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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.

## Fall Property Taxes Due by Nov. 13

Fall property taxes are due on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Fall statements are not being sent out. Both spring and fall statements were sent out in the spring. For faster service, taxpayers may bring their B and C copies of tax statements. Taxes can be paid at the Henry County Treasurer's Office, 101 S. Main St., New Castle, or mailed to P.O. Box 1258, New Castle, IN. 47362. Payments can also be made at local banks or by credit card by calling 1-866-480-8552 or the county website at www.henryco.net. The treasurer's office is closed on Mondays. Hours are 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, call 765-529-4404.

## 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.

## K-town Church of God Concert Nov. 17

Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host monthly singing on Saturday, Nov. 17, featuring Larry Waters and Lifeboat. The 6 p.m. concert is free and open to the public.

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## Henry County Council to Get Three New Members

### Other Election Results Detailed

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

Due to problems with one of the county's new voting machines, it was after midnight before Henry County released results from Tuesday's elections, which revealed the Henry County Council will have three new members in January.

The county council seats District 1, 2 and 3 were the only Henry County offices up for election this year to feature more than a single candidate on the ballot. Eight other races for offices in Henry County were uncontested.

In the District 1 race, Republican Kenon Gray defeated Democrat Pat Cronk and Libertarian Jeremiah Morrell. Gray received 2,175 (52.9 percent) of the 4,108 votes cast, while Cronk finished with 1,443 votes and Morrell had 490.

Republican Chad Malicoat defeated Democrat incumbent Robin Reno Fleming in a close race for the District 2 seat. Malicoat collected 1,398 (54 percent) of the 2,591 votes cast, with Fleming receiving 1,193.

The District 3 race, like that for District 1, also featured three candidates, and, again, it was the Republican who won. GOP candidate Peggy Stefandel received 3,373 (70.9 percent) of the 4,760 votes cast, Democrat Dakota Clark finished with 1,115 votes and Libertarian Jesse Riddle had 272.

Only two of the township races in Henry County were contested. Republican Steve Thompson defeated Democrat Hannah Thomas for the Fall Creek Township Trustee position by collecting 1,113 (68.8 percent) of the 1,618 votes cast in that race, and Republican Lee Walker and Democrats Ashley Huffman and David Tyner took the three Henry Township Board seats with respective vote counts of 3,825, 3,298 and 2,987, defeating Democrat Melba McKnight (2,520) and Libertarian Frances Lewis (1,659).

The only municipality in Henry County to feature a contested race was Middletown, which had two at-large seats up for election. Republicans Daniel Fountain and Richard Schwalm were the two highest vote-getters, respectively receiving 297 and 198 of the 1,045 votes cast, besting independents

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## Waiting Game



Young Lincoln Roland waits patiently on one of the bench chairs and watches intently as his dad, Brandon Roland, talks to the third and fourth grade team he coaches during a timeout of the opening day games for Knightstown Boys Youth Basketball League last Saturday. (Stacy Cox photo)

## CAB Settles Final Case in 2016 Bus-Car Crash

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp.'s insurer has reached a settlement with the final person injured in a November 2016 accident involving a CAB minibus.

According to a settlement agreement dated Oct. 15, Knightstown resident Mervin Kilmer agreed to accept \$175,000 from CAB's insurer, bringing the total amount paid out to the three accident victims to \$1,335,000. The school district's insurer had previously settled claims with two

Knightstown women who were passengers in Kilmer's car, paying \$700,000 to Connie Caudill and \$460,000 to Sue Lawrence.

According to a notice of tort claim Kokomo-based attorney Mark Scott sent CAB in May 2017 on behalf of Kilmer, Caudill and Lawrence, the accident happened Nov. 17, 2016. Kilmer, Scott said in the notice, was driving his 1999 Honda Accord east on U.S. Hwy. 40 when a CAB minibus, driven south on County Road 425-East by Dennis Hurst, failed to stop at U.S. Hwy. 40 and drove into the path of

Kilmer's car.

As with the settlements reached with Caudill in August and Lawrence in September, Kilmer has agreed to forgo making any other claims against CAB, its insurer or Hurst as a result of injuries suffered in the accident. All three agreements state that the settlements are not intended to cover future medical costs, but, instead, were based on the claimants' current medical condition.

Kilmer, Caudill and Lawrence  
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## Carthage Formally Adopts 2019 Budget

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council voted during a brief special meeting last week to adopt the town's proposed budget for 2019.

According to the council's official notes, Council President Rachael Brown, Vice President Kelly Land and council members John Hancock and Ashley Davis voted 4-0 during their Nov. 1 special meeting to adopt next year's proposed budget. The council's fifth member, Charlie Watkins, was not in attendance.

During a public hearing on the budget held Oct. 22, Council President Rachael Brown had said next year's proposed budget is 3 percent higher than this year's. According to the Notice to Taxpayers the town published on the state's online Gateway system, the town's proposed 2019 budget, which now needs to be approved by the state, totals \$371,995.

In its Notice to Taxpayers, the town had estimated it would need to levy \$250,000 in local property taxes to fund next year's budget, an increase of \$51,032, or 25.6 percent, from the current tax levy of \$198,968. However, budget documents adopted last week list the needed tax levy for the 2019 budget at \$205,749, which is only a 3.4-percent increase.

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. The council revealed during the Oct. 22 budget hearing that the town had contracted with Gail

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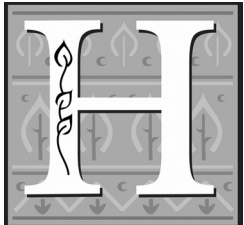




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Wanda Jones and Chaplin Mark Herbkersman will facilitate the group to discover tips for the holidays and encouragement for participants.

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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# OBITUARIES

### Sophia Mae Raines

August 6, 1923 - November 4, 2018



Sophia Mae Raines, 95, passed away Nov. 4, 2018, at her residence in Knightstown. She was born Aug. 6, 1923, in Riverside, Ky., to the late Vachel and Levia (Martin) Neighbors. Sophia loved to sew and worked as a seamstress at JC Penney. She was a member of Community Baptist Church in Knightstown, the Nameless Creek Literary Club and Merry Makers Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Boswell; a stepdaughter, Joanne Jacobson; three grandchildren, Mandy Sitler, Jeff Vickers and Steve Vickers; three siblings, Earline Brumit, Bernice Hartsock and Vester Neighbors; 10 great-grandchildren, Carrine Collier, Cory Sitler, John Dugan, Tiffany Raglin, Jordan and Derek Vickers and Kayla, Kristen, Tinley and Tula Vickers; eight great-great-grandchildren, Carson, Carlee, Colton, Cooper, Cora, Brayden, Rylee and Aubrey; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Walter Peay and Vincent Raines; and two brothers, Lester and Laten Neighbors.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Condo & St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory in Wilkinson. Burial will be at Washington Park East Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the funeral home. Please visit [www.condoandstpierre.com](http://www.condoandstpierre.com).

### Timothy E. Hamilton

April 21, 1962 - November 2, 2018



Timothy E. Hamilton, 56, of Knightstown, passed away Nov. 2, 2018, at his residence. He was born April 21, 1962, in Richmond.

Tim was self-employed construction worker and also worked for Stearns Construction Company. He was a member of Knightstown Christian Church. Tim had a big heart, a great sense of humor and loved entertaining family and friends. He especially loved playing with his grandchildren.

He is survived by two daughters, Heather McGlothlin of Knightstown and Holly Hamilton (Aaron Graham) of Shirley; four grandchildren, Kailey, Gage, Breanna and Makayla; his mother, Faye Chandler of Knightstown; his father, Donald E. (Elizabeth) "Sissy" Hamilton of Unionville; a brother, Tony E. (Terri) Hamilton of Knightstown; two sisters, Tonya E. Stearns of Charlottesville and Trudy E. (Michael) Heller of Carthage; several nieces and nephews; his former wife of 19 years, Karen Schutt of Knightstown, and her mother Patricia Dennis.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Tammy Marcum and Treva Hamilton; his maternal grandparents, Ersel and Betty Rhodes; his paternal grandparents, Mose and Cora Hamilton; and his father-in-law, Henry Ray Dennis.

Services will be held Thursday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m. at Marcum Community Funeral Home. Friends may call from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday prior to services. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown. Memorial contributions may be given to COPD Foundation 3300 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Miami, FL 33134. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.MarcumFuneralHome.com](http://www.MarcumFuneralHome.com).

## Area Workforce Development Needs Topic of Nov. 15 Seminar

Business leaders in eastern Indiana are invited to learn about the state's new Office of Work-Based Learning & Apprenticeship and how it can help address workforce development needs. The meeting is set for Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library, 376 S. 15th St.

The Office of Work-based Learning & Apprenticeship is part of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and was created in March by an executive order signed by Gov. Eric Holcomb. Business owners in DWD's Region 6 - Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne counties - are

invited. There is no cost to attend.

Darrel Zeck, the office's executive director, and Carrie Lively, its senior director, will provide an overview and also will be available to answer questions. The office is tasked with improving and creating state initiatives to increase "earn and learn" and other work-based learning opportunities throughout the state. Programs like Indiana's are gaining in prominence nationally as more employers struggle to fill jobs when unemployment is at or near historic lows.

Businesses can register at: [www.calendar.in.gov/site/dwd/event/region-6-business/](http://www.calendar.in.gov/site/dwd/event/region-6-business/).

## Some State Parks Offering Free Firewood

The public is invited to cut certain downed trees in designated areas at Brookville Lake and Whitewater Memorial State Park for firewood.

Trees eligible for firewood have fallen as a result of natural causes or have been dropped by property staff. They are along roadsides or in public areas such as campsites and picnic areas.

Permit sales and cutting begin Nov. 12 and end Feb. 28. The cost of one pickup-truck load is \$10. All proceeds will be used for resource management and restoration efforts, including replacement of trees in campgrounds and other public areas.

Permits are available at the Mounds State Recreation Area and

Whitewater Memorial State Park offices. The Mounds office is open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Whitewater office is open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, except Sunday and Wednesday.

A firewood permit must be obtained for each load. Permits are not available on observed state holidays or during deer reduction hunt days.

Wood may be cut and removed between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. daily. For more information, call 765-458-5565.

Firewood from state parks is for personal use only and cannot be sold.

The ban on transporting ash between Indiana counties no

longer exists because the emerald ash borer insect (EAB) is now widespread in the state.

Rules for bringing firewood to DNR properties remain in place. The DNR does not recommend long-distance movement of firewood of any species due to the potential for moving other insect pests and tree diseases beyond locally impacted areas. "Long-distance movement" is moving beyond the immediate county or surrounding counties.

Brookville Lake is at 3056 Quakertown Ramp Rd. Liberty, 47353.

Whitewater Memorial State Park is at 1418 S. S.R. 101, Liberty, 47353.

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# Two Days Remaining to Apply for Carthage C-T

Persons interested in applying to fill the Carthage Clerk-Treasurer vacancy have two days left to do so.

As previously reported in The Banner, Phil Caviness, chairman of the Rush County Republican Party has asked that letters of interest for this position be received by Friday, Nov. 9. Applicants should send their letters to Caviness at P.O. Box 621, Rushville, IN 46173, or email them to him at philcaviness@gmail.com.

Linda McMahan, who had served as Carthage Clerk-Treasurer since 2005, passed away Oct. 16 at the age of 65 following a long struggle with a variety of health issues. In months leading up to her death, McMahan had difficulty handling the town's finances, leaving budgeting and other financial issues unresolved.

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 RCRP will have the first opportunity to choose the town's next clerk-treasurer.

State statute normally requires major political parties like the RCRP 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 Caviness has done in the past.

State statute gives Caviness, who is also the Rush County Prosecutor, 30 days from the date he receives official 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.

If the council has to select 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.

In the event both Caviness and the town council fail to choose a new 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, who would also continue to serve on the council, would not 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 another town's clerk-treasurer or town council to

# OBITUARIES

## Isabelle J. Davies

May 8, 1927 - November 1, 2018



Isabelle J. Davies, 91, of Dunreith, passed away Nov. 1, 2018. She was born May 8, 1927, in Dixmoor, Ill., to the late Robert and Isabelle (Bates) Elsbury.

She retired from Bennett Industries in Peotone, Ill., on March 1, 1983. Isabelle loved animals, especially Weimaraner dogs, and raised ducks in her home. She enjoyed camping.

She is survived by four children, David (Laurie) Davies of Peotone, Ill., Daniel (Barbara) Davies of Yucaipa, Calif., Evelyn (Randy) Bane of Lafayette and Eric Davies of Morristown, Ariz.; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and three nieces.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Eric William Davies; a brother, Robert Elsbury; a sister, Betty Rumon; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Henry County Humane Society, 11 Midway Dr., New Castle, IN 47362. You may express condolences or share a memory of Isabelle at www.hinsey-brown.com.

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.

Please visit [thebanneronline.com](http://thebanneronline.com)

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF BIDS

The Henry County Surveyor's Office will receive bids for Improvements to the following three drains in Henry County:

- 562 Cary George/Lamberson Regulated Drain
- 526 John Judge Regulated Drain
- 511 William Cook/Fred Wissing Regulated Drain

Bids will be received at the Surveyor's Office in the Henry County Office Building, 1201 Race Street, New Castle, IN 47362 until 9:30 a.m. on the 14th day of November, 2018.

Bids will be evaluated based upon inspection, testing, quality, workmanship, delivery and suitability for particular purpose. The quote will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, except that Henry County Drainage Board retains the right to reject all bids when it is in the best interest of the county.

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

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## Fall and Horror Movies A Perfect Match

“Tell us where you are, Josh!”  
Every fall, since I first saw *The Blair Witch Project*, I can almost hear that terrifying shout in any forest I’m near. Anyone who’s seen that movie knows what I mean!

Some love it. Some hate it. It makes some people nauseous because they can’t hack the hand-held camera motion. But, mostly, people come down on one side or the other with the *Blair Witch*: They either treasure or despise the film; there’s seldom any middle ground.

Horror movies have a way of doing that to moviegoers. Many times, polarized by what they’ve seen, horror film watchers generally vote heavily in favor - or against - particular films.

Even scary movies that are held in wide esteem are sometimes disparaged by critics. As for the movie critic in me, I’m quite the same: I love some and hate others.

Autumn is a great time to watch horror movies. I think it has something to do with the weather.

Aside from Halloween, the change of seasons signals something else: death - and not as much in a literal sense as a figurative one.

The dying of the green - the summer to winter transition - is at its heart. Added to the obvious changes in the landscape, the earth’s tilt gives way to long shadows and shorter days that grow forebodingly dark in the way-too-early evening.

The cold doesn’t help. It goes straight to the bone. But, it drives us to our cozy couches where popcorn

and frightening films await.

So to me, fall is the right season for horror films. And here are some of my favorites. But, please, keep in mind that some of these films are not intended for kids.

*The Blair Witch Project* is in my top three of all time faves. But, it’s not my all-time favorite horror movie.

*The Shining* is. Not to be confused with any made-for-TV remake, *The Shining* I love, starring Jack Nicholson and Shelly Duvall, is a classic - not just in the horror genre, but in the entire world of film.

Stanley Kubrick’s masterful and haunting film still gives me goosebumps - mostly because of Nicholson’s stellar acting and that cavernous, desolate hotel. *The Shining* is a timeless class that, to me, never gets stale.

Of course, *The Exorcist* is right up there near the top. William Peter Blatty’s book of the same name comes to terrifying reality in William Friedkin’s 1973 supernatural tale.

I’ll spare you all the well-known details of then child actor Linda Blair’s on-screen antics. Suffice to say, *The Exorcist* still contains some of the most disturbing imagery in modern cinema. It’s an egregiously diabolical tale of demonic possession and Catholic exorcism techniques.

Supernatural scares aren’t the only stories that induce bad dreams, however. A 2008 movie starring Liv Tyler and Scott Speedman brought horror into the realm of realism. Isolated in a remote vacation home, Tyler and Speedman encounter a team of sinister,



## E-Scrabble Addiction Can Be Very Real

(Originally published Jan. 19, 2017)

“Words, words, words! My words fly up, my thoughts remain below. Words without thought never to Heaven go.”

— Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

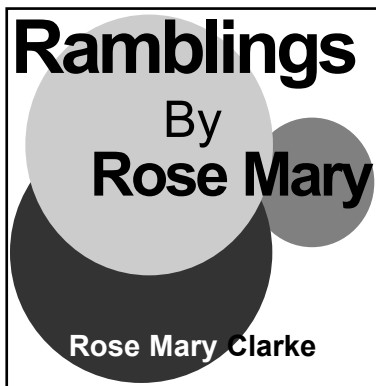
Oh dear! At age 80, I’ve become addicted! No, not to drugs or alcohol, although I do occasionally enjoy champagne, wine or a Margarita. However, I do understand what an addiction is.

A group of my high school girlfriends smoked clandestinely. We thought that we were so cool that we called ourselves — wait for it — “The Nine Nifty Nicitinos.” I became a two-pack-a-day addict. I quit cold turkey in my late 40s when a vascular surgeon said following an angioplasty, “If you don’t stop smoking, I guarantee you’ll be back on this table in a year with another tube up your femoral artery.” Eek!

I want a cigarette ... I want a cigarette ... I want a cigarette right now! One is never completely free of an addiction. Tobacco contains an upper, and I was happier when I smoked. I dare not take a single puff lest I become enslaved again. Fortunately, as soon as my mind moves on to something else, I’ll forget about cigarettes.

Addiction comes in many forms, be it drugs, alcohol, eating

too much or not enough, gambling, television, or sex. Some people lay their phones next to their plates while at a restaurant or watch them constantly while watching television or conversing. I read an amusing account by a *Knightstown Banner* writer about how a girl ran into his car in a gas station parking lot while texting a friend in the back seat! Then there’s the sad tale of former Congressman Wiener.



I felt smugly superior to the Facebook and Internet games addicts. No siree, I wouldn’t use my precious time goggling at a fancy telephone or iPad! I never played games on my laptop, and I’m only a Facebook voyeur — I watch, but never initiate anything.

My grandson, Chris, and his wife, Tasha, dragged me into cyberspace by giving me an iPad. I must admit that it’s wonderful.

They set me up with FaceTime so that I can see them and my precious great-granddaughter when we chat, as well as other family members. I found pictures of the hotel where we stayed in Paris. I can access my e-mail from it.

They also installed Scrabble on the pad, and therein lies my tale. I love words. My sister, Christine Jones, and I were vicious Scrabblers, but I had rarely played after her death. Electronic Scrabble is awesome! You can move tiles around on the grid to experiment with words, and it has an excellent dictionary. It refuses to let you play incorrect words, and it shows the players’ scores.

It all started so simply with Chris, Tasha, grandson Tony, Vicki and friend Jana. However, the system also shows the pictures and average word scores of people who are looking for opponents. I started playing with some of them, including a woman who lives in Tasmania. One thing led to another, and now I’m swamped with games.

The program sucks you in by asking both players at the end of a game if they want to play again. It appeals to one’s competitive nature by the count of losses and wins and lists people’s standing. Even though I greatly enjoy the game, do

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the many of you who sent donations for the Knightstown Habitat for Humanity Home.

We are grateful to Joe Peacock and his efforts to solicit donated supplies and volunteers to augment the project. We are still short \$2,500 and hope that others are able to contribute before year’s end.

We have the family selected and are only waiting on finalizing the mortgage. Our new family ought to be in before the end of the year.

We are grateful to all sub-contractors who participated. We are grateful for the local volunteers from the Knightstown Police Department and Vectren Gas.

It takes many partners to complete a project and Knightstown has shown the hope Habitat stands for to build affordable housing, one house at a time.

Alan McCraine, executive director  
Raintree Habitat for Humanity

Dear Editor,

We are witnessing the first reduction in life expectancy for young American adults since the 1960s as a result of overdoses and suicides. This chilling trend has left a lasting impact on our families, communities, and economy. According to a 2017 National Safety Council survey, 70 percent of employers reported their business had been affected by prescription drug abuse. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that prescription opioid misuse costs \$78.5 billion each year.

Despite the growing national attention toward mental health and addiction treatment, access to treatment is still met with immense barriers. For anyone who has attempted to get help for a loved one struggling with a mental illness or addiction; you most likely experienced a process that was difficult to navigate, or at worst, entirely unavailable. Our nation and elected leaders have the responsibility, and more importantly, the capability to turn this trend around.

With elections and new policies for 2019 on the horizon, here are three ways elected leaders, regulators and stakeholders can transform health costs and improve quality and access to life-saving mental health and addiction treatment:

**Include Mental Health in Health Coverage:** If there’s ever been a time to emphasize the importance of access to mental health services within our current commercial and public insurance plans, it’s right now. Often times, lawmakers will reduce consumer access to insurance in an effort to lower healthcare spending. However, this does not solve the root problem or save money. When consumers do not have access to mental health and addiction treatment services, their conditions typically worsen and they are more likely to require expensive forms of care to get back on track.

Physical and mental health are interrelated and contribute to a person’s overall health. For example, if an individual has diabetes and severe depression, treating their diabetes without addressing their depression will not get this person better. Public and commercial health plans should continue to safeguard the essential health benefits to ensure individuals have access to the support they need, when they need it most.

**Give Patients Access to Timely Care:** Today, the most costly form of healthcare is healthcare that does not work. Individuals in the depths of severe depression or on the brink of relapse need help and support today, not in a month, as is often the case due to significant wait times. Fortunately, we have the technology and capability to provide patients with care, but many hurdles stand in the way of providing timely care.

We must break down regulatory barriers that limit access to timely care, whether it’s received in-person or via telehealth. One way to do this is for lawmakers and regulators to continue to advance provisions that expand telehealth while simultaneously accelerating incentives for providers and

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# 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.

◆Mays Community Academy's **Lil' Tigers Academy**, a Level 3 Path to Quality pre-kindergarten program for children ages 3-4, is still enrolling new students. Full-day and morning-only programs are available. Morning-only preschool is 8:15-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. The full-day schedule is 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lunch and breakfasts are free for all students and snacks are provided for the full-day sessions. Students may also bring their lunch. Before-school care is available 7-8 a.m. and after-school care lasts from 3:30-6 p.m. Vouchers are accepted. For more information, contact preschool director Shannon New at 317-919-5347 or email her at shannonnew@mays.k12.in.us.

◆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.

◆Knightstown Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., will be launching a **youth group** beginning Friday, Nov. 16, from 5-7 p.m. The group is for area kids who are age 10 and older or fourth grade and above. For more information, call 765-491-8144.

◆Friends and family of Greg Back will be holding a **Hunt for the Cure benefit for Greg**, who is battling cancer, from 7-11 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Knightstown American Legion Post 152, 224 E. Main St. There will be a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing and raffle drawings for a hand-painted rifle, a handmade quilt, blacksmith knife, custom-painted guitar and much more! Live music will be provided by the Lee Whiteman Band, and a free sober ride service will be available. Online donations can be made at the kryptonite-is-real GoFundMe page.

◆The Central Wrestling Federation will present **Thanksgiving Bash '18** on Saturday, Nov. 17, at Carthage Community Church, 511 E. Second St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the bell rings at 7 p.m. Seven-dollar advance

tickets are available at Pavay's.

◆Fall property taxes are due on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Fall statements are not being sent out. Both spring and fall statements were sent out in the spring. For faster service, taxpayers may bring their B and C copies of tax statements. Taxes can be paid at the Henry County Treasurer's Office, 101 S. Main St, New Castle, or mailed to P.O. Box 1258, New Castle, IN. 47362. Payments can also be made at local banks or by credit card by calling 1-866-480-8552 or the county website at www.henryco.net. The treasurer's office is closed on Mondays. Hours are 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, call 765-529-4404.

◆Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., will host monthly singing on Saturday, Nov. 17, featuring **Larry Waters and Lifeboat**. The 6 p.m. concert is free and open to the public.

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

◆Walnut Ridge Friends Meeting will host its **"Country Christmas Bazaar"** on Friday, Nov. 30, 2:30 p.m.-7 p.m., in church's fellowship hall. A soup bar, homemade candies, cakes and pies, a craft sale, kids activities and family photos are all featured. The church is located at 8956 W. CR 800-N, Carthage.

◆**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.

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17 '66 Beatles hit (2 wds.)  
19 Animal's den  
20 Force into servitude  
21 Stopping  
23 Before

24 Dragon slayer of legend  
25 Mimic  
28 Negative word  
30 One, in Munich  
31 Small bills  
32 Elm or oak  
34 Rowed a boat  
38 *Boogie Nights* director's monogram  
39 "Peekaboo!"

44 Bullfight cheers  
45 Crazy or fry starter  
46 Pilotless aircraft (acronym)  
48 Superlative ending  
49 This partner  
50 From N.Y. to Calif.  
54 Peruvian river  
56 Millinery event (2 wds.)  
57 '74 Supertramp hit  
61 Sm. ornamental case  
62 *Home Alone* theme song, "Somewhere

64 Violently tear apart  
65 Ancient Iranian woodwind  
66 French 101 verb  
67 E. German speed-skating great  
68 WWII Allied targeted city  
69 Supremes singer

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1 Actress \_\_ Russo  
2 Most common element on earth  
3 Pulls behind  
4 Judd and Olsen

5 HVAC features  
6 Emancipate  
7 Wife of Pharaoh Mentuhotep II  
8 Put a law into effect  
9 Go back on one's word  
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11 Tiny margin (2 wds.)  
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13 Stuff to capacity  
18 Hearing organ  
22 Vowel quintet  
24 Filled with resolution  
25 Police officers  
26 Aware of  
27 Bosc or Bartlett  
29 Popular cookie  
33 Looks at  
35 *Goodbye, Columbus* author  
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37 Pub missile  
39 Gospel song recorded by Johnny Cash, "\_\_\_ Man"  
40 Ludlum thriller, *The \_\_\_ Weekend*  
43 Not indoors  
45 Early auto made by Stanley Motor Carriage Co.  
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51 Consumed  
52 Had a strong, offensive odor  
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## KIS Robotics Team Coach Anthony Kinnett Says He's Excited to Be Leading School's First Team

by Logan Cox  
for The Banner

"When I was in middle school at Shenandoah, I was in the robotics program there and I never forgot it as long as I went through my teacher education program at Wisconsin," said Anthony Kinnett, director of Knightstown Intermediate School's robotics program. "I just kept enjoying STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education. It was very big and very important to me."

Upon taking a job as a science teacher at KIS, Kinnett saw that the school did not have a robotics program like Knightstown High School and decided to start one up in order to provide kids with the same STEM education opportunities that he had.

"Anthony Kinnett is a young, motivated coach and teacher that really has these kids fired up," said Amanda Lund, a Knightstown resident heavily involved in the KIS robotics program.

So far Kinnett and his team of students have constructed four robots since the beginning of last year.

"We are heading to Indian Creek in Indianapolis on the 17th to compete in the First Lego League Regional competition," said Kinnett. "I think that they really do have a shot at placing in the top couple spots this year. They have done an amazing job; the robot they've built for this competition is pretty fantastic."

Both Kinnett and Lund have been very active in carrying out fundraising efforts to support the new program.

"We have been blessed to have some wonderful parents in our program, especially because of Amanda Lund. She has gone around to several businesses," said Kinnett.

They managed to acquire pledges of \$500 from Hoosier Feeder and \$200 from Raysville Friends,

with a goal to raise \$1,500.

"Our first competition is in December and our fundraising efforts have been generously rewarded by members of the community," said Lund.

Lund later added that the program received \$875 in donations as well as another \$250 in pledges. They were also given five tablets and Sphero robots as gifts from a local resident. Finally, they received a \$1,500 donation from CFH Enterprises.

Overall, more than \$3,500 has been raised in support of the robotics program, which Kinnett attributes in large part to the people of Knightstown's kindness and generosity.

"We really could not exist as a team without the support of our community, and we're very excited to put their names on our jerseys as we go to Indianapolis to compete this year," said Kinnett.

While Kinnett currently lives in Greenfield, he originally grew up near Middletown in northern Henry County.

He graduated from Muncie's Heritage Hall Christian School in 2013, and later attended Maranatha Baptist University. He studies education technology at Ball State University.

In addition to his work as a teacher and robotics director, Kinnett is also the head track coach at KIS.

"One point that I really would like to stress is that both the community of Knightstown and the parents of our students have made it so much easier to start this grassroots program here," said Kinnett. "That's something that the Knightstown community can be very proud of - that it strives to support young minds and STEM education. I have worked in a lot of different schools, both in Indiana and Wisconsin, and I have yet to find a school that has a community that is so willing to support us, both financially and with the resources that they've provided us."



## Brylin Toll Attends Rising Educators Conference

Twelve members of the Trine University Student Education Association (SEA) attended the Rising Educators Conference, sponsored by the Indiana State Teachers Association, Oct. 18-19 in Noblesville.

Brylin Toll of Carthage, majoring in elementary education/special ed dual licensure, was one of the students attending.

Ashley Overton, Ph.D., faculty advisor for SEA, accompanied the group and attended sessions alongside the students.

"I am extremely proud of our education students and their willingness to learn more about the

education profession," Overton said. "This weekend proved their commitment in wanting to enhance their teaching pedagogy, and I take pride in knowing that they will be teaching the next generation of students."

The ISTA Rising Educators conference supports the classroom preparedness and professional development needs of new teachers and college students planning to enter the education field. The weekend provided students an opportunity to connect with new educators as well as college students across the state majoring in

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masked killers in *The Strangers*.

Nope. Nothing supernatural here. Just random people in full-on kill mode, tormenting and torturing folks just for fun. The innocent Tyler and her jilted lover, Speedman, are as confused by the strangers' attacks as they are horrified. Yet, the onslaught continues.

Horror/sci-fi films are also good autumn film fare. In that genre, I recommend either the classic, *Alien*, or a more modern film, *Event Horizon*. *Alien* is way better than the latter, hands down, but, both are compelling, relatively believable and well-acted bits of movie fun.

More recently, three movies gave me a trip to Chillsville.

One was *The Witch*, a period film set in 1630s New England. A lone family carves their homestead in a seemingly empty wilderness. As they struggle to grow crops and survive, a callous evil asserts itself in shocking ways. Watch out for Black Phillip!

Set in contemporary times, several scenes from *It Follows* spooked me. A teenage girl who has sex with a new boyfriend contracts something much worse than a venereal disease - a supernatural entity that ceaselessly stalks and mutilates its victims.

The entity, which can change bodies and walks toward the girl with a terrifying, plodding, zombie-like gate, won't stop until its target is killed, or the target passes the curse on to another potential victim.

It may not sound that scary, but, to me, there's something extremely creepy about the entity's expressionless, unwavering pursuit.

Finally, this year's *Hereditary* borrowed a little bit from the classic *Rosemary's Baby* to create a chillingly nuanced and bizarre film. Another supernatural horror movie, *Hereditary* is definitely off the beaten path of typical horror films, and there are too many weird little details and shocking, unexpected developments to describe. So you'll just have to watch it yourself and thank - or curse - me later.

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education, and attend professional development session.

Students attended sessions including creating formative assessments using technology, and creating rockets and satellites with STEM. They also had the opportunity to talk with administrators across the state about difficult interview questions and response tips.

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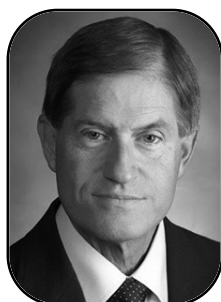
I want to devote so much of my precious, limited time to it?

My nephew, John Jones, understands. He said, "One of my sons started me playing Yatzee, which was fine. Then other relatives joined in, then their friends. My phone signaled whenever someone made a move, and I felt obliged to respond. Then I realized that I was being ruled by an electronic device. I had had enough. One day my son called and asked why I hadn't moved, and I said, 'That's because I quit.'"

Meanwhile, I'm wondering how to respond to a devilish, high-scoring word that an opponent has played. Help!

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# FOLKWAYS

## ARIES Accepting Grant Proposals

A local volunteer organization is accepting grant applications for programs related to substance abuse issues in Henry County. Abuse, Reduction, Intervention, Education and Support LCC of Henry County (ARIES), is accept-

ing program proposals. These proposals will be due by Dec. 4 for the 2019 calendar year, according to Butch Baker, ARIES board president. Application forms may be obtained from John Pennycuff at ICAP by calling 529-4403.

Program classifications fall into three categories. Prevention/education programs are aimed at deterring drug use. Informational, educational, or resistance skills providing an ongoing networking and

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## Indiana Grown Program Aims to Provide Schools Greater Access to Hoosier-Grown Foods, Drinks

The state's Indiana Grown program is teaming up with three organizations to provide Indiana school corporations greater access to local foods.

As part of a Farm to School grant, Indiana Grown is putting together a local school food resource guide and is looking for farmers, producers and businesses that are interested in selling their products. Some examples of these products include fruits, vegetables, proteins, grains and drinks, such as milk or juice.

"This partnership is all about equipping our school corporations with the tools they need to make better informed decisions when it comes to purchasing local foods," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's secretary of agriculture and rural development. "In order to do that, however, we need to know what local products are available in Indiana and who is interested in providing them."

Under the guidance of the Indiana State Department

of Health, the information gathered will be collated by Purdue Extension and developed into the *Indiana Grown for Schools Resource Guide*. Once the guide is complete, it will be distributed to all Indiana public school corporations by the Indiana Department of Education.

School food service directors can then use the guide to make more informed local purchasing decisions.

"Our mission is to connect Indiana producers with greater opportunities to market and sell their products," said Heather Tallman, Indiana Grown Member Development Program manager. "Through Indiana Grown for Schools, we're making that connection and educating food service buyers on the local options available to them."

Farmers, producers and businesses interested in selling their products must be located in Indiana and complete an online survey by 5 p.m. on Feb. 1. Participation in the survey is not a guarantee of sales.

## Health Insurance Marketplace Open Through Dec. 15

The Health Insurance Marketplace (Obamacare) open enrollment is on through Dec. 15 for new and returning enrollees. You can compare 2019 health plans and prices to your current coverage, update your application with any household or income changes and enroll in a plan.

The Marketplace (Obamacare) offers:

- Financial help based on fami-

ly size and income.

- Benefits such as doctor visits, hospital stays, prescriptions, laboratory and mental health services.

- Coverage of pre-existing conditions. No one can be denied coverage.

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Free local help for enrollment is available through ClaimAid at Henry Community Health at 599-3146 or 599-3179 and Interlocal

CAP at 529-4403. They also can assist with enrollment for Medicaid, the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and the Children's Health Plan (CHIP).

Henry Community Health and members of Henry Community Health Medical Group are participating in MHS (now Celtic Insurance) and CareSource plans. Additional information and the ability to enroll are also available at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).

## KES Posts First Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Knightstown Elementary School recently released its honor roll for the first nine weeks grading period.

Students earning honor roll recognition are detailed below.

### Second Grade – All A Honor Roll

Sophia Elizabeth Inez Daugherty, Samuel Zechariah Davis, Ashton Robert Gorman, Ezra Suzanne Gosser, Haley Kay Hedrick, Adeline Rae Hibbert, Katie Elizabeth Holliday, Joseph Ryder Houchins, Joshua Alan Johnson, Kasen Robert King, Eden Olivia Kissick, Madison Shay Livesay, Madalea Anna Lykens, Brennen Wyatt Mills, Taylor Abigail Sparks

### Third Grade – All A Honor Roll

Amelia Jane Bonham, Tessa Martyne Chew, Azlyn Nevaeh Collins, Jencyn Alan Decker, Lena Bell Dotson, Amber Lou Howell, Alexzander Charles Everett Lowery, Amelia Jean Lykens, Bayleigh Jo McMahel, Brigitte Lillianne Pierce, Jovie Belle Renie, Sarah Elizabeth Waymire, Elizabeth Corrine Wilkinson

### Second Grade – A/B Honor Roll

Abigail Juliet Amburgey, Liam Ryker Armstrong, Emily Buchanan, Ayden Bryce Burge, Adelyn Rae Carlson, Baylor Ray Clements, Jagger Wayne Cole, Gia Marie Coleman, Treyce Foley, Aryah Cheyenne Greer, Magdalin Rose Herron, Lydia Elaine Ann Hurst, Laela Jane Luckhaupt, Ryllynn Alexandria Midkiff, Jayden Miller, Allana Rayne Phipps, Bentley Charles Robinson,

Shaun Ivar Matthew Sims, Isabella Stelzel

### Third Grade – A/B Honor Roll

Leah Danielle Amburgey, Quinn Anderson Childress, Evan Matthew Darling, Ava Mae Davidson, Dylann Jaycie-Louise Fausnaugh, Landon Compton Gallien, Kaitlyn Olivia-Grace

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## Rena' Witham Makes Volleyball 1st Team All-State



Knightstown sophomore stand-out Rena' Witham led the Lady Panther volleyball team and the Tri-Eastern Conference in serving aces this year. She served 79 aces as a freshman and topped that with 89 aces during the 2018 season. With 168 aces, Witham set a new Knightstown High School school record for career aces and also for most aces in a single season. She was also second in the TEC in total digs with 485, just three behind the a Centerville senior who leads in digs. (Stacy Cox photo)

The Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association released the names of girls who have been named to the volleyball all-state teams.

Knightstown's Rena' Witham had a tremendous season that earned her a spot on class 2A's first team all-state.

Witham is joined on the first team all-state by two Shenandoah, Erikka Hill and Jayla Lewis. Also on the first team are two players from Alexandria Monrow, two from Lapel, two from Linton-Stockton and a player from Central Noble, Rossville and Tell City.

Two other Shenandoah players, Kamryn Buck and Kara Surguy, were named to the second team all-state.

## Elections, from Page 1

Dave Wagner (194) and Michael Cooper (179) and Democrat Steve Holmes (177).

In contested school board races, Brian Koontz and Johnny Cross won at-large seats on the Blue River Valley School Board, receiving 917 and 726 votes, respectively, defeating the other two candidates, Craig Gibson (666) and Terry Wallen (565). The 88 votes received by Shaun Lieberman and 64 cast for Marcie Jo Houghton were enough to secure two at-large seats on the Nettle Creek School Board, besting Jacob Thalls (59), Shawn Murphy (58), Theresa Berry (47) and Joe Sorrell (42). Cory Bennett's 2,339 votes won him a seat on the New Castle Community School Board, defeating Doris Addington-Brooks (1,496), Jaci Hadsell (1,429) and Forrest Plank (875), and Randy Paul's 729 votes got him an at-large seat on the South Henry School Board, with the other two candidates, Brian Schuyler and Lonnie Ferrell, receiving 366 and 347 votes, respectively.

The election results provided by Henry County did not list the total number of voters who cast ballots or the total number of registered voters in the county. It was, therefore, not possible for The Banner to determine how large voter turnout was in Henry County.

To the south, Rush County had only two contested races for county office in Tuesday's elections, with the six other candidates seeking county office having no opponents. According to the county's election summary report, voter turnout in Rush County was nearly 57.4 percent, with a total of 6,189 of 10,784 registered voters voting.

In the race for Rush County Sheriff, Republican Allan Rice received just over 62 percent percent of the 5,884 votes cast in that race, while his opponent, independent candidate Randy Meek, had nearly 38 percent. When he takes office in January, Rice will replace James Cowan, a one-term sheriff who did not seek reelection.

The second contested race in Rush County was for the county commissioner seat for the North District. Republican incumbent Paul Wilkinson easily held on to that seat, with just over 68 percent of the 6,012 ballots cast being for him and his Democratic opponent, Craig Custer, receiving almost 32 percent.

At the township level in Rush County, there were two contested races, with the results being much closer than the sheriff and county commissioner contests. Democrat Mike Mahan edged out independent John Saxon in the race for Walker Township Trustee, taking 55 percent of the 298 votes cast in that race, while the Republican trio of Joshua Brinson, David Smith and Zachary Taylor claimed the three seats on the Posey Township Board, respectively receiving 240, 272 and 267 of the 1,006 votes cast, just enough to best Democrat Angela Kuhn, who received 227 votes.

There was one contested school board race in Rush County. Jeffrey Amos received 2,414 of 4,568 votes cast (52.9 percent) in the race for the District 1 seat on the Rush County School Board, defeating Scott Ripberger, who received 2,154 votes.

Most of the offices up for election this fall in Henry and Rush counties will be filled by candidates who faced no opposition on Tuesday. In Henry County, elections for eight county offices, the office of prosecutor and judges for two of the county's three courts featured only one candidate, while the same was true in Rush County for six county offices, the office of prosecutor and one of the county's judges.

Henry County candidates who were unopposed Tuesday include the following Republicans: Jenny Grubbs (Clerk); Debra Walker (Auditor); Linda Winchester (Recorder); Bill Upchurch (Treasurer); Ric McCorkle (Sheriff); Jodi Brown (Assessor); Ed Tarantino (County Commissioner-North); and Susan Huhn (County Council - Dist. 4). Republicans Joe Bergacs (Prosecutor), Kit Crane (Judge - Circuit Court 2) and David McCord (Circuit Court 3) were also unchallenged in Tuesday's elections.

Rush County candidates who had no electoral opposition included Republicans Kevin Spillman (Recorder), Mary Ann Bridges (Assessor), Ralph Adams (County Council - Dist. 1), Steve McCorkle (County Council - Dist. 2), Scott Barnes (County Council - Dist. 3) and Janet Kile (County Council - Dist. 4). Republicans Phil Caviness (Prosecutor) and David Northam (Judge - Circuit Court) also had no challengers.

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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.



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# Kwisz Sinks 13 Threes, Weaver Drains 11 in Shooting Contest

Knightstown Boys Basketball League kicked off its season last Saturday.

As part of its opening day activities, a three-point shooting contest was held for the fifth-sixth grade players following the games.

It was an exciting showdown with Kelton Weaver knocking down 11 threes in the one minute timed event.

He held the lead until the last shooter, Branigan Kwisz stepped up for his turn. Kwisz drained 13 long-range shots to win the contest, thrilling all his fellow players, including Weaver.



Kelton Weaver (left) and Branigan Kwisz (right) can out on top in the three-point shooting contest last Saturday. (Stacy Cox photo)

# Knightstown Cheer Team Takes Third at State Finals



Knightstown cheerleaders react when they are announced as third place winners in the Varsity D division at Saturday's state finals of the Indiana Cheer Championships, an event sponsored each year by the Indiana Association of School Principals. Though disappointed, the Panther cheer team topped five other competing teams at the competition.

Prior to the awards ceremony, the cheerleaders helped put away the mats before all the schools' teams filled the New Castle Fieldhouse floor for some dancing while they waited for the judges to finish scoring their routines. (Stacy Cox photos)

# Another Central Wrestling Federation Event Scheduled for Nov. 17 in Carthage

The Central Wrestling Federation will present Thanksgiving Bash '18 on Saturday, Nov. 17, at Carthage Community Church, 511 E. Second St.

In the title match, champion "Too Cool" TJ Kemp will try to hold off challenger "Bad Boy" Billy Bart.

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Doors open at 6 p.m. and the bell rings at 7 p.m.

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# Two Replacements Still Sought for Knightstown Parks Board

The town of Knightstown is still in need of two people to fill vacancies left on the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board after recent resignations.

As previously reported in The Banner, the park board has lost two of its five members over the past couple of months. Jeffrey Van Hoy submitted his resignation in early September, and Jacob Hart's resignation was announced at the Knightstown Town Council's Oct. 18 monthly meeting.

With just three members left – President Suzee Neal, Vice President Bruce Brown and Jan McGuire – the park board has the bare minimum required to have a quorum that allows it to meet and conduct official business. Until replacements for Van Hoy and/or Hart are found, the state's Open Door Law prevents the board from meeting if even one of the three remaining members were to be absent.

The problem of having only three members became evident earlier this week. The park board had been scheduled to hold its November monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 5. The Banner was notified by email that day, however, that "due to illness and injury," that night's meeting was being canceled. It has not yet been rescheduled.

The Knightstown Town Council is the body responsible for appointing the park board's four regular members, who must be residents of Knightstown. The park board's fifth member is an ex officio member appointed by the Charles A. Beard School Board – a position now held by Neal, who also sits on the CAB School Board – and that person can live outside of Knightstown, but must reside within the CAB district.

Whether the town council appoints replacements for Van Hoy and Hart remains to be seen. As

The Banner previously reported, the town council voted in September to take an initial step toward dissolving the park board.

Council President Sarah Ward told The Banner that in light of the council's interest in dissolving the park board, she sees no point in trying to fill these vacancies. The town's attorney, however, has advised the council that the park board should continue to operate as normal until it is formally dissolved, and that the council should try to fill any vacancies on the board.

The town council passed a resolution at its Sept. 20 monthly meeting stating it plans to dissolve the park board. State statute requires the council to wait at least 180 days after passage of that resolution before it can take final action on it.

Once the 180 days have passed, the council will need to hold a special public meeting to go over 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.

## Settlement, from Page 1

all agreed to pay out of their settlements any amounts paid out by Medicare to cover treatment for their injuries, should Medicare demand reimbursement. A portion of their settlements will also likely go to their attorney to cover his fees.

As is often the case with settlement agreements like this, CAB has admitted no liability with respect to the accident. The sizable settlement amounts paid out without the claimants having to resort to filing a lawsuit against CAB and the bus driver, however, give a pretty clear indication of who CAB's insurer felt was responsible for the accident.

CAB Superintendent Jed Behny had previously declined to comment on the settlements reached with Caudill and Lawrence for a story The Banner published in late September due to the fact that Kilmer's claim was still outstanding. Now that Kilmer has also reached a settlement, The Banner again reached out to Behny for comment.

"There is certainly nothing good to say about an accident that has affected so many people's lives," Behny said in an email sent to The Banner Tuesday morning. "I am, however, appreciative of all of the efforts that have gone in to resolving these claims."

What effect these settlements will have on CAB's insurance premiums is still not known. Behny has told The Banner he expects these claims will result in an increase in insurance costs, but said the amount of the increase won't be known until a proposal for next year's coverage is received from the insurer.

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## Budget, from Page 1

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In other recent business, the town council voted during an Oct. 29 special meeting to approve payment of 152.5 hours of comp time to Josh Douglas, the town's works manager, and 77.25 hours to town employee Hershel Kaster. The council also voted at that meeting to pay a \$51.84 bill to Northern Safety and Industrial for protective eyewear.

One claim that still remains unpaid is \$103,576.95 owed to Smith Projects Inc., the Maxwell-based company hired to make improvements to the town's downtown area earlier this year. At the Oct. 29 special meeting, Hancock said he had been recently contacted by an SPI employee about this matter.

"They are very eager to find out when they're going to get paid," Hancock said. With the clerk-treasurer's position now vacant, he said he told the SPI employee this claim likely won't be paid until someone is chosen to replace McMahan.

"I know that they want their money," Brown said. "I want them to have their money." But, agreeing with Hancock, she said the town needs to get a new clerk-treasurer before a claim of that size can be paid.

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