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- Sir Winston Churchill

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July 28 Car Show Will Benefit Kenya

Jacob's annual lemonade stand has expanded and this year he will be having a car show and other activities on Saturday, July 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Spiceland Friends Church, 401 W. Main St. Car registration starts at 9 a.m. Awards are at 2 p.m. Cars and motorcycles are welcome. Registration is \$10 per vehicle. The first 50 vehicles registered will receive a dash plaque. Top 30 winners receive trophies. - Booth space for crafts and flea market items are available for \$15. Contact Marilyn at 765-987-8807 for booth space information. All proceeds from this event benefit "Clean Water for Kenya" project.

Gospel Heart Strings Coming to Town

Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., welcomes the Gospel Heart Strings from Clarksburg at their monthly singing event at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 21. The public is invited. For more information, call 317-936-5849 or 345-7442.

Cadiz Community Day Event July 21

The 8th annual Cadiz Community Day event is set for Saturday, July 21, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Harrison Township Community Building on S.R. 38. Among other things, the event features food, music, a classic car show, cornhole tournament, antique tractor show and a chicken and noodle dinner.

Norfleet Open Golf Tournery Sept. 9

The 36th annual Norfleet Open Bill Shockley Memorial golf tournament will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9 (rain date Sept. 16), at Tri County Golf Club, 8710 N. County Rd. 400-W, Middletown. The entry fee for this fundraiser, which benefits Forest Ridge Cancer Center in Henry County, is \$100 (due by Sept. 7) and includes cart, greens fee and lunch. To sign up, contact Ken Norfleet at 765-425-6797

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Over 100 Support Gym Grant at Public Hearing

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

More than 100 people attended a public hearing at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown last week, held as part of the town's ongoing efforts to get a state grant to help fund over \$500,000 in needed improvements to the gym.

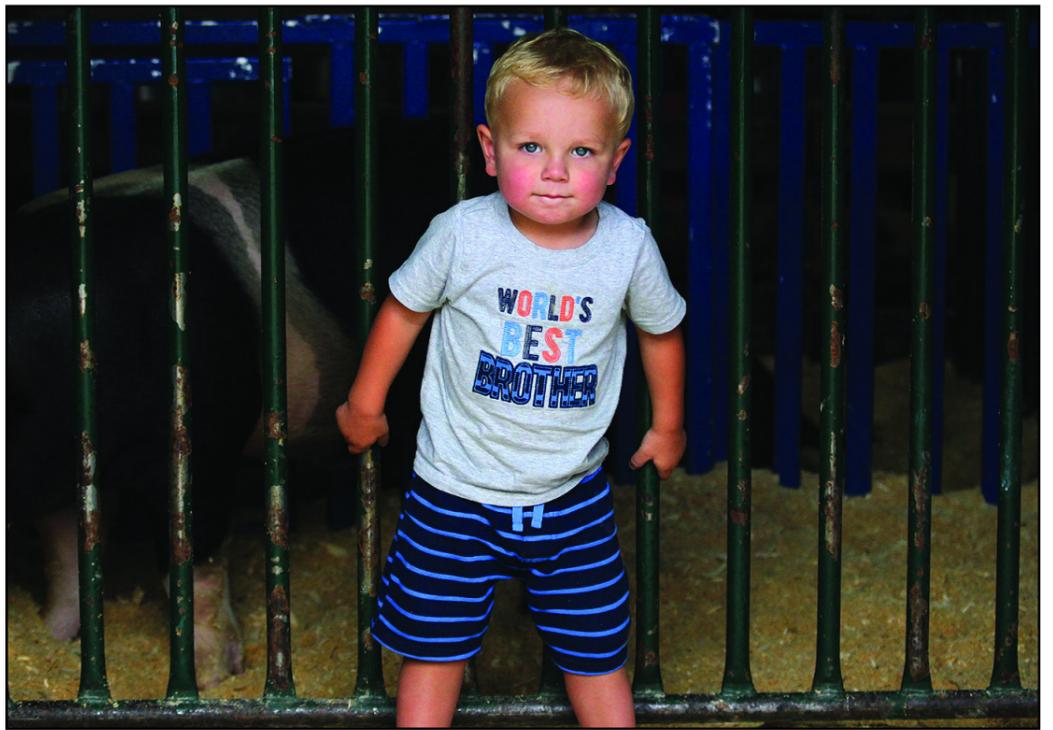
The July 11 hearing, which lasted a little over an hour and featured public comments from nearly 20 speakers, was the second one the Knightstown Town Council has held with respect to this matter. It stood in stark contrast to the first public hearing, which was held at the outset of the council's May 10 monthly meeting and, with no public comments, lasted less than 10 minutes.

As The Banner has previously reported, the town plans to apply for a grant through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs' Public Facilities Program. The grant itself could be worth up to \$500,000, with another \$100,000 in local funds also expected to be contributed.

If awarded, grant proceeds would be used to make needed improvements at the nearly 100-year-old town-owned gym, which served as the home court of the Hickory Huskers in the film *Hoosiers*. This would include replacement of the roof, guttering and some windows, along with tuck-pointing work on the brick exterior; if there are any funds left

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Face of 4-H Future



Two-year-old Owen Wattenbarger hangs out in the hog barn at the Henry County 4-H Fair in New Castle's Memorial Park Sunday evening. Wattenbarger's older siblings were participating in the Sunday Night Barrow Show. The fair continues through Friday, culminating with the annual Sale of Champions, an auction in which the fair's top animals are sold to the highest bidders. One need not be involved with the fair to appreciate the youth achievement on display. (Eric Cox photo)

CAB Getting Metal Detectors

by Jeff Eakins
from The Banner

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. announced last week that it will be getting four hand-held metal detectors as part of a new state initiative aimed at increasing school safety.

Toward the end of the board's July 10 monthly meeting, board member Tom Schaeztle referenced the new state program that makes the metal detectors available to schools at no cost. He asked Superintendent Jed Behny if CAB planned to request any of the devices.

"We were one of the first school corporations to have (our request) in," Behny replied.

The office of Gov. Eric Holcomb had announced

the new safety initiative just the day before last week's school board meeting. According to a press release, traditional public, charter and accredited nonpublic schools will be eligible for one hand-held metal detector for every 250 students, which works out to four units for CAB.

"Controlling what comes into our school buildings is just one important part of keeping our schools safe, and our efforts to assist school corporations must be ongoing and evolving," Holcomb said in the press release. "Local officials are best positioned to determine their school safety needs and the measures that make sense for their students and communities, and - for many - these hand-held metal detectors could

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Carthage Town Council Schedules Special Meeting: Monday, July 23

The Carthage Town Council has scheduled a special meeting for 6 p.m. Monday, July 23. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St.

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Edith May (McCorkle) Todd
October 21, 1930 - July 14, 2018



Edith May (McCorkle) Todd, 87, of Knightstown, passed away early on the morning of Saturday, July 14, 2018, at Addison Place in New Castle.

She was born Oct. 21, 1930, in Carthage, a daughter of the late Loren Ellsworth McCorkle and Lucille (Burton) McCorkle.

Edith married the love of her life, Kenneth E. Todd, on June 1, 1946, and together they enjoyed over 71 years of marriage until his death in December 2017. She was a member of Walnut Ridge Friends Meeting and had also been a member of Raysville Friends Meeting where she taught Sunday school and led the singing. Edith loved life, her family, and her flowers, which were all over her house and gardens. She had worked for Eli Lilly, Mayhill Publications, and also on her and her husband's farm. She loved antiques and had owned a booth at the antique mall in Knightstown.

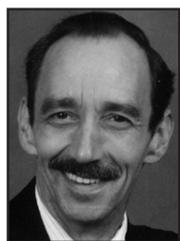
Those left to cherish Edith's memory include her three children, Cathy Jean (husband, Rex) Kline of Knightstown, Michael E. (wife, Brenda) Todd of Pendleton, and Mark A (wife, Krysty) Todd of Sevierville, Tenn.; 33 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Kenneth E. Todd; a daughter, Janie Todd; a grandson, Todd Aaron Kline; and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown with Pastors Denny DeWitt and Ron DeWitt officiating. Burial will follow in Walnut Ridge Cemetery in Carthage.

Friends may call from 12 p.m. until the time of the service Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be offered to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at www.aspc.org. You may offer the family a personal condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com.

David Carl Smalley
January 1, 1942 - July 11, 2018



David Carl Smalley, 76, of New Castle, passed away July 11, 2018, after an extended illness.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; four sons, Travis, Richard, Rodney and Todd; two grandchildren, Chandra Lozano and David James Smalley; two great-grandchildren, Leonardo Lozano and Emalee Smalley; a sister, Charity Early; several nieces and nephews; and his aunt, Pearl Williamson of Shirley. He was preceded in death by his brother, Gareth Smalley of Anderson; his mother, Margaret (Williamson) Smalley; and his father, Rev. Everett Smalley of Shirley.

David, born Jan. 1, 1942, in Wabash, grew up in Shirley and raised his family in New Castle. He graduated from Knightstown High School and studied electronics at Muncie IVTC. As an entrepreneur he started a saw sharpening and an office machine repair business in New Castle. David retired from Chrysler in 2012 as a job setter. He was known as "Abe" to his friends and co-workers. He enjoyed camping, old cars and restoring historic homes. He helped his wife start a successful bed & breakfast, the Azalea Manor in Madison.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 23, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle with Rev. Paul Riddle of Westview Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hills Memory Gardens. Friends may call from 12 p.m. until time of service. Condolences and memories of David may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

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CAB Bus Drivers Approved

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board voted last week to approve a roster of 16 full-time and nine substitute bus drivers for the coming school year.

Acting on a recommendation from Russell Spiker, CAB's transportation coordinator, the board's seven members unanimously OK'd the following full-time bus drivers: Mark Bertram; Bill Garris; Mike Hall; Nora Maxwell; Shawn Poindexter; Charlie Riggs; Melodie Smith; Deanna Sparks; Sam Sparks; Joyce Stevens; JoAnn Stoten; Darlene Swallers; Shelly Tarr; Trent Shupperd; Jessica Vaughn; and Larry White.

Spiker also recommended, and the board approved, the following as substitute drivers: Ron Beavers; Bruce Brown; Louise Crawford; See Drivers, Page 6

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'Interventionist' Position Created by CAB Schools

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board addressed several personnel matters at its July 10 monthly meeting, including creation of a new position at Knightstown Elementary School.

Acting on a recommendation from Superintendent Jed Behny, the board's seven members voted unanimously to change the behavior specialist position at KES to one that will now be termed "interventionist."

According to a job description provided to the board, the interventionist will "address the psychological and social well-being of students," and will be "trained in school safety, and assist with the day-to-day operations of social programs within the school." The primary responsibility of the interventionist, it says, "is to help students with issues that affect their school performance and behavior."

Unlike the prior behavior specialist position, Behny said the new interventionist one will require the person hired to have a valid teaching license. As a result, he said the interventionist will be covered by the teachers' master contract with CAB, and, depending on their experience and education, could end up making about \$10,000 more than the prior behavior specialist had earned.

Board member Graham Richardson asked Beatty if the change from behavior specialist to interventionist was something mandated by the state. Behny said the change is not required, but that having someone with a teaching license will benefit CAB, providing someone who would be able to step in and help out in ways the unlicensed behavior specialist could not.

Behny also explained that the interventionist will serve, behind the school's principal, as a second safety specialist at KES. With respect to that role, the interventionist will need to complete and maintain credentials as a school safety specialist.

Overall, Behny said the interventionist will have more job responsibilities than the district's previous behavior specialist had. This, he said, includes having a five-day work week, summer school responsibilities and those related to school safety.

In a related matter, the board received and accepted a resignation notice, retroactive to June 24, from Ashley Cave, who had been the behavior specialist at KES. In an email to Behny, Cave said she was unable to renew her contract for next school year due to "family and personal responsibilities."

Board member Tom Schaetzle asked Behny if he had any candidates in mind for the new position. Behny noted that the position had not yet been posted, but said he expected there to be some internal candidates among CAB's current employees.

In other personnel matters at last week's monthly meeting, the CAB School Board received and accepted notices of resignation from Knightstown High School math teacher Alicia Jackson and Rachel Boyer, a seventh-grade English/language arts teacher at

Knightstown Intermediate School. Resignation notices were also received and accepted from KHS special education aide Amanda Catron and KHS cafeteria worker Erica Stinson.

Board members also approved hiring Katy Nelson and Joshua Sorrell as math teachers at KHS,

and OK'd teacher Daren Hardesty as head of the KHS math department. Two other new hires for KHS included in personnel matters voted on at last week's meeting were Amanda Magee as a resource assistant and Carol Oldham as a cafeteria worker.

Behny also recommended,

Lewisville Gets Improvement Grant

The town of Lewisville has been notified that it has been awarded a federal grant to help fund downtown improvements.

The United States Department of Agriculture sent a letter to the town last month advising town officials that the town's request for an \$83,200 Rural Business Development Grant had been approved. The town is

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and the board approved, a change to an addendum to the contract of Chad Gray, principal at KIS. Behny explained that because Gray had a change in his health insurance needs, CAB would no longer contribute

\$6,000 a year into a Qualified Health Savings Account for him, and would, instead, pay him an annual stipend of \$5,028, the amount CAB would normally pay for a single health insurance plan.

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So Hot, I'd Trade Places with a Pig

A pig's relief was never so evident. It wasn't that he'd avoided the butcher's knife. Nope. A spray of cold water from a garden hose was all it took.

I'm no swine expert, but that pig surely smiled when his keeper waved that sprayer and showered the hog with relief.

I didn't catch his name, but Mr. Pig was looking uncomfortable Sunday at the Henry County 4-H Fair. Apparently overcome with heat on that 90-degree day, he lay panting on the floor of one of the hog barn's small wash pens.

A little girl was standing by, waiting for her parents to come back. I stood looking at the pig, wondering if it was OK, when she asked if I could stay with the animal for a minute while she went and found her mom.

I'd never watched a pig before and wasn't sure what to do. But, his condition left little for me to do. He wasn't going anywhere.

A minute or two later, the little girl and her mom marched up, and mom screwed a short length of hose onto the water conduit and began spraying the hog, whose tongue lolled out of its mouth as it breathed.

The mom knew what she was doing and she focused a heavy but gentle spray right on top of Mr. Pig's head. His relief appeared instant. His eyes rolled back a little and the look on its face - if that's even possible - told of sheer bliss.

Prior to the hosing, the 300-pounder had been laying in a puddle of muddy water - the only thing he apparently had handy when the debilitating heat overcame him. That bit of brown water clearly wasn't getting the

job done for him. So when mom hit him with the cold water, his reaction was very apparent. I laughed and watched as he came to, standing up and wobbling around, obviously feeling better.

The little girl and her mom seemed unphased. Heat stress is fairly common with farm animals. They sometimes look bad, but they recover quickly and seem none the worse for wear.

It occurred to me that I was way more worried about Mr. Pig than these seasoned 4-H veterans. And it wasn't because they cared less than me. My worry, instead, resulted from my lack of experience.

I grew up in Indy, after all, and was never involved in 4-H. All we had was a dog, and a few pet chickens we'd hatched in a homemade incubator. All I know of pigs is that they smell pretty bad, will eat almost anything and are

considered to be pretty intelligent in spite of the negative connotations many people have about them.

Yes, I learn a lot at the annual 4-H fair. The kids are knowledgeable; their parents more so. They seem to handle crises with calm confidence and practical know-how. I enjoy watching them do their work. But, the real fun comes when these kids get to show these animals they've nurtured and cared for throughout their lives.

Unrelenting heat and humidity seems to make many outdoor activities difficult. Caring for farm animals is hard work. These kids don't even flinch.

I'm not used to such conditions, however. So if you see me down in a puddle of muddy water, do a friend a favor and gimme a few shots from that garden hose!

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by eric cox

Harry Potter Books a Treat for All

(Originally published, Aug. 22, 2007)

Some say that Americans are illiterates who read only sports magazines and trashy romances, but I believe that many Americans crave imaginative, well-crafted writing. The mind-boggling success of J.K.Rowling's *Harry Potter* proves my point.

I read the first book in 1998, loved it and gave it to the grand-boys who were about 11 years old. A week later, I called. "How do you like *Harry Potter*?" "Well, Grandma, we haven't started it because we're not all that interested in it." "Put your mother on the phone." "Vicki, I'd like you to read a chapter a day to the boys." One of the philosophers said that the greatest gift a mother can give her children is to read to them. I know that this is true.

One chapter was enough. They took turns reading it themselves. They set an alarm clock, and when one boy's time was up the book was snatched away even if he were in the middle of a sentence. That book taught them that they loved to read. Soon they were reading at an adult level.

I clucked a little at their reading the likes of Stephen King and Ann Rice at such a young age, but the main thing was that they became proficient readers. Then, too, I

remembered that my parents forbade me to read *The Scandalous Mrs. Blackford* that my brother had loaned them, and they kept it hidden.

Naturally, I searched until I found it. Whenever they'd leave, I'd avidly read until I'd hear them arriving home. Ah, forbidden fruit is so sweet! Such escapades turned me into a speed reader. Alas, one

day the book was gone from its hiding place. They'd returned it to Earl, and I never did find out how it ended! It didn't seem to have hurt me as my life has been about as far from scandalous as you can get. Further, the boys haven't become monsters of depravity or practitioners of black magic.

They went to the store at midnight to buy the final volume of *Harry Potter* and read it in one sitting. One of my nine-year old great nephews could hardly wait to get

it. Think of it: a nine-year-old reading a book that's over 700 pages long! It's purportedly a children's book, but most children's books don't have such long sentences and words like "doppelganger."

One of the nifty - the grand-boys would say "cool" - things about the series is that they've grown up along with Harry. They're 18, and Harry turns 17 in the last book. He underwent changes as he grew older, including the moodiness of adolescence and worrying about the opposite sex.

The houseboat was rather quiet this year because three of us were racing through the book so that we could discuss it with those who had already read it. Then one of the husbands started reading it. "This boat has turned into a darned library!" exclaimed one of the fellows.

Each suspense-filled chapter leads the reader on to the next so that one reads faster ... faster ... Ooh, what deliciously evil characters such as Dolores Umbridge who tries to camouflage her wickedness by wearing pink and having pictures of cute kittens on her office walls! She makes the wicked witch of the East in *The Wizard of Oz* look angelic by

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Ramblings
By
Rose Mary
Rose Mary Clarke

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As we prepare for our annual Norfleet Open Bill Shockley Memorial Golf Tournament, I am so proud to mark our 36th year supporting the fight against cancer. Many of you have sponsored, played or supported our continuing effort to keep our friend Bill Shockley's memory alive through this tournament.

We started 36 years ago to raise a little money to give to the Leukemia Society of America, basically to make his family and ourselves feel like we honored his memory. Then the next year came, and once again we were out to help the family get past this terrible early loss of life. As time went on, each year it got more popular and started growing. The rest is history.

As founder and chairman, I could not be more proud of what we have accomplished. Together we have donated over \$350,000 to provide special programs as well as direct services for cancer victims.

Many of you that receive this letter have donated hundreds of dollars. Some have donated thousands of dollars over the 35 years. And some have played in the tournament all 35 years.

I can only say thanks on behalf of Bill Shockley, his family, Danny Justice and family, and of course the Norfleet family. And a special thanks to all the people who have worked behind the scenes to keep this tournament moving forward. I hope you will find a way to play, sponsor, or support us as we celebrate 36 years of fighting cancer.

This year's tournament will be held on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m. at Tri-County Golf Club. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 765-425-6797. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Kenneth R. Norfleet, founder/chairman
Norfleet Open Bill Shockley Memorial Golf Tournament

Dear Editor,

Many farmers and ranchers value the opportunity the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) offers to enhance their existing conservation efforts, according to a survey we completed last year. Eighty-seven percent of respondents, all living in an area with a strong agricultural presence, stated CSP should be supported as a priority in the farm bill.

We recently released, "A farmer's view: a look at the Conservation Stewardship Program," which analyzes these survey results and examines the efficacy of CSP in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The questionnaire was distributed to 4,799 farmers, and 829 responses were received.

CSP is the largest federal conservation program by acreage that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service administers. The program differs from other working lands programs in that it rewards farmers and ranchers for performing conservation and also provides a path for them to increase levels of conservation for their entire operation.

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Cora Fox
Center for Rural Affairs

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BITS & PIECES

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◆Raysville Friends Church, 9219 S. Meridian St., will host a **school supplies give-away** on Saturday, July 28, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. There will also be a free cook-out. For more information, contact Robin Richey at 765-345-2272.

◆The 36th annual **Norfleet Open Bill Shockley Memorial golf tournament**, open to men and women, will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9 (rain date Sept. 16), at Tri County Golf Club, 8710 N. County Rd. 400-W, Middletown. The entry fee for this fundraiser, which benefits Forest Ridge Cancer Center in Henry County, is \$100 (due by Friday, Sept. 7) and includes cart, greens fee and lunch. Skins and pari-mutuels offered. "A" player picks teams. Hole sponsorships/memorials/honorariums start at \$50, and cart sponsorship is \$25. To sign up, contact Ken Norfleet at 765-425-6797 or Angie Harter at Tri County Golf Club at 765-533-4107.

◆The annual **Logan-Conley-Butler Family Reunion** will take

place Saturday, July 21, at 1 p.m. at the shelter house in Shirley Park. Everyone who plans to attend is asked to bring two dishes - at least one hot one - for the pitch-in lunch. Fried chicken, drinks, ice, plastic and paper products will be provided.

◆**Jacob's annual lemonade stand** has expanded and this year he will be having a car show and other activities on Saturday, July 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Spiceland Friends Church, 401 W. Main St. Car registration starts at 9 a.m. Awards are at 2 p.m. Cars and motorcycles are welcome. Registration is \$10 per vehicle. The first 50 vehicles registered will receive a dash plaque. Top 30 winners receive trophies. -Booth space for crafts and flea market items are available for \$15. Contact Marilyn at 765-987-8807 for booth space information. All proceeds from this event benefit Jacob's "Clean Water for Kenya" project, which has been going on for several years.

◆The **Banner office** has moved to 104 E. Main St., Knightstown. Call 345-2292 for more information, or email thebanner@embarqmail.com.

◆Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., welcomes the **Gospel Heart Strings** from Clarksburg at their monthly singing event at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 21. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 317-936-

5849 or 345-7442

◆The 8th annual **Cadiz Community Day** event is set for Saturday, July 21, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Harrison Township Community Building on S.R. 38. Among other things, the event features food, music, a classic car show, cornhole tournament, antique tractor show and a chicken and noodle dinner.

◆**Faith Chapel Independent Baptist Church**, 359 E. Morgan St., Knightstown, is temporarily changing its service times, as follows: Sunday school, 9 a.m.; morning worship, 10 a.m. There are no changes to Sunday and Wednesday evening service times. For more information, contact Clarice Thompson at 765-524-4186.

◆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** each Sunday through October, 2-4 p.m., excluding holidays. To get a free tour by appointment or for more information, call Virginia Harrell at 765-738-6736.

◆Historic Knightstown Inc. has announced **summer hours** for the museum on the west side of Knightstown's Public Square. Effective now, the museum's open

hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on each Friday and Saturday - or by appointment. Contact David Steele at 765 345-7585 for visitation by appointment or for scheduling a special event.

◆**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.

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KHS Student Austin Forshey Turns Adversity Into Many Friendships, Including with Former Colt

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

Sometimes a simple accident can leave a lasting impression and change the way a person approaches life. This was the case for Austin Forshey, a Knightstown resident and an attendant of the Hoosier Burn Camp in Brookston.

Hoosier Burn Camp (HBC) is a nonprofit organization committed to providing life-changing experiences for young people who have suffered the physical and emotional trauma associated with severe burn injuries.

Forshey suffered his injury on a Sunday morning, when he was still in the fourth grade.

"I didn't want to wake up my mom, so I tried to make a boiled egg in the microwave. After about 10 minutes in the microwave, I took it out. Then it just exploded in my face, causing 2nd to 3rd degree burns. So I went to Riley Hospital in Indianapolis for a week," said Forshey.

Austin's mother, Dana Lefforge, remembers this event vividly.

"When he got burnt it was very early in the morning and it sounded like someone fired a shotgun," said Lefforge, recalling the incident.

"Never in my life would I have ever thought that noise was my microwave, and I really never thought about the microwave being so extremely dangerous."

Forshey counts himself as lucky due to the fact that the burn injuries to his face were not as severe as they could have been.

"No skin grafts, no long stay in the hospital and really nothing to show I got burnt except for an uneven hairline," he said.

Hoosier Burn Camp provides therapeutic, recreational programs for young burn survivors throughout Indiana and their families.

It was during his stay at the camp that Forshey met its founder, Mark Koopman, who he cites as being "one of the best men I've ever met."

"We at camp call him Koop," explained Forshey. "You wouldn't believe how he truly cares about the campers and their families. Because when one of my best friends died in eighth grade, he came all the way from the westside of Lafayette to pick me up in Carthage, then to take me all the way to Indy. It was inspiring. Because he drove two and a half hours to pick me up to take me to a funeral. And if Koop reads this article, I just wanted to say how thankful I am that you are in my life. Love you."

Through his experiences at HBC, Forshey also befriended former Indianapolis Colts star Jeff Saturday. He met Saturday and his family at another camp called Camp Saturday, which eventually merged with HBC.

"For the past three years I've known Jeff," he said. "He has been nothing but loving and caring to me and the rest of HBC. He is just such a down-to-earth kind of guy."

Hoosier Burn Camp was established in 1997 through a partnership of the State Fire Marshal's office, Indiana career and volunteer fire departments, and two major pediatric burn hospitals (Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis and St. Joseph hospital in Ft. Wayne).

1999 marked the first official Hoosier Burn Camp at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, where it has been held each summer since. There were 12 campers at camp during its first year, and has since grown to around 70 campers and multiple programs for all ages each year.

His involvement with HBC has led Forshey to become a more active and charitable person, lending his aid to fundraisers for the camp.

"Being a camper at HBC was the best thing to happen to me. It really made me a more loving and accepting person," said Forshey. "And I would recommend the Knightstown Fire Department try and get involved with the camp and do fundraisers and all that jazz."



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Drivers, from Page 2

Jeff Haase; Debbie McCoy; Don Scheumann; Eugene Meek; and Allison Conway. Spiker was also approved as a substitute driver.

Board member Suzee Neal asked Superintendent Jed Behny whether this would give CAB all the drivers the bus district needs. Behny said it did not.

Detectors, from Page 1

make a substantial difference."

The Indiana Department of Administration, which will work with the Indiana State Police to oversee the new program, is expected to place its first order for metal detectors for schools on July 19. The units are expected to be delivered by mid-August.

Schaetzle asked Behny about the logistics of how the new metal detectors will be used. Behny said how the devices are used will be left to the discretion of school administrators.

"They won't simply be used randomly at the doors," Behny said. Instead, he said they will be used as needed to address perceived risks.

Board member Gerald Leonard said he had had some constituents ask him about metal detectors for the district's schools. He said he was glad to see that Behny was being proactive in his efforts to obtain these devices for CAB.

In other business at last week's meeting, the CAB School Board:

*approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$1,036,037.12, with \$636,765.40 of that total being for prewritten claims, \$157,652.17 for current claims and \$241,619.55 for

In a related matter, the board also voted to approve Behny's recommendation to change the pay rate for special routes to a flat fee of \$40 per route. Behny said that this rate had previously been half of a driver's normal daily rate, which had varied between drivers and had sometimes worked out to

payroll;

*was advised by Behny that CAB will hold school registration for the 2018-2019 school year on July 24 and 25 at Knightstown High School;

*approved minutes from their June 19 monthly meeting;

*accepted CAB's annual financial report, as prepared by Stephanie Madison, the district's business manager/treasurer, and OK'd the report's publication in the

Rose Mary, from Page 4

contrast. Oh the horrors of giant spiders and Nagini, a terrifying snake who is fed one of the professors for dinner by Him Who Is Not Named! Oh the shivery thrills of following Harry and his friends into dark and mysterious places during his struggle against the supremely evil Voldmort - and what a wonderful name that is as "mort" means "dead" in French.

The books are an enchanting mixture of good and evil, light and dark, fun and fear, and tales of derring-do! Each reader has favorite characters, incidents and magical items. I love the magical red train that takes the kids to Hogwarts and the splendor of the dining hall at Hogwarts School for Sorcerers that's lit by candles suspended in air and where the most delectable food magically appears. Then there's Hermione's purse that expands to hold books, a tent, a rug, a battered easy chair, clothing and a conglomeration of items and then shrinks so that it can be carried in a pocket when Harry, Ron Weasley and she go on their last quest. What an imagination Rowling has!

Alas, some people are not wild about Harry.

be less than \$40 per day.

Behny said that switching to the \$40 flat rate for special routes will result in more pay for most drivers, and will be "much easier to manage" for those who handle payroll for the district. He said he expects this change to result in about an extra \$2,500 in bus driver pay next year.

newspaper; and

*OK'd adoption of two new textbooks for advanced placement history at KHS.

More information about the CAB School Board's July 10 monthly meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes from that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at CAB's central office, 8139 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, during normal business hours.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Thurs., July 19 – Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Thurs., July 19 – Henry Co. Planning Commission, reg. monthly meeting, 5 p.m., old circuit court room, New Castle

Thurs., July 19 – Knightstown Town Council meeting, 7 p.m.,

town council chambers, 28 S. Washington St.

Mon., July 23 – Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

Tues., July 24 – Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

Lewisville, from Page 3

expected to contribute \$20,800 in local matching funds, for an 80-percent/20-percent split on the project cost.

Kieser Consulting Group, a Lawrence-based firm that has worked extensively with the towns of Carthage and Knightstown in recent years, helped Lewisville with its application for this grant. This firm is also expected to provide architectural and engineering assistance with the project.

The planned downtown improvements include installation of approximately 10 decorative street lights; installation of curb ramps that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act; sidewalk improvements; and marking of crosswalks on streets. This work, which must be completed within two years, is expected to

cost around \$84,000, with \$17,000 going toward architectural and engineering fees, and another \$3,000 for project inspection fees.

KCG previously helped the town of Carthage receive a Rural Business Development Grant from the USDA for \$89,000. That money, combined with a \$6,000 grant from the Rush County Community Foundation and nearly \$56,000 in local funds, is being used to pay for downtown improvements in the northwestern Rush County community that are currently underway.

The Carthage improvements, which are similar in nature to those slated for Lewisville, had initially been expected to cost \$118,305. However, unexpected additional work to rebuild the downtown sidewalk curbs increased the price by \$32,534.

Hearing, from Page 1

after that, there could also be work done on the gym's front door and restrooms, which are not fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm working with the town of Knightstown on this project, moderated last week's public hearing. He began the hearing with a brief overview of the grant the town is seeking and the improvements that are needed.

"We feel like we have a very strong project," Kieser said, describing the gym as a "high-impact facility" and "regional draw." He said the town's grant application is due this Friday, July 20, with OCRA expected to announce grant recipients around Aug. 23.

"Our number one goal is to receive those dollars in the first round," Kieser said. Should they not get the grant on their first try, he said they would be ready to apply to OCRA again in the fall.

The first public comments of the night were offered by Beverly Matthews, president of the Henry County Community Foundation. The HCCF has an endowment fund for the Hoosier Gym Community Center of Knightstown Inc., the local nonprofit group that leases the gym from the town and oversees its operation, and recently worked with HGCKK to set up another fund to help with the gym's maintenance costs.

"This is not just important to Knightstown," Matthews said. "It's important to our community. ... We're very happy to be your partner in trying to get this grant." She called the gym a "true gem" and praised HGCKK as an "amazing organization."

Lee Stacey, office manager of the Henry County Convention & Visitors Bureau, said he thought the Hoosier Gym was probably the third most popular tourist attraction in the county. A facility like the gym, he said, also benefits other local businesses when it draws people to town.

"Whatever we can do as a visitors bureau to make this place go, we will work with you," Stacey said.

Last week's hearing was also attended by an actor who starred in *Hoosiers*. Brad Long, who played Buddy in the film and is now a motivational speaker, said he had seen a news story on TV about the gym earlier that day and felt compelled to come to Knightstown to show his support for the project.

"It's always good to be back in this gym," Long said. He said he looked at the needed improvements and the town's efforts to get the OCRA grant as "an investment" in Knightstown, adding that he didn't think "you can put a price on that."

Knightstown resident Steve Brooks noted that the gym serves as a "focal point" for the town and hosts many other activities besides basketball. The gym, he said, serves as "an important hub for this community."

Another speaker, who did not identify himself, said he didn't think the OCRA funds the town is seeking to help pay for the improvements to the gym should be considered a "grant." Instead, he said the money should be viewed as "a payback to this community."

Wade Beatty, president of the Charles A. Beard School Board, said he viewed this project as "an investment in the community." By doing all they can to preserve the gym, he said town officials and HGCKK volunteers are "preparing Knightstown for the future."

Others who spoke at last week's hearing, often with great emotion, recounted playing or attending basketball games in the gym, attending scouting meetings there, or participating in other activities at the facility. All public comments were in support of the town seeking the OCRA grant and making the needed improvements.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Kieser took a moment to recognize the volunteer efforts of the members of the HGCKK's board of directors.

"Without this group, this would not be possible," Kieser said.

OCRA only requires a 10-percent local match for this grant, which would be a little over \$55,550 if the town were to be awarded a full \$500,000 grant. But, because grant applications are scored more favorably if the local contribution is higher than 10 percent, Knightstown is expected to provide a local match of up to \$100,000, nearly 16.7 percent of the project's expected cost. According to a resolution passed by the Knightstown Town Council last month, the local matching funds will be provided by HGCKK.

FOLKWAYS

Bever Hosts Homemakers Meeting

On a very warm June 19, seven members of the Town and Country Extension Homemakers Club met at the home of Pam Bever to carpool to Fishers to explore the new IKEA store. With shopping carts and large tote bags, members proceeded to walk this huge store.

At noon, the group met at the cafeteria to select Swedish, American and other food choices.

Many rooms of furniture were on display with aisles of various kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, office accessories and items unknown to the group's generation.

The group later stopped by Perkins Restaurant for desserts and a short business meeting.

Those attending were Pam Bever, Sonnie Thompson, Brenda Reece, Judy Martin, Sandra Van Hoy, Beverly Dills and Kathryn Waits.

Thanks to Thompson, Bever and Van Hoy for an enjoyable "Spring Fling."

The group's next meeting is Aug. 21.

Indiana Towns Get Water Grants

Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$267 million in 103 infrastructure projects to upgrade water and wastewater systems in rural communities.

"Robust, modern infrastructure is foundational for quality of life and economic opportunity - no matter what zip code you live in," Hazlett said. "Under Secretary Perdue's leadership, USDA is committed to being a strong partner in addressing rural infrastructure needs to support a more prosperous future in rural communities."

USDA is making investments in 35 states through the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. The funds can be used to finance drinking water, storm water drainage and waste disposal systems for rural communities with 10,000 or fewer residents.

Indiana's five projects are: The town of Elberfeld is receiving a \$473,900 loan and a \$200,000 grant to fund a cost overrun for an original project upgrading a wastewater treatment plant and system. The system serves the town of Elberfeld, a small community of 650 residents in Warrick County.

The town of Gaston is receiving a \$1,228,000 loan and a \$584,000 grant for improvements to the town of Gaston's wastewater treatment plant, including elimination of its existing dry well raw sewage lift station and conversion into a new pumping station. The system serves the town's population of 683, in rural Delaware County.

The town of North Judson will use a \$4,892,000 loan to convert a portion of the town's combined sewer collection system into separate sanitary and storm sewers. The town is currently under an agreed order with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. This project is part of the town's Long-Term Control Plan and is the result of a Rural Development Pre-planning Grant.

The town of Oxford will receive a \$350,000 loan to fund a subsequent loan for a project already in progress. The town of Oxford serves a population of 1,162 in rural Benton County. This project is part of Oxford's long-term control plan. A combined sewer overflow system will be separated due to health and sanitary issues. Previous Rural Development funding for this project is a \$5,821,000 WEP loan and \$2,588,000 WEP grant awarded in FY 2016.

The town of Kingman is receiving a \$810,000 loan and a \$2,325,000 grant to upgrade a wastewater collection system and treatment plant. The system serves the 484 residents of the town, and is dealing with health and sanitary issues.

In FY 2018, Congress provided a historic level of funding for water and wastewater infrastructure. The 2018 Omnibus spending bill includes \$5.2 billion for USDA loans and grants, up from \$1.2 billion in FY 2017. It also directs Agriculture Secretary Perdue to make investments in rural communities with the greatest infrastructure needs.

Rural community leaders can apply for these funds electronically by using the interactive RD Apply tool. They can also apply through one of USDA Rural Development's state or field offices.

In April 2017, President Donald Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes

that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure is a key recommendation of the task force.

View the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity. In addition, to view the categories of the recommendations, view the Rural Prosperity infographic.

Lewis and Evelyn Merchant Celebrate 72nd Anniversary

Lewis and Evelyn (Borror) Merchant celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary July 12.

They were married July 12, 1946, at the home of the bride's parents, Glen and Jeannette (Sharp) Mattix.

Lewis retired from General Motors and Evelyn retired from Hooks Drugs.

The Merchants are the parents of Linda (husband, Jim) Jordan of Anderson, and Jeannie (late husband, Jim) Keith of Fort Myers, Fla. They have one grandson, Kyle (wife, Jessica) Jordan of Anderson, and one great-grandson, Tyler Jordan of Anderson. Two other grandchildren, Scott Reece and Jama Jordan, are deceased.



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A child's wonder is commonplace at the Henry County 4-H Fair, where kids experienced with farm animals mingle with children who may be touching a cow or goat for the very first time. The experience must be amazing for the new kids, just as it is for Banner photographer Eric Cox.



Some of the younger 4-Hers often have more emotional reactions to fair events, like this young lady at the rabbit show Tuesday.



Six-year-old Aiden Curley tries his hand at swine showmanship.



Five-year-old Savannah Neal of Spiceland pets a calf.

The Show Must Go On!

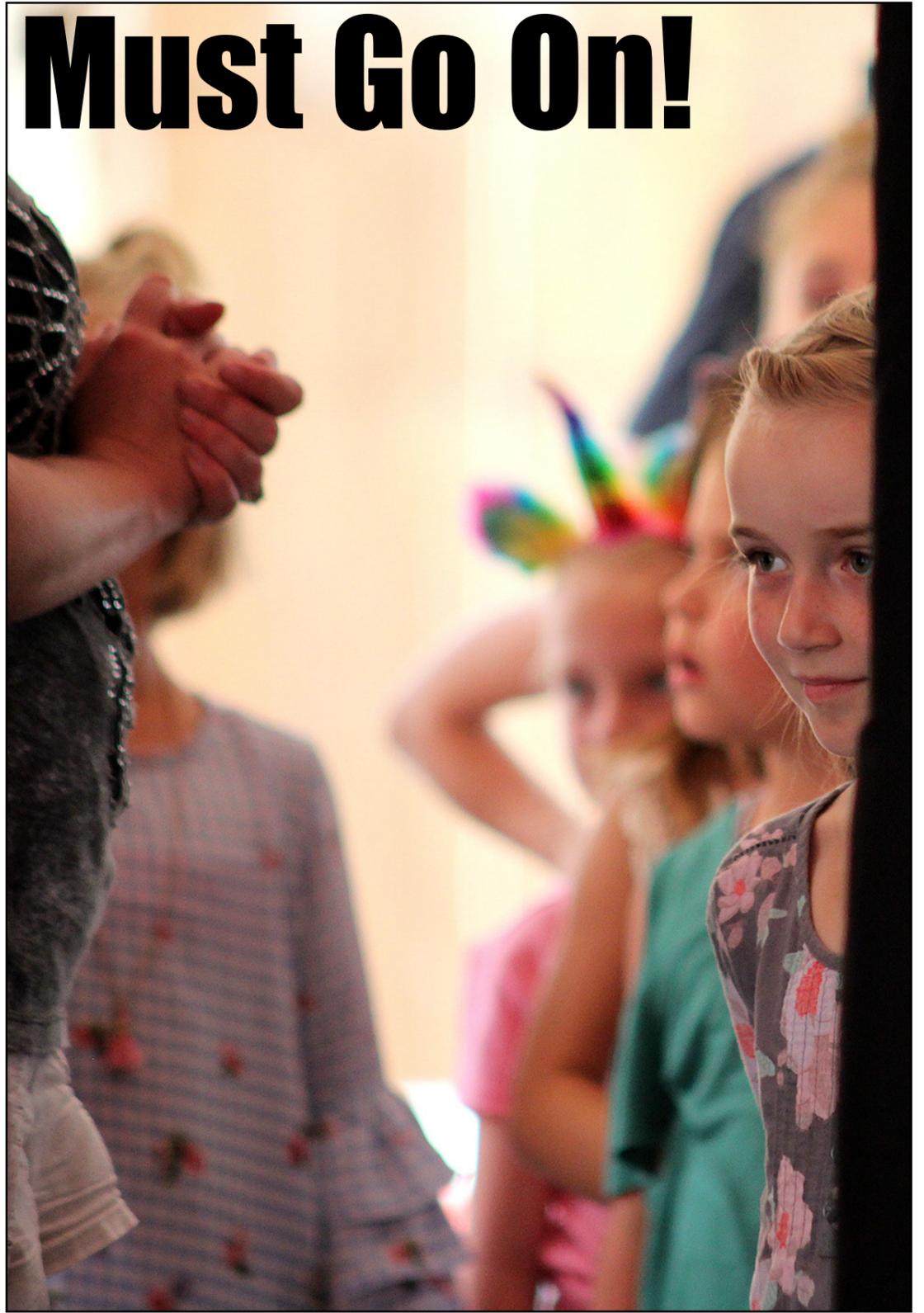
*Nerves, Jittery Animals, Stage Fright
All Challenges for Young 4-H Exhibitors*



Emily Adams of Knightstown gives a grin as she wrestles with her animal Tuesday in the Memorial Park Show Arena.



Brandon Lovett of Middletown holds his daughter, Ruthie, while taking a picture of his other daughter, Olivia, in the fashion review.



Nervous and looking into the crowd for a familiar face, a Henry County Mini 4-H fashion review contestant bides her time, waiting for her turn on the runway. (Eric Cox photos)



Goats are known for eating almost anything, and they sometimes like to put on a show as well. The goat on the left apparently needed a snack, and he found one - another goat's ear.



Elizabeth (left) and Lexi LaMar retrieve their rabbits for the next round of the rabbit show, which took place Tuesday.



Morning sun casts long shadows through the livestock barns as young 4-Hers go about their daily animal care duties.

KHS Football Team Scrimmages Elwood



After a half-hour delay due to lightning, Knightstown varsity and junior varsity football players joined their counterparts from Elwood High School Monday evening on Don Willard Field for some preseason action. The two teams broke up into groups and performed some defensive and offensive exercises with coaches on the field to work directly with players. The teams then scrimmaged using half the field. Though the lightning stopped, light rain continued throughout the event, but that didn't prevent a few dozen parents and fans from checking out this year's teams. Above, Panther quarterback Jose Olivo completes the pass to James Lukens (at right), who then evaded the defense to score while new head coach Chad Montgomery (above, far right) watches. (Stacy Cox photos)



Youth Volleyball Camp Canceled

Due to an insufficient number of registrations, Knightstown head volleyball coach Shanna Smucker has canceled a youth volleyball camp that had been scheduled for July 23-25.

Smucker stated that a camp may be rescheduled for another time during the school year when there might be more interest.

Jr. Pacers Hoops Tour for Kids Coming to Knightstown Friday

The Indiana Pacers "Jr. Pacers Basketball Program" will finish up its very popular Summer Hoops Tour for youth at Knightstown High School Friday, July 20.

The tour includes four other clinic sites, starting with last Thursday's clinic at St. Vincent Center. The hoops tour made a stop at Edinburg High School on Monday.

On Wednesday, the tour will spend time at the Pacers Athletic Center in Westfield and Thursday the tour will be in Brownsburg.

The tour rolls into Knightstown Friday and will hold a clinic from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Information about signups for the clinic was published several times in The Banner and on The Banner's social media accounts as pre-registration was required.

The Jr. Pacers Hoops Tour will be conducted by Pacers ABA leg-

end Darnell "Dr. Dunk" Hillman and will provide opportunities for boys and girls ages 6-14 to learn the fundamentals of the game as well as emphasize sportsmanship, respect, teamwork, and healthy living.

According to a press release sent out last Friday, the Knightstown clinic will also feature Indiana Fever alumna and development coach Tully Bevilacqua and Pacers alumnus Wayne Pack.

Each clinic, presented by St. Vincent and Gatorade, is free to children but was limited to the first 200 registered participants at each site.

Additional features of the clinics include a t-shirt for all participants; prizes and giveaways; lunch; small group instruction; competitive games and visits from Pacers, Indiana Fever and Ft. Wayne Mad Ants personalities.

Knightstown Fever Traveling Softball Program to Hold Tryouts This Month

The Knightstown Fever traveling softball program is expanding its organization for the 2018-2019 season. Tryouts for 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u girls traveling softball teams will be held later this month.

The Fever organization will also be conducting interviews, looking to bring together a unique and qualified staff.

"We are very excited for this and look forward to helping our communities build responsible, dedicated, hard-working and talented individuals through our program," Fever officials stated.

Tryouts for girls competing for a spot on the 8u and 10u teams will be Tuesday, July 24, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Girls competing for the 12u and 14u team positions will be trying out on Wednesday, July 25, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Callbacks will return on Thursday, July 26, also from 6-7:30 p.m.

All tryouts will take place at Knightstown Elementary School, located at 8632 State Road 109.

If unable to attend the tryout dates, please call Sharon Miller at 765-541-0876 for a possible private tryout.

Interviews for coaching positions will begin immediately. Those interested in coaching should contact Miller at the number previously stated.

Mt. Lawn Speedway Adds Enduro Race to 2018 Schedule

Mt. Lawn Speedway has announced an additional race to its 2018 racing schedule.

The schedule change puts a one-hour enduro race into the fall lineup and will feature Factory Stock FWD compacts competing Sunday, Sept. 9 at the rural New Castle track.

Entries will be limited to 120 cars and if that many cars enter, the winner will collect \$5000.

An enduro race has no yellow flags during the event. The race will be green or red flag only.

The first 45 entries received by track officials will be given a reserved pit stall on the concrete and car numbers will be assigned as entries are received.

Complete rules and entry form are posted on the Mt. Lawn website, mtlawn.com.

The enduro cars are almost identical to the factory stock FWD car currently competing at Mt. Lawn.

Technical inspectors Mike Stone and Bill Noel explained, "These cars should be very easy to get ready to go racing. All that is required is all glass must be removed from the car and all flammable material, with the exception of the front seat and dash, must be removed from the car."

"It is a very cost-effective way for anyone 18 and over to try their hand at racing as well as a chance to win \$5000," stated Stone.

For those wishing to gain some track experience, the enduro cars will be allowed to compete in the remaining Factory Stock FWD races in 2018 at Mt. Lawn.

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