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Charlottesville Lions Hosting Fish Fry

The Charlottesville Lions Club will host a fish fry Saturday, April 7, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Charlottesville Lions Community Building. Drive-thru and carry-out orders will be available. Proceeds from the event benefit Lions scholarships, building maintenance and other club program.

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.

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Local Business Owner's Generosity Cool for Kids

Joe Peacock Offers to Pay Splash Pad's Sewer Bill

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

It looks as if the splash pad water attraction at Knightstown's Sunset Park will be back in operation this year.

High utility costs - specifically, the sewer portion of the bill - led the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board to keep the splash pad closed in 2017. As the park board continues to look for a long-term solution that will allow it to avoid a splash pad sewer bill altogether, a local businessman has offered to cover that cost for this spring and summer.

Joe Peacock, owner of CFH Enterprises LLC, made the offer last week, at the Knightstown Town Council's March 15 monthly meeting. In exchange for Peacock paying the splash pad's sewer bill, council members agreed to his request that they consider amending the town's sewer control ordinance.

Currently, the town's sewer control ordinance requires the town to charge a sewer bill to all utility customers who receive water service from the town. Sewer bills are calculated based on the amount of water a customer uses, regardless of whether that water goes to the sewer plant for treatment.

Peacock would like to see the ordinance changed - not just to solve the park board's problem with the splash pad, but also to potentially benefit him and other utility customers. He said he didn't think it was right for customers to be charged for something they're not using, as happens with those paying a sewer bill for water that doesn't go to the sewer plant.

As previously reported in The Banner, the park board voted in January look into draining the splash pad into Montgomery Creek. By diverting the water to the creek, the park board hoped the town would agree to waive the sewer portion of its utility bill for the splash pad.

Council Vice President Kevin Knott initially made a motion at last week's council meeting to keep the status quo, with the splash pad continuing to send its water to the sewer plant, but with the park board only required to pay for the water portion of its utility bill. The town's attorney, Gregg Morelock, said he would need to research this to see if the town would legally be able to waive the sewer portion of the bill.

Dan Wright of FPBH Inc., the North Vernon-based engineering firm working with the town on a multi-million dollar wastewater utility improvement project, said he thought the town would have a hard time legally justifying a waiver of the sewer bill. Council President Sarah Ward added that she thought the park board should have to pay for its sewer service if the water continues going to the sewer plant.

Before anyone seconded it, Knott ended up withdrawing his first motion, and substituted it with a second one that would allow the splash pad to be drained into Montgomery Creek. The new motion, seconded by Landon Dean, also required the park board to obtain any permits needed from the state in order to do this, and to install a separate water meter for the restrooms in the old pool house, which are currently fed by the same water line that goes to the splash pad, with the splash pad only being charged for its water usage.

With the council's fifth member, Roger Hammer absent, the council's first vote on this motion ended up in a tie with Knott and Dean voting in favor and Ward and Mitch Roland voting against. Acting pursuant to a

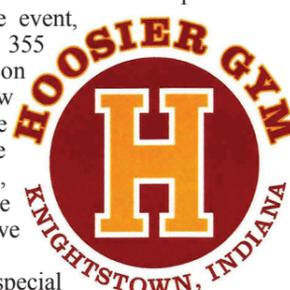
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April 11 Hoosier Gym Event Aimed at Recognizing First Responders

The Hoosier Gym Community Center of Knightstown Inc. has scheduled a special event for next month to honor first responders.

The public is invited to attend the event, which will be held at the Hoosier Gym, 355 N. Washington St., at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11. Knightstown's new chief of police, Chris Newkirk, will be on hand, as will Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Chief Eric McDaniel, Craig Denny of Southwest Ambulance Service, and men and women who serve on these departments.

The HGCKK will also be making a special presentation that evening to Knightstown police officer Daniel Montgomery, who applied a life-saving tourniquet to an accident victim in May 2016. Local dispatchers will also be recognized for their outstanding service to the community, and refreshments will be served.



Town Recycling Program Bound for Trash Can

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council voted last week to have the recycling bins currently located at town's wastewater treatment plant permanently removed from town.

As previously reported in The Banner, the council learned earlier this year that it would need to relocate the recycling bins to accommodate a multi-million dollar wastewater utility improvement project. Because the project calls for installation of automatic gates at the wastewater treatment plant that will remain closed except when town employees are entering or exiting, the bins were going to need to be moved.

The council was considering having the bins moved back to their previous location on County Road 775-West. However, if that were to be done, the council said it would want the area totally fenced in.

Randy Anderson, the town's water utility operator and one of two co-works managers for the town, told the council last week at its March 15 monthly meeting that

he had asked the Henry County Solid Waste Management District - the agency that provides the bins - if it would help pay for the fencing. He said HCSWMD declined the request.

Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman told the council the town had received two price quotes on fencing for the County Road 775-West site. One, she said, was for around \$8,500 and the other was about \$10,000.

"Why does the town feel so strongly that it needs to provide free recycling," local businessman Joe Peacock, owner of CFH Enterprises LLC, asked the council. "... Why do (you) want to be in the recycling business at all?"

Anderson told the council that the recycling bins located in Knightstown are used a lot. He said that HCSWMD usually has to dump the bins twice a week.

Huffman told the council she wasn't sure where the town would find the money to pay for the fencing if it has to cover that cost by itself.

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Destyne Leigh Rucker
August 11, 1998 - March 15, 2018

Destyne Leigh Rucker, 19, of Rushville, passed away unexpectedly March 15, 2018, from injuries sustained in an auto accident. She was born Aug. 11, 1998, in Greenfield, a daughter of Timothy Rucker of Morristown and Mary Langley and Jimmy Glover of Rushville.

Destyne graduated in 2017 from Knightstown High School as an honor student. She was a server at Montana Mike's in Greenfield and Friday was granted her certificate of completion from P.J.'s School of Cosmetology. Very smart, sassy and beautiful, Destyne loved music of all genres, loved her family, but especially loved her son and her nephews, to whom she was known as Aunt Ba.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her father, Timothy Rucker, of Morristown; her mother, Mary Langley, and her "other dad," Jimmy Glover, both of Rushville (she said she was lucky to have had two dads); her son, Paxton Gibbons; Paxton's dad, Kyle Gibbons; a sister, Shaylynn Langley of New Castle; two brothers, Jalen Mattingley of Greenfield and Kory Washburn of Anderson; four nephews, Laiten Washburn, Elias Washburn, Graeme Littleton and Noah Stone; her nana, Brenda Rucker of Dugger; her grandma, Tally Sallee of Rushville; several aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles and several cousins; and many special friends, including Jermbob Powers, Hannah Apollos, Chelsea Peck, Caitlyn Gunn, Brittney Wood and Kyle Hale.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Herschel and Alice Langley; her paternal grandfather, Jim Rucker; an aunt, Michelle Stahl; and a nephew, Anthony Langley.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with services beginning at 7 p.m., officiated by Gary Reynolds. Memorial contributions may be given to the Destyne L. Rucker Memorial Fund, c/o Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, 7355 S. SR 109, Knightstown, IN 46148. Destyne loved her jeans, tie dye and the color orange. At the request of the family, please dress casual and wear orange or tie dye. You may share a memory or condolence of Destyne at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Riggie Gene Calciano
July 19, 1946 - March 14, 2018

Riggie Gene Calciano, 71, of Shirley passed away Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at St. Vincent Hospital in Anderson. He was born July 19, 1946, in Orange County, to the late Mildred (Lowe) Harris.

A life time resident of Shirley and Kennard, Riggie was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served a tour in Vietnam. He began work with Keesling Construction where he was a concrete finisher. He retired from Swackhamer Concrete Masonry after 35 years of service. Riggie was a very simple man and a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather; home is where his heart was. He enjoyed being outdoors, cutting wood, fishing and hunting. He was willing to help anybody he could and was always a joker and liked to make people laugh.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Edith (Roll) Calciano of Kennard; four children, Nathan Calciano of New Castle, Shaylon Calciano of Kennard, Elly Keck of Greenfield and Dustin Calciano of Shirley; nine grandchildren, Seth Cunningham of Arizona, Mathew Jolley of New Castle, Austin Keck of Greenfield, Kylee Calciano of New Castle, Christopher Turner Jr. of New Castle, Riley Keck of Greenfield, Caleb Calciano of New Castle, Noah Calciano of Shirley and McKenzie Orr of Indianapolis; two great-grandchildren, Charlee Keck and Lukas Jolley of New Castle; a sister, Carol Bennett of Noblesville; a brother, Dale Paytner of Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by a son, Ronald Orr, and a daughter, Rane Orr. Services were March 19 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle. Burial followed in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition with military rites conducted by the American Legion/VFW and U.S. Army. Visitation was prior to the service. Memorial Contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Ste. 100, Indpls, IN 46278. You may express condolences or share a memory of Riggie at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Darrel Wooldridge
October 3, 1958 - March 14, 2018

Darrel W. Wooldridge, 59, of Rushville passed away Wednesday, March 14, 2018, in Indianapolis. Darrel was born



in Rushville on Oct. 3, 1958, to the late Charles "Chet" and Mary Ellen (Hyatt) Wooldridge.

Darrel was a 1976 graduate of Rushville Consolidated High School. He received two bachelor's degrees from ITT in Indianapolis in electronics and robotics. Darrel worked at the Rushville skating rink while in high school. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1976 to 1980 and later worked at Ford Visteon from 2000 to 2010. Darrel was a member of Rushville Church of Christ.

Darrel is survived by a sister, Brenda Wooldridge of Rushville, and a niece, Katie Ratekin.

In addition to his parents, Darrel was preceded in death by his brother, Gary Wooldridge.

Services were March 19 at Moster Mortuary, Rushville. Pastor Jerry Holdman presided. The Rush County Veterans Honor Guard performed military rites at the mortuary. Friends visited March 19 at the mortuary. Burial was in Little Blue River Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were entrusted to Moster Mortuary.

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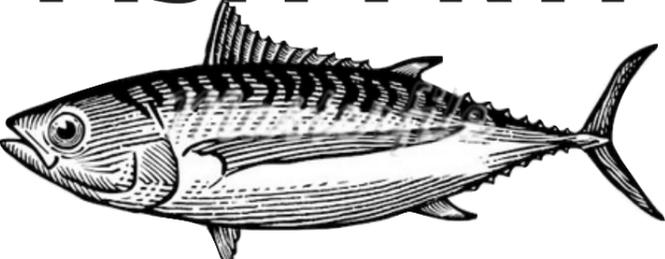
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KPD Chief Wants to Return Surplus Assault Rifles

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Knightstown's new chief of police has received permission to return several military surplus items that a prior chief had obtained through a federal program.

Chief of Police Chris Newkirk told members of the Knightstown Town Council last week at their March 15 monthly meeting that he wanted to return four 45-caliber handguns, four M-16 assault rifles and a Humvee to the federal program from which they had been obtained by former Chief of Police Danny Baker. With one member absent, the council voted 4-0 to give Newkirk permission to do this.

Newkirk also advised the council that a storage shed located behind the police department had several old military backpacks and sleeping bags in it. He said he would like to donate those items to homeless shelters that might be

able to put them to use, and the council also voted 4-0 to approve that request.

The council also approved, on Newkirk's recommendation, hiring two new part-time officers: David Carnes and Andrew Williams. Newkirk said both men are former officers with the New Castle Police Department who, with the Knightstown Police Department's other three part-time officers, will help cover weekend shifts and keep overtime at a minimum.

Newkirk also gave special recognition to KPD officer Daniel Montgomery for his life-saving efforts applying a tourniquet to an

injured man in May of 2016. He presented Montgomery with two life-saving award emblems that can be attached to his uniforms.

In other police-related business at last week's town council meeting, Newkirk:

*advised the council that all officers are current on their training;

*reported that he had completed an application to have the state close a portion of U.S. Hwy. 40 for an upcoming car show in May;

*said he had bought new locks for the KPD and plans to change these himself, and told the council he will be painting his office to

match the rest of the police station;

*gave an update on KPD vehicles that have recently been repaired;

*said he has begun revising the KPD's standard operating procedures; and

*told the council he would be meeting with the county's 911 board this week and hoped to get more information about issues related to the town's decision to get rid of local dispatchers.

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Your Generation Was No Better

A lot of people apparently think today's younger people are somehow a lot dumber than generations past. This incredibly silly assertion is resoundingly and bluntly echoed on social media and it never fails to crack me up.

Really? Today's kids are more stupid, huh? "Yes," the haters will respond. "My generation was never that dumb. We did everything right. Today's kids aren't as smart as we were."

I got news for these folks. People are people and they always will be. And times never change *that* much! Your generation, regardless of which one that is, was certainly derided by elders as incompetent, oversensitive and unworthy of the privileges you acquired.

That's just how the world works, apparently. Instead of appreciating youth, many bored, unsatisfied and needlessly angry people heap hatred on kids. I think they enjoy it.

What makes the haters' disgust even more ridiculous is their willful ignorance of a history they themselves lived.

Your generation wasn't that stupid, huh? For those who refuse or simply can't recall all the dumbassery that's taken place over the years, let me stoke the dying embers of your recollections.

Pet rocks were once a big craze. That's right ... pet rocks! And we didn't just make them out of any old rock off the driveway. Nope. We *purchased* them with *real* money ... painted rocks with googly eyes glued to them. We bought them. Duh. Not a millennial in sight when that happened, but pretty damned dumb nonetheless.

Wanna go back further? OK.

In the '60s, the Baby Boomers invented a super smart and fun thing called a Chinese Fire Drill. This involves a car full of kids stopping their car at a stoplight, getting out of the car, running around it once and getting back in.

Fun, right? Kids have been killed doing it.

I've never heard of Millennials doing Chinese Fire Drills. They may have figured out that it's not very safe and kinda stupid.

Going back further yet, some genius somewhere along the line - prior to the Baby Boomers I'm sure - decided to try "huffing" gasoline as a way of getting high, apparently.

It's probably hard for some of you to believe that Millennials weren't involved in the creation of this dangerous practice. But, it's true - Millennials' grandparents probably weren't even born yet when this incredibly intelligent fad came into being.

So, if you bought "sea monkeys" from a torn out ad in back of a comic book; thought you could see through the neighbor's clothes with your "X-ray specs;" determined your current temperament with your brand new "mood ring," or suffered an eye injury thanks to your "paper football" ... you don't get to pass judgment on today's kids or their Tide Pods.

No generation is immune from the scorn of older ones. But, at some point, I'd hope adults could remember what it's like to be a kid.



Present Pleasure Meets Introspection

(Originally published March 12, 2008)

"The sun is but a morning star." Henry David Thoreau - *Walden*

With the coming of spring, disparate elements of my life coalesce in a blend of nostalgia, present pleasure and introspection. Along about this time of year, I revisit *Walden* and always find insights into my life. Fine writing is an art, and I think that along with Mark Twain, Thoreau is the best wordsmith that America has produced.

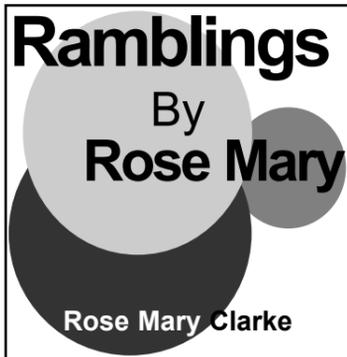
Poets rhapsodize about spring, but I've read that the suicide rate is higher then. The great poet T. S. Eliot started "The Wasteland" thusly: "April is the cruelest month." He said that living things lie dormant during the winter and then go through a painful process of coming to new life.

Memories come in color: Those of Christmas are red and green, gold and silver. Easter is a rainbow palette of the pastel dresses and fluffy white coats in which we shivered, white gloves, black patent leather shoes and the eggs that I dyed with Mother and later with Vicki.

During Mother's feast, my siblings always told the story of the chocolate rabbit that someone gave me during the Depression. Starved for candy, they thought, "Surely she'll give us a taste!" Instead, I dragged "Bun" around by its ribbon until it became grubby and

finally disintegrated. Someone sent an e-mail of seasonal cartoons. In one of them a chocolate rabbit that's minus its tail says to another, "My butt hurts!" "What?" said the other one whose ears are gone.

I understand why elders make so many journeys down memory lane. The past requires little of one and one can snooze comfortably along, in a dormant state, protected by the distance created by time.



The visions conjured up by my mind's eye and ear bear a patina of rose and gold and provide gentle pleasure, rather than the pain of growth and rebirth. Counselors warn against living in the past - but, oh, it's so pleasant there!

I'm watching to see if the dawn will be fine, as they often are at this time of year. As the song goes, the best things in life are free, and dawn watching ranks high on my list! The springtime light was lovely yesterday - clear and golden.

"For lo the winter is past ... The

time of singing birds is come." - *The Song of Solomon*

The cardinals have begun their springtime call - "Wheat, wheat, wheat! ... chip, chip, chip, chip!" After I mentioned seeing hundreds of robins, Bill's niece, Candy, sent an e-mail, saying that huge flocks of robins congregate every spring and fall at her home.

Another wonderful sight is the autumnal "gathering" of sandhill cranes at the Jasper-Pulaski Conservation Area in northern Indiana. Friend Phyllis and we went there at dusk when an estimated 17,000 cranes flew in from surrounding cornfields to sleep on a large meadow.

Vicki called Saturday morning after her first night in a new home. There were deer and a wild turkey in the yard. "A slice of Heaven on Earth!" she wrote in an e-mail. I remember what it felt like when we bought our first home in the springtime of our lives.

Easter, the rising of the sun, *The Song of Solomon* and the goings and comings of the birds remind me that I, too, am a child of Nature and that my life is more than to-do lists. It, too, has its seasons and imperatives and is governed by forces beyond my control. Thoreau wrote that one should live consciously so that one does not come to die and realize that one has never lived. I must think more -

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In northeast section of Memorial Park just north of New Castle, stands the WWI statue "Spirit of the American Doughboy", on a large earthen mound covered with shrubs and foliage looking down on Park Road 3 about 50 feet to the east.

The statue was paid for and dedicated by the American War Mothers (established in 1917) in a carefully chosen area of the park to be visible (50 feet from) State Road 3. The mound was meticulously built by many citizens and businesses in Henry County.

The dedication of the doughboy was attended by hundreds of citizens with General William "Soul Saver Solider" Everson giving the dedication speech and captain and Civil War veteran R.H.H. Tyner doing the unveiling. The New Castle Cadet Band played and there was a picnic on the ground prior to the event.

The artist Ernest Moore Viquesney imagined his statues in a "no-man's land" type setting and out of the 11 doughboy statues left in Indiana, ours is the only one in that type of "Argonne Forest" setting.

The park board voted to relocate the statue (after restoration) before the public was aware of the situation. The public opposition is overwhelming, but the board would not even take a second vote despite hearing compelling arguments from the director of the historical society, Tim Rainselo (765-529-4028), who suggested the park do some landscaping and make the statue accessible where it was dedicated.

Excuses to relocate the doughboy have all been countered effectively and included "too many mosquitoes," "kids don't want to walk trails anymore," "kids want to see everything on their phones," "no one knew the statue was there before," accessibility and ADA compliance.

All of these arguments can be countered and some are just ridiculous. There is a road size trail that leads right to the doughboy. It could be made ADA compliant and the regular trails in the park are already scheduled to be fixed. My son has driven to the statue and the park drove a truck to it when they removed the statue for restoration.

The American War Mothers do not want the statue moved, and neither do over 90 percent of respondents to three online polls. A petition online has over 400 signatures with many of them being veterans.

Memorial Park was created as a living park and not a museum. These memorials are supposed to be in select locations in the woods and surrounding park areas. Taking the doughboy or any other monument in the park and moving it to a concrete setting would be detrimental to our great park.

Founding father of the park Salem Shively stated "Let us not spend money on the erection of (only) stone monuments to the memory of our soldiers, which would neither quench the thirst nor rest their bodies from the toil of the day, but let us dedicate and set apart this piece of ground to their memory."

And finally a perfect quote by filmmaker Ken Burns captures the sentiment perfectly: "We strain to listen to the ghosts and echoes of our inexpressibly wise past, and we have an obligation to maintain these places, to provide these sanctuaries, so that people may be in the presence of forces larger than those of the moment."

Spirit of the American Doughboy Statue: Henry County Memorial Park in New Castle, 2221 N. Memorial Dr., 765-529-1004; Artist: E.M. Viquesney of Spencer, Indiana; Copyright 1920; Dedicated in Memorial Park by The American War Mothers on Aug. 25, 1929; Smithsonian Art Inventory Control Number: 47260035; N 39° 57.101 / W 085° 23.085

Mark Sean Orr
New Castle
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◆The **Hoosier Gym** Community Center of Knightstown Inc. has scheduled a special event for next month to honor first responders. The public is invited to attend the event, which will be held at the Hoosier Gym, 355 N. Washington St., at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11. Knightstown's new chief of police, Chris Newkirk, will be on hand, as will Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Chief Eric McDaniel, Craig Denny of Southwest Ambulance Service, and men and women who serve on these departments.

◆The **Charlottesville Lions Club** will host a fish fry Saturday, April 7, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Charlottesville Lions Community Building. Drive-thru and carry-out orders will be available. Proceeds

from the event benefit Lions scholarships, building maintenance and other club program.

◆Starting April 1, patrons of the **Knightstown Public Library** will no longer be able to use their old library cards because the library will no longer have access to its old system. Instead, patrons wishing to check out materials after this date will need to apply for a new Evergreen library card, and will need to show a picture ID before they can check out anything. For more information about this, contact Library Director Linda Davis at 345-5095.

◆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.

◆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 year-

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

◆Knightstown Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., will host a **Good Friday service** on March 30 at 7 p.m. The service will feature a message, choir and Easter hymns. Robin Richey will accompany singers on the piano. The Easter Sunday service is April 1 at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited.

◆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.

◆**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets weekly, on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym (enter on East side). Meetings will continue each Tuesday at the same time and location. For more info, call 765-571-1662.

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

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

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Former Panther Brayden Walters Now Part of Univ. of Tennessee Volunteers Rowing Team

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

With an impressive list of accomplishments in gymnastics and soccer, Knightstown High School graduate Brayden Walters continues to work hard and earn praise as a freshman at the University of Tennessee. She is now a member of Tennessee athletics' rowing team.

"I decided to try out for the rowing team because I was involved in many sports throughout high school and life altogether," said Walters. "I originally was contacted by the assistant head coach just requesting to fill out a survey about what athletics I participated in while in high school. And as soon as I submitted this, the assistant coach contacted me right away. She was very curious about my past in athletics and highly encouraged me to condition over summer break and try out in the fall."

During her first day on campus Walters found various signs for the rowing team, calling for competitive team players to try out and with no experience required.

"I thought this would be a way to stay in shape after high school, and I'm always open to new opportunities," she said. "Tryouts were two weeks long and I told myself that I would go the first week and if I didn't like it, that I didn't have to go back. After the first week though, I fell in love with the new sport and the people that surrounded me."

Walters has adopted the rower's lifestyle as she has done with other sports in the past, although she said she is still learning day by day.

"Many people may confuse rowing with kayaking or canoeing, but rowing is more than just rowing a boat down the river. Rowing is a sport that takes not only a lot of physical ability, but also a strong men-

talinity," she explained. "It can consist of rowing in boats with eight people, four people, or just two or even possibly just yourself. But here we mainly focus on rowing in eights, fours and pairs. If you ask some of the college athletes on campus from other sports, they will usually say that rowers are some of the most hard working and determined girls that do not take a break from working out."

Being on the rowing team presents a daily challenge, and Walters claims to have "always loved a challenge." This quality and others were inherited from her family.

"My dad and grandpa are also two figures in my life that have always told me to be the best because I have the potential to be," she said. "And I think it's important to remember that to be the best, you have to beat the best."

Tennessee Athletics kicked off their spring season this past weekend at the Oak Ridge Cardinal Invite. Walters and her rowing teammates competed against teams from various universities including Notre Dame, Yale and Michigan State.

"I've absolutely been loving college and everything that's come with it," said Walters. "The University of Tennessee is a great college campus, but I am very thankful for growing up and having a foundation in Knightstown and knowing the community is always supporting individuals no matter how far they are from Knightstown."

Apart from sports, Walters is majoring in biological sciences and minoring French/Francophone studies. The latter is because of her love of the French language and culture, and the former because biology is one of her strongest subjects and she hopes to attend medical school after earning her undergraduate degree.



OBITUARIES

Ralph H. Case

September 1, 1936 - March 18, 2018

Ralph H. Case, 81 of Rushville, passed away on March 18, 2018, in Rushville. He was born on Sept. 1, 1936, in Syracuse, N.Y., to the late Harry A. and Irene I. (Hunter) Case.



Ralph married Geraldine Case on Aug. 4, 1956, in Chicago, Ill., and she survives. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Baldwinsville, N.Y., and formerly attended Center Christian Church in Rushville. He retired 21 years of service in the U.S. Army and also

retired from ISSCH in Knightstown. He received honorary citation 532 Military Intelligence Battalion in the Western Zone of Germany for 16 months service ending in July 1960 and also received the Bronze Star medal for service in the Republic of Vietnam from October '68-August '69. Ralph was a past master at Raleigh Masonic Lodge #640 in 1980 and past patron of the Eastern Star Raleigh #508 in 1973. He was a life member of the Scottish Rite in Indianapolis and member of the Murat Shrine as a Legion of Merits. He was past president in 1995 in the Shrine Club located in Rush County. Ralph was a life member of the National Rifle Association, American Legion Post 152, VFW Post 5704, DAV Post 13, and the Disabled American Veterans Association.

Ralph is also survived by his five children, Doris D. (Rob) Crail of Centerville, Judy J. Hampton of Bowling Green, Ky., Henry (Kay) Case of Raleigh, Ralph R. (Brenda) Case of Rushville and Irene I. (Jerry) Hoefner of Chesterfield; a brother, Richard Case of Baldwinsville, N.Y.; four sisters, Edna Case of Baldwinsville, N.Y., Irene E. Crain of Beebe Ark., Dorothy A. Davis of Baldwinsville, N.Y., Barbara Smart of Fulton, N.Y. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ralph is also preceded in death by his sister, Beverly.

Services will be held on Thursday, March 22, at 1 p.m. in Moster Mortuary with Pastor Darryl Denney presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be in East Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent Depaul Society, 1201 E. Maryland St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Letters, from Page 4

Dear Editor,

Watching news last night regarding student protests of students dying at the hands of guns. Some talk shows favoring students took a 17-minute break to meet and contemplate. Some commentators said this was a disruption to classrooms.

Flashback: it is the late 1960s. I grew up near Gary and these protests happened on a regular basis at my high school. Protests took place in the middle of pep sessions, sock hops, lunch breaks, during social studies classes ...

But, these were in protest of the Vietnam War. I had classmates in school who had brothers and fathers sent off to fight for our country. Social injustices were aplenty. In some ways, I look back and wonder if there really has been any progress in the last 50 years in regard to guns and race issues.

Mary Lou Hayes
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Wed., Mar. 21 - Henry Co. Job Classification and Salary Advisory meeting, 2:30 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

Wed., Mar. 21 - Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

Thurs., Mar. 22 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Tues., Mar. 27 - Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 146, Greenfield

Wed., Mar. 28 - Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

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

Rose Mary, from Page 4

really think - about each minute of my life and savor it to the last drop, to the last crumb.

"To him whose elastic and vigorous thought keeps pace with the sun, the day is a perpetual morning. Morning is when I am awake and there is a dawn in me. To be awake is to be alive. We must learn to reawaken and keep ourselves awake ... by an infinite expectation of the dawn which does not forsake us in our profoundest sleep." - Thoreau

During the evening of my life, it would be so comfortable to slumber in the twilight shadowland of the past. No! I must resist dozing away whatever seasons remain to me even when it's painful to stay awake.

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FOLKWAYS

‘White Fire’: Carthage Literary Club Hears Report from Jim Neal

The Carthage Literary Club met Tuesday, March 13, at the Henry Henley Library with 12 members and two guests present. Those attending were Tom and Claire Mercer, Bob and Barbara Proctor,

Marlin and Mardell Wilson, Jim and Judy Neal, Kim Heim, Jennifer Noland, Patty Tribbey and Sue Bearhope along with guests Bob and Janet Cooper.

Jim Neal gave the program which was a summary of the book, *White Fire* by Preston and Childs, the most recent novel in a series of 13 books about Special Agent Pendergast, who solves mysteries in the Sherlock Holmes style.

Carthage Literary Club meets the second Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Carthage Library and all are welcome to attend.

Arts & Crafts Fair May 5 in Greenfield

The Riley Wrangler Square Dance Club from Cumberland will be sponsoring its 34th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, May 5. The event will be held at the Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds (620 N. Apple St.) in Greenfield 9 a.m.-5 p.m. There is free parking and free admission. The buildings are all handicap accessible. Door prizes will be given away approximately every half-hour.

There will be over 100 vendors (in three buildings and outside) selling art, craft items, food and home improvement items.

Vendors from around the state will be selling items such as hand-made jewelry, quilts, stained-glass, wood crafts, home decor, oil paintings, floral arrangements, leather crafts, antiques, dog accessories, baby clothes, and more.

Food vendors will be selling sandwiches and other food items. There will be live entertainment throughout the day. The Indiana Starfire Cloggers will perform from 10:30-11:30 a.m., as well as a free square dance from 2-4 p.m.

Trash, from Page 1

"I just think that this is a lot of money to spend when we have so many things to do," Huffman said.

"I think we need to recycle," council member Landon Dean said, "but I don't want to pay \$8,000 for a fence."

Council member Mitch Roland made a motion to get rid of HCSWD's recycling bins, and Vice President Kevin Knott seconded the motion. President Sarah Ward and Dean gave their support to the motion and it passed 4-0; the council's fifth member, Roger Hammer, was absent.

After the vote, Ward asked Anderson to contact HCSWMD and advise them of the council's vote and have them remove the bins by April 15. Knott suggested that town residents still interested in recycling contact their local trash pick-up service providers to see if they offer curbside recycling.

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C A Beard Memorial School Corp, Knightstown 3455

Indicator	Corporation Results				State
	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16	'16-'17	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	C	C	C	B	
Student Enrollment	1,283	1,208	1,182	1,160	1,133,380
College and Career Readiness Rate	57.58	73.81	84.00	N/A	
Percentage of Career and Technical Diplomas	5.1	11.9	24	16.2	5.82
Number of Certified Teachers	78	76	72	70	59,669
Teacher Salary Range - Minimum	\$30,218	\$34,535	\$33,750	\$33,750	\$24,000
Teacher Salary Range - Maximum	\$58,723	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$90,000
Number of Students in Special Education	231	234	233	241	162,714
Percent of Students in Special Education	18.0	19.4	19.7	20.8	15.0
Number of Students in Gifted and Talented Education	200	191	177	140	149,810
Percent of Students in Gifted and Talented Education	15.6	15.8	15.0	12.1	14.3
Number of Students Receiving Free or Reduced Lunches	594	567	539	535	526,191
Percent of Students Receiving Free or Reduced Price Lunches	46.3	46.9	45.6	46.1	48.2
Number of Limited English Proficiency Students	3	3	2	0	53,614
Percent of Limited English Proficiency Students	0.2	0.3	0.2	0	4.8
Number of Students in Career and Technical Program	265	250	213	277	349,275
Percentage of Students in Career and Technical Program	20.65	20.69	18.02	23.87	37.7
Intra District Mobility	0.3	0	0	0	0
Inter District Mobility	8.3	9.1	9.8	9	0
Graduation Rate	96.1	94.4	96.2	94.9	88.8

Corporation Goals for Expenditure Categories in Indiana Code 20-42.5-3-5

Knightstown Elementary School, Knightstown 2887

Indicator	School Results				State
	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16	'16-'17	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	A	A	B	B	
Student Enrollment	316	375	356	348	1,133,380
Number of Certified Teachers	21	23	21	21	59,669
Percentage of Students Passing IREAD	88.9	92.9	92.4	91.5	89.3
* Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	88.4	71.8	65.0	67.0	60.0
* Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	82.6	74.1	71.2	73.8	68.9
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	86.6	0	0	0	62.3
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	81.3	0	0	0	68.1
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Science Standard	75.0	0	0	0	64.7
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	13.8	13.7	14.3	13	13.7
Attendance Rate	95.8	94.6	95.4	95.1	95.8
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	5	1	6	7	76,150
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	23	35	28	18	80423
Number of Students Suspended	7	11	8	9	88,260
Number of Students Expelled	0	1	1	0	2,797
Number of Students Expelled or Suspended involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	0	0	0	0	5,871
Number of Out of School Suspensions	5	6	10	2	104,576
Number of In School Suspensions	4	11	8	8	87,224

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For a detailed explanation of CAB's 2017 Annual Performance Report results, see Page 12.

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state statute that allows her to break tie votes by the council, Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman sided with Ward and Roland in opposition to Knott's motion, which failed by a 2-3 vote.

Knott then introduced, and Dean

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Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board is now taking bids for grounds mowing and upkeep, including space south of Montgomery Creek. Bids will be due by May 23, 2018, at 3:30 p.m., and will be opened at a special meeting on May 26, 2018. Bids can be mailed to Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board, 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148.

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again seconded, another motion - to keep the status quo with the splash pad water going to the sewer plant, but with the water and sewer portions of the utility bill separated and the park board only paying for the water. Before the council voted, Morelock again explained that this would require the town amending its sewer ordinance in order to be able to do that.

Randy Anderson, the town's water utility operator and one of two co-works managers, asked what impact changing the ordinance might have on other customers who also want to avoid paying a sewer bill for water that doesn't go to the sewer plant.

"It probably will open a can of worms," Morelock said, "but it's (the council's) decision."

Ward said she thought this motion was worse than Knott's previous one because it would allow the park board

to send water to the sewer plant, but it would not require them to pay for that service. At that point in the meeting, Peacock made his offer to cover the splash pad's sewer bill for this year.

"They'll have the money to pay for the sewer if you don't get your

Knightstown Intermediate School, Knightstown 2870

Indicator	School Results				State
	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16	'16-'17	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	D	D	C	C	
Student Enrollment	408	458	440	431	1,133,380
Number of Certified Teachers	27	33	32	27	59,669
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	0	53.1	59.3	60.5	62.3
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	0	67.5	67.4	66.6	68.1
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Science Standard	0	78.8	69.7	59.2	64.7
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	71.4	59.8	48.8	67.4	65.5
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	73.6	59.3	55.8	58.5	63.3
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Social Science Standard	61.5	0	65.1	63.4	63.7
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	77.1	48.4	45.0	53.4	59.7
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	75.0	54.7	54.2	63.5	66.3
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Science Standard	70.6	67.7	68.6	67.4	65.0
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	68.8	39.4	40.0	42.6	52.2
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	69.7	51.5	68.2	70.3	67.5
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Social Science Standard	76.1	0	72.9	73.1	67.2
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	84.0	26.2	30.1	34.1	53.3
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	79.7	47.5	49.4	65.8	61.8
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Science Standard	0	0	0	100.0	
Percent of 8th Graders in Algebra I	21.6	12.7	18.8	29.7	39.1
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	14	12.7	14.1	14.8	13.7
Attendance Rate	95.7	95.5	96.2	95.8	95.8
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	11	20	16	14	76,150
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	38	44	31	30	80423
Number of Students Suspended	19	26	43	34	88,260
Number of Students Expelled	3	0	0	2	2,797
Number of Students Expelled or Suspended involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	2	2	1	4	5,871
Number of Out of School Suspensions	15	30	56	34	104,576
Number of In School Suspensions	5	2	1	0	87,224
Number of Bullying Incidents	0	0	0	1	

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Knightstown High School, Knightstown 2869

Indicator	School Results				State
	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16	'16-'17	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	A	A	B	B	
Student Enrollment	389	375	386	381	1,133,380
Non-Waiver Grad Rate	91.26	86.52	91.35	91.03	81.89
College and Career Readiness Rate	57.58	73.81	84.00	N/A	
Number of Certified Teachers	27	26	25	26	59,669
Number of Students in Career and Technical Program	265	250	213	277	349,275
Percentage of Students in Career and Technical Program	68.12	66.66	55.18	72.7	37.7
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	0	N/A	28.0	24.2	34.6
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	0	N/A	50.0	46.0	58.9
* Grade 10 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Science Standard	0	N/A	38.7	48.9	58.8
Percent of Graduates Who Have Passed Both ECA Standards	94.9	86.52	95.0	95.9	92.5
Percent of Graduates Granted Waivers for the ECA	5.1	8.3	5.0	4.1	7.5
Number of International Baccalaureate Diplomas	0	0	0	0	230
Number of graduates receiving Core 40 Diploma	92	76	99	72	61891
Percent Core 40 with Honors Diploma	28.3	39.3	44.0	40.5	37.9
Percent Core 40 Diploma	92.9	90.5	99.0	97.3	87.8
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	13.4	11.7	14.2	14.1	13.7
Graduation Rate	96.1	94.4	96.2	94.9	88.8
Attendance Rate	95.4	95.4	95.2	95.3	95.8
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	2	6	1	3	76,150
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	40	46	45	42	80423
Number of Students Retained in the 9th Grade	1	0	0	0	
Number of Students Who Have Dropped Out	2	3	2	3	3,173
Number of Students Suspended	20	28	41	41	88,260
Number of Students Expelled	3	2	3	3	2,797
Number of Students Expelled or Suspended involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	1	2	1	2	5,871
Number of Out of School Suspensions	19	41	57	40	104,576
Number of In School Suspensions	1	4	3	2	87,224
Number of Bullying Incidents	0	0	0	1	

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ordinance changed," Peacock told the council. "I'll make sure of that."

In exchange for his agreement to pay the splash pad's sewer bill for 2018, Peacock said all he wanted was for the council to consider amending its sewer control ordinance. The change he wants is for the customers who install a separate meter to measure usage of

water that doesn't go to the sewer plant to be able to avoid paying a sewer bill for that water.

"As long as you will consider - I didn't say change, I said consider - changing the ordinance, then I will guarantee their sewer bill for the year," Peacock said. "If, by some

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LOCAL SPORTS

Mann Returns to Coach Lady Panther Softball Team



Kaitlyn Jackson, right, and Jess Butler share a laugh on the field last season during their game against Rushville. The two juniors will be key players on this year's team. (Stacy Cox photo)

Knights town varsity softball team will be in a rebuilding mode this season after losing several big players to graduation last year.

Head coach Bret Mann returns for his sixth season for the Lady Panthers. Mann has turned the program into a success during his tenure with the KHS girls finishing 15-9 and runner-up at sectional last year in a heartbreaking loss to Northeastern.

The loss of some of the Lady Panthers strongest players in the team's history, including Vivian Goodpaster, Sammi Eaks, Georgee Lawhorn, Carmen Cleek, Robyn Clark and Kiley Breece will be tough to get past.

But, at least two of Mann's players this year will be key factors with their experience last season.

Juniors Jess Butler and Kaitlyn Jackson played in nearly all games last season, providing solid stats for the Lady Panthers.

Butler was second behind Goodpaster in hitting last season, batting a .559 with 38 total hits including eight doubles, two triples and three home runs. She added 33 RBIs, second behind slugger Eaks. Butler will serve as the team's main catcher and was a tough first baseman last year.

Jackson handled the second base position in the infield last year but with the Cleek and Lawhorne gone, she may also be needed in other infield positions.

Five seniors are on this year's team.

Senior Courtney Cleek will be needed to lead the team from the mound after serving as pitcher behind Lawhorne last year.

Dharma Holder will cover first base and Makenna Leisure, Andi Skinner and Allyson Hauk also providing experience as seniors.

Besides Butler and Jackson, the team will have four other juniors including Becca Haney, Emily Adams, Sidney Vise and Lexy Goodpaster.

Alyssa Northern and Trinidie Newby are the two sophomores on the team. Newby played in 20 games last season, coming up with some big plays in the outfield.

Three freshmen round out the roster including Mattie Manning, Emilie Moss and Cara Mullen.

Mann will again be joined by assistant coaches Adrian Darling and Jason Kopp on the varsity team.

Shannon Wallen will serve as junior varsity coach with Melissa Mann and 2017 graduate Robyn Clark.

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2017 School Corporation Annual Performance Report (APR) General Explanations

The APR is a report on the performance of schools and school corporations (districts) in your area. The goal is to provide information regarding the progress schools are making to help students become college-and-career ready. Where possible, this report contains three years of data to show trends – not just this year's results. In addition, the State Average is also shown for comparison purposes. There are additional indicators that are available on the Indiana Department of Education's Web site (compass.doe.in.gov), including data broken out by different student subgroups, such as race, gender, income level and special education.

The data in this report have been supplied by the Indiana Department of Education and local school corporations. The report provides the most recent data available.

Indiana educators and citizens have developed higher academic standards for all students. These standards are necessary to prepare Indiana students to be successful in life, whether they go directly to higher education or to the workplace. The scores for ISTEP+ are listed under each school to reflect student progress toward those standards. **Note: In 2014-15 Indiana transitioned to a new, more rigorous college-and-career ready standards and a new statewide assessment to measure these standards. Therefore ISTEP results are not comparable to previous data.** For high schools, you also will see graduation rates and the percentage of graduates who plan to go on to college.

Other important data are provided, such as average attendance rates and indicators of school safety, including expulsions and suspensions. Also included is information about your school corporation, such as how much is spent, on average, for each student; how much teachers are paid; and the percentage of corporation students who are in special education classes or gifted and talented classes.

Definitions (in the order found on the report)

Corporation Level & General School Data

A-F Accountability Grade -- Grade calculated by the IDOE per 511 IAC 6.2-6 and officially assigned by the State Board of Education. For 2014-15, Schools and Corporations were assigned the better of their 2013-14 grade or the 2014-15 calculated grade. For 2015-16, Schools and Corporations were assigned grades using the New Student Centered Accountability Model.

Student Enrollment -- Number of students enrolled on October 1 of the school year. Note: Counts for Membership purposes are taken on a different day and may differ.

Non-Waiver Grad Rate -- For 2015-16, the percentage of students who entered Grade 9 in Fall 2012 and graduated in four years or less without a waiver.

College and Career Readiness Rate -- The percentage of 2015 four year graduates who passed an Advanced Placement test, passed an International Baccalaureate test, received 3 hours of Dual Credit, or received an Industry Certification. Note: This data are not available for the 2016 cohort at time of publication.

Career and Technical Diplomas -- Core 40 with Technical Honors Diplomas.

Certified Teachers -- Teachers certified to teach as reported by School Corporation (includes guidance counselors and other non-Administrator staff).

Teacher Salary Range -- Salary range is calculated by reviewing the salaries for teachers as provided by the School Corporation. Teachers must be reported at 100% for 180-195 days.

Students in Special Education -- Students (including non-public Students) who are receiving special education services.

Students in Gifted and Talented Education -- Percentage of students enrolled in gifted and talented education programs as defined locally.

Percent of Instruction Delivered Through Vocational Education -- Percentage of total instructional hours delivered through vocational education classes.

Students Receiving Free or Reduced Price Lunches -- Students who receive free or reduced price lunches due to family income level.

Limited English Proficiency Students -- Students whose inability to communicate English prevents them from participating fully in a standard educational program.

Alternative Education -- Students enrolled and receiving instruction for at least 10 days in an approved alternative education program.

Intra District Mobility -- Percentage of students who moved from one school to another in the same school corporation.

Inter District Mobility -- Percentage of student who moved from one school to another in a different school corporation.

Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio -- Number of Students per Certified Employees as reported by the School Corporation.

Attendance Rate -- Average attendance rate for students.

High School Data

Career and Technical Programs -- Programs administered through the Department of Workforce Development that often result in an Industry Certification.

International Baccalaureate -- Program of Study offered by some authorized schools that may result in a student receiving a specialized diploma called an International Baccalaureate Diploma. More information can be found at www.ibo.org. Core 40 -- Basic High school graduation requirements.

More information on the graduation requirements and types of diplomas can be found at <http://www.doe.in.gov/student-services/student-assistance/academic-guidance>.

Core 40 with Honors diploma -- Either Core 40 with Academic Honors or Core 40 with Technical Honors.

Graduation Rate -- For 2015-16, the percentage of students who entered Grade 9 in Fall 2013 and graduated in four years or less.

Elementary/Middle School Data

ISTEP+ -- Grade specific exam given to all students. All students in Grades 3-8 are tested annually in Math and English/Language Arts. Students in grades 4 and 6 are also tested in Science. Students in grades 5 and 7 are also tested in Social Studies. **In 2014-15 Indiana transitioned to a new, more rigorous college-and-career ready standards and a new statewide assessment to measure these standards. Therefore ISTEP results are not comparable to previous data.**

IREAD -- Exam given to all students in grade 3 to test reading proficiency. Students must pass the exam to advance to grade 4.

Contact: If you have any questions about this information, you should contact your local school corporation or contact the Department of Education at 317-232-6610 or by e-mail at schoolaccountability@doe.in.gov.

Tri Track Lanes Named for Longtime Coaches

Last fall, the finishing touches were put on a new track around Tri High's football field. This spring, whenever weather permits, Tri will host its first track meet since 1993.

In an October 2017 South Henry School Board meeting, a request to honor four longtime Tri High track coaches by naming four lanes after them on the new track was unanimously approved by the board.

Lane one was named after Charlie Byrket, who served as a Tri athletic director and longtime girls track coach.

Lane two was named after Terry Irwin, who coach boys track and cross country for many years.

Lane three was named after teacher and junior high girls track coach Jane Brown. She won the girls county track meet several times and is currently the three-time reigning champion.

Lane four was named for Russell Jones, who has coached the junior high and high school track teams for 25 years and has served as an assistant athletic director for a number of years.

Tri athletic director Bryan Peggs said, "I think you will be hard-pressed to find a nicer track surface in the area. It is something our community is very proud of."

Peggs was especially proud to honor Byrket, Irwin, Brown and Jones.

"These four individuals have given so much time and commitment to the students and community of South Henry. They deserve this honor," said Peggs.

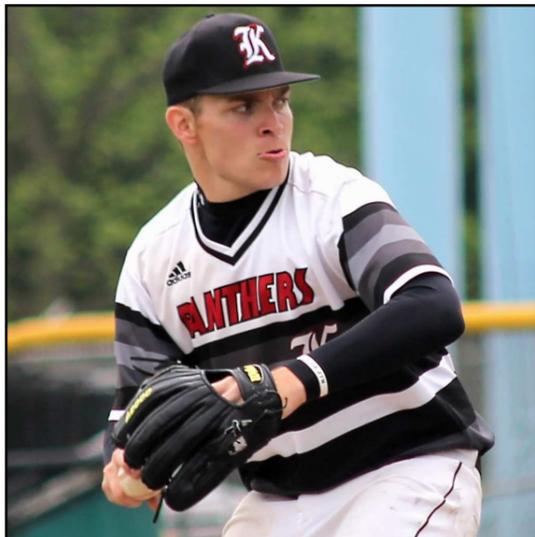
The names were painted down the main stretch in front of the bleachers at the 50-yard line.



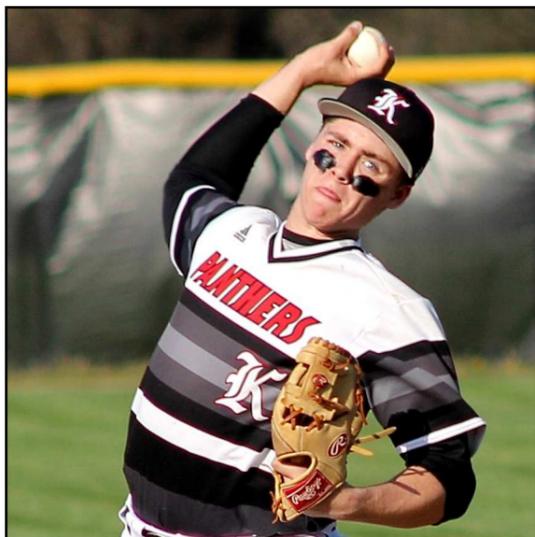
Russell Jones, Terry Irwin, Charlie Byrket and Jane Brown stand in the lanes of Tri's new track that were named after them for their years of dedication to the school's track teams. (Photo provided)

LOCAL SPORTS

KHS Varsity Baseball Team Roster Boasts 11 Seniors



These four seniors - above, Tyler Burton and Kaunner Cleek, and below, Levi Back and Owen Wiles - will bring a lot of experience and leadership to this year's Knightstown varsity baseball team. Besides their strong fielding in other infield positions, they are the main pitchers for the Panthers and lead at the plate and in the dugout for the younger players. (Stacy Cox photos)



Knightstown varsity baseball launches its 2018 season this month, playing on the school's new modern field that was recently added to the athletic complex behind the high school.

Daren Hardesty, in his fifth year as head coach, will lead a Panther team that includes 11 seniors, two juniors, five sophomores and two freshmen.

Tyler Burton returns for his fourth season as a starter for the varsity team. Burton, who had a .565 batting average last season, led the 2017 Panther team at the plate in both the number of hits and in doubles. He had 39 hits last season including 13 doubles and two home runs with 21 RBIs.

Burton was also one of the team's main pitchers last season. He started seven games on the mound and pitched three complete games with a 4-2 record.

Senior Kaunner Cleek will also be counted on by the Panthers this year on the mound. Cleek started seven games as pitcher last season and threw one shutout, posting a 3-2 record.

Two other seniors, Owen Wiles and Levi Back, played in all 21 games last season. Both Wiles and Back can pitch for the Panthers, but are mainly key parts of the team's infield. Wiles took over some time behind the plate last season from three-year catcher Isaac McRoberts who graduated in 2017. Wiles will resume his catching duties this season. Wiles along with Back, Burton and Cleek handle the infield defense.

Other seniors on this year's team includes Connor Brockman, Kaleb Buchanan (who served only as a designated runner last season due to a shoulder injury), Mason Carmichael, Dakota Locker, Kyle Mattix, Bruce Nichols and Jarred Porter.

Juniors Jose Olivo and Brendan Anderson made the roster.

Olivo has been a central part of the team since he got some starts as a freshman. Last year, he was hit by an errant throw midway through the season while in the dugout. He suffered a broken jaw as a result and missed eight games.

Five sophomores - Ben Brown, Dylan Chandler, Matthew Craft, Jack Fort and Caleb Pyle - will work to find some time on the field this season as they learn from the seniors. Fort played in 18 games last season as the team's first baseman.

Brock Corbett and Ben Newby are the newest members of the team.

After winning three straight sectional championships, the Panthers came up short in the tourney last year when they were eliminated in the first sectional game by a tough Northeastern team. Knightstown was 12-9 last season.

Coach Hardesty, who missed the team's first official day of practice due to the birth of his second child, will be hoping to reclaim that sectional title this year. He will be joined by assistant coaches Nolan Hall and Clark Pence as well as junior varsity coach Joe Patton.

Local Girls Come Together for First Local 10u Travel Team



On April 7, these 14 girls will kick off the season for the first-ever local girls 10u travel softball team. The Knightstown Fever softball team was conceived last year by head coach Sharon Miller and assistant coaches Tyler Ballard and Kyle Buckley, bringing together girls from the local area. The team includes athletes from Knightstown, Tri High and Rushville. As they prepare for their debut season, the coaches wanted to express their thanks for the support and encouragement they have received. The team includes (front row, l-r) Riley Raglin, Aubrey Raglin, Jaycie Cole, Dylann Fausnaugh, Macey Ballard, Macy Blevins, Rylan Mathews, and (back row, l-r) Lane Swindell, assistant coach Kyle Buckley, Megan Richardson, Chan Evans, Myah Gardner, head coach Sharon Miller, Emma Robinson, Anza Milner, Havyn Wisehart and assistant coach Tyler Ballard. (Photo provided)

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chance, you decide as a board that you're not going to change the ordinance, for whatever reasons that may be, I'll respect that decision."

In light of Peacock's offer, the council was prepared to pass on Knott's second motion. Morelock asked Ward whether Robert's Rules of Order required a vote on Knott's motion, since it had been seconded, or whether Knott could simply withdraw it. She said she thought a vote needed to be held, so the council then voted 3-1 to defeat Knott's motion.

Morelock told the council he will prepare an amendment to the sewer control ordinance that would allow, under certain circumstances, utility customers to install a separate water meter for water that doesn't go to the sewer plant, and avoid paying a sewer bill for that water. He plans to have that ready for the council's April monthly meeting.

Monday night, at their monthly meeting, park board members voted to accept Peacock's offer to pay the splash pad's sewer bill this year.

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Letter to the Editor: Henry County Park Board Issues Update on Current Status of Memorial Park Projects

The Memorial Park Project is moving forward, an attempt to enhance the nearly one-hundred-year-old park, dearly loved throughout Henry County. As the Henry County Park Board, we wanted to update the public on the progress to date.

In June 2016, we learned Memorial Park had been awarded \$500,000 in Food and Beverage Tax funds to do repairs and rebuilds around the park; bond monies also existed to address these long-overdue issues.

SteelCore Construction Co. out of Indianapolis was hired to assist us. Our primary plan was to focus on several major issues involving the W.G. Smith Building. These issues included fixing electrical and water issues, installing a new roof, new doors, new windows and a new ceiling. We also worked with the Henry County Extension Office and 4-H program and devised a plan to tear down the dilapidated 4-H barns and rebuild them.

In early January 2017, soil bores, going 20 feet down, showed that the current location of the 4-H barns would not sustain new construction; a new site for the 4-H construction would have to be determined. A new plan for those buildings would need to be discussed. The Henry County Commissioners and park board members asked

HOPE Initiative's Cathy Hamilton and Jerry Cash to facilitate community forums to assess our new direction.

HOPE Initiative conducted no less than 15 public meetings between February and June 2017, around the county at various times, days and locations, asking two questions: What do you love about the park? What would make it even better? By the second meeting, eight committees were formed to do deeper research on the work. The committees include Effective Governance, 4-H, Saddle Club, Amenities, ADA Recreation, Year-Round Activities, Non-Negotiables (trees, trails, lakes, ponds and monuments), and Friends of Memorial Park. Along with attending the public meetings, Cathy and/or Jerry also attended these subcommittee meetings, park board meetings, several commissioner work sessions and/or regular meetings, as well as some county council meetings. Every commissioner, park board member and some county council members attended at least one of these meetings with some attending several. In all, 137 different Henry County residents came to these meetings at some point, not counting the HOPE Initiative board.

On June 19, HOPE made four recommendations to the county council, the county commissioners, and to the Henry County Memorial Park Board, in joint session, in front of more than 250 people at the W.G. Smith Building. County Attorney Joel Harvey and Auditor Pat French attended, assuring that protocols were followed. Discussion and questions from the officials and the audience were encouraged. As the evening drew to a close, the 15 people of the council, commissioners and park board unanimously accepted all HOPE Initiative recommendations. Below are those recommendations and updates on each.

1) Allow the 4-H Association to move forward on building a 65,000-square foot building, leasing acreage on the south side of the park, using the bond money already available as start-up funding, and after the group raises another \$100,000. (Since June, commissioners identified the exact five-acre area where the building and its parking lot will be located, in the Philips Shelter area.) The 4-H Association is a long-term tenant of the park, the lease they have worked under was first created in the 1950s; they will continue to be tenants, now in a different park location and in a new building. The association has created an "Expo Board," a group of nine people charged with caretaking the construction of

the Henry County Expo Center, home to 4-H projects and so much more. The facility will serve weddings, proms, conferences, education forums, and will play a special role in the lives of county youth, in general.

2) Enhance the W.G. Smith Building, fortifying the upstairs auditorium and creating a veterans' museum in the lower level and placing a flag plaza at the museum's entry that will face the pond. (As of this writing, the board has secured a project manager for these projects who is working on getting bids for the critical work that needs done.) The overhang, on the west side of the W.G. Smith Building, has rotted extensively and will be taken down soon. Water currently seeps into the basement and will be addressed before a museum is established. New doors, windows, and an upstairs ceiling are being planned as well. A consultant regarding museum matters has met with park board representatives and the park superintendent, as well as members of both the HOPE Initiative board and the Friends of Memorial



Park Board, outlining ways to create a museum that truly honors the veterans of Henry County. The intent is to have a "soft" opening of the museum in July, with a formal opening in November. The museum will include a Friends of Memorial Park gift shop and a viewing space for short films. Park board representatives have also met with a local restaurateur whose expertise is helping define the new kitchen which will be located upstairs, in the general area, where former 4-H offices were housed. W.G. Smith Building restrooms will become compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), respecting the needs of our visitors who are in need of special accommodations.

3) Study other possible governance strategies that might better ensure more financial security for the park than is currently available. (While the committee has not yet met, the commissioners have begun the formation of a committee to look into possibilities that would retain county ownership while protecting the park fiscally).

4) Maintain four* of the eight committees that functioned during the HOPE Initiative study. The four committees not addressed below were addressed before or on June 19, 2017: The governance committee was moved to the commissioners and park board for further work; the Friends of Memorial Park became a non-profit before the June meeting and no longer have "committee status" since they are now an autonomous organization whose bylaws have them serving the needs of the park by virtue of their existence; the Henry County Saddle Club has its own lease with the commissioners and does not come directly under the supervision of the park board; and the 4-H construction committee became a project unto itself.

The committees still in play do not function outside the park board. The following committees/volunteers must work through the park board and park superintendent in their efforts. As the committees do the job of monitoring and assisting, they bring suggestions to the park board that will ultimately determine the fate of the suggestions. The remaining committees are as follows, with updates in parentheses:

a. The marketing committee communicates what is happening at the park, both via technology and via the paper route. Also, signage around the park is to be enhanced. (Work has begun on a more visible, year-round calendar and website. New signage

will be installed around the park, especially at trails, this spring.)

b. The amenities and ADA* committees address those park pieces that make people feel welcome and safe in the park. These committees monitor handicap accessible restrooms and recreational equipment; they also check on status of cabins and shelters. (To conserve the energy of volunteers, these two committees merged. This spring and summer will see some real action as a result of this committee. With the professional help of at least three county contractors and several volunteers, cabins and shelters will be fortified. ADA restrooms will be created. HOPE Initiative and Healthy Communities of Henry County will assist with a park clean-up in late April, partnering with Duke and Milestone. Painting inside the W.G. Smith Building will also take place. The committee is also looking into the cost and liability of returning paddle boats or canoes to the park. The Friends of Memorial Park is seeking grants to put inclusive ADA playground

equipment in the park.)

c. The "non-negotiables" committee keeps an eye on those entities that give our Memorial Park its identity:

1) Trees and trails (Dead ash trees are currently being removed because of the emerald ash borer. Trails will be cleaned and marked this spring.)

2) Ponds and lakes (Costs are being researched for dredging the ponds as a way of fighting the algae that plagues the park's water attractions.)

3) Monuments (The big canon has been under repair for some time, but is expected back at its site in the next few months, waiting now on a final paint job. The WWI Doughboy statue is in Detroit, getting a new finish and repairs on the backpack, the hand, and the foot. In 1929, the Doughboy was placed in the most visible site in the park at that time, across from an interurban rail stop. The WWI War Mothers led the fundraising effort to purchase E.M. Viquesney's Doughboy, a beautiful piece of sculpture that depicts a soldier of WWI, holding a grenade in one hand and a gun in the other. Those war mothers wanted their sons never to be forgotten. How things change in 89 years! The interurban rail is gone, abandoned around 1940. State Road 3, in 1929, was nearly level with the man-made hill that was created for the statue so it could be seen at the rail stop. In the early 1970s, SR 3 was dropped in depth and widened, making the Doughboy site no longer the most visible site in the park.

The initial suggestion of moving the Doughboy came at the first Hope Initiative meeting with the community, where three people suggested that it be relocated during a brainstorming session.

The monuments subcommittee, doing the task of checking the status of the park monuments, was chagrined to learn the Doughboy was in trouble. The metal finish has thinned to the point that an early expert suggested it may have to be moved inside to protect it from the elements. The committee continued to look for other solutions to the metal problem. They found their answer in Detroit, Mich. A company there had restored similar metal in Indianapolis' Monument Circle and agreed to do the same for the Doughboy. The company also agreed to repair the statue where vandals had damaged it, attempting to rip off the backpack. The gun and bayonet were stolen years ago; while the gun was returned, the bayonet

remains lost. We unanimously gave our permission to the monuments committee to arrange for repairs to be made to the Doughboy, contributing \$8,000 to the nearly \$20,000 cost.

With the ending of the rail and the addition of a state highway, the statue has also become less accessible to the citizenry. It is a hike to get to the statue now. New ADA regulations for ramp building make this an untenable option, both in terms of cost and especially feasibility.

With these realities, the monuments committee suggested to the park board in August 2017 that we not place the statue back on the hill when it returns in July. Instead, the committee suggested that it be placed in the current most visible site: the center of the flag plaza that will be constructed in front of the new veterans museum. Not only will the statue be more visible, it will be more accessible. On its new pedestal, it can be viewed by far more people than now know of its existence. And it can be viewed by people

whose mobility makes climbing a hill difficult, if not impossible. While we have empathy for some citizens who are struggling with the Doughboy being moved, we make our decision to make that move so that we respect sacrificial soldiers as

well as those who brought the statue to us in the first place: War Mothers who wanted the Doughboy to be front and center, for all to see and honor.

We made our initial decision in August after researching and consulting with engineers, attorneys, the Indiana State Highway Department and the U.S. Access Board.

Then, learning from some citizens that they believed we had not given time for public input, we devoted both the November and December meetings to hear any opposition to the move. Some people did share their reasons for not moving the statue: "It's always been there." "It is on sacred ground." "My ancestors helped raise money to buy the statue." "I like waving at it when I drive by on SR 3." Respecting their feelings, we, nonetheless, unanimously believe the statue will be more honored by our making it more accessible to the citizenry, both those in our county and those coming to visit our Memorial Park, which is a registered war memorial park.

The Doughboy project will be further honored on Nov. 11, at 2 p.m., a Sunday, when we invite the county to come out to celebrate the ending of World War I and to celebrate the beginning of peace after an awful war.

This monuments committee has raised nearly \$30,000 of the \$51,000, which is the cost of the Doughboy and flag plaza projects combined. A current fundraiser for the project is the sale of plaza bricks honoring veterans from any era.

In the mid-1940s, the state department considered naming the Henry County Memorial Park a "state park" because of the huge number of visitors. We truly believe that the steps in this process can revitalize our park, making it again a destination site. This park is the one piece of property that belongs to us all in Henry County. Let's love on it together, in action.

We do encourage anyone that cares about the park to join the Friends of Memorial Park. All the money raised by this group goes to the betterment of Memorial Park.

We remain honored to serve Henry County Memorial Park. To reach us, email ldavis@henryco.net; our superintendent will forward concerns/suggestions/questions to us and/or to our approved committees.

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