year after they receive the notice from DOD to file a claim for the refund.

Court Determines Military Burn Pits Caused Lung Disease in Troops

A number of veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, told me about burn pits that dot the landscape and are used to destroy all sorts of items. One veteran described a burn pit as a Dante's Inferno. "You name it and it has been thrown into a pit," the veteran said. "Desks, chairs, ammunition cases, used oil, plastic barrels. I even saw a truck rolled into the pit." Jet fuel is often used to ignite the pit. If you are not familiar with burn pits, there are a number of videos posted on You Tube that are very informative.

Thousands of U.S. military personnel and private contractors whose health was compromised by the dense black smoke of burn pits - and who were then denied proper treatment - may finally be vindicated by a recent court ruling.

A judge under the U.S. Department of Labor's Office for Workers' Compensation Programs decreed last month that open-air burn pits - where thousands of chemicals were released into the air after trash and other waste were incinerated at American military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan - are connected to lung disease.

The decision marks a victory for the nearly 64,000 active service members and retirees who have put their names on a Burn Pit Registry created by the Veterans administration (veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/#page/home), bringing them one step closer to getting adequate medical

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Brown Again Seeking County Assessor Seat

Jodie Brown, a lifetime resident of Mooreland, has announced her candidacy for Henry County Assessor in the upcoming May primary.

Employed with the assessor's office since 1986, Brown has served as county assessor since 1996. She is a Level III Indiana assessor-appraiser, the state's highest assessor designation.

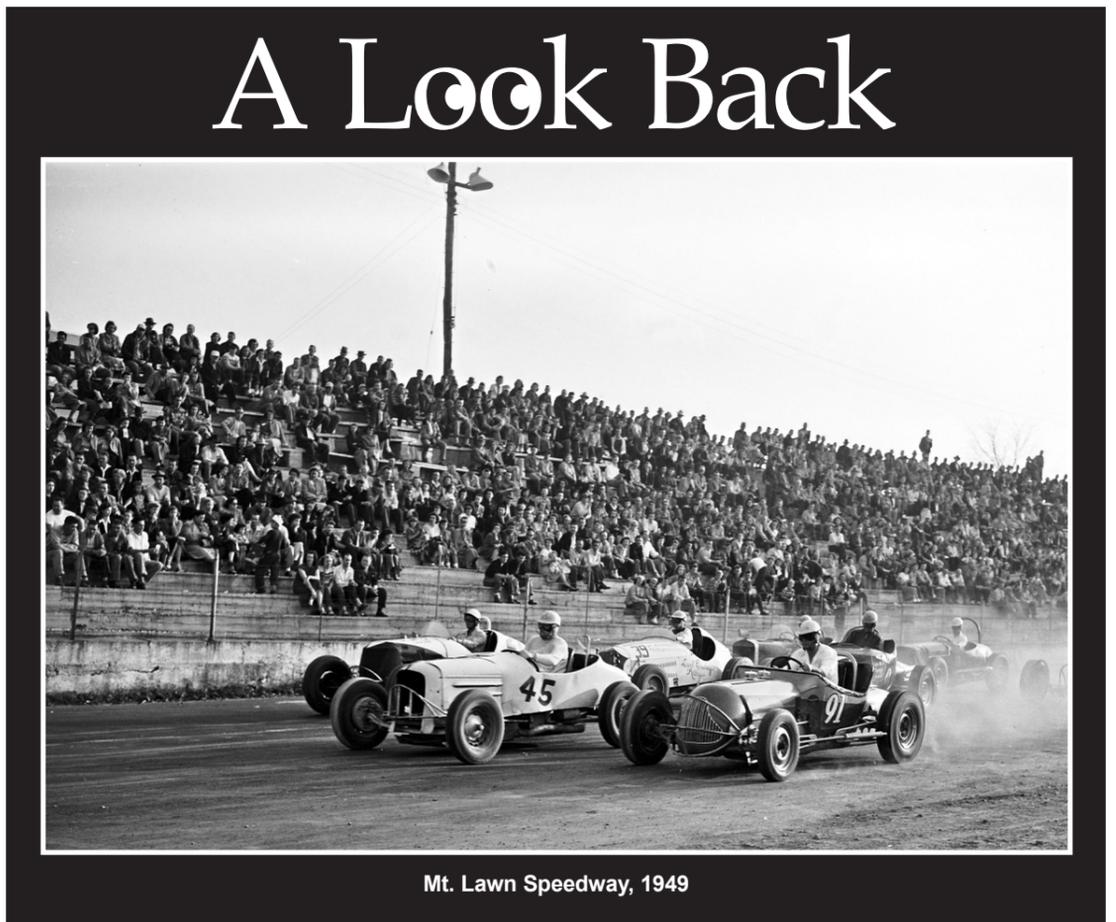
A graduate of Blue River Valley Junior/Senior High School, she attended Ball State University and Indiana Business College.

Brown is active in various county and community activities that include Mooreland Friends Church and the Mooreland Area Food Pantry. She has been a Mooreland Free Fair board member for the past 34 years and currently serves as the board president. She is also a member of the Henry County Republican Club.

She is a past president of the Indiana County Assessor's Association and also past president of the East Central Indiana County Assessor's District.

From 2002-2005, Brown was voted the county assessor of the year by her peers in the east central district. She also served on the County Assessor's Legislative Committee and on the education committee. She has also been a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) since 2000.

"The current downturn in the economy, along with the recent



Mt. Lawn Speedway, 1949

implementation of property tax caps has had a tremendous impact on all taxpayers in Henry County. Such changes have made this job more difficult than ever before. My 32 years of experience will pay huge dividends in ensuring a fair and uniform assessment system for all taxpayers," said Brown.

She can be reached at jodie849@hotmail.com or by calling 765-524-6284.

Upchurch Announces Candidacy for Henry County Treasurer

Bill Upchurch is a lifelong resident of Henry County and has announced himself as a candidate for Henry County Treasurer in the May primary.

Upchurch is currently employed with Henry County in the assessor's office. He has served the county since 2014.

A graduate of Shenandoah High School, Upchurch attended Ivy Tech State College in Muncie where he earned an associate degree in business administration.

An active member of the community, he is a member of Spiceland Friends church, as well as a board member of New Castle Little League and the New Castle Kiwanis Club. Upchurch is also a member of Lewisville Masonic lodge #72, and serves as vice president of the Henry County Republican Club.

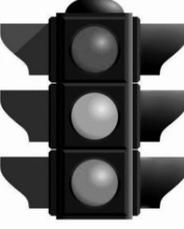
Upchurch can be reached at upchurchfamily1140@gmail.com.

Arbor Day Foundation Offers Free Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2018 and receive 10 free white pine trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to 1- Free White Pine or 10 Free Flowering Dogwood, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, or join online at arbor-day.org/march.



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'Rural Affairs' Group Publishes Guide to Wind Energy Laws

When county or city elected officials are approached about a wind energy farm, what are the first steps in creating an ordinance? What kinds of things need to be considered?

"Wind Energy Ordinances," an information guide by the Center for Rural Affairs, may help.

Released last week, the guide contains recommendations for new zoning regulations or ordinances, common application requirements, and key definitions for wind energy. The information was gathered by reviewing county ordinances from different states across the country.

"Wind ordinances on the city, county, and state levels may be hard to understand, whether you are an expert or just becoming familiar with the industry," said Lu Nelsen, policy program associate with the Center for Rural Affairs. "This guide is useful for people with all levels of wind energy knowledge."

The publication also includes common requirements for siting, construction, and operation, as well as sample maps demonstrating various setback requirements.

"Wind turbines are multiplying across the U.S., and most are installed in rural areas overlooking crops, cattle, timber, and lakes," Nelsen said. "Rural communities have experienced several benefits from the development of wind energy, but the growth of the industry has also presented a challenge in the form of local regulations that may be insufficient or out of date."

The guide and related information can be found online at www.cfra.org/publications/WindEnergyOrdinanceGuide.

Incentives Drive Private Land Hunts

The DNR is seeking private landowners to allow limited public gamebird hunting opportunities on their properties in exchange for financial incentives and technical assistance through a program called APPLE.

APPLE stands for Access Program Providing Land Easements. In its second year, APPLE provides hunters with an opportunity to hunt ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail, and American woodcock, while also providing landowners with significant benefits.

With nearly 96 percent of Indiana privately owned, public gamebird hunting opportunities are limited.

Participating landowners are eligible for incentives of up to \$25 per acre. Additional financial assistance is also available for creating or improving habitat.

DNR biologists will work closely with each landowner to develop a wildlife habitat management plan. Biologists will also help landowners plan the number and timing of hunts on their land.

The DNR is targeting landowners of 20 acres or more within five focal regions across the state. For more information, including a description of the five focal regions, visit wildlife.IN.gov/9572.htm.

Hunters will be selected for the program using Indiana's online reserved hunt draw system.

Landowners can continue to hunt all other species on their land during the duration of the APPLE hunts, and may hunt gamebirds after the APPLE hunts.

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