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- Sir Winston Churchill

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## Lemonade Stand to Boost K-9 Officer

The 6-year-old granddaughter of local business owners Joe and Denise Peacock will operate a lemonade stand this Thursday, Aug. 2, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in front of the Burch Tree Cafe to help raise money for a K-9 for the Knightstown Police Department. The Peacocks' business, CFH Enterprises, will also contribute to the KPD's K-9 fund, matching all proceeds from the lemonade stand, up to \$6,000.

## Mooreland Free Fair Looking for Talent

Love to sing or play an instrument? Gotta dance? Are you a teen member of the next great rock band? Then the annual Mooreland Free Fair talent contests may be for you. Adults and youth ages 12 and under will be on stage at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6. Teens ages 13-19 will be the center of attention 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7. Prizes will be awarded and the winner each night gets a trophy. Fair tickets will be presented to the contestants each night who are judged "best dressed" and the "crowd pleaser." There is no entry fee. The Mooreland Free Fair runs Aug. 6-11 in Mooreland, located northeast of New Castle off State Road 36. The fair midway opens Monday, Aug. 6, at 5 p.m. Call Darrel Radford at 765-521-3498 or Madonna Mawk at 765-766-5112 to enter the talent contest.

## Norfleet Open Golf Tourney 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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## Wastewater Improvement Project Still Progressing

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

Engineers working with Knightstown on a multi-million dollar improvement project for the town's wastewater utility are hoping to be able to start soliciting bids by September.

During an update provided at the Knightstown Town Council's July 19 monthly meeting, Dan Wright, CEO of FPBH Inc., a North Vernon-based engineering firm, reported that paperwork for the project has been submitted to state and federal agencies to review.

"It's a big project to review," Wright told council members. "... When I delivered it to (the Indiana Department of Environmental Management), it was like carrying in a log."

Wright said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development, the agency from which the town will be borrowing funds to help pay for the project, has already reviewed submitted paperwork. He said Rural Development had recommended some changes to the project specifications and that he hoped they would authorize the town to start seeking bids within 60 days.

With respect to IDEM, Wright said he thought they would be finished with their review within 30 days.

The sewer improvement project is expected to carry a price tag of over \$5 million. While the loan from Rural Development will have a lower interest rate than the town would have been able to secure through private financing, the total cost will be well above the amount borrowed.

The town has been operating for several years under a Sewer Ban Early Warning notice issued by IDEM. Due to problems with inflow and infiltration (I and I) of water into the town's wastewater system, the town sewer plant's was exceeding or operating close to its hydraulic capacity.

IDEM first issued its Sewer Ban Early Warning notice to the town in the summer of 2013. At that time, the agency noted that the town's sewer plant, which is designed to handle up to 460,000 gallons of wastewater each day, had annual average rates of discharge of 97 percent, 115 percent and 101 percent of the plant's capacity for 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

As a result of its warning to the town, IDEM said additional

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## 4-H Ambassadors



Dalton Guffey (left) of New Castle and Cora Russell of Carthage are this year's Henry County 4-H Fair ambassadors, the fair having concluded July 20. This week's edition of The Banner brings with it the annual 4-H keepsake publication featuring official fair results and more high-quality content not available elsewhere. The Banner is proud to partner with the Henry County 4-H Association in producing this exclusive, one-of-a-kind publication highlighting countywide youth achievement.

## 'Running Rampant': Carthage Residents Report Raccoon Problem at Unoccupied House in Town

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The special meeting had been called for the primary purpose of approving payment of a claims, but the Carthage Town Council ended up spending most of its July 23 special meeting hearing complaints about neglected properties in town.

Carthage residents Rita Richmond and Eileen Dyer alerted the council to problems with raccoons that have taken up residence inside an unoccupied house at 307 Henley Ave, across from the for-

mer paper mill. Both women told the council that a neighbor had counted 13 of the critters going in and out of the house, which they said is up for auction for a third year in a row due to unpaid property taxes.

"They're running rampant and they keep multiplying," Richmond said. "... It's a health issue in my opinion."

Richmond also said that the grass at this property has not been mowed, creating a potential breeding ground for fleas, ticks and

mice. In addition to health concerns, she said she believes the condition of this place is also contributing to a decline in the value of her property.

"I'm very tired of looking at it," Richmond said. "... It's gotten out of hand. ... I'm embarrassed when I have company."

Town Council President Rachael Brown told Richmond that she understands her concerns. She assured Richmond that the town is trying to do all it can with respect

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## Public Hearing Will Help Park Board Spend Additional Money

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council has scheduled a public hearing for later this month in an effort to help the town's park board gain permission to spend grant money obtained for the park's benefit.

Acting on a recommendation from the park board and Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman, the council voted at their July 19 monthly meeting to schedule the public hearing for 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, during that night's regular monthly town council meeting. The hearing will be held in the council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St.

Because the park board's budget is submitted and approved by the state as part of the town's overall

budget, any request to spend funds that were not already OK'd as part of the 2018 budget has to be submitted to the state by the town. The state's Department of Local Government Finance reviews requests for additional appropriations like this, and, provided the additional funds a local government agency wants to spend are available, they are usually approved within a matter of weeks.

According to a public notice provided by the town for this Aug. 16 hearing, the park board is seeking permission to spend \$7,000 that was not part of its original 2018 budget. These funds came from grants that were obtained either by the park board or by local non-profit Beautify Knightstown Inc. for the park's benefit.

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# OBITUARIES

**Kendall Lynn Langdon**

**October 14, 2009 - July 26, 2018**



Kendall Lynn Langdon, 8, of Middletown, passed away unexpectedly together with her parents, Justin Roy and Amanda Lynn (Collier) Langdon, Thursday, July 26, 2018, at her residence. She was born Oct. 14, 2009 in Indianapolis.

A very active young girl, Kendall enjoyed Girl Scouts and playing softball in Middletown. She attended Shenandoah Elementary School where she would have started the third grade this year. One of her many passions was reading and she loved her many friends - especially her animals. Kendall loved art and coloring pictures for her grandparents to display in their homes. She truly loved everyone.

She leaves to cherish her memory her maternal grandparents, Allen Lynn and Terri (Wisehart) Collier of Knightstown; her paternal grandparents, Roy Edward and Judy (Ott) Langdon of Sheridan; two aunts, Andrea Collier of Yorktown and Alana (Chad) Urban of Fishers; two cousins, Avery and Conner Urban of Fishers; her great-grandmother, Jeanne Collier of New Castle; and many friends.

Kendall was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Gerald Collier, Robert W. Wisehart, Eloise Wisehart, Glen D. Ott, Phyllis G. Ott, Robert Gerald Langdon and Virginia Langdon.

Visitation is from 2-7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle. Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday following visitation, with Rev. Mike Hopper and Todd Burtron officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to the Shenandoah Elementary PTO, 5256 N. Raider Rd., Middletown, IN 47356; Girl Scout Troop #0611, 9527 N. CR 800-W., Daleville, IN 47334; The Ark Daycare and Preschool c/o Middletown Church of the Nazarene, 698 N. 5th St., Middletown, IN 47356; or Middletown Softball Program, 499 N. 12th St., Middletown, IN 47356. You may share a memory or condolence of Kendall at www.hinsey-brown.com.

**Amanda Lynn Collier Langdon**

**November 24, 1975 - July 26, 2018**



Amanda Lynn Collier Langdon, 42, of Middletown, passed away unexpectedly with her husband, Justin Roy, and daughter, Kendall Lynn, on Thursday, July 26, at her residence. She was born Nov. 24, 1975, in Greenfield, a daughter of Allen Lynn and Terri J. (Wisehart) Collier.

A 1994 graduate of Oak Hill High School in Converse, Amanda earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in family counseling from the University of Indianapolis. A licensed mental health counselor, she was first employed at the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home in Knightstown. She was then employed by Centerstone Mental Health Center in Connersville and had a private practice in Knightstown. She also worked for Gallahue Mental Health Services in Greenfield, and was presently employed at Kane Loveridge Wellness Group in New Castle, where her focus was on children and adolescents.

She was an avid reader, always loved a good cup of coffee, and was an active member of Shenandoah Elementary PTO. She enjoyed watching her daughter, Kendall, play softball in Middletown.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her parents, Allen and Terri Collier of Knightstown; a sister, Andrea Collier of Yorktown; her paternal great-grandmother, Jeanne Collier of New Castle; several aunts, uncles and cousins; her in-laws, Roy and Judy Langdon of Sheridan, a sister-in-law, Alana (Chad) Urban of Fishers; a niece, Avery Urban; and nephew, Connor Urban.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Gerald Collier; and her maternal grandparents, Robert W. and Eloise Wisehart.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle. Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday following visitation with Rev. Mike Hopper and Todd Burtron officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to the Shenandoah Elementary PTO, 5256 N. Raider Rd., Middletown, IN 47356; Girl Scout Troop #0611, 9527 N. CR 800-W., Daleville, IN 47334; The Ark Daycare and Preschool c/o Middletown Church of the Nazarene, 698 N. 5th St., Middletown, IN 47356; or Middletown Softball Program, 499 N. 12th St., Middletown, IN 47356. You may share a memory or condolence of Amanda at www.hinsey-brown.com.

**Justin Roy Langdon**

**March 10, 1978 - July 26, 2018**



Justin Roy Langdon, 40, of Middletown, passed away unexpectedly with his wife, Amanda Lynn (Collier) and daughter, Kendall Lynn Thursday, July 26, at his residence. He was born March 10, 1978, in Indianapolis to Roy Edward and Judy (Ott) Langdon.

Justin was a 1996 graduate of Sheridan High School where he played soccer and was a member of their FFA chapter. He was also a 10-year member of Hamilton County 4-H and 4-H Junior Leaders. He obtained associates degrees from Ivy Tech in maintenance, machine and tool technology and in agriculture from Vincennes University. Justin had worked for Eaton Corporation in Greenfield, King Systems in Noblesville and United Feeds in Sheridan. Recently, he was employed at Robert Dietrick Company in Fishers as an industrial equipment technician. He loved the outdoors, including hunting and fishing. His daughter, Kendall, was the love of his life. He loved watching her play softball, and would help keep score.

He is survived by his parents, Roy Edward and Judy (Ott) Langdon of Sheridan; a sister, Alana (Chad) Urban of Fishers; a niece, Avery Urban; a nephew, Connor Urban; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Allen and Terri Collier of Knightstown; a sister-in-law, Andrea Collier of Yorktown; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Glen D. and Phyllis G. Ott of Churubusco and his paternal grandparents, Robert Gerald and Virginia Langdon of Hartford City.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle. Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday following visitation with Rev. Mike Hopper and Todd Burtron officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to the Shenandoah Elementary PTO, 5256 N. Raider Rd., Middletown, IN 47356; Girl Scout Troop #0611, 9527 N. CR 800-W., Daleville, IN 47334; The Ark Daycare and Preschool c/o Middletown Church of the Nazarene, 698 N. 5th St., Middletown, IN 47356; or Middletown Softball Program, 499 N. 12th St., Middletown, IN 47356. You may share a memory or condolence of Justin at www.hinsey-brown.com.

## Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service is hosting a 6-week Grief Support Workshop

The Grief Support Workshop will take place at Senior Living at Forest Ridge, 2800 Forest Ridge Pkwy., New Castle. The workshop will be at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, starting Aug. 7 through September 11. As a service to our community, this workshop is free and open to the public. Wanda Jones and Mark Herbkersman will facilitate the meetings.

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# OBITUARIES

**Carolyn Anne (Brammer) Pitts**  
 March 23, 1938 - July 25, 2018



Carolyn Anne (Brammer) Pitts, 80, of Knightstown, went to Heaven on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, in her home, following an extended illness. She was born March 23, 1938, in Sabetha, Kan., a daughter of the late Ora C. and Mary P. (Wheat) Brammer.

A 1956 graduate of Knightstown High School, she enjoyed babysitting in her home, sewing, baking, and being a homemaker. She was a member of the New Hope Church of the Nazarene (formerly Stringtown).

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 62 years, Harold L. Pitts of Raysville; four daughters, Debi J. (Dan) Ware of Shirley, Jan (Jerry) Nichols of Lafayette, Dana (Ralph) Jones of Raysville and Debbie Riley of Greenfield; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Danielle (Carl) Smith, Dawson, Cooper and Carly, Jeff (Bailey) Smith, Lennox, Shelby, Orie, Gatlin, and Eleanor, Blake (Angie) Smith, Megan (Levi) Borders, and Trey Chew, Grant (Loni) Smith and Dominic, Amber (Josh Long) Pitts and Johnathan, Chelsea, Olivia, Austin, Aniah, Jeremiah, and Ashlynn; and three great-great-grandchildren, Lily, Stori and Mila. Also surviving are Andrea, Betsy, Gabby and family, and Ross. Other survivors include her stepbrothers, Rex Rhodes of Fredricksburg, Tex., and Mike Rhodes of Thailand; an aunt, Joanne Eichelberger; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Betty Kise of Raysville, Mildred (Larry) Houser of New Castle, Judy (Russ) McMillian of New Castle, and Dale Pitts of Raysville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepmother, Goldie Paugh Rhodes-Brammer; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Jewell Braden, Eugene Pitts, Richard Pitts and Leonard Pitts.

Services were July 28 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Pastor Josh Robertson officiating. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation was July 28 at the funeral home, prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the New Hope Church of the Nazarene, 52 N. CR 500-E, Greenfield, IN 46140. You may share a condolence or memory of Carolyn at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

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projection and said it could possibly go for \$7,000-\$9,000.

The fire board is selling the old grass truck because, as The Banner previously reported, the fire department took possession of a new grass truck in late May. The new truck – a 2018 Ford F-350 Super-Duty outfitted with myriad fire-fighting features – was purchased for around \$87,000 from 1st Attack Engineering Inc., a Waterloo, Ind.-based company that builds custom off-road emergency vehicles.

Wednesday, Aug. 22, will be the final day that BigIron will accept online bids for the old truck. Anyone wanting to inspect the vehicle should contact Fire Chief Eric McDaniel at 317-498-1021 to set up an appointment.

The fire board voted at last week's meeting to run a legal notice in The Banner advertising that the old grass truck is being sold through BigIron. That legal notice appears below.

In other business at last week's meeting, fire board member Sarah Ward, who also serves as president of the Knightstown Town Council, said McDaniel contacted her with concerns about the potential impact town water problems could have on fire protection sprinkler systems. She said she had checked with Randy Anderson, head of the town's water department, about this and that Anderson didn't think there would be any problems.

Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman, who serves as president of the fire board, said he agreed with Anderson's assessment. Millhoan also said he didn't think there would be any problem, and also pointed out that sprinklers are routinely inspected, increasing the likelihood that if there were any issues, they would be easily discovered.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department is sell a 1989 Ford F350 truck, VIN 1FDKF38M3KN39685. The truck is listed on [www.bigiron.com](http://www.bigiron.com) as ID# EN8536. This site will auction the truck, with the last day to bid being August 22, 2018. The truck may be inspected by calling Eric McDaniel at 317-498-1021 for an appointment.

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Ward also told the board that volunteers from the Wilkinson Church of Christ had helped paint some of the town's fire hydrants earlier that day. She said the town will continue utilizing volunteers and town employees, as they are available, to finish painting the town's hydrants so that reflective stickers that aid firefighters in locating hydrants at night can be applied.

The fire board also approved paying claims totaling \$10,211.54 at last week's meeting. Millhoan asked Overman where the fire department stands with respect to spending from its 2018 budget.

"Off the top of my head, I'd say we're in real good shape," Overman said. He did note, however, that he is waiting on a printout of a report detailing the department's finances for the year.

# Local Fire Department Taking Bids on Truck

by Jeff Eakins  
 for The Banner

Starting today, an online auction service based in Nebraska will accept bids for the next three weeks on an old grass truck being sold by the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department.

As previously reported in The Banner, the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board voted in June to use BigIron, an online auction site, to sell the fire department's old grass truck, a 1989 Ford F-350 with 12,900 miles on it. At the fire board's July 25 monthly meeting, Vice President Jeff Van Hoy, who is also a member of the Wayne Township Board, clarified that the old truck had been misidentified at the board's June meeting as a 1985 model.

At last week's meeting, Van Hoy told the fire board's other four

members that BigIron had posted information about the truck, as well as pictures and videos of it on their website earlier that day. He said bidding was scheduled to start Aug. 1 and then run for 21 days.

Should BigIron succeed in helping sell the truck, it will receive a commission. For any sale between \$1,500 and \$5,000, BigIron gets a 12-percent commission; the commission drops to 11 percent if the sale price is \$5,001-\$10,000; and it's 10 percent for sales of \$10,001-\$50,000.

Van Hoy had said at the fire board's June meeting that he thought the truck might sell for \$4,000-\$5,000. After fellow fire board member David Millhoan said he thought truck might bring more due to its non-turbo 7.3 liter diesel engine, Van Hoy revised his

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I have a message for deranged gun owners. If you're thinking about shooting your family, just go ahead and shoot yourself first. Doing that will give your innocent family a chance to escape.

I'm so tired of hearing these horrible stories about people, especially kids, being murdered by a parent. This has happened in our area twice now -

once off Old National Road, east of Knightstown, and most recently, north of Shirley off Mechanicsburg Road.

Once is too often, but twice is utterly ridiculous. What the hell, people?

I understand that this world in which we live is a very challenging and sometimes awful place. But, we have to control our fears and our impulses. We cannot allow some of the horrors of this modern world to attack our senses to the point where we are willing to harm ourselves or the ones we hold most dear.

Get a grip. Take 10 deep breaths and think about what you're doing. Go for a walk in the woods. Take a long, cold shower ... beat your head against a wall - do whatever you have to do to shun an impulse that could lead to a tragic mistake.

I've never suffered depression, so some might say I'm not qualified to offer such advice. But, the truth is I don't care anymore. If people with psychiatric problems can purchase firearms, then today I'm declaring myself a shrink! Seems just as legitimate to me.

OK, so Doctor Cox is going to write a prescription for all you people out there who think you just can't take anymore of this world and are considering a sick

and selfish act. Unlike so many of today's doctors, however, I'm not sending you to CVS for a bottle of pills. I'm sending you to friends and family, church, your hobbies - whatever is necessary for you to come to grips with what's troubling you.

Spill the beans. Let it out. Cry until your eyes bleed, but don't - DO NOT - even think about grabbing a gun and killing others or yourself. If you don't value your own life, then, please, take a second to call a friend or family member who might be willing to listen and help you rediscover the good in this world. Because it is definitely out there.

And though it may at times seem hopeless and dark, with every road a dead end, remember that the sun will rise again and the inner goblins that haunt your brain will be banished.

I try to imagine how bad it's gotten for someone plotting to murder-suicide their way out of life. Thankfully, that is not something I can currently conceive. Knowing how much I value and love my own family, deliberately doing harm to them just isn't something I'm willing to freely consider.

Yet, as we've so sadly witnessed, others do have that terrible capacity, and it is a melancholy mystery as to why one would choose that course.

All I can say is, please, don't do it. You have a lot to live for. Your life has meaning. Your children's lives have only just begun. Don't selfishly snuff them out because you don't want to go on. Don't make innocents pay the ultimate price. If you truly can't go on with this life, then have the courage to go out alone.



## A Prescient Reminder from Rose Mary

(Originally published, July 16, 2009)

My mind doesn't always follow a straight path from beginning to end. Regardless of my intentions, it strays down byways, picking up new material along the way.

I haven't forgotten the Angelones' travels. I've been comparing the places where they've lived with the unique American experience. Also chilling images from a television report about North Korea have stuck in my mind. All of this is overlaid with my disgust and concern about our current political situation.

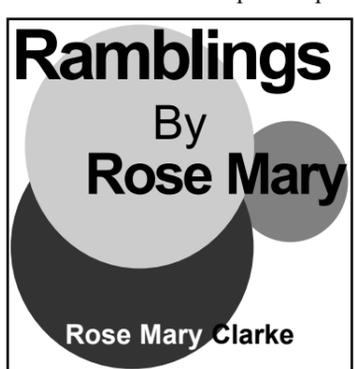
The 1950s was an easier time. We were raised to believe that America was the best place in the world.

An old Knightstown Banner quoted the longtime superintendent of schools, L. E. Rogers: "The educational system must inculcate children in the American Way." If you had asked anyone in Knightstown to describe it, the answer would have included words like hard work, free enterprise, self-reliance, good sportsmanship, and helping those in need at home and abroad. Above all, freedom - always freedom - would be mentioned. Last week I heard a "man on the street" say on television, "America - the land of the free and the home of the brave!" That was

our rosy, simplistic image of America.

As I've pointed out, the good old days weren't all that perfect. Following bitter arguments about separating from England, revolutionaries passed a law forbidding Tories to carry guns and sometimes tarred and feathered them.

Under the cannons of gunboats, we forced China and Japan to open



their doors to trade. Leaders of the women's suffrage movement were jailed and even given psychological examinations. Three Black teenagers who confessed to a rape and a shooting were lynched in Elwood in 1930.

Lincoln was called an ape. FDR was thought by some to be the devil incarnate. My father voted for him once and then became so angry with him that he swore that Roosevelt was surely roasting on the hottest coals in hell. Truman's

approval rating was in the cellar. Road signs appeared that said, "Impeach Earl Warren!" after the Supreme Court of which he was chief justice ordered that schools be desegregated. I personally suffered from religious bigotry and saw the impact of racial prejudice.

In one of the most shameful episodes in our history, during World War II, Americans of Japanese descent were relocated to internment camps. Then came McCarthy's witch-hunt. There were the civil rights marches and the protests about the war in Vietnam.

And today? Debates continue about the legal rights of prisoners of "the war on terror" and eavesdropping on telephone conversations of possible terrorists. For at least 30 years little has been accomplished regarding energy in spite of the predictability of today's crisis. The president, his cabinet and Congress did nothing to avert the "mortgage meltdown" that was also predictable.

Congress has managed to attain an even lower approval rating than the president because each faction is so self-righteous and determined that theirs is the only way that they refuse to compromise and accept consensus as did the founders of our government.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Not long ago, the United States was a world leader in infrastructure investments. Federal and private funding helped even the most remote communities obtain electricity, running water and access to the rest of the world through telecommunications.

However, recent years have not followed the same trend, and too many rural communities have been left behind. The need for improvement is great, especially for rural water and wastewater systems.

To put this in perspective, the American Water Works Association estimates that more than \$600 billion is needed over the next 20 years to upgrade our nation's water and wastewater systems. Unfortunately, many small and rural water systems lack access to affordable financing.

But there is hope for the future. This year, USDA Rural Development has more than \$4 billion in direct loans available now to help rural communities build or upgrade water infrastructure. This is a substantial increase from last year. In 2017, USDA helped more than 2.5 million rural residents get access to upgraded water and wastewater systems. I am excited to see how many more people we can help with this unprecedented funding opportunity.

I encourage rural community leaders and water district operators to apply now for this assistance before the Sept. 30 deadline. USDA state and field offices are great resources to use during the application process, and we have technical assistance providers with water and waste expertise that can help complete rural communities' applications.

USDA's support for rural water infrastructure is already making a big impact. In Indiana, we have utilized the water and environmental programs with much success. For example, our agency recently awarded the Town of North Judson funding totaling \$4,892,000 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; and awarded the Town of Kingman funding totaling \$3,135,000 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.

Water districts and rural communities can apply for USDA loans electronically using the interactive RD Apply tool, you can contact me directly at michael.dora@in.usda.gov or 317-295-5760, or reach out to one of our field staff.

USDA is eager to partner with you in this effort to modernize water infrastructure in our state's rural communities.

Michael Dora, state director  
USDA Rural Development

Dear Editor,

The Arc of Indiana is Indiana's leading organization advocating for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. We are closely watching the deliberations on the Farm Bill, as the House proposal would make harmful changes to a program that helps ensure people with disabilities can put food on the table.

Having a disability or dealing with a serious illness can make earning enough money to pay the bills and put food on the table especially difficult. Research has shown that earnings typically fall by more than 75 percent within 10 years of the onset of a chronic or severe disability, accompanied by a steep drop in spending on basic necessities, like food. Over

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# BITS & PIECES

◆**Carthage High School** alumni will meet at Ponderosa restaurant in Greenfield 12-3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4.

◆Mays Community Academy will host a **back-to-school picnic** Friday, Aug. 3, 6-8 p.m. at the school. For more information about the event, go to the school's website and click on Events. The first day of school for MCA students is Monday, Aug. 6.

◆The 6-year-old granddaughter of local business owners Joe and Denise Peacock will operate a **lemonade stand** this Thursday, Aug. 2, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in front of the Burch Tree Cafe to help raise money for a K-9 for the Knightstown Police Department. The Peacocks' business, CFH Enterprises, will also contribute to the KPD's K-9 fund, matching all proceeds from the lemonade stand, up to \$6,000.

◆Love to sing or play an instrument? Gotta dance? Are you a teen member of the next great rock band? Then the annual **Mooreland Free Fair talent contests** may be for you. Adults and youth ages 12 and under will be on stage at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6. Teens ages

13-19 will be the center of attention 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7. Prizes will be awarded and the winner each night gets a trophy. Fair tickets will be presented to the contestants each night who are judged "best dressed" and the "crowd pleaser." There is no entry fee. Call Darrel Radford at 765-521-3498 or Madonna Mawk at 765-766-5112 to enter.

◆The **Little Free Library** on the Square has been restocked with an all new selection of children's and adult's books. John Swartz repaired the damage done by vandals. The Little Free Library is now under surveillance by the KPD security camera. A press release from Beautify Knightstown Inc. encouraged readers of all ages to make use of this effort to promote literacy and to also visit the Knightstown Public Library.

◆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 **Banner office** has moved to 104 E. Main St., Knightstown. Call 345-2292 for more information, or email [thebanner@embarqmail.com](mailto:thebanner@embarqmail.com).

◆**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.

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## Georgee Lawhorne Says She Uses Girl Scouts Lessons Every Single Day of Her Adult Life

by Logan Cox  
for The Banner

Georgee Lawhorne is one of two recent Knightstown High School graduates to have received the Girl Scouts' highest honor, the Gold Award. She earned the award as an Ambassador Girl Scout.

"Receiving the Gold Award made me feel very accomplished," Lawhorne told The Banner. "I did this for the softball community, because I wanted to give something back to this community that has supported me since I was four. I'm so glad that I got the opportunity to complete the dugouts and make my mark on the place that I want to be remembered at."

The Gold Award is typically earned by building a career network that encourages girls to become scientists and engineers. The steps that are necessary to achieve this include identifying an issue, thoroughly investigating the issue, and building a team to help in this regard. This is followed by creating a plan and presenting it to acquire feedback, with the final goal being to take action with the intent to educate and inspire others.

As part of her bid to earn her Gold Award, Lawhorne conducted a survey to determine the Knightstown community's thoughts on local girls sports.

"I'd like to thank my grandmother, Sylvia Hatfield, for helping me complete this project," she said. "She pushed me to complete this project during the chaos of becoming a college freshman and working, and I can't thank her enough for all her help."

Her continued participation in Girl Scouts all the way up to her 2017 graduation from KHS was part-

ly due to the camaraderie and support of those she befriended within the youth organization.

"I had made many close friends in my troop; that made it easy to stick with it," said Lawhorne. "In my years of being a scout, we went on many different adventures and helped out a lot in our community. My troop leader, Debbie Loveall, is very dedicated to our troop and made sure we were always having fun while learning important life lessons."

According to Lawhorne, Loveall's influence was just as important as that of her grandmother and fellow scouts.

"She was a terrific leader and made sticking with scouts worth it," she said of her troop leader.

The Knightstown resident and native also made note of the fond memories she had gained from her time as a Girl Scout.

"Every year, we would have a week of camp out at Camp Ada," said Lawhorne. "On Thursday night the older girls would get to stay the night at the camp, and it was a huge prank fest. One year, an older group of girls put one of the mattresses on the roof along with some of their troop leader's clothes. Someone's underwear on the flag pole was a tradition at Camp Ada that had to be taken down before the little girls got there the next morning."

Lawhorne is confident that her experiences in the Girl Scouts of America will have a significant impact on her future endeavors.

"Girl Scouts has shown me that if I can put my mind to it, I can achieve it," she said. "It's given me leadership and social skills that I apply to life everyday."



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## Double-homicide, Suicide Again Stuns K-town Area

Three people died last Thursday evening in Shirley, the result of what is believed to have been a double-homicide and suicide.

Henry County coroner Steve Hacker has identified the deceased as 8-year-old Kendal Langon and her parents, Amanda and Justin Langdon. All three, found outside their home at 2463 N. Mechanicsburg Rd., died from sin-

gle gunshot wounds from a 9 mm handgun.

Authorities believe that Justin Langdon shot his wife and daughter, then turned the gun on himself. Initial reports from law enforcement said that Justin Langdon had called 911 at around 10:30 p.m. and reported that he had shot his wife and daughter and intended to shoot himself.

## Model Aeronautics Will Be Featured During National Model Aviation Day

The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) will host Aviation Adventure Day this Saturday, Aug. 4. The local celebration of National Model Aviation Day will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the International Aeromodeling Center, located at 5161 E. Memorial Dr., Muncie. The event is free and will include activities for all ages.

Aviation Adventure Day will be packed with entertaining activities for the entire family. Youth full-scale airplane rides will also be available for kids ages 8-17 through the Anderson chapter of the EAA Young Eagles at no cost starting at 10 a.m.

Attendees will learn while hav-

ing fun by building make-and-take model airplanes and kites and launching model rockets. In addition to the hands-on activities, attendees can tour the National Model Aviation Museum, try their hand at a flight simulator, and fly a real model airplane and helicopter.

A live model helicopter airshow will take place at 1 p.m. This features a candy drop, and - new this year - a stunt kite demonstration.

A night fly, hosted by IRCHA will take place that evening. Pilots from across the country will compete for the best night performance complete with lights and music.

For more information about this event and more, visit [www.nmad-muncie.org](http://www.nmad-muncie.org).

### LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA } IN THE HENRY CIRCUIT COURT  
COUNTY OF HENRY } SS: CASE NO. 33C01-1807-MI-000103

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:  
JUDY D. HOLLER-WEYBRIGHT,  
Petitioner.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Judy D. Holler-Weybright, whose mailing and residential address is 5366 S. Westwood Dr., Knightstown, IN 46148, Henry County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that she has filed a petition in the Henry Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to: Judy D. Weybright.

Notice is further given that hearing will be held on said Petition on the 9th day of October, 2018, at 9 o'clock a.m.

Judy D. Holler-Weybright, Petitioner  
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### Rose Mary, from Page 4

"I have seen the enemy, and he is us." - Pogo

The public says that they want "clean" campaigns, yet relish trash. Candidates are demonized by information that has absolutely nothing to do with their ability. For example, John McCain's first marriage has been dredged up. This kind of stuff is nothing new. Nasty gossip was spread about Andrew and Rachel Jackson. I've seen e-mails that show pictures of Barack Obama visiting his African relatives. So what? With the exception of the American Indians, everyone here originated elsewhere.

Fear is used: "If Bill Clinton is elected president, we'll have socialized medicine." Didn't happen. "If George Bush (1 or 2) is elected president, the right to abortions will be overturned." Didn't happen.

Stupidly, we apply litmus tests to candidates rather than looking at the totality of their experience and

beliefs.

Instead of accepting the concept that all of us have ownership in America, extremists at both ends refuse to accept anything less than

total victory and want to take America back from people like me. The American people are so fed up that they're looking for someone who combines the attributes of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, the two Roosevelts, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, JFK and Ronald Reagan to miraculously save us from ourselves. I have news for them: Not in this lifetime!

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# FOLKWAYS

## Beautify Knightstown Gets \$3,000 Grant for Drain at Splash Pad



Beautify Knightstown Inc. recently received a \$3,000 grant from the White Family Foundation via the Hancock County Community Foundation for installation of the drain at the Sunset Park splash pad. Pictured (l-r) are Tami White, Katie Ottinger, Beautify Knightstown's Linda Lashbrook, Olivia White and Stephanie White-Longworth. (Photo submitted)

## County Planning Commission Will Host Public Hearing

The Henry County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing in the Old Circuit Court Room of the Henry County Court House, 101 S. Main St., New Castle, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, to consider the following:

1. Open public hearing concerning the Board of Henry County Commissioners' Resolution 2018-06-13 (011) A Resolution Initiating Proposal to Amend the Henry County Code.

a. The first proposal of the resolution (Exhibit "A" to the Resolution) is to repeal Sections 154.001 through 154.107 of the Henry County Code and to replace such sections with the text that is attached to the resolution as Exhibit "A," which sets forth regulations  
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#### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Town of Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at 28 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148, at 7:00pm on 16th day of August, 2018.

Fund Name: Park

Major Budget Classification	Amount
Other Services & Charges	\$7,000
<b>Total for the Park Fund</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Governments Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated: July 31, 2018

Beth A. Huffman, Clerk-Treasurer  
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# LOCAL SPORTS

## David McConnell Wins Founder's Day 100 at Mt. Lawn

Story Courtesy of Mt. Lawn Speedway Staff

The rain held off just enough to allow the running of the annual Founder's Day 100 at Mt. Lawn Speedway Sunday evening.

Mt. Lawn officials decided to run the 100-lap main event first in case the skies let loose and caused another postponement. Fifteen cars took the green flag from starter Jack Sweigart with Mike Worrel of Muncie grabbing the early lead. Dylan Hoppes of Markleville got around Worrel on lap seven and led the next six laps.

Jameson Owens of Indianapolis

took the lead on lap 14 until current point leader in the Thunder Car division, Dustin Sapp of New Palestine, got around Owens on lap 22. On lap 19, Josh Neal of New Castle was the first car out of the race, and defending Founder's Day champ Tony Stewart of Straughn also left the race on the same lap with a blown engine.

At the quarter-way mark, Sapp was followed closely by Ronnie Rose of Anderson, AJ Stewart of Straughn, David McConnell of Shirley and Owens. Randy Hoppes of Markleville exited the race on lap 24. Dylan Hoppes

dropped out of the race on lap 28.

Rose got around Sapp on lap 29 and steadily built a comfortable lead over the next several laps. At the half way point, it was Rose, Sapp, AJ Stewart, Kevin Rabinstine of Muncie and McConnell.

Rabinstine and McConnell appeared to get together on lap 50, bringing out the yellow. McConnell went to the pits for a quick repair and rejoined the field, along with Rabinstine, at the rear of the field.

Rose appeared to be on his way to victory until mechanical issues forced him out of the race on lap

63, giving the lead to AJ Stewart. On lap 75, it was Stewart, Sapp, McConnell, Rabinstine and Owens.

At this point, Stewart appeared to be the man to beat until his car started showing signs of a handling problem. Upon close examination, it could be seen that Stewart's left front tire was going down. Stewart fought his mount until Sapp passed him on lap 85. Stewart finally pulled off the track on lap 87.

Then it became Sapp's race to lose, and that is just what he did on lap 99 when his car ran out of fuel and he rolled into the pits.

McConnell then finished the race in the top spot without any other problems. Rabinstine finished second followed by Owens, Frankie Oakes of Cambridge City, Dale Harper of Indy, Worrell, Sapp, Earl Adams of Alexandria, AJ Stewart, and Rose to round out the top ten.

In the Adams Enterprises Pro Compacts event, Terry Neal of New Castle continued his winning ways by leading the final 29 laps of the feature for the win.

Adam Lee of New Castle finished a close second after closing in on Neal's rear bumper on lap 28. Trea Bowman of Indy took third, followed by Josh Owens of New Castle, Joe Jennings of Richmond, Brett Smith of Richmond, Alex Abbott of New Castle, Mark Jennings of Richmond and Brian Slavey of New Castle. Chris

Jennings of Richmond did not start the feature.

Neal set fast time in qualifications at 18.091 which is a new track record, won the Payne Auto Parts Dash for cash and the first heat with Abbott taking the second heat.

Eighteen cars were on hand for Factory Stock Front Wheel Drive action. Six cars did not make it to the feature event, which was won by Tyler Brown of Indianapolis. Donald Van Valkenburg of Indianapolis finished second, followed by Alex Abbott of New Castle, Jennings and Jacob Johnson. Brown won the Payne's Auto Parts Dash for cash and the first heat. Jennings took the second heat.

Owen Brummett of New Castle won the State Farm Insurance Street Drags.

The next event at Mt. Lawn will be Aug. 19 with the final leg of the Van Hoy Oil Indiana/Ohio Shootout.

On Aug. 25, the CRA Street Stocks return for the 200-lap Bob Fields Memorial Race.

The Mt. Lawn Classic Car Show will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 3.

The final event of the 2018 season will be Sept. 9 with the Doc's Kart Sales and Service Stock FWD one-hour Enduro.

Stay up-to-date with the latest news from Mt. Lawn by following on Facebook or visiting its website at mtlawn.com.



David McConnell of Shirley won the Founder's Day 100 Sunday night at Mt. Lawn Speedway. McConnell led only three laps during the race and recovered from a pit stop under a yellow flag at the halfway mark to take the win. Dustin Sapp of New Palestine was leading with three laps to go when his car was forced out of the race with no fuel. (Photo provided)

## Knightstown's Two 8u All-Star Teams Dominate in Daleville



Several teams represented Knightstown in the Bronco Bash, a huge tournament held in Daleville the weekend of July 20-22. A Knightstown all-star team competed in the 6u bracket and 10u bracket with two different teams entered in the 8u bracket. The 6u and 10u brackets had just three other teams but the 8u tourney included six other teams: Alexandria, Daleville, Delta, Muncie, Pendleton and Selma. The extra competition did not stop the 8u boys from Knightstown. The Knightstown Black team took first place with the Knightstown Red team coming in runner-up. Playing for Knightstown in the 8u tournament included Caden Bonewits, Maverick Burke, Baylor Clements, Evan Darling, Garter Gossett, Leland Gustin, Wyatt Halcomb, Cody Hamm, Kasen Jessup, Jake Jordon, Devin Kincaid, Kole Knepley, Luke Manship, Jordan Moore, Jayden O'Neal, Lincoln Peggs, Brayden Raglin, Henry Schmidt, Kenrick Schweizer, Gavin Shea, Dawsyn Springman and Cohen VanOsdol. The teams are coached by Randy Kincaid, John Springman, Brian Shea, Eric Darling, Ryan Schweizer and Jon Jordon. (Photo provided courtesy of Tracy Schweizer)

# LOCAL SPORTS

## Local Players Headed to Babe Ruth World Series After 15u All-Star Team Wins Ohio Valley Regional

*Knightstown's Miles Mann and Brock Corbett, Tri High's Dillon Stevens and Jarod Stevens Key Players*

by Stacy Cox  
General Manager/Sports Editor

Two teams went into the Babe Ruth Ohio Valley Region 15-year-olds tourney last week in Elkins, West Virginia, boasting three straight state championships. Both teams believed this was their year for a regional victory that would send them to the Babe Ruth World Series.

**Pep Rally for the World Series-bound team will be held Sunday, August 5, at the New Castle Babe Ruth Diamond, 3 p.m.**

The fans of one of those teams started working a year earlier to get the tourney located in their town and though they successfully hosted the tourney, it wasn't to be for the Elkins team. Not even close.

Instead, the dreams of the New Castle 15u All-Star team finally came true when the boys from Henry County defeated the team from South Gibson, Ind., 5-0, to win their first regional title.

They will now travel to Longview, Washington, for the Babe Ruth World Series Aug. 9-16, in an event that will include 10 teams.

As they have done through the years to reach this point, the players from Knightstown and Tri were key factors in the team's string of victories at the regional tourney. In the five games played over four days in West Virginia, Knightstown's Miles Mann and Brock Corbett and Tri's twin brothers, Dillon Stevens and Jarod Stevens, came through at the plate and in the field.

In New Castle 15u's first game in pool play July 27 against Lyon County, Kentucky, the local boys

were down 0-3 with two outs when Mann hit a two-RBI single and would go on to score the tying run. Jarod Stevens' then smashed a double to center field, driving in three more runs to go up 6-3. The team would score two more in the sixth and go on to win 8-3. That monster hit earned Jarod the Player of the Game honors.

In the second game that Friday evening, New Castle's team whipped the Crawford County, Illinois, team in five innings, 19-0.

The following day, New Castle 15's run-ruled the Wisconsin team from Eau Claire in five innings, 13-0. Mann continued to connect at the plate, hitting a double and single in the game to receive the Player of the Game recognition.

The New Castle 15's dominance in pool play earned them the number one seed in the single elimination bracket tourney on Sunday, July 29. They also received a first round bye.

In New Castle team's first game of bracket play, they again had to face the tough Lyon County team. The Western Kentucky squad jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning but New Castle tied it up in the bottom of the second. Lyon County scored another run in the third and held that lead until the bottom of the fifth when Corbett's grounder to the shortstop drove in the tying run. Corbett would go to score as would another NC run to go up 5-3.

Lyon County got two runners on base in the top of the sixth and with one out, Dillon Stevens was brought in to pitch. He struck out the first batter he faced and the next batter hit a fly ball to left field for the third out.

Going scoreless in the bottom of the inning, Dillon came back in the top of the seventh and struck out all three batters to secure the victory and send New Castle's team to the championship game.

The Henry County team faced off against the Southern Indiana state title winner South Gibson for

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Knightstown sophomore Miles Mann (left), Tri junior Jarod Stevens, Knightstown sophomore Brock Corbett and Tri junior Dillon Stevens (right) were key players New Castle 15u All-Star team's five wins and championship victory at the Ohio Valley Regional in Elkins, West Virginia, that earned them a trip to the Babe Ruth World Series in Washington state Aug. 9-16. (Photo provided)

the regional championship at 10 a.m. Monday morning. Dillon returned to the mound, getting the start for the final game of the tourney. He would go on to pitch all seven innings and shutout the South Gibson team. But, it would be quite a long time before that shutout was in the books.

The New Castle team scored three runs in the first inning and held the South Gibson team scoreless through three innings when heavy rain and storms postponed the game in the bottom of the third. The game continued to be delayed for hours, with the teams about to run out for lunch and spend some time shooting hoops in the Elkins gym while it rained outside.

Finally, at 5:30 p.m., the game got back underway. New Castle two more runs in the fifth inning and went on to win 5-0 and claim their first Babe Ruth regional championship.

Over the course of the five games, Mann led the team in hits with eight, including one double. He walked twice and had no strikeouts, got on base twice on a fielders choice and another time on a fielding error. He scored five times, had five RBIs and one stolen base.

Dillon Stevens was not only strong on the mound during the regional but also tough again at the plate. He hit five singles for one RBI. He reached base twice on errors, twice on walks and once on a fielders choice. He got two stolen bases and scored five runs.

Dillon also pitched 14 of the 31 innings the team played at the regional. He struck out 11 batters with no walks while giving up 12 hits and just three runs. He finished the tourney with a shutout to send his team to the World Series.

Jarod Stevens hit a double, two singles and one fielders choice in the five games. He scored two runs and had four RBIs.

Corbett had one base hit, was

walked three times and reached base another time on a fielding error over the course of the tourney. He also recorded two RBIs, one stolen base and three runs.

In addition to the Knightstown and Tri High players, the New Castle 15u All-Star roster has several players from New Castle including Dylan Beck, Jared Catron, Deven Fielden, Clayton Hamm, Jacob Lucas, Brandon Matney, Cole McDaniel, Robert Porter and Aaron Reagan. Blue River's Mason Crisp is on the state

champion team too as well as Yorktown's Cadin Holland. They are coached by Clay McDaniel, Joey McDaniel and Tim Porter.

A pep rally is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 5, at 3 p.m., at the New Castle Babe Ruth diamond. The public is encouraged to come out to the rally to help give the teams a big send off. Check in to The Banner's Facebook page for more information this week on how you can help the players' families attend this special event in Washington.



Tri junior Jarod Stevens shakes the hand of New Castle mayor Greg York during the presentation of the New Castle 15u All-Star team at rally last Wednesday. (Stacy Cox photo)



Knightstown sophomore Miles Mann (left) and his teammate Robert Porter, a New Castle High School player, smile as New Castle Babe Ruth League officials talk about the success of the 15-year-old all-star team during a rally last Wednesday held prior to their departure for the regional in West Virginia. Mann, the team's first baseman, was named Player of the Game in the team's third and final game of pool play, sending NC15 into the single elimination tourney bracket with a first round bye and the number one seed in their quest to reach the Babe Ruth World Series. Mann finished the tourney as the top hitter with seven singles and one double for five RBIs. (Stacy Cox photo)

# LOCAL SPORTS

## Soggy Morning Practice Soaks Soccer Seniors' Clothes, But Not Their Spirits



Knightstown High School seniors on the varsity soccer team show that they do it for the "win" after spending two hours in the rain Tuesday morning for their second day of official practice. It was raining when they arrived for 8 a.m. practice but then it started to pick up, according to senior Sidney Vise. Rain can't stop practice on turf fields like the field at KHS, so by the end of their two-hour practice, the girls were drenched. The team focused on ball work the first hour then scrimmaged the boys' team the last hour before ending the practice with some conditioning exercises. But, despite the wet feet and soaked clothes, Vise assured that "soccer season is our fav." The seniors include (front, l-r) Kaitlyn Jackson, Elizabeth Moore, Abby Arnold and (back, l-r) Sidney Vise, Jess Butler, Heather Jackson and Rebecca Dickerson. The girls play their first match this season Saturday, Aug. 11, at Greensburg. (Photo provided courtesy of Sidney Vise)

## Knightstown Students to Get in Free to All Home Sports Events in 2018-2019

On July 20, Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. officials and the Knightstown Athletic Department announced that all CAB students will receive free admission to all regular home Knightstown athletic events during the upcoming 2018-2019 school year.

There will be no student sports passes being sold this year because of this new policy. Only students enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12th grade at one of CAB's schools will be admitted free this school year.

There is an exception: the free admittance does not apply to tournaments that are hosted at Knightstown, just as that has been the case for sports passes.

According to an "extremely excited" Knightstown Athletic Director Matt Martin, this offer has been made possible by a generous donation. The persons making the donation wish to remain anonymous at this time, but they made the donation "in honor of all CAB teachers for their hard work and dedication to our students."

The announcement was welcomed news by parents of CAB students when it was posted to The Banner's social media accounts.

Local parents repeatedly expressed their appreciation to the unknown donors with many stating that paying for their kids to attend games has been a financial burden and this will make it possible for them to support Knightstown's teams.

Go to the athletic department's website for all the team schedules, news and game reports at [knightstownathletics.com](http://knightstownathletics.com) and follow the AD on Twitter at @CAB\_Athletics.

## K-town Youth Cheer, Youth Soccer Registration All Online This Year; Deadline to Sign up is Aug. 3

Knightstown Kids Inc. Sports is trying something new this year with online registration.

Signups for youth soccer and fall youth cheer will be conducted solely online this year. Registration runs through Friday, Aug. 3.

Youth soccer is open to all kids from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

The fee for soccer is \$30 per child. Soccer games will be on Saturdays beginning Aug. 18 and run through late October.

Cheer club is open to all kids kindergarten through sixth grade.

The fee for cheer is \$20 for kindergarten through second grade and \$45 for third through sixth grade.

Kindergarten through second grade will be instructional sessions with the possibility of cheering a few flag football games in New Castle.

Third through sixth grade will practice once a week and cheer games on Saturdays in Greenfield, starting mid-August and run through early October.

Paper forms are available but will not be sent home or collected through the schools this year.

Parents can contact Scott Berrier with soccer questions at [knightstownkids@gmail.com](mailto:knightstownkids@gmail.com).

Cheer questions should be directed to Jenni Sander at 765-524-1519.

The website is [www.knightstownkidsinc.org](http://www.knightstownkidsinc.org).

## Parent Meeting Aug. 2 for All KIS, KHS Athletes in All Sports

The Knightstown Athletic Department will hold a meeting for parents of student-athletes in grades 7-12 who plan to play any sport this school year. The mandatory parent meeting is set for Thursday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m., in the high school cafeteria.

Following a half-hour presentation by the athletic department, each sport will break off and hold their own meetings with parents.

This will be the only parent meeting held by the athletic department during the school year.

Each sport will still have their own parent meeting before their seasons begin. Student-athletes should see their respective coaches with any questions.

The Aug. 2 meeting will not be the same as year's past meetings, according to Athletic Director Matt Martin. New information will be shared during the meeting, including discussion on new initiatives, organizations and other relevant news.

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## Knightstown's Carson Smith Key Player in New Castle 14u All-Star Team's Success



Knightstown's Carson Smith (right) looks out at the crowd after being presented during the pep rally for the 14u and 15u all-star teams last Wednesday before each headed to their regional tournaments.

Knightstown freshman Carson Smith has also found success on the baseball field this summer.

Smith is the only Knightstown player on the New Castle 14u All-Star team which also won a state championship recently, earning a trip to the regional in Robinson, Illinois.

Smith got the win on the mound to start off the tourney's pool play, striking out five and walking just one while giving up just one hit and a run. That earned him the Player of the Game honors.

The New Castle team won its second game but fell in the third pool game to go into the single elimination tourney as the number three seed.

The Henry County 14-year-olds then fell to Eastern Kentucky's Floyd County 4-0 in the bracket game to end their season.

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**Raccoons, from Page 1**

to problem properties like this.

Council member John Hancock said the town can cite the owners of problem properties like this and order them to remedy the problems. However, he said the first step is finding out who the owner is and then getting the town's building inspector to serve them with a letter requesting that issues with respect to the property be addressed.

"You guys want to beautify Carthage," Dyer told the council. "Well, that's part of Carthage." She also mentioned a second problem property in town, an uninhabitable house at 404 S. Main St. that was destroyed by fire five or six years ago, but that has never been razed.

"We have been working on that," Brown said. "That's one of the ones that's on the list."

"We wish we could go in there and fix it, but we can't," Hancock said. He explained that the town doesn't have the funds to purchase these properties and make needed repairs or pay to take down structures that are beyond fixing. "... We will try to get our building inspector ... to be a little more aggressive with those properties."

"We all want to see those changes made," Brown said. "... We are making an attempt to get something figured out one way or another."

Hancock said he thought the town's building inspector, Bob Bullock, had authority to board up a house like the one at 307 Henley Ave. in order to keep the raccoons out. Brown said she would check with Bullock about this.

Bullock, who does not live locally, does not regu-

**Commission, from Page 7**

applicable to Utilities including Wireless Communications Facilities ("Cell Towers"), Meteorological Towers ("Met Towers") and Wind Energy Conversion Systems ("WECS" - sometimes referred to as windmills, wind farms or turbines).

b. The second proposal (Exhibit "B" to the Resolution) adds language to the beginning of Section 150.165 (A) of the Henry County Code defining a Commission Approved Use and explicitly providing that the Planning Commission is empowered to hear and determine requests for Commission Approved Use subject to relevant provisions of Indiana law.

3. Public comments will be heard on the proposed amendments to the Henry County Code which sets forth regulations applicable to Utilities including Wireless Communications Facilities ("Cell Towers"), Meteorological Towers ("Met Towers") and Wind Energy Conversion Systems ("WECS"—sometimes referred to as windmills, wind farms or turbines) and defines a Commission Approved Use and explicitly provides that the Planning Commission is empowered to hear and determine requests for Commission Approved Use subject to relevant provisions of Indiana law.

4. Public hearing closed

5. Commission discussion and

possible action on Exhibit "A" of Resolution 2018-06-13 (011)

6. Commission discussion and possible action on Exhibit "B" of Resolution 2018-06-13 (011)

**Hearing, from Page 1**

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

\*gave permission to the local Main Street group for the west side of the public square to be blocked off from 4-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, for the showing of two kid-friendly movies and other family activities;

\*heard about the repeated vandalism of the Little Free Library located on the town square, and were asked to have the

**Project, from Page 1**

connections to the town sewer system that require a construction permit would be closely scrutinized by the agency. Also, had excessive loading of the sewer plant continued – something that, fortunately for the town, did not occur – IDEM could have also imposed a ban prohibiting additional residential and commercial connections to the sewer system.

In a related matter, the town council voted at the July 19 meeting, on Wright's recommendation, to approve a change order with respect to road improvements that are going to be made in town. Because the sewer project is expected to involve tearing up portions of some roads in order to replace or rehabilitate sewer lines, Wright said repaving West South Street from South County Road 775-West to where it ends should not be done at this time.

The town of Knightstown received a Community Crossings Initiative grant last year worth \$66,057.68 from the Indiana Department of Transportation to help cover the cost of repaving some of the town's roads. The grant program requires the town to provide a 25-percent local match of a little over \$22,000 toward the project, and, because the successful bid for the work came in at nearly \$97,000, the town would also be on

the hook for close to another \$9,000 as well.

By not repaving West South Street, Wright said the cost of the project is expected to drop \$14,336.20. The town's attorney, Gregg Morelock, asked whether the town could simply designate another section of road to be repaved, but Wright said that this particular grant program does not allow that.

Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer reminded Wright that the town had ended up having to contribute more than its required local match since the bid accepted for the work had exceeded the project's expected cost. She asked Wright whether the town will need to return the full amount of the change order to INDOT, or just 75 percent of it to go along with the original 75/25 division of cost between the grant and the town's local match. Wright said he would need to check on that.

Council members Mitch Roland and Landon Dean made and seconded, respectively, a motion to approve the change order removing West South Street from the road repaving project. With support from Vice President Kevin Knott, the motion passed 3-0; the council's other two members, President Sarah Ward and Roger Hammer, did not attend that night's meeting.

Knightstown Police Department check on it periodically;

\*received updates on the town's water, sewer, street, electric and cemetery departments from Randy Anderson, who serves as head of the water department and is one of two co-works managers for the town;

\*approved payment of regular claims totaling \$466,853.94 and \$160,459.60 for payroll; and

\*OK'd minutes from the council's June 21 monthly meeting, July

2 special meeting, and an executive session and special meeting held July 17.

More information about the July 19 Knightstown Town Council meeting can be found in last week's issue of The Banner and in the town's memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. The latter two items are public records that should be available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St.

**Letters, from Page 4**

one-quarter of participants in food assistance programs nationwide have a disability that impacts their daily life or limits their ability to work, according to the 2015 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS).

For many confronting these struggles in Indiana and nationwide, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), is part of the answer. SNAP, formerly known as food stamps, provides 119,000 Hoosiers with disabilities assistance to purchase food, helping them maintain a healthy diet.

Unfortunately, this crucial program for people living with disabilities is now under threat. The House Farm Bill includes harmful proposals that could take away food assistance from people with disabilities. People with physical and mental health conditions could lose food assistance because

they are unable to meet expanded work requirements or because they struggle to provide the written documentation to prove they are exempt from the requirements. These fears are not unfounded. There is a long history of people falling through the cracks, unable to get exemptions from work requirements even if they qualify for them - the House's woefully underfunded proposal will only exacerbate this problem. That means thousands of people with disabilities could be cut from SNAP for various reasons not pertaining to their desire to work, leaving them with neither earnings nor food assistance.

This bill makes several other changes that create more barriers to SNAP for people with disabilities, such as increasing paperwork and reversing state efforts to improve

the program and make it easier to navigate. For example, the bill eliminates a simplification that allows participants who receive energy assistance to claim a standard deduction for utility costs. Under this change, SNAP participants would be required to produce paperwork verifying their utility costs and could face a cut in their food benefits if they struggle to do so.

Our Indiana federal delegation and leaders in Washington, D.C., must remember the Americans living with disabilities when considering this year's Farm Bill. We urge our leaders to not break the long history of a bipartisan commitment to ensure struggling families have enough to eat with needless and ill-conceived changes. Strengthening SNAP, not cutting it, is the right way forward.

Cutting off SNAP – including through new and harsher work and reporting requirements – would only make it harder for people with disabilities and their families to access the food they need to work and to survive. If policymakers are serious about employment, Congress should look towards making major new investments in job training and supports and services for jobseekers with disabilities and their families.

SNAP works for Hoosiers with disabilities. It helps them afford food and avoid poverty, and it also makes life more manageable for their loved ones and caregivers. We must do all we can to protect this crucial program and ensure it continues to serve the people it helps.

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**USDA Encourages Rural Communities to Modernize Water, Wastewater Systems**

Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett recently announced a historic commitment by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to upgrade and rebuild rural water infrastructure.

Eligible rural communities and water districts can apply online for funding to maintain, modernize or build water and wastewater systems. They can visit the interactive RD Apply tool, or they can apply through one of USDA Rural Development's state or field offices.

USDA is providing the funding through the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. It can be used to finance drinking water, stormwater drainage and waste disposal systems for rural communities with 10,000 or fewer residents.

Below are a few examples of USDA's latest investment of \$17.4 million for three projects in Indiana:

Town of Akron is receiving a \$2,114,000 loan to complete the separation of a combined sanitary sewer collection system for the 1,167 residents of Akron, in rural Fulton County. The combined portion of the system collects significant storm water flows from

inlet connections along state and local roads. These excessive flows prevent the wastewater treatment and collection system from functioning properly. The town is under an order by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to make health and safety improvements. It faces fines and will be unable to make additional hookups until the problem is fixed. Other funding for this project includes a \$20,000 applicant contribution and a \$600,000 grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

City of Union City is receiving a \$8,344,000 loan and a \$4,685,000 grant to upgrade a wastewater treatment plant and collection system. The upgrades will address health and sanitary violations imposed by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. This project will improve service to Union City's 3,584 residents in rural Randolph County.

Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation is receiving a \$2,305,000 loan. The project will install a new, eight-inch transmission main to supplement the existing five-inch main. A new, 200,000-gallon ele-

vated storage tank and an altitude valve on an existing standpipe will be installed. These improvements will improve water pressure, which is high in some areas and low in others. Higher system pressures increase the risk of pipe failure and increase operational and maintenance expenses. These upgrades will provide additional storage capacity, enable the system to meet the needs of 7,708 residents, and allow for anticipated growth. Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation supplies water to the majority of west central Bartholomew County and the far eastern portion of Brown County.

USDA recently announced investments in Alabama, California, Delaware, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

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. The

bill also directs Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue to make investments in rural communities with the greatest infrastructure needs.

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, the task force's presented its 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.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas.

For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).