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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 Acceping 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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Morrow Expected to be Next Carthage C-T

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner



In just under two weeks, the town of Carthage is expected to have a new clerk-treasurer on the job, while, at the same time, the Carthage Town Council will be losing a member. Rush County Prosecutor Phil Caviness, who serves as chairman of the Rush County Republican Party, announced Monday that he plans to appoint Rachael (Brown) Morrow as the town's new clerk-treasurer. Morrow, who is currently president of the Carthage Town Council, will be replacing Linda McMahan, who passed away in October.

"I hope the appointment serves the best interest of Carthage," Caviness said in an email to The Banner.

Because McMahan had been a Republican, the responsibility for naming a replacement to finish her term in office, which runs through the end of 2019, fell to the RCRP. While a caucus procedure is normally held in these situations, because there is only one Republican precinct committee person serving in Carthage, state statute allowed Caviness, as party chairman, to forgo the caucus and choose the replacement himself.

Caviness told The Banner he expects Morrow to sign paperwork related to her appointment later this week, but said it would not actually take effect until Tuesday, Dec. 11. Because she is not legally able to serve as both the town's clerk-treasurer and as a town council member, she will have to resign from her position on the latter prior to then.

Morrow, a 1997 Knightstown High School graduate, was elected to the Carthage Town Council in the fall of 2011 and has served as both the council's president and vice president. Her current term on the council, like McMahan's as clerk-treasurer, was to run through the end of next year.

While Caviness said he had received some interest in the clerk-treasurer's position from a few people he felt were not qualified for the position, he said his decision really came down to a choice between two candidates: Morrow and Tara Hancock, the current Ripley Township Trustee and wife of Carthage Town Council member John Hancock.

"Both seem dedicated to the town of Carthage, which was my main priority," Caviness said. "Rachael seems ready and enthusiastic about the position, and while Tara would make a fine clerk-treasurer, the fact that her husband already serves on the town council was an issue for me."

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"I feel that would invite a conflict of interest that I do not want to be responsible for creating," Caviness continued. "I also do not want to ask John Hancock, a strong servant of Carthage, to resign his position to alleviate the potential conflict."

Although Caviness noted nothing in the state's anti-nepotism law would have legally prohibited it, he said wasn't comfortable appointing a town council member's spouse to serve as the town's clerk-treasurer. The decision about whether such an arrangement should be permitted, he indicated, is one better left to voters when the seat is up for election again next fall.

The 39-year-old Morrow, who has served on the town council since 2012, announced her appointment as the town's new clerk-treasurer during a brief council meeting Monday evening. She confirmed she will officially assume her new office on Dec. 11, one day after her resignation from the town council becomes effective.

"Hopefully, it will make for a smooth transition," Morrow said of her taking over as the town's new clerk-treasurer. Her decision to apply for the vacancy had been "a last minute thing," she said, but, having served nearly seven years on the town council, it was a move she felt good about.

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State Posts School Accountability Grades

The Indiana Department of Education has released school accountability grades for the 2017-2018 school year.

According to a press release issued by the DOE, roughly 22 percent of Indiana schools improved one or more letter grades from the year before. Overall, close to 62 percent of the schools received an A or B.

"Our current accountability grades are an indication of the great education Indiana students are receiving," Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction, said in the press release. "Our work is paying off and ... (the IDOE) will continue to partner with dedicated stakeholders to ensure every school and every student is successful."

Locally, two of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp.'s three schools saw no change in their grades from those issued for the 2016-2017 school year. Knightstown Elementary School once again received a B, while Knightstown Intermediate School maintained its C from the previous year.

Knightstown High School, however, did see improvement in its letter grade. The B KHS received for the 2016-2017 school year improved to an A for 2017-2018.

Looking at Henry County's five high schools and three others in the area, KHS, Rushville (B to an A) and Tri (C to a B) were the only ones to register higher grades this year, while Eastern Hancock maintained the A it had earned for 2016-2017. Blue River Valley (C) and New Castle Community (B) saw no change in their grades this year, while Greenfield and Shenandoah both saw the A's they received last year drop to B's.

Due to differences between federal and state accountability equations and standards, IDOE also released federal accountability grades for the 2017-2018 school year. Roughly 67 percent of public schools received the same letter grade for both state and federal accountability systems, with 31 percent of schools receiving a higher letter grade on the state accountability system. Differences in performance metrics between the two systems were the main factor for discrepancies for 33 percent of school letter grades.

All three of CAB's schools received the same federal accountability letter grades that they had received under the state's accountability measures. Looking at high schools in Henry County and others in the area, the only ones to have differences between their state and federal letter grades were New Castle and Tri, which both received B's from the state and C's for their federal grade.

"We were pleased to see the growth in accountability grade points at the state level and to see KHS grade return to an A," CAB Superintendent Jed See Accountability, Page 6

Five Years of Accountability Letter Grades for Charles A. Beard Schools

School	2018*	2017	2016	2015	2014
Knightstown High Sch.	A(A)	B	B	A	A
Knightstown Intermediate	C(C)	C	C	D	D
Knightstown Elementary	B(B)	B	B	A	A

*The grade in parentheses is the 2018 federal accountability grade awarded to schools based on federal standards.

The source for the above data is the Indiana Dept. of Education.

Five Years of Accountability Letter Grades for Area High Schools

School District	2018*	2017	2016	2015	2014
Blue River Valley**	C(C)	C	B	C	C
Knightstown	A(A)	B	B	A	A
Eastern Hancock	A(A)	A	B	A	A
Greenfield-Central	B(B)	A	B	A	A
New Castle Comm.	B(C)	B	B	B	B
Rushville Consolidated	A(B)	B	B	A	A
Shenandoah	B(B)	A	B	A	A
Tri**	B(C)	C	C	B	B

*The grade in parentheses is the 2018 federal accountability grade awarded to schools based on federal standards.

**Both BRV and Tri are junior-senior high schools, and their grades above include all students in those schools, not just those in grades 9-12.

The source for the above data is the Indiana Dept. of Education.

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Sealed bids will be received by the TOWN OF KNIGHTSTOWN, acting by and through the TOWN COUNCIL (hereinafter referred to as "the Owner"), at 26 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET, KNIGHTSTOWN, IN 46148 until 2:00 p.m. local time, **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018**, for the construction of WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT for the TOWN OF KNIGHTSTOWN. Bids received by the time and date specified will then be publicly opened and read aloud.

THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF A LUMP SUM BID FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS with Influent Piping and Manholes, Mechanical Multi-Rake Bar Screen and Manually Cleaned Bar Rack, Combined Raw Sewage/RAS Lift Station with 4 Pumps, 4 Flow Meters on the Headworks Output, RAS, WAS, & Effluent, Various Yard Piping and Flow Splitter Box Items, Rehabilitation of Existing Aeration Basins & Sludge Holding Tanks, Demolition of Existing Equipment, Installation of three Blowers, new 46 foot Diameter Clarifier and Rehabilitation of two Existing Clarifiers, new Effluent Piping & Outfall Structure, WAS Pumping Station with two Pumps, Replacement of Existing Electrical Service, Conversion of Existing Blower Building to Control Building with MCC & SCADA, Rehabilitation of Lab, **AND COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**, with Lift Station Rehabilitation, Grinder Pump Lift Stations, 6 inch Force Main, 8 inch, 10 inch and 12 inch Gravity Sewer Main, Manholes and Appurtenances, Sewer Video Inspection, Gravity Sewer Main Relining, Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Lining, **AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND RELATED ITEMS.**

After review and award of a contract, the Owner will provide a "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor. Contractor will then have 10 working days after said "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction and 480 days total to achieve substantial completion and an additional 30 days to complete all work for this project, for a total of 510 days after issuance of "Notice to Proceed" to project closeout. Contractor will be assessed liquidated damages for any work remaining over and above either of the specified contract completion dates. Payment to be made on a standard monthly claim basis with 5% retainage.

Copies of the Contract Documents are on file for review in the Office of the Owner (Town of Knightstown-Clerk Treasurer, 26 South Washington, Indianan 46148). Access to an ftp site with the Contract Documents in PDF format is available from the Engineer (FPBH, Inc., 72 HENRY STREET, P. O. Box 47, North Vernon, Indiana, 47265, 812-346-2045) for a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per set. Printed copies of the Contract Documents are available for a non-refundable fee of \$500.00 per set. Additional sets may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$300.00 per set. Partial sets will not be available. Only those plan holders registered through the Engineer will be allowed to submit a bid for the project.

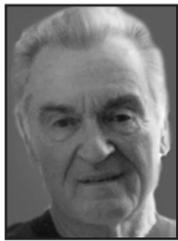
There is a pre bid conference scheduled for this project at 10:00 a.m. local time **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018**, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Attendance at the pre bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory. Bids must be submitted on the forms in the Contract Documents and other conditions therein described must be met. Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked TOWN OF KNIGHTSTOWN - WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT on the face of the envelope and display the name and address of the bidder. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in a sum equal to 10% of the amount of the bid unless otherwise specified, and a completed Non-Collusion Affidavit. Bid prices must be firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the bid opening date. Should a successful bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory contract within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance of his bid, the owner may declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as penalty. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum with an approved surety company. Said bond shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after date of final acceptance of the work.

The TOWN OF KNIGHTSTOWN, reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any or all formalities.

KNIGHTSTOWN, Indiana - NOVEMBER 9, 2018 - (11/14 and 11/28)

OBITUARIES

**William Jackson "Jack" Shore
June 15, 1925 - November 20, 2018**



William Jackson "Jack" Shore, 93, of Knightstown, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, at Glen Oaks Health Campus. He was born June 15, 1925, in Winston-Salem, N. C., the son of Betty Shore.

Jack was a heavy equipment operator, business manager and president of Local 103 for many years. He was a veteran of the U.S Army serving during World War II, where he received five Bronze Star Medals, a Victory Medal and a Purple Heart. Jack was a member of Knightstown American Legion Post 152 and Masonic Lodge Golden Rule #16. He attended Faith Chapel Church, enjoyed woodworking, was funny and had a good sense of humor. Jack spent the winters in Dundee, Fla., where he attended Baptist Temple Church.

He is survived by a daughter-in-law, Cindy Shore of Indianapolis; three sisters-in-law, Connie Caudill of New Castle, Susan Caudill of Louisville, Ky., and Anna (Maurice) Lewman of Knightstown; a brother-in-law, Isaac (Richilieu) Caudill of Winchester, Ky.; two special cousins, Lee Shore and Judy Zachary of Yadkinville, N.C.; a special friend, Leda Harper of Dundee, Fla.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Anetia (Caudill) Shore; and a son, Roger Shore. Services were at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Pastors Randy Gross and Eric Boling officiating. Military rites were conducted by Knightstown American Legion Post 152 and the U.S. Army. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery. Visitation was Nov. 26 at the funeral home. Masonic Rites were also conducted on Nov. 26. Memorial contributions may be given to the Knightstown American Legion Post #152, 224 E. Main St. Knightstown, IN 46148. Condolences and memories of Jack may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Morrow, from Page 1

At Monday's council meeting, Morrow said she plans to continue working at her current job at Lowe's Pellets & Grain in Greensburg, where she has been employed the past 14 years, through the end of December. She said she did not expect this to interfere with her new duties as clerk-treasurer.

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the council, like McMahan's as clerk-treasurer, was to run through the end of next year.

Once Morrow's resignation from the town council takes effect, there will be a vacancy on that five-person board to fill. Because Morrow is also a Republican, it will be Caviness's responsibility, at least initially, to find a someone to replace her on the the council. But, if Caviness fails to do that within 30 days of the council seat becoming vacant, state statute then gives the town council an opportunity to

fill the vacancy.

"I have very much enjoyed my time on the (council) and feel like we have managed to get the ball rolling on some great projects and I look forward to continuing to work with the current board and be a part of the positive changes they are sure to make in the future," Morrow said in an email to The Banner. "I chose to put my name in the hat for the (clerk-treasurer's) position in hopes that it would help create a transition as smooth as possible. ..."

Leising and Others Gather for 'Organization Day'

State Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg) gathered with fellow legislators today at the Statehouse for Organization Day — the ceremonial start of the 121st Indiana General Assembly.

Organization Day is made up of the swearing in of new and returning General Assembly members as

well as the annual first roll call of all state lawmakers. This day also allows both the Senate and House of Representatives caucus to organize before session officially reconvenes Jan. 3.

The 2019 session is a budget year, meaning lawmakers will craft a comprehensive plan to fund gov-

ernment services for the next two years. By law, the 2019 legislative session must be completed by April 29.

Contact Leising with any questions or comments by emailing at Senator.Leising@iga.in.gov or by phone at 800-382-9467.



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Carthage Gazebo Repaired

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The town of Carthage's gazebo, in need of repairs even before being damaged more by recent acts of vandalism, has been repaired just in time for this Saturday's local Christmas festival.

As The Banner reported two weeks ago, Josh Douglas, the town's works manager, had told Carthage Town Council members at their Nov. 12 monthly meeting that a new gazebo could cost \$2,000-\$3,500. While what the town ended up with is not quite an entirely new gazebo, town officials are happy with the results, and with the much lower-than-anticipated cost.

Town Council President Rachael (Brown) Morrow said during a brief special meeting Monday evening that area resident Andy

Gibson and his company, Recon-X, worked with Douglas last week redo the gazebo, and expressed the council's gratitude for their efforts. She said that the town and the Carthage Lion's Club are expected to split the nearly \$800 spent on materials, and that Gibson and Recon-X were donating their labor on the project.

Council member John Hancock said that the roof of the old gazebo was kept and reused, but that most of the rest of the structure had been replaced, with substantial additionally bracing added for support. Morrow also noted that the town would be employing heightened security measures to protect the gazebo and aid local law enforcement's efforts to identify vandals.

Council member Charlie Watkins said he thought the town should consider placing a plaque

on or near the gazebo recognizing the contributions of Gibson and his company. While no objections were raised, the council also took no vote at Monday's meeting to move forward with that suggestion at this time.

The gazebo will play a prominent role Saturday during the Future of Carthage's fourth annual Christmas festival, "A 'Chili' Carthage Christmas!" Santa is expected to arrive in town around 6:15 p.m., immediately following the tree-lighting ceremony, and will meet with area children at the gazebo.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council approved payment of two bills: a \$8,679.60 balance owed to Floyd Crim & Sons, Manilla, for road work done in town this spring and summer, and \$1,022.21 to Harvest Land Co-op for fuel.

Council member Ashley Davis also reported that she had spoken to Douglas about the town's efforts to replace a memorial plaque that had been damaged at the town cemetery about two years ago. She said Douglas said he was waiting on a
See Gazebo, Page 6

Habitat for Humanity Seeking Applicants

Raintree Habitat for Humanity is announcing open applications for homes to be completed in 2020.

Habitat for Humanity homes are mortgaged to qualified families with a no-interest mortgage at an affordable payment. Income qualifications are 30-60 percent median household income for the area served. Applicants must be residents of Henry County; have an ability to re-pay a no-interest mortgage; and be willing to partner through sweat equity in the completion of the home.

The first step is to attend a meeting open to anyone interested who thinks they may qualify. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m. at Raintree Habitat for Humanity, 605 New York Ave., (ReStore) New Castle. For more information, call 765-388-2160, or email raintreehfh@yahoo.com.

Raysville Friends Church Hosting Christmas Candlelight Service

Raysville Friends Church, 9219 S. Meridian St., will hold a Christmas candlelight service on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. It will feature scripture reading and carol singing, with a meditation by Rev. Michael Jay and special music by Robin Richey and Marilyn Wicker. The public is invited to this free event.

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Banner Issues ISTEP+ Correction

In a graphic appearing on Page 1 of last week's Banner, the percentage of Knightstown Elementary third grade students who passed both the English/language arts and math portions of last spring's ISTEP+ exam, 72.7 percent, was accidentally omitted. The Banner apologizes for this omission and any confusion or inconvenience it may have caused.

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Candlelight Memorial Service

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Banner PERSPECTIVES

We Must Protect, Conserve Our Water

We're very lucky in America to have such vast natural resources. We have good soil, relatively clean air and lots of fresh water.

But, all that could change if we don't become better stewards of our environment.

Of course, there are many, many environmental concerns and in varying degrees of importance relative to human survival. But, the most pressing seems to be the world's fresh water resources as they relate to global population growth.

Why should we be concerned with water - and not oil or soil or trees? That's simple: 60 percent of the human body is water. It's essential to our survival, and, in fact, we can't even live for more than a few days without appreciable water consumption.

Our bodies can last a month or more without food. But, take away water and most of us wouldn't live more than seven days. Crazy, huh?

That's a big part of the reason we must act now to preserve our water resources - not just for us, but for future generations, who will also need clean water for survival.

Just as demand drives the price of oil, and consequently gasoline, so does demand drive the cost of water. Although we've enjoyed a recent downturn in fuel prices, the same cannot be said for water.

Officials at the Earth Police Institute track this data. "Over the past five years," they said, "municipal water rates have increased by an average of 27 percent in the United States, 45 percent in Australia, 50 percent in South Africa, and 58 percent in Canada."

Those are some pretty pronounced hikes, but those increases will pale in comparison to what we'll see if

we neglect and continue to pollute our own natural waterways. Critics will say there's no connection between, say, Big Blue River water and the water we drink.

But, experts will say otherwise. They'll say all of our water systems, both natural and managed, are in some way connected - that polluting small rivers and streams invariably contaminates the large ones. They'll say part of the water flowing there will, in some small part, wind up in your body at some point. It's comparable to leaving meat out on the kitchen counter too long: after a certain amount of time, putting it back in the refrigerator or freezer won't matter anymore.

We can't let that happen to our water supply. We must be vigilant in keeping local water and waterways clean. That means no dumping trash in them, or sitting idly by while raw sewage gets in there. It means being cognizant of agricultural chemical use

and how much of it leeches into our creeks and rivers.

America's lust for oil drives us to great lengths. We risk life and limb to secure what we think we'll need. These oil wars have been bad, bloody affairs - quagmires from which we'll be lucky to ever escape. And the cost ... the mammoth cost of maintaining this river-like flow of petroleum ... it's enormous.

Hopefully, we haven't, as a nation, put our priorities in the wrong places. Hopefully, we haven't put too much emphasis on convenience and our massive, fuel-burning vehicles that enable it.

I say "hopefully" because I think there's still time to change directions. After all, oil is really expensive ... and you can't drink it.



Real Trees Smell of Family Memories

(Originally published Dec. 22, 2016)

"O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,

*Your branches green delight us!
They are green when summer days are bright,*

They are green when winter snow is white . . .

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree

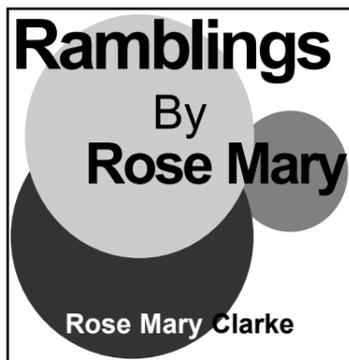
*You fill my heart with music.
Reminding me on Christmas Day*

To think of you and then be gay ..."

Christmas trees originated in Germany during the 15th century. Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, introduced them in England. Bill experienced a tree with real candles at a home to which he had been invited while in the Army in Germany. "It was lovely!" he said.

Christmas tree memories have been woven on my loom of life with threads of gold and silver, red and green. To me, a Christmas tree is an objet d'art, and I'd choose a beautiful tree over presents. Real trees are inefficient, messy and take effort. Those who buy pre-lit, packaged trees cannot have the family memories that come with real trees.

Daddy often bought crooked or prickly trees that only Charlie Brown could love. One year Mother and I made chains of cranberries. Alas, the cranberries rotted. After we finished decorating, we'd all go out and stand on the sidewalk to admire the lighted tree through the window.



One year my brother-in-law dragged in a dried-out tree that promptly shed its needles. Christine was so aggravated that she threw it out on Christmas day. A mild-mannered friend was having so much trouble installing the tree that he totally lost his cool and heaved it out the door while his daughters wept and wailed. Their mother insisted that he immediately buy another tree.

We worried about our first tree. Would Bill choose a pretty tree? Would I be as slapdash as his sister, Joyce who threw the tinsel on the

tree? Not to worry: Bill goes to great effort to find a beautiful tree, regardless of cost; and I am picky about decorating. Each strand of tinsel must hang straight.

When Vicki was about 13 we decided to buy an absolutely fresh tree. We froze our butts at a tree farm on the coldest day of December without finding a tree. Another year, little Vicki watched through the rear window as we drove home via Shadeland Avenue during rush hour. "Stop, stop!" she shrieked. "The tree has fallen out!" Traffic stopped, and people honked and laughed as we dashed back to retrieve it.

One time a market owner's wife sold us a gorgeous tree that had been reserved for one of the city's movers and shakers who was irate when he found out about it. Another time a swallowtail butterfly flew out of our tree, but, alas, Kitter caught it. Then there was the tree that smelled like cat after it warmed up.

Each box of ornaments contains memories: The first year that we were married, we bought a battered box of antique glass ornaments at the Catholic Salvage Store that included an old man in an ornament, strawberries, a beautiful pear

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Winter is around the corner which means snow. You should work with a business you can trust, which is why your Better Business Bureau (BBB) is offering these tips when hiring services for snow removal:

Get more than one estimate. BBB recommends you get at least three estimates before making a decision. Ask for all the costs up front to avoid any surprises. Keep in mind the lowest price doesn't always mean the best service. Check with BBB.org for free Business Profiles which can provide company information, complaint history and detail, and customer reviews.

Review the contract. Never settle for a verbal agreement. Contractors should always provide a written contract. A representative should visit the property and make notes about services requested and potential obstacles. Get all of the details in writing and always read anything before you sign. Understand cancellation fees and any extra charges that may apply.

Ask about scheduling. Some contractors do snowplow services as a part-time job, and this may affect their availability to clear a driveway when needed. Always check to see if there is a schedule for snow removal.

Ask about insurance. Is the company fully insured in case of damage to property? Be sure to get it in writing on your contract and request a statement from their insurer confirming current liability and workers compensation coverage.

Split the payments. Find out how the company expects payment. Most contracts take two forms: pay-per-plowing or pay-per-season. If you're expected to pay all fees upfront - consider it a red flag. Most contractors will split fees into two or three payments - one at the beginning, middle, and at the end of the season.

Ask for references. Remember even if a business appears to be reliable, it does not mean that it is. When a company is reluctant to answer questions, won't supply proper information or is unwilling to offer references - there could be cause for concern.

Check with Better Business Bureau. BBB.org can provide background information on a business. If you run into a problem that you cannot resolve on your own, you can also file a complaint and BBB will help resolve the issue.

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Better Business Bureau

Dear Editor,

Congress has only a few days left in 2018 to pass legislation. Adopting a strong, new farm bill should be at the top of their list.

Lawmakers should approve a farm bill that includes closing loopholes in commodity payments, renewing major conservation programs, and continuing programs that offer support to rural communities and beginning farmers. First, loopholes in commodity programs are allowing the largest farms to exploit the system and claim incredibly high payments. Not only do these loopholes allow for misuse of taxpayer dollars, this unfair advantage creates an uneven playing field for smaller, family-sized operations and drives farm consolidation.

Second, America needs farmers and ranchers who are committed caretakers of the land. Farm bill conservation programs offer a needed path that allows producers to improve their stewardship of water and soil. A new farm bill should provide strong support for conservation, including the Conservation Stewardship Program that allows for targeted conservation efforts across operations.

Finally, rural America needs strong and diverse economic opportunities.

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BITS & PIECES

◆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 town of Knightstown is hosting a **special reception** honoring area residents and local business owners Joe and Denise Peacock from 2-4 p.m. this Friday, Nov. 30, in the Knightstown Town Council's chambers, 28 S. Washington St. The Peacocks are being recognized for their recent efforts to save the Knightstown Academy Place Apartments and other contributions to improve the town. All members of the commu-

nity are welcome to attend this event.

◆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 admis-

sion charge. 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@embarqmail.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 Sittler, 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.

◆**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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Rushville Native Darren Kessler Wants to Bring Defensive-minded Game to KHS JV Basketball Team

by Logan Cox

Darren Kessler, a teacher at Knightstown High School, has recently stepped up to become the school's new junior varsity boys basketball coach. Having experience as a school athlete as well as a coach, Kessler already knows what he would like to emphasize in his approach to the work.

"I want to help bring a more defensive-minded approach to the basketball team at Knightstown High School," said Kessler. "We have many talented players on our team and all of those talents need to be utilized."

Kessler has been employed in the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. for the past two years. During this time, he has primarily been working as a business education instructor at KHS.

"I am currently in my second year as the high school business teacher at KHS," he said.

His new position with JV boys basketball will not be his first foray into coaching sports. In addition to his work as a business teacher, Kessler has also previously served as a coach for volleyball and junior high girls basketball teams.

The personal experience he gained from playing sports as a student Rushville Consolidated High School also factors into his work as a coach.

As Kessler explained, "During my high school years, I played basketball at the local Boys & Girls Club in a rec league. We also had a travel team that

practiced during the week and played on weekends against other clubs in our area."

Although he now works at Knightstown High School, he is not a local resident. Kessler is originally from Rushville.

"I still live in Rushville where I was born and raised," he said.



Kessler graduated from Rushville Consolidated High School in 2004. He went on to study at Ball State University.

Matt Martin, Knightstown High School's athletic director, is very confident in Kessler's abilities as a teacher and coach.

"Coach Kessler has done a tremendous job in his numerous coaching duties in the short time he has been at Knightstown," said Martin. "The players respect and like him, and he is very knowledgeable. He treats his coaching like he does the classroom, and vice versa. Coach Kessler will be a warm welcome and a great asset to our boys basketball program."

For his own part, Kessler is enthusiastic about coaching JV boys basketball, recognizing that there are many things he can learn from his players as well as many things he can teach them.

"I am looking forward to gaining some valuable experience as the JV coach this year and hope to help the team reach the potential I feel they have," said Kessler.

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Behny said in an email to The Banner. "We were also pleased to see our initial federal grades be in line with our state grades. As long as this accountability system stays in place, our goal will be to have three A schools and an A district. We have the staff and students to accomplish this and will continue to work to achieve that goal."

Mays Community Academy, a

charter school in northern Rush County, received an accountability letter grade for just the second year. After receiving a B for 2016-2017, MCA improved to an A this year, and also received an A under the federal accountability guidelines.

"We have known about our state letter grade and ISTEP+ scores for quite some time, but the A we received on the Federal Scorecard

was a welcome surprise," said Krissi Williams, director/CEO of MCA, told The Banner. ... (We) look for great things to come out of our small school for years to come."

More details about the 2017-2018 School Accountability Grades are available online at www.doe.in.gov/accountability/find-school-and-corporation-data-reports.

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and a charming stork with long legs. There's a ball with scenes from the famous tapestry at the Cluny Museum in Paris that friend Phyllis found for us and an Eiffel Tower that I bought when we were in Paris with her. I cherish ornaments that once belonged to Christine's sister-in-law, Hazel Jones Dudley. There's light-bulb Santa made by grandboy Billy, crafts made by nieces Sharon and Barbara, an Anne of Green Gables that Jana gave me, whimsical ornaments from nieces Dee and Patty, beautiful items that come in velvet boxes that Bill gave me.

Vicki made a dough heart that says, "All hearts go home for Christmas for love is always there." When we decorate the tree my heart returns to my childhood home in Knightstown, the double where Bill and I first lived, the house on Ritter where Vicki grew up, and now our Warren Park home.

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CAB Approves Appointments

The Charles A. Beard School Board voted last week to approve numerous extracurricular appointments at for teachers, staff and volunteers at Knightstown Intermediate and Knightstown Elementary schools.

At KIS, the board approved the following appointments:

Scott Pickrell – Math Bowl sponsor;

Susan Waymire – Science Bowl, Science Club, seventh and eighth grade play sponsor;

Cindy Cox – Spell Bowl sponsor; Cynthia Pearson – Art Club sponsor;

Greg Everson – Photography Club sponsor, seventh grade team leader;

Lisa Kennedy – FCA Club sponsor, fifth grade team leader, robotics

team co-sponsor;

Darcy Cooper – robotics team co-sponsor;

Meghan Folkening – book club sponsor;

Karla Willis – fourth and fifth grade student council sponsor;

Anthony Kinnett – robotics team sponsor;

Jana Burton – fourth grade team leader;

Karen Brading – sixth grade team leader; and

Amber Jones – eighth grade team leader.

The school board also approved the following appointments for positions at KES:

Lori Edwards – drama club sponsor;

Therese Hamilton – yoga club sponsor;

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Area School Systems Hold Steady with Letter Grades

According to information recently issued by the Indiana Department of Education, the accountability letter grades issued for Henry County school corporations and a handful of other area school districts mostly held steady for 2018.

All but two of the school corporations looked at by The Banner received the same grades this year as they had for 2017: Blue River Valley (C); Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. (B); Eastern Hancock (A); Greenfield (B); Rush County (B); Shenandoah (B); and South Henry (C).

New Castle Community School Corp. was the only area school district to receive a lower letter grade this year. After receiving a B the

past six years, New Castle saw its letter grade drop to a C for 2018.

Meanwhile, Mays Community Academy, a charter school in northern Rush County that serves students through seventh grade, saw its grade improve from a B in 2017 to an A this year. While the IDOE did not issue it a school corporation grade, because MCA consists of just one school, that school's grade would be comparable to the corporation grades issued to the other school districts.

More details about the 2017-2018 School Corporation Accountability Grades are available online at www.doe.in.gov/accountability/find-school-and-corporation-data-reports.

Six Years of Accountability Letter Grades for Area School Corporations

School District	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Blue River Valley	C	C	B	C	C	C
C.A. Beard	B	B	C	C	C	C
Eastern Hancock	A	A	B	A	A	A
Greenfield	B	B	B	A	A	A
Mays Community*	A(A)	B	-	-	-	-
New Castle	C	B	B	B	B	B
Rush County	B	B	B	B	B	B
Shenandoah	B	B	B	A	A	B
South Henry	C	C	C	A	A	B

*Mays Community Academy did not have a letter grade included in the school corporation accountability grades released by the Indiana Dept. of Education. However, since MCA only has one school, The Banner is including MCA's school letter grades here as a comparison to other area school districts. The letter in parentheses is the 2018 federal accountability grade awarded to MCA based on federal standards. MCA did not have an accountability grade prior to 2017.

The source for the above data is the Indiana Dept. of Education.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Carthage will hold a public hearing on December 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Town Hall is located at 6 West First Street, Carthage, Indiana 46115. The purpose of the hearing is to provide interested citizens an opportunity to express their views on the recently completed Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan was paid for using Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Representatives from Kieser Consulting will present their findings and recommendations at the hearing. Every effort will be made to allow persons to voice their opinions at the public hearing. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Sandy Jackson at (765) 565-6580 or write to Town of Carthage, 6 West First Street, Carthage, Indiana 46115 no later than December 7, 2018. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons. For additional information concerning the public hearing or the Comprehensive Plan please contact: Amy Miller at Cornerstone Grants Management, Inc. at 317-384-1748. (11/28)

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status update from the company that will be making the replacement plaque.

Carthage Town Marshal Danny Baker asked about the council's plans for removing the stop signs at the railroad tracks on Fifth Street. Hancock said the town's attorney, Adam Forrest, was supposed to have had an ordinance on this prepared for the council to consider at its Nov. 12 meeting, but Forrest had not attended that meeting.

Morrow said Forrest is expected to be at the council's Dec. 10 meeting. She said she would contact him and remind him to bring the stop sign removal ordinance with him.

Baker told the council that the owner of the railroad tracks, Knightstown resident Tom Allison, had told him he will not remove the tracks that cross Fifth Street until the town takes down the stop signs. He said he thought Allison also might be waiting for the price of scrap metal to go up.

FOLKWAYS

Henry County Library Hosting Christmas-themed Events

New Castle-Henry County Public Library is hosting a series of Christmas-themed events during December. All events are free and open to the public.

The library's annual Christmas

Open House is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. The day will include a preview of the *Nutcracker Ballet*, a performance by the Raintree Children's Choir, and a Silly Safari live reindeer show.

Throughout the day, local model train enthusiasts will display electric trains near the audiovisual desk on the upper level. The open house will also feature visits from Santa from 10 a.m. to noon and

refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Performances in the auditorium begin at 10 a.m. with local ballet students presenting a preview of the *Nutcracker Ballet*, which will be performed with the Muncie Ballet at 7 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the Cornerstone Center for the Arts in Muncie.

The next performance of the day will be music from the

Raintree Children's Choir at 11:30 a.m. Space is limited for this event. Online registration is open and available now.

At 1 p.m., Silly Safari will put on a live reindeer show. Pictures with the reindeer will be available after the show for all ages.

The Noteworthy Concert Series will host His Way II, a Southern Gospel group from Syracuse on

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Paramount Theater Features Christmas Movies

Three family favorite holiday films are going to be shown at The Paramount. Join us to see the holiday classics *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Scrooge A Christmas Carol*, and *A Christmas Story* on the weekend before Christmas! The tickets for the movies in Anderson are now on sale.

The movie schedule includes:

**It's a Wonderful Life* (1946) – Fri., Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he never existed.

**Scrooge - A Christmas Carol* (1935) – Sat. Dec. 22, at 3 p.m. A mean-spirited old man is visited by three ghosts to try and change his ways, just in time for Christmas.

**A Christmas Story* (1983) – Sat. Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. Just when everything seemed to go against him, Ralphie gets his biggest Christmas gift wish fulfilled. Just don't shoot your eye out.

With its vaulted night sky and theatre lined with gilded aged statues and columns, stepping into the Paramount Theatre is an act of time

travel. The theatre began playing movies in 1929 and is excited to start it up again!

Tickets will be \$3 in advance and \$5 on the day of each movie and are available at www.andersonparamount.org or by stopping by The Paramount box office.

This programming is presented

through a partnership between Honeywell Entertainment, a part of the Honeywell Foundation, and Paramount Heritage Foundation.

The Paramount Heritage Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to serve the public with arts, entertainment, and community events in Anderson.

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!

The church is located at 8956 W. CR 800-N, Carthage.

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Tool Box Seminars Focus on Practical Skills and Cutting Edge Technology.

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

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

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

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

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



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

FOR EXHIBITOR INFORMATION, CONTACT TONI HODSON AT 1-800-876-5133, EXT. 280

School Board Approves KHS, KIS Winter Sports Coaches

The Charles A. Beard School Board voted last week to approve coaching appointments for several winter sports at Knightstown High School and Knightstown Intermediate School.

At KHS, Dusty Magee was confirmed as the head boys varsity basketball coach, and Darren Kessler was approved as the boys junior varsity basketball coach.

Also, Joe Patton was OK'd as a varsity assistant and coach of the boys basketball C team.

Charity Smucker was appointed head coach of the girls basketball team, and Breanna Eoff was named coach of the girls junior varsity basketball team. Megan Haase, Charity Smucker and Kori Biehl were approved as volunteer assistant coaches for the KHS girls bas-

ketball program.

Robbie Hadley was approved as the new wrestling coach at KHS. Adam Bundy and Levi Jessup were approved as assistant wrestling coaches.

Haley Morgan was named KHS's head cheerleading coach. Maddie Irwin and Macy Burton were approved as the school's junior varsity cheerleading coaches.

At KIS, Dakota Smucker was approved as the eighth grade girls basketball coach, and Fisher Witham was OK'd as the seventh grade girls basketball coach. Jason

Kopp was named as a volunteer coach for the KIS girls basketball program.

For boys basketball at KIS, See Coaches, Page 11

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Jessica Lykens – Girls on the Run Club helper;
Rebekah Evans – Girls on the Run Club helper;
Carolyn Shryock – Spanish Club sponsor; and
Ethan Davis – robotics club sponsor.

Saunders Given Library Advocacy Award

The Indiana Library Federation recognized Rep. Tom Saunders (R, Lewisville) with its 2018 Library Advocacy Champion Award on Nov. 13.

First elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 1996 from east central Indiana, Rep. Saunders represents areas of Henry, Rush and Wayne counties in House District 54. During his tenure in the statehouse, Saunders has been an advocate for education, libraries and historical organizations, having carried or sup-

ported many bills related to libraries, museums, historic sites and archives. During the 2017 and 2018 sessions, Rep. Saunders authored legislation that would formalize the merger between the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Bureau. The new law was enacted through the short session in 2018.

Rep. Saunders and his wife Sue were guests at the library association's annual Awards Banquet Nov. 13. Nominators described how Rep. Saunders is a champion for

local units of government and the critical importance of local community members participating in their government. In announcing his award, the awards committee noted, "Rep. Saunders sticks to his principles, listens to his constituents and earnestly serves their interests. Rep. Saunders is a model legislator in his commitment to honesty, civic service and common shared values. We appreciate Rep. Saunders' quiet and often unassuming leadership for libraries and heritage institutions over the years."

Milan Museum Hosting Christmas Event

The Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum will host "Christmas at the Museum" on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the museum in Milan.

The museum, beautifully decorated for the holidays, will be offering free admission and free activities such as photographs with Santa, candy canes, hot chocolate and cookies. Local choirs will sing in the museum, while free haircuts will be offered in the museum's adjacent "Nichols Barbershop." Visitors will be able to watch their favorite sporting events on the barbershop's large screen TV.

Discounts will also be available all day on all museum merchandise for those looking for that special gift. The museum offers photographs, paintings, basketballs, books, videos and more signed and unsigned by members of the 1954 team as well as hats and shirts.

The Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum is located at 201 W. Carr St. in Milan. For more information, contact the museum during regular museum hours Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday noon-4 p.m. at 812-654-2772.

About the Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum

Before Indiana adopted the high school class basketball tournament system, teams from all sizes of schools competed against each other for that one coveted title - Indiana State Basketball Champions.

In 1954, the reign of the large Indiana High Schools ended when the team from Milan High School in Milan, (with an enrollment of just 161) defeated the Muncie Central team (with an enrollment of 1,662). A shot taken in the last moments brought the score to Milan 32-Muncie 30. Basketball enthusiasts from all over the United States cheered for the Milan Indians boys basketball team and sent messages of congratulations. Thousands of fans gathered in the small town of Milan to watch as a huge parade brought the team back to town.

In 1986 the small town's accomplishment inspired the making of the movie *Hoosiers* and the fan base for the Milan Indians team grew even more. Today people come from all over the United States and many countries of the world annually to see the Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum and relive the "David vs. Goliath" event by walking in the footsteps of the young men who did what was thought to be impossible. The museum is located in downtown Milan and has multiple interactive audio/visual displays and is packed with items from the 1954 Indiana state basketball championship as well as the 1986 movie *Hoosiers*.

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

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 Henry County Commissioners, assigned to the Office of the Henry County Sheriff and the ability to track the following required areas: mileage, gallons, vehicle identification and operator identification will be given consideration.

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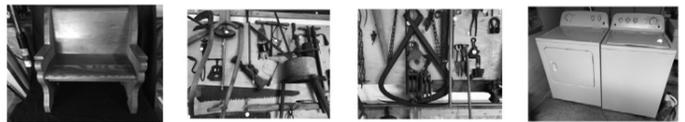
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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Beat Titans in Season Opening Boys' Basketball Game

Knightstown and Tri varsity boys basketball teams opened their seasons last week, facing off against each other in their annual rivalry game for possession of the bell trophy. It was a tale of two halves in the Nov. 21 game at Tri, but Knightstown held on to get the 52-39 win.

The Panthers dominated from the start, jumping out to a 16-6 lead early and going up 35-13 at halftime. Knightstown's shooting fell off dramatically in the second half with the Panthers only scoring 17 in the two final quarters.

Tri struggled to find a rhythm, scoring just 20 points through three quarters. Then, the Titans nearly doubled their score in the final quarter, scoring 19 points.

Sophomore Aaron Reagan led the Panther offensive effort with 18 points and senior Treavor Cook dropped in 10 points.

Senior Kyler Burchett and junior James Lukens added seven points apiece. Sophomore Robert Porter knocked down two buckets and Chase Burton also made a basket for two points.

Cook also dominated the boards, earning a double-double in his final season-opener, pulling down 11 rebounds.

Reagan was just one rebound away from a double-double himself. He had nine rebounds. Lukens grabbed eight boards, Porter and Jose Olivo each had five rebounds. Austin Campton yanked down four rebounds, Burton had two rebounds while Burchett and Matt Craft each got one rebound.

Reagan, Cook and Lukens also came up big defensively. Cook blocked one shot and Reagan blocked a shot and took two charges. Lukens also stood his ground to take a charge. Reagan made three steals and Cook, Porter and Olivo each made one steal.

For the home team, senior Elijah Davis led the scoring for the Titans with 12 points. Junior Evan Murphy contributed seven points, senior Zach Smith added six points and junior Jarod Stevens had two points. Juniors Trey Williams and Simon Pierce each had three points while junior Kyle Falck dropped in a bucket as did sophomore Luke Hill.

Jarod Stevens pulled down five rebounds to lead the Titans on the boards. Murphy grabbed four rebounds and Smith got three boards. Pierce, Logan Stephens and Davis each had two rebounds while Hill and Holden Thomas got one rebound each.

Davis made three blocks to add to his total stats in the rivalry game. Pierce, Smith and Williams each made one block.

The win allowed the Panthers to keep the bell at Knightstown for another year.

The Titans also fell at home to Wapahani, 46-77, on Nov. 24. They take on Blue River Valley at home Nov. 30 then travel to 16th-ranked Shenandoah Dec. 7.

The Panthers have been out of action since their Nov. 21 game against Tri. They play their first home game this Friday, Nov. 30, and it will be a challenge as they face 24th-ranked Union County.

Fifth, Sixth Grade Basketball Season Starts



The Knightstown Youth Basketball League has four teams of fifth and sixth 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) Chase Shaw, Garrett Pierce, Jameson Crawford, Branigan Kwisz, Travis Louks, Dominic Jones and (back, l-r) Hayden Yoder, Denny Weir, Sam Herron, Jacob Fields, Xavier Wilkinson, Chris Pierce, Foxx Adams and Joseph Pierce.



The other fifth and sixth graders playing this season are (kneeling, l-r) Gage Broady, Jacob Lund, Jake Jenkins, Brantt Ellis, Marcus Robinson, Cam Gorman, Brayden Carmichael, Dakota Pierce and (standing, l-r) coach Cameron Hiner, Kelton Weaver, Jadon Weir, Ayden Hiner, Sam Kemerly, Ray Byers, Braylon Johnson, Dylan Bonewits, Xavier Gorman and coach Randy Gorman. (Stacy Cox photos)

Knightstown High School Girls Basketball Program's Annual Breakfast with Santa



Annual Breakfast with Santa

Come enjoy warm pancakes with the Lady Panthers and get your photo with Santa!

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9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
KHS Cafeteria
\$5 per person

Panther Wrestlers Beat Spartans, Patriots



Knightstown varsity wrestling team picked up wins in a three-way match at Connersville Nov. 20 to kick off its season. The Panthers defeated the Spartans and also topped Union County in the meet.

Knightstown junior Aiden Orcutt (left) dominates his Union County opponent.

Knightstown sophomore Mason Muncy (right) puts the hurt on a Connersville wrestler.



Cara Mullen photos, courtesy of Knightstown Yearbook staff

Yearbook Photographers Capture the Moments

Knightstown Yearbook Staff Shares Photos from Recent Events



Sadie Roberts (above) wows the crowd during Knightstown High School's production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* on Nov. 9-10. Roberts had the title role in the musical. (Rachael Shepherd photo)



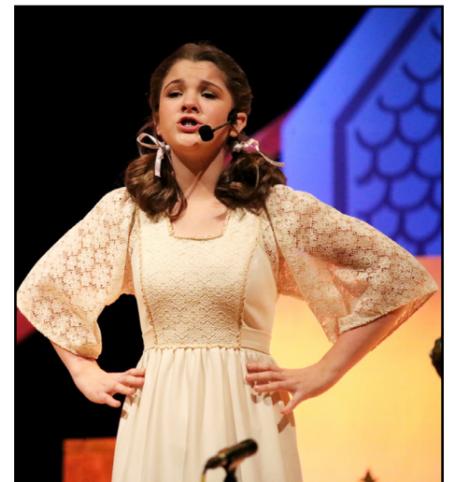
Mattie Manning (above) shows off the krispy treat she decorated to share with local veterans at a Veterans Day program. Below, Kristiena Golday works on putting the icing on some treats. Students in Mrs. Rodeffer and Ms. Taylor's classes participated in the treat-giving project. (Kaitlyn Jackson photos)



Kyle Knotts and Daisy Hoffman (above) played the roles of Mr. and Mrs. Banks in Knightstown High School's production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Rachael Shepherd photo)



Cooper Davis (above) played the role of Bert in Knightstown High School's production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Claire Leakey photo)



Saige Chandler (above) played the role of Jane Banks in Knightstown High School's production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Rachael Shepherd photo)

Below, Sadie Roberts sings her heart out as Mary Poppins. (Rachael Shepherd photo)



Knights town varsity girls basketball team bursts onto the floor to start its first home game recently. (Caleb Pyle photo)



Pre-order your 2018-2019 yearbook before Dec. 20 and save! Cost is \$45 until then but will go up after Dec. 20. Order forms are available in the main office or next to Mrs. Shepherd's room. Or, order online at jostens.com.



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Coaches, from Page 8

Cary Ellis was confirmed as the eighth grade coach and Jim Newkirk was approved as coach for the seventh grade team. Ryan Schweizer and Craig Richey were both OK'd as volunteer coaches for the KIS boys basketball program.

Matt Kennedy and Tony Darling were approved as head coach and assistant coach, respectively, for the KIS wrestling team. Austin Darling and Collin Kennedy were approved as volunteer wrestling coaches.

Kenzie Richmond was approved as the cheerleading coach at KIS.

Library, from Page 7

Thursday, Dec. 13. The trio, comprised of Mike Chestnut, Cindy Hall and John Litter, will share a memorable night of gospel singing. The doors open for this event at 6:45 p.m.

For more information about library activities and services, visit www.nchcpl.org and follow New Castle-Henry County Public Library on Facebook and Twitter.

Letters, from Page 4

The farm bill contains several smaller programs that offer support for rural economic vitality and the next generation of farmers. Not renewing these programs closes the door of opportunity for many in rural America.

Congress allowed the 2014 farm bill to expire on Sept. 30, stranding over a billion dollars in programs with no authority to operate. Currently, both the Senate and the House have put forward draft farm bills, but have struggled to achieve compromise. The Senate's proposals would bring needed policy changes for rural America. What's more, it passed with historically strong bipartisan support.

Congress, we urge you to follow the lead of the Senate and pass a final farm bill that serves rural America.

Anna Johnson
Center for Rural Affairs

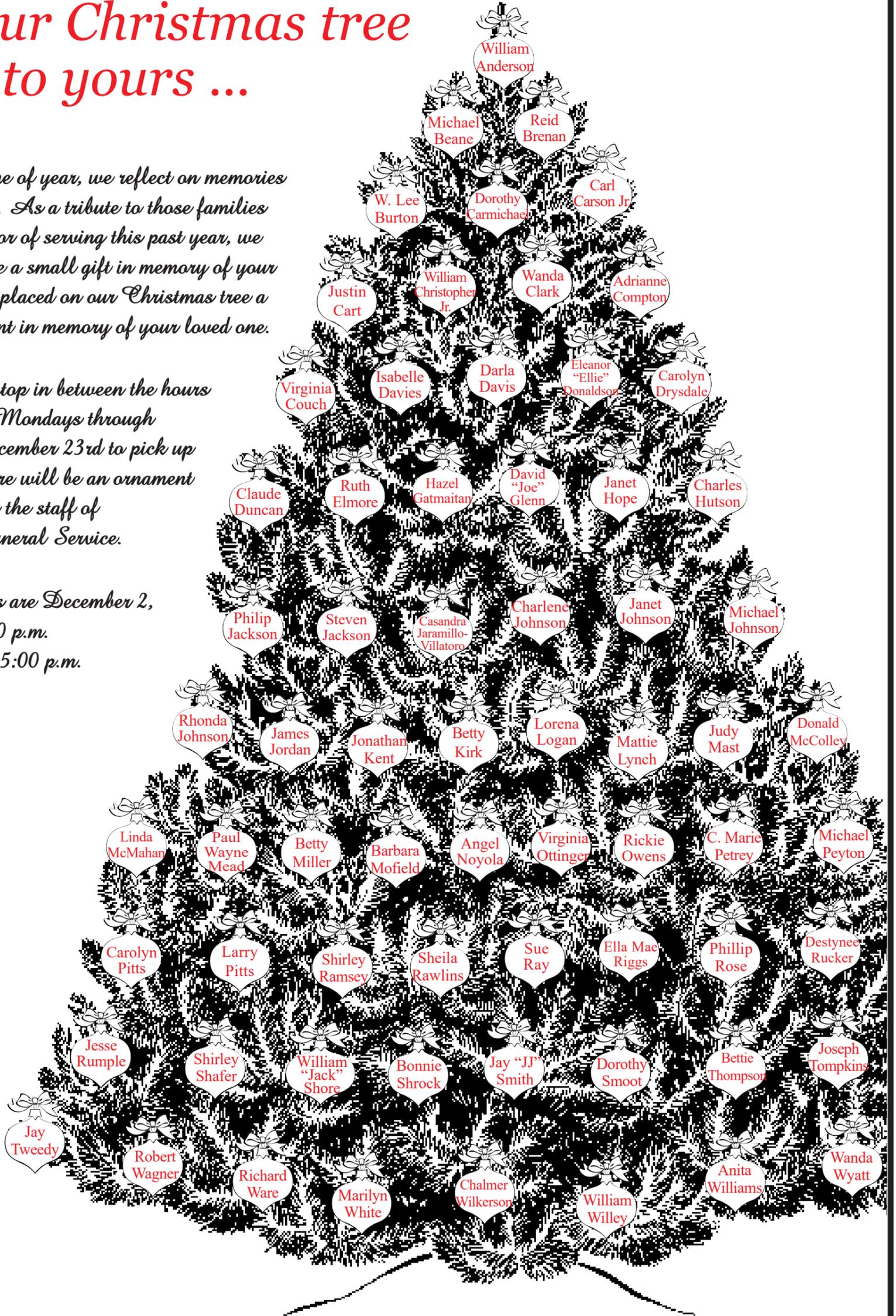
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We invite you to stop in between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm, Mondays through Fridays through December 23rd to pick up your ornament. There will be an ornament for each family from the staff of Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service.

Memorial Services are December 2, Knightstown at 3:00 p.m. and New Castle at 5:00 p.m.



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