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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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Hunt for the Cure Fundraiser Dec. 8

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.

Walnut Ridge Hosting Bazaar

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

Lil' Tigers Academy Accepting Students

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. Vouchers are accepted. For more information, contact preschool director Shannon New at 317-919-5347 or email her at shannonnew@mays.k12.in.us.

KUMC Cookie Walk Saturday, Dec. 8

Knightstown United Methodist Women are sponsoring their inaugural Christmas Cookie Walk from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, in the KUMC Fellowship Hall, 27 S. Jefferson St.

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CAB, South Henry Schools Show ISTEP+ Improvement

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Results released by the Indiana Department of Education last month show that, on average, results on last spring's ISTEP+ exam were down a bit from the year before, but several area school corporations saw some improvement in student pass rates.

Statewide, 64.1 percent of students passed the English/language arts (ELA) part of the test, 58.3 percent passed the math portion and 50.7 percent passed both sections. All three of these measures reflect a slight drop from 2017 when the pass rates for the ELA, math and combined portions of the test were, respectively, 65.2 percent, 58.5 percent and 51.4 percent.

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. and South Henry Schools were the only two Henry County school districts to show improvement over the prior year. The county's other three school districts, Blue River Valley, New Castle and Shenandoah all saw their students' pass rates drop across the board.

Both CAB and South Henry saw increases in the percentage of students passing the math portion and those who passed both the ELA and math sections. The pass rates for the ELA portion alone, however, dropped at both schools.

CAB saw the pass rate for the math section of the test climb from 54.5 percent to 56.7 percent, and the percentage of students passing

both the math and ELA parts of the test rose from 46.6 percent to 49 percent. The pass rate for the ELA portion by itself, however, fell from 66.5 percent to 65.8 percent.

At South Henry, the percentage of students passing the math part of the test rose from 41.5 percent to 44.7 percent, while 38.6 percent of South Henry students passed both sections of the test, up from 38.5 percent last year. On the ELA part of the test, South Henry's pass rate dropped from 58.7 percent to 54.1 percent.

BRV, New Castle and Shenandoah recorded pass rates of 65.8 percent, 59.3 percent and 72.6 percent, respectively, on the ELA part of the test, and 49.5 percent, 55.3 percent and 68.5 percent on the math section. The pass rates for both sections were 41.2 percent at BRV, 47.3 percent at New Castle and 60.3 percent at Shenandoah.

Three other area school districts - Greenfield-Central Community Schools, Rush County Schools and Mays Community Academy - all recorded higher pass rates for ELA and math sections individually, and for those students who passed both sections. Eastern Hancock Schools had higher pass rates this year on the ELA section and for those students passing both the ELA and math sections, while the pass rate for the math section alone dropped slightly.

Of the nine school districts The Banner looked at, MCA, a charter

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C.A. Beard Memorial School Corp. Spring 2018 ISTEP+ Test Results*

	% Pass English/Lang. Arts	% Pass Math	% Pass Eng./LA and Math
Knightstown Elem.			
Gr. 3	84.4 (73.9)	77.9 (67.0)	(60.2)
Knightstown Int.			
Gr. 4	67.9 (66.7)	58.0 (60.5)	72.7 (49.3)
Gr. 5	57.3 (58.5)	72.0 (67.5)	51.9 (50.0)
Gr. 6	62.8 (63.5)	53.4 (53.5)	52.0 (44.7)
Gr. 7	57.3 (70.4)	33.3 (42.7)	44.2 (41.3)
Gr. 8	66.2 (65.8)	50.0 (34.2)	31.5 (32.9)
CAB Totals	65.8 (66.5)	56.7 (54.5)	49.0 (46.6)
State Averages	64.1 (65.2)	58.3 (58.5)	50.7 (51.4)

*The source for the above data is the Indiana Department of Education. The figures in parentheses reflect the percentages from the 2017 spring test.

Mays Community Academy Spring 2018 ISTEP+ Test Results*

Grade	% Pass English/Lang. Arts	% Pass Math	% Pass Eng./LA and Math
3rd	91.3 (72.2)	78.3 (52.8)	69.6 (50.0)
4th	69.4 (56.5)	61.1 (43.5)	55.6 (34.8)
5th	56.5 (40.0)	65.2 (55.0)	39.1 (30.0)
6th	88.2 (50.0)	88.2 (18.8)	76.5 (18.8)
MCA Totals**	74.7 (57.9)	70.7 (45.3)	58.6 (36.8)
State Averages	64.1 (65.2)	58.3 (58.5)	50.7 (51.4)

*The source for the above data is the Indiana Department of Education. The figures in parentheses reflect the percentages from the 2017 spring test.

**Because Mays Community Academy did not have grades 7 and 8, its 2018 test scores are based only on the performance of students in grades 3-6.

Ice Storm Wreaks Havoc on K-town Power Lines

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The ice storm that hit much of central Indiana late last Wednesday and early Thursday led to numerous power outages for Knightstown utility customers and made for a very trying and long work day for town employees.

Knightstown's utility office received its first report of a power outage at just past 4:30 a.m. last Thursday. By the time of the Knightstown Town Council's regular monthly meeting that evening, there had been a dozen distinct outages affecting many of the town's electric customers.

Randy Anderson, the town's works manager and head of the water utility, normally provides a report on utility issues at the council's meetings. However, because he and three other town employees were in Raysville that night dealing with one final power outage, it was Mike Hill, a town utility technician, who gave an abbreviated monthly report to the council.

Hill focused primarily on the power outages caused by the ice storm and the response by town employees and workers from ISC, the outfit the town has hired to deal with most of the town's electrical issues. He said he and Anderson had both received more than 50 calls apiece that day regarding power outages, and utility clerk Savannah Goodpaster told the council the utility office had received more than

300 calls from utility customers that day.

"It's been a challenge, but it's been a fun challenge," Hill said.

Hill noted that there had been a lot of negative posts on social media about the power outages and the efforts of the town and ISC to address these problems. Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman said that town employees had been subjected to angry, rude outbursts from some utility customers.

"It's been a tough day for everybody," Huffman said. "... We never want customers to be without power for any amount of time."

Initially, Huffman told the council, it had been thought that power might not be restored for many electric customers until 3:30 that afternoon. Thanks to the diligent efforts of the town and ISC, however, she said most of the outages were resolved earlier than that.

"The lack of civility, understanding and appreciation by some of our citizens is just appalling," Council President Sarah Ward said.

Hill said that not all of the feedback on social media had been negative. He also said he thought this situation should be used as a learning opportunity so that the town and ISC are able to respond better the next time there are widespread outages.

Council members Landon Dean and Mitch Roland both praised town employees for their

efforts to restore power to utility customers as quickly as possible. Roland said that any customers who have complaints should bring them directly to the council instead taking out their frustrations on town employees, and Ward said utility customers should be urged not to call more than once to report outages and seek updates.

In other utility-related matters, Hill reported that an excavating company doing work in town had hit and damaged a water line on North Jefferson Street while installing underground electrical service. He also told the council that a couple of sewer line issues had been brought to the town's attention, but that only one would need to be fixed by the town; the other, he said, was the responsibility of the homeowner.

The council also voted at last week's meeting to approve selling to ISC most of the inventory and equipment that had been maintained by town's electric department for \$65,000. Ward said that the town will be holding on to the smaller of the town's two bucket trucks.

Huffman said ISC will likely continue to store the inventory of electrical supplies and equipment in Knightstown. She said the town will work with ISC to negotiate a rental fee for use of town property for that.

The council also heard a brief update on the

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OBITUARIES

Betty Kirk

April 6, 1929 - November 12, 2018



Betty Kirk, 89, of Knightstown passed away Nov. 12, 2018, at Heritage House Nursing Home. She was born April 6, 1929, in New Castle to the late Ernest and Alta (Winkler) Mendenhall.

She was a 1949 graduate of New Castle High School. Betty enjoyed reading, crocheting, working crossword puzzles and spending time with her family. She was retired from Katz, Sapper & Miller Accounting Firm in Carmel.

Survivors include her two children, Pamela Sickels and Richard Kirk; two grandchildren, Eric (Andrew) Sickels and Amy (Todd) Hughes; two great-grandchildren, Kaitlynn and Quinton McIntyre; two brothers, David Mendenhall and Jeff (Jewel) Mendenhall; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Harold E. Kirk; two sisters, Norma Boggs and Patricia Kelly; and a brother, William Mendenhall.

Graveside services will be at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, at Glen Cove Cemetery, Section 21, in Knightstown. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lions Club International. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service Knightstown Chapel. You may express condolences or share a memory of Betty at www.hinsey-brown.com.

High School Students Invited to Pitch Ideas

Applications for the 2019 "Innovate WithIN" pitch competition, a statewide initiative hosted by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), Indiana Department of Education (DOE) and Ball State University, are now open to high school students across Indiana. Student teams are invited to submit video pitches online before Feb. 6, 2019, and new to this year's program, middle school students interested in entrepreneurship are invited to register for workshops offered at the regional competitions in early 2019.

"As a state, we're committed to cultivating Indiana's entrepreneurial ecosystem and that effort begins in the classroom," Gov. Eric Holcomb said. "Through this unique partnership, Innovate WithIN is encouraging Hoosier students to hone their creativity and critical thinking skills to come up with innovative ideas that solve 21st century problems. We're excited to kick off this second

annual pitch competition and can't wait to see the game-changing ideas our students develop."

Innovate WithIN, which is in its second year, gives Hoosier students the opportunity to create their own business plans and showcase entrepreneurial ideas throughout the state. The overall winners of the state competition will each receive a \$10,000 cash prize, \$10,000 toward one year of in-state tuition, internship opportunities and mentoring services.

Participants are invited to work individually or in small groups to submit an innovative idea for a business, product, service or venture. Students will then receive feedback from experienced professionals while competing against like-minded youth from across Indiana through three rounds:

*Round One: Video pitch submissions due Feb. 6

*Round Two: Regional pitch competitions hosted from March 4 to March 15

*Final Round: State pitch competition for regional finalists hosted in April

After completing video pitches and regional competitions, the finalists from each region will be invited to Indianapolis for the final round of the competition, pitching their ideas to a panel of judges from Indiana's entrepreneurial community.

"The university is proud to partner again this year with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and the Indiana Department of Education on a pitch competition that is bolstering the next generation of entrepreneurs around the state," said Ball State President Geoffrey Mearns. "This association is a natural fit for us because Ball State has long been associated with innovation and entrepreneurship--100 years ago the University was founded by five Ball brothers, who were major industrialists of their time. We were founded by

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The Town of Knightstown Welcomes All Members of the Community to a

Special Reception Honoring JOE and DENISE PEACOCK

on Friday, Nov. 30, from 2-4 p.m.

in the Knightstown Town Council's Chambers at 28 S. Washington St.

The Knightstown Town Council wishes to recognize the Peacocks, who recently stepped in to take ownership of, and save, the Knightstown Academy Place Apartments, ensuring that residents who live there can continue to call the historic building their home.

Without the Peacocks' timely intervention, the federal government would have had no other option but to evict the building's tenants and offer them vouchers to help them relocate elsewhere, then close the building and try to auction it off to the highest bidder.

The Knightstown Town Council is hosting this reception so that members of the community can meet Joe and Denise and thank them for their efforts to preserve the Academy Place Apartments, and for their many other contributions to help improve the Knightstown community.

All members of the community are welcome to attend next week's reception. Joe and Denise will both be on hand to meet everyone and answer any questions they may have.

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K-town Residents Worried About Local Man's Dogs

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Concerns over the type of dogs a Knightstown business owner wants to keep at a residential property his family purchased on East Main Street were addressed by the Knightstown Town Council last week.

Town Council President Sarah Ward told Lau Ghioc, owner of All Handy Supply & Hardware in Knightstown, that some citizens had expressed concerns about his plans to keep two Caucasian shepherds in a kennel behind the house.

Ghioc said the town's police chief, Chris Newkirk, had given him a copy of a town ordinance that prohibits animals deemed vicious or dangerous from being kept within town limits. He asked how a determination is made as to whether an animal is vicious or dangerous.

Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, said that the terms "vicious" and "dangerous" are defined in the ordinance. While he didn't have the ordinance right in front of him, he said that, generally, speaking, a vicious or danger-

ous animal is one that would have a propensity to bite or inflict injury.

Ghioc said that any breed of dog could probably meet that standard, including the Knightstown Police Department's recently acquired K-9. Morelock said the police department's dog is exempt from the restrictions of the town ordinance.

The Caucasian shepherd, Ghioc told the council, is a large breed of working dog that has been in Europe and Asia for thousands of years. He said the breed is recognized by the American Kennel Club and has been in the U.S. since 1991.

According to Ghioc, the Caucasian shepherd is often used to protect livestock, and is also sometimes used in rescue situations. He said they are a very intelligent breed, but said they are also "very territorial."

Mike Hill, the town's assistant works manager, asked Ghioc how the presence of the dogs might affect the ability of town employees to read utility meters. Ghioc said he plans to have the electric meter moved so that it would be outside the fenced-in area.

"That will not be an issue," Ghioc said.

Morelock suggested council members review information online about this dog breed, paying particular attention to details about behavior and temperament. He said a quick search he had done just then revealed that the dogs are "only suitable to protect property" and generally do not make good family pets.

"Around my family, they know how to behave," Ghioc said. "... Any dog ... can be trained to be dangerous and violent."

Ben Bowling, the town's building inspector/zoning administrator, told the council someone had complained to him that Ghioc was building a kennel to hold "killer dogs." He said he had issued a building permit to Ghioc, who he said had followed town regulations regarding the construction of the kennel area.

Council Vice President Kevin Knott said that night's meeting was the first he had heard about this issue. He asked Morelock whether this is a common issue for towns and who would be liable if one or both of the dogs got out and injured someone.

"The liability is completely on the homeowner," Morelock said.

Morelock also told the council that just because a particular breed has a questionable temperament, that doesn't necessarily carry over to individual dogs. He said he didn't think the council had enough information about Ghioc's dogs to

determine whether they would qualify as vicious or dangerous.

"(Ghioc) assures me they are not vicious," Bowling told the council, noting that the permit he issued was simply for construction of the kennel, not authorizing the dogs.

In this types of situations, Morelock said the town is put in a

position where it can only be reactive, responding once something happens. If the dogs are kept under control and nothing bad happens, then he said he didn't see how they could be deemed to be vicious or dangerous.

"We thought it was important to find something out before anything happens," Ward said.

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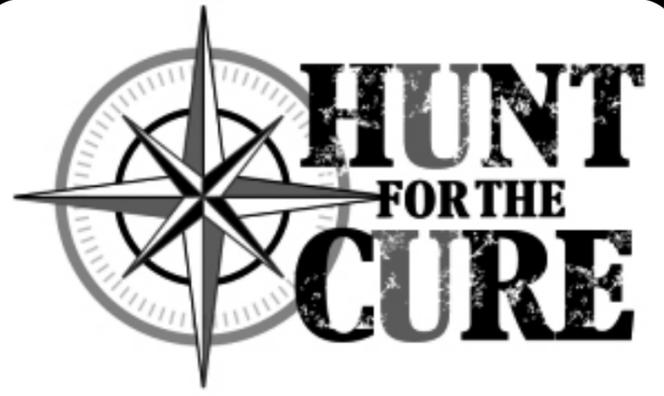
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Banner PERSPECTIVES

Remembering Mr. Williams' Departure

I was the first kid at Douglas A. MacArthur Elementary School to do the ol' "Nanu-nanu" handshake from *Mork and Mindy*, that hilarious old TV show that introduced Robin Williams to the world.

Some of my friends at that time had seen the show, too. They got a kick out of my Mork impersonations. My teachers weren't as thrilled, but they indulged me.

I choked back the tears when I heard, back in 2014, Mr. Williams was gone. I thought of all the laughs he'd given me and my family over the years. Those thoughts made me laugh. And I found myself in that unique and puzzling position of wanting to cry as I laughed.

That's different, of course, than laughing until one cries. In that scenario, we're laughing first - not the other way around.

But, there I was, practically in vapor lock as we watched the news reports about his suicide.

How, we wondered, could one be so full of energy and life and humor and wit - and be so darned sad at the same time?

I simply can't fathom it. But, it happens all the time. It called to mind my friend, Rick Dawson. We all miss him. And, like Robin Williams, his death puzzled us.

Depression is a serious thing. But, we rarely see it. It gets buried under all kinds of stuff. In Williams' case, he apparently covered it with alcohol and, of course, humor. Those of us who don't understand depression are often thrown off by the colorful packaging. What lies within is sometimes not what's advertised on the outside.

That's such a sad thing. Because, if we could see what's truly inside someone, we might be able to offer a helping hand or a sympathetic ear that could help

stem the flow of negative thoughts - thoughts that sometimes lead really good people to the dismal doors of desperation. Some take the next step and pass through those doors. Others linger on the outside and never go inside.

Those of us left outside often struggle to understand. Most of us are left without answers to the painful question: "How could it have gotten this bad?"

Sometimes, it's not ours to understand. We just have to accept it. It hurts, yes. But, our pain of loss must pale in comparison to what the depressed must feel daily, hourly. How does one argue with that?

Well, quite simply, we don't.

Robin Williams was apparently a perfect yin-yang symbol - a human with as much dark in his soul as light - the light that doubled me over with laughter in *Patch Adams* or my personal favorite, *Good Morning, Vietnam*.

There again, I laughed and cried at the same time as he cracked up the troops heading off to battle. So close he was to the Adrian Cronauer character in real life that I can almost imagine his sentiments as he watched young men bound for bloody conflict and the need he must've felt to send them off to the horrors of war with one last giggle, one last deep belly laugh.

To me, that's what Robin Williams really stood for. It's what he was about.

He took his own internal pain and forged it into comedy that could salve the world's collective pain. He had so much to give, and he wasn't afraid to share his mountains of energy.

Maybe all the sadness in his soul was necessary to provide all that happiness for all those years.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This holiday season, will you be among 83 percent of consumers who plan to do some portion of their holiday shopping at a small, independently owned retailer or restaurant?

These types of businesses are what keep our small communities thriving. Up and down rural main streets, shopkeepers are readying their stores for the season. They welcome shoppers from their communities and those who are just visiting. Business owners are even stocking rolls of wrapping paper to provide added value when you spend your money with a local retailer.

In support, shop local events are popping up across America. One such celebration in Fremont, Nebraska, is planned hour by hour and block by block. Participating store owners are giving away treats, cider, and cocoa; hosting live music; and holding drawings. The event will be held on Nov. 24, which is Small Business Saturday, a holiday that began nine years ago promoting #ShopSmall.

Small Business Saturday has a positive impact on communities, according to 97 percent of consumers who plan to shop small on that day, found in a report by the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

That proves main street businesses are an important part of our life in rural America. I am part of the 9 in 10, or 91 percent, of consumers who believe it's more important than ever to support small businesses this holiday season. Are you?

During this holiday season, and year round, #ShopSmall. Support your community, your friends, and your way of life. When local businesses succeed, we all win.

Rhea Landholm
Center for Rural Affairs

Dear Editor,

In 2017, and again in 2018 Representative Curt Nisly introduced the Protection at Conception bill, to protect all pre-born babies from the moment of conception to natural death, but Representative Ben Smaltz, House Speaker Brian Bosma's hand-picked chair of the House Public Policy Committee, refused to give the bill a hearing or a vote.

Ben Smaltz, his puppet master Brian Bosma, and other lackluster legislators use difficulty as a reason to do nothing, citing various reasons why ending the murder of 8,000 precious Hoosier babies every year is just too difficult.

I would remind them of the wisdom I gleaned from my mother, who survived the Great Depression. Whenever I whined and opined "I can't" my mom would look me in the eye, and admonish me in a stern voice that commanded attention, "Can't never did anything".

Another tidbit of truth that might motivate our lethargic legislators is attributed to Henry Ford who said, "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't - you're right"

But the best response of all is from the Kutless song "What Faith Can Do" which sings "It doesn't matter what you've heard, impossible is not a word, just a reason for someone not to try."

Representative Curt Nisly plans to introduce the Protection at Conception bill again in the 2019 session. I ask our pro-life legislators to consider the advice given above, and try. Just do it. It won't be easy, but 8,000 Hoosier babies are worth the effort.

Support life at www.Hoosiers4life.com.

Jim Arnold
Muncie

Dear Editor,

Every November, Americans gather with family and friends to celebrate
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We Owe It All to Our Wonderful Moms

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"You may have tangible wealth untold, caskets of gold.

Richer than me you can never be —

I had a mother who read to me."

- Strickland Gillian, *The Reading Mother*

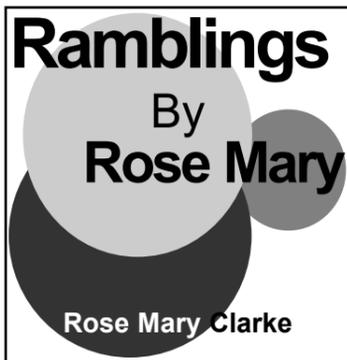
I'll return to my columns about aging after Mother's Day. Two years ago, Eric Cox, publisher of the Banner wrote a loving essay entitled, "Nice Try, But My Mom's the Best!" He said, "Many will disagree and claim that their moms are best, but I know better." Sorry, Eric, you're wrong. Here's the story of Ruth Kelly Gard Wallace:

Born in 1899, when she finished the eighth grade my skinflint grandfather — himself a teacher! — told Mother she'd have to earn her living, so she kept house for a physician and married when she was 16. She often said, "To me, Heaven will be where I'll sit at the feet of great scholars and get the education that I never had."

My father being too proud to accept government relief, my family went hungry during the Depression. Mother felt that two of the seven babies that she carried were stillborn because she was so malnourished. After Daddy

became blind, she worked as a floral designer at the Knightstown Greenhouse where women were paid far less than the men. She supplemented her meager income by babysitting to help me attend college.

After Daddy's death, she married my stepfather and was never poor again. When Edgar died, she



resumed her frugal habits so she could leave "a little something" to her children. Mother was generous with others and donated heavily to charities, but she could make a dime squeak. She dearly loved bacon, but she'd cut a pound cross-wise into three parts, use one for bean seasoning and eat the other short slices only two at a time. "Mother," we'd say. "You can afford to eat a pound of bacon every day!"

A devout Christian fundamentalist Catholic, she continued to grow spiritually until her death at 87. "You know, those two gay men who live behind me? I didn't approve of gays. I changed my mind after I broke my hip, and they brought me casseroles, checked on me and did shopping and chores for me. I have seen the error and sinfulness of my ways. Christ accepts everyone, and where he leads, I must follow." Above all, she despised racial prejudice. "People will be mighty surprised — yes, mighty surprised — when they get to Heaven and perhaps discover that God is black."

Her love of literature was fueled by old Granny who read to her and my uncles by the hour, as Mother did with me. This woman with only an eighth-grade education read voraciously — Christie, Conan Doyle, Dumas, Dickens, Hemingway, Hugo, Ayn Rand, Steinbeck, Wilde ...

She could recite reams of poetry. Her favorite was written by Lee Hunt, a friend of Keats and Shelly. It portrayed Ibrahim Ben Adhem, an 8th century Sufi Muslim prince, who received a warning from God. He gave up his throne, became a

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◆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.

◆The Future of Carthage is hosting "A **Chili Carthage Christmas!**" on Saturday, Dec. 1. Activities start at 4 p.m. with story/craft time for kids at the Henry Henley Public Library and an "Elf Parade" from the Ercell Bever Jr. Community Center to the library and back. There will be a chili cook-off at the community center, with judging to take place at 4:30 p.m., and the chili available at no cost to the public after that,

though donations are welcome. Hayrides around town will be offered and the tree-lighting ceremony is set for 6 p.m. in the downtown veterans park. Santa is expected to arrive around 6:15 p.m. Vendors selling treats and crafts will be set up downtown, and vendors interested in reserving a space (at no cost) should contact FOC President Kathy Gibson at 765-565-6798.

◆Knightstown Presbyterian Church will host an **organ concert** on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2:30 p.m. featuring organists Celia Burns, Robin Richey, Kathryn Waits and Chris Wilson. Donna Wilson, a flutist, and Pat Cronk, a soloist, will also entertain. There is no admission, just a freewill offering for two local food pantries. The church is located at 112 S. Franklin St.

◆Knightstown United Methodist Women are sponsoring their inaugural **Christmas Cookie Walk** from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, in the Knightstown United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 27 S. Jefferson St. Aisles of freshly-baked cookies that make great treats for celebrating the holiday season will be available for purchase for \$4/lb.

◆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 Octagon House in Shirley will host its **Christmas Walk** on two upcoming weekends. Each weekend event will feature a meal. The first weekend is Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1, 4-8 p.m. The meal on those evenings will be chicken and noodles. The next weekend of the Christmas Walk will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7-8, 4-8 p.m. Soup and sandwiches will be served then. For more information, call 765-738-6736.

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

◆Walnut Ridge Friends Meeting will host its "**Country Christmas Bazaar**" on Friday, Nov. 30, 2:30 p.m.-7 p.m., in the 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 Stitler, photographer.

◆**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.



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Nearing Its 140th Anniversary, Octagon House Will Again Be Centerpiece of Shirley Holiday Events

by Logan Cox

Members and sponsors of the Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House in Shirley are preparing for the town's upcoming Downtown Christmas Walk. This is the 17th year the historical building has been featured in the annual event.

"I think it'll be a good year if we don't get snow," said Virginia Harrell, a Shirley resident and longtime member of the Octagon House board.

The Octagon House's first tour night will be on Nov. 30, followed by the first of December, and then Dec. 7 and 8. Each event will take place between 4 to 8 p.m.

Local residents and visitors will be able to tour the restored building free of charge. Fundraising food sales will cost visitors who choose to eat and support the Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House Foundation.

Each room of the house will feature one or two Christmas trees. These trees are provided by sponsors, which include Shirley townfolk and business people from outside Shirley.

According to Harrell, no two trees will look alike as each will have its own unique theme. The Hancock County Community Foundation's tree, for instance, will feature Indiana counties. Another is sponsored by a family out of Muncie and will be musically-themed, featuring a piano from the Chicago Public Library. The artist who painted the piano ornament will be available to sign it and do a write-up of the event.

"So these sponsors have come in and they have decorated these trees," said Harrell. "We have about 30 trees. We have two more to come in that haven't been put up yet."

Harrell said she is very excited and proud of the work that's gone into this year's presentation of the Octagon House.



"It will be the prettiest year, I think, for our trees." She said. "Because we've had different sponsors from Greenfield, Shirley and so on. We're on a website now, so we were able to reach farther out, outside of Shirley, to get sponsors."

Harrell, as well as being a member of the organization, is usually a leader of the women responsible for the event's trees. However, she is also the one who oversees all of the grants and fundraisers that are organized for the house.

"I have been doing it about 21 years now," said Harrell. "My husband is one of the original seven men that had the

Octagon House moved here in 1997. And there's actually only three of these men that are living now - my husband Lemoine, then there's Dennis Westrich and Donald Hammer."

Although she is originally from Indianapolis, Harrell has lived in Shirley for 48 years.

She said 2018 has been a busy year for the people running the Octagon House, having received several grants, as well as a donation to the house that allowed them to start an endowment fund. They've also been able to put a second bathroom in the building, get their parking lot asphalted and have the old railroad signal on the property sandblasted, painted and preserved as a piece of Shirley's local history.

"So we've had a really busy, busy year with fundraisers and our grants. It's been fun," Harrell said. "This has been a fun year for the entire group. We've all worked well together. We've picked up two new members; they had come out of Greenfield. We're getting younger members. We started out with just seven members, but now we have 16 members. It was a good year, the best year that we've had."

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wandering mystic and earned his keep. Hearing her recite the poem from the time I was a child, shaped my beliefs.

About Ben Adhem awoke one night and saw an angel writing in a golden book. He asked, "What writest thou?" The vision raised its head and answered in sweet accord,

*"The names of those who love the Lord.
And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,
Replied the Angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerily still and said, "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one who loves his fellow men."*

*The angel wrote and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed,
And, lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest."*

Abraham Lincoln said, "Everything I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." Amen to that!

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The Octagon House will be 140 years old next June. Harrell and her colleagues are already planning a celebration for that anniversary.

"(The house) was abandoned for about 20 years, and it had cows and hogs and everything running through it. We've got it just within a few thousand dollars of being back where it was in 1897," Harrell explained. "So we've already got some plans for next year. And we're hoping that next year will be as good as this last year has been."

Harrell attributes the diligent maintenance of the building to the consistent teamwork and group efforts of those involved.

"We all work well together. Each one puts their ideas in

and we try to see if it will work for the house, and most of the time it does," she said.

Other businesses and venues that will be featured in the Christmas Walk, in addition to the Octagon House, include the Depot Museum, Methodist church and Shirley's fire station. Live, local music and carriage rides will be among the festivities. There will also be treats, kids crafts, caroling and a Santa Claus appearance for the children.

"We hope that they come out and take a look at our trees and see what we've done this year," said Harrell. "There's a lot of new things that have taken place this year, so I hope people will come and take a look."



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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 101818B
ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE V, CHAPTER 53, § 53.02

WHEREAS, the Knightstown Town Council has heretofore adopted and enacted an ordinance regarding the operation of its municipal sewer utility which is contained within Title V, Chapter 53; and

WHEREAS, the Knightstown Town Council believes it is in the best interest of the public welfare and the efficient management of the municipal sewer utility that consideration be given to those customers who elect to install a separate meter for water distribution for water that does not flow into the sanitary sewer system for purposes such as, but not limited to, irrigation, washing cars, watering flowers or such other uses.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Knightstown, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION I

Title V, Chapter 53, § 53.03 with the addition of subsection (5) to read as follows:

(5) Separate Meter.

Any customer of the municipal water utility may elect to request that the municipal water utility install a separate water meter to supply water that does not flow into the municipal sewer system, for activities as set forth above with the customer to be responsible for all cost and expense associated with the installation of said separate meter, its maintenance, and all water usage as measured by such meter at the then existing applicable rate.

SECTION II

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as prescribed by law.

SECTION III

Introduced and filed on this 15th day of November, 2018. Motion to consider on first reading on the day of introduction was offered and sustained by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

Duly ordained and passed this 15th day of November, 2018 by the Town Council of Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana having passed by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

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Hancock Co. Extension Service Hosting Workshop About Impact of New Tax Laws on Local Agriculture

Farmers and those with agricultural businesses can learn more about how changes in the federal tax law will impact their bottom line at this free Purdue Extension workshop "Impact of New Tax Law on Agriculture" on Monday, Dec. 3, at the Purdue Extension office in Greenfield.

The presenter of the 6:30-8:30 p.m. workshop is Michael Langemeier, associate director of the Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture.

Langemeier said, "The new tax code is now in effect and the

changes to individual and business taxes are substantial!"

How will this impact your farm operation for the current tax year? What measures can you take to minimize your tax burden?

Possible topics include individual issue topics such as tax rates, tax credits, itemized deductions, retirement and savings issues; as well as business topics such as the qualified business income deduction, capital gains rates depreciation, and the taxation of leasing income.

With harvest finally wrapping

up and the end of the year on the horizon, perhaps now is a good time to be considering the changes to the tax code and how they will benefit or burden your operation.

The purpose of this program is not to make you a tax expert but to provide you with a basic overview of the changes, how they may impact Indiana farmers and what measures you might consider to prepare for them.

At the very least, this program will prepare you with the knowledge to know what questions to ask.

Why Not Go Outside on Black Friday?

Tired of Black Friday in shopping malls? Why not get outside instead?

Indiana State Parks can help. The DNR is offering free admission to any state park, reservoir or state forest recreation area that charges gate admission on that day, including state off-road riding areas. You can also get 20 percent off a meal at an Indiana State Park Inn that day by downloading a coupon from Indiana State Parks Special Events page at stateparks.IN.gov/3282.htm.

There's more - you can get annual passes, lake permits and camping gear, among other items, just by choosing to #optoutside. By sharing your experiences on social media on Black Friday, you can win prizes just by sharing your experiences on social media. Here's how to participate:

- Post a photo to the Indiana State Parks Facebook page or to the DNR Instagram page and you'll be entered into a drawing for annual passes, lake permits and more. Include the hashtag #optoutside or #optoutsideIN when you post your photo.

- Camp at a state park or state forest recreation area, or stay at an Indiana State Park Inn on Black Friday, and you'll be entered in a drawing for camping or inns gift cards. The first 20 people to post a photo to the Indiana State Parks Facebook page of their camping

trip or inns visit will receive a logoed #OptOutside Indiana State Parks winter knit cap. Include the hashtag #optoutside, #optoutsideINN or #optoutsideCAMP with your post.

- Complete the #optoutside scavenger hunt at stateparks.IN.gov/3282.htm and return it to the email or address on the page to be entered in a separate drawing for 2019 annual passes. The first 20 scavenger hunts returned will receive a logoed #OptOutside Indiana State Parks winter knit hat.

Everyone who posts a photo or participates in the scavenger hunt will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a gift pack from the outdoor gear retailer REI in Castleton. REI is a supporter of the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation and Indiana State Parks.

Outdoor gear retailer REI started the #optoutside initiative in 2015, announcing it would close its stores on Black Friday to encourage people to experience nature instead of waiting in long lines at cash registers. For more information, visit rei.com/opt-outside.

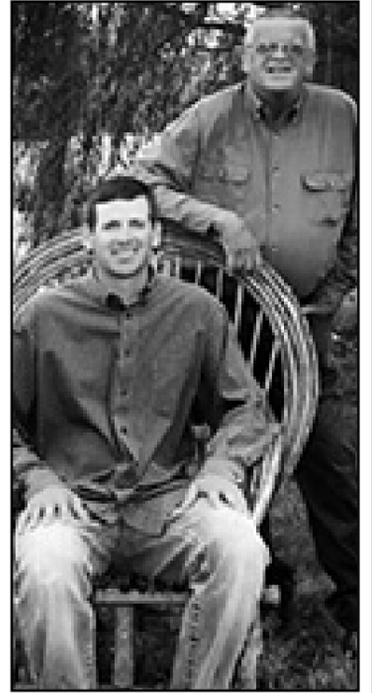
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Walnut Ridge Friends Meeting CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday, Nov. 30, 2:30-7 p.m.,

Come and enjoy "A County Christmas Bazaar."

The event will take place in church's fellowship hall. A soup bar, homemade candies, cakes and pies, a craft sale and kids activities are all featured!

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- *Story/Craft Time at the Henry Henley Public Library;

- *"Elf Parade" from the Ercell Bever Jr. Community Center to the library and back;

- *Letters to Santa - Written and mailed at the community center; and

- *"North Pole Stroll" game for prizes.



Activities for Everyone:

- *Hayrides around town;

- *Chili Cook-Off at the community center (judging at 4:30 p.m., then chili available to public at no cost, though donations are welcome); *Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony -

- Downtown Veterans Park (6 p.m.); and

- *Santa's Arrival (6:15 p.m.).



There will also be vendors set up downtown selling a variety of treats and crafts! Vendors interested in reserving a space (at no cost) should contact FOC President Kathy Gibson at 765-565-6798.

Attention Hunters! Purple Paint Now Marks Property Line

Hoosiers should be aware that property owners can now mark property lines with purple paint. This is especially important for hunters and hikers to know as they venture out to the more than 4.8 million acres of Indiana woodlands.

An alternative to traditional "No Trespassing" signs, trees and posts can now be marked with a vertical, purple paint line at least 8 inches long to signal private property. Because signs can be removed, this gives landowners a commonsense, cost-effective way to mark their property and prohibit trespassing or unwanted hunting. It can also prevent confusion for hunters and hikers by giving them a clear, safe way to distinguish property lines.

As a reminder to hunters this season, it is illegal to hunt, trap or retrieve game on private land without consent from the property owner.

Sunset Park Board Still Needs Two Members

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 resigned in October.

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 would prevent the board from meeting if even one of the three remaining members were to be absent.

The Knightstown Town Council is the body that is 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 takes any action to appoint replacements for Van Hoy and Hart remains to be seen. The town council voted in September to take an initial step toward dissolving the town's park board, and, in light of that, Council President Sarah Ward told The Banner she sees no point in trying to fill these vacancies.

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

The town's attorney, Gregg Morelock,

told council members at their Sept. 20 monthly meeting that the park board should continue to operate normally until such time that is formally dissolved. That, he said, includes filling any vacancies on the board, such as the ones left by the resignations of Van Hoy and Hart.

Persons interested in applying for one of the two vacancies on the Knightstown Parks and Recreation Board should, as soon as possible, send a letter of interest to the Knightstown Town Council, c/o President Sarah Ward, 26 S. Washington St., Knightstown, IN 46148. Applicants must reside within the town's municipal limits.

Dept. of Revenue Warns of Fraudulent Email Campaign

The Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) warn of fraudulent emails impersonating either revenue agency encouraging individuals to open files corrupted with malware.

These scam emails use tax transcripts as bait to entice users to

open the attachments.

The scam is particularly problematic for businesses or government agencies whose employees open the malware infected attachments, putting the entire network at risk. This software is complex and may take several months to remove.

This well-known malware, known as Emotet, generally poses as specific banks or financial institutions to trick individuals into opening infected documents. It has been described as one of the most costly and destructive malware to date.

Emotet is known to constantly

evolve, and in the past few weeks has masqueraded as the IRS, pretending to be "IRS Online." The scam email includes an attachment labeled "Tax Account Transcript" or something similar, with the subject line often including "tax transcript."

Both DOR and IRS have several tips to help individuals and businesses not fall prey to email scams: *Remember, DOR and the IRS do not contact customers via email to share sensitive documents such as a tax transcript.

*Use security software to pro-

tect against malware and viruses, and be sure it's up-to-date.

*Never open emails, attachments or click on links when you're not sure of the source.

*If an individual is using a personal computer and receives an email claiming to be the IRS, it is recommended to delete or forward the email to phishing@irs.gov. If the email claims to be from DOR forward the email to investigations@dor.in.gov. Business receiving these emails should also be sure to contact the company's technical professionals.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Henry County will receive sealed bids at the Courthouse Commissioner's Office, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, Indiana for gasoline and diesel fuel for the Office of the Henry County Sheriff and the City of New Castle.

The Henry County Board of Commissioners will receive sealed proposals until 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 9, 2019. Proposals will be opened, accepted and awarded at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time during the Henry County Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at the Courthouse, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, Indiana for the Calendar Year of 2019.

Specifications are available in the Office of the Henry County Commissioners, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, Indiana. Bids shall be itemized on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form #95. No bid bond is required. Additional bid requirements are contained within the specifications.

Contracts will be let as part or whole to the lowest responsible bidder upon affidavit of non-collusion, which must be submitted with bids and upon failure to submit such affidavit, such bid will be rejected.

The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, except that Henry County Commissioners retain the right to reject any and/or all bids when it is in the best interest of the county.

Henry County Commissioners -- Specifications for Fuel City of New Castle, January 2019 through December 2019

Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

Lead free gasoline and diesel fuel shall be dispensed at the vendor's facility within the County of Henry, State of Indiana. All fuel shall be available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The facility shall afford safe access, entrance and exit for all vehicles owned by the City of New Castle, assigned to the New Castle Police Department and the ability to track the following required areas: mileage, gallons, vehicle identification and operator identification will be given consideration.

Fuel facilities located in areas throughout Henry County will be given major consideration based on cost savings and convenience.

Section 1 – Lead Free Gasoline (Bid will be awarded for either Section 1A or 1B for the City of New Castle)

A. Lead Free Gasoline (87 octane)

Quantity: 75,000 gallons or less

Price: Loading rack price plus ??? cents per gallon, subject to change daily.

B. Lead Free Gasoline (87 octane)

Quantity: 75,000 gallons or less

Price: Per gallon. Firm price for the entire calendar year 2019 based upon the bid price.

Section 2 – Diesel Fuel (Bid will be awarded for either Section 2A or 2B for the City of New Castle).

A. Firm Price for the entire calendar year 2019

Low Sulfur, On Road Premium Diesel Fuel

Minimum octane rating of 51

Quantity: 55,000 gallons

Price: Per gallon

B. Base price subject to a standard escalation or de-escalation clause

Low Sulfur, On Road Premium Diesel Fuel

Minimum octane rating of 51

Quantity: 55,000 gallons

Price: Per gallon

Fuel price will include the State Road Tax. No sales tax is to be included in any fuel price.

Specifications for Fuel

Office of the Henry County Sheriff, January 2019 through December 2019

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Section 1 – Lead Free Gasoline (Bid will be awarded for either Section 1A or 1B for the Sheriff's Office)

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B. Lead Free Gasoline (87 octane)

Quantity: 50,000 gallons or less

Price: Per gallon. Firm price for the entire calendar year 2019 based upon the bid price.

Section 2 – Diesel Fuel (Bid will be awarded for either Section 2A or 2B for the Sheriff's Office)

A. Firm Price for the entire calendar year 2019

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Minimum octane rating of 51

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Price: Per gallon

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Quantity: 20,000 gallons

Price: Per gallon

Fuel price will include the State Road Tax. No sales tax is to be included in any fuel price.

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Poultry Producers Donate Food

More than 75 tons, or 150,000 pounds, of poultry products were donated to families in need ahead of the holiday season, announced recently by the Indiana State Poultry Association (ISPA). Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler recognized the generosity of these producers at the association's 71st annual poultry donation.

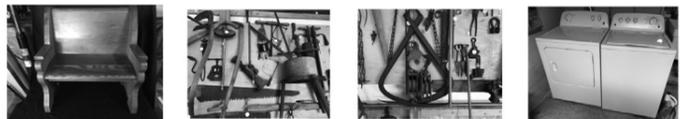
For decades, Indiana's poultry producers have been working to address food insecurity in their communities by providing protein to food banks across the state. Some of the main products that were donated this year include eggs, chicken, duck and turkey. In fact, more than 600,000 eggs were donated by members of the association.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Knightstown Varsity Girls Basketball Season Underway

Knightstown varsity girls basketball team got off to a rough start this season but big overtime win over Tri-Eastern Conference rival Centerville boosted the Lady Panthers' spirits.

The KHS girls started the season on the road, first dropping a close game against TEC opponent Union City Nov. 6. The Lady Panthers fell 47-53. Seniors Sidney Vise and Jess Butler the scoring effort with 13 and 12 points respectively. Sophomore Rena Witham pulled down nine rebounds.

Knightstown's girls then had to face class 2A's top-ranked team.

On Nov. 9, KHS traveled to Winchester where the No. 1 Golden Falcons clobbered the Lady Panthers 84-44. Senior Kaitlyn Jackson led KHS with 19 points and Vise had 16. Butler led Knightstown's effort on the board against the giants on Winchester with 10 rebounds.

The Lady Panthers suffered their third straight conference loss Nov. 10 away at Hagerstown, falling to the Lady Tigers 40-45.

Butler and Jackson carried the scoring load with 11 points each. Butler again led on the boards with six rebounds.

The KHS girls were finally able to play in front of a home crowd for their season opener Nov. 13. Unfortunately, they faced a strong Daleville team who came out on fire.

Down 16-34 at the halftime break, the Lady Panthers played on par with the Lady Broncos in the second half. But, the Daleville girl's powerful first half carried them to a 59-39 win.

Jackson had 13 and Vise had 10 to lead the KHS scoring. Butler's nine rebounds topped Knightstown's efforts on the boards.

The Lady Panthers were back on the road Nov. 17 at Centerville.

After another tough first half, KHS went into the break down 18-31. But, the powered back in the second half, holding Centerville to just four points in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime.

Knightstown outscored the Lady Bulldogs 14-10 in the OT to get their first win, 62-58.

Jackson had 15 and Witham scored 13 to top the KHS scorers. But, both Butler and Vise had double-doubles. Butler had 11 points and 12 rebounds while Vise 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Third, Fourth Graders Kick Off League Basketball Play

The Knightstown Youth Basketball League has four teams of third and fourth graders for this season. The two teams at right competed against each other on one side of the gym at Knightstown Intermediate School during the league's opening day Nov. 3.

Those players were (front, l-r) Vinny Thomas, Henry Schmidt, Jordan Jones, Zayden Little, Kason Weaver, Jeryn Putnam, and (back, l-r) Tony Louks, Ryan Specht, Carson Roland, Alex Fisher, James Gilliam, Hudson McDonald and Ryan Wayman,



With a floor-to-ceiling divider between the two games being played simultaneously, third and fourth graders competing on the other side of the court at KIS were (kneeling, l-r) Andrew Buchanan, Karsen Gross, Caden Bonewits, Kenton O'Hair, Mason Smith, Quinn Childress, Danny Webb and (standing, l-r) Lilly Drew, Wyatt Halcomb, Noah Ellaby, Evan Darling and Joseph Moore.

(Stacy Cox photos)



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Pitch, from Page 2

entrepreneurs, and we are now propelled by an innovative, immersive approach to education."

In 2018, the inaugural Innovate WithIN competition drew 86 online applications from more than 290 Hoosier students at more than 65 high schools. The overall winners, Colin Wareham and Jackson Ramey from Noblesville High School, created a set of board games called Educaid to help students learn principles like entrepreneurship, marketing and management. Wareham and Ramey, along with the other finalists, received mentoring services through the StartEdUp Foundation, which focuses on engaging students and teachers through innovation and entrepreneurship in the classroom. StartEdUp helped develop and execute the students' ideas through its network of mentors and advisors.

"With great educators at the helm, Indiana classrooms have become incubators for innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit," said Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction. "The Innovate WithIN pitch competition is an excellent platform for students to showcase their skills. I am proud of our talented students and grateful for the teachers, parents, and communities behind them."

In addition to the pitch competition and mentorship opportunities, the 2019 Innovate WithIN pitch competition will expand to middle school students through ideation sessions at the regional competitions. Open to grades six through eight, these students will participate in workshops aimed at fostering entrepreneurial and critical-thinking skills while also introducing them to real-world business concepts.

As part of Gov. Holcomb's Next Level Agenda to make Indiana a hub for innovation and develop a 21st century skilled and ready workforce, the state is committed to helping cultivate innovative ideas in the classroom. The Innovate WithIN pitch competition fosters an entrepreneurial spirit among our leaders of tomorrow, empowering students to hone their innovative thinking.

Submit applications and learn more about the program at InnovateWithIN.org.

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Power Lines, from Page 1— ISTEP+, from Page 1

town's multi-million dollar wastewater utility improvement project. Dan Wright, CEO of FPBH Inc., the North Vernon-based engineering firm working with the town on the project, reported that bids are now being accepted and will be reviewed by the council next month.

Council members also agreed to have Wright's firm update a preliminary engineering report it had prepared five years ago outlining proposed improvements to the town's water utility. While Wright said his firm normally charges \$25,000-\$30,000 for work like this, he said they would update a report FPBH had done for the town in 2013 for just \$5,000.

In one final utility-related matter, the council also introduced and adopted a new ordinance that allows utility customers to install, at their expense, irrigation meters for water that does not go to the town's sewer plant. This would allow utility customers, for example, to water lawns and flower beds, or wash their cars without having that water usage count toward the consumption used to calculate their monthly sewer bills.

school in northern Rush County, showed the most impressive gains, with the pass rates rising from 57.9 percent to 74.7 percent for the ELA section and from 45.3 percent to 70.7 percent on the math portion. The percentage of MCA students passing both parts of the test increased from 36.8 percent to 58.6 percent.

"We are extremely proud of our staff, students and administration for the hard work that has been put into the academic success of Mays Community Academy," Krissi Williams, director/CEO of MCA, told The Banner. "... Our growth and success after opening just three-and-a-half short years ago is proof that hard work, dedication and determination do pay off. MCA will continue to strive for academic excellence while teaching basic fundamental characteristics such as respect, citizenship and responsibility."

CAB Superintendent Jed Behny also said he was, for the most part, happy with this year's results.

"Overall, we are very pleased

to see that the continuation of growth and improvement of overall scores," Behny said. "... We still are not where we strive to be at every grade level, but the hard work of students and staff are evident."

One thing that frustrates Behny is that he said the ISTEP+ exam does not, in his opinion, provide data the school district can use to address instructional needs. Instead, CAB relies on other testing that is not state-mandated that he said provides "real-time data to drive instruction."

"By the time (ISTEP+) scores are finalized and released, students are on to the next grade level and set of academic standards," Behny said. "Combine that with the fact that legislative changes continue with the tests themselves and processes surrounding (them). This year, we will be taking a completely different assessment at most grade levels, which will make vertical growth difficult to judge. It will not be an apples to apples comparison."

2018 Spring ISTEP+ Test Results* for County, Area School Districts

School District	% Pass		% Pass
	English/ Lang. Arts	% Pass Math	Eng./LA and Math
Blue River Valley	54.5 (66.3)	49.5 (59.7)	41.2 (49.7)
C.A. Beard	65.8 (66.5)	56.7 (54.5)	49.0 (46.6)
Eastern Hancock	69.4 (68.3)	76.0 (76.4)	64.6 (62.6)
Greenfield	70.3 (70.0)	69.5 (66.5)	59.6 (58.6)
Mays Community**	74.7 (57.9)	70.7 (45.3)	58.6 (36.8)
New Castle	59.3 (62.2)	55.3 (57.9)	47.3 (49.2)
Rush County	63.6 (63.3)	60.2 (59.2)	50.9 (50.5)
Shenandoah	72.6 (74.7)	68.5 (69.6)	60.3 (62.9)
South Henry	54.1 (58.7)	44.7 (41.5)	38.6 (38.5)
State Averages	64.1 (65.2)	58.3 (58.5)	50.7 (51.4)

*The source for the above data is the Indiana Department of Education. The ISTEP+ is administered to students in grades 3-8 to measure student achievement in English/language arts and math (all grades), science (grades 4 and 6) and social studies (grades 5 and 7). The figures in parentheses reflect the percentages from the 2017 spring test.

**Because Mays Community Academy did not have grades 7 and 8, its 2018 test scores are based only on the performance of students in grades 3-6.

Letters, from Page 4

Thanksgiving. The purpose behind the holiday – setting aside a day to give thanks – is well known. However, the way the holiday came to be is a little blurrier.

The Library of Congress provides the following information on some of the first Thanksgiving celebrations.

Francisco Vazquez de Coronado, a Spanish explorer, and 1,500 men celebrated the first Thanksgiving in May of 1541. They held a celebration at the Palo Duro Canyon following their voyage from Mexico City to find gold. It was commemorated as the first Thanksgiving by the Texas Daughters of the American Colonists in 1959.

The Huguenots, who were French Protestants, are also said to have held the first Thanksgiving. In June of 1564, Huguenot colonists celebrated in a settlement near Jacksonville, Florida.

Another first Thanksgiving was celebrated by colonists in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1610 after a severe winter led to famine, causing many settlers to die. Colonists celebrated

when English ships arrived with food.

Finally, the better-known first Thanksgiving took place in 1621 when the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans held an autumn harvest feast.

While there were many first Thanksgiving celebrations, Thanksgiving's path to becoming a national holiday is a little easier to follow. The National Archives offers the following timeline.

The First Federal Congress passed a resolution in 1789 to urge President George Washington to recommend a day of thanksgiving to our nation. Washington later issued a proclamation recognizing Thursday, Nov. 26, of that year as a Day of Public Thanksgiving.

In 1863, however, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that Thanksgiving be commemorated annually on the last Thursday in November.

Later, in 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed

that the holiday be moved to the second-to-last Thursday in November, as the last Thursday of the month fell on the last day of the month that year, and he was worried about the short shopping season's impact on the economy. However, some states did not follow the change, and for two years, different parts of the country celebrated Thanksgiving on two different days.

In 1941, Congress put an end to the confusion, passing a resolution that Roosevelt signed for Thanksgiving to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November.

This Thanksgiving, as you gather with your family and friends, I wish you a safe and happy holiday.

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.

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

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

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

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

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