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**Knightstown, IN**

## 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.

## Mural Dedication Event April 28

The Hoosier Gym will be the site of a dedication celebration for the *Hoosiers* mural on Main Street. The event will take place Saturday, April 28, 7-9 p.m. Milan superstar Bobby Plump will be on hand, as well as *Hoosiers* screenwriter and producer Angelo Pizzo and muralist Pamela Bliss. Donations for the splash pad at Sunset Park will also be accepted.

## Annual Plant Sale May 4-5 in Greenfield

The Hancock County Master Gardener Association will host its annual plant sale on Friday, May 4, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, May 5, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. The event, which will take place at the Hancock County 4-H fairgrounds, will feature home-grown perennials and a large variety of herbs.

## Tri Kindergarten Round-up April 23-24

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.

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## Former Kennard Clerk Could Face More Charges

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

According to a state audit report issued last week, former Kennard Clerk-Treasurer Karen Stanley's misconduct during her three years in office may have gone beyond the more than \$80,000 she is alleged to have stolen through unlawful salary overpayments.

In a special investigation report released March 28, the Indiana State Board of Accounts alleges Stanley failed to pay personal utility bills she had recorded as having been paid and did not deposit all funds she received while clerk-treasurer. The ISBA says Stanley should be required to reimburse the town \$7,232.68 for these missteps.

According to the state's report, Stanley recorded 29 months of utility payments for her personal utility account between the start of 2013 and late October 2015, when she resigned, "that were not supported by actual payments." These unpaid bills, with penalties for the nonpayments figured in, total \$2,152.06, the ISBA calculated.

One Indianapolis television news program misreported late last week that the ISBA alleged that Stanley had "used taxpayer money to pay thousands of dollars in personal utility bills." That is not, in fact, what the ISBA claims; its position is simply that Stanley had recorded in the town's books that these personal utility bills had been paid, when, in fact, that they had not.

The ISBA also claims in its report that Stanley failed to deposit into the town's bank account \$5,080.62 in funds she had received as clerk-treasurer during that same time period. The agency says the town's receipt book shows that Stanley did not deposit received funds totaling \$1,193.50 in 2013, \$1,653 in 2014 and \$2,334.12 in 2015.

"Internal control weaknesses existed that contributed to Stanley's ability to make unsupported entries to the accounts receivable records and to fail to deposit all payments received," the ISBA says in its report. "Stanley, as the only employee in the accounting office, was responsible for billing wastewater customers, collecting payments from customers, preparing deposit slips, depositing payments, posting the fund ledger, reconciling bank accounts, and maintaining and reconciling accounts receivable records.

"Deposits were not made timely, in a manner consistent with state statute," the agency continues. "The Town Council did not routinely compare the monthly activity to any ledgers or bank statements or review any accounts receivable records."

In its response to the ISBA's report, town officials claim that town has instituted new internal controls aimed at preventing situations like this from arising. The town has also hired a deputy clerk to assist its new clerk-treasurer, providing "improved oversight, segregation of duties, and

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## Knightstown CVS Seeking Beer-Wine-Liquor Permit

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

A recent change in state law has made it possible for Hoosiers to buy carry-out beer, wine and liquor on Sundays, and a local merchant is hoping to be able to give its customers one more place to make those purchases.

The Banner has confirmed that the local CVS, 263 W. Morgan St., is seeking a permit from the state that will allow it to sell beer, wine and liquor. Currently, the store does not sell alcohol.

Online records for the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission reveal that CVS has an application pending for a beer, wine and liquor sales permit. While the precise date that the application was filed is not clearly identified, some of the listed information suggests it was submitted the second week of March.

According to Gema Medina, an assistant manager and processor for the IATC, CVS paid a \$1,000 filing fee for its alcohol permit application. A public hearing before the local IATC board has been set for Wednesday, May 2, at 10 a.m., in the old circuit courtroom on the second floor of the Henry County Courthouse, 101 S. Main St., New Castle.

At least 10 days prior to the

May 2 hearing in New Castle, the Knightstown CVS will be required to post an orange sign at the store advertising the hearing. A local excise officer will also need to do a final inspection of the CVS before the local hearing.

After the local hearing is held, if there is a favorable vote, the permit application will then be forwarded to the IATC for its next commission meeting in Indianapolis. That could be as soon as Wednesday, May 16.

If the IATC gives final approval to CVS's application, the permit to sell beer, wine and liquor could be issued in as little as three days after the hearing. According to the IATC's Medina, the whole process - from the filing of the application to the IATC's final approval - can take 90-120 days.

The Banner filed a public record request with the IATC last week seeking a copy of CVS's permit application. As of news deadline for this week's issue, the agency had not yet provided a copy of this record.

The Banner also reached out to CVS's corporate office, seeking comment on the store's decision to seek a permit allowing it to sell alcohol. An official reply from CVS had not been received.



## Kennard Officials Respond to State

In a written statement included in the special investigation report issued by the Indiana State Board of Accounts last week, a trio of officials from the town of Kennard responded to the latest allegations against the town's former clerk-treasurer.

"There is no justifiable excuse or reason for (Karen Stanley's) conduct, malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance," wrote Kennard Town Council President Jason Groce, current Clerk-Treasurer Jan Lockridge and

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# OBITUARIES

**Rhonda (Boo Boo) Sue Johnson**  
July 31, 1968 - March 28, 2018



Rhonda (Boo Boo) Sue Johnson, age 49, of Anderson and formally of Knightstown, passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at St. Vincent's in Anderson. Rhonda was born on July 31, 1968, in Rushville to Robert T. and Darlus Johnson.

Rhonda was a long time member of the Muncie Eagles. She really enjoyed playing bingo and cookie jam and also listening to karaoke. She loved spending time with family and close friends.

Rhonda is survived by her mom, Darlus Johnson of Middletown; her two sisters, Darla Johnson of Middletown and Debora (Daniel) Rudd of Denver Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert M. Johnson; her father, Robert T. Johnson; and her grandparents, Lola and Eddie Roy and Bertha and Ruel Johnson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of services Saturday at the funeral home. You may express condolences or share a memory of Rhonda at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

**Charles "Chuck" Hutson**  
May 7, 1960 - March 29, 2018



Charles "Chuck" Hutson, 57, of Knightstown passed away following a brief battle with cancer on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at his residence. He was born May 7, 1960, in Memphis, Tenn., to Gilbert and Patricia (Stoots) Hutson.

Growing up in a military family, Chuck loved his country. Chuck was an avid deer hunter and loved the outdoors. He also enjoyed collecting guns and coins. Chuck worked at the CVS pharmacy warehouse in Indianapolis for many years. He loved being with his family, spending time with his grandchildren and loved his dog, Rudy.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia Hutson of Knightstown; his wife of 17 years, Shirley Hutson of Knightstown; a son, Eddie (Nikki) Worrell of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Novalee Worrell of Elwood and Debbie Worrell of Knightstown; three grandchildren, Jaxon, Cooper and Kenisha; a brother, Richard R. (Debbie) Hutson of Greenfield; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, he is preceded in death by a brother, Donald Hutson.

Per Chuck's request, there will be no public services. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. You may express condolences or share a memory of Chuck at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

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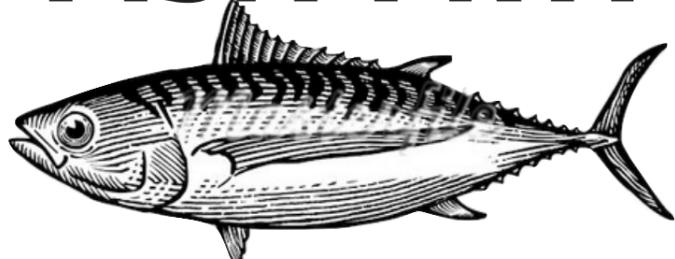
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Deputy Clerk Susan Shelton. "In short, the Town would agree that Ms. Stanley violated the terms of her oath, committed criminal acts, and violated the trust placed in her by her community.

"It would be the position of the town that repayment of any funds improperly taken, or the failure by her to pay any obligated fees or assessments, should be aggressively pursued by all parties," the trio continued. "Whether it is a civil action, criminal restitution, or bond proceeds, the taxpayers and utility rate payers of the town of Kennard should be made whole.

"The town will cooperate (with) and assist ... the Indiana State Board of Accounts, the Indiana Attorney General's Office, local and federal prosecuting authorities, and local and federal law enforcement agencies in order to accomplish this reimbursement. To date the town has provided information to those agencies and will continue to assist those agencies in their investigation, prosecution and collection efforts."

## Clear Thinking

"Every human being on this earth is born with a tragedy, and it isn't original sin. He's born with the tragedy that he has to grow up. That he has to leave the nest, the security, and go out to do battle. He has to lose everything that is lovely and fight for a new loveliness of his own making, and it's a tragedy. A lot of people don't have the courage to do it."

**Helen Hayes**

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# CAB Schools Considering Bank Change

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

With MainSource's Knights-town branch scheduled to close next month, the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp., one of the bank's local customers, is considering its options.

Superintendent Jed Behny advised CAB School Board members of the planned closure of the local MainSource branch at the board's March 20 monthly meeting. He said this recent development, which MainSource had announced to bank customers in late February, presented the school district with "quite a list of concerns."

Behny told the board that he didn't think it was realistic to expect CAB to have all of its banking business switched over to another institution by the time that MainSource closes its Knightstown branch. He said that over the next month or

two, he and Stephanie Madison, the district's business manager-treasurer, will look into CAB's options and eventually bring a recommendation back to the board.

While MainSource is opting to close its Knightsown branch, it will still have a branch open in New Castle. Should CAB not have another bank in place by the time the Knightstown branch closes, it would need to have a CAB employee drive to New Castle daily to deposit funds the school district has received.

As previously reported in The Banner, MainSource is merging with, and into, First Financial Bank. In a letter to bank customers dated Feb. 23, MainSource announced plans to close the Knightstown branch as of the end of the business day on Friday, May 25.

The Knightstown branch will be consolidated with the New Castle branch located at 600 S. Memorial Dr. All MainSource branches will reopen on Monday, May 28, as First Financial banking centers, which offer customers a network of 150 branch locations and thousands of ATMs.

In other business at its March 20 monthly meeting, the CAB School Board:

\*approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$1,141,859.51, with \$495,268.89 of that being for prewritten claims, \$186,319.81 for current claims and \$460,270.81 for payroll;

\*heard an update from Knightstown High School ag teacher and FFA sponsor Bridgette Wanhainen on those programs;

\*received updates from principals of KHS, Knightstown Intermediate School and Knightstown Elementary School on testing assessments used at each school throughout the year in preparation for the state's annual ISTEP+ exam;

\*approved an overnight field trip March 29-31 at Purdue University for the KHS robotics team;

\*voted to allow Union Schools to withdraw from a special education cooperative to which CAB and several other school districts belong; and

\*accepted a notice of retirement from KIS special education teacher Elizabeth Moll (effective May 30),

and received resignations from KIS instructional aide Stacey Colip (effective Feb. 28), KHS part-time custodian Mark Betram (effective March 20) and KHS line cook Kaylan James (effective March 20).

More information about the March 20 meeting of the CAB

School Board can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at CAB's central office, 8139 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, during normal business hours.

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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## Working Toward First Crayfish Boil

I've been contemplating a crayfish boil. This is normally a southern thing, but I want to try it in a union state. I say Union state because of the number of Confederate flags I see flying around here. I figure some people don't know a lot about history, so here it is: Indiana was a Union state.

Anyway, as I was saying, a crayfish boil sounds pretty good. I watched some YouTube videos about it, and I think I can do it.

According to Indiana law, all I need is a valid fishing license, and I can harvest as many "crawdads" as I can handle. The law also says my crawfish traps have to be labeled with my name, address, etc.

I hope to do this at least once this summer. Hopefully, the land owners I know will let me fish on their property again, a privilege I've always enjoyed and never abused.

Now, some of these crayfish will surely end up in my belly. But, some of them may be used for smallmouth bass fishing. Smallmouth love crayfish, which are one of their naturally-occurring food sources. There are plenty of artificial lures that mimic the crayfish. However, I don't think there's really any substitute for the real thing.

Some people think crayfish are creepy, ugly creatures that only want to pinch you with their claws. Of course, they will pinch, if one is careless. But, like many water-borne animals, they retreat quickly and hide, not wanting to interact with humans at all.

The videos I watched on YouTube were very interesting, particularly the ones that show the cooking

preparation phases. Apparently, a heavy salt water bath removes a lot of the dirt and gunk. Another interesting tidbit I discovered is that crayfish will die if stored in water for too long.

I look forward to trying this experiment, and I hope to get my friend Freddy Zeilinga to help me with it. I will keep you all posted about this project.

### Splash Pad Needs Help

It's true: the Friends of Sunset Park should've built a water recirculating system into the splash pad. Water and sewer costs have proven prohibitive. It costs too much to operate the facility.

But, a remedy is in the works. Town residents interested in seeing the attraction open again for kids this summer can contribute by attending a splash pad fundraiser and dedication of the *Hoosiers* mural on Saturday, April 28, 7-9 p.m., at the Hoosier Gym.

Hoosiers screenwriter and producer Angelo Pizzo will be there, along with Milan star Bobby Plump. Muralist Pamela Bliss will also be on hand.

This is a great chance to make a contribution to the splash pad fund. Closed last year due to unexpected costs, officials hope this will be the season kids can return to the attraction for some cool summer fun. It's long overdue.

### Wilbur Wright Trail

I rode it again last Wednesday afternoon. I can't encourage you all enough to go to New Castle and try out that trail. It's worth every minute of your time. Plus, you'll get some good exercise.



## Spring Filled With Natural Delights

(Originally published April 16, 2008)

### Spring Diary

I'm in a mellow mood after watching the rosy fingers of the dawn - as Homer called them. Spring is a seducer who beckons me away from my to-do list and computer. "Come out!" she whispers. "Come out to the scent of flowers, birdsong, and the sunrise's palette.

Winter is the time for hearty stews, cozy cocooning and long novels. Spring brings delicate fresh asparagus, the shedding of heavy clothing and poetry. All of us can be enriched by the quest for beauty.

With the coming of spring, I remember King Solomon's beautiful words that even the great Shakespeare could not surpass. We cannot have too much poetry in our lives.

*"Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

*For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;*

*The flowers appear on the earth;*

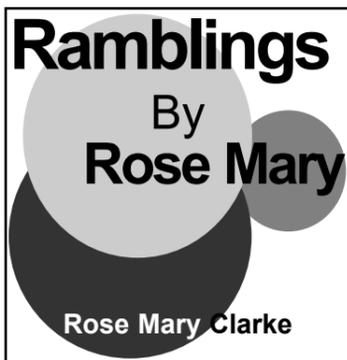
*The time of the singing of birds is come;*

*and the voice of the turtle (dove?) is heard throughout the land."*

After the sleep of winter, sap rises in the trees, and springtime brings the imperative to push out of the dark earth and unfurl petals in the sunshine. I, too, feel a loos-

ening within me as I lift my face towards the sun.

Spring unfolds so quickly that I fancy that if my eyes were as acute as some of those high-powered cameras, I could see the shoots of plants move as they stretch toward the light. Vivid blue scylla carpets lawns; daffodils nod in the breeze; and our sweet-scented hyacinths and crocuses are blooming. I brought in a vase of silky pussy



willow catkins. There are 15 tiny bloodroots with yellow and white blossoms started from the bloodroot that Mother and I found in a woods 60 years ago. The magnolia has fat buds.

A pair of robins is busy at first light out in back where we saw a flicker using its long, slender beak to prospect for ants in the lawn. At twilight last night, I stood for a tranquil moment, listening to their muted evensong as they settled for the night, "Cherup, cheroop - cherup, cheroop."

Have you noticed that they sing a different song when it's going to rain?

I heard a red-winged blackbird's "Creeee." The cardinals' call has changed from their earlier "Wheat, wheat, wheat!" to a gladsome "Cheer, cheer, cheer, cheer, cheer!" Then I heard one shout, "Pretty, pretty, pretty, pretty, pretty!" as if in praising a lady bird that it was courting. I wonder what their different calls signify.

Just as we humans have stubborn quirks, so, too, do other beings. We chuckled about a news item about a swan that's in love with a swan-shaped paddleboat. Park employees introduced it to a real swan, thinking to give it a mate. It refused to accept the intended bridegroom, and they finally gave up and let it go back to swimming alongside the boat. The Vrabels were irritated by a bird that pecked at the kitchen window all day long. Ducks insist on laying eggs on the concrete next to John and Jana's swimming pool.

Yesterday afternoon, we went out to the collapsible, screened gazebo that we bought last summer and enjoyed the backyard peace away from the telephone, chatting quietly and savoring a glass of champagne. Some might wonder why we don't take a telephone out with us. People even wear their cell phones on their bodies, set to

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Last month, Congress passed its spending bill for this year, which funds the federal government through Sept. 30. We are glad to see that it provides support for rural America.

First, Congress provided healthy funding for conservation. Not only did lawmakers refrain from cutting farm bill conservation programs for the first time in several years, they also increased funding for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) technical assistance, to \$874 million from last year's levels.

In addition, Congress rejected proposed cuts to rural development programs.

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program, which allows farmers and ranchers to diversify their income, was funded at the same level as 2017, at \$15 million.

The Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP), which provides loan funds and technical assistance to rural entrepreneurs, remains at the funding level provided in the previous farm bill, at \$2.8 million, without additional support.

The Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program received its highest funding level in 30 years, \$35 million. We are encouraged to see our lawmakers demonstrate support for publicly funded research in sustainable agriculture.

Finally, the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program, also known as the 2501 Program, received \$3 million in funding for 2018, which is in addition to the \$10 million in funding provided by the farm bill. This program allows farmers and ranchers, who are new to farm programs, access U.S. Department of Agriculture support.

Anna Johnson  
Center for Rural Affairs

Dear Editor,

In 2012 Senatorial candidate Richard Mourdock was asked if abortion should be allowed in cases of rape or incest. Mourdock replied: "I think even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that's something God intended to happen."

Murdock meant to say that the precious life conceived in the rape was something God intended to happen, but his inadvertent omission unleashed a firestorm that likely cost him the election.

We can all agree that a victim of rape has been violated in the most vile, painful, and personal way possible; and deserves compassion and understanding as she bears a heavy burden for violence committed against her.

The act of carrying the product of rape to term is a heavy burden for a victim of rape, but telling her that the child she carries is a lifeless clump of cells with no value, and that terminating that life will cause her no long term biological, physiological, or psychological damage is to violate her again.

At a pro-life event, I met Monica Kelsey, a wonderful young woman married to the man of her dreams, blessed with three beautiful children. A firefighter and medic in Fort Wayne; a tireless advocate dedicated to protecting all life, and yet Monica is a product of rape adopted at birth.

So perhaps a better answer to the question posed by Richard Mourdock is that our God is big enough to take something man intended for evil, and turn it into something truly wonderful.

Learn more at [www.MonicaKelsey.com](http://www.MonicaKelsey.com).

Jim Arnold  
Muncie

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# BITS & PIECES

◆The Hoosier Gym will be the site of a **dedication celebration** for the Hoosiers mural on Main Street. The event will take place Saturday, April 28, 7-9 p.m. Milan superstar Bobby Plump will be on hand, as well as Hoosiers screenwriter and producer Angelo Pizzo and muralist Pamela Bliss. Donations for the splash pad at Sunset Park will also be accepted.

◆**Hoosiers must register** by April 9 to be able to vote in the May 8 primary election. Citizens can register to vote online by using the Indiana Voters app, texting 'Indiana' to 2VOTE (28683), or by visiting IndianaVoters.com, and can submit an application to register in person at their local county clerk's office or any Bureau of Motor Vehicles license branch. The Indiana Voters app also allows Hoosiers to confirm their voter registration, look up their polling place, get driving directions to their polling location, find out who's on their ballot, track their absentee ballot application or provisional ballot information and contact local election officials.

◆The Central Wrestling Federation is bringing **WWE hall-of-famer Road Warrior Animal** to Carthage Community Church on Saturday, April 14. Doors open at 6 p.m.; wrestling starts at 7 p.m. Road Warrior Animal is from the legendary tag team The Legion of Doom. The event will also feature the finals of the tag team tournament. Advance tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Pavay's Grocery. VIP tickets, which are \$17, can be purchased by calling 765-491-8144. For more information, please call 765-491-8144.

◆**"Women Worshipping Together"** will be an evening of worship, encouragement and fellowship for all women. Ladies in Knightstown and the surrounding area are invited to attend this event Sunday, April 22, at Knightstown's First Christian Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend this event at First Christian Church, located at 138 W. Main St. in Knightstown. There will be refreshments served after the meeting. Anyone needing further information may contact Betsy Wilkerson at 765-571-0483.

◆The Hancock County Master Gardener Association will host its

**annual plant sale** on Friday, May 4, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, May 5, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. The event, which will take place at the Hancock County 4-H fairgrounds, will feature home-grown perennials and a large variety of herbs.

◆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.

◆Knightstown native Richard Sitler will host a **photography seminar** at the Hoosier Gym on Friday and Saturday, June 15-16. The workshop, which will revolve around photographing basketball, is limited to the first 15 participants. The course, for which there is a fee, is open to professional or beginning photographers age 16 and older. To find out more about the event, find Sitler on Facebook.

◆The **Hoosier Gym** Community Center of Knightstown Inc. has scheduled a special event 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.

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

◆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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## Curiosity Drives Knightstown Resident Katrina Cooper, Who Assists in Rush County Genealogy

by Logan Cox  
for The Banner

"It's kind of like a big puzzle. You keep working on it and trying to get all the pieces to fit," said Katrina Cole Cooper, a Knightstown resident and member of the Rush County Genealogical Society (RCGS).

Cooper is the secretary for RCGS, as well as the Indiana County Genealogist (ICG) for Rush County. ICGs are individuals appointed by the Indiana Genealogical Society (IGS) to act as liaisons between the IGS district director representing that area and the local societies and individuals in that county. There is an ICG for each of Indiana's 92 counties.

"We promote genealogical research, give workshops and have publications," Cooper said. "I guess I'm not really a member of it."

Though she was just appointed to Rush County's ICG position about a year ago, Cooper is only a volunteer. However, she is considering becoming a full-on member of the Indiana Genealogical Society at some point in the future.

Cooper hopes to attend the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual meeting and conference at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany. The conference takes place on Saturday, April 28.

"They are going have a lady from the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society there, Jane Wilcox," said Cooper. "I've been to other conferences. Like in Indianapolis, they have one every year in July. They're just really interesting. You learn a lot - not just about genealogy, but about websites you can go to, about DNA testing."

At the last conference she attended, Cooper saw a workshop highlighting the Allen County Public Library, the second largest genealogical library next to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Family Tree Maker is the database Cooper uses for her genealogy research. It is a popular tool for those working in this field, helping greatly in the gathering of information. She also uses a website called Newspapers.com to search for people.

Her family is what really inspired Cooper's interest in genealogy.

"When I got married I started looking at my fami-

ly and my husband's family," said Cooper. "It kind of went on and off for awhile, but then my son took genealogy in 4-H and I got a renewed interest in it at that time. I have a couple of grandmothers who kept records of family, and so I had that to work from, too."

While she has lived in Knightstown around 10 or 11 years, Cooper was originally from the north end of Rush County before marrying her husband, Steve Cooper.

"I'm kind of the genealogist for my family," she said. "When we have family reunions, I've made books for them to share. And any of the kids who are into genealogy in school, they know who to call."

She frequently sends reports to people and has gotten several of her own family members involved in genealogy. The work she's done has confirmed to her that "everybody is related."

"One interesting thing in my family: everyone thinks they're going to find a thief or something. Well, I found a bigamist. I worked with one of our cousins who found out that she was a child of a different father, and she found her father. I helped her do some research to find him," said Cooper.

She has given a class on beginning genealogy at the Rushville Library, and also plans on giving another at Knightstown's library sometime in the future.

Cooper has also worked for a professional genealogist.

"What I do is I go and do the leg work. If they have a family in Indiana, or I've even gone to Kentucky for them," she said. "Basically they just give me an assignment on a family and I go and do research. I go to libraries, cemeteries, health departments to get birth and death certificates, marriage licenses and divorce records, that kind of thing."

It's been a few years since she's done this sort of work, though. Cooper has worked at Covance for about seven years, as well as for H.H. Gregg prior to that. She enjoyed doing genealogy work on her days off.

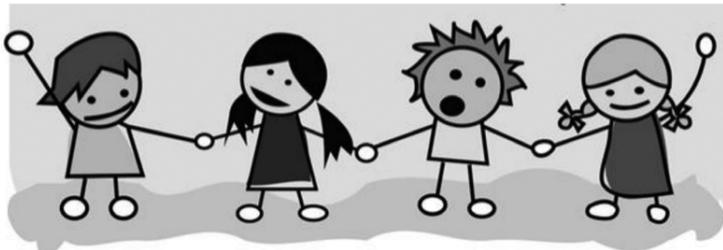
"I always loved history in high school, but then when I found genealogy ..." said Cooper. "I like to bring people to life is what I tell people. It's nice to go see the cemeteries and tombstones, but I like to tell their stories. I like to find out as much as I can about them."



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## Park Board Votes to Keep Local Mowing Company

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board voted during a special meeting last week to rehire a local company to handle mowing at Sunset Park again this year.

With one member absent, the park voted 4-0 during its March 26 special meeting to award the mowing and trimming work to Turf-Pro Evergreen Lawn & Landscape, Knightstown, the same company that handled these duties last year. Turf-Pro's successful bid was to do this work for \$250 per mow.

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vibrate if that all-important call comes in, or wear a device in their ears just as Ray Bradbury foresaw in *Fahrenheit 451*.

We've become communication junkies, having to be in incessant touch with someone - anyone! - as if we need validation that we're alive. When they installed the telegraph, Thoreau wondered if Maine and Texas had anything of import to say to one another. Amen!

I'm dreadfully dated and out-of-touch. But, you see, I don't want to be constantly in touch with various and sundry, nor even my nearest and dearest. I want to be free to explore the streams and oceans of my being and open new channels of thought, as Thoreau put it. I want to let my mind roam, listen to my internal monologue to discern what my innermost being says, and continue the dialogue with Bill that's been going on for over 40 years. I want to muse upon the beauty of the Song of Solomon and try to discern the meaning of the Cardinal's various calls.

Bother! So much for my springtime rhapsodizing. Cold weather is coming just in time to blight the magnolias.

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Areas that should remain sign-free include: intersections, interchanges and rights-of-way that run parallel to highways

Where the right of way is not clearly marked, boundaries may be estimated as the fence line, the back of the ditch or behind utility poles.

INDOT personnel will remove campaign signs and other illegal signs from right-of-way - pursuant to code - as they are encountered in normal highway maintenance activities. Crews may also remove a specific sign if it presents an immediate safety risk, such as being too close to the roadway or creating a sight obstruction. Campaign signs placed off the right-of-way will not be removed.

Removed signs will be taken to the nearest INDOT facility. Campaign signs may be claimed by the owner between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

INDOT urges drivers to slow down and stay alert near crews.

To report signs placed in the right-of-way, contact INDOT customer service at <http://www.indot4u.com> or 1-855-463-6848.

## Voter Registration Deadline April 9

Anyone living in Henry County who wishes to vote in the upcoming primary Eersons who have not registered to vote, or who need to change their name or address, must do so before the deadline of Monday, April 9.

This can be done either at the Henry County Voter Registration Office in the Henry County Justice Center, located at 1215 Race St., Ste. 130, New Castle, or on line at: [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com).

Office hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Absentee Voting Starts April 10

Debra G. Walker, clerk of the Henry Circuit Court, has announced that absentee voting in the Henry County Justice Center will begin on Tuesday, April 10.

Any registered voter who expects to be absent from the county on election day may apply for

and vote an absentee ballot in the Henry County Justice Center. The last date to vote an absentee ballot is Monday, May 7, at 12 p.m.

Each voter must present an Indiana or U.S. government-issued photo ID card before voting.

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## ‘Women Woshipping Together’ April 22 in Knightstown

“Women Worshipping Together” will be an evening of worship, encouragement and fellowship for all women. Ladies in Knightstown and the surrounding area are invited to attend this event Sunday, April 22, at Knightstown’s First Christian Church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The theme of the evening is “Living with Adversity.” Guest speaker Maria Del Carmen Alvarez will be sharing her story of adversities that she overcomes daily.

The public is invited to attend this event at First Christian Church, located at 138 W. Main St. in Knightstown. There will be refreshments served after the meeting.

Anyone needing further information may contact Betsy Wilkerson at 765-571-0483.

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operations review."

In addition to the \$7,232.68 it wants Stanley to repay to the town for her unpaid personal utility bills and the received funds she failed to deposit, the ISBA is also asking that Stanley be required to reimburse the state \$2,677.12. This amount covers additional costs incurred by the ISBA as a result of its special investigation into Stanley's actions while in office.

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The ISBA forwarded copies of its special investigation report to Henry County Prosecutor Joe Bergacs and to the office of Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill. Bergacs told The Banner on Monday that he has reviewed the report and contacted the Indiana State Police to request that they investigate this matter further. Once that investigation is finished, he said he will decide whether to file any criminal charges against Stanley over these latest allegations.

Stanley has already faced federal criminal charges as a result of her actions in office.

As previously reported in The Banner, it is believed that Stanley stole more \$80,000 from the town of Kennard through unlawful overpayments to herself. She was indicted in April 2016 on three counts of wire fraud and was alleged to have "falsely presented in Kennard's payroll system that she was entitled to a salary in the amount of \$33,000 per year" - double her \$16,500 annual salary.

According to the indictment, at least 58 paychecks containing unauthorized payments, drawn on the town's bank account at the Star Financial Bank in Shirley, were deposited in a personal checking account Stanley maintained at Huntington Bank in Columbus, Ohio. The three wire fraud charges filed against Stanley were related to a \$1,192.37 payment of town funds deposited into her bank account in Ohio in December 2012, and two similar incidents in May and August 2013.

Pursuant to the terms of an agreement approved by U.S. District Court Judge Sarah Evans Barker last April, Stanley pleaded guilty to the wire fraud count related to the December 2012 overpayment. In exchange for her guilty plea, prosecutors agreed to dismiss the other two wire fraud counts.

Normally, each count of wire fraud carries a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 and three years of supervised release following any term of imprisonment. According to one of the district attorneys working on Stanley's federal criminal case, however, federal sentencing guidelines only called for 10-16 months of incarceration, at the most, for Stanley.

While prosecutors had asked the court to sentence Stanley to 10 months in prison, Stanley's attorney urged the court to place his client on probation. Barker ended up going with the recommendation of

Stanley's legal counsel.

During the first three months of her probation, Stanley was to serve weekends "in intermittent confinement" in a residential reentry center like one run by Volunteers of America in Indianapolis. Then, the next two months of probation were to be served on home detention, with 32 hours of community service to be completed during the sixth month of probation.

Stanley's sentence also required her to pay restitution in a total amount of \$89,412.27, plus a \$100 special assessment fee. According to the court's judgment, Stanley was given credit for a \$4,000 payment that was to have been made the day of her sentencing, leaving \$75,318.24 in restitution to pay to the town of Kennard.

Once her restitution to the town is satisfied, Stanley is then ordered to pay \$14,094.03 to CNA Surety; the sentencing order did not explain whether that amount is to cover the close to \$14,000 in costs incurred by the ISBA during its initial investigation into Stanley's salary overpayments, or if it's for something else.

Last May, the office of the Indiana Attorney General filed a civil complaint in Henry Circuit Court 1 against Stanley with respect to the salary overpayments. Stanley did not respond to the lawsuit, and Henry Circuit Court 1 Judge Bob Witham granted the IAG's request for a default judgment against Stanley in late June.

Relying on a state statute that allows for recovery of treble damages, the IAG sought a judgment against Stanley equal to what the agency determined to be three times the actual loss suffered as a result of Stanley's thefts. After adding nearly \$14,000 for the cost of a special state audit, penalties and interest, and then deducting \$78,663.78 the town recovered through a public officials bond that covered Stanley while she was in office and \$200 she reimbursed the town shortly before leaving office in 2015, this resulted in a total judgment of \$193,234.34.

Online court records show that, as of Monday, Stanley had paid nothing toward this \$193,234.34 civil judgment. In late February, the IAG started collection proceedings in Henry Circuit Court 1 against Stanley and she has been ordered to appear in court on Friday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m.

Absentee, from Page 7

Hours for voting are as follows: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.; Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.; and Saturday, May 5, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

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3325 S. Memorial Dr., New Castle, will be open Monday, April 30, through Friday, May 4, 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturdays, April 28 and May 5, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Applications from confined voters and voters who are out of the county are also being accepted at this time. Confined voters will vote at the address designated on

their applications on Wednesday, May 2. All absentee applications requesting a mailed ballot must be received by Monday, April 30.

All persons who are registered to vote and interested in voting absentee are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline dates.

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## Advanced Directives Information, Forms & More Available At Healthcare Decisions Day April 16

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You can come any time from 9 am to 4 pm in the Education Center at Northfield Park Primary Care Campus in front of the YMCA. Participants will be informed of critical healthcare decisions they need to make involving such items as advanced directives, living wills, healthcare representatives and more.

"Advanced care planning is the best gift you can give to your family," said Care Coordination Director Shelley Wilson, RN and organizer of the event. "We want to make this event a hands-on workshop for people of all ages by providing you with tools as well as information."

Various forms for healthcare decisions will be available along with a notary who will be on site for the convenience of participants.



A coffee bar supplied by Henry Community Health Hospice will be available throughout the event while participants check out:

- Do Not Resuscitate Declaration and Order
- Healthcare Representative Appointment
- Life Prolonging Procedures Declaration or download some of the forms now at [hchcares.org/advancedirectives](http://hchcares.org/advancedirectives).

## Advanced Wound Center Recognized with National Award for Excellence

Henry Community Health's Advanced Wound Center has received a National Award for Excellence for the second year in a row from Healogics, the nation's leading and largest wound care management company.

Healogics has recognized them for achieving patient satisfaction rates higher than 92% and a healing rate of at least 91% in less than 30 median days to heal.

*"We are proud of the work we do with our patients everyday," said Sarah Brumley, the Center's director. "Our patients are like family to us by the time they are through with their treatment."*

Wound care is provided to patients suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds which have not healed in a reasonable amount of time.

The Henry Community Health and Healogics partnership provides highly specialized wound care at our Advanced Wound Center including hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

The Center's Medical Director Matthew Barrett, MD said, "We are proud to partner with Healogics. Their network of outpatient wound care centers across the nation and United Kingdom allows us access to the latest advancements in wound care for our patients locally. But, I am especially proud of the great team of doctors, nurses and staff that we have here to care for you."



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*In addition to general surgery, Dr. Kovacic also will work in the Advanced Wound Center at Henry Community Health.*

*Prior to coming to Henry Community Health she was a general surgeon at Scott Memorial Hospital in Scottsburg, Indiana where she also served as Chair of the Department of Surgery from 2015-2017.*

### IMPRESSED WITH THE HOSPITAL AND FAMILY ENVIRONMENT

"I was looking for a place to retire from not a stepping stone hospital," said Dr. Sara Kovacic on her reasons for choosing to move to New Castle and join Strong Brunck & Barrett Surgical Specialists. "Everyone is so down to earth and I love the family environment," she continued.

Born and raised in Harlan and Somerset, Kentucky, Dr. Kovacic comes from a long line of physicians. A graduate of Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Kovacic did her surgical internship and residency at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, New York. Dr. Kovacic has a BS in biology from Eastern Kentucky University where she graduated Summa Cum Laude.

### MAKING THEIR HOME IN NEW CASTLE

She, her husband and their young daughter live in New Castle. Dr. Kovacic enjoys attending church with her family, following sports (football, basketball, MMA), and trying new foods.

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# Hy-Flex Corp's Collaboration with Cornell University Yields High-tech, Robotic Concrete Pumping System



## Knightstown Company on Cutting Edge

The management at Hy-Flex Corporation recently announced a new collaboration with the Cornell Robotic Construction Laboratory (RCL) of Cornell University. Together, the two entities are working to develop a pumping system for robotic three-dimensional (3D) concrete.

Cornell RCL invented various new and unique applications to concrete 3D printing using a custom-built, three-axis 3D printer. Further advancing this research, RCL and Hy-Flex aim to utilize a large six-axis robot arm in combination with Hy-Flex's own, HF-15 Spray Buddy.

"In our first project phase," Hy-Flex said in a news release, "the team tested a custom nozzle to attach the Spray Buddy to the KUKA robotic platform. Further collaborative investigations will entail an integrated and synchronized shut-off valve mechanism as well as the implementation of pressure flow control through sensors."

The Hy-Flex team said they are excited to be a part of this project and eager to see what technological advancements will come from the collaboration.

# Quick Impact Grants Now Available

Today, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announced that the Quick Impact Placebased Grant Program (QuIP), a matching grant program designed to fund placemaking and transformational projects that spark community-wide conversations and creativity, is open for applications.

"Expensive, labor-intensive initiatives are not the only way to revitalize our rural cities and towns," said OCRA Executive Director Jodi Golden. "QuIP is an opportunity for communities to be innovative and creative with ideas on how to transform a local gathering place or bring energy back into an underutilized community asset."

The project funding range is \$2,500 to \$5,000 and for every dollar in grant funds utilized, 50 cents must be matched, via cash or in-kind, by the applicant. Eligible applicants can include community or civic organizations, local units of government or schools.

Golden said that eligible projects should be transformational and have a positive impact for the community, and existing and underutilized assets should include a new or additional use. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to alley activation; pocket parks; creative projects to showcase community identity; enhancement of existing or underutilized public assets into a new or usable space; interactive life-size games or public game sheds; transformation or decoration of vacant store fronts; and unique signage or identifiers.

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## Arbor Day Foundation Offering New Members 10 Free Shade Trees

National Arbor Day is Friday, April 27, this year, and the Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for anyone to celebrate the annual tree-planting holiday. Join the foundation in April and receive 10 free shade trees.

By joining the foundation in April, new members receive the following trees: red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, baldcypress, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver maple and red maple.

The free trees are part of the foundation's Trees for America campaign. "These trees provide shade in the summer and vibrant colors throughout the fall," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Through the simple act of planting trees, one person can make a difference in helping to create a healthier and more beautiful planet for all of us to enjoy."

The trees will be shipped postpaid with enclosed planting instructions at the right time for planting in April or May. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to 10 Free Shade Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, or visit [arborday.org/april](http://arborday.org/april).

### Letters, from Page 4

#### Dear Editor,

The Doughboy statue at Memorial Park in New Castle has generated a lot of public interest. The Memorial Park board wants to move the beloved Doughboy to a new place of honor in front of the Smith Building, while others want him to be restored to his longtime location, considered by the War Mothers and many citizens to be hallowed ground. This unfortunate disagreement has divided many in the county at a time when we desperately need unity in our community.

I propose a two-part solution. First, what if we commit the space in front of the Smith Building to a statue of Patrick Henry, our county's namesake and a founding father of our country? Young people and adults alike do not know enough about the founding of our great nation, and Patrick Henry is a man who rallied American colonists to the cause of our liberty with his words and his vision for the country. A statue honoring him in such a visible place would educate our community about this history and its local connection.

Second, regarding Doughboy, we need to acknowledge that the park board has worked very hard to develop a plan to honor him in a new place; we owe them our gratitude for their efforts in restoring the statue and for establishing a valuable site at the Smith Building. I believe we could further honor Doughboy - in his original location - by sprucing up the area to be more inviting, as well as ADA accessible (with veteran visitors in mind). Doing this would better honor what he represents - the very best of our nation, our young men marching off to war to defend our liberty.

As the daughter of a Marine, I think we need to listen to the most important voices in this discussion—our local veterans. For them, I think we need to restore Doughboy to his historic home and use every resource available to give him the place of honor he deserves. County citizens are already working to add Doughboy to the National Register of Historic Places and the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures, which is a tremendous idea. This designation for Doughboy and a renovated site in Memorial Park may bring increased traffic to our county, so that we can show off our fabulous park and community values.

Doughboy inspires passion in our citizens, and my hope is that this excitement will inspire more private fundraising for further initiatives. Indeed, funding both a new statue and renovation of Doughboy's site will no doubt be costly. If the current fundraising for Doughboy doesn't quite cover the costs of both these civic actions, I suggest that we commission miniature Doughboy statues for purchase, with all the proceeds

going to pay for his renovation and any remaining funds applied toward the new statue of Patrick Henry.

Let's make the best of a difficult situation by working together to honor not one but two significant moments in our county and our nation's history.

**Elizabeth "Betsy" Mills, Republican candidate  
Henry County Council, District 3**

#### Dear Editor,

Recycling is truly worth the effort. Knightstown residents have much to be proud of. In the past five years residents of Knightstown have recycled over 438 tons (876,160 pounds) of paper, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, hard backed books, cardboard, paperboard, #1, #2, and #3 plastics, metal and bi metal food cans and green, brown and clear glass. All of this material was sent to East Central Recycling where it was sorted and baled for use in producing new products.

We save energy, save our natural resources and create less pollution when we recycle. The district provides and is responsible for eight public recycling sites throughout Henry County. Town officials throughout Henry County have to find the location they believe is appropriate and then give the district permission to set the containers for the public to access.

In the past, some of our sites have had to be closed due to severe abuse. This was the case for the recycling site located at 775 West in Knightstown, several years ago. When we were asked to contribute to the cost of fencing this site, we did not have the confidence that fencing would keep this site from being abused again. Also, we would have to afford any similar requests for monetary help from each of the other public recycling sites that are in Henry County.

Public officials in each of the towns in Henry County that have a public recycling site have a difficult job finding a location that works for the town and its residents. We have worked with town officials in the past to find suitable locations for the public recycling sites. Usually, the sites that work are where there is a lot of foot traffic or persons on the premises like the Waste Water Treatment Plant or the Public Transit location in New Castle and are fenced so they can be closed of an evening. A site that has little foot traffic and is isolated is too much of a temptation for abuse.

The district welcomes any ideas or suggestions as to finding a new site for residents of Knightstown. Please remember that the recycling containers can be reset within a week of a new location being found.

**JoAnne McCorkle, director-educator  
Henry County Solid Waste Management District  
See Letters, Page 16**



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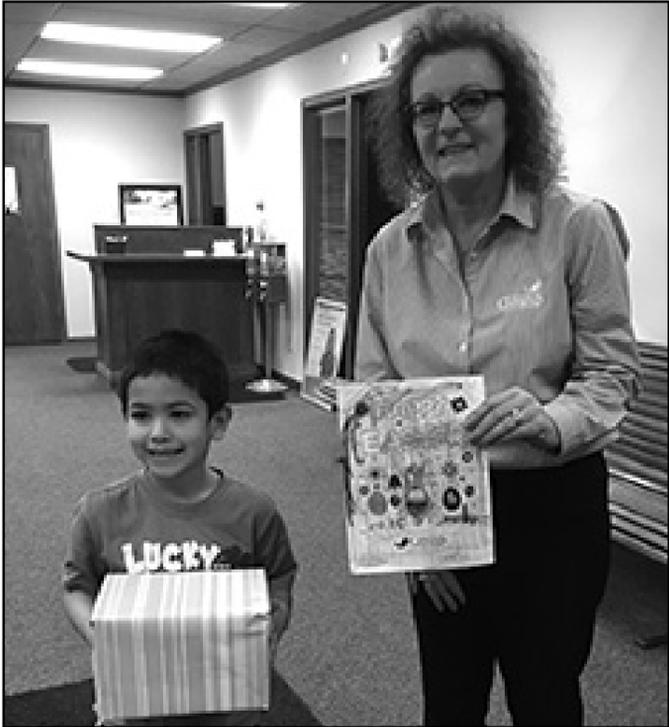


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## Citizens State Bank Names Coloring Contest Winner



Citizens State Bank in Knightstown awarded the winner of its recent Easter coloring contest last week. The winner was five-year-old Jorge Burge. The son of Heather Burge, he won a chocolate egg from Good's Candy in Kennard when his coloring picture was pulled from all the entries. (Photo submitted)

## State Investing \$161 Million in Rural Towns and Counties

The Indiana Department of Transportation recently announced that \$161.2 million in federal transportation funding is being awarded to 66 cities, towns and counties in rural portions of Indiana to invest in local road and bridge improvements as well as sidewalk and trail projects. Combined with local funds, approximately \$212 million is being invested in infrastructure in communities receiving funds.

Henry County will receive \$639,000 for various county road improvements, which were not listed. In contrast, neighboring Hancock County will receive over \$20 million, while Rush County will receive about \$2 million.

Types of projects receiving funds include 27 bridge rehabilitation/replacement projects; 31 resurfacing/reconstruction projects; 17 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects that include work such as sidewalks, ADA ramps, and trails; and 6 traffic safety projects.

"Indiana is investing in transportation at record levels and that includes more than just our highways," INDOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness said. "Our sustained commitment to modernizing local roads and bridges, adding side-

walks, and growing our trail networks sends a clear message that we're building communities that are primed to attract and retain talent and spur job growth in the 21st century economy."

A list of all communities receiving funds is online at <http://www.in.gov/indot/3691.htm>

For this latest round of funding, rural communities will design, develop and purchase land for projects that would be bid during the fiscal year beginning July 2021. While the funds awarded now are dedicated to construction, INDOT will be financially participating in design, engineering, and right of way acquisition components of these projects.

INDOT dedicates approximately 25 percent of its federal highway funds to supporting local projects each year. Metropolitan Planning Organizations distribute those funds to cities, towns, and counties within the state's larger urbanized areas while INDOT distributes funds outside MPO areas. Communities must pay at least 20 percent in local matching funds and meet other federal requirements to receive federal funding.

Rural communities were invited to submit project applications to INDOT for potential funding during a call for projects announced in October 2017.

## Local Students Serve as Pages



Pritchett



Waggoner

Pages spend a day at the Statehouse, touring the historic building, observing debates from the Senate floor and interacting with their state senators.

Two Knightstown Intermediate School students recently served as pages for Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg). Becca Waggoner and Lacy Pritchett both served.

Students in grades six through 12 participate in the page program on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the legislative session. Groups serve on Wednesdays.

To learn more about the Senate's page program, visit [www.IndianaSenateRepublican.com/page-program](http://www.IndianaSenateRepublican.com/page-program). The Senate page program has concluded for the 2018 session. Applications for the 2019 session will open in December.

### Park, from Page 6

permission to apply for a grant through NineStar on behalf of the park board. Lashbrook said the grant, if awarded, would provide funds to help pay for equipment needed for the park's splash pad.

Park Board President Suzee Neal suggested that Lashbrook write the grant application in such a way that the proceeds could be used to pay for shelter house improvements if the money ends up not being needed for the splash pad. Lashbrook asked Neal to provide her with details about needed shelter house improvements so she could include that information in the grant application.

Brown, who works for the town's water utility, told Lashbrook that he would take care of getting water turned on at the splash pad so that a water sample can be taken. Lashbrook said these test results are needed so that the state's Department of Environmental Management can decide whether a special permit will be needed in order for the town to divert water from the splash pad to Montgomery Creek instead of sending it to the town's wastewater treatment plant.

The park board also learned at last week's meeting that there was a dispute over use of the Babe Ruth ball diamond at Sunset Park. The

board had just voted at its March 19 regular monthly meeting to let a local girls softball team use the diamond 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday in April for practices, but a local youth sport league is also wanting to use the diamond from now through August for some of its more than 40 baseball and softball teams.

Neal said that a representative from the softball team that had previously been given permission to use the diamond had emailed her and indicated they would try to find somewhere else for their practices. However, until the park board hears back that a new location has been found, it declined to rescind its vote from the prior week, which gave the softball team permission to use the ball diamond during April.

"She was given permission first," park board member Jan McGuire said of the softball team's coach. "... We need to have her be able to back out first."

Brown made a motion to rescind the previous week's motion giving the softball team permission to use the diamond in April. That motion failed, however, due to no one else seconding it.

In related business, the park board also voted at last week's special meeting to give Brown permis-

sion to purchase two new 200-amp switches for the lights at the Babe Ruth diamond. He said he thought the switches would cost a little over \$100 each.

The board also approved the purchase of a new padlock to secure the vault where controls to the splash pad are maintained. Brown said he was concerned that some unauthorized persons - he offered no names - may have a key to the lock that is currently on the vault.

The park board's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 16, at 7 p.m. in the Sunset Park shelter house. The meeting is open to the public.

### Grants, from Page 10

excluding standard electric signage or non-unique gateway signage.

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs encourages these projects to be unique to each community and locally inspired. Successful applications will demonstrate community collaboration, partnership capacity and meaningful community benefits.

An informational video will be released on Wednesday, April 25, that further explains the program and application process. Digital applications must be received by 4 p.m., Friday, June 1, to [info@ocra.in.gov](mailto:info@ocra.in.gov). Applications received after 4 p.m., or paper copies will not be accepted. For more information, visit [info.gov/ocra/quipgrant.htm](http://info.gov/ocra/quipgrant.htm).

## Scholarship Honors Life of Shenandoah Graduate



Lohrey

Friends and family of Ryan Lohrey have established a memorial scholarship in his honor at the Henry County Community Foundation (HCCF). The 2005 Shenandoah graduate and special amphibious reconnaissance corpsman in the U.S. Navy lost his life with his Marine Raider teammates in a plane crash in Mississippi on July 10, 2017.

Middletown Marine veteran Kenny Norfleet reached out to Lohrey's parents, Michael and Teresa Lohrey, and HCCF to start a scholarship in memory of Ryan.

According to an HCCF press release, Ryan gave his all in caring for the Marines in his charge. He was a veteran of the fiercest fighting in the Helmand River Valley during Operation Enduring Freedom; and his team was the tip of the sword leading the takedown of the ISIS-held stronghold of Mosul during Operation Inherent Resolve. In addition to receiving a Purple Heart for being wounded in battle, Lohrey's dedication and sacrifices on the battlefield earned him the Navy and Marine Corps commendation medal and a combat action ribbon with gold star in lieu of a second award.

According to his parents, Michael and Teresa, during his high school years at Shenandoah, Ryan developed a deep desire to enter special operations, with a budding interest in trauma medicine. The Ryan Lohrey Memorial Scholarship Fund will help graduating seniors from Shenandoah High School who want to pursue a degree in nursing.

In addition to his parents, Ryan leaves behind his wife, Cassie, and his three children, Gavin and Maelyn Lohrey, along with a new baby, Ryan Jo. "Scholarships at the Foundation are a permanent remembrance and help future generations get trained for success," said Beverly Matthews, HCCF president. "We are honored to be a partner in lighting the way for others, the way Ryan did in his dedicated service to our country."

All donations of any amount are tax-deductible and being accepted for the Ryan Lohrey Memorial Scholarship. Gifts can be made online at [www.henrycountycf.org](http://www.henrycountycf.org), by mail to HCCF, PO Box 6006, New Castle, IN 47362 or by stopping by the office at 700 S. Memorial Dr., New Castle.

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# Explosion that Rocked Richmond in '68 Killed 41

It was an ordinary Saturday in Richmond, Indiana on April 6, 1968. The town was bustling with weekend excitement, parents were going about their Saturday to-do's, and the children wandered about Richmond with their friends. Nothing alluded to what was to come.

At 1:47 p.m. a pair of violent explosions ripped through the heart of downtown Richmond leaving many people injured, 41 dead, and the entire county devastated.

During this time in 1968, there was widespread racial tension across America. There was an initial belief that the explosion was caused out of racial hate.

These beliefs were wrong.

The explosion started in the basement of a sporting goods store named Marting Arms when a spark (from an unknown source) ignited a natural gas leak. Ammunition and stock in Marting Arms erupted, deepening the explosion and creating fires.

Despite the nationwide tensions, the citizens of Richmond united together to diminish the fires, rescue trapped adults and children, and locate the injured/deceased for emergency personnel.

The story remained on the front page of newspapers for days to come, a constant and painful reminder.

The blast was heard more than two miles away and window glass was blown out more than three blocks. As a result of the 1968 explosion, 15 buildings were destroyed; 125 buildings were damaged; and 20 buildings were condemned. Yet the damage went beyond buildings and



In this historic photo by Ralph Pyle, children and adults run from the site of the blast in downtown Richmond.

structures. The violent explosions took 41 lives and injured over 120 people.

Now there is an honorary monument in remembrance of those who lost their lives located at the corner of Fifth and Main streets. Today, downtown Richmond is flourishing with many boutiques,

a tea room, a candy store, a bakery, and many other locally owned businesses.

This year, April 6-8, the Wayne County Historical Museum will be hosting events to remember this sad day in Richmond's history.

On Friday, April 6, at 1:47

p.m., a new monument listing the names of those who died during the explosion at Jack Elstro Plaza will be dedicated.

On Saturday, April 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m., there will be dinner and a presentation honoring the 50th anniversary of the downtown explosion. The cost for this event

is \$75 and it will be held in the community room of the Wayne County Historical Museum.

Finally, on Sunday, April 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m., the same presentation given on April 7 will be presented at Richmond Civic Hall free of charge. Dinner is not included in Sunday's program.

## Historic Fire in Shirley Occurred on Same Day as Richmond's Big Blast

by Stacy Cox  
General Manager

The underground blast and resulting fires in downtown Richmond on April 6, 1968, were no doubt a devastating event in that city's history and dominated newspapers in the eastern and central part of the state. The tragedy in Richmond overshadowed a concurrent destructive explosion and fire in Shirley.

A story heard for many years, but unable to be confirmed again this week, tells of a Richmond or Wayne County fire department ladder truck arriving on the scene in Shirley to assist in firefighters from as many as seven other communities as they dealt with a massive fire on Shirley's Main Street. The Richmond fire truck did not get the chance to help however as their firefighters rushed back to Richmond to confront with their own terrible event.

According to newspaper reports and the Shirley history book, a fire apparently started in a gas furnace of a second floor apartment in the building where The Cabinet Door Store is located now. The occupant of that apartment, Edna Morrow, heard an explosion and opened the door to the furnace room. She quickly retreated from the flames and escaped safely, reported then Shirley Fire Chief Tilden A. Lipp.

The fire destroyed the brick building and gutted that part of the downtown block. The building then housed the Kellum-Mench Insurance Agency, Jessup Plumbing Co., a storeroom for a fabrics business as well as Faith Chapel. Also destroyed was a three-story apartment that obviously was never rebuilt.

Reports indicate that flames from the fire shot up 100 feet into the air with plumes of black smoke visible at least five miles away.

The fire threatened the adjacent Shirley Hardware store which had recently been remodeled by owners Wayne and Betty Brumfield. During the early 2000s, a section of the south wall of the hardware store in the back storeroom started to deteriorate and black soot from the 1968 fire was still visible.

Also threatened by the fire was the Shaw family home, just to the south. Mrs. Shaw, whose husband Charles had been a druggist in town, was a milliner and she had had a shop set up in the front of their home where she displayed many old hats. The house had been purchased by the Shaws in 1906 and remained the family home until 1986 when their daughter Lucille died.

The only injury in the fire was local teenager Eddie Vaughn, who assisted in putting out the fire and was overcome by smoke. He spent a night in the hospital. So much water was used that day that a water main break also occurred.

Orville Wisheart, owner of the building, totally remodeled the location within a year, reducing it to its current one-story size.

## OBITUARIES

**Ruby S. Zimmerman**  
Sept. 13, 1934 - April 3, 2018



Ruby S. Zimmerman, 83, formerly of Carthage went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 3, 2018, in Rushville. She was born on September 13, 1934, in Jenkinjones, West Virginia, to the late Alvis Augustus and Emma Zella Jones.

Ruby was a Mount Mission High School graduate. She married Melvin E. Zimmerman on May 14, 1956, and he preceded her in death on August 8, 1988. Ruby was a nursing aide at Rush Memorial Hospital then was a homemaker. She was a member of East Street Christian Church.

Ruby is survived by her loving daughter, Penny (Kenneth) Lawson of Rushville; two grandchildren, Joshua (Karen) Crousore-Herbert of Rushville and Suzanne (fiance, Allan) Lawson of New Castle; and six great grandchildren, Korben Allen Wade Crousore-Herbert, Emmalee Hicks, Guy Herrington, Tera Herrington, Amity Herrington, and Caleb Williams.

Ruby is also preceded in death by her son, Melvin W. Zimmerman; brother, Kenneth W. Jones; and her sisters, Lois Belcher and Wanda Cecil.

Services will be held at noon on Monday, April 9, at Moster Mortuary in Rushville, with Rev. David Bonne and Rev. Jim Lawler presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be in Glen Cove Cemetery, Knightstown.

**Joseph Wright**  
April 14, 1957 - March 31, 2018

Joseph Wright, 60, of Shirley, passed away March 31, 2018. He was born April 14, 1957, to the late Donald E. and Linda Wright.

Joe was a graduate of John Marshall High School. He married Beverly Kidwell, and was the owner/operator of Wright Drywall & Interiors, Inc. for over 20 years. Joe was an avid racer, starting in stockcars, then USA Modifieds. He was also a dedicated bass fisherman, a gifted guitarist and enjoyed golfing at Royal Hylands where he was a lifetime member. He belonged to Murat Shrine.

Joe is survived by his wife of 39 years, Beverly Wright; and children Yvonne Miller, Brian Dillon, Jennifer Wright and Jonathan Wright; grandchildren Christopher Keel, Angile Bowden, Kyler Dillon and Keldan Dillon; and brothers Don, Steve and Tim Wright.

A son, Wesley J. Wright, preceded him in death. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 4, from 4 p.m. until the time of service at 7 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St., www.shirleybrothers.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607.

## Indiana DNR to Hold Four Free Fishing Days

Indiana will hold four free days of fishing this year on April 21, May 19 and June 2-3.

Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters on Free Fishing Days.

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and a few other special anglers are exempt from the license requirement.

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

# LOCAL SPORTS

## Tri Softball Team Ranked First in State Class 1A Knightstown, Eastern Hancock Softball Teams Also Ranked in Class 2A

Tri's softball team remains atop the class 1A polls for the second straight week.

In the newest poll put out by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association (ICGSA) on April 2, the Lady Titans are ranked number one with Lanesville, South Central, Frontier, Edinburgh, Indianapolis Lutheran, Morgan Township, Riverton-Parke, Jac-Cen-Del and Hauser rounding out the top ten in class 1A.

With the loss of only two starters, both outfielders, from its 2017 state runner-up team roster, fans of the Lady Titans are expecting another run at the title.

In class 2A, Knightstown makes the top 20 despite losing most of its starters and stars last year to graduation.

Eastern Hancock's team is ranked tenth in the class 2A poll. Also ranked in the class 2A poll is Union

County at sixth, Lapel at 11th, Northeastern at 13th and Triton Central at 19th.

The Lady Panthers were rained out for their season opener on March 28. If the weather cooperates, the KHS girls will have three games next week. They play at home on Monday, April 9 against Northeastern and the following day at home against Eastern Hancock. Both games start at 5:30 p.m.

The Lady Titans have played one game, a blowout 32-0 win over Blue River Valley on March 22, but have since had two games canceled due to poor weather and field conditions.

Follow The Banner on Twitter for updates on game cancellations and rescheduling or visit the teams' athletic websites at [www.knightstownathletics.com](http://www.knightstownathletics.com) and [tritantsathletics.com](http://tritantsathletics.com).

## Indiana's Only Women's Tackle Football Team to Hold Home Games at KHS Field

Knightstown High School football field will serve as home field for the first-ever women's tackle football team in Indiana, the Columbus Vanguard.

In 2007, the Women's Football Alliance (WFA), founded as a non-profit business to "create the largest and most competitive women's tackle football league in the world, opened its operations to female athletes from across the country.

Though women's tackle football teams have been around for over four decades, the growth in the number of teams and level of competition had exploded in recent years with dozens of teams throughout the United States.

Last year, a team was formed in Columbus, Ind., but without a field to accommodate the new team during their debut season, the Columbus Vanguard were looking for a field to play and reached out to Knightstown.



WFA rules require that all games be played at a location that has locker rooms with showers as well as press box. The only local locations able to meet those requirements for the Vanguard was Columbus East or Columbus North.

But, since the team did not receive its schedule from the WFA until January, it was unable to schedule any games this season in Columbus and found Knightstown was the closest field to meet its needs.

The Vanguard will hold all their home games at the KHS football field, beginning with their season opener on Saturday, April 7, at 7 p.m.

The Vanguard's second game is also at KHS on April 14 against the Columbus Comets of Ohio. Their next three games will be away but the Vanguard will return to KHS on May 12 for their home game against the Toledo Reign.

The Vanguard will compete at Knoxville on May 26 but finish out their season back at Knightstown for the final game against the Cincinnati Sizzle on June 9. All games have a 7 p.m. start time. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age six and older.

Though no official roster is yet available, the team consists of 20 women of various ages, some of whom have their own children.

The team will compete in Division 3 of the WFA. Any woman over age 18 is eligible to play.

Following the Vanguard signing on as full member of the

WFA in October 2017, league commissioner Lisa King said, "It's great to see women's football teams spreading to smaller market cities providing more women the opportunity to play the sport they love."

The Vanguard players pay back their sponsors by donating an hour of community service.

Fans can follow the Vanguard on social media by visiting its Facebook page or following the team on Twitter, both @CbusVanguard.

More information can also be found at [www.columbusvanguard.com](http://www.columbusvanguard.com) or [www.WFAproFootball.com](http://www.WFAproFootball.com).

## Year-round Camping Reservations, Discount Available at State Parks

Indiana State Parks is now offering advance campsite reservations for spring, winter and fall.

Camping has always been available year-round at state parks.

But in the past, campers could not reserve a site in advance between November and April. Sites were available only by registering on-site the day of camping, and they were administered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Beginning March 9, a handful of sites at every state park where camping is offered will be available year-round for reservations on [Camp.IN.gov](http://Camp.IN.gov) or by calling 1-866-622-6746.

For those who like to plan ahead, the ability to make year-round reservations is a convenient option.

The maximum booking window of six months prior to arrival still applies.

For more spontaneous campers, many sites will remain available from November through April on a first-come, first-served basis for the day of arrival.

Also, an offer from Indiana State Parks will make weeknight camping more affordable this spring.

Those who book a new campsite reservation for one or more consecutive weeknights (Sundays through Wednesdays) with an arrival date between April 15 and May 23, will receive 25 percent off of their reserved weeknights at the time of booking.

The discount is available only for campsites, and will not apply to any Thursday, Friday or Saturday stays. Use the promo code SPRING18.

## CAB Approves Coaching Assignments

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

With one member absent, board members voted 6-0 at their March 20 monthly meeting to OK the following as coaches at KHS: Jake Bearhope (volunteer baseball); Heather Berrier (volunteer tennis); Jerry Cain (volunteer track); and Mel Mann (volunteer softball).

The board's vote also approved three coaches at KIS: Kevin Hiner (volunteer baseball); Deb Beabout (softball); and E.J. Knapp (softball).

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Jackson Throws 15 Strikeouts to Lead Titans in Season Opener Win



The weather has postponed a lot of spring sports the past two weeks but Tri's varsity baseball team was able to open their season at home Monday evening. The Titans defeated Southwestern Shelby on a 10-0 run-rule in five innings, led by the superb pitching from senior Josiah Jackson, who threw 15 strikeouts in the game while walking just two batters and giving up only two hits. (Stacy Cox photo)

by Stacy Cox

General Manager/Sports Editor

Despite a few inches of snow on the ground Monday morning, by game time at 5:15 p.m. that day, the white covering was gone and the field was ready for the Tri varsity baseball team to kick off its 2018 season.

And, what a start for the Titans. Bolstered by the strong performance on the mound from senior Josiah Jackson, the Titans defeated Southwestern Shelby 10-0 in four and half innings for the season opening win.

Jackson's steady workman-like attitude from the one position allowed the rest of the Titan players to loosen up and enjoy their first outing of the season, especially as he was sending the frustrated Spartans back to their dugout repeatedly.

Playing during Spring Break, the Titans were without the team's other top players, seniors Mason Rottinghaus and Drew Mondrush, but the always-serious Jackson carried the load. He struck out 15 batters and walked just two and had a one-hitter going up until the top of the fifth inning when a Spartan batter knocked a shot deep into right-center field for a double.

But, that big hit was about all Southwestern had to feel happy about at the end of the day. The Titans scored three runs in the first inning and took advantage of the Spartans' problems on the mound to score six more runs in the sec-

ond inning.

Tri added another run in the third inning and hung in as Jackson dispatched Spartans at the plate to secure the 10-0 win.

Jackson, Gage Rowe, Kyle Falck and Peyton Wooten each hit RBI-singles. Those were the Titans' only hits in the game with Tri players also reaching base seven times on walks.

Rowe and Jackson, who were each walked once, along with Falck, who reached base once on an error, all scored two runs apiece.

Masen Phelps reached base twice after being hit by a pitch, one of those coming with the bases loaded to give Phelps an RBI. Jackson was also hit by a pitch.

Jimmy Jeffries reached base twice on a fielder's choice play, earning one RBI.

Andrew Pierce had three stolen bases in the game after being walked twice. He turned his aggressive baserunning into two runs. Jackson also had a stolen base.

Dillon Stevens was walked twice and scored a run. Phelps scored the team's other run.

Jarod Stevens and Jacob Marshall provided solid work behind the plate with Stevens catching for Jackson the first four innings and Marshall relieving him at catcher for the top of the fifth inning.

The Titans' next game is April 9 at home against Seton Catholic.

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## First Year Coach Benefiel to Lead Experienced Titan Team

Tri varsity baseball team's top hitters and pitchers last season return to help lead the Titans on the field this year.

The 2018 roster includes five seniors, three juniors and five sophomores.

First year head coach Tony Benefiel, who got his first career win on Monday when the Titans defeated Southwestern Shelby, will be looking to seniors Josiah Jackson, Mason Rottinghaus, Drew Mondrush, Mason Phelps and Justin Greene to provide the leadership on the field and in the dugout this season.

Jackson played in all 24 games in 2017, leading the Titans at the plate and on the mound. He had 33 hits, including four doubles and one triple, with 15 RBIs. Jackson was 4-2 on the mound with one shutout. He pitched 48 innings, 15 more than the next Titan pitcher, and had 57 strikeouts with 13 walks while giving up 34 hits and 28 runs. Jackson also led the team in stolen bases, successfully coming up safe on 25 of his 25 attempts.

Rottinghaus played in 19 of the team's 24 games last season and finished with the second most hits at 20, including seven doubles. He also had 15 RBIs. Rottinghaus pitched 24 innings last season with

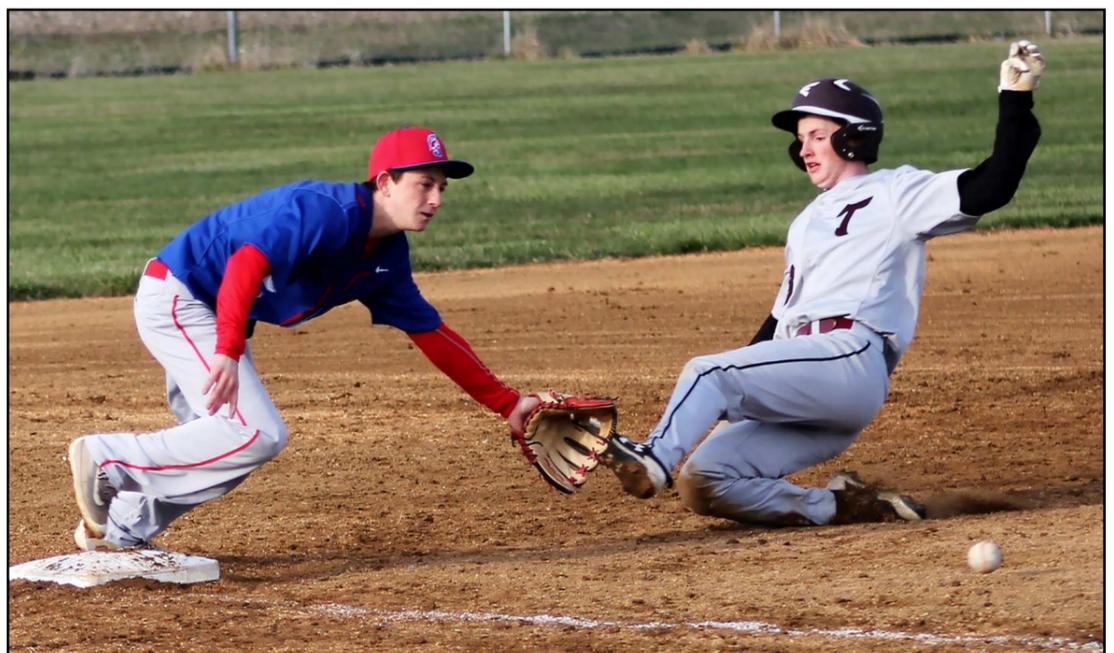
a 2-2 record. He threw 23 strikeouts with 13 walks while giving up 14 hits and 21 runs.

Mondrush was also a major player on the team last season. He pitched 33 innings with 30 strikeouts and 21 walks. He played in 20 games in 2017 and finished the season with 16 hits, including two home runs and one triple, with 15 RBIs.

The three juniors on this year's roster are Gage Rowe, Jimmy Jeffries and Peyton Wooten. Rowe played in all 24 games last season and, along with Jeffries, will provide the core of the team's infield at shortstop and second base. Wooten threw for 15 innings last season to finish with a 2-1 record and will be counted on again at the mound.

Sophomore Dillon Stevens was the only other player besides Jackson and Rowe to play in all 24 games last season. Another sophomore, Kyle Falck, played in 23 games last year. Three other sophomores - Jarod Stevens, Andrew Pierce and Jacob Marshall - round out the Titan roster.

Coach Benefiel will be joined by assistant coach Lee Spurgin and junior varsity coach Zach Burchett, a graduate of Knightstown High School and former top Panther player.



Tri sophomore Andrew Pierce was walked twice in yesterday's game at home against Southwestern. Pierce took advantage by stealing bases and scoring twice. He also skillfully avoided the out after getting caught in a rundown between third base and home plate. (Stacy Cox photo)

## DNR Encourages Hoosier Anglers to Try Muskie Fishing

As the spring fishing season approaches, the DNR encourages Hoosier anglers to give Indiana muskie fishing a try.

"Indiana has some of the best muskie fishing in the Midwest," said Jed Pearson, a DNR fisheries biologist who manages the state's muskie program. "Lake Webster, the Barbee lakes and Lake Tippecanoe in northeast Indiana's Kosciusko County are especially good."

The lakes in Indiana's muskie program cover 2,700 surface acres, and many have been stocked each

year for more than 20 years. According to Pearson, it's common for anglers to hook a muskie on every fishing trip.

Long thought to be elusive, muskies bite on a variety of lures, many of which are typically used by bass anglers. Casting large plugs or trolling spoonbaits along submersed weed beds are the most productive methods.

Muskies have sharp teeth that easily cut regular fishing line. So, attach your lures to a steel leader to keep the fish from breaking away. A large landing net is handy to lift

the fish and safely handle it.

The minimum size limit to keep a muskie in Indiana is 36 inches, but muskies taken at Lake Webster and the adjacent Backwater Area must be a minimum of 44 inches to keep. Even so, most muskie anglers release the fish they catch.

Muskie fishing is also available in southern and central Indiana. Top waters include Brookville Lake and Bass Lake near Sullivan.

Eagle Creek Reservoir in Indianapolis is also stocked with muskies. More information can be found at [wildlife.IN.gov/5457.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/5457.htm).

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## Arlington Plots Under New Eligibility Rules

If you are planning on being buried at Arlington Cemetery, you better act soon.

Section 60 of our National Cemetery, where Iraq and Afghanistan veterans are laid to rest, will soon have to close to new burials unless eligibility rules are restricted or the grounds are expanded, Army officials said Thursday. "We are filling up every single day" at the 154-year-old historic site across the Potomac from Washington, D.C.,



by **John Guglielmi**  
Henry County  
Veteran  
Service Officer

said Karen Durham-Aguilera, executive director of Army National Military Cemeteries.

"Within the next few years, Section 60, known for the recent wars, will be closed. This is on our mind every day," Durham-Aguilera told a hearing of the House Armed Services subcommittee on military personnel.

Section 60 would be the first to close to new burials. Projections are that the entire cemetery will have to close to above and below ground interments in the 2040s, said Katharine Kelley, the cemetery's superintendent.

Each week about 150 burials take place at Arlington. Last year, there were more than 7,100. The possibilities for expanding the cemetery's grounds are severely limited. Currently, most honorably discharged veterans may request Arlington as their final resting place, but the eligibility rules are lengthy. The rules can be found on these websites: [www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Portals/0/Docs/Eligibility-FactSheet-20170701.pdf](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Portals/0/Docs/Eligibility-FactSheet-20170701.pdf) or [www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/FuneralInformation/EstablishServices.aspx](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/FuneralInformation/EstablishServices.aspx).

Veterans groups are generally opposed to eligibility restrictions to extend the active life of Arlington that would limit burials to those killed in the line of duty; recipients of the Medal of Honor and other high awards; and prisoners of war.

Forrest Allen, associate director of government relations at the Military Officers Association of America, said current eligibility rules should be maintained while options for expanding the grounds are explored.

"It is important to respect end-of-life plans for currently eligible veterans and take reasonable steps to extend the cemetery for future service members," Allen said.

More than 400,000 veterans have been interred at Arlington since the Civil War, but "unfortunately, the cemetery is rapidly running out of space. If nothing is done, in a matter of 23 short years, the cemetery will be closed for new burials.

### Shiny new Medicare Cards

Indiana veterans and seniors who are Medicare Recipients will receive new cards after June 2018. The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services are removing Social Security Numbers from Medicare cards in order to prevent fraud and identify theft. New cards will be mailed out in phases based on geographic location, with Indiana residents getting their cards sometime after June 2018. There will be no charge for the new cards and the new card will not change your benefits.

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Dear Editor,

I'm imploring the Henry County Commissioners to stop the permanent relocation of the "Spirit of the American Doughboy" statue and have it placed back on the hill where it was dedicated, before the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 2018 ... the 100th anniversary of the ending of the world war and where the statue was dedicated 89 years ago, so that it can be rededicated as it was intended to be.

The doughboy was erected to honor and memorialize those lost in the war that was thought to end all wars. Those young men and boys, some of them, never came home. Their bodies lie in a foreign country ... one they did not ask to die in.

Just a year earlier, these boys had been farmers, factory workers, clerks, carpenters, students, in civilian clothes. Six months prior to the battlefield they were in a training camp. Then they were soldiers in France, and they were the heroes of the war for civilization.

I'm telling you that the ground carefully built up to stand the statue on, by the hands of Henry County Citizens is every bit as important as the statue that rested on it and the two were never meant to be separated. The War mothers plaque was set in that ground. It's sacred.....it's hallowed.

Who are we to even contemplate taking that spiritual place in the wooded "no-man's land" where a brigadier general spoke about the monument being there "forever" and the War Mothers cried over lost sons. It's where a Henry County Civil War veteran and captain (age 89) stood and unveiled the statue in front of all the military organizations in the county. It's much bigger than we are.

Use the doughboy for the "soft opening" in July and then put it back where it belongs for the ages. I think those who purchased bricks and flag poles for the plaza would not argue with placing another statue there. It changes none of your plans except returning the doughboy to its rightful place.

We are in the fourth month of the year in which I planned to honor our WWI veterans in a respectful manner, as did many others all across the nation. This has been wasted fighting

a battle that should never have begun. I haven't used this word yet, but what we are doing in moving his statue is shameful.

**Mark Sean Orr**  
New Castle

Dear Editor,

The scene from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., is one we have seen far too often: terrified students fleeing a school, parents frantically searching for their children, law enforcement swarming a campus. While our immediate concern is for those directly involved in these tragedies, instinctively we also wonder if our own children are safe. Safety is the top school-related concern of parents, above academic performance, student services, facilities or educator quality. Parents must have an accurate understanding of the safety plans in place in our schools. We also must work to ensure that students, and their families, feel that their schools are safe.

School administrators are keenly aware of the need to protect students, with the range of threats including not only active shooters but also weather and natural disasters, noncustodial parent abductions, and everyday issues like bullying and fighting. Although mass school shootings understandably garner intense media coverage, all threats to school safety are cause for concern. Research shows that any instance of crime or violence at school not only affects the students directly involved but can also negatively impact bystanders, the larger school environment and the community.

The good news is that Indiana is leading the nation in school security and safety planning. Indiana is one of only two states with a school safety specialist law, and is the only state in which the program is fully implemented. Every public school corporation in Indiana is required to have a certified school safety specialist, and 88 percent of districts have two or more specialists.

David Woodward has worked at the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) for over 20 years and is architect of the state's School Safety Academy. Started in 1999, the Academy's five-day basic training covers national and state best practices on topics such

as cyberbullying, digital threats, active shooters, safe and effective drills, student suicide and school entrance security. Each district specialist must also complete two additional days of training annually and are tasked with starting the multi-step process of updating and implementing their district's safety plan. As Woodward notes, "The threats to our schools are always changing, so our response always needs to be updated."

Although our state is proactive in addressing the safety needs of schools, challenges remain. Fear at school can contribute to an unhealthy school climate and lead to negative student behavior. Students who feel unsafe at school are more likely to miss days of class, and students who witness school violence are more likely to experience health problems, social and emotional difficulties, and poor academic performance. According to the National Survey of Children's Health, 78.1 percent of Indiana parents say they "definitely agree" that their child is safe at school. This is compared to the Healthy People 2020 initiative's goal that 95 percent of parents will consider their children to be safe at school. We all have a role to play in creating and sustaining a climate of safety through our schools.

At the leadership and policy level, more can be done to increase both the actual and perceived levels of safety. In late February, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jennifer McCormick called on the General Assembly and our Congressional Delegation to pass additional school safety policies. Her two main requests were increased resources for mental and behavioral wellbeing, and ensuring that our private and charter schools all have the same requirements to keep our schools and students safe. Late in the legislative session, Governor Holcomb requested a \$5 million increase in the state's school safety grant fund, but the bill died in the final minutes of this year's session. The May special session will be a time to finalize additional school safety actions and funding.

At the community level, effective communication is critical. Although schools understandably cannot publish their specific safety plans, they can and should talk with parents and community members about the steps they are taking

to ensure students are safe. Experts suggest directly calling your school principal with safety concerns, noting that many people erroneously first call local law enforcement. Student voice is also important in shaping and maintaining a safe school environment. Ask your school how they are supporting student engagement in their safety planning. Finally, do not underestimate the impact these national traumas have on our students' sense of safety.

The horrific mass shooting in Florida has once again heightened our concerns for school safety. Indiana has proactively taken steps to ensure our schools have updated safety plans in place and yet even the best plans are not guarantees. All Hoosier parents and families should have a clear understanding of what is going on at the state and local levels, especially inside their individual schools. Students are understandably and admirably stepping up to not only regain their sense of safety but also to call for increased action. But as community leaders, parents and citizens, it is our shared responsibility to provide safe learning environments for all of our educators, administrators and, most importantly, our students.

**Tami Silverman, president**  
Indiana Youth Institute

## U.S. 40 Yard Sale Celebration Approaching

The Historic National Road Yard Sale, which extends from Baltimore to St. Louis, will see its 15th anniversary this year.

Dublin, Ind., is the official headquarters of the yard sale, where the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Historic National Road Yard Sale will occur from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 30 at Old Storefront Antiques. The celebration includes door prizes and food.

For more information, contact Patricia McDaniel at 765-478-4809 or [www.oldstorefrontantiques.com](http://www.oldstorefrontantiques.com).



# 81st Annual Meeting of Henry County REMC

Thursday, April 19, 2018

**First Baptist Church, 709 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle, IN 47362**

REMC Member-Owners are cordially invited to attend the 81st Henry County REMC Annual Meeting. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a complimentary dinner, music, gifts, prizes and more. Supervised youth activities (ages 5 and up) will be held on-site.

**Attendees are required to bring their personalized registration card printed in the April Electric Consumer.**






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