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Banner Offices Moving, Downsizing

The Banner office, 24 N. Washington St., Knightstown, is moving and downsizing. The mail slot at that address will remain viable until the end of May. However, one small Banner office will remain active inside the old Citizens State Bank build near the northeast corner of Main and Jefferson streets (104 E. Main). Banner Publisher Eric Cox said decreased walk-in traffic combined with increased online transactions have made the newspaper's office less active and unnecessarily costly. Of course, the 150-year-old Banner newspaper will remain in operation and, consequently, more efficient after this overdue streamlining effort. The Banner phone number (345-2292) and all email addresses will remain active. We encourage customers to contact us with questions, etc.

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.

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.

Richard Sitler Photo Seminar June 15-16

Knightstown native Richard Sitler will host a photography seminar at the Hoosier Gym on Friday and Saturday, June 15-16. To find out more about the event, find Sitler on Facebook.

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Emergency Dispatch Center Closure Hitting Rough Spots

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The process of closing the town of Knightstown's dispatch center "continues going rough," according to Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department Chief Eric McDaniel.

McDaniel offered this critical assessment last week at the April 25 monthly meeting of the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board.

"We're in a bad spot," McDaniel told the board's five members. The biggest issue at this time, he said, is figuring out how needed Internet service will be provided to new communication equipment the fire department is getting to enable it to better communicate with Henry County dispatchers.

McDaniel said that he had been having a hard time getting information on Internet options and pricing from Ninestar, the company that presently provides Internet service to the fire department. He said he did have a quote from Comcast, however, and that he thought it would be \$50-\$60 less a month than what Ninestar would charge for comparable service.

Because the new communications equipment will need to be kept in the town's radio room at the police department, McDaniel said a cable will need to be run between there and the fire department. He said that may be something fire department personnel will be able to do themselves.

Fire board member Sarah Ward, who also serves as president of the Knightstown Town Council, told McDaniel that the town is also considering switching to Comcast for Internet service. McDaniel asked

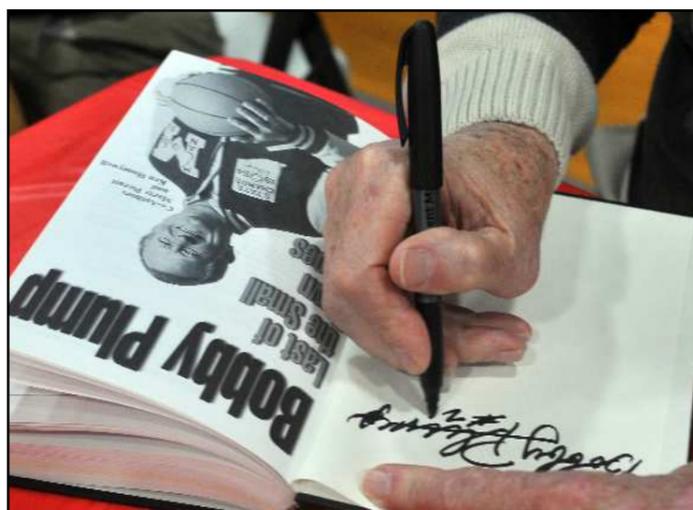
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'Hoosiers' Mural Dedicated; Splash Pad Fund Boosted



Hoosiers screenwriter Angelo Pizzo (foreground) and Indiana basketball icon Bobby Plump autograph basketballs during a fundraiser at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown on Saturday.

Bobby Plump (right) signs a copy of his book during the Hoosiers Hoops 'n Cash for Splash fundraiser at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown on Saturday. The event raised \$3,247.28 for the Sunset Park splash pad, which was closed last year due to financial constraints. Over 70 local auction items were donated to boost the splash pad fund. In addition, several Milan basketball players and Pizzo were on hand to help dedicate the Hoosiers-themed mural on Main Street. Muralist Pamela Bliss also attended the event. (Richard Sitler photos)



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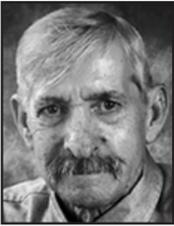


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OBITUARIES

Glen David Smith

January 5, 1943 - April 27, 2018



Glen David Smith, 75, of Carthage, began his new life in Heaven on Friday, April 27, 2018, while surrounded by his loving family.

Glen was born on Jan. 5, 1943, a son of Finley and Marie (Wyatt) Smith, both of whom preceded him in death.

Glen was raised in Carthage and graduated from Carthage High School in 1961. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force 1961-1965, and shortly after married his wife, Jessica Kline, on June 6, 1970. Glen was a dedicated farmer who truly enjoyed caring for his farm animals and nature. He loved his family, singing, gardening, flowers and playing guitar. He enjoyed car shows, poker and fishing with his buddies.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 48 years, Jessica (Kline) Smith; two children, Joshua David Smith of Greenfield and Erin (husband, Jesse) Vore of Greentown; three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Benjamin David and Judah; five siblings, Shirley Lukens of Knightstown, Sonny Smith of Carthage, Jack (wife, Shirley) Smith of Tennessee, Jon (wife, Virginia) Smith of Texas, and Kathy (husband, Terry) Gibson of Carthage; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends and family called Tuesday, May 1, at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown. Funeral Services were at the funeral home on May 2 with Pastor Jesse Vore officiating. Burial followed in Walnut Ridge Cemetery with military honors conducted by contingents from the U.S. Air Force and the American Legion. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered to the Henry Henley Public Library in Carthage. You may offer the family a personal condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com.

Jesse F. Rumble, Sr.

September 26, 1927 - April 26, 2018



Jesse F. Rumble, Sr., 90, of Carthage, passed away Thursday, April 26, 2018, at Hancock Regional Hospital. He was born Sept. 26, 1927, in Shelby County, the son of Ezra Asher and Minnie Della (Price) Rumble.

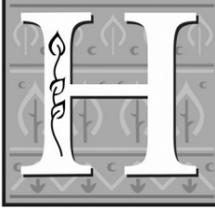
Jesse retired from Container Corporation following 38 years of service. He was a member of Carthage Wesleyan Church and enjoyed camping and fishing. Jesse enjoyed spending time with his family and especially family gatherings.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Emma Jean (Adams) Rumble of Carthage; seven children, Frank Rumble of Rushville, Marjorie (Carl) Smith of Ogden, Edna (Patrick) Partlow of Knightstown, Sharon (Gary) Williams of Carthage, Larry (Connie) Rumble of Knightstown, Sandra Jackson of Carthage and Jesse Rumble Jr. of Carthage; 20 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Carl Eugene Smith, and eight siblings.

Services were April 30 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Rev. Charles Stroud officiating. Burial followed in Carthage Cemetery. Visitation was April 29. Condolences and memories of Jesse may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

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E. Janice Kendall

Feb. 27, 1933 - April 25, 2018



E. Janice Kendall, 85, Indianapolis, passed away April 25, 2018. She was born Feb. 27, 1933, in Mahalasville,

the daughter of the late Bryan and Maribel (Winkler) Haase. She married Jack Joseph Kendall on May 17, 1957. He preceded her in passing in 1994, after 37 years of marriage.

Jan was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority. She enjoyed volunteering and surrounding herself with friends and family.

She is survived by two children, Carrie Houston and Brad (Marty) Kendall; five grandchildren, Zach, Garrett, Turner, Kendall and Allison; and three siblings, Tom (Judy) Haase, Dee Ellen Jarboe, and Jeff Haase.

She was preceded in passing by a sister, Truth Schifffhauer, and a brother, Mike Haase.

Services were May 2 at Flanner Buchanan – Carmel, 325 E. Carmel Drive. Visitation was May 1 at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be shared by visiting flannerbuchanan.com.

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Council Shoots Down Humvee Idea

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

While Carthage Town Council members took no formal vote on the issue, they made it clear during a special meeting last week that they don't support the idea of the town's police department obtaining a military surplus truck.

As reported in the April 11 issue of The Banner, Carthage Town Marshal Danny Baker told the council at its April 9 monthly meeting that he was interested in trying to get a Humvee utility truck through the Law Enforcement Support Organization. This, he said, is the same Humvee he obtained for the town of Knightstown from LESO, a group that helps equip local law enforcement agencies with surplus military equipment from the Department of Defense, when he was police chief there.

Knightstown's new chief of police, Chris Newkirk, received permission from the Knightstown Town Council in March to return to LESO the Humvee and eight guns Baker had also obtained through the program. He had explained to council members that the Knightstown Police

Department simply doesn't use the vehicle or guns.

With Knightstown set to return the Humvee to LESO, Baker told the Carthage Town Council at its April 9 meeting that he wanted to contact LESO to see if Carthage could get the vehicle. The town, he said, would not have to pay anything to get the Humvee from LESO, which would actually retain ownership of the vehicle.

Baker explained at the April 9 meeting that the only expenses Carthage would have for the Humvee, other than fuel and maintenance costs, would be for insurance. The council asked Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahon at that meeting to see how much the insurance would be.

Last week, at the council's April 24 special meeting, McMahon reported that insurance on the Humvee would be about \$1,500 a year. Although the council's five members did not take a formal vote on the issue, their consensus was clearly not in favor of Baker's request.

"I personally don't think we need it," Council Vice President Kelly Land said of the Humvee. Council
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Henry County Property Taxes Due May 10

Henry County property owners tax statements 2017 pay 2018 have been mailed and this will be the only notice for the year. Those who have not received a tax statement for 2017 payable in 2018 should contact the Henry County Treasurer's office at 765-529-4404.

Spring taxes will be due by May 10. Taxes can be paid at the treasurer's office 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday- Thursday, and 7 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday.

Payments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 1258, New Castle, IN 47362 or paid at the following Henry County banks: Citizens, First Merchants, First Financial (Main Source Bank) and Star Financial. Credit cards may be used for payments by calling 1-

866-480-8552 or online at www.henryco.net. Credit card payments will have a 3 percent processing fee.

For questions on your assessments call, the Henry County Assessor at 765-529-2104, for questions on exemptions and rates, call the Henry County Auditor at 765-529-2800 and for questions on drains, call the

Drainage Board at 765-529-4802. "Remember that not receiving a tax statement does not relieve you from paying your taxes or from being assessed a late fee," Henry County Treasurer Gene Bundy said.

Tax information can now be found online: www.henryco.net (click the Beacon link) or google: www.beacon.com.

OBITUARIES

Larry Pitts
April 18, 2018

Larry Pitts passed away on Wednesday, April 18. He was a resident of Carthage.

Larry graduated from Carthage High School in 1969. He retired from Pilkington in Shelbyville in December 2016.

He is survived by his daughter, Natalie (husband, Phil) Hall of Knightstown; and two sisters, Jan Longo and Marilyn Kemple, both of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Odell and Grace Pitts.



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Digital Age Difficult for Newspapers

The Digital Age is a wonder. Computers and the computerization of society have brought a passel of immeasurable benefits. Never before have humans had so much information at their fingertips.

Yet, this era of handheld communication devices is not without its drawbacks, among them the decline of many bricks-and-mortar businesses. Displaced in the growing jungle of "big box" and online shopping, book retailers, record shops and other media distributors have diminished in equal measures to the growth of parcel delivery giants like UPS and FedEx.

Now, instead of physically going to the stores, we Americans are increasingly ordering goods online and enjoying home delivery. Maybe this is the natural way of things in a technologically advanced culture, but it is, of course not what many of us are used to - yet.

Particularly hard hit in the Internet Age have been newspapers. I'm not talking about TV news or radio news or "news" delivered on Facebook. I'm talking about printed newspapers like The Banner.

I haven't researched every newspaper in America, but I know this: almost all of them are in circulation decline as people opt to get their news online. They do this at their own peril, of course. As we've seen, the integrity of many online "news" sources is questionable at best. People don't seem to care, however, as long as it's free.

Ironically, free news does come at a cost. The havoc wrought by propaganda masquerading as news can

have dramatic effects on American democracy. But, again, people don't seem to mind, as long as it's free. They're willing to bear the high cost of an already imperfect government further fractured by an electorate too lazy to collect its own facts, and too gullible and poorly educated to discern truth from fiction.

Add to this people's growing unwillingness to read anything and we have a recipe for disaster.

But, that aside, there's still plenty of great journalists out there working to bring you the truth about your government. The question is: will you take the time and small amount of effort to fulfill your responsibility as a citizen by finding facts for yourself?

People who read The Banner, subscribe to it and support this newspaper do so for that very reason - because they want to know facts about their community and its government.

Some in Knightstown will construe The Banner's office move and downsizing as a death knell for this 150-year-old newspaper. That could not be further from the truth. When I resurrected The Banner back in 1999, there was no plan to make this a short-lived endeavor. Instead, my plan was to reinvigorate this publication, giving a renewed lease on life that will carry it well into the 21st century.

One only needs to look at the daily newspaper offices in surrounding communities to see that what I'm saying is true. The Digital Age hasn't been kind to newspapers, their staffs or their offices. All of them are shrinking and it is indeed a sad thing.



Styles of Mothers Not Forgotten

"Everything I am, I owe to my angel mother." - Abraham Lincoln

Mother's Day memories float to the surface of my internal being's pool of experience. My mother loved to hear the wrens, and one is singing as I write this. ...

Styles of mothering range from that of helicopter mothers who hover over and manage their children even into adulthood to hands-off. I was a stay-at-home mom, unlike Vicki, who has had to work. I asked her what was the best thing that she did for her sons.

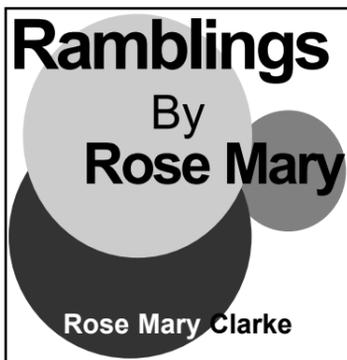
"I never tried to run their lives or let them expect me to do everything for them. They learned to do laundry, cook and manage their schoolwork. This taught them to be independent and to be responsible for their lives." Remembering how I wasted time and energy trying to drag her through math, I realize that she was wiser than I.

"My children are my career," said Bill's sister, Pat, who raised six children. "They say that I have eyes in the back of my head. They don't know it, but actually I have very good hearing."

Pat's daughter-in-law, Mary Jo, wrote about her farmwife mother, "I don't know how Mom did it all with no modern conveniences, limited income, and the thought of cooking three large meals a day is hard for me to even comprehend. My dad worked very hard, but mom was on 24/7. He never got up

with a sick child or stayed up late putting the hem in a "must-have, to-die for" dress to be worn the following day. After they lost their money, Bill's darling mother cut up her silk and satin evening gowns and made fancy lingerie for his sister.

I asked my friend Jean, who is over 10 years younger than I, about her mother, who came from a family of 13 (!) children. Jean choked



up. "Oh. ... She sacrificed everything for me. She started working when she was so young that she lied about her age to get a job. My parents were working class people, and for me to go to college was a really big deal."

My own story parallels hers. My miserly grandfather told my mother that she'd have to quit school and earn her own living after eighth grade. She cleaned a Knightstown physician's house. Married at 16, she raised five children during the dire poverty of the

Depression. After my father lost his sight, she became a floral designer at the greenhouse and augmented her meager income by babysitting in order to send me money for college.

Some mothers face unimaginable hardship. I remember well Mary Bundy of Knightstown who took care of two sons - Bob and my buddy, Jack - during the many years of their slow disintegration from muscular dystrophy. The best and bravest mother I know is a cheerful, 40-something, hard-working colleague and single mother of a teen-aged daughter who cannot talk, walk or take care of herself.

The lives of women like my mother and Jean's are more akin to those of my ancestresses whose graves Vicki and I visit in the old family cemetery near Michigantown than to those of women today. For many years, my mother cooked on a cast iron range, used a wringer washer, hung the laundry on a clothesline, baked the family's bread every day, wrung the necks of chickens and cleaned them, canned hundreds of quarts of vegetables and fruit, went down the path to the outhouse, took baths in a laundry tub and had few vacations. When I was a girl she wore a corset and cotton house dresses and had one good dress for church. "You've come a long way, baby, to

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I write to endorse Joe Bergacs to be elected the Republican candidate for Prosecutor in the May primary. I have recently retired after nearly 29 years as a deputy prosecutor. I am proud to have served under Mal Edwards, Kit C D Crane and Joe. The citizens of Henry County have had a rich history of excellent prosecutors and Joe's work is a continuation of that excellence. He has the experience and sound judgment necessary to be effective in this most important of elected offices.

I ask that you vote for Joe.

Jim Millikan
New Castle

Dear Editor,

Child abuse and neglect, which can result in physical and emotional harm and even death, are serious issues that occur far too often in the United States and Indiana.

For example, 77 children died from abuse and neglect in Indiana between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, according to the Indiana Department of Child Services' (DCS) most recent Child Abuse and Neglect Annual Report of Child Fatalities.

As Indiana residents, it is our job to protect the children living in our communities and ensure they are unharmed.

To help bring attention to this issue, we, along with the rest of the United States, recognize April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which increases awareness, teaches warning signs and provides solutions to prevent child abuse.

In Indiana, the DCS also provides a number of prevention programs to help combat the issue.

Healthy Families Indiana is a voluntary home visitation program designed to promote healthy families and children through a variety of services, including child development, access to health care and parent education.

Community Partners for Child Safety is a statewide prevention program designed to strengthen the family unit and build support services. It is a voluntary, free and home-based service to connect families with resources.

Youth Service Bureaus and Safe Place provide a variety of programs aimed at preventing delinquent behavior in teenagers.

While these programs are in place, you can also play a part in preventing child abuse in our state by following these guidelines:

Reach out to parents you know and offer a hand or emotional support.

Volunteer time to programs that help parents.

Advocate for community services to help families.

Consider becoming a foster parent.

Additionally, if you suspect a child is a victim of abuse or neglect, call the DCS Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-800-5556. The DCS is now under the leadership of Terry Stigdon, who was named director in December 2017.

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

Sen. Jean Leising
(R-Oldenberg)

Dear Editor,

Jail, roads, debt (go to Indiana Gateway to see full county debt); a

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Knightstown High School Choir members will be singing at the Knightstown United Methodist Church service this Sunday, May 6. Regular service is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and the public is invited to hear their performance of two numbers. The church is located at 27 S. Jefferson St.

◆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.

◆Patrons of the **Knightstown Public Library** are no longer able to use their old library cards because the library doesn't have access to its old system. Instead, patrons wishing to check out materials after this date 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.

◆The Shirley Octagon House is open for **free tours** through October, 2-4 p.m. daily, excluding holidays. To get a free tour by appointment or for more information, call Virginia Harrell at 765-738-6736.

◆**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

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1 Misplaced

5 *The Cloister and the Hearth* author

10 Chew with teeth

14 Hawaiian ukelele virtuoso

15 Magic Johnson's first name

16 Italian-American anarchist-feminist activist, writer

17 Rolling Stones singer (2 wds.)

19 Modern Persia

20 Shakespeare

21 tragedy

23 Shipping weight

24 NY NHL player

25 Honolulu island

28 Pre-metric Swedish measure of length

30 Deceive

31 Future law student's exam

32 Roadside hazards

34 1,660, to Caesar

38 Puffin, e.g.

39 Cather novel, *My*

41 Slogan ending?

42 France's pre-Euro currency

44 Go really fast

45 *MASH* star

46 Alphabetic trio, in reverse order

48 Go bad

49 Remain

50 Where ships dock

54 Type of cereal grain

56 *Winnie* ___

57 Brussels ___

61 Laughter, in Paris

62 Small homes (2 wds.)

64 Kuwaiti monarch

65 Nickname of 22-Down composer

66 Following

67 Small round veggies

68 Swiss author

69 "The Gateway of Ladakh" town in India

DOWN

1 Fancy ride

2 Leave out

3 None follower?

4 Dining option

5 A ___ in the neck

6 Therefore

7 MLB batting stat (abbr.)

8 Cuts calories

9 Sign up

10 Smiled

11 Peterson Air Force Base agency

12 An epigram, e.g.

13 Last name of MLB's "Poison" brothers

18 Singer Jennifer Lopez's nickname

22 Ballad by 65-Across

24 Not outside

25 Name of several Norse kings

26 Ancient Indian metallurgists

27 Traditional Maori ceremonial dance

29 Real last name of actor George Montgomery

33 *Darwin's Flood* playwright ___

35 Scot or Breton

36 Helen of Troy's mother

37 Broken bone revealer

39 Sneeze sound

40 *That '70s Show* actor Grace's intro (2 wds.)

43 Small biters

45 Amaze

47 Cave

50 throat

51 "Love princess" in Japanese

52 A butterfly genus

53 Type of degree

55 Venezuelan river

57 "Auld Lang ___"

58 Friendly start?

59 Small Scottish Island

60 Fast flyers

63 Romanian pan flute

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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CAB Employee Russell Spiker Enjoys Leading Knightstown High School's Robotics Team

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

Under the mentorship of Wilkinson resident Russ Spiker, Knightstown High School's robotics team has achieved much success in the past year. Most recently, The Last Crusaders took first place at the Indiana FIRST district competition at Plainfield High School.

"We did very well for such a small team and very, very little budget," said Spiker. "We've learned a lot this year. The kids learned a lot of new techniques and grew by leaps and bounds. There's some really sharp minds, and I'm just very proud of them."

This being his first year as the robotics team mentor, Spiker also feels that he has learned a great deal alongside the students.

"I plan on continuing coaching as well," he said. "I think, with the experience we've gained this year and hopefully next year, I'm hoping it will just lead to bigger and better things."

Spiker originally became involved with the group because his son was a member of the team.

"He's actually one of the drivers. He was on the VEX program when he was in middle school. I helped coach that a little bit, and I helped coach the last couple years at the high school," said Spiker.

He is taking over in place of Gary Driesbach, who, with the help of his family, had been the previous robotics coach for many years.

"They asked me to step up and it was just a good fit," Spiker said. "My son's on the team anyway; I'm gonna be at every competition no matter what, so I said, 'Sure, that'd be great.'"

There are currently 10 KHS students on the robotics team.

"For such a small team, they did a really outstanding job. It's really interesting the way these kids' minds work sometimes," said Spiker.

The Last Crusaders built two robots this year. As Spiker explained, the first was a prototype built in two weeks that was used to determine what worked and what didn't, allowing them to build the second robot more efficiently.



"We had a really good design," he said. "We designed it completely different than anyone else's. We knew we didn't have the money or the machinery to build a bigger ladder robot to work on the scale, so we concentrated on what we knew we could do. We built ours to actually pick the cube up and articulate through the machine, and use that to drive forward and backwards at that point. And we could do it very quickly, which helped us a bunch."

Spiker continued, "The way it works is you have three people in an alliance, and they all try to pick someone that compliments their robot. The other two robots on our team could actually work the scale really well, and we could do the switch and the vault; you get a ton of points that way. Working together as a team just helped us tremendously. It's what helped us to win."

In addition to robotics, Spiker is also CAB's director of transportation and grounds. He works to maintain all the school buses, and is often a fill-in bus driver when required.

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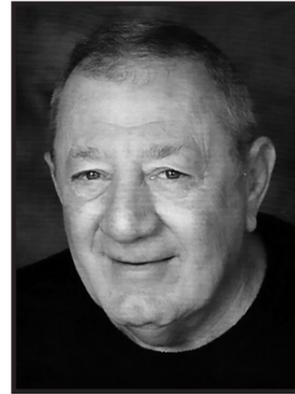
The Rush County Commissioners voted unanimously last week to reduce speed limits temporarily on eight county roads while construction work continues along a portion of State Road 44.

The county's three commissioner, Paul Wilkinson, Mark Bacon

and Bruce Levi, adopted Ordinance 2018-2 last Friday. It temporarily reduces the maximum speed limit to 30 mph along the following stretches of road:

*County Road 715-West, from State Road 44 to County Road 100-S;
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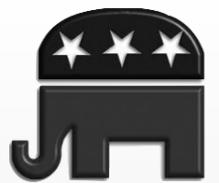
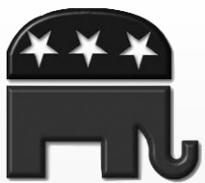


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This is Aspen Dental's fifth annual Day of Service and is part of Aspen Dental's Healthy Mouth Movement, a community-giving initiative that delivers free dental care to veterans.

Shelley Wilson Named Chief Nursing Officer at New Castle's Henry Community Health



Shelley Wilson, RN, MSN, is the new chief nursing officer at Henry Community Health.

"We are delighted Shelley is our new chief nursing officer," commented Paul Janssen, president and chief executive officer. "Her remarkable insight into the workings of Henry Community Health, her professionalism, ability to lead others and dedication to our patients and HCH are critical skills for this very important position."

"It is with great excitement I am transitioning to the role of chief nursing officer," said Wilson. "At Henry Community Health we are blessed with nurses who have a passion for caring for our patients and their families, and I look forward to working with them as we continue to provide the healthcare our patients deserve and expect."

Wilson previously was director of care coordination where she created and implemented new programs and processes to better coordinate inpatient and outpatient

care and encourage patients to take a more active role in caring for their own health. She also has worked in the emergency department at Henry Community Health and as care coordinator for New Castle Family & Internal Medicine.

Her passion for helping others is a family tradition and extends beyond the hospital. Wilson has been a member of the Prairie Township Volunteer Fire Department for 21 years and currently holds the rank of captain. She is also a licensed EMT. Her husband, Gary Wilson, has been a member for 21 years. Her son, Joshua, joined the department last August and her daughter, Shelby, is joining in May. Wilson's father, Bill Utt, has been a member of the department for 41 years.

Her husband, Gary, also is a deputy, sergeant and K9 officer with the Henry County Sheriff's Department and works as a School Resource Officer for Blue River Valley Schools. The Wilsons are members of Mt Zion Wesleyan Church where she will soon be teaching Sunday school as well as leading a ladies Bible study

Rose Mary, from Page 4

get where you've got to today." Virginia Slims commercial.

Many younger women can't imagine the struggle that the suffragettes went through, including being reviled, spit upon, jailed and having their sanity examined for wanting to vote. Barbara Reuter, Jean's mother who is in frail health, told Jean, "I just hope I live long enough to vote for a woman for president!" Her dream came true when she cast her vote

for Hilary Clinton in the primary. It's been a long time coming, baby!

What a difference a generation makes! As I write this, we're with Jean and her husband, Bill, at a lovely condo that overlooks the Gulf of Mexico. The affluence and, above all, the personal freedom that I enjoy were just a fantasy for our mothers. God bless America and my angel mother who made it possible!

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Town Council Green Lights Sidewalk, Road Repairs

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council has given its tacit approval for the town's street department to arrange

for sidewalk and road repairs at a handful of locations in town.

Randy Anderson, head of the town's water department and one of two co-works managers, identified

four locations at the town council's April 19 monthly meeting that need work:

*in front of 27 N. Jefferson St. and 16 S. Jefferson St. – sidewalk and curb work needed, along with concrete to cover up a water line dig site in the road; and

*in front of 206 S. Washington St. and 144 S. Washington St. - sidewalk repairs are needed.

Anderson told the council that Brian Lane, head of the town's street department, had obtained a quote from Vail Concrete to do this work. Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman said quotes from two other vendors would be needed, but, because the cost is expected to be less than \$5,000, she said she

would be able to OK the expenditure without the council's approval.

While a formal council vote was not needed, the four council members in attendance – President Sarah Ward, Vice President Kevin Knott, Mitch Roland and Landon Dean – all expressed support for these sidewalk and road repairs. The council's fifth member, Roger Hammer, was not present for that night's meeting, the second one in a row he had missed.

Anderson also told the council that town employees had recently used 2.5 tons of cold patch to fill pot holes on local roads. He said they planned to try to get another four tons the following week so that they could continue with this.

"We have a lot of bad spots all over town," Anderson told the council. He said town employees have a list of spots where road repairs are needed, and he noted that the state is responsible for the condition of U.S. Hwy. 40.

Anderson also updated the council on the splash pad water attraction at Sunset Park. He said the town will need to take a series of samples to determine the chlorine content in the water and will also need to monitor the amount of suspended solids, oil and grease that are in the water. This testing, he said, will need to be done before the state will give approval to a plan to divert water from the splash

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2005 - Became Carthage Deputy Town Marshall

2005 - Graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) for a Town Marshall

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OBITUARIES

Bobby Joe Hibbard
April 19, 1935 - April 27, 2018



The lord called home one of his most kind hearted souls, Bobby Joe Hibbard, on Friday, April 27, 2018, at IU Health Hospice House, Bloomington.
 Born April 19, 1935, in Laurel County, Ky., he was the son of Joseph Marshall and Polly Jane (Feltner) Hibbard.

He married Amely Brown on July 6, 1956; she passed away on Oct. 28, 2013.

Bobby Joe was retired from General Motors in Indianapolis and was a member of Bartlettville Christian Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Darlene (William) Swallers of Knightstown; a son, Bobby (Becky) Hibbard II of Camby; seven grandchildren, Joshua Swallers, Zachary Swallers, William Swallers, Steven Swallers, Jessica Hibbard, Alyssa Hibbard and Bobby Joe Hibbard III; several great-grandchildren; and a sister, Florence (Allen) Scott.

He is also survived by his loving companion, Nancy Deckard; her daughter, Amber (Levi) Godsey; and three grandchildren, Bracie, Brandt and Adacyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Amely; a daughter, Carolyn Sue; and seven brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be on Friday, May 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bartlettville Christian Church, with Tim Day officiating. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.fergusonlee.com.

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multi-million dollar wastewater utility improvement project and authorized Ward to sign permit applications for work on the project;

*discussed a proposed interlocal agreement between the town and Henry County for dispatch services the county will provide to the town once the town's dispatch center closes later this summer;

*OK'd payment of \$55,139 still owing on for an ultraviolet disinfectant unit for the wastewater treatment plant; and

*moved its May meeting up a week to May 10 and scheduled a public hearing for that night on the town's efforts to obtain a \$500,000 grant from the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs to fund improvements at the Hoosier Gym.

More information about the April 19 meeting of the Knightstown Town Council can be found in the April 25 issue of The Banner and in the mem-
 oranda and minutes from that proceeding.

Sidewalks, from Page 8

pad to Montgomery Creek instead of sending it to the town's sewer plant, where it presently goes.

While the testing of water is something that will be done over time after the splash pad is up and running, Anderson said a couple of things need to be addressed before the splash pad is used this year. He said a backflow preventer needs to be tested to ensure it's working

properly, and a device to minimize or eliminate "hammering" in the water pipes needs to be installed.

In other business at the April 19 monthly meeting, the Knightstown Town Council:

*approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$477,354.11 and \$154,843.81 for payroll;

*heard an update on the town's
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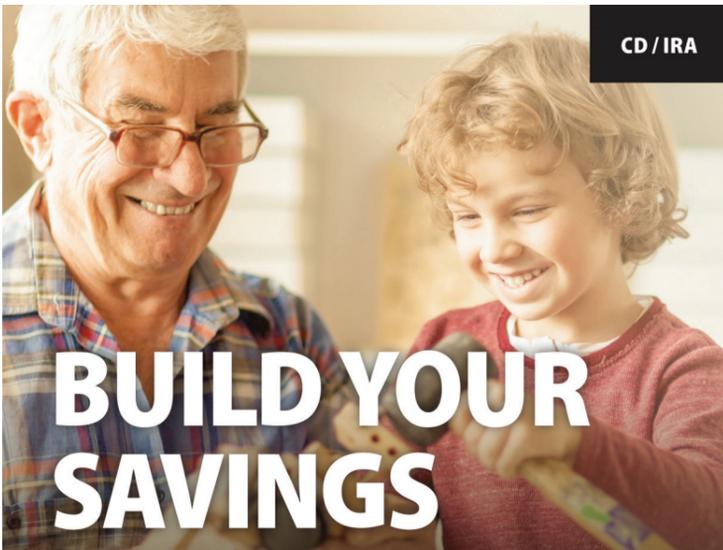


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 *County Road 100-South, from County Road 715-West to County Road 800-West;
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County Road 715-West to County Road 800-West;
 *County Road 125-South, from County Road 715-West to County Road 600-West;

*County Road 150-South, from County Road 600-West to State Road 44; and
 *County Road 600-West, from County Road 150-South to County Road 125-South;
 Ordinance 2018-2 took effect

last Friday, but the new speed limits won't actually start being enforced until proper signage has been posted on all affected roads. The reduced speed limits will remain in effect for 180 days, or until Ordinance 2018-2 is repealed.

STEVE DUGGER

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★ Lived in District #3 for 38 years

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Spiker, from Page 6

"I coordinate all the bus routes," he said. "All the maintenance and things that we do, it winds up being a lot, but it's a pretty rewarding job. When I have a driver off or something, I'm the first one on call. If they give me a little bit of notice, I try to schedule one of my substitutes, but if it's a last minute thing it's usually me that's driving. And I'm familiar with all the routes, I set it all up and know where all the kids live, so it does help."

Spiker and the team plan on participating in various offseason competitions, which are fairly inexpensive. This will help hone the team's skills and the efficiency of their robot, which they have named Nigel.

"They give you six weeks to design, build and prototype everything and it has to be operational in six weeks, which is a very short amount of time. You're so busy on building that you don't have time to learn other things," said Spiker. "This way, every one of the kids knows how to drive, how to program, how to do everything on the robot. So if something happens, if a kid gets sick, someone else can fill in."

He also hopes to increase the number of students and parents who are interested in Knightstown robotics.

"The first of next year, we'd like to get the robot out during lunch sessions and get some more kids to join. I think a lot of the kids, if they were to actually see it, what it does and how it works, it's a real learning experience," he said. "There's so many different sides of the robotics program."

Spiker graduated from Eastern Hancock High School in 1985.

"I think, as a team, we've grown a lot this year. I really look forward to running it next year," said Spiker. "We had a tremendous amount of fun, we learned a lot. I'm hoping to move forward and be even better next year."

Humvee, from Page 3

member Ashley Davis said she agreed.

"We don't have a need for it," Council President Rachael Brown added. "... There are wants and needs ... and that does not fall onto my list of needs for the town."

Baker, who did not attend last week's special meeting, had said at the April 9 meeting that the Humvee would allow him to access areas that he would be unable to reach with a regular patrol car. He'd said that, to him, if the Humvee allowed him to save just one life, it would be worth it.

Baker also had told the council that a snow blade might be able to be mounted to the Humvee in the winter, allowing him to help keep streets clear. He said the vehicle would be good for public relations purposes as well.

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Carthage Costs Going Up

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council learned last week that the cost of a downtown improvement project that is getting underway will be at least 27.5 percent more than anticipated.

Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based working with the town on the downtown improve-

ments and road resurfacing projects, advised council members at their April 24 special meeting of an additional \$32,534 in needed work.

Kieser explained that the contractor doing the downtown improvements work, Smith Projects Inc., Maxwell, had discovered that the town curbs in the project area would need to be completely replaced. He said the curbs had not been done properly the last

time, with improper back fill material used, providing an inadequate base for the current planned improvements.

Josh Douglas, the town's works manager, told the council he concurred with Kieser's assessment of the problem. He said he also thought the best course of action would be to completely remove the old curbs so that new ones could be installed the right way.

Council Vice President Kelly Land asked Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahon where the town would get the money to pay for this added expenses. She said the biggest part would likely come from the town's Motor Vehicle Highway Fund, with the remainder coming from its Local Roads and Streets Fund.

Council member John Hancock made a motion to approve a change order allowing Smith Projects to remove the old curbs completely and install new ones at a cost of \$32,534, and Land seconded the motion. With support from Council President Rachael Brown and council members Ashley Davis and Charlie Watkins, it passed 5-0.

The council had voted in January to hire Smith Projects to handle the downtown improvements project for \$118,305. This work was to be paid for with an \$89,000 Rural Business Development Grant from Rural Development, a \$6,000 grant from the Rush County Community Foundation and the remainder with town funds.

Initially, the downtown improvements project was to include installation of 10 new street lights, eight curb ramps, new trash receptacles, planters, benches and bike racks. But, due to higher than expected prices, some items were put on hold.

The work that will be done by Smith Projects will not include the new street lights. Those will be supplied and installed by Duke Energy, with the cost of that work expected to run a little less than \$29,500.

In other business at last week's special meeting, the Carthage Town Council:

- *OK'd a request from Douglas to spend up to \$3,747.30 to have JWC Environmental repair an auger device at the town's wastewater treatment plant;

- *voted to renew the town's contract with CGS for trash pick-up services for town residents;

- *approved the town's \$30,000 contract with the Carthage Volunteer Fire Department for 2018 for fire protection services;

- *authorized paying a \$735 bill from the town's attorney, Adam Forrest, and a \$379 claim from Carroll Construction Supply for work on an air compressor; and

- *agreed to submit a proposed comprehensive plan for the town to the Rush County Area Plan Commission for that body to consider appending to the county's comprehensive plan.

More information about the April 24 special meeting of the Carthage Town Council can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St., during normal business hours.



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K-town Plan Commission Wants Feedback on May 21

The Knightstown Plan Commission will hold a public hearing later this month to receive citizen feedback on its plans to completely revise the town's subdivision control ordinance.

The hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21. It will be held in the Knightstown Town Council's chambers, located at 28 S. Washington St.

According to the plan commission's public hearing notice, the revised subdivision control ordinance is intended to establish standards and procedures for the development of real estate in Knightstown. The town's current subdivision control ordinance was enacted 20 years ago.

A copy of the proposed revised subdivision control ordinance is available for inspection during normal business hours at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., and at the Knightstown Public Library, 5 E. Main St. Written objections filed with the Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer by 4 p.m. on May 21 will be considered by the plan commission, as will oral comments presented during the hearing.

Anyone wishing to attend this public hearing who needs special accommodations to attend and/or participate should notify Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman at 765-345-5977.

Littering Illegal! Trash Bash Collects Roadside Garbage

With the month of May comes warmer weather across Indiana. INDOT reminds motorists that although these conditions invite motorists to roll down vehicle windows, it is against the law to litter by throwing trash out of vehicles.

INDOT has several beautification initiatives to help keep Indiana clean.

During INDOT's annual Trash

Bash! on April 13, INDOT maintenance staff across the state directed their efforts toward litter collection on roads with high-traffic volume, such as interstates and divided highways. Additionally, Adopt-a-Highway groups and other organizations and individuals joined forces to clean two-lane roads with lower traffic volume April 13-15 as part of Trash Bash!

Penny York

From: Ferrell, Jeremy <Jeremy.Ferrell@nexteraenergy.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 10:28 PM
To: Corey Murphy
Cc: Dan Parker; John McCane; Penny York; Ferrell, Jeremy
Subject: Re:

The following public record was obtained by Bobbi Plummer through a public record request.

I have forwarded this to my corporate communications group to contemplate the right level of response.

Thank you for the heads up!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 21, 2015, at 2:39 PM, "Corey Murphy" <cmurphy@nchcedc.org> wrote:

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Dan & John,

FYI: This will appear in tomorrow's Sunday Courier Times.

I am happy to co-sign a response if necessary.

To the Editor:

The Wind Project Concerned Citizens is comprised of citizens predominately from Fayette, Rush and Henry county.

However, there is an understanding the project conceivably may impact a much larger geographical area. The proposed Whitewater Valley Wind Project has far reaching implications for our community and area citizens, the community as a whole, and our environment. These implications could be felt for decades if not centuries into the future.

A project of this type may negatively impact the environment, human health, the local economy, specifically decreased residential property values, and drain local resources and infrastructures. Wind projects of this type are largely unregulated by federal and state government. This results in the burden of planning and regulation being placed on local government.

A project of this type obviously has never been contemplated in our area before. Local officials have largely relied on and been supplied information and data by the project developer as they make decisions. Local governmental entities have not had a chance to develop expertise in planning and regulation of wind project, nor does local government possess pieces of equipment and training to regulate and respond to issues associated with projects of this type.

Often small rural counties are the host for these projects. It is common for these types of locations to lack a thorough understanding of wind power projects and the infrastructure to properly plan, develop, and regulate these types of projects. Capabilities of this nature would be very expensive for local government entities.

In conversations with local officials, statements such as, "We are learning as we go," are common statements. Local government officials acknowledge a lack of expertise and a lack of equipment and training if they were to independently verify information or to respond to emergencies associated with the project. Because of the lack of regulation at the state and federal level, we should develop resources locally to insure proper planning, implementation, and regulation of new projects such as the one being proposed in our area.

The Wind Project Concerned Citizens feel that clean renewal energy that minimally impacts the environment and local residents can be positive for our communities and our country. However, if local government is not prepared to deal with the many unknown issues associated with a wind project of this scale, caution and abundant due diligence should be exercised to prevent a fiasco like the one that happened recently when the community rushed to embrace a commercial manufacturing enterprise that ultimately resulted in a negative impact on our community and the perception of a dysfunctional local government.

In addition to the above statements, many of us have subjective concerns about the wind project, such as, emotional ties to the traditional agricultural way of life in our area, long term family attachment to the land, and aesthetic concerns. But these are secondary to the aforementioned issues.

We feel if properly planned and regulated a wind project can exist in our community and be largely supported by all the stake holders. For this win-win condition to exist, local officials must be able to answer questions from the community utilizing information that has been independently obtained and verified and be prepared to address concerns such as unnecessarily small setbacks of wind turbines to ensure that each of the citizens are able to have the full enjoyment and use of property that they have so heavily invested in.

The significant questions that have been raised globally, nationally and locally concerning impact to human health must be addressed prior to moving forward with a project of this nature. With the current local economic conditions, it is also extremely important that local government officials fully understand the potential negative impact of local resources and budgets.

The developer of the Whitewater Wind Project has indicated that this project will create a minimal number (3) of full time permanent jobs. There is no guarantee that local citizens will be selected or have the skill set to fill these positions.

For additional information concerning the potential consequences of a wind power project go to objective websites such as windwatch.org and windaction.org. Review articles such as "International Review of Policies and Recommendations for Wind Turbines Setbacks from Residences."--

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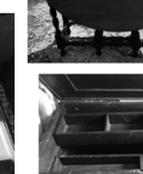
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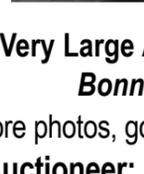
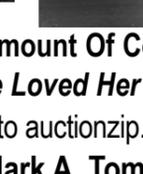









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The email correspondence included in Bobbi Plummer's paid advertisement includes an email from Corey Murphy of the New Castle-Henry County Economic Development to Dan Parker and John McCane in which he forwarded to them a letter to the editor that was to be published in the Courier-Times the following day. While Murphy's name appears at the bottom of this letter to the editor, making it appear he may have been its author, he confirmed for The Banner that he did not write it. Instead, he was forwarding the letter to the editor to Parker and McCane in case they wished to draft a response, which Murphy told the men he would be willing to co-sign.

LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Panthers Move to 6-5

Submitted by Knightstown Coaching Staff

The Lady Panthers swept a doubleheader against Cowan Saturday, April 21, clobbering their opponents 16-1 and 16-3.

Sidney Vise pitched the complete five innings in the first game and Courtney Carlton pitched the complete five innings in game two.

The Lady Panthers had 33 hits on the day and Jess Butler had seven of them, including hitting for the cycle in game two.

Dharma Holder hit a solo home run in game two as well.

Knightstown moves to 6-3 on the season following the wins and travel to Centerville Monday.

KHS Falls to Connersville

The Lady Panthers traveled to Connersville Thursday, April 26, and unfortunately didn't play their best softball against a good team, leading to a 13-3 loss.

Knightstown jumped out to a 2-1 lead after the first inning as Kaitlyn Jackson and Jess Butler led off the game with back-to-back hits, followed by a beautiful bunt by Sidney Vise that scored both runners after a throwing error trying to get Butler at third base.

The game was 3-2 Connersville after two innings when things unraveled for the Lady Panthers with a combination of three errors and four hits in the third by the Spartans that led to six runs.

The Lady Panthers could never get back into the game, but didn't quit and even got out of a bases-loaded jam with no outs in the fifth inning down 12-3.

Courtney Carlton, who came in on relief in the fifth gave up a hit and two hit-by-pitches to load the bases, but struck out Madison Fields who hit two home runs in the game.

Carlton got the next two batters to ground out and pop out to extend the game.

It was the toughest pitching Knightstown had faced this year and kept the bats down most of the game.

Jess Butler went 3-for-3 and Jackson and Cara Mullen both added singles.

The Lady Panthers face another 3A school Friday when they travel to fifth-ranked Franklin County.

Franklin County Holds On for 3-1 Win Over Knightstown

The Lady Panthers lost a defensive battle against class 3A's fifth-ranked Franklin County Friday night 3-1.

Kamryn McCool was as good

as advertised on the mound for the Wildcats, striking out 13 Panthers and only allowing one hit on the night.

To the Panthers credit, they only allowed three hits behind the pitching of Courtney Carlton and Sidney Vise.

With the game 0-0 in the bottom of the second inning, Kaitlyn Jackson tracked a ball down at the warning track and doubled up a Wildcat runner that was too far off second base to end the Franklin County rally.

McCool retired the Lady Panthers again in the third leading up to the only inning that the Wildcats would score. After two consecutive fielding miscues, and a sacrifice bunt, the Wildcats took a 1-0 lead. The next batter got an infield single and stole second base to get runners to second and third. McCool came to the plate and on a 0-1 pitch by Carlton, crushed a double down the left field line to make it 3-0. That would prove to be all they would get and need for the game.

The Lady Panthers got a little rally going in the sixth inning when Allyson Hauk led off with a walk, followed by a sacrifice bunt by Jackson. Cara Mullen popped out to McCool, bringing up Jess Butler. Butler had several long at bats vs McCool, battling all of her hard throwing rise balls and curves, and mis hit one to McCool who couldn't handle it leading to Hauk reaching 3rd and Butler first base.

"We decided it was time to roll the dice and make something happen as McCool's pitching had just been overwhelming to that point. So, we put on a base running play to draw a throw and see where the Wildcats would throw it," said Coach Bret Mann.

The catcher fired it back so hard to McCool she couldn't catch it and Hauk scored on a bang bang play at the plate. Butler took third on the throw home.

Sidney Vise had a great at bat but eventually popped out to shortstop ending the rally.

There would be no more scoring the rest of the game. Makenna Leisure had the Panthers only hit on the evening.

Carlton only allowed three hits in three and a half innings and Vise came on in relief for the remaining innings, allowing no hits and striking out three.

The Panthers fall to 6-5 on the season and have games every day this week starting with possible Sectional opponent Triton Central Monday at Home.

Knightstown's Thomas, Tri's Wilson and Greene Make East/West All-Star Team

Knightstown senior Garrett Thomas and Tri High seniors Nick Wilson and Justin Greene have been selected to participate in this summer's Indiana Football Hall of Fame High School East/West Classic All-Star game.

Thomas, Wilson and Greene will play for the East team in the game set for 7 p.m., Friday, June 15, at Anderson High School.

The roster of the East team includes players from 11 counties - Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Hancock, Henry, Madison, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Union and Wayne counties. Those selected to play were first nominated by their team's respective coaches and then chosen from that pool

of nominated players.

Thomas led the Panthers' lineman the past seasons with 121 total tackles as a junior and 131 tackles during the 2017 season. He was 14th of all players in the state in the number of solo tackles made last season with 95.

Wilson was the Titans go-to-man all season long in 2017. After leading the Titans as a junior in total receiving yards with 136 on seven catches, Wilson had an incredible senior year. He led the team in rushing yards with 1195 on 195 carries. He was also the team's leader in receiving yards with 492 on 24 carries.

Greene was a key figure on the Titans' offensive and defensive lines in previous seasons and will play as an inside lineman in the all-star game. Greene finished his senior season with 116 total tackles.

Several other players from area school made the team including Shenandoah's Joe Huff, Josh Myers and Jordan Starks; Eastern Hancock's A.J. Muegge and Luke Slater; New Castle's Niah Williamson and Tommy Witham; and Greenfield-Central's Andrew Leslie and Zach Kennedy.

The East team will be coached by Triton Central head coach Tim Able.

Other players from the Tri-Eastern Conference who will be participating include Centerville's Cole Cooper and Reese VanDevender; Hagerstown's Cameron Purtha, Blake Blevins and Owen Gollieher; Lincoln's Chase Hokey and Caleb Craig; Northeastern's David Berger and Connor Bray; and Union County's Drew Cole.



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Brett Hudson of Owensboro, Ky., won the first event of the series at Shadybowl on April 21. Joining the Street Stocks will be

the VanHoy Oil Thunder Cars, Pro Compacts, Stock Compacts, Cage Karts and State Farm Insurance Street Drags.

The pit gate opens at 10 a.m. with practice getting underway at 11:30 a.m. The grandstand gates will open at 12 p.m. and qualifications will begin at 1:20 p.m.

State Farm Street Drags will take place at 2:30 p.m. with racing kicking off at 3 p.m. with the Pro Compact feature.

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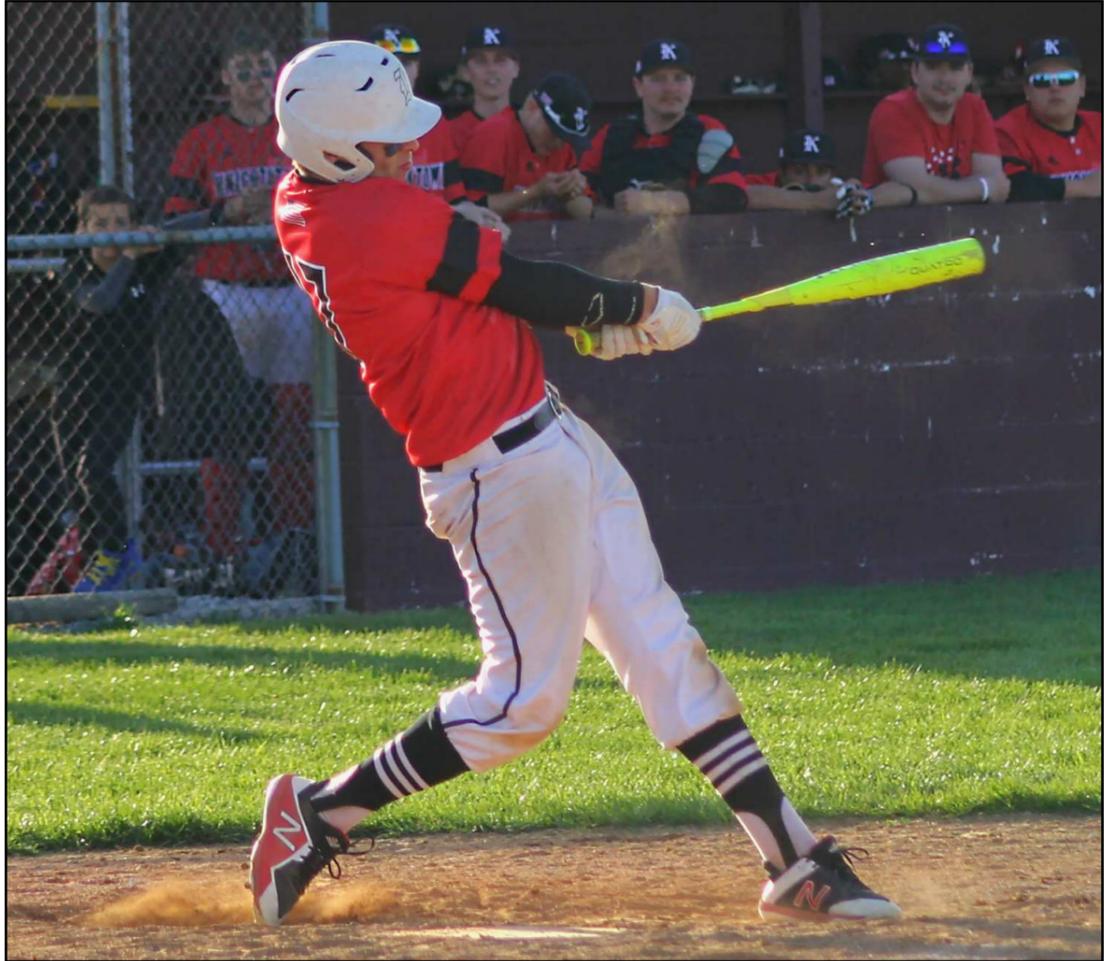
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Panthers Defeat Titans 19-17 in Eight Innings

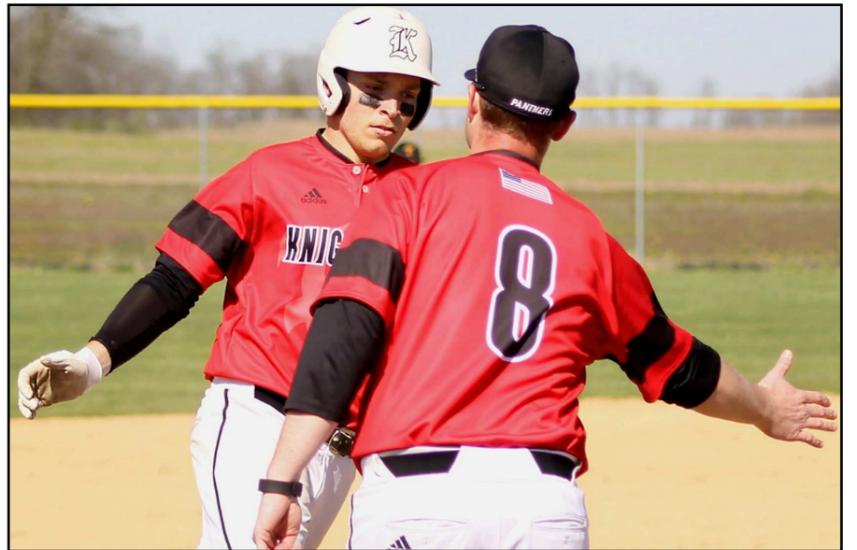
In an incredible game that went eight full innings, Knightstown's varsity baseball team defeated

Tri's team 19-17 in a game that included three home runs hit on each side Monday night and took

seven pitchers to get to the end. More on the game in next week's Banner.



So many terrific hits and plays were made in Monday night's huge rivalry game between Knightstown and Tri's varsity baseball teams. It took eight innings but KHS prevailed 19-17, boosted by two home runs and a single for six RBIs from Kaunner Cleek. Cleek (above and at right) smashes a pitch over the center field fence and receives congrats from Coach Daren Hardesty. (Stacy Cox photos)



Knightstown Alum Ben Willey Breaks IU East Track Record



Indiana University East sophomore and Knightstown graduate Ben Willey earned all-conference honors at the River States Conference track and field meet held April 27 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Willey finished second in the 5,000 meter run in a time of 16:16.97 to earn a spot on the all-conference team.

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Though they ended up scoring 17 runs in their 8-inning game against Knightstown Monday evening, the Titans' first run scored wasn't easy as Tri's Drew Mondrush (right) dives into home and Knightstown's Owen Wiles is unable to come up with the pass. (Stacy Cox photo)

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county with beautiful landscapes and parks ...

But, if the proposed wind complexes are approved, (the county) will be entirely covered with industrial wind turbines and that beauty destroyed forever; families divided; a help-your-neighbor county now divided by the wind issue that was brought here and moved forward by the past and current county council and county commissioners; loss of value of property; loss of new business and industry; the possibility of three commissioners and 130 or so lease signers making the decision for thousands of people to allow the county to be covered with wind turbines ...

Therefore, for these reasons alone, there should be change. These are wounds that will, in all probability, never heal. Forty-two years you, as taxpayers, have paid the salary of someone who has held different county offices, now is a current commissioner and has been partly responsible for causing those wounds. The current council member for District 3 should never have been elected to the financial branch of the county government. A word of advice to everyone: you need to review your life carefully before bringing the Lord into the conversation.

You have a choice as to the direction this county will go. You and only you can change the future of our county and its people for the better, and now is the time for that change.

For a fresh start, vote May 8 for Peg Stefandel, county council, District 3, and Ed Tarantino, county commissioner. They are extremely qualified, very well versed on all issues facing the county and have the knowledge, backgrounds and education that will assist them in performing the duties that are required. They have the desire to serve. They make no promise other than the promise they will do their best for the county and the people they will represent. They will listen, be truthful, be honest, be transparent and do their utmost best to

regain the trust of you, the people of this county.

Judy Walker
New Castle

Dear Editor,

Henry County residents know that there is an urgent need to grow local business and increase the tax base. This need has made county residents eager to sign on to extreme solutions like commercial wind turbines - an issue that has divided our neighborhoods and threatens our county's future growth potential. Henry County doesn't need industrialized wind to offer big promises or a silver-bullet solution. Instead, we need long-term, policy-based ideas for supporting the county's financial needs and taking care of its best resource - our people.

I am running as a candidate for Henry County Council, representing District 3 (the county's western half, including Middletown, Knightstown, Sulphur Springs, Cadiz, Greensboro, Kennard and Shirley). As a council member, I hope to promote two specific ways of thinking about growing our local income.

First, Henry County has to retain its best, brightest, and most driven community members - think of all the local residents you know who are graduating from Henry County high schools and nearby colleges this spring. Every year we lose most of our educated young people to job opportunities in Indianapolis, Fishers, Pendleton, Carmel, Muncie and Fort Wayne. Of course, I am happy to see my friends and former classmates thriving all across our state, but I am disappointed that so many Henry County residents my age and younger feel that they must look elsewhere for more opportunities, better jobs, and a more balanced lifestyle. We have to counteract this "brain drain" trend.

Small business ownership is an important part of making our county a thriving place to live and work. The Henry County Economic Development Corporation and other organizations in our communities are already working diligently to help foster local businesses. I, too, support policies and initiatives that promote small business success, because I know that a robust local economy gives families more reasons to settle or stay in the area, as well as attracts visitors and revenue to the county.

Second, we need to envision and prepare for Henry County's place in the growth of the Indianapolis metro area. In my lifetime, I have marveled at the continued spread of Indy's suburbs, and I see Henry County as the next phase in this ongoing development. Specifically, Henry County towns like Middletown, Mechanicsburg, Sulphur Springs, and Mt. Summit could very easily join Pendleton and Lapel in forming the northern edge of the thriving I-69 corridor, just as the city's eastern edge along I-70 may someday soon reach Knightstown and Spiceland. I also hope for an I-69 exit at S.R. 236, which would bring even more traffic and access to our county.

The truth is that we need to make plans now if we are going to take advantage of future opportunities to build, grow, and develop Henry County. Like this Spring's happy graduating classes, we need to be thinking not just of all that the county has to offer now but also all that we hope to accomplish in the future. If I have the pleasure and honor of representing you on the Henry County Council, I will be dedicated to fostering policies and partnerships that will make Henry County a place where people want to raise their families and build their businesses - a place where bright young people want to stay.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Mills, GOP candidate
Henry County Council, District 3

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her whether she thought the fire department might be able to simply be added to the town's account with Comcast, with the fire depart-

ment taking care of any additional expense.

"I wouldn't think that would be any problem," Ward said.

McDaniel asked fire board members if they cared if the fire department switched to Comcast. Fire Board President Randy Overman,

who is also the Wayne Township Trustee, suggested that the decision about whether to go with Comcast or Ninestar be left to McDaniel.

"It appears right now that Comcast is the way to go," McDaniel said. He noted that Comcast would be able to run a fiber optic line to the fire department and said he thought Comcast would provide better service than Ninestar.

In a related matter, Ward presented the fire board with a draft of an interlocal agreement between the town and Henry County for dispatch services. She said she thought the cost for this would end up being around \$30,000 a year, and she asked whether the fire board would be willing to have the fire department share this cost with the town.

"I don't see why we have to pay anything," Overman said. "Why would we pay anything?"

McDaniel said he agreed with Overman. He told Ward that no other fire department in the county pays for 911 dispatching services, and said the county should not be handling any non-emergency calls for the fire department that might otherwise justify paying a portion for non-911 dispatch services.

Ward also asked whether the fire department would be willing to split the \$2,000 expense incurred by the town for public safety reporting software from Spillman Technologies. McDaniel told Ward, however, that the fire department, unlike the Knightstown Police Department, does not use the Spillman program.

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Betsy Mills for Henry County Council, District 3



I am a resident of rural Middletown, and I am dedicated to the future and success of the county we call home. I graduated from Shenandoah High School (2004) and Ball State University, Bachelor's (2008) and Master's (2010). I teach public speaking and group communications for Penn State University online.

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My priorities for Henry County include: Fiscal responsibility and balanced budgets; attention to our failing county roads; NO WIND (no industrialized wind and no tax abatements for wind corporations); honor for our local culture and history, especially the Memorial Park Doughboy; rural broadband internet access; response to the opioid and meth addiction crises; workforce and economic development (fighting "brain drain" to keep our best and brightest here in Henry County); and continued support for our public schools and first responders.

Contact me on Facebook: **Betsy Mills for Henry County Council, District 3.**
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