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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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KIS Students Invite Veterans to Program

The students and staff at Knightstown Intermediate School invite the public - and particularly area veterans - to celebrate Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 9, at 9 a.m. in the KIS gymnasium. Veterans will meet in the media center at 8:30 a.m. Immediately following the program, which features World War I, a veterans' social time will take place in the school media center.

Chili Supper Nov. 3 at Wilkinson Church

Righteous Oaks Baptist Church, 8356 N. SR 109, Wilkinson, will host its ninth annual free chili supper on Saturday, Nov. 3, 4-7 p.m. All donations will be used to fund Thanksgiving care baskets for less fortunate area families. The church is also collecting gently-used winter clothing. For more information, call 765-785-2858.

Faith Chapel Hosting 'The Rochesters'

Faith Chapel Ind. Baptist Church, 359 E. Morgan St., Knightstown, will be hosting The Rochesters, a Southern Gospel musical act from South Carolina, at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4, at the church. All are welcome.

Spiceland Friends Hosting Bazaar

Spiceland Friends Church, 401 W. Main St., will host its 49th annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will feature a variety of booths and lunch will be served until 1:30 p.m. A quilt, made by ladies from the church, will be raffled.

Holy Trinity Hosting Christmas Bazaar

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 535 S. 19th St., New Castle, will host its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A variety of booths, including wooden crafts, holiday treats, baked goods and more, will be featured. Lunch will be served by Grillit Food Truck, 1-2 p.m. This event is open to the public and area residents are welcome to attend.

Knightstown Employees to See Pay Increases

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council has formally introduced and approved on first reading the town's salary ordinance for 2019, which stands to grant raises to many of the town's employees.

As previously reported, the town's clerk-treasurer, Beth Huffman, had presented the proposed salary ordinance setting next year's pay levels to council members at their Sept. 20 monthly meeting, but no vote was taken that night. At the request of a council member, Huffman agreed to bring the ordinance back to the Oct. 18 monthly meeting with the words "up to" inserted in front of the top pay amounts for all town employee positions.

Before the council approved the revised salary ordinance on first reading at the Oct. 18 meeting, Huffman advised that she had also made changes to the salary for Ben Bowling, the town's building inspector/zoning administrator. She said she wanted to increase pay for this position from the current yearly salary of \$10,000 to \$18,000 in 2019, with a maximum of \$20,000 possible should the council opt to increase it even more during the year.

Huffman told the council she also removed some "special leave terminology that had been questioned," though specific details of this change were not discussed. She added that she thinks the town's personnel policies need to be reviewed, and asked whether the council wanted her to draft proposed changes, or if the council wanted to be more involved in that process.

"I would leave that to you guys to direct me as to how you'd like to handle that," Huffman said.

The council voted to have the town's attorney, Gregg Morelock, read the 2019 salary ordinance by title only, then proceeded to approve it 5-0 on first reading. A vote of adoption, following a second reading of the ordinance, is expected to take place at the council's Nov. 15 monthly meeting.

While Bowling's pay increase was the only one specifically discussed at the Oct. 18 meeting, Huffman had detailed the other proposed pay increases when she went over the salary ordinance on Sept. 20. As The Banner reported previously, 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, while

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Mural Update



The weather was perfect Oct. 23 for Indianapolis-based muralist Pamela Bliss, the artist who created the Hoosiers themed mural displayed on East Main Street in Knightstown, who was back in town to do some touch-up work on her artwork. A representative from Beautify Knightstown Inc., the local nonprofit group that helped raise funds for the mural, told The Banner that one thing Bliss has been asked to do is add a basketball rim to the backboard in the picture. (Jeff Eakins photo)

'It's Not Going Well.' Local Fire Chief Unimpressed with New Comms System

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Nearly three months after Knightstown's local dispatch center closed, Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Chief Eric McDaniel is not impressed with how things are working out.

"It is not going well," McDaniel told members of the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board at their Oct. 24 monthly meeting.

The problem, McDaniel explained, is that the Internet connection needed between the fire department and the county dispatch center is not working properly, despite assurances from Motorola, the company that helped install the system. He said there is a "major problem" with the way things are now set up and that it's causing communication issues for not just his department, but also for the county and other agencies.

"It's not good," McDaniel said. "There are a lot of upset people. ... I don't know what we're going to do."

One possible solution to the problem, he said, would be to have a direct telephone line between Knightstown and the county dispatch. He also said that a dedicated line for the Internet service might also take care of the issue, as would having a department equipped with 800 megahertz radios.

"I really don't have a lot of answers - just a lot of frustration," McDaniel said.

"It sounds like a software issue to me," said Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman, who serves as the

fire board's president.

McDaniel said that a recent meeting in New Castle, Henry County Sheriff Ric McCorkle said Knightstown's problem needs to be fixed because it's affecting radio communications of the HCSO and other agencies.

"So much for modern technology," said fire board member Mitch Roland, who also sits on the Knightstown Town Council.

"The problem is they don't have modern technology," said fire board member David Millhoan, a former fire chief and veteran firefighter, and a current fire safety official for the state. He said the county's dispatch system is not as up-to-date as it should be.

McDaniel said that he would like to have a representative from an outside firm that previously worked with the fire department on technology issues attend a meeting with him, Motorola and county officials to discuss this problem. Fire board members voiced no objection to this.

Millhoan told McDaniel that Muncie had experienced similar communication problems and that they opted to drop Motorola in favor of another company. He suggested McDaniel check with officials in Delaware County to see what all they had to do to resolve the issues they were having.

In other business at the Oct. 24 meeting, the fire board:

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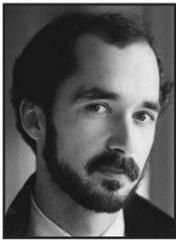
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OBITUARIES

Jay F. Tweedy

November 5, 1955 - October 23, 2018



Jay F. Tweedy, of Indianapolis, passed away Oct. 23, 2018, at age 62. He graduated from Knightstown High School, where he played basketball and baseball, in 1974. He graduated from Hanover College, attending a semester at Harlaxton College in England, in 1979. He also attended Indiana University's Robert McKinney School of Law, graduating in 1988.

Jay practiced law in Indianapolis and worked for Tweedy Lumber Company. An Athlete and sports fan, Jay volunteered as a boxing coach for patients with Parkinson's disease.

Jay was preceded in death by his father, Jack F. Tweedy, and his son, Nicholas R. Tweedy.

He is survived by his mother, Bernice H. Tweedy, and three siblings, Kim Young, Gray Tweedy and Kyle Davis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Jude's Children's Hospital. Memorial services and interment will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Condolences and memories of Jay may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Phillip "Buddy" Rose

April 11, 1942 - October 26, 2018

Phillip "Buddy" Rose, 76, of Knightstown, passed away Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, at his residence. He was born April 11, 1942, in Knightstown, the son of Homer and Edna (Stone) Rose.

Buddy retired from UAW/Ford Motor Company in 2004 after 43 years of service. He also served as town judge for Knightstown for 18 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Berlin, Germany. Buddy was a member of Knightstown Christian Church, American Legion Post 152, Masonic Lodge Golden Rule #16, UAW Local #1111 and the UAW International Union, along with many other organizations.

He is survived by his two children, Arthur Raymond Rose and Amy Denise (Bob) Ellis; three grandchildren, Antonia Kristine Rose, Corey Austin Roland and Caleb Arthur Roland; five great-grandchildren, Rilee Mackenzie-Rose Roland, Annabelle Kristine Rose, Austin William Roland, Cooper Emery Roland and Josephine Rose Rossman; a sister, Deanna (Roger) Griffin; and many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Juanda Denise (Barnes) Rose; a grandson, Clayton Ross Roland; eight brothers, Ernest, Jimmy, Farris, Lawrence, Bob, Art, Carlee and Cecil; and four sisters, Magleina, Elizabeth, Nadine and Jackie.

Visitation was Oct. 28 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Masonic Service were Oct. 29 with the funeral immediately following. Richard Thayer officiated. Military rites were conducted by Knightstown American Legion Post 152, along with a contingent of the U.S. Army in Glen Cove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made to Golden Rule Lodge #16, c/o Larry Selvidge, 209 N. McCullum St., Knightstown, IN 46148. Condolences and memories of Buddy may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Frederick "Fred" Carf

December 21, 1955 - October 21, 2018



Frederick "Fred" Carf, 62, of New Castle passed away Oct. 21, 2018, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1955, in Batesville, to Edward Carf and Erma Stairhime. He was an avid fan of IU basketball and enjoyed watching his favorite NASCAR driver, Dale Earnhardt. When not watching his favorite sports, Fred enjoyed being outside riding and working on Harley-Davidson motorcycles. For those that knew Fred, he frequently boasted of his love for his daughters and how proud he was of their accomplishments.

Survivors include his two daughters, Ashley Marie (husband, Scott) Siegel of Whitestown and Megan Nicole (husband, Codie) Pate of Church Hill, Tenn.; a sister, Nancy Rainwater of New Castle, a sister-in-law, Linda Wright; and several nieces, nephews and

cousins.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Michael Wright and James Carf.

Services were Oct. 25 with Rev. Tony Piper officiating. Friends called Oct 25. Online condolences may be expressed at www.MarcumFuneralHome.com.

Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service and Henry Community Hospice are joining together to offer a support group entitled ...

Help for the Holidays

Wanda Jones and Chaplin Mark Herbkersman will facilitate the group to discover tips for the holidays and encouragement for participants.

The Knightstown Chapel and New Castle Chapel will combine to meet in this support group on Tuesday evenings, November 6th through November 27th at 6:30 p.m. the group will meet at Senior Living at Forest Ridge, 2800 Forest Ridge Parkway in New Castle. These meetings are open to the public.

You may register by calling 765-529-7100 or 765-345-7400.



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*approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$4,694.92;

*learned from McDaniel that the fire department received a \$1,520 grant from TransCanada to purchase an automatic external defibrillator; and

*was advised by McDaniel that he is looking in to the department's options for billing for runs that it makes.

More information about the Oct. 24 meeting of the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records should be available for inspection and copying at the fire station, 30 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.

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Adlai Stevenson August 27, 1952, to American Legion Convention, New York City.

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Vote Not Needed to Change Fire Finance Procedures

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

It turns out that a vote by the Knightstown Town Council may not be needed after all in order to change how the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department's finances are handled.

Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman, who serves as president of the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board, had suggested changing how the fire department's finances are handled at the fire board's Sept. 26 meeting. The fire board passed a resolution approving the changes he proposed, and the Wayne Township Board passed a similar resolution on Oct. 9.

Since the joint town-township fire board was established a decade ago, the township had been turning

over fire protection funds it raises through property taxes to the town of Knightstown. The town's clerk-treasurer then dispersed funds for expenses approved and submitted by the fire board.

The changes proposed by Overman - and contained in the resolutions passed by the fire board and township board - would take this responsibility away from the town's clerk-treasurer. Instead, it would require the fire board to appoint a fire clerk to open a bank account for the fire department and be responsible for the fire department's finances.

It was believed that the only thing needed to finalize these changes was for the Knightstown Town Council to pass an ordinance mirroring the language in the resolutions passed by the fire board and the township board. However, at the town council's Oct. 18 monthly meeting, Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman revealed that the fire department's finances had not been handled properly since the fire board's inception in 2009, according to an ordinance the council passed in December 2008.

The town ordinance referenced

by Huffman clearly states that the Wayne Township trustee, not the town's clerk-treasurer, is the official that "shall be responsible for receipt and disbursement of all monies generated by the (fire department's) budget and approved as expenditures by the Fire Board."

"So," Huffman said, "what this ordinance says is not what's been happening."

Huffman told the town council she had spoken with officials at the Indiana State Board of Accounts and that they said the township trustee needs to start taking responsibility for the fire department's finances, as outlined in the town's 2008 ordinance.

"Our ordinance already says what (Overman) wants it to say," Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, said. He said the township should probably amend its resolution regarding establishment and operation of the fire board to contain language identical to the town's 2008 ordinance.

When asked about this at the fire board's Oct. 24 meeting, Overman said that he was confused and that he thought that the town's

ordinance and township's resolution that originally established the joint fire board had contained the same language. He did not say

when the township board would meet to consider amending its resolution to bring it line with the town's ordinance.

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Bid documents are available in the Henry County Surveyor's office beginning October 31, 2018.

Steve Rust, Henry County Surveyor

(10/31-11/07)

Carthage Council to Vote on '19 Budget Adoption

The Carthage Town Council will meet Thursday evening to vote on adoption of the town's proposed 2019 budget.

The council held a brief public hearing on the 2019 budget on Monday, Oct. 22. Council President Rachael Brown said the budget the town plans to submit for next year is 3 percent higher than this year's.

According to the Notice to Taxpayers submitted to the state's online Gateway system, the town council plans to seek state approval for a budget that totals \$371,995 for 2019. In order to fund that budget, the town estimates it will need to levy \$250,000 in local property taxes, an increase of \$51,032, or 25.6 percent, from the current tax levy of \$198,968.

By fund, the proposed 2019 budget for the town of Carthage breaks down as follows: General (\$236,200); Local Roads and Streets (\$11,300); Motor Vehicle Highway (\$118,665); and Cumulative Capital Improvement (\$5,800).

Due to the recent death of Carthage Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan, the town council had to hire an outside consultant to assist with preparation of the 2019 budget. Council member John Hancock said at the Oct. 22 budget hearing that the town agreed to pay Gail Snyder, Westport, \$2,000 to help the town with this.

Thursday's meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. and will be held at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St. In addition to voting on adoption of next year's budget, the council may also attend to other business needing to be addressed.

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Bike Racks Give Cyclists a Place to Park

(Reprinted from 2014)

Bicycles are reemerging in America as a popular and efficient alternate form of transportation. Sure, the changes are more apparent in the urban areas. But, even out here in rural America, bicycles are becoming more and more visible.

A sign of that resurgence is evident in Kennard, where town leaders have installed a bicycle rack outside town hall. To some, that may seem like an unnecessary oddity. But, truly that bike rack is getting used as local kids and adults ride their bicycles to meetings and other activities.

I don't remember seeing bicycles parked there before. Maybe they were and I just don't remember.

Bike racks provide a small incentive to those who might choose a healthier transportation mode.

First, the presence of racks means there's a secure place to park and lock one's bicycle. People might more often choose to ride short distances for errands, etc. But, if there's no place to park it and lock it, they may choose to drive their car instead.

According to the Federal Highway Administration (FHA), secure bike parking is a key ingredient in encouraging bicycling at the local level.

"Many bicycle trips end somewhere other than the bicyclist's home, and as a result, the bicyclist must park his or her bicycle," the FHA said. "And for those who live in apartment complexes, college dormitories, or other high-density settings, the issue of where to leave a bike while at home is also a serious issue. In short, at one time or another, most bicyclists have

experienced the frustration of finding no secure place to leave their bikes.

Security isn't the only benefit of bike racks, however. Convenience is another perk.

Those who do ride their bikes to work or on other errands may find a centrally-located bike rack the key reason they chose to ride instead of drive. If the bicycle parking area is located in the business district, that person may park there and shop.

Riding my bike in downtown Indianapolis clearly illustrates the positive side of this point. Not only is Indy awash in cyclists, dedicated bike lanes and paved trails and paths, bike racks are also ubiquitous. They're everywhere, particularly outside retail establishments, bars and restaurants.

Finding parking in the city can be challenging for motorists. Cyclists, on the other hand, have it good. Business owners have figured out that if they place bike racks outside their establishments, customers don't have to park blocks away and walk.

Forget about finding street parking! Even better than parking outside a restaurant on the street is finding a bike rack on the sidewalk right outside the door!

Obviously, this is paying dividends in Indy as bike racks sprout up everywhere like dandelions. Unlike dandelions, however, bike racks aren't a nuisance for anyone - except oil companies, who probably don't like to see this growing trend. I have two bikes and I haven't put a drop of gas in either of them!

The addition of more local bike racks might encourage people to opt for a more healthy travel option. Plus, it simply gives us a place to park.



Face it: Cats Not as Obedient as Dogs

(Originally published Jan. 19, 2017)

"All things bright and beautiful

All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all."

James Herriot used this hymn as the titles of his delightful books about his life as a veterinarian in Yorkshire.

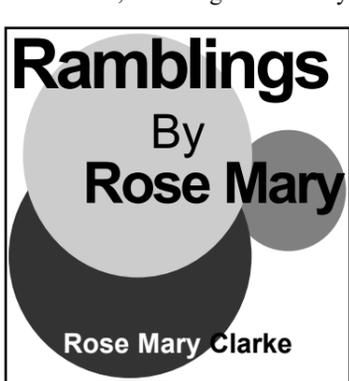
As I wrote last week, Ms. Kitty absolutely detests Lily. The Christmas card that we sent to Tom and Vicki had a cat rubbing its cheek against a dog with the caption, "Peace on Earth!" I wrote "Bet me!" beneath it.

"You got that right," says Pusscatkin, who has her hindquarters on my knees, front paws on the pullout table under the desk and chin resting on the edge of the keyboard. When we first had her I had to shut her out of the office — much to her loud lamentations and clawing at the door — because she walked on the keyboard. She hates closed doors, and we warn guests to make sure that our bathroom doors are securely latched as it is disconcerting when she pushes the door open and strolls nonchalantly in.

Wonderdog Lily never barks, obeys commands and doesn't make messes. She makes a loud noise by flapping her long, velvety ears when she needs to go out. At

home, she's allowed on the furniture.

While Vicki and Tom were out one day, I found Lily sprawled out on our sofa. "What are you doing?" I thundered. "Get off that couch!" Shocked by this rude awakening from a delicious snooze, she ran through the house and down the hall to our bedroom with me right behind her, shouting and loudly



clapping my hands.

She ran to the far side of our bed where I found her trying to crawl under it, but all she could manage was her head. When Tom and Vicki returned I said, "I have given your dog claps." "What?" "What do you mean?" "I said, I gave Lily claps spelled with an 's'," and I told the story. Lily has not been near that couch since!

Dogs and cats both like warmth. Lily often snoozes between Bill's chair and a baseboard register.

During cold weather Kitty likes to sleep on a towel that Bill put on the ceramic tile floor under a wall register. Thus, she's toasted nicely on both sides from the register above and the heat radiating from the floor.

Face it. Cats are not as obedient or teachable as dogs. Ms. Kitty immediately became fond of a red velvet chair which shows cat hair. "I'm not going to let her take over that chair!" I exclaimed. We even tried putting coat hangers on it. Nothing worked. Having lost the battle, we clean it off when guests are coming.

I spent a weekend at an acquaintance's home. She had three pampered Siamese cats. After the table was set, she didn't seem to mind that a cat sat down on my plate. Eek! A cat's butt on my plate! Surreptitiously I switched plates, turning over the one I was to eat from. One time our fastidious friend, Phyllis, and I went to a friend's house for lunch. While everyone was chatting, we saw a cat up on the buffet, chomping away at the three-bean salad. I got up, and Whap! the cat made a rapid descent. We did not partake of the salad!

I draw the line at the table. Bill got a squirt bottle which I use to spray her with water when I catch

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This November, voters in Idaho, Nebraska, Montana, and Utah will decide whether to extend health insurance coverage to a combined half million hardworking, low-income Americans. These people fall into the coverage gap — meaning they earn too little to qualify for subsidies to purchase coverage from the insurance marketplace and too much to be eligible for Medicaid.

This vote comes following months of signature collection and advocacy. Utah and Idaho gathered 147,000 and 60,000 signatures, respectively, to place the issue on their ballots. Montana voters will decide whether to permanently expand Medicaid for nearly a 10th of the state's population, after expansion was piloted by the state legislature in 2015.

Initiative 427, as it will appear on the ballot in Nebraska, would extend Medicaid coverage to nearly 90,000, who earn less than \$17,000 annually.

In Nebraska's rural counties, an average 11.76 percent of employed residents are uninsured. This picture duplicates across America. Expansion of Medicaid to the rural population could have an impact on keeping rural hospitals and clinics open across the country, offsetting the costs of uncompensated care.

If these states pass their respective ballot measures, they would join 33 other states that have done so already. As voters head to the polls this November, their choices will have a profound impact for those who are working on farms, in rural nursing homes, or in local cafés, who still cannot access insurance coverage. Much weighs on this vote for residents, hospitals, communities, and these four states.

Jordan Rasmussen
Center for Rural Affairs

Dear Editor,

As people age, their chance of developing a health-related issue increases. For example, some older adults battle cancer, arthritis and weakening bones and joints. These are only a few health problems where people turn to pain management techniques like opioids for relief.

In March of 2018, the University of Michigan conducted a National Poll on Healthy Aging, asking adults age 50-80 about their use of opioids for pain management, among other things. Of the respondents who were prescribed opioids, 49 percent said they had medication left over, and when asked what they did with the remaining medication, 86 percent said they kept it in case they experienced pain in the future, according to the report.

The findings of this poll are concerning, as left over opioids can fall into the wrong hands and help feed the drug epidemic plaguing our state and nation.

For example, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration conducted a study that found an estimated 18.9 million people misused prescription drugs in 2014, with more than 50 percent of people getting them from family or friends, often from the medicine cabinet.

To help address this issue, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management partnered with the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force to promote safe disposal practices in our state.

Below are drug drop-off locations available in each county of Senate District 42.

Decatur County - Decatur County Sheriff's Dept., 315 S. Ireland St.,
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Hubert H. Humphrey

BITS & PIECES

◆The students and staff at Knightstown Intermediate School invite the public - and particularly area veterans - to celebrate **Veterans Day** on Friday, Nov. 9, at 9 a.m. in the KIS gymnasium. Veterans will meet in the media center at 8:30 a.m. Immediately following the program, which features World War I, a veterans' social time will take place in the school media center.

◆Faith Chapel Ind. Baptist Church, 359 E. Morgan St., Knightstown, will be hosting **The Rochester**, a Southern Gospel musical act from South Carolina, at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4, at the church. All are welcome.

◆Righteous Oaks Baptist Church, 8356 N. SR 109,

Wilkinson, will host its ninth annual **free chili supper** on Saturday, Nov. 3, 4-7 p.m. All donations will be used to fund Thanksgiving care baskets for less fortunate area families. The church is also collecting gently-used winter clothing. For more information, call 765-785-2858.

◆A Christmas **holiday bazaar** will take place at the Smith Building in New Castle's Memorial Park on Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Food will be available.

◆Spiceland Friends Church, 401 W. Main St., will host its 49th annual **Holiday Bazaar** on Saturday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will feature a variety of booths and lunch will be served until 1:30 p.m. A quilt, made by

ladies from the church, will be raffled with raffle tickets costing \$1 for one or six for \$5.

◆Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 535 S. 19th St., New Castle, will host its annual **Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A variety of booths, including wooden crafts, holiday treats, baked goods and more, will be featured. Lunch will be served by Grillit Food Truck, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

◆**Maps** of the walking tour route of historic Knightstown and biking tour routes of western Henry and northwest Rush counties are available at no cost at the Knightstown Public Library. The publication is sponsored by Beautify Knightstown Inc., Historic Knightstown, Inc., Henry County Community Foundation, Healthy Communities of Henry County, and Richard Sitler, photographer.

◆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 moved to a new location - right next door to its old location on the west side of the town square. HKI is not yet open as there are many boxes and display items to be put in order.

◆**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.

News items for Bits & Pieces may be submitted to thebanner@embarqmail.com. Articles may be edited for length and clarity.

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Greensburg, IN 47240, 812-663-8125

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Rush County, Rush County Sheriff's Dept., 131 E. First St., Rushville, IN 46173, 765-932-2931; Rushville Police Dept., 270 15th St., Rushville, IN 46173, 765-932-3907

For more information on the drop-off locations, visit www.in.gov/idem/recycle/2343.htm.

I encourage all Indiana residents, especially our aging population, to take advantage of these locations and safely dispose of any unwanted prescription drugs.

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

Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg)



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Greg Back's Cancer Diagnosis Pulling Together Friends, Family and Community for Fundraiser

by Logan Cox
for The Banner

On Sept. 20, after months of biopsies, CT scans, ultrasound and doctor appointments, Greg Back was diagnosed with stage 3 squamous cancer. Unable to work and lacking medical insurance, this lifelong resident of the Knightstown-Shirley area was blindsided.

But, in the wake of that devastating news, Back's family and friends quickly began working with the community to raise money in support of their loved one.

"Instead of driving a wedge between us, it has pulled everybody in our family closer together," said Judy Back, Greg's mother.

Judy, her second son, Patrick Back, and the rest of their family have been making every effort to raise money to help cover Greg's medical expenses. This has included a GoFundMe Internet page, as well as the organization of several local fundraising events.

"The Corner Bakery had a day-long fundraiser," said Patrick. "I will be contacting both the fire and police departments to ask for assistance the night we have the benefit, as well as asking the fire department to do an additional fundraiser like a boot collection at traffic lights."

The Back family is currently organizing a major fundraiser, titled Hunt For the Cure: Super G's Trail to Recovery, scheduled to take place at Knightstown American Legion Post 152 on Dec. 8. The event will feature a concert, a raffle and a silent auction. The Lee Whiteman Band will be playing.

Raffle items include a custom-painted Remington shotgun, a custom-painted guitar, a newly-made blacksmith's knife, a hand-made quilt, and donated work from a professional sketch artist.

"We have multiple women I have reached out to for help to go business to business asking for any help we can get, all to end on Dec. 8 at the benefit event," Patrick explained. "We will be selling mer-

chandise as well as offering a free, sober ride service. I chose the women I did because they are family or near family who I feel are empowered in many ways, and I thought our combined approach would prove most beneficial."

Greg is described by his mother and brother as a very caring, generous and hardworking man.



"I can tell you he has worked harder than anyone I have ever met to overcome so much in a lifetime. And I've lived all over this world," Patrick said of his brother.

Despite remembering him as "every mother's nightmare" during his teenage years, Judy Back is exceedingly proud of the man her son has become.

"There's not a lot of fluff in Greg's life," she said. "He's very down to earth. He's not one to put on a big show for someone. But if there's extra food at his house and somebody has a need, he's there. If somebody is sick and needs help, he's there. I don't know that I know anybody any more giving or caring than the person he's grown into."

Having been a semi driver for many years, Greg is known for his dignity and pride in his ability to provide for his family. Being diagnosed with cancer has forced him and his wife Gwen to humble themselves in the face of financial difficulty.

Patrick was compelled to act after seeing how this has affected Greg, his wife, their children, grandchildren and their family as a whole.

"Nothing ever seemed to hurt him," said Patrick. "Not having insurance because he couldn't afford it never bothered him, because, mostly, his family was healthy. Then this. Now he has no insurance; medical bills piling up, and now he has had to take unpaid medical leave for 12 weeks. I can't sit by and let him hurt ... let them suffer when I could reach out to people I love to help me do something!"

Greg and Patrick both attended Knightstown

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Carthage Seeking New Fiscal Officer Following C-T's Passing

The town of Carthage is seeking a new fiscal officer after the recent death of Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan.

As reported in last week's Banner, McMahan passed away on Oct. 16 at the age of 65 following a long struggle with a variety of health issues that, in recent months, had made it difficult for her to work, leaving budgeting and other financial issues unresolved. Originally appointed to her post as clerk-treasurer in 2005, then reelected several times, her current term in office was to run through the end of 2019.

The process for selecting a new clerk-treasurer to finish McMahan's term is similar to that followed when there is a vacancy on the town council. Because McMahan was a Republican, the Rush County Republican Party will have the first opportunity to choose the town's next clerk-treasurer.

State statute normally requires major political parties like the Rush County GOP to use a caucus procedure where precinct committee members select someone to fill town offices left vacant by resignation or death. But, when there is only one party precinct committeeman - as is the case for Carthage - then the party chairman can forgo the caucus and choose the replacement himself, which is what Rush

County Prosecutor Phil Caviness, chairman of the RCRP, has done in the past.

In an email to The Banner, Caviness said anyone interested in applying to fill the clerk-treasurer vacancy in Carthage should send a letter of interest to him at P.O. Box 621, Rushville, IN 46173, or by emailing him at philcaviness@gmail.com. He said these letters should be received by him no later than Nov. 9.

State statute gives Caviness 30 days from the date he receives notice of McMahan's death from the office of the Rush County Clerk to select a new clerk-treasurer to replace McMahan. Should he fail to appoint someone within this time period, the responsibility for selecting a new clerk-treasurer would then shift to the Carthage Town Council.

Should the council be tasked with selecting McMahan's replacement, it will need to fill the vacancy during a regular or special meeting. State statute requires the council to hold this meeting no more than 60 days after the town council president receives official notice of McMahan's death from the county clerk.

If both Caviness and the town council fail to choose a new

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her trying to nap on the table when the sun shines on it. She runs when I even touch the bottle.

Here's a poem from a book about cats by Francesco Marciuliano that Jean and Bill gave me:

*"This is my chair
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That is my bed
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Those are my rugs
Everywhere is my place to sleep
Perhaps you should just get a hotel room"*

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IN RE:)
BONITA FAYE GRANDISON,)
Petitioner)

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Comes now the Petitioner by counsel, David P. Murphy, Attorney, and files her Verified Petition for Name Change and Request for Hearing.

The public is hereby notified that if anyone objects to the granting of this Petition those objections must be in writing and filed no later than December 17, 2018. If no objections are filed by that date, the Court may grant the Petition without further notice.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court, this 12th day of October, 2018.

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VA Benefits Set to Rise by 2.8 Percent as Checks Go Out in '19

According to an article on Military.com, military and federal retirees, those who receive VA disability or other VA benefits, and Social Security recipients will see a 2.8 percent pay raise in their monthly checks starting January 2019.



by
John Guglielmi
Henry County
Veteran
Service Officer

It is the biggest Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA) increase in seven years. Each year military retirement pay, Survivor Benefit Plan Annuities, VA Compensation and Pensions, and Social Security benefits are adjusted for the rate of inflation.

Thanks to the increase, the average military retirement check for an E-7 with 20 years of service will go up by \$67 a month, while an O-5 with the same time in uniform will see a \$126 monthly increase. Retirees who entered military service on or after Aug. 1, 1986 and opted in for the Career Status Bonus (CSB/Redux retirement plan), have any COLA increases reduced by 1 percent, so they will see a 2019 increase of 1.8 percent or \$42 monthly for an E-7 with 20 years of service, or \$81 each month for an O-5 with 20 years of service.

Disabled veterans will also get a bump. The average VA disability check will go up about \$4 per month for those with a 10 percent rating, and \$83 for those rated at 100 percent. VA disability benefits are not subject to federal income taxes.

Military retirees and VA beneficiaries aren't the only ones who benefit from the COLA increase. Civil Service retirees, and Social Security recipients will also see the 2.8 percent jump in their monthly checks as well. For Social Security recipients, the monthly increase will mean an extra \$39 per month for the average beneficiary. Largest bump in years.

This annual COLA is determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is a measurement of a broad sampling of the cost of consumer goods and expenses. The CPI is compared to the previous year, if there is an increase there is a COLA. If there is no increase, there is no COLA.

The COLA affects about one in every five Americans, including Social Security recipients, disabled veterans, federal retirees, and retired military members.

Last year, the COLA increase was 2.0 percent; in 2017, retirees saw a 0.3 percent increase.

Small Business Development Subject of Upcoming Seminars

The East Central Indiana Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is offering several low-cost workshops designed to help area small business owners. Sign up for these sessions in advance at www.ecisbdc.org using the calendar or call 765-282-9950, ext. 110.

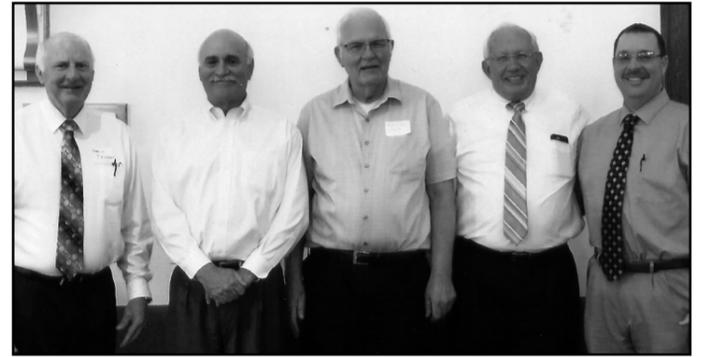
"Launch Your Own Business" is focused on potential and relatively new small business owners. This class helps participants build a solid foundation by learning how to identify resources, develop a sales forecast, identify start-up expenses, estimate an operating budget, and analyze feasibility results. The cost to attend is \$25 and includes a workbook with a step-by-step process for starting a business. Two sessions of this class are available on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Richmond Innovation Center (814 E. Main St.) and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Madison Co. Chamber of Commerce (1106 Meridian St., Anderson). Additionally, the class will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon

on Friday, Dec. 9, at the Innovation Connector in Muncie (1208 W. White River Blvd.).

"QuickBooks Online" can help business owners manage the financial and inventory aspects of their companies. During this workshop, participants will learn how to set up QuickBooks Online and build confidence by learning advanced functions. This class is oriented toward beginners and those unfamiliar with QuickBooks Online, and the cost for the class is \$50. The class will be available from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, November 7, at the Innovation Connector in Muncie and from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Richmond Innovation Center.

The East Central Indiana Small Business Development Center provides no-cost, confidential small business consulting to 11 counties of East Central Indiana. Access these services by visiting www.ecisbdc.org or calling 765-282-9950.

First Christian Church Pastors Gather for Photo at Celebration



Former ministers of Knightstown First Christian Church took part in the 150th Anniversary held Sept. 30. Participating in the morning worship service were (l-r) Ken Smith of Greenfield,; Roy Smith of California, Merlin Peterson of Columbus, Ohio, and current ministers of the church, Richard Thayer and Anthony Darling. A large crowd attended the morning service followed by a dinner at the Hoosier Gym. An afternoon and evening service concluded a memorable day. (Photo submitted)



Christmas Bazaar!

Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Lunch menu (served until 1:30 p.m.): Chili, Vegetable Soup, Sloppy Joes, Coneys, Hot Dogs, Pulled Pork, Relish Tray, Drinks & Desserts. Tickets will be available for the quilt made by the ladies of the church. They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Church Booths: Deli Items - Attic Treasures - Crocheted Hats, Scarves, Dishcloths, etc. (Made by Spiceland Crochet Group)

ESSENTIAL PLANNING Seminar

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Knightstown Middle School Cheerleaders Place 5th at State



Knightstown Intermediate School's competitive cheer team show off their trophy (above) after finishing in fifth place at the Oct. 20 state championships at Decatur Central High School. The team includes (front, l-r) Brooklyn Loveall, Stella Leakey, Allison Dickerson, Baeli Renie and (back, l-r) Rebecca Trott, Carly Smith, Tori Steinwachs, Emilee Craft, Alexus Beckstrom, Autumn Ross and coach Kenzi Richmond. (Photo provided)

Check out a video of their state final performance in The Banner's Twitter timeline

At right, the girls smile as they enter the bus decorated by the parents before they left for the state competition. (Photo provided)



The Knightstown cheer program was not only finding success on the high school level, but the younger Panther cheerleaders were making fans proud too this month.

Knightsstown Intermediate School cheerleaders finished in the top five at the Indiana Cheer Championship for the junior high small division.

Silver Creek Middle School (Sellersburg) took first place in the division with Fall Creek Junior High (Fishers) coming in as runner-up.

Taking third place in the division was St. John's Hal E. Clark Middle School and another Fishers school, Riverside Junior High, was fourth.

The Knightstown team had to overcome injuries and one girl's recent surgery but it was difficult to tell anything was wrong watching them perform.

The Knightstown team is a mixture of sixth through eighth graders. This is the first time the middle school team has placed at state.

The young Panthers squad competed against 18 other teams in their division.

Knightsstown Girls Youth Basketball League Signup Ends This Week

Knightsstown girls basketball program is offering a youth league this year for girls in grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

The cost is \$40 per player, due by Oct. 31, and includes a t-shirt.

The league's registration form was posted to The Banner's Facebook page on Oct. 23 and can be found in the photos section or by scrolling back through the timeline.

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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.

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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.



For the latest line up of speakers and seminars at The Indiana Farm Equipment and Technology Expo, visit the Expo website at www.indianafarmexpo.com, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Knightstown Cheer Team Qualifies for State Finals Again

KHS Will Compete at New Castle Fieldhouse Saturday

Knightstown's varsity competitive cheerleading squad earned another trip to the state finals of the Indiana Cheer Championship with their performance at the preliminary competition last Saturday at Greenfield High School.

This year the Panther cheer team had a much better schedule, taking the floor to perform for judges at 12:12 p.m.

Last year, the division that Knightstown competes in was scheduled at the end of the day and it was past well past nine before they learned their fate.

But, even though they got an earlier start, the girls had to wait nearly two hours for the judges to announce which teams would advance.

Last year, the KHS cheer team won their first state title in several years and hope to repeat that result this weekend.

The Panther cheerleaders will compete for the state title in their division, Varsity D, at New Castle Fieldhouse this Saturday, Nov. 3. They are scheduled to perform at 3:12 p.m.

The cheer competition starts in the morning with the first school taking the floor at 10 a.m. The Time-Out division teams are up first, with performances every four minutes until 11:36 a.m.

The awards ceremony for the Time-Out division is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

The five Varsity divisions are set to start performing at 1:30 p.m. with the eight teams in the Varsity Coed division up first.

The varsity teams will perform every six minutes with a 30-minute break between each division. Varsity D follows the Varsity Coed division.

Knightstown performs second-to-last of the Varsity D teams. Also competing in the Varsity D division is Frontier H.S. starting at 2:42 p.m., followed by Shenandoah H.S., Union County H.S., Illiana Christian H.S., Our Lady of Providence H.S., Knightstown, then finally Clinton Central Jr./Sr. H.S.

After the Varsity D division is the Varsity B division beginning at 4 p.m. with performances from New Palestine, Mt. Vernon, Bishop Dwenger, Greenfield-Central and Pendleton-Heights.

The Varsity C division begins at 5 p.m. with nine squads competing. At 6:24 p.m., the Varsity A division starts with some of the biggest schools in the state competing including Homestead, Avon, Crown Point, Hamilton Southeastern, Fishers, Carmel, Lake Central and Noblesville.

State winners in each of the Varsity divisions are set to be awarded at about 8:15 p.m.

The Indiana Cheer Championship is sponsored by the Indiana Association of School Principals.



Knightstown High School Competitive Cheer Team gathers for a group photo following their performance Saturday afternoon at the varsity prelims competition in Greenfield. The KHS girls' routine qualified them for another trip to the Indiana Cheer Championship State Finals. They will be competing at New Castle Fieldhouse for their second straight state title Saturday, Nov. 3, with their time to take the floor set for 3:12 p.m. The team includes (front, l-r) Ayrn Darling, Allie Irwin, Jasmine Jett, Abby Arnold, Makalay Smoot and (back, l-r) head coach Haley Morgan, Megan Muncy, Grace Mattix, Violet Alexander, assistant coach Macy Burton and assistant coach Maddie Irwin.



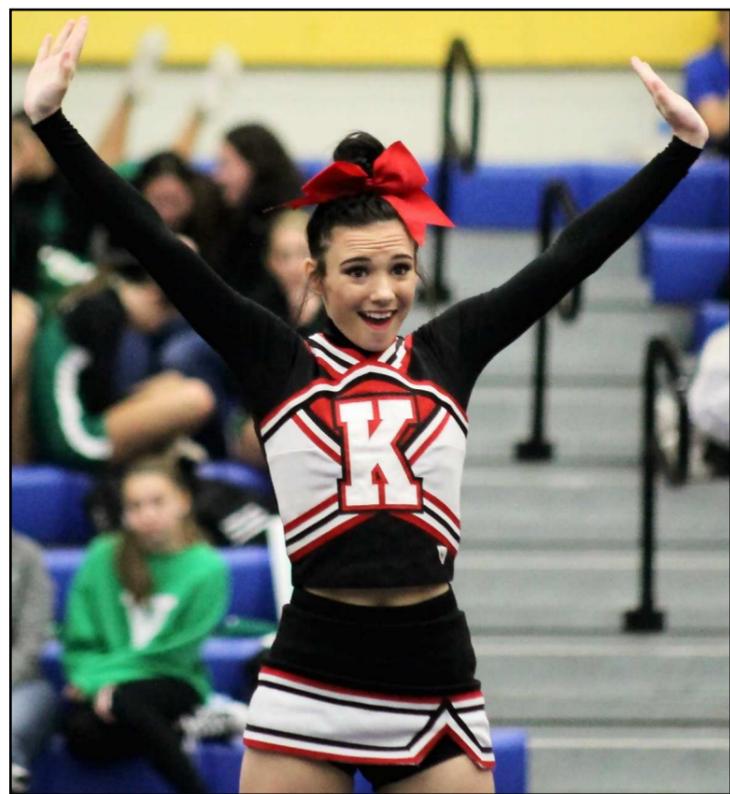
Above, the Panther cheerleaders show some attitude during the dance portion of their routine.

At right, the KHS cheer team waits anxiously as the results are announced.

Below right, the girls coordinate a jump during their routine.

Abby Arnold (below left) finishes the group's biggest pyramid near the conclusion of their performance.

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Makalay Smoot (above) waves to the crowd while being held up in the air by her teammates.



KHS Football Team's Season Ends at Triton Central

Panthers Fall in Sectional Semifinal to Fourth-ranked Triton Central

A fun and exciting season of football for Knightstown fans came to close last Friday night when fourth-ranked Triton Central toppled the Panthers 20-0 in the sectional semifinal at the Tigers' field in rural northwestern Shelby County.

Playing again under cold and rainy conditions, the Panthers were unable to get anything going offensively in the first half.

The Knightstown defense carried the load in that first half. They kept the Tigers from moving the

ball on several possessions, including a huge effort to keep the Tigers from scoring at just one yard from the end zone early in the first quarter.

With the nasty weather and strong defensive work hindering any offensive action, the two teams went into the halftime break tied up at zero.

But, things took a depressing turn almost immediately after the start of the second half.

The Panthers received the kick to start the half but turned the ball

over on a fumble on their first possession, giving the Tigers great field position on their own 25-yard line. And, Triton Central took advantage, driving the ball forward quickly to set up a five-yard rushing touchdown with just over seven minutes left in the third. The Tiger kick for the extra point was no good but TC was up 6-0.

Then, to start the next possession, Triton Central intercepts a pass by Jose Olivo to put the Tigers on Knightstown's 27-yard line.

The Tigers again take just a couple of plays to run the ball into the end zone again. The extra point attempt is put through the uprights this time and the Tigers go up 13-0 with 4:43 to go in the third.

The Panthers were resuscitated when Nick Walsh made a nice interception late in the third to put them on the Tiger 32-yard line. KHS drove the ball down to the 15

as the quarter ended.

Knightstown continued the drive to start the fourth and things were looked primed to put some points on the board. But, the team's brief luck was crushed when another Olivo pass was intercepted, putting the Tigers on the Panthers' four-yard line.

The KHS defense came up big again to force the Tigers to punt, which resulted in the Panthers taking over on their own 31-yard line with over six minutes left in the game.

But, Triton Central's defense kept the Panthers about where they started the possession to take over on Knightstown's 35-yard line.

After they had taken the lead, the Tigers spent most of their possessions in the second half running the play clock nearly down to zero on every play.

As time ticked away, the Tigers moved the ball up the field slowly

for first downs before eventually scoring again with less than three minutes left in game. They rushed for a 22-yard touchdown and followed up with the extra point kick to take a 20-0 lead.

Knightstown moved the ball quickly down the field but Olio was again intercepted with less than a minute to go and Triton Central held on for the win.

First year head coach Chad Montgomery and his Panthers finished the season at 9-2 overall and 8-1 in the Tri-Eastern Conference.

"I just want to make sure people know how hard these kids worked and how much it meant to them to make Knightstown football relevant and important again, not just at the high school but in the community and across the county," Montgomery said.

The Panthers will hold their year-end banquet Friday, Nov. 16 at the high school cafeteria.

Panthers Finish Season with Impressive Stats

AS A TEAM

- *3rd Highest Winning Percentage in School History (tied with the 1981 and 1994 teams)
- *2nd Highest Total Offensive Yards Single Season (4837)
- *1st Most Single Season Fumble Recoveries (17)
- *1st Most Single Season Interceptions (15)
- *1st Total Offensive Yards in one game (672)
- *1st All-Purpose Yards in one game (763)
- *1st Passing Completions (111)
- *1st Completion Percentage (.673)
- *2018 Tri-Eastern Conference Champions

INDIVIDUAL - SEASON

- *1st Most Single Season PATs - Devyn Schaetzle (31)
- *1st Most Total Yards Single Season - Jose Olivo (3309)
- *1st Most TD Passes Single Game - Jose Olivo (5 TDs; tied for 1st)
- *1st Most TDs Single Season - Jose Olivo (39)
- *1st Most TDs Single Game - Jose Olivo (7)
- *1st Most Receiving Yards Single Season - Kyler Burchett (965)
- *2nd Most Receiving Yards per Game - Kyler - (87.7)
- *1st Most Sacks Single Season - Liam Orcutt - (15)
- *1st Most Single Season Interceptions - Jose Olivo (8)
- *2nd Most Passing Yards per Game - Jose Olivo (176.3)
- *3rd Most Passing Yards Single Season - Jose Olivo (1939)

INDIVIDUAL - CAREER

(though only one season for both players)

- *9th Most Career Passing Yards - Jose Olivo (1939)
- *9th Most Receiving Yards - Kyler Burchett (965)

CURRENTLY

- *Sophomore Liam Orcutt is still No. 1 in sacks in the STATE through 11 weeks
- *Senior Jose Olivo is still #1 in Total Yards and No. 1 in Interceptions through 11 weeks in 2A
- *Senior Kyler Burchett is still No. 2 in Receiving Yards through 11 weeks in 2A
- *Sophomore Ben Newby is still No. 2 in Total Tackles through 11 weeks in 2A

KNIGHTSTOWN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Passing

Jose Olivo - 7 of 16 for 73 yards, 4 interceptions

Rushing

J. Olivo - 15 carries for 95 yards
Nick Walsh - 9 carries for 51 yards
Kyler Burchett - 1 carry for 3 yards

Receiving

K. Burchett - 3 receptions for 36 yards
Max Muncy - 3 receptions for 22 yards
Cooper Strawsma - 2 receptions for 15 yards

Interceptions, Sacks, Fumbles, Etc.

N. Walsh - 1 interception for 30-yard gain
Liam Orcutt - 1 sack for 11-yard loss
Sam Thomas - 1 sack for 10-yard loss
Ben Newby - 1 sack for 5-yard loss, 1 fumble caused

Aiden Orcutt - 1 sack for 5-yard loss
James Lukens - 1 fumble recovered, 1 pass deflection
K. Burchett - 1 pass deflection

Kicking

Devin Schaetzle - 1 kickoff for 35 yards
N. Walsh - 4 punts for 75 yards

Returns

K. Burchett - 1 punt return for 20 yards
N. Walsh - 1 punt return for 20 yards

Total Tackles (solo+assists)

Ben Newby - 18; Jose Olivo - 13; Kyler Burchett - 11; Nick Walsh - 11; Sam Thomas - 10; James Lukens - 6; Landon Carmichael - 6; Liam Orcutt - 6; Max Muncy - 5; Aiden Orcutt - 5.



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Back, from Page 6

High School, and their family all grew up around Carthage. Judy Back and her husband, Stan, are planning to move back to the Knightstown area soon, partly because of the community's response to her family's struggles.

"We live out in the country," Judy explained. "It's wonderful, but you don't get that small-town Indiana feel where people really care and drop everything and will help anybody for any reason, whether they really know you or really don't."

She continued, "This experience for me and being involved in working on this fundraiser with Patrick and being down at the Legion and seeing the amount of people that have opened their hearts to us, unconditionally, I said 'I know why I'm moving back to Knightstown.'"

The Back family is grateful for all the support they have received from their peers, whether it is helping organize fundraisers or going door-to-door asking regional and local businesses for donations.

For those interested, more information about Greg Back and his battle against cancer can be found on his GoFundMe page, titled Kryptonite is Real.

Carthage, from Page 6

clerk-treasurer, state statute permits the town council to select one of its own members to serve as an ex officio clerk-treasurer. Under those circumstances, the town council member would also continue to serve on the council, and would not be able to receive any additional compensation for handling the clerk-treasurer's duties.

When a town council member is chosen as an ex officio clerk-treasurer, state statute allows the town council to enter into an interlocal agreement with a clerk-treasurer or town council from another town to assist with this. In the absence of an interlocal agreement with another town, the town council could also contract with a certified public accountant to assist the town council member with carrying out the clerk-treasurer's responsibilities.

Pay, from Page 1

an assistant works manager position paying \$52,000 a year would be created.

Pay for the town's police chief, Chris Newkirk, 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.

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 had told the council she had looked at other towns of comparable size and found Knightstown had the lowest salaries for its police officers.

Other suggested pay increases for 2019 include:

*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, the 2019 salary ordinance would change this to simply say "up to \$45,000."

In a related personnel matter, the council also voted unanimously at its Oct. 18 meeting to approve paying a total of \$19,500 in bonuses that Huffman proposed for town employees. The following amounts would be paid to town employees by Nov. 15:

*\$4,000 for the town's works manager;

*\$1,500 for the assistant works manager;

*\$2,500 for the sewer certified operator;

*\$1,500 for each of two Technician II employees;

*\$2,500 for the operation manager/deputy clerk;

*1,500 each for the billing and utility clerks;

*\$500 for the part-time bookkeeper; and

*\$2,500 for the foreman at Glen Cove cemetery.

"The bonuses are, in part," Huffman said, "to reward staff for all the work that's been done during this year of short staffing – lots of folks on leave, lots of turnover – and also to recognize that no increases have been given for a number of years."

As for the full-time employees of the Knightstown Police Department, Huffman had recommended \$3,000 in incentive pay for each of the KPD's two full-time patrol officers, and \$8,000 for the police chief. These were also unanimously approved.

Huffman said that when Newkirk had been hired as the KPD's new chief, he was told his salary would be increased \$5,000 after either a 90-day or six-month review, but that this had not yet been done. So, she said \$5,000 of the \$8,000 he would be receiving would be to cover this pay increase, while the other \$3,000 would be incentive pay.

Council President Sarah Ward added that the town had been unable to pay Newkirk what he'd told them he would accept as a minimum pay level. But, she said he agreed to take the job with the

promise that he would get a \$5,000 pay increase later in the year.

"We appreciate that very much," Ward said. "We've had a wonderful turn-around in the police department, and we appreciate (Newkirk) working in good faith. ... Don't expect that he's going to get that kind of thing again."

Ward also said that she hoped that next year the town would be able to do proper job performance evaluations of town employees. She said that turmoil within the town's personnel ranks had prevented that from being done this year.

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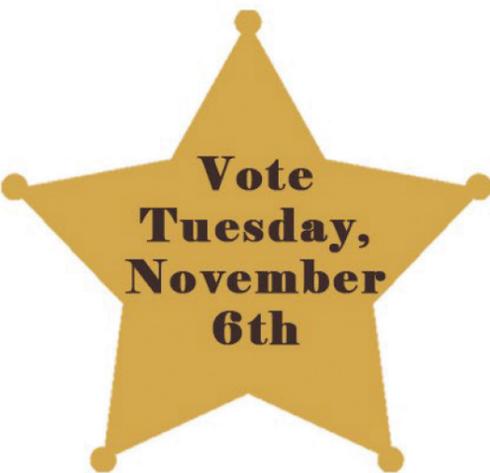
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