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*"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened."*

- Sir Winston Churchill

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## Wrestling Show in Carthage this Friday

The Central Wrestling Federation returns to Carthage on Friday, Oct. 5. The show will be at Carthage Community Church, 511 E. Second St. Bell time is 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. All concession sales benefit Carthage Community Church. Advance tickets can be purchased at Pavey's Grocery, 12 N. Main St. Advance tickets are \$7. Special guest is WWE hall-of-famer "Handsome" Jimmy "The Boogie Woogie Man" Valiant. Also appearing will be Jim Carmichael and Guy Lombardo. For more information, call 765-491-8144.

## Free Trees Offered by Arbor Foundation

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## McFarlands Singing at Church of God

Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host the McFarland Family from Cincinnati, Ohio, for special music on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

## Tuesday, Oct. 9, is Final Day Citizens Can Register to Vote in Midterm Election

Citizens can register to vote online by texting 'Indiana' to 2VOTE (28683), or by visiting IndianaVoters.com, and can submit an application to register in person at their local county clerk's office. The Indiana Voters app also allows Hoosiers to confirm their voter registration, look up their polling place, get driving directions to their polling location, find out who's on their ballot, track their absentee ballot application or provisional ballot information and contact local election officials. Voters with questions can call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 866-IN-1-VOTE.



## K-town Council Considering Pay Boost for Many Town Positions

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council has been asked to consider raises in 2019 for many of the town's employees.

Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman presented a proposed salary ordinance at the council's Sept. 20 monthly meeting that included increases in pay for many town positions. She also gave council members a handout showing comparisons of this year's pay levels to those suggested for next year.

The Knightstown Police Department's other two full-time officers would see their yearly pay climb from \$31,512 to as much as \$42,000. Huffman told the council she had looked at other towns of comparable size and found Knightstown had the lowest salaries for its police officers.

As she completes her third year in office, Huffman told council members she felt the town was financially in a position to give raises and consider adding some positions. She said she felt the pay increases are needed so the town can retain employees who, otherwise, might leave for higher-paying jobs elsewhere, taking the skills they learned working in Knightstown with them.

Under the proposed salary ordinance Huffman presented, pay for the town works manager, a position now held by Randy Anderson, head of the town's water utility, would increase from \$46,800 annually to \$60,000. Huffman also suggested the council consider adding an assistant works manager position that would pay \$52,000 a year.

Pay for the town's police chief, Chris Newkirk, who was hired in February at a yearly salary of \$48,000, would go up to \$56,000 in 2019 under the new salary ordinance. Huffman said this higher amount was what Newkirk had been "promised in interviews" before he took the Knightstown job.

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## 4-H Awards



Knightstown High School student and Henry County 4-H member Kenny Hanna receives an award from Judy Marlatt at last Thursday's 4-H Awards Night at the Smith Building in New Castle.

## Knightstown Town Council Will Pursue Litigation Against Derelict Property Owners

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council has directed the town's legal counsel to sue the owners of two derelict properties in town in an effort to have hazardous conditions remedied at each location.

The council's five members voted unanimously at their Sept. 20 monthly meeting to have attorney Gregg Morelock initiate litigation with respect to properties at 112 S. Madison St. and 237 S. Jefferson St. This action was taken at the recommendation of the town's building inspector, Ben Bowling.

According to a report Bowling presented to the council, the house at 112 S. Madison St. has been razed. However, he said the owners, Arlene and David Scroggham, Greenfield, have not done anything with the lot since the demolition, despite repeated requests from the town.

Bowling described the house at 237 S. Jefferson as a "death trap" and said it was in danger of caving in and presented an "extremely dangerous situation." He said he'd found someone willing to tear down the house, but that the owner, David Moore of Rushville, would not respond to his calls and letters.

Council Vice President Kevin Knott and council member Roger Hammer made and seconded, respectively, a motion to have Morelock sue the Scrogghams and Moore over these two properties. With support

from the council's other three members – President Sarah Ward, Mitch Roland and Landon Dean – it passed 5-0.

Bowling also expressed concern over two other properties. He said neighbors have complained about the condition of the home and yard at 444 S. Washington St. and said a garage at that location had burned and presented a safety hazard. Bowling said a letter had been sent to the owner, Michael Chew, via certified mail, but that no real progress has been made getting the property cleaned up.

"It's getting to be a real safety and health issue," Bowling said. Morelock said he would send a letter to Chew.

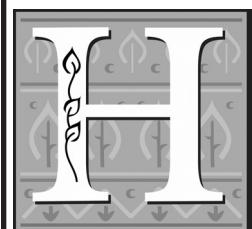
At 111 W. Lincoln St., Bowling said the roof has decayed and is caving in and that the property is overgrown with vegetation and littered with trash and hazardous materials. Morelock said he didn't think it would do any good to sue the out-of-state owners of this property, a New Jersey-based business that bought it in a tax sale, and Bowling said he would bring cost estimates on razing the structure on this property to the council's October meeting.

In other business at its Sept. 20 monthly meeting, the Knightstown Town Council:

\*held a public hearing on the town's proposed budget for 2019;

\*OK'd the placement of two wayfaring banners See Litigation, Page 6

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## LifeStream Hosting 'Lunch & Learns' Event

LifeStream Services and Recovery Works – Cambridge City are partnering together to offer Medication Lunch & Learns, a series of sponsored lunch and learns to discuss medication management & disposal, community resources, veterans programs, state assistance, and much more on medication awareness. Attendees are welcome to bring old, expired medications for safe medication disposal coordinated

by the county emergency personnel.

Medication Lunch and Learns will be offered in Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, and Randolph counties through the end of November. These events are open to the community, especially older adults, service providers, counselors, physicians, law enforcement, probation officers, and addiction providers.

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salaries for its police officers.

"We have not been paying market," Huffman said. "... We've got to do something with our (police) force."

Other suggested pay increases for 2019 included:

\*Sewer Utility Operator: from \$40,560/year in 2018 to \$50,000;

\*Public Works Technician I: from \$15-\$17/hour in 2018 to \$18.27/hour;

\*Public Works Technician II: from \$13.85-\$15/hour in 2018 to \$14-\$17/hour;

\*Billing Clerk and Utility Clerk: both from \$32,240/year in 2018 to \$35,360;

\*Part-Time Bookkeeper: from \$12/hour in 2018 to \$17/hour; and

\*Glen Cove Cemetery Foreman: from \$33,592/year in 2018 to \$35,000.

The proposed salary ordinance would also change the salary range for the town's operation manager/deputy clerk-treasurer. Currently set at \$30,000-\$45,000,

Huffman's proposed salary ordinance suggested changing this to simply say "up to \$45,000."

Council member Roger Hammer suggested inserting the words "up to" in front of the top pay amounts for all positions. Huffman said that she would be OK with that change.

"That language sounds good to me," Huffman said. The pay ranges, she said, could be reviewed each year.

Huffman told the council that rumors that there are more office employees at town hall than in years past are not true. In fact, she said there are fewer staff employees now than when she came into office in January 2016.

With respect to the suggested pay increase for the cemetery foreman, Huffman said the town may need to consider raising burial costs at Glen Cove in order to bring in more revenue. Huffman said plots at Glen Cove cost about half of what she paid at another ceme-

tery 20 years ago, and she also noted that sales of burial plots fluctuates year-to-year.

"We need to be thinking about the future right now," Huffman said.

"We need to start an endowment fund," said Council President Sarah Ward.

Hammer also asked Huffman about short-term and long-term disability pay for employees. Huffman said she thought only short-term disability coverage was available, but that she would check on that and bring cost information for disability coverage to the council's October meeting.

While the council took no vote on the proposed 2019 salary ordinance at the Sept. 20 meeting, Huffman said she thought it would be helpful if the council indicated whether they were in support of the pay increases. She said this would be seen as a "vote of confidence" by town employees.

Council Vice President Kevin Knott said he supported the salary ordinance Huffman presented, but still wanted to see additional information, and Hammer said he agreed. The council's other three members – Ward, Mitch Roland and Landon Dean – voiced no objections.

The council is expected to consider the proposed 2019 salary ordinance at its Oct. 18 monthly meeting. That meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. in the council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St., is open to the public.

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# OBITUARIES



## Geraldine Howard

**July 13, 1933 - October 1, 2018**

Geraldine Howard, 85, of Elkview, W.V., passed away peacefully on the evening of Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born on July 13, 1933, in Olive Hill, Ky., a daughter of the late John Milt and Mary Abigail (Nolan) Gilliam.

Geraldine had a warm personality. She loved the outdoors and would spend time fishing, camping, riding motorcycles and shopping at yard sales. She enjoyed cooking and going to fish fries. Granny was a homemaker and loved her family, especially her grandchildren and her little dogs.

Those left to cherish her memory include her four children, Daniel Earl (wife, Lynette) Manning, Charles Richard (wife, Donna) Manning, Robert Dale (wife, Alicia) Manning and Linda Sue (husband, Ron) Axson; 14 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, James (wife, Julie) Gilliam.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lester "Red" Howard in 2013; a son, David Lee Howard; two brothers, Homer and Lovell Gilliam; seven sisters, Girtie Henderson, Ruby Rayburn, Geneva Littleton, Louise Gilliam, Dovie Gilliam, Lorean Porter and Betty Arnett.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Heritage Funeral Care. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.heritagefuneralcares.com](http://www.heritagefuneralcares.com).

## Continued from Above

Because the park board has been in existence for more than 10 years, state statute requires the council to wait at least 180 days before it holds the special meeting on its plans to dissolve the park board. At least 10 days before that meeting is held, the council must prepare and make available to the public its plan regarding the proposed park board dissolution.

According to the statute, the council's plan must specify the effective date of the park board's dissolution, and describe the park board's assets and obligations, explaining how the assets will be distributed and how the obligations will be satisfied. The council's plan for dissolving the park board must also provide a description of the services currently provided by the park board, and detail how those services will be provided once the park board is dissolved.

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Those interested in attending should RSVP in advance by calling or texting 317-517-6278 or email Matt Gast at [mgast@recoverysworks.com](mailto:mgast@recoverysworks.com).

Join LifeStream and partnering organizations at one of the Medication Lunch & Learns this fall:

• Henry County: Thursday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library, 376 S. 15th St., New Castle.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO BID

The Town of Knightstown is accepting bids on 7.4 acres of farm ground located on the south side of County Line Road on the west side of the Wastewater Treatment Facility located at 4177 W. 1200-N.

Sealed bids are to be priced per acre for two (2) options. Include a 1 year period (12 months) pricing and a 3 year period (36 months) pricing. Deliver or mail to the Clerk Treasurer's Office, 26 S. Washington Street, Knightstown, Indiana 46148. Bids are to be submitted no later than 3 p.m. on October 12, 2018. Bids received after 3 p.m. will not be considered. Bids will be opened on October 18, 2018, at the Town Council Meeting. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Payment is to be made in annual installments and is due on or before January 1. The town also reserves the right to any portion of the leased ground needed for improvements and will reimburse lessee for percentage of lease amount. Any questions should be directed to Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman at 765-345-5977.

(10/3-10/10)

In the meantime, until the council is able to hold its special meeting and vote on adoption of an ordinance dissolving the park board, the park board will continue to function as normal. That means that, if possible, the council will select someone to take Van Hoy's

place on the park board.

Persons interested in applying for this park board vacancy should, as soon as possible, send a letter of interest to the Knightstown Town Council, c/o President Sarah Ward, 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148.

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# Town Council Will Fill Park Board Vacancy

The Knightstown Town Council is seeking a town resident interested in parks and recreation to fill a vacancy on the town's park board.

As recently reported in The Banner, Jeffrey Van Hoy resigned from his seat on the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board in early September. The town council, which appointed Van Hoy to the park board in June 2017, is responsible for selecting his replacement.

Ordinarily, Van Hoy's replacement would finish serving out his four-year term, which was scheduled to run through the end of

2021. However, the town council passed a resolution at its Sept. 20 monthly meeting that indicated it intends to dissolve the park board some time next year.

Passage of the resolution at its Sept. 20 meeting was the first step required for the council's to dissolve the park board. Actual dissolution of the park board will require the council to adopt an ordinance to that effect, but, before that can be done, the council will have to hold a special meeting to get public input on the council's plans.

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## K-TOWN LEGION POST 152

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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## Press Critics Decry 'Negative' News

How cool would it be if journalists focused only on the positive stories in our world?

For many, many people, this would probably be the best thing that ever happened in their lives.

Think of it: news organizations turning away from all that "negative" news and pointing their cameras and pens exclusively at the light and fluffy, "positive" news that warms our hearts and makes us smile.

Imagine pages and pages and hours and hours of news coverage about newborn puppies, blooming rose gardens, happy outcomes at the doctor and overwhelmingly beautiful accounts of sports team success.

Imagine that!

No one would ever malign the press again. Shouts of fake news and biased reporting would fade and be replaced by a growing chorus of optimistic praise about journalists' newfound positivity.

In such a world, reporters and photographers would be lauded as visionary heroes who eschewed the "negative" in favor of the "positive," thereby creating an incredibly harmonious new society in which bad news disappears and is replaced by rose-colored glasses.

But, we all know how humans are ... because we're all human. We know our fellow humans aren't always going to generate "positive" news - no matter how many times we declare the glass "half full."

"There's a lot of bad wood underneath that veneer," said a song lyric I heard not long ago.

Eternal optimism is indeed a good trait, but how does that practice work when the veneer of human society is stripped away? Sure, we want to believe that all

**Blah  
Blah  
Blah**

by eric cox

our actions are benevolent and aimed at helping, instead of hurting our world.

The reality, of course, is that people will be people, and their actions sometimes need to be reported to other people so they can be aware and, perhaps, avoid a bad situation.

Press critics decry this. They think we deliberately dwell on the negative, seek out the negative, and muzzle the positive in favor of the negative.

But, that's simply not true. We just report the news.

Think how it'd be if The Banner just reported the "positive" things done by local government. What would you have missed?

In Kennard, no one would've known a former government employee stole \$80,000 in tax money. In Knightstown, taxpayers would not know the electric department for decades had been shunning its maintenance duties, leading to a very expensive solution.

We could limit our reporting to the KHS tennis team's recent sectional victory - the first one since 1992. Our pages could be filled with all the people who survived a health problem, instead of those who died. We could report on all the situations that didn't result in a lawsuit, instead of those that did.

Of course, if we *did* that, and some "negative" news happened that you wanted to know about ... you'd sure as hell blame us for not covering that story. Our critics would be the first to say that we failed - that we deliberately ignored the story just to avoid controversy.

Of course, these will be the same people who claim we dwell on the negative just to "sell newspapers."

## Getting Older Brings Comfort, Solace

(Originally published, June 13, 2007)

"I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top." - Will Rogers

Sometimes life is like a range of hills - you just keep seeing more hills to climb in front of you. I'm in an introspective mood where I look back at the long distance I've traveled even though it seems as if I just set out yesterday. When someone asked the French star Maurice Chevalier how he liked being 70, he replied, "I do not like eet, but ven I conseedair zee alternateeve ... " Ditto!

The last of seven children, I feel fortunate to be alive. Two babies who came before me during the Great Depression didn't survive birth. Mother thought that this was because she was so ill nourished.

She considered it a miracle that I survived my difficult birth. Her doctor told his fellow physicians that he had just had a delivery where the placenta and umbilical cord came first. One of them said, "I'll bet you delivered a dead baby, didn't you?" "No," he said. "This one lived."

Mother said, "It took so long for you to be born and then to cry that I figured you were dead." The world might never have missed

me, but I sure would have missed one heck of a good time!

Since then, enormous strides have been made in saving babies who once would have died. Our neighbor, Auntie Ida Kelly, earned her living by taking care of women and babies following childbirth. In those days, women spent a couple

**Ramblings**  
By  
**Rose Mary**  
Rose Mary Clarke

of weeks in bed, recovering. She told how she once kept a preemie warm in her oven. One of Bill's great-great nephews weighed less than two pounds at birth and is now a healthy boy.

"Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable." - Will Rogers

Bill offered to throw a big party for me as he has in the past. "No," I said. "Not this time." When I went to the kitchen to make my first cup of coffee, I found a bottle

of champagne, two glasses and a charming card suggesting that two is sometimes the right number for a celebration. Yes, two is all that is needed when one has a companionable spouse. My colleagues also gave me a bottle of Perrier Jouet, one of France's finest champagnes. What riches!

One of the Nine Nifti Nicitinos, my high school chums, sent a card that I suspect is closer to my reality than my ideal of aging gracefully as did the dignified, gracious, willowy Jessie Nay Wagoner, who was still lovely at 80. On the card's front is a snaggle-toothed, tough looking old woman who's wearing a helmet, bomber jacket and goggles. The message reads, "Aging gracefully means different things to different people."

Actually, I've always rather aspired to becoming an eccentric because eccentrics are so interesting. My old granny was at the top of the class. She didn't give a snap of her fingers about appearances or convention. When Grandpa, who was notoriously thrifty, refused to give her spending money she got a job in a restaurant. During that bygone era when it was considered "fast" to dye one's hair, she decided to dye her unfashionable auburn

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Jim Arnold's letter in the September 19 issue displayed a remarkable lack of understanding - of both American law and biblical scholarship.

The Supreme Court defined when abortions are permitted. When the United States Supreme Court makes a statement on what the law is, no other court in the country may redefine what the Court said. And no state or local legislature may redefine what the Court said either. So the idea that the Indiana legislature can pass a law that would invalidate Roe v. Wade is just plain absurd. It reflects poorly on whatever schools that Mr. Arnold and Representative Curt Nisly attended.

Of course I don't know about either man's religious beliefs, and therefore what bible they follow, but an examination of the original (Jewish) bible would reveal some things that they would probably find shocking. Back in biblical days, babies had a very high death rate so a child wasn't considered viable until a week old. Thus boys were not circumcised until they had survived for eight days. More to the point of many of the "right to lifers" argument is that a fetus is a human life and therefore abortion is murder. Even if they are correct that a fetus is a human life and aborting it is killing it, there is no prohibition on killing people in the bible. There is, or course, a prohibition on murder but not all killing is murder. Murder is the unsanctioned killing. Even a cursory reading of any version of the bible will reveal many times that God sanctioned or ordered killings. In fact, when the Jews left Egypt, God himself killed the Egyptians' first born. But, even the first premise is absurd. A human being can live on its own. It may require services from others, but it can breathe and eat on its own. A fetus obviously cannot. That is why it is called a fetus rather than a person. And inventing names like "unborn child" does nothing to change the facts. If we were to call a woman's eggs a "potential child," would every hysterectomy constitute multiple counts of murder? These ideas are absurd, with no basis in either science or religion.

The great shame of too many of the "right to life" people is that they oppose many of the proven methods of reducing abortions including medically accurate, age-appropriate and comprehensive sex education (not abstinence only dogma), affordable birth control availability, paid maternal leave, healthcare, and childcare (since many abortions are due to fear of the costs of a child's birth). And all over the world, banning abortion has not reduced the abortion rate. On the other hand, under Roe v. Wade the U.S. abortion rate is now lower than before the Court's decision. So those who want to repeal Roe are actually advocating more abortions.

Eugene Falik  
Far Rockaway, NY

Dear Editor,

"Sometimes by the end of the day you just need a little help from your friends ..." The "storefront" project at 129 E. Main Street got a lot of help from friends. In case you have not meandered down Main Street lately, the old Robin Lee dress shop has a facelift and a story to tell. Thanks to two friends, Greg Hamm and Bill Gorman, who wielded a mean paint brush and a quick hand, the faded façade fronted a fair face a couple of months ago with the paint donated by Wayne Bechtold.

When building owners, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bravard of Indianapolis, agreed to allow volunteers to spruce it up as a community service project, "friends of the front" (as in store front) began to pop out of the woodwork. Although keys usually work, it appeared that after years of disuse, the trusty old lock suddenly became disloyal. Lau of All Handy Hardware called upon his locksmith for immediate remediation. The task of

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# BITS & PIECES

◆ Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host the **McFarland Family** from Cincinnati, Ohio, for special music on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

◆ Citizens can register to vote online by texting 'Indiana' to 2VOTE (28683), or by visiting IndianaVoters.com, and can submit an application to register in person at their local county clerk's office. The Indiana Voters app also allows Hoosiers to confirm their voter registration, look up their polling place, get driving directions to their polling location, find out who's on

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◆ Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in October will receive **10 free trees** as part of the Foundation's Trees for America program. To receive the 10 free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 2018, or join online at arborday.org/september.

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF HENRY, SS:

IN THE HENRY CIRCUIT COURT 1  
CASE NUMBER: 33C01-1804-EU-000040

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE  
OF Dale P. May, Deceased

### NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Jerry B. May and Robert D. May, Co-Petitioners, were on the 18th of April 2018 appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Unsupervised Estate of Dale P. May who died on the 28th day of March, 2018.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether now due, must file the same in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claim will be forever barred.

Dated at New Castle, Indiana, this 28th day of September 2018.

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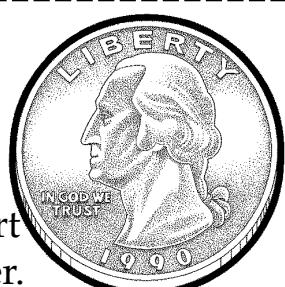
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◆ The Shirley Octagon House is open for **free tours** each Sunday through October, 2-4 p.m., excluding holidays. To get a free tour by appointment or for more information, call Virginia Harrell at 765-738-6736.

◆ Historic Knightstown's sum-

mer hours for the museum on the west side of Knightstown's Public Square 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

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## Knightstown Forward Group Adopts Mission Statement, Etc.

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

While no formal vote was taken, those attending last week's meeting of the Knightstown Forward Committee approved by consensus the selection of three officers and mission and vision statements.

Originally conceived as an ad hoc group consisting of representatives from several different local groups and government agencies, with no set membership, KFC had operated with no formal leadership since forming last fall. For the next two years, however, the group will have a chairperson, an assistant chairperson and a secretary.

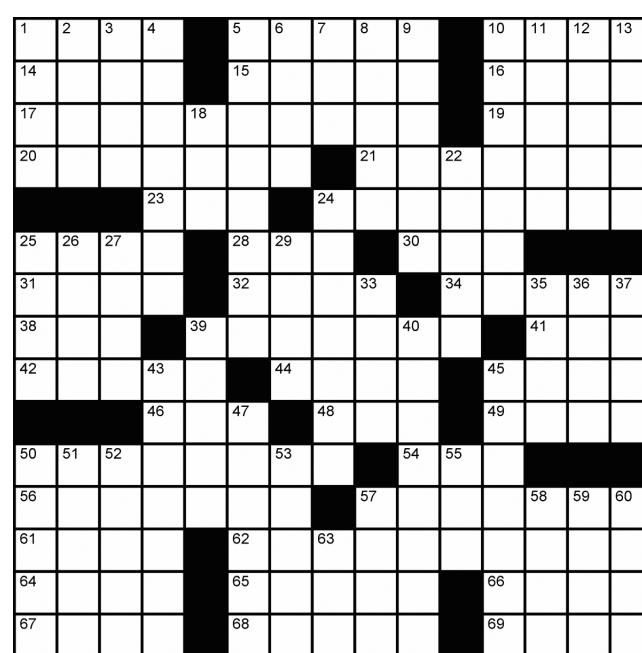
Local businessman Joe Peacock and a handful of others served on a special subcommittee that met the week before to discuss developing a mission statement. Peacock said at the Sept. 27 KFC meeting that they had also come up with suggestions for officers.

The subcommittee's suggestions were to have Helen Gorman serve as KFC's secretary and her husband, Bill, serve as the assistant chairperson.

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## Former Panther Thomas Maley Takes Leave from Job; Hikes 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail

by Logan Cox  
for The Banner

Thomas Maley, a former Knightstown resident, is leading a life of adventure. He recently completed an arduous trek along the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), after being granted a leave of absence from his job as a software engineer at The Boeing Company.

"The PCT is a 2,650 mile wilderness trail which goes from the Mexican to Canadian border along a scenic route, requiring about twice the distance measured as the crow flies, as it weaves through seven national parks and countless other national, state and local forests," said Maley.

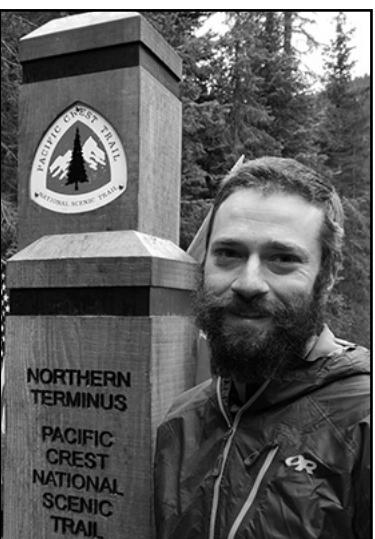
Traveling northbound, his journey began on May 6 and ended on Sept. 29. The journey offered very little time to waste and even less opportunity for human interaction.

"Time and distance are key parts of the trail experience," he explained. "There is a narrow window of time to complete the trail without being forced off by winter conditions. Therefore, the foremost thought in my mind was always daily mileage, which needed to be about 20 miles of hiking per day. Taking days off to recover from injuries was not an option. Not hiking because I was tired or in pain was not an option. Sleeping in was not an option. A typical day would involve 10-12 hours of hiking, and everything else was secondary."

The PCT is almost entirely wilderness, and took Maley through five distinct regions. First, he made a grueling trek through the Colorado and Mojave deserts.

Next, he went through the Sierra mountains, encompassing national parks such as Sequoia, Kings Canyon and Yosemite, as well as the John Muir and Ansel Adams wildernesses. The sojourn also pitted him against rugged lands, swarms of mosquitoes and some of the most scenic mountain views in America.

After that, he made his way through northern California, doing his best to avoid the state's infamous wildfires, and then into Oregon, where he was



gladly met with gentle terrain, gorgeous lakes and occasional volcanic mountains.

His favorite section was the last, through the state of Washington. Although, this is where he faced chilling rains and some of the most difficult terrain on the trail.

"Crossing the famous bridge of the gods, over the Columbia river, was really the first time that I felt that nothing could stop me from completing the trail," said Maley. "I was excited to be on the last 500 miles, and I was excited for a change in the weather; up to this point, there had been only two days on trail that had something that could be loosely called 'rain.' I really had to pay for the last 500 miles, though."

Maley's previous wilderness experiences saved him when the rain turned icy and he discovered a leak in his pack liner that soaked his sleeping bag. Using a self-made tent/tarp and bottled water boiled with a portable stove, he was able to continue.

"A stoic attitude was critical for transforming the misery into a celebration of how wonderful the trail is," he said.

During the last five days, the weather turned warm and sunny, granting Maley a cathartic finish as he made his way into Canada.

Most nights on the trail required Maley to set up camp on unmarked patches of dirt.

"I would typically spend about five days hiking through the wilderness between resupply towns. I'm using the word town generously," said Maley. "Most of the actual towns near the trail are smaller than Knightstown, and many aren't towns at all - just mountain resorts that happen to have a general store and a restaurant."

Maley preferred shopping at these stores for the sake of flexibility. However, when his options were too limited, he also received boxes of food that his wife, Stormie Foust (another KHS graduate), mailed to him via local post offices and businesses.

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donated by local nonprofit Beautify Knightstown Inc. that will direct visitors to the Hoosier Gym and to the veterans memorial and Historic Knightstown;

\*heard monthly reports from works manager/water utility operator Randy Anderson and Chief of Police Chris Newkirk;

\*approved draining the splash pad into Montgomery Creek if water samples test OK and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management gives permission in writing for this;

\*authorized payment of monthly claims totaling \$592,185.85 and delayed a vote approving minutes from three council meetings held in August due to confusion over which council members were present at the meetings;

\*OK'd two health insurance plans that will be available to town employees in 2019;

\*approved two contracts with Brenner Design, Indianapolis, with respect to improvements that will be made to the Hoosier Gym, for a total of \$90,000;

\*voted to advertise that bids are being accepted for a one- or three-year lease of 7.4 acres of town-owned farmland near the wastewater treatment plant;

\*received a brief update on a multi-million-dollar improvement project for the town's wastewater utility;

\*asked Morelock to prepare an ordinance for consideration at the October meeting that would allow utility customers to install separate irrigation meters that would preclude any sewer bill charges in connection with lawn watering; and

\*voted to set trick-or-treating hours for 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

More information about the Sept. 20 Knightstown Town Council meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that meeting, public records that are available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours. Additional news coverage of this meeting may also be found in last week's Banner.

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## Arbor Day Foundation Giving Away 10 Colorful Trees Now

The Arbor Day Foundation will brighten up your fall by offering 10 colorful trees and bushes when you join the organization in October.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in October will receive 10 colorful trees and bushes selected for your area.

"Members will especially enjoy these trees during the autumn months because they'll add abundant, vibrant color to any yard or

landscape for years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions will be enclosed with each shipment of trees.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution with your tree selection to Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Oct. 31 or join online at [arborday.org/october](http://arborday.org/october).

### Statement, from Page 4

Kevin Knott, Peacock said, had been their primary candidate to serve as the group's chairperson, but said there had been "one reservation" about Knott holding that position.

Peacock said members of the subcommittee felt that Knott, who currently serves as vice president of the Knightstown Town Council, might have a conflict of interest with respect to the two positions. If he wanted to serve as KFC's chairperson, Peacock said he and the others felt he should not also serve as president or vice president of the town council.

"I certainly wouldn't want it to be a conflict for anyone," Knott said. Since he didn't wish to step down from his position as vice president of the town council, he initially said he would decline to serve as KFC's chairperson.

"People would view it as a conflict," Helen Gorman said of Knott serving in leadership positions for both the council and KFC.

Peacock asked Knott whether he would be willing to abstain from council votes related to KFC business. Knott replied that, if there were concerns, he would do that.

"I wouldn't have a problem with that at all," Knott said.

There was some discussion about the fact that since KFC is not a formal organization with a treasurer and finances, there may not be any actual financial conflicts of interest. Should any arise, Knott said he would be sure to declare them openly to both groups.

Suzee Neal, a member of the Charles A. Beard School Board and president of the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board, expressed her confidence in Knott.

"I have complete trust in you, so I think you could do a good job leading both organizations," Neal said.

No one attending last week's meeting expressed any objections to having Knott and the Gormans serve as KFC's first set of officers for the next two years. Knott asked that the record reflect that the group's consensus was to approve the officers as recommended.

In other business at last week's meeting, the group's consensus was also to approve the following as KFC's mission statement: "A coalition of individuals, businesses, organizations and local governance to devise and implement strategies supporting the health and economic well-being, while enhancing quality of living through effective community focused improvements."

The group also discussed adoption of a vision statement to complement its mission statement. Looking for something concise, the group, taking a cue from its name, ended up settling on "Moving Knightstown Forward" for its vision statement.

While the group has opted not to have any official bylaws, Peacock did say that the subcommittee felt KFC should operate under the "Golden Rule" of "complement but not compete." KFC, he explained, should complement other groups that are already in existence and throw support behind the efforts of the other groups, being careful not to compete with them.

"Otherwise," Peacock said, "we're just going to be another group that causes divisiveness."

KFC was instrumental in gathering grant information and helping to garner support for the Hoosier Gym improvement project, which is being funded mostly through a \$500,000 grant the town obtained from the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs. At coming meetings, KFC attendees plan to discuss other possible projects they can support and help get off the ground.

The next KFC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. in the Hoosier Gym classroom annex.

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hair. Alas, it turned purple so that she had to wear a hat for several months.

When she was old she smoked cigarettes in a black holder and drank beer before going to bed, claiming that it helped her sleep. One time she took a sleeping pill along with the beer, dozed off while smoking and singed her easy chair.

One of my favorite poems is "Warning" by Jenny Joseph. It's the musings of a woman who is looking ahead to the future. She's been good: She pays the rent, wears correct attire, sets a good example for the children and reads the newspaper. She will make up for the sobriety of her youth by becoming an old woman who wears a purple hat with a red dress, spends the butter money on satin sandals, summer gloves and brandy and gets fat from eating three pounds of sausages at a time. She'll gobble up store samples, pick other people's flowers and learn to spit.

My dear friend, Nancy, and I planned a private 70th birthday celebration where we'd do something naughty and daring. Oh how we used to chuckle about our plan.

And then she died ... too soon ...

Fun should not be postponed. Naughtiness requires someone to share it with.

Better we had been naughty sooner.

# FOLKWAYS

## Blight Clearance Grant Program Aimed at Reducing Decaying Local Properties

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs recently announced that local Indiana officials are able to improve their communities by applying for federal funding through the Blight Clearance Grant Program.

Communities are able to apply for multiple projects, up to \$500,000, as a part of the updated Blight Clearance Program. The program was a component of the

2018 Annual Action Plan that was accepted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs administers the program for the state of Indiana.

"Projects to remove deteriorated or abandoned buildings in communities can help spur economic development throughout rural Indiana," said Jodi Golden, OCRA executive director. "Funding several projects over an extended period

of time allows communities to adjust and improve the quality of life for residents."

The Blight Clearance Program encourages communities with properties that need to be removed to focus on long-term community development. Applications can be submitted using an updated process until all funding is exhausted, and is available on a rolling basis. The application packet can be found at [www.in.gov/ocra/2718.htm](http://www.in.gov/ocra/2718.htm).

## *As Election Nears, State Warns Candidates to Keep Campaign Signs Out of Right-of-Ways*

As the election approaches, the Indiana Department of Transportation reminds Hoosiers that campaign signs are prohibited from state right-of-way according to Indiana Code 9-21-4-6. INDOT personnel are required by state law to remove all unauthorized signs within the state right-of-way.

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

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

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

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## Indiana Commission for Women Names Trooper Nila Miller-Cronk as Torchbearer Award Winner

The Indiana General Assembly established the Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) in 1996, charging it with assessing the needs of Indiana women and their families and with promoting the full participation of Indiana women in all aspects of society. Another task charged to ICW was the "identification and recognition of contributions made by Indiana women to their community, state, and nation."

ICW created the concept of the Torchbearer Awards to honor the many Hoosier women who have overcome or removed barriers to equality or to whose achievements have contributed to making our state a better place in which to live, work and raise a family. Recipients are women who have been pioneers in their industries, have inspirational stories that set the standard for other women, have faced tough choices, demonstrated character and have made significant contributions to their communities and/or to the state of Indiana. While there are a number of award programs, these awards are the only such event in which the state of Indiana recognizes and honors its finest natural resource – the women of Indiana.

During the awards ceremony held at the Indiana Historical Society, Indiana State Police Major Nila Miller-Cronk was recognized for her personal and career accomplishments and received the Torchbearer Award.

Miller-Cronk, a 32-year veteran of the Indiana State Police, serves as the commander of the internal investigation division.

The Torchbearer Awards Ceremony recognizes women of Indiana who have been pioneers throughout their lives or who have stepped forward as leaders by breaking down barriers and overcoming obstacles. These women have become true beacons of light and their stories of courage, perseverance, and compassion create a



lasting legacy and inspiration for all.

The Torchbearer Awards were created in 2004 by the Board of Commissioners of the Indiana Commission for Women to identify and recognize contributions made by Indiana women to their community, state, and nation. ICW created the concept of the Torchbearer Awards to honor the many Hoosier women who have overcome or removed barriers to equality or to whose achievements have contributed to making our state a better place in which to live, work and raise a family. The

Victory statue atop the Soldiers and Sailors Monument was selected to represent the Torchbearer Awards because it is symbolic of the character and achievements of the women honored, and the flame she holds represents the light these Torchbearers have brought to our state and their communities. Torchbearers are Indiana's most prestigious recognition of women in the state. They are women who have stepped forward as leaders by breaking down barriers to women's full participation and who have become lasting legacies for us all by overcoming immense challenges with courage, perseverance and compassion.

Recipients are selected from a pool of nominated candidates who have overcome obstacles, made extraordinary contributions or been pioneers throughout their lives and are based on the recipients' achievement in the areas of their professional careers, community leadership, and/or public service as demonstrated in the nominators' application.

Recipients must be living at the time of their nomination. The Torchbearer Award recipients are selected by a panel of previous Torchbearer Award recipients. These women, referred to as the Council of Judges, represent diverse geographic regions, and professional backgrounds and make their decision based on nominations received from the public. Nominated women are scored based on several criteria and must receive a unanimous decision in order to be selected.

## Summit Lake State Park Hosting Early Halloween Party on Oct. 13

Resident are invited to celebrate Halloween early at Summit Lake State Park on Saturday, Oct. 13.

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# Tri Crowns Homecoming Royalty



Gage Rowe and Katherine Hoots were crowned Tri High's 2018 Homecoming King and Homecoming Queen during halftime of Friday's game against Knightstown. (Stacy Cox photo)

## Royal Hylands Ladies Golf League Joined by KHS, EH Teams in Year-end Meeting



The Royal Hylands Ladies Golf League recently held their year-end golf meeting and meal for the 2018 season, with some members of the Knightstown and Eastern Hancock high school girls golf teams joining the ladies league. Pictured above are (first row, l-r) Isabella Parker, Shelby Jackson, Makenzie Deweese, Daisy Hoffman, (second row, l-r) Daily Pelger, Emmalee Wilkerson, Kira Smith, Jocelyn Duncan, (third row, l-r) club members Debbie Ratliff, Annie Ratliff, Mary Linville, Ginger Pelger, Janet Neimeyer, Elizabeth Kennedy, Carole Desroches, (back row, l-r) Eastern Hancock coach Cole Allen and Knightstown coach Joe Patton. (Photo provided)

## WWE's Jimmy Valient Special Guest for Carthage Wrestling Event Oct. 5

The Central Wrestling Federation returns to Carthage on Friday, Oct. 5, for another show at Carthage Community Church, 511 E. Second Street.

Special guest for this event will be World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Hall-of-Famer "Handsome" Jimmy "The Boogie Woogie Man" Valient. Also appearing will be "Knightstown's Own" Jim Carmichael and Guy Lombardo.

Bell time is set for 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m. All concession sales benefit Carthage Community Church. Advance tickets can be purchased at Pavey's Grocery, 12 N. Main St., Carthage. Advance ticket price is \$7. For more information, contact 765-491-8144.

## Elizabeth Moore Wins Henry County Cross Country Meet

Knightstown senior Elizabeth Moore won the Henry County cross country championship

Tuesday, Sept. 25. She set a new course record with a time of 21:30 on a tough course and won by nearly a minute over the rest of the field.

Emma Moore continued a great rookie season by picking up the fourth place slot in the county meet with a time of 24:21.

Laredo Martin was 10th and Jessica Mercer placed 18th.

Since the Lady Panthers were short of a complete team, they did not qualify for the team scoring and Shenandoah took the title.

Josiah King took home All-County for the boys, nearly breaking under the 19:00 on a tough course. His strong run was good for a fifth place finish.

Evan Nolen was 11th and Wade Toth placed 13th. David Peck was 23rd, Will Feeback was 24th and Dennis Hurst was 26th.

The boys finished third behind champion Shenandoah and Blue River Valley.

Full results are available on athletic.net.



Elizabeth Moore (above) has had an outstanding senior year on the Panther cross country team, winning the Henry County girls meet and earning All-Conference honors in the recent Tri-Eastern Conference meet.

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# Record-breaking Season for Knightstown Boys Tennis Team

*After Winning County and TEC Titles, Panthers Take First Sectional Trophy Since 1992*

Submitted by Steve Dalton

For a brief but important history lesson, in 1992, the internet was just getting started. There were 10 total websites in existence. Cell phones were rare, and those who were lucky enough to have one, carried something that was the size of a shoe. Jordan brought the Chicago Bulls their second NBA championship and Knightstown won the tennis sectionals. And now, 26 years later, the Panthers won again, ending the drought.

The championship match was Friday at New Castle against Tri High. This was the Panthers third look at Tri this season, and even though Knightstown won the two previous matchups, the margins were small. Both teams knew from the county finals that KHS held the upper hand on the singles courts and Tri held the advantage in doubles. Yet both teams knew that anything could happen.

AJ Dalton got the Panthers started, playing as well as he had all year, winning No. 1 singles 6-1, 6-2.

Garrett Dalton followed suit, winning No. 2 singles 6-3, 6-3.

Cooper Davis notched the most lopsided win of the night, dominating the No. 3 singles court 6-0, 6-1.

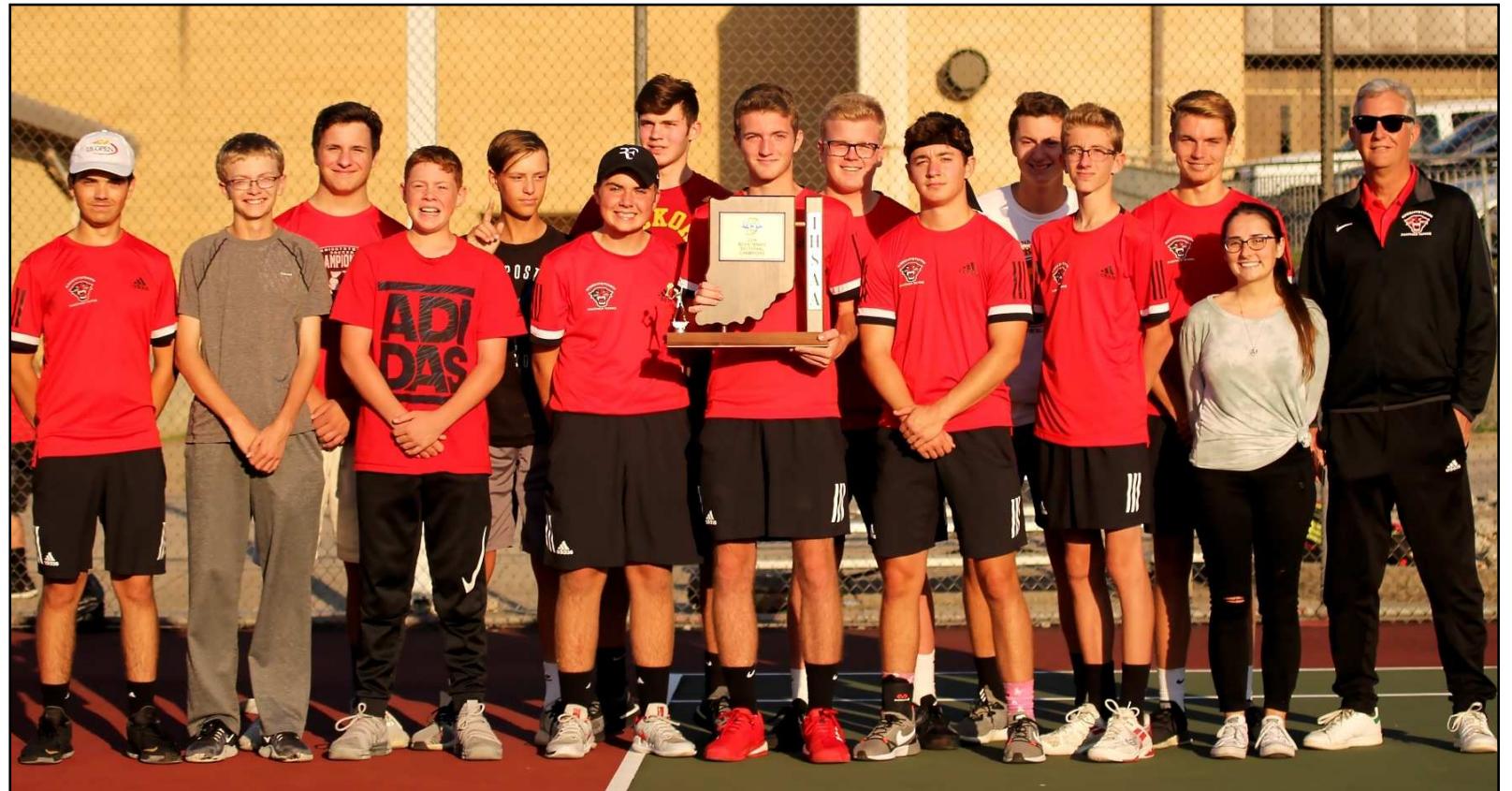
The Panthers won where they had to win and they did it in convincing fashion.

However, the Panthers' No. 1 doubles team refused to follow the script. They shocked Tri, winning the first set 6-0, playing their best tennis of the year. Ethan Yoder and Kyle Johnson battled for every point. Although they dropped the next two sets 3-6 and 3-6, they continued to fight until the end of the match.

Tri's Jimmy Jeffries and Dillon Stevens took the sectional win to advance to the next round.

Knightstown's No. 2 doubles team of Alex Cook and Dylan Chandler also faced a difficult match. Tri's team of Jarod Stevens and Isaiah Steele won the Henry County title and the Tri-Eastern Conference tournament, and had only lost one match all season.

Cook and Chandler executed



All of Knightstown's boys tennis players were on hand to cheer on their top players in the sectional finals on Friday evening. The Panther team includes (l-r) Cooper Davis, Aiden Richardson, Jonathan Brading, Connor Pyle, Connor Keith, Kyle Johnson, Treavor Cook, AJ Dalton, Dylan Chandler, Ethan Yoder, Austin Campton, Garrett Dalton, Alex Cook, manager Anna Moss and coach Steve Dalton. On top of winning their first sectional title since 1992, this season the Panthers have also won the Henry County championship and the Tri-Eastern Conference regular season and TEC tourney titles. They advanced to play a tough Richmond team Tuesday. (Stacy Cox photo)

the plan they were given and played well but came up short, falling 3-6, 2-6.

Regardless, the Panthers had already clinched the sectional championship, punching their ticket to the regionals. The team enjoyed a spirited ride home along with a police and fire truck escort.

Knightstown will face 28th-ranked Richmond, a class 4A school, on Tuesday in Richmond.

In Indiana, tennis is not divided into classes. The Panthers are ranked approximately third in the state among class A and class 2A schools and could compete for a state championship among schools of similar size, but Indiana High School Athletic Association mandates single class tennis. In fact, 37 of the last 41 state tennis championships were won by either Carmel, North Central or Park Tudor.

"The Panthers will come to

compete as they have all year," coach Steve Dalton said.

In the previous week, the Panthers had defeated Shenandoah 5-0 in the first round of sectionals.

Tri's team had first dispatched New Castle's team in the first round of the sectional then beat Blue River Valley to advance to the finals against Knightstown.

The Panthers entered the sectional tourney undefeated at 19-0. They had recently won their second straight county title and finished the Tri-Eastern Conference 11-0 to check that goal off their list.

Then, after repeated weather delays in the first round of the

TEC tourney, the KHS boys overcame a last-minute venue change to the indoor courts at Indianapolis Racquet Club to win the TEC tourney championship as well.

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## Knightstown Youth Boys Basketball Registration Underway Until Oct. 19

Sign up for this year's Knightstown boys basketball leagues is going on now for boys in grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

Registration runs through Friday, Oct. 19. Cost is \$40.

Sign up forms can be picked up at Knightstown Elementary School or Knightstown Intermediate School.

League games will be played from Oct. 22 through Dec. 18.

For more information, contact Guy Louks at 765-491-8144 or guy-louks@yahoo.com.

## Tri Doubles Teams Win Sectional Matches; Jimmy Jeffries, Dillon Stevens Advance



Tri's top doubles teams prevailed once again this season over Knightstown's top duo at Friday's sectional finals. Despite another intense, three-set match in No. 1 doubles, Jimmy Jeffries and Dillon Stevens (at left) were able to hold off the KHS' team of Ethan Yoder and Kyle Johnson to advance to the next round of tourney play. Tri's No. 2 doubles team of Jarod Stevens and Isaiah Steele also won. (Stacy Cox photo)



Knightstown's Trinity Newby (12) and Rena' Witham (7) were recognized with All-County honors along with Shenandoah's Jenna Stewart (8) and Bridget Lohrey (27) following the Henry County Tourney Saturday in Knightstown. Tri's Chloe Gentry and Blue River Valley's Mallory Cross were also named All-County. The Shenandoah Lady Raiders defeated the Lady Panthers in the county championship match to take the county title once again. (Photo provided)

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# Panthers Crush Titans 74-34 on Tri's Homecoming Night

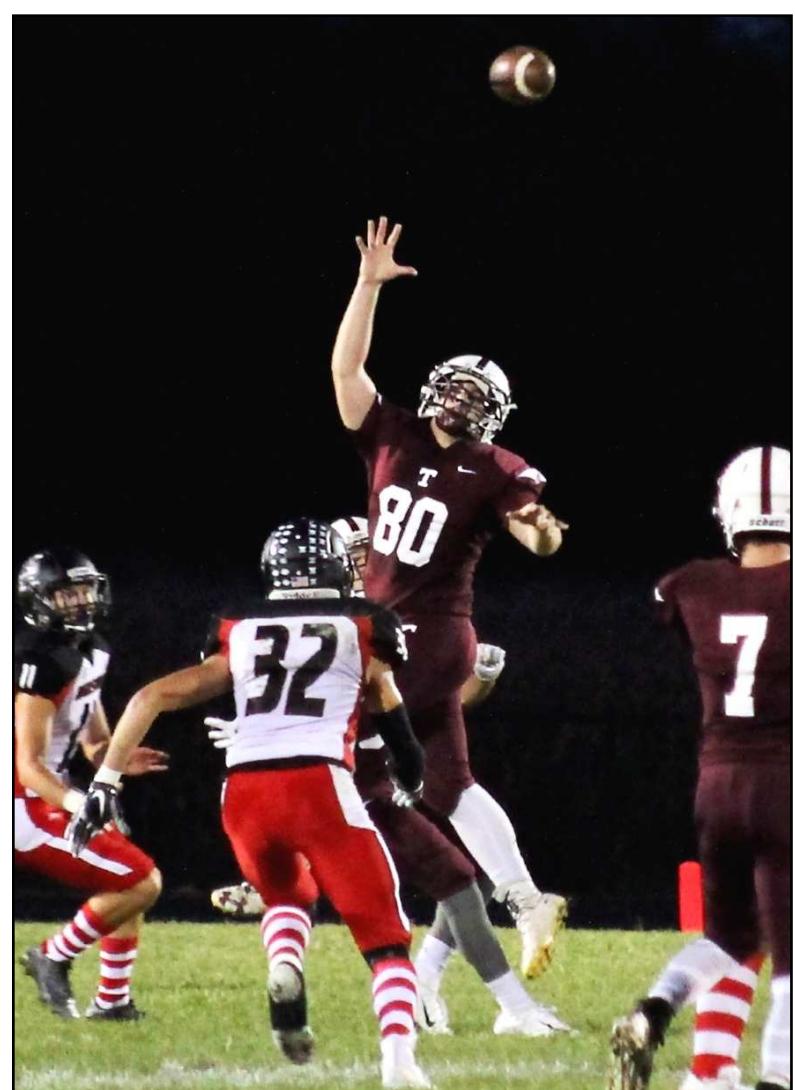


Tri's Luke Hill tries, unsuccessfully, to evade Knightstown's Ben Newby in Friday night's game. Maybe it's the jersey number (worn in previous years by KHS star Garrett Thomas, a 2018 graduate) but Panther No. 65 is always relentless. Against Tri, Newby led the Panthers defensively with 20 tackles. (Stacy Cox photo)

At right, Kyler Burchett (20) and Jose Olivo (15) had even more to be celebrating than the Panthers' huge score about midway through the fourth quarter. According to head coach Chad Montgomery, the two had another record breaking offensive performance Friday night against Tri. During the game, Burchett broke the single season records for receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. Olivo broke the single season records for passing yards, total yards and total touchdowns. (Stacy Cox photo)



Tri senior Devin Keck got up, pulled this pass down and held on for a great catch late in the second quarter of the Titans' varsity football game against Knightstown Friday night. (Stacy Cox photo)



Tri-Eastern Conference, are in a three-way tie with Northeastern and Hagerstown. Both the Knights and Tigers are 5-2 overall this season.

Union County is 4-3 in the TEC while Centerville is 4-2, Union City is 3-3, Tri and Winchester 1-5 and Cambridge Lincoln is 0-7.

The loss to the Panthers dropped the Titans overall season record to 2-5. The Titans will face another big hurdle at home Friday when they host Hagerstown.

## KNIGHTSTOWN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

### Passing

Jose Olivo - 10 of 12 for 301 yards, 4 TDs

Colton Piper - 1 of 3 for 12 yards

### Rushing

Nick Walsh - 13 carries for 207 yards, 3 TDs

J. Olivo - 9 carries for 125 yards, 3 TDs

C. Piper - 5 carries for 15 yds  
Michael Watson - 4 carries for 12 yards

### Receiving

K. Burchett - 5 receptions for 186 yards, 3 TDs

Max Muncy - 1 reception for 65 yards

Cooper Strawsma - 3 receptions for 40 yards

Mason Muncy - 1 reception for 12 yards

N. Walsh - 1 reception for 10 yards, 1 TD

### Interceptions, Sacks, Fumbles, Pass Deflections

J. Olivo - 1 interception for 45-yard touchdown

C. Strawsma - 3 pass deflections

K. Burchett - 2 pass deflec-

## TRI INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

### Passing

Syrus Butler - 9 of 17 for 123 yards, 1 interception

### Rushing

Vade Dishman - 28 carries for 235 yards, 4 TDs, 1 conversion, 1 fumble lost

Christian Mclemore - 6 carries for 44 yards

Jordan Raley - 4 carries for 13 yards, 1 TD

S. Butler - 5 carries for 6 yards

Tyler Kingery - 3 carries for 1 yard

### Receiving

Gage Rowe - 4 receptions for 70 yards

Devin Keck - 3 receptions for 45 yards

Holden Thomas - 1 reception for 6 yards

J. Raley - 1 reception for 2 yards

### Interceptions, Sacks, Fumbles, Pass Deflections

Logan Stephens, Dakota Raley, Dennis Trosper, Liam Rains - 1 sack each

Luke Peters - 1 pass deflection

### Returns

V. Dishman - 4 kickoff returns for 49 yards

Luke Hill - 5 kickoff return for 48 yards

G. Rowe - 1 kickoff return for 15 yards

Andrew Pierce - 1 kickoff return for 10 yards

J. Raley - 1 kickoff return for 10 yards

### Kicking

S. Butler - 3 punts for 109 yards; 7 kickoffs for 232 yards

Parker Engle - 2 points after touchdowns

### Total Tackles (solo+assists)

Logan Stephens - 14; Tyler Kingery, Vade Dishman, Dennis Trosper - 5; Dakota Raley - 4; Luke Hill, Jacob Marshall, Andrew Pierce - 3; Christian Harding, Liam Rains - 2; Gage Rowe, Gunnar Longnecker, Devin Keck, Gage Ferrell, Robby Pandoli - 1.

Tri varsity quarterback, sophomore Syrus Butler (at left), discusses the Titans' next play with head coach Andrew Totheroh early in the first quarter of their game against Knightstown Friday night. (Stacy Cox photo)

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"Each town was a mini celebration," he said. "Since hikers I knew were there, and there was fresh food and cold drinks. A shower and laundry wasn't bad either, although this wasn't available every resupply. This was the worst I had smelled ever."

Maley graduated from Knightstown High School in 2003, and later attended Purdue University. After college, he moved to Denver, Colo., where he still

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"I would encourage anyone interested in hiking the trail to go for it," he said. "I started the trail out of shape, with no plan other than my gear list and how to get to the southern terminus. Making the decision to do it was the hardest step."

With the Pacific Crest Trail, he

## Rush County Community Foundation Invites Donations to Honor Teachers, Boost Education

The Rush County Education Fund was established by the Rush County Schools in 1994 to support education-related projects not provided for in the Rush County Schools budget. This permanently endowed field of interest fund makes annual grants available to teachers, students, administrators, and volunteer parents.

This year, the Rush County Education Fund awarded three projects funding, totaling \$4,059.39. Grants were awarded as follows:

- Rushville Consolidated High School math department, under the direction of Joni Fenimore, received \$2,865 to fund a classroom set of 30 TI-83-Plus graphing calculators. These calculators will replace calculators purchased 18 years ago from a school technology grant. Although during classroom time students may use an online calculator, they must be able to efficiently use the TI-83-Plus graphing calculator that is used exclusively on the ISTEP+ Math 10 test. In addition, particularly in Algebra II, students use technology

to contribute to concept development, simulation, representation, reasoning, communication, and problem solving.

- RES East and West music teacher Amanda Ellery received \$725 to purchase a classroom set of thirty ukuleles for the general music classroom. The instruments will target grades 4 through 6 and compliment the percussion instruments used. The small size and low cost make the instruments a perfect start to string instruments and gives students the ability to learn to play melodies and chords.

- RES West received \$469.39 to partially fund the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, a K-6 school-wide program to meet the goals of being safe and being respectful. Reinforcing these skills will help children make wise choices and these skills will prepare students for successful days both emotionally and academically.

The Rush County Education Fund grants awarded this year provide students unique opportunities

to learn without further burdening the teachers with the expense of implementing such interactive projects. Those interested in contributing to the Rush County Education Fund can do so directly online, via phone, a visit to our office or by mail. To recognize a special staff member at a Rush County school, consider a gift that will forever give by "Thank a Teacher," in which all proceeds directly benefit the Rush County Education Fund.

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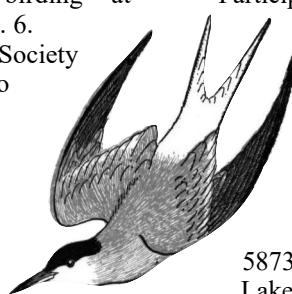
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Join the Robert Cooper Audubon Society (RCAS) on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 9 a.m. to catch a glimpse of fall migration along the shores and woods of Summit State Park.

With miles of shoreline, Summit Lake typically hosts a variety of waterfowl, loons, and other shorebirds, while the mature woods offer opportunities to spy foraging residents, such as pileated woodpeckers and brown creepers.



Participants will meet RCAS President Mary Annette Rose at the beach house parking lot at 9 a.m. A limited supply of binoculars will be available.

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dismantling the 20-year-old display went quickly enough and a fine pine hardware floor was unearthed. To help matters along as is true to form, Joe Peacock, CFH Enterprises, LLC. volunteered to co-sponsor the display.

Some old drapes saved for 20 years for a rainy day, were fitted, stitched, and transformed into a backdrop by Sandy Swartz for upcoming window displays. John Swartz worked miscellaneous carpentry wonders to adjust, alter, and adapt to complete the transformation. Meanwhile display memorabilia was collected and pictures printed in preparation for the first themed display for the windows in honor of the fire men and women of the Knightstown Police Department and the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department. The photographs for the banner backdrops of both of these fine organizations was taken gratis by Richard Sitler. These banners will remain their keepsakes when a new display emerges after the first of the year.

On that topic the next display will be created and sponsored by the Charles A Beard Memorial School Corporation, highlighting the accomplishments of students and staff. We hope to maintain a revolving display for years to come focusing for what makes Knightstown a better place to live.

Once again, community friends, pat yourselves on the back. Your teamwork and assistance is appreciated!

**Linda Lashbrook  
Beautify Knightstown, Inc.**

### Dear Editor,

Engaged communities and connections with farmers are helping make school lunches even better in rural communities. Across the country, kids are reaping the benefits and heading back to school with local foods on their plates.

Initiatives are being implemented throughout the U.S. In one state, "Nebraska Thursdays" urges participating schools to serve a locally-sourced meal in their cafeterias on the first Thursday of each month. Sourcing local products encourages fresh and healthy meals in the school cafeteria; educates students about agriculture; and boosts the area's economy.

The project began with five pilot schools, where lunchroom staff helped develop menus and other resources. Each of the pilot schools were already implementing various types of local foods into their menus. Nebraska's approach to Farm to School is about meeting schools where they are at, and building programs one local food menu at a time.

Efforts in Nebraska last year impacted 42,000 students and resulted in thousands of food dollars staying in the state. According to the National Farm to School Network, each dollar invested in farm to school stimulates an additional \$0.60 to \$2.16 of local economic activity. In Oregon, this has resulted in \$1.4 million overall contribution to the state.

October is National Farm to School Month, so now is the time to connect with local schools and learn about their plans to promote healthy eating and locally-produced foods. You can learn about the Center for Rural Affairs' efforts at [cfra.org/f2s](http://cfra.org/f2s).

**Sandra Renner  
Center for Rural Affairs**

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With farmers facing another year of tight profit margins and falling farm income, finding new ways to lower production costs and increase yields are a necessity. The expanded, free seminar series at the redesigned Indiana Farm Equipment and Technology Expo will focus on providing those who attend with new ideas and new tools to help them meet the challenges of the 2019 crop.

**Presenters will include:** Dr. Chris Hurt, Ag Economist Purdue; Ryan Martin, Weather forecaster, Hoosier Ag Today; Bob Utterback, nationally known market analyst; Brian Bush, Agronomist Pioneer Hybrid; Randy Kron and Justin Schneider, Indian Farm Bureau; and others yet to be announced. Farm Credit Mid-America is sponsoring the seminar stage and will present several programs covering financial management and tips on operating credit for the 2019 season. Other seminar topics will include: making an operating budget for 2019, beating weed resistance, Dicamba rule update, Farm succession and estate planning, boosting corn and soybean yields, making variable rate seeding work, solving field tile problems, and many more.

On Thursday, December 13, Certified Applicator Training will be held at the Expo. Those needing accreditation can qualify with this program presented by Purdue Extension.

A new feature at the Expo is a demonstration area where some of the latest technology in production will be demonstrated. Drones, robots, and cover crops will be featured in hands-on demonstrations by top industry experts. Exhibitors at the show will also be demonstrating new equipment in this area. Demonstrations will occur throughout the day, with informational videos being played in this area between demonstrations.

Another new feature of the expo is the coffee shop. This is a casual and informal area where attendees can sit down one-on-one with seminar and demonstration presenters to discuss specific applications for their farming operation. Small, informal group discussions will be held in this area, so that farmers can learn from each other as well as the experts.

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